

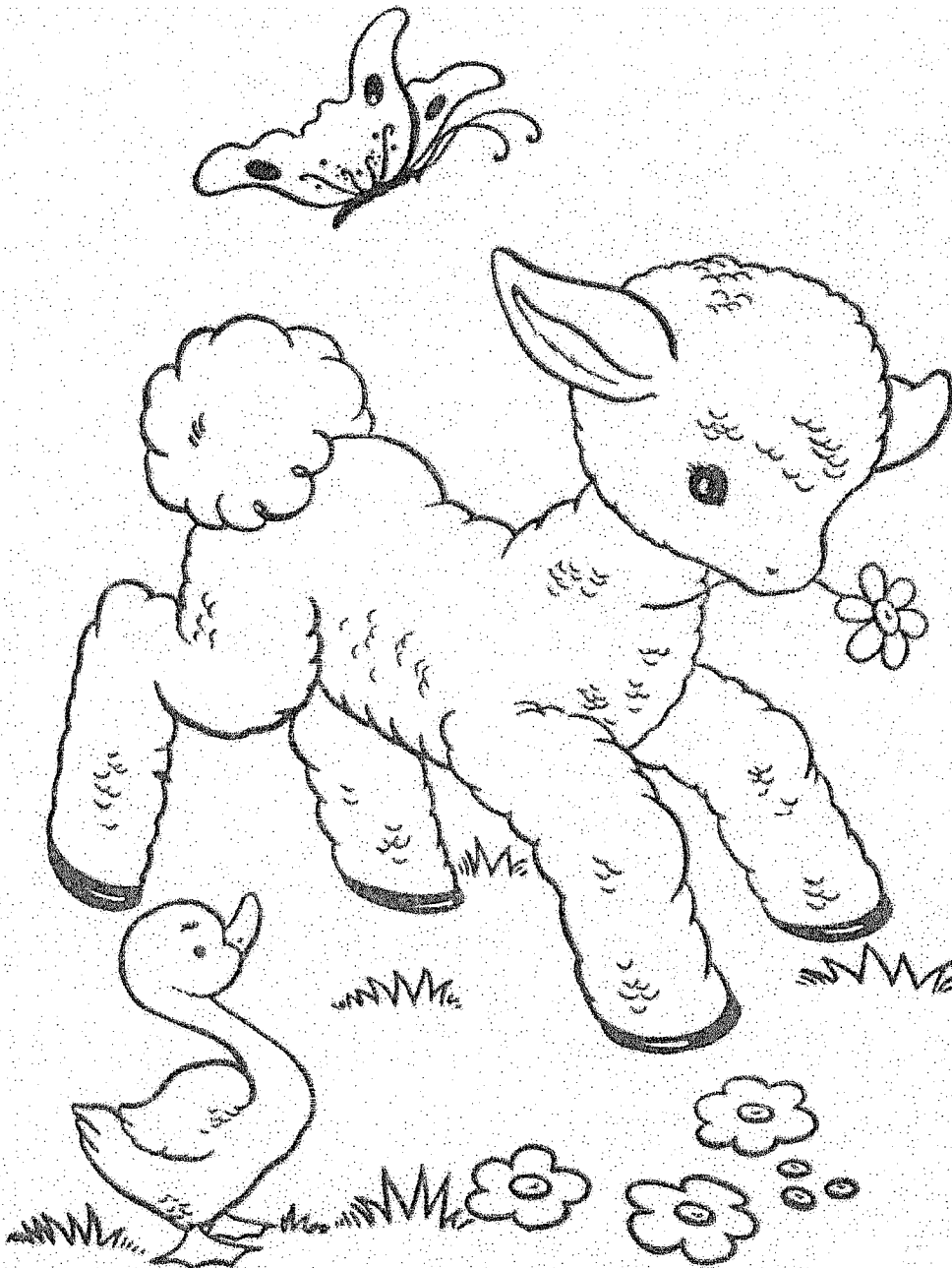
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Looking forward to Spring
with colouring fun for the children.



EDITORIAL

I have been widowed for 12 years and live with my daughter Pam Hunter, son-in-law John and two grandies Emma-10 and Ryan-8, at the Morrinsville end of Tauwhare Road.

I look after the children and house and grounds while Pam and John run the farm with the help of two staff.

Emma likened me to "the maid" which appalled Pam while I thought it was hilarious.

We have been here four years after shifting from Te Pahu, doubling the size of the farm and cow numbers. They wanted a challenge and got one.

I have another daughter Mel who works in a freight company office and her husband Brendon teaches mechanical/engineering at Wintec. They have just moved to Te Kowhai with their 7 year old daughter Casey.

My main interest apart from family is horse racing have shares in three at the moment and have had reasonable success compared to some.

We love the location...15 minutes to town compared to our last place ...35 mins.

Raewyn Hollinshead.

WEATHER

Weather for June 2020		
Rainfall total	78.8 mm	
Rain Total for year	256 mm	
Rainy days	16	
Most daily rainfall	17 mm	27 th June
Highest wind speed km/hr	43.6	25 th June
Temp high	18.6 C	22 nd June
Temp low	0.9 C	10 th June



ADVERTISING RATES

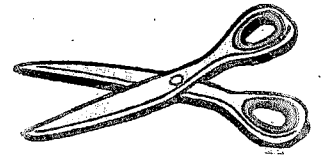
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Small Business Adverts	\$10 / month
- x 10 insertions	\$80 / year
One Third Page Adverts	\$15 / month
- x 10 insertions	\$120 / year
One Half Page Adverts	\$20 / month
- x 10 insertions	\$160 / year

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Snippets

ENGAGEMENT CONGRATULATIONS:

To Alex Forbes and Sam Mynott who have recently announced and celebrated their engagement. Alex is the youngest son of Sheryl Forbes of Hinton Road and a grandson of Caroline Tims of Morrinsville Road. Sam hails from Albany. Alex and Sam run a busy and successful business training horses near Te Awamutu, Alex having been involved with horses all his life, and Sam being a top NZ Eventer. Our very best wishes to you both.

BIRTH, NEW BABY CONGRATULATIONS: to Brendon and Monique Woods of Manor Park who welcomed a darling daughter, Frankie, on June 3rd. A dear little sister for Georgia and Blake. Every best wish to you all.

NEW GRANDCHILD CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Donna Daniels of Eureka Road who was delighted to welcome her first grandchild, a darling granddaughter, Skyla Kite-Daniels on May 18th. A lovely daughter for Jade and Samantha of Te Awamutu. Best wishes to all.

