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## Easter Colouring Competition

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## **EASTER COLOURING COMPETITION**

**Groups:** Pre-schoolers  
Juniors 5 - 7 years  
Seniors 8 - 10 years  
11 years and upward see below

**Only one entry per person**  
Further copies available from Gull Eureka

**Please have entries in to Gull Eureka**  
**by 10am TUESDAY 30<sup>th</sup> MARCH at the latest**

Judging will take place and prize-winners will be advised prior to Easter  
Winners will be named in the April *Eureka Express*

**(Crayons, pencils or felts may be used)**

NAME:.....

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## **DESIGN A COVER COMPETITION**

For School students 11 years and upward

You are invited to design a 2021 *Eureka Express* cover

*Please make your design in black and white only)*

**Entries please to Gull Eureka by Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH at the latest**

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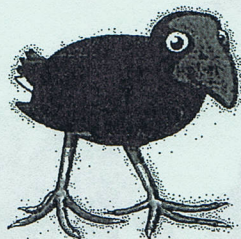
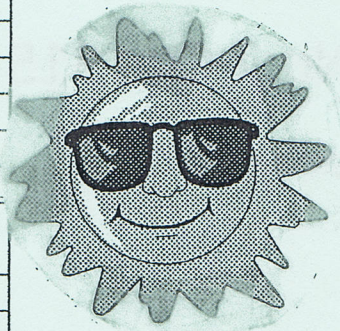
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## Team New Zealand wins the America's Cup 2021

# WEATHER

Weather for Feb 2021		
Rainfall total	12mm	
Rain Total for year	72mm	
Rainy days	2	
Most daily rainfall	15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	
Highest wind speed	27.4 km/hr	15 <sup>th</sup> 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb
Temp high	30.3 C	21 <sup>st</sup> Feb
Temp low	7.8 C	12 <sup>th</sup> 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb



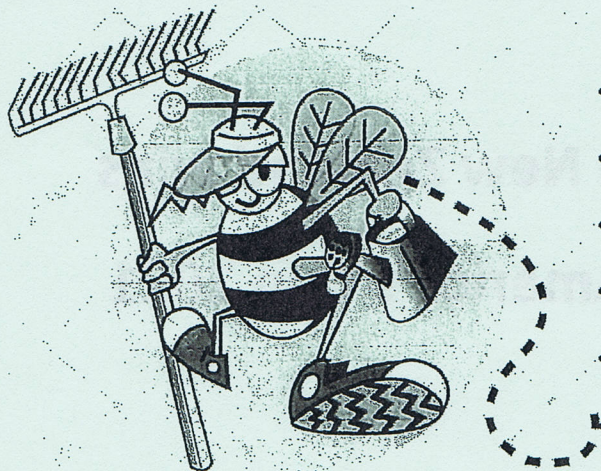
# Pukeko Preschool

## WORKING BEE

Saturday 10th April

10am-12pm

We would love your help as we plan to tidy up  
the inside and outside of the preschool.



- Carpets
- Windows
- Equipment clean
- Gardening
- Sweeping
- Exterior clean

Please let us know if you are able to assist on the day.  
Thank you for all your support.

# EDITORIAL

As the first feijoas fall from our tree, we are reminded that this time a year ago we were all in our last 'normal' week.....we just didn't know it. What a year it has been! We have been very lucky that despite the world in mayhem all around us, we welcomed a baby girl into our family in June. She certainly helped to give 2020 a bit more of a 'rose tint' through our lens.

We moved to Eureka in June 2017 and were pleasantly surprised to find the Eureka Express newsletter in our mailbox a couple of weeks later. In this day and age, a printed local community publication has got to be a rarity for sure! So, when asked to pitch in and write an editorial this month, how could we refuse?