And congratulations also to Glenys and Colin Middlemiss of Hooper Road who delighted in the arrival of their second lovely granddaughter, Lydia Alana, in Hamilton on May 22nd. Another darling daughter for Andrew and Helen Middlemiss and a dear sister for Grace. Best wishes to all.

NEW HOME CONGRATULATIONS: To Nick Hows and Laura Miller who are settling into their long-awaited new home on Hunter Road. Enjoy!

WELCOME TO EUREKA: To two new arrivals from the 'winterless' north.

Matthew Pratt and Jess Ryan are now residing on Morrinsville Road on the Law farm, Matt was working on his parent's farm at Kerikeri until moving down to work for Keith just before the torrential rain that flooded the far north. Matt came south a week ahead of Jess whose exit from the flooding was memorable to say the least. Jess is a vet nurse. We hope you will now feel closer to your family in Wellington, Jess, especially with the airport so handy. A very warm welcome to you both.

Heartfelt sympathy is extended to Donna Daniels, her partner Lindsay, and family of Chloe, Jade (Te Awamutu) and Dwayne (Perth), on the sudden death of their dear mother and grandmother, Sandra, at home on Eureka Road on July 14th. Donna, Sandra and young Chloe moved to Eureka six years ago from Auckland and Sandra was enjoying life in the countryside. She was dearly loved and will be very sadly missed.

Sincere condolences are also extended to Raewyn Hollinshead and family Pam, John, Emma and Ryan Hunter, all of Tauwhare Road, on the death of Raewyn's Dad, Mr Norm Stewart of Te Aroha, on June 29. A dearly loved Dad, Granddad and Great-Granddad who will be sadly missed.

COVER: In the depths of winter it is always nice to remember that spring is just around the corner...

This is **NOT** a competition but we hope this cover will occupy children on a wet, miserable day and make up for having to miss our annual Easter colouring competition. Enjoy, Kids.

Editor.

MARKET PLACE:

CALF REARER AVAILABLE:

Experienced, efficient and reliable calf rearer available for season. 10+ years' experience. No accommodation required. Also available for relief milkings if required. Please contact Amy, 0276446999

MOVING SALE:

Help me empty a shipping container! **8am Sat. Aug 1, Gull Petrol Station on SH26 in Eureka. Postponed to Aug 8 if wet.**

- 2 farm fridge/freezers,
- 3 beds w/mattresses (1 single, 1 bunk, 1 queen),
- farm freezer,
- washer,
- kitchen stuff,
- mower,
- shelving,
- dog kennel with run,
- bicycles,



LOTS MORE. Enquiries to Richard, 8241716 or 0284171219

HUKANUI OPEN TOURNAMENT

Sunday 16th August 2020

Shotgun start at 9.00am ready for 10.00 am tee off.

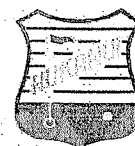
Entry \$25.00 Inc. 2's and lunch.

Great assortment of Prizes Longest Drive, closest to Pin, Raffles

To enter: Hukanui Golf Club, 1550 Gordonton Road, Gordonton

Phone 07 824 3784

Email: hukanuigolf@xtra.co.nz



HALL UPDATE

Hello to you all, I hope you are all managing to keep warm and dry. The year is moving on fast I read somewhere yesterday, only 23 weeks until Christmas.

The heat pumps are finally in the hall, and working well. We are just waiting for the 2nd switch to be installed so the hall and the meeting room are on separate switches. I can personally vouch for them, they work well. No more cold meetings in the hall.

Just to let you all know that the **Hall Committee AGM is on 18 August at 7.15pm**. We have received a couple of resignations, so we are looking for replacements. To be on this committee isn't really time consuming. A lot of information is shared via email, and we only meet a few times a year. We are looking forward to you joining us. It is a great way to get to know people in the community and also be part of keeping our hall.

If you use the little library, please remember to swap books. I know the library is small, but if you remember the story on how we got it you know why. The library itself was made and decorated by the inmates at Springhill prison. The project was managed by the District Council. So if you run out of reading material in the weekend, remember to pop down and check it out.

Below are the prices for the hall for this year. If you would like to book a function, contact Gail Mayall 8241758.

Usage	Residents	Non - Residents
Meeting Supper room	\$5	\$25
Meeting Hall	\$15	\$60
Social function	\$95	\$160
Weddings & Dance	\$115	\$250
Bond	\$400 Secretary's Discretion	\$400 Secretary's discretion

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The Annual General Meeting of the
EUREKA HALL COMMITTEE

Will be held Tuesday 18th August

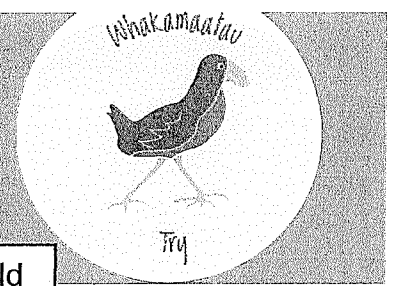
At 7.15 at the Eureka Hall.

All welcome.

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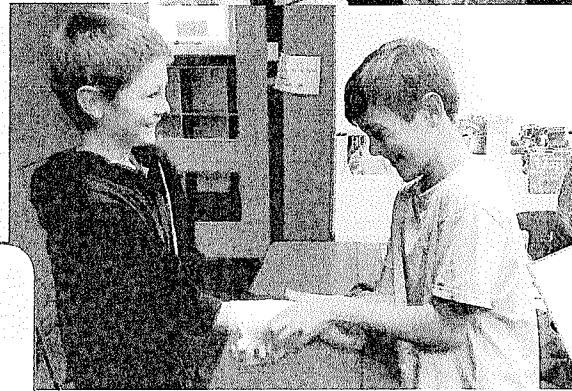
We welcome 4 new staff members to our team; three 3rd Year teacher trainees: Miss Estelle Adlam will be teaching in Room 1, Miss Briar Caddigan in Room 7 and Mr Luke Mitchell in Room 6. We also have one new teacher aide, Mrs Nicola Rippey, who will be working in the junior rooms. With our own 9 teachers and 4 teacher aides some classes now have up to 4 teaching staff! How lucky are we?!

ST JOHN'S FIRST AID FOR STUDENTS

St John's came to school to work with all classes on Responding in an Emergency. We thank St John's for providing such rich learning opportunities for our students.



Year 0/1: Jane from St Johns taught us how to dial 111 in case of an emergency. We had a great time practicing on our pretend phones, how to dial 111, and what we needed to say to the operator.