We live on a small lifestyle block with 10 sheep, 6 chickens and 1 cat (who likes to pretend he is homeless to get as much food and attention from the neighbours as possible). My husband Brendon works for ANZ bank in Morrinsville and I am a Small Animal Vet in Hamilton. By 'small animals', I generally mean cats and dogs (and the odd rabbit, guinea pig and hedgehog to keep me on my toes). I am slowly brushing up on sheep and chicken husbandry and medicine as situations arise over the years on this property and have been known to pull out a dusty old Massey sheep textbook to jog my memory on diseases such as facial eczema and foot-rot!

We have 3 children Georgia (7), Blake (5) and Frankie (9 months). Blake has just joined Georgia at Tauwhare School this year after finishing up at Pukeko Preschool at the end of last year. We are so lucky to have such great daycare and school options available in this area! Brendon has joined the Pukeko Preschool Trust Board and this has meant a heavy involvement in this centre.

Pukeko preschool is a non-profit community run organisation and it actually started out right *here* at Eureka school many years ago. The preschool has now moved into their fabulous purpose built building next to Tauwhare school, something that was only made possible by the amazing work of the community. In order for the preschool to continue to be successful and serve the local community of children for years to come, they need new board members! They also need the ongoing support from the community by getting involved with local fundraising events and working bees. Every little bit helps! While they are in the new preschool building now, there is still much more that needs to be done to finish the outdoor area and also the ongoing maintenance of the building and the grounds.

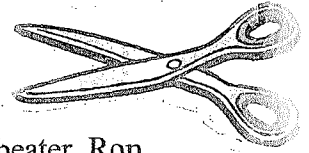
It's fair to say that life is busy, but that seems to be the norm for most people these days doesn't it? I hope to make time for sitting under the feijoa tree with the kids in the warm autumn afternoons with a knife and some spoons like we did in lockdown.

If lockdown taught us anything, it's to slow down!

Monique Woods



## SNIPPETS



**FAREWELL:** Sadly it will soon be goodbye to our friendly local panel beater, Ron Spyve of Platt Road. Ron and Karen established their business in 1980 and since then many of us have had a lot to thank Ron for in our time(s) of need... Your expert help and moral support, Ron will be greatly missed but we wish you and Karen a very happy retirement in Whitianga near your grandies. (See over).

**FAREWELL:** also, sadly, to our lovely local coffee lady, Barbara, who is moving soon with partner, Kerry to Otago. Our loss will be Pukerangi's gain. So sorry to see you go, Barb as you've become a real asset to our community. (See over).

**LACROSSE SUCCESS:** Congratulations to Ashleigh Mayall whose Waikato A Under 18yrs women's lacrosse team won their National Championship final against Auckland A 7 – 3 last weekend at Tamahere after going through the tournament unbeaten. Congrats to all on a great result. Sadly no trip to Australian Championships again this year.

**INDOOR BOWLS:** How sad to learn that our local Indoor Bowling Club at Tauwhare is struggling for members. When Eureka's Indoor Bowling Club folded in 1988 any local bowlers still keen to play moved to join Tauwhare Club and helped it to thrive. Is this another sad 'sign of the times?' We hope not. If you have ever considered giving bowls 'a go' now is your chance for some fun and friendly competition. (See over in their club report).

**WELCOME TO EUREKA.** It was a great pleasure to welcome four members of the Burmese community to our Express AGM on Wednesday evening. Recent arrivals at 150 Schollum Road at their newly established branch Myanmar Buddhist Temple are Monks, Vi Suddha and Ti Loka. Welcome to Eureka to you both. Also in attendance at the AGM were Sumana Siri and Ku Sala from their main Ratanadipa Buddhist Temple in New Lynn, Auckland.

They are enjoying the quiet tranquillity of the countryside in Eureka and are keen to be active members of the community. A very warm welcome to you all.

**BELATED (but nevertheless very warm) WELCOME** to Julie Paris, her daughter, Stephanie and Stephanie's partner, Darren who moved from Pukekohe onto Schollum Road during the 'Lockdown' last year. Hope you enjoy your time in Eureka. Julie's phone is 02102879488.