Year 6: Jane taught us how to respond to and treat choking, burns, cuts, anaphylactic reactions and asthma attacks. She also taught us how to use DRSABC to respond to someone who isn't breathing, perform CPR, put someone

DYSLEXIA PARENTS NIGHT

As a dyslexic friendly school we are constantly upskilling ourselves as teachers and teacher aides on the best way to support students with dyslexia. We do this through professional development sessions with experts and during staff meetings.

On **Tuesday 11th August at 7pm** I am inviting anyone interested in learning more about dyslexia to an evening at school. I am NOT an expert in any way; however I have studied dyslexia both here and in the UK. I will not have all the answers (I'm not certain anyone has) but I am very happy to share the knowledge I have gained over the years.

EXCITING NEW PROJECTS

The walkway from the corridor in the main building to connect to Room 5 has been completed and looks great.

You will have seen that the huge shade sails have come down at the front of the school. We are working with our architect to design a permanent verandah over the decking area.

The Year 6 children who are working on designs for their new scooter track tried out the scooter tracks in Cambridge to do some hands on research.



PEPEHA The Year 4 children have researched, written and learned their pepeha. They created a visual pepeha using chalk pastel to represent all aspects of the pepeha, their maunga, awa, iwi, kura and whanau. The children have also been using iMovie and bluescreening to record their digital pepeha which will be available here when they are finished. [Pepeha iMovies https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1fZnMidC-KztvIIFz7EGfJZ-B7IGvXgOJ](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1fZnMidC-KztvIIFz7EGfJZ-B7IGvXgOJ)

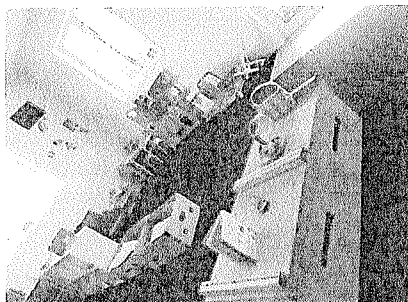
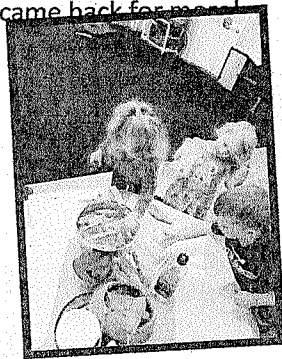
Dates for the Diary: Book Week 17 – 22nd August August.

Grandparents Day: 20th August

Step In: 26th

Pukeko Country Preschool

Pukeko Preschool supports tamariki and their families to feel a sense of belonging within our Centre. Coming together for our hot chips lunch in the Holidays certainly showed the sense of belonging tamariki whom have moved onto their next learning journey still have with our centre. There was lots of positive feedback around holding this and with it being such a successful way to bring us together we look forward to repeating this again. Our tamariki also journeyed a more healthy option as we supported them to peel and cut kumara chips to try alongside our hot chips. When we sat down to eat tamariki were given the choice to try them and it was interesting to see how much they were enjoyed and some of our tamariki even came back for more.



Our Whero room has had a lot of interest and we encourage you to come along and have a look, we have a very small intimate ratio for up to 2 year olds with limited spaces.

Pukeko Preschool is a small rural preschool nestled in the village of Tauwhare. We are located at 20 Scotsman Valley Road down the driveway beside Tauwhare School. We are licenced for 30 Children and are open from 7:30am-5:30pm daily. We offer a session time of 8:45am-2:45pm or you can choose your hours for daily bookings over 6hrs. We welcome children from 5months to 6yrs and our staff warmly welcomes you to pop on in for a visit to meet us and explore our new building.

Ph 07 8240860 or email pukekopreschool@xtra.co.nz

We offer 20hours Free ECE, contact us for more information, check out our website www.pukekopreschool.org.nz or find us on Facebook 'pukeko preschool in Tauwhare'

We've had a really good start to Term 3. The children were happy to be back and were keen to get into their learning. We're hoping this term will be more settled for the children than last term. We're all looking forward to the school production 'Rock Bottom' at the end of the term.



School Production

Meet The Cobblestones, just an ordinary Stone Age family of cave folk living on Stoney Street, **Rock Bottom!** ... With mysterious monsters terrorising the town and a volatile volcano ready to blow its top, can BC become a little boulder and hatch a plan to save his family, his friends and his very own precious **Rock Bottom?**

This will be held in the Eureka Hall on 22nd, 23rd & 24th September (week 10 of term 3).

Tickets can be purchased at school from Monday 10th August

Adults: \$12.00 Children: \$5.00. It's going to be a great one so get your tickets early!



Most classes will be learning about the Stone Age and Dinosaurs to incorporate our school production and will be visiting the Waikato Museum in August to view the

Dinosaur rEvolution: Secrets of Survival exhibition.

School Cross Country

Our annual school Cross Country will be held on Friday 14th August (pp. 21st August) here at school.

Some children have started training for this in their own time. We are also giving children time to get their fitness levels up in school time.



Winter Sports



It's great to see our children playing sport this term.

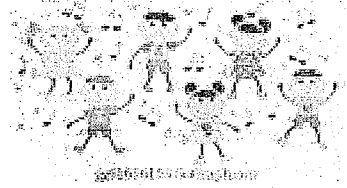
Special thanks to our coaches and managers of these teams.

It's very much appreciated. All the best to the children who are playing for other sports teams this term.

School Disco

The PTA are running a school disco on Friday 7th August at the Vaile Road Car Club starting at 6.00pm. These are always enjoyable events so we'd love to see as many of you there as possible.

Parents are welcome to stay with their kids (and dance if they wish) or you can drop them off and pick them up at the end.



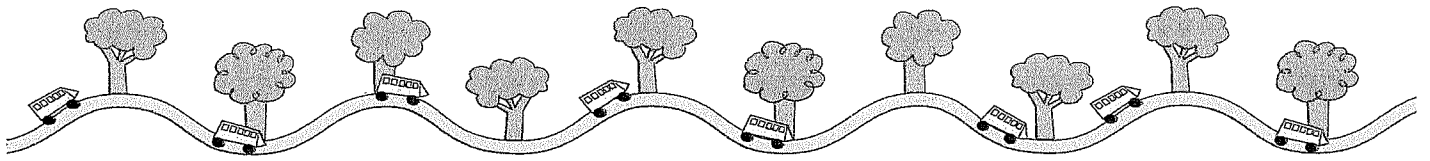
UPCOMING DATES:

August

3 PTA AGM – 7pm
 7 PTA School Disco @ Hamilton Car Club
 14 School Cross Country
 21 Postponement date for School Cross Country (if required)

September

4 City Schools Cross Country
 28 Country Schools Cross Country
 21-25 School Production Week
 25 Last Day Term 3



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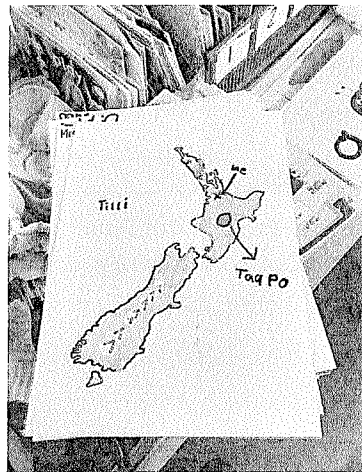
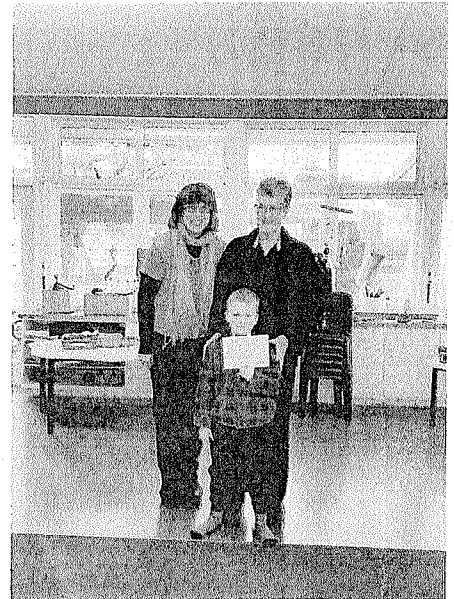
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Kia ora koutau katoa,

It is fantastic to welcome you back for another productive Term 3. Our learners have got back into their classroom routines with keenness, focus and displaying our 3 R's. This week our learners have been working with their teachers on their new learning goals which are an essential part of each child's learning pathway and for them to take ownership for their learning.

The 3R's Cup

It was great to acknowledge all our learners who have displayed our 3R's since coming back from lockdown. Well done to you all!



Reading with Rotary Award

Congratulations Harrison you have made good progress in your reading due to your focused effort you have shown in term 2. Keep it up! Thank you to Rotary and Paper Plus Morrinsville who support this programme.



Big Learning

This week we started our new learning on where we are in New Zealand. In Room 1 our learning focus for Term 3 is "What does it mean to be a New Zealander?" We are exploring themes such as Kiwiana and other New Zealand cultures, history of New Zealand, geography and our place in the world. In Room 2 we have been developing our fine motor skills while looking at where Motumaoho School is in New Zealand and New Zealand icons.

Nga mihi
Phillip Otto, Principal

TAUWHARE PLAYGROUP

Tauwhare Playgroup is back on for term 3.

New to Tauwhare?

Tauwhare playgroup is a friendly and fun group, where parents, grandparents, caregivers, children and babies meet together in a relaxed environment.

Everyone is welcome.

We meet in the Tauwhare School multipurpose room on Thursday mornings (during term time) from 9-12.

Our playgroup is free to attend, and our activities include: Music and singing, Imaginative play, Outdoor and free play,

Art and craft activities, Trips to interesting places.

About Playgroup

No child is too young for playgroup. All children from 0-5 love new experiences and benefit from developing sensory, social and communication skills through activities at playgroup.

Children like playgroup because they can:

- Participate in new experiments
- Develop and increase their social skills
- Learn sharing, co operation and simple routines.
- Interact with other children and adults in a safe environment.
- Enjoy learning more about their world.



Adults also benefit from playgroup -

A time to talk, meet other local families, make new friends, and share experiences while children have fun and learn through play.

On Thursday the 13th of August we are joining up with Pukeko Preschool to have Sam and his Barnyards friends visit. (This will be held at Pukeko Preschool - next door to Tauwhare School).

Follow us on Facebook to see what we are up to every week or email us at tauwhareplaygroup@gmail.com

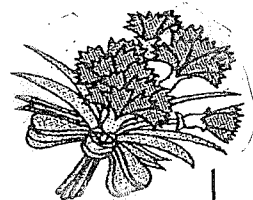
TAUWHARE GARDEN CLUB

[launched in late 2019]

Monthly meetings, garden visits, guest speakers and more.

Find us on Facebook – search for ‘Tauwhare Garden Club’ or contact Pippa on

0272935184 for details



TAUWHARE INDOOR BOWLING CLUB

Welcome to July's club newsletter.

Even though we are having a reduced season of bowls at Tauwhare, it has been very encouraging with the numbers that have been attending with 12-16 players per night.

It is never too late in the season to come along and give bowls a try or maybe some of the members that used to play bowls would like to return to have a catch up with current members and have a fun night.

Club night winners for 25.06.20 – Jim Arnold, Rosalie Arnold and Lockie Verner

Championship Triples 02.07.20 – Bev Meads, Kevin Williams and Ana Duncan

Club night 09.07.20 – Bev Meads and Robyn Bargh

Championship Rinks 16.07.20 – Jim Arnold, Robyn Bargh, Peter Stanaway and Xavier Perry

Upcoming bowls till then end of August:-

23.07.20 – Club night

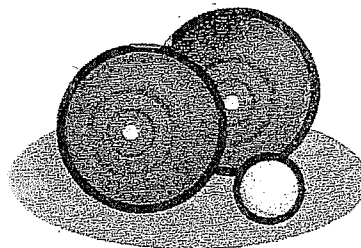
30.07.20 – Championship pairs

06.08.20 – Club night

13.08.20 – Championship singles

20.08.20 – Club night

27.08.20 – Club night



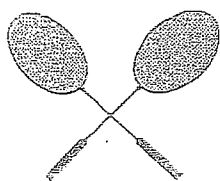
If you have not played bowls before but would love to give it a go then come along to the Tauwhare hall on a Thursday evening. We have people within the club that can explain how the game is played. We start at 7.30pm but names need to be in by 7.25pm

If you would like more information then do not hesitate to contact one of the following people:-

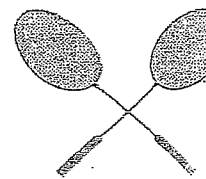
Jim and Rosalie Arnold 07 887 4832

Bev Meads 021 172 7822

Kevin Williams 07 824 0728



EUREKA BADMINTON CLUB



Junior News

Junior Badminton is underway at Matangi Hall.

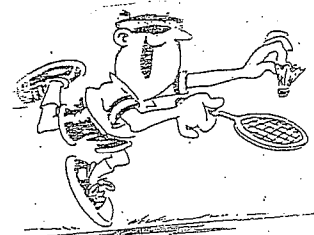
Wednesday nights 6 – 7.30pm

New Players always welcome. Racquets available.