### ADVERTISING RATES

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- x 10 insertions \$80 / year

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- x 10 insertions \$120 / year

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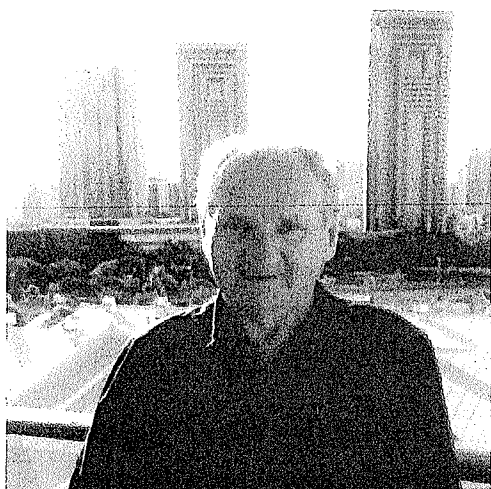
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## SPYVES PANEL SHOP



As their retirement looms Ron and Karen Spyve thank the wider local community for the support and loyalty shown them in their 41 years of business on Platt Road. However they wish to advise that although Spyve's Panel Shop will stay open in the foreseeable future, no more Insurance work will be undertaken from 31 March. Ron's highly efficient staff of Lindsay Webster and Ivan Pavich will carry on the Classic Car Restoration side of the business at which they are Award Winners.

Ron is the third generation of his family to live in the district. His Mum, Kathleen Jones, was one of William and Blanche Jones' family of seven children who all grew up on the farm on Tauwhare Road, Eureka, and attended Eureka School along with their cousins who lived next door. The youngest, Ron's uncle, Vincent passed away only a few years ago and the farm was finally sold.

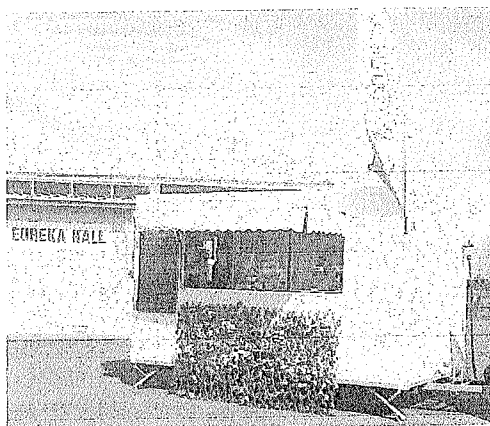
Kathleen married Hec Spyve who was one of the original milk tanker drivers in the early 50s. They lived on Good Street, Matangi and there Ron grew up. As a teenager he was great mates with local lads, Robert (Ace) Dance, Colin Duncan and Geoff Hinton, to name a few. In 1978 Ron married Karen Gay and they purchased an acre of land on Platt Road, opening the panel beating business in 1980. This required a 'Specified Departure' from the Waikato County Council's rural zoning to enable Ron to work from home. Supportive neighbours and locals were a decided help with this process, and Ron is still appreciative of the backing he received.

In due course Ron and Karen raised a family of four, Greg, Dean, Brent and Lisa. Greg is a civil engineer in Australia and married with two children. Dean is a secondary school teacher and Brent a builder both of whom live in Whitianga and are married with two children a piece. Lisa lives near home and is presently working for the Graeme Dingle Foundation.

Ron was always a keen badminton player, duck shooter, and motorcyclist. He has actually just returned from a two week tour of the South Island on his motorbike. Karen is an avid gardener and works at Bunnings, Te Rapa where she is the Garden Centre Guru.

You will both be missed but we wish you a very happy retirement in Whitianga.





## SOME FAREWELL NEWS FROM BARBARISTA

My partner Kerry and I have made the sad yet exciting decision to move to Pukerangi in Central Otago.

We came across a job opportunity for Kerry that is too good to pass up and the move also brings me closer to my family.

From when I started in August 2018, I have loved my time at the Eureka Hall in my bright yellow coffee trailer and getting to know our beautiful community. I love my daily catch ups with my regulars and hearing stories of those passing through - I have met some amazing people and made some great friends, of which I will cherish!