From about 8 years upwards.

Come along and give it a try.

For further information please phone Bryce 8240699



TASTE BUDS

Buffalo Chicken Stuffed Mushrooms

- 10 large, mushrooms, stems and insides removed
- 1 teaspoon olive, oil, or as needed
- 1 celery, stalk, diced
- 1/4 cup blue, cheese, dressing
- 1/4 cup ranch dressing, ranch salad dressing
- 1/4 cup buffalo wing, sauce
- 2 ounces cream cheese
- 2 cooked, chicken breasts, shredded
- 1/2 cup shredded, Cheddar cheese

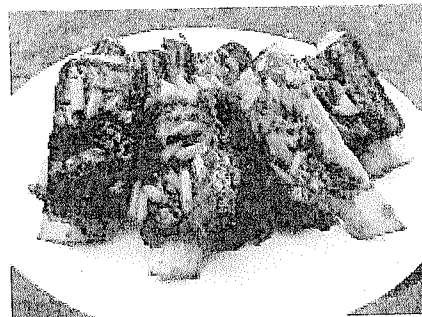


Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Arrange mushrooms, open side up, in a baking dish.
2. Heat olive oil in a small skillet over medium heat; cook and stir celery until tender, about 5 minutes. Add blue cheese dressing, ranch dressing, buffalo wing sauce, and cream cheese to celery. cook and stir until cream cheese is melted and buffalo sauce is smooth, about 5 minutes.
3. Mix chicken and buffalo sauce together in a bowl until chicken is coated; spoon into mushrooms. Sprinkle Cheddar cheese over buffalo sauce.
4. Bake in the preheated oven until cheese is melted and golden, about 20 minutes.

Asian Beef Short Ribs

- 6 large, beef short ribs
- 1/4 cup soy sauce
- 2 tbsp., rice vinegar
- 2 tbsp. fish, sauces
- 1 teaspoon ground, ginger
- 1/2 teaspoon onion powder
- 1/2 teaspoon, minced, garlic
- 1/2 teaspoon red, pepper, flakes
- 1/2 teaspoon sesame seed
- 1/4 teaspoon cardamom
- 1 tbsp., salt



Directions

1. Mix together the marinade (soy, rice vinegar and fish sauce) and marinate ribs for 1 hour.
2. Mix together the spice rub. Drain marinade from ribs, and evenly coat the ribs with the rub.
3. Heat the grill and grill the ribs for 3-5 minutes per side. Serve, and Enjoy!



Baking at home is a great way to reduce packaging waste

I love baking, especially using ingredients grown at home. At the moment, I have a lot of lemons, so I've baked these recipes a few times. Most of the ingredients can be bought in paper or cardboard packaging, so these recipes really reduce the waste to landfill, compared to buying ready made treats.

Coconut Lemon Loaf – I usually add a couple of tablespoons of lemon juice, and reduce the milk slightly.

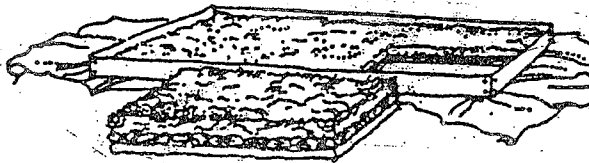
Ingredients:

- 2 cups flour
- 2 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 cup desiccated coconut
- 1 cup (250ml) milk
- 2 teaspoons of grated lemon rind
- 100 grams butter, melted

Method:

- Heat the oven to 180°C. Line the base of a 21cm x 10cm loaf tin with baking paper.
- Sift the flour, baking powder and sugar into a bowl. Stir in the coconut.
- In another bowl, beat the eggs, then beat in the milk, lemon rind and melted butter (and lemon juice if you are using some).
- Make a well in the centre of the dry ingredients. Pour the wet ingredients in to the dry ones. Stir until the dry ingredients are just mixed in, trying not to over mix. Pour it into the tin.
- Bake in the preheated oven for 60-65 minutes, or until a cake tester inserted into the centre of the loaf comes out clean (I use a metal skewer as a cake tester).
- Leave the loaf in the tin for 10 minutes, then take it out of the tin and leave it on a rack to cool.
- Serve plain, or with butter, jam or honey.

Microwave Lemon Oat Squares – This recipe is super quick and easy



Ingredients:

- 100 grams butter
- 1/2 cup of brown sugar
- 2 cups rolled oats
- 1/4 cup flour
- 1/2 cup desiccated coconut

Icing Ingredients:

- 25 grams butter
- 1 tablespoon water
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon grated lemon rind
- 1 1/2 cups icing sugar

Method:

- Put butter and sugar into a microwave proof bowl. Cover and cook on high for 1 to 1½ minutes, or until the butter has melted. Stir to combine.
- Add the rolled oats, flour and desiccated coconut. Mix well.
- Press into a 18cm x 22cm microwave proof slice dish (you could use a glass or silicon dish).
- Cook, elevated on a microwave rack (I don't have one of these, I just use a plate) for 2½ to 3½ minutes, or until bubbling all over. Take care that the middle doesn't start to burn.
- Spread slice with lemon icing. Allow to cool in the fridge before cutting into squares.

Icing Method:

- Place butter, water, lemon juice and rind in a 1 litre microwave proof jug. Cook on high for 1 – 1½ minutes, or until just boiling.
- Add the icing sugar, and beat well to form a soft, spreadable icing.

Hope you enjoy making these recipes.

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Pippa

The shortcomings of online reviews

Online reviews are, on the one hand, a handy form of reference. Do you need a quick estimate on whether a given product or services is going to be useful to you? Not only are online reviews painless to fill out, they also provide useful information to others. At their best, they're an extension of genuine human altruism. At their worst, they spiral into negative, abusive spaces which harm not only consumers but the businesses themselves. Let's look at the two ways this happens.

If you've ever wondered why there are so many Indian music videos in the "trending" section of youtube, it's not because somehow the western world has suddenly grasped an imminent need for modern Bollywood-style songs. It's because India has thousands of so-called 'click-farms' with people, or automated bots, clicking on and listening to/watching the videos which they are paid to promote. These services are so ubiquitous you'll even find them in articles about how to promote your videos.

The same thing happens for all online services and products. It doesn't cost much for a company to, say, get 15 paid positive reviews of a product from anonymised locations, nor does it cost much more to get 1500 views for a given video. The ubiquity and anonymity of online reviews also make them easily manipulable by corporate and non-corporate entities – meaning that, although an Amazon product which averages 1 star is generally worth noting, mostly you can't entirely trust star ratings.