It is so sad to be selling my beloved Barbarista, but I am hoping that whomever purchases the vibrant coffee trailer that they will keep it going at the Eureka hall as it is a great location and all my wonderful regular customers would love it!

We would just like to thank you for all your continued support - it has meant the world to us! At this stage we are looking at leaving around mid/late April so please pop in and catch up before then.

If you are interested in buying Barbarista pop down and have a chat.

Cheers,

Barb & Kerry

## MARKETPLACE

**WANTED: CASUAL STAFF** for Fridays only Eureka Motors. Forecourt and shop attendant and general duties.

Please call Colin 824 1773 or inquire within.

### **PART-TIME VACANCY AT NEWSTEAD SCHOOL**

**After School Care.** We are looking for an energetic, fun, patient, person to join our awesome team. Hours are Monday to Thursday 2.15 – 4.30pm with the occasional Fridays and maybe some later finishes. The successful applicant will ideally have some experience with working with children, will be trustworthy and able to think on their feet. Diplomacy, confidentiality and the ability to multi-task are also desirable attributes that we look for.

If this sounds like you please email [sarahasc@hotmail.com](mailto:sarahasc@hotmail.com) with your CV and a brief letter outlining your qualities and experience. Please note the offer of employment will be subject to a clean Police Vetting.



# HALL UPDATE

## ANZAC DAY SERVICE

### EUREKA HALL

SUNDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

9.30AM

An Anzac day service will be held at the Eureka Hall to remember our fallen ancestors of Eureka.

If you would like to lay a wreath, flowers, or poppy, you are very welcome to do so.

Following the service please join us for a cuppa, an Anzac biscuit, and a catch up with others from the Community.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

Plenty of dates available to book an event, so if you would like to book a function, contact Gail Mayall 8241758.

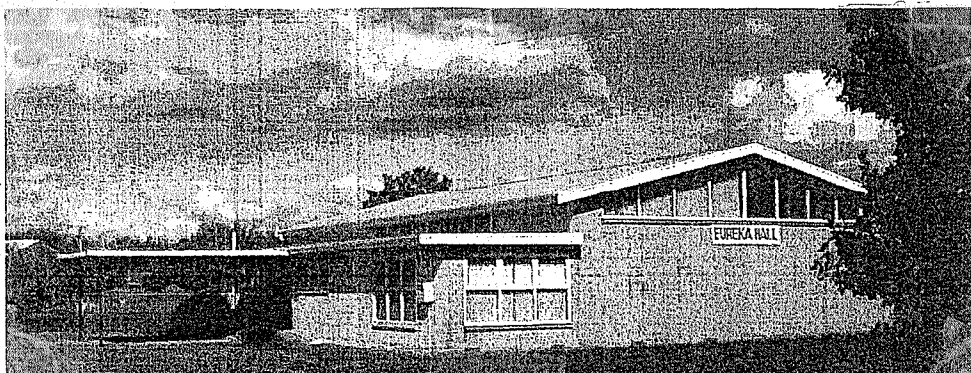
We will still maintain the Covid scanning and hand sanitiser regulation in the hall, and we encourage anyone using the hall, to please comply.

That is it for this month, be safe and happy.

Hall contacts

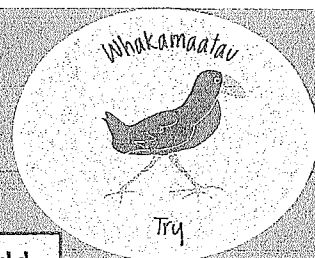
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Usage	Residents	Non - Residents
Meeting Supper room per day	\$ 25	\$ 50
Meeting Hall per day	\$ 50	\$100
Social function	\$150	\$250
Weddings & Dance	\$300	\$500
Children's party	\$30	\$ 30
Bond	\$400 Secretary's Discretion	\$500 Secretary's discretion



# Tauwhare School

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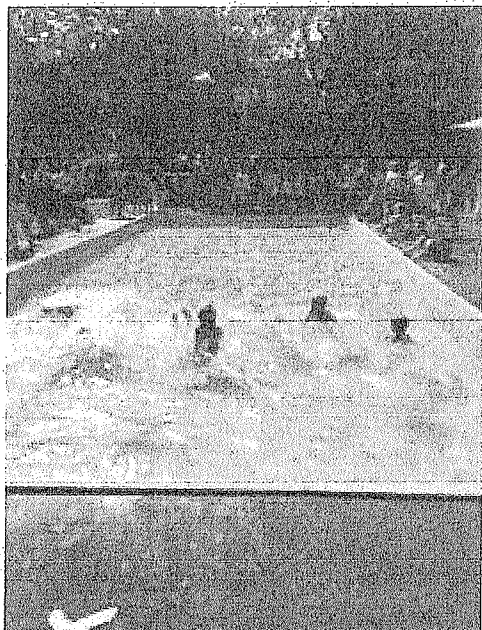
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## PICNIC DAY & SCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS

What a fabulous turn out to our school picnic on Friday. It was particularly great to see so many grandparents and great grandparents there too. There was a strong sense of community and friendship. It was lovely to see so many new families mixing and mingling as they watched the events.

In the small pool, the 5 & 6 year old children demonstrated the skills they have learned and then in the big pool we could see the development of skills and abilities as the events progressed from 7 years olds to 10 year olds. It was very pleasing to see that our school swimming lessons are having the desired effect of teaching both swimming style and survival skills.

Congratulations to the children who chose to participate in the Swim For Life 200m survival swim practising their sculling, backstroke, treading water, doggie paddle...any way of keeping afloat and moving.

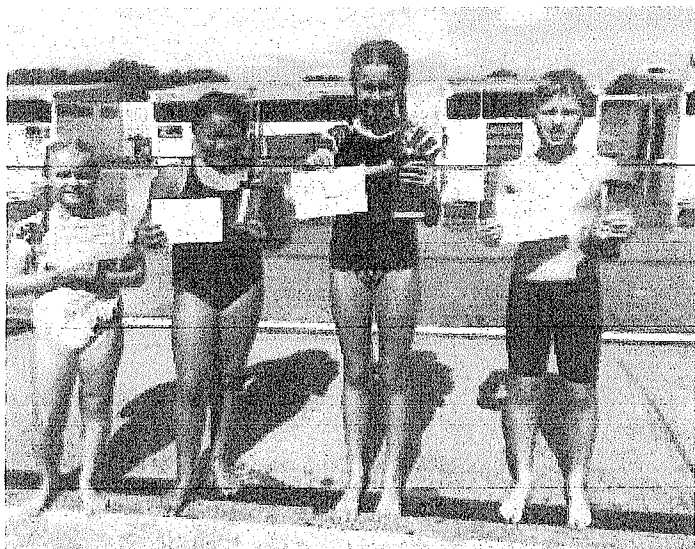


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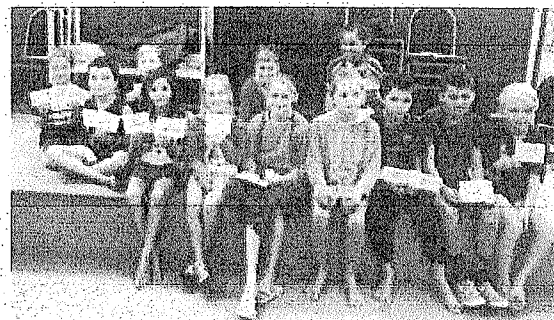
After 2 heats of semi-finals for the cup race our finalists were Rachel Sinclair, Sam Silvester, Cate Barr, Quinn Harrison, Sienna Long, Charlotte Puru, Charlotte Hinton and Zoe Collis. This was a very close and fast race with a mere touch separating our place getters.

Congratulations go to:

1<sup>st</sup