Negative ratings can also be an easy abuse. Say you've offended someone on social media, reddit, etcetera. If whoever you've offended is well-known, it doesn't take much for them to trigger a 'review bomb' of your product or service – largely from people who've never used it. This recently happened with a video game which contained some minor elements of parody toward the chinese government. Of course, most of us aren't going to be targeted by the chinese government, but we can still be targeted by other random malcontents.

I recently had a negative google review from someone who wasn't a client, but was a little bit far gone, had shown up onsite at the factory complex and was harassing folk. I had to be stern with them to get them to leave, so they noted my business name and left a negative google review. Given that I'd only had one review prior, this skewed the results somewhat!

Should you be worried about reviews for your business? Aside from perhaps not aggravating people on social media, and making sure you have enough positive reviews to survive a backlash should you get bad actors – probably not. Just be aware that an online review is only as reliable as the people who leave it, and those are not guaranteed to be real. Just sayin'.

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Broadband Woes and a brush off.

Some Eureka residents will remember that in 2007, I used my Telecom contacts to get Broadband into Eureka.

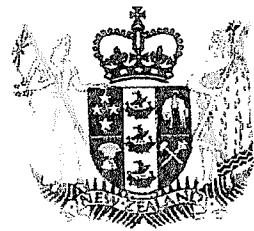
We got ADSL broadband and what an improvement on dial up that was. Not so now, because with increased usage, our promised speeds have dropped and during the Covid lockdown reduced to as low as 3mbps.

I recently checked with my contact (now Chorus) who advised that fibre was not even on the horizon and there were no plans to reticulate Eureka. So, the only other possibility was mobile data.

You may remember the Rural Broadband Initiative (RBI) where the mobile network was increased and we got three new towers in this area. This gave rise to high speed mobile broadband **BUT Eureka is not eligible!** This situation is less than satisfactory and it seems I did a dis-service to Eureka by getting ADSL installed.

The Government recently advised an RBI upgrade and I wrote to the Minister asking if the "lack of mobile capacity" would be resolved in Eureka. Several weeks passed without reply. I resent the email with the same result! I then sent the email to the PM's office and got a reply. Funny that! AND after two months, I finally got a response to my original letter.

I believe that response is an insult to a perfectly valid question. The Ministers reply follows, so you may make up your own minds. Regards Alan Morrison



Hon Kris Faafoi

MP for Mana

Minister of Broadcasting, Communications Associate Minister of Housing (Public Housing) and Digital Media

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Dear Alan,

Thank you for your letter dated 1 May 2020 and email from 24 May 2020, regarding the lack of wireless broadband service at your property and the recently advertised rural broadband upgrade in your area. I apologise for the delay in responding to you. As a Minister of the Crown, I am unable to intervene in commercial matters.

However, I encourage you to get in touch with your internet service provider to see if there could be any improvement to your existing network connection. Should you wish to consider what other connectivity options are available to you, I encourage you to consult the National Broadband Map <https://broadbandmap.nz/home>.

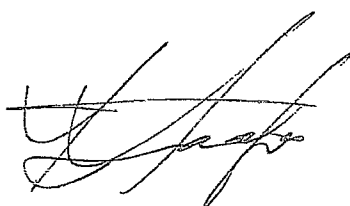
I am sorry to hear of the stress that your internet connection has caused you and your community. I recognise that during Alert Levels 4 and 3 of the lockdown, there was a significant increase in traffic on the broadband network with more people working and learning from home. However, this has now stabilised, and in most locations, the networks are coping with changes in both patterns and level of demand.

As you mentioned, the Minister for Infrastructure, Hon Shane Jones, and I recently allocated an additional \$15 million to further improve rural broadband capacity. The intent of this funding is to further improve network capacity for households that are currently without access to connectivity. The towers for the upgrade are still in the process of being identified. More information about this announcement can be found at: www.beehive.govt.nz/release/rural-broadband-upgrade-boost-covid-19-recovervremote-communities.

Beyond current government programmes, I have asked my officials to explore how current and future connectivity gaps can be addressed, while ensuring that our digital infrastructure is future-proofed to keep up with technological change. The role that our

Government will take in the future of connectivity beyond existing government programmes is currently being considered. Thank you for writing to me about this issue.

Yours sincerely,



IN YOUR GARDEN

Hi Everyone, Mike from Roachs.

I hope one and all have coped with the corona virus lock down. Most farmers could carry on where other businesses had to close. Sadly some didn't reopen for lots of reasons. I know for a fact that lots of people got into their garden and had a good clean out and replanted, once garden centers were able to open. The gardening and growing plants industry has been buzzing since trading started after lock down. We have had the most orders online this season May to August than any other time in the last 50 odd years. Now is the right time to plant most species including roses, fruit trees,, shrubs and much more. Prune roses and fruit trees now while they are dormant. Winter and spring is the best and safest time to plant most plants.

Planting

Dig a hole a little deeper than the pot or bag, making sure the bud union of the rose is above ground. Do not put fertilizer (white man made fertilizer) in the hole only on top of the ground after planting. Avoid teasing the roots if the ball of the plant is root bound. Cut in a downward motion 4 times around the root system. This will encourage new roots from the Pruning

If you are buying new roses in the winter they will still need a light prune back to an out side bud to avoid die back. Roses already growing completely remove all old wood and spindly growth. All die back branches must be removed back to clean healthy white wood. Climbers are pruned in a similar manner except the younger long strong shoots are not cut but attached to a fence on a horse shoe angle and tied.

Spraying

If you prefer not to Spray that's fine, feed roses regularly every 3 months with a quality blend roses fertilizer. If you intend to spray the best time is before rain and after rain. In a dry drought situation spraying is not required. Stop feeding your roses in January as it takes 3 months for the plant to absorb the fertilizer and your plants need to rest in the winter.

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Retained Cleanings

Cows will retain cleanings for a number of different reasons such as difficult calving, calving twins and also being in a light condition at calving. They don't indicate your animal has a selenium deficiency which was once thought.

Treatment : Do nothing for the first 7 to 10 days. If the cow is eating and producing milk then leave the cleaning alone. It needs to rot out. Putting pessaries in while the cow still has her retained cleaning just means the process will take longer. The antibiotics in the pessary kill the bacteria which are needed to "rot out" the cleaning. Pulling them out before they are ready can permanently damage the uterus. If the cow begins to look ill, start her on a course of Penicillin, anti inflammatory such as ketomax and Ketol to give her that extra energy, and if you are concerned ring the vet.

Make sure you record the cows with retained cleanings as they are in your at-risk group for getting back into calf.

They should be irrigated about 2 to 3 weeks after the cleaning comes away.

Pain (Relief) and Cattle

Pain is a very subjective experience. Behaviour is not always a very accurate assessment of pain. Prey species especially (like cows), will hide pain, as obvious signs of pain in the wild would single them out for predator attack. So when they do behave in a way that suggests pain, they must be really sore! Research in calves where pain was related to blood cortisol levels, showed that with use of a local anaesthetic combined with an analgesic, administered before procedures (such as dehorning or castrating), the pain response was eliminated.

There are many painful diseases a cow experiences during her productive life such as lameness or mastitis and calving. An animal in pain does not do well. It stops eating, becomes inactive and less productive. Often an animal like this ends up being culled.

A pain free animal is likely to maintain body condition and therefore productivity. Cattle benefit and recover faster if pain killers are used as part of a treatment.

Inflammation causes swelling, redness heat, sensitivity and is the major cause of pain. The development of Non Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drugs (NSAIDs) has made it easy to effectively reduce pain for cattle. There is a choice between short and longer acting analgesics which enables you to treat pain effectively and economically. So, consider using an anti-inflammatory as part of your standard treatment procedure.

If you use pain killer with an antibiotic make certain you have the necessary paperwork from your vet to enable you to treat with two different treatments at the same time.

NEWS FROM YOUR WAIKATO DISTRICT COUNCILLOR – 24 JULY 2020



Finally a rain free day – a relief for dairy farmers as calving numbers ramp up. We have a small flock of sheep on our property and I notice our first spring lamb has arrived.

All Council meetings were held in Ngaruawahia this month and our staff have all returned to work, albeit through various ways e.g. working from home, in the office, mixture of both, from a satellite or mobile office through the district. Councillors have appreciated the support we have received from staff during the last five months even when they have been working from home.

The popular Dirty Dog Challenge is back and full details can be found on Council's website <https://www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/services-facilities/animal-control/dirty-dog-challenge> Make sure to read the event's terms and conditions, then register online, completing payment before filling in the registration form.

The event will be held at 10am on Saturday 12 September 2020 at the Christian Youth Camp, 148 Waingaro Rd, Ngaruawahia; two courses available – 2.5km or 6km; cost is \$40 – this includes one person and one dog, \$20 extra is payable for an additional runner (please note you may only have one additional runner and the second runner must be at least eight years old). There will be an area where you and your dog can clean off before you leave (imagine having to clean the inside of your car if you didn't!). All profits from this event will go to helping animals in our communities.

On 30 June Waikato District Council adopted its 2020/21 Annual Plan with a slightly reduced rates increase when compared to what was originally proposed in Council's 2018-28 Long Term Plan.

As reported in a Council news release :- *“Council's 2018-28 Long Term Plan proposed a general rate increase in 2020/21 of 3.66%. Due to cost savings directed by the Mayor and Councillors this rate increase was able to be reduced in the 2020/21 Annual Plan to 3.49%.*

Mayor Allan said that “while this was a small reduction, every dollar counted. We asked our staff to go away and find savings. We needed to be sure the budget had the right tension between keeping our district's economic recovery projects on track, and making sure we were cutting our cloth. As a result no staff - or elected member - will receive a pay rise next year, and that is totally appropriate in the current climate,” he said. Overall, the costs and operating budgets that are anticipated for the 2020/21 financial year are in line with the current Long Term Plan, with cost increases and savings largely offsetting each other. While the effects of Covid-19 are not yet fully understood, a reduction in revenue from consenting and other activities of approx. 20% has been factored into the 2020/21 Annual Plan budget, but this loss of income has been largely offset by increased rating growth and depreciation being lower than what was budget for.” (the full news release can be seen at <https://www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/news/media-releases/article/2020/06/30/waikato-district-council-adopts-its-annual-plan-with-a-3.49-general-rate-increase>)

The Waikato District Plan gives guidance as to what you can do with your land; for example, whether you can subdivide your property and where you can site a building. It also protects our cultural heritage and our environment by identifying Maaori sites of significance, heritage buildings and significant natural areas. It is reviewed every 10 years and is a statutory document developed under the Resource Management Act 1991

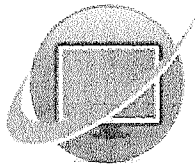
You will have noted the impacts of our increasingly unpredictable climate and that natural events are becoming more and more common and the recent work done by Waikato District Council as part of the Proposed District Plan looks to manage the impact these events have on people, their property and infrastructure over time.

Submissions open on Monday, 27 July for Stage 2 of the Proposed Waikato District Plan. Stage 2 completes the review of the Operative District Plan, and covers river flooding, flood ponding, coastal inundation and erosion, mine subsidence in Huntly East, land instability, wildfire and liquefaction. Read the full press release on <https://www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/news/media-releases/article/2020/07/23/protecting-people-and-their-property-number-one-priority-for-waikato-district-council>

Everyone is encouraged to have their say by making a submission. **Submissions are open from Monday 27 July 2020 and close at 5pm on Wednesday 23 September 2020.** All information, including a submission form, will be on <https://www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/sayit> Alternatively, you can access this information at any of our offices and libraries from next week. You will be able to lodge a submission by:- posting it to Waikato District Council, Private Bag 544, Ngaruawahia, 3742, delivering it to the front counter at any of our offices or libraries or emailing it to districtplan@waidc.govt.nz

If you have any questions or want to arrange an appointment with a planner, please call us on 0800 492 452 or email districtplan@waidc.govt.nz. Properties which are included in a proposed hazard map area will receive a letter detailing what this means to them and their property. Alternatively if you would like to ask questions and get help with making a submission from our independent “Friend of the Submitter” the meeting for our area will be held on Tuesday 1 September, 3pm-6:30pm, Tamahere Community Centre, 21 Devine Rd, Tamahere

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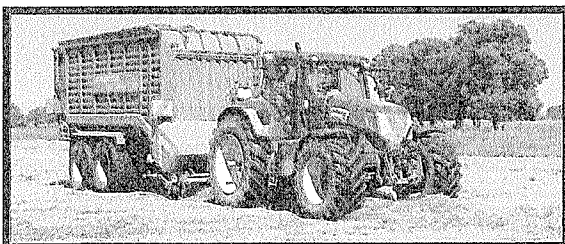
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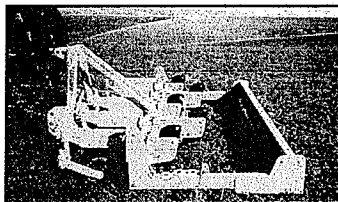
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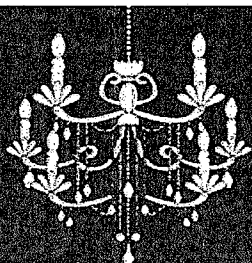
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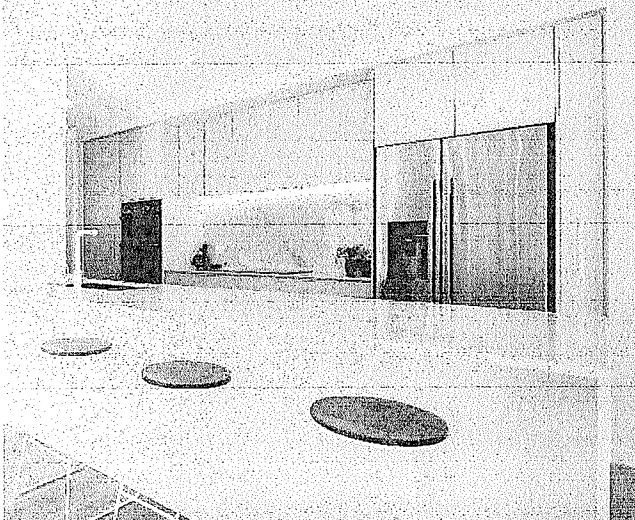
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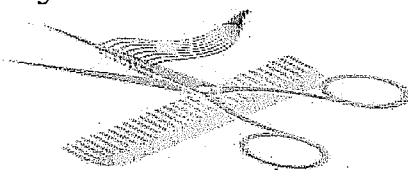
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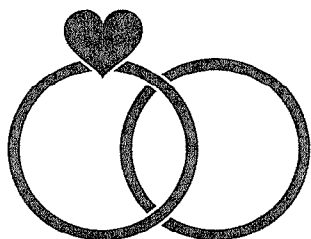
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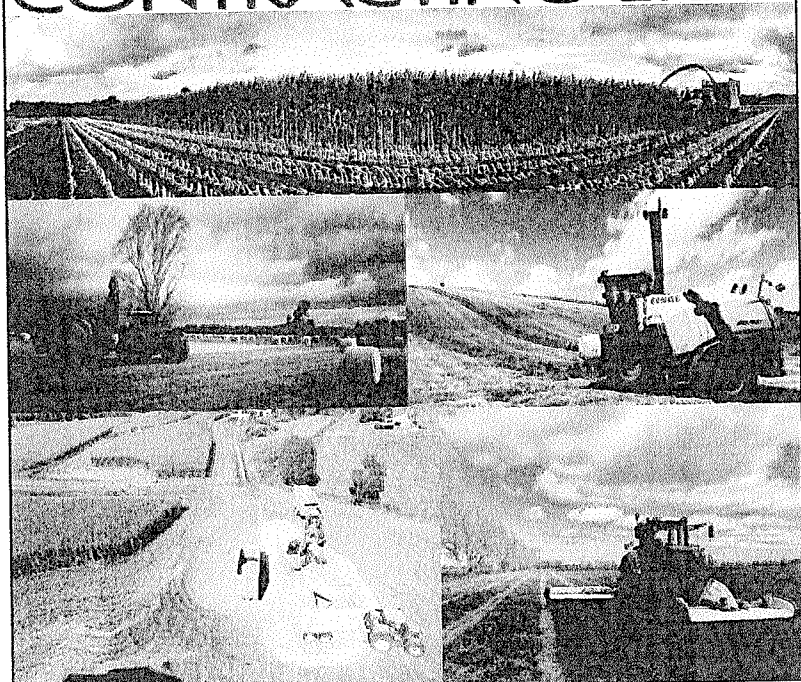
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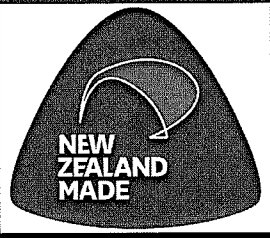
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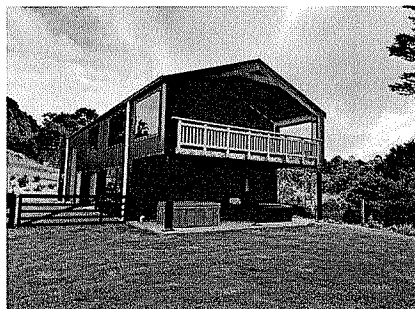
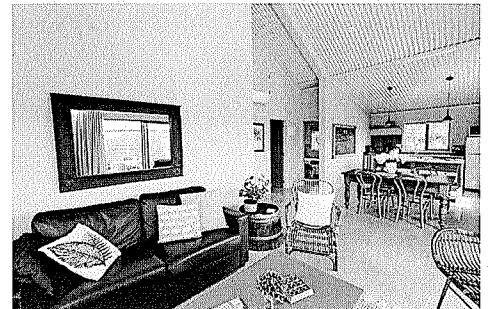
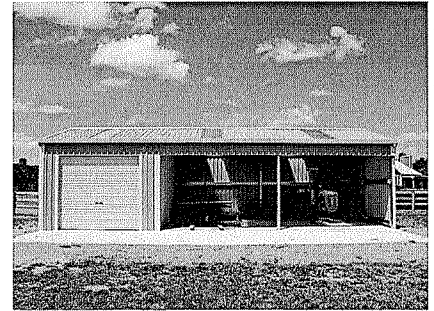
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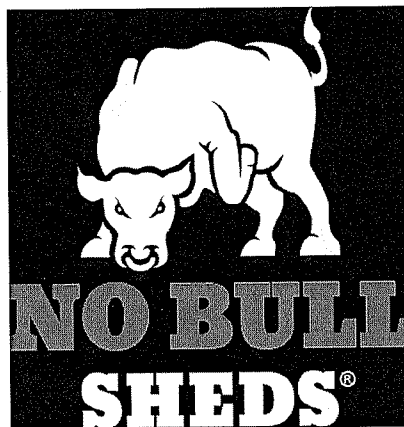
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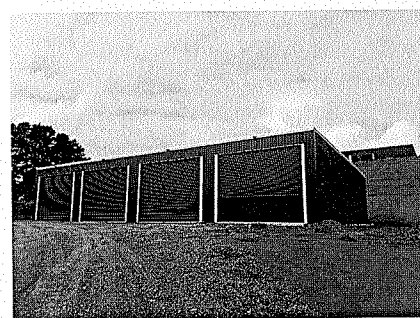
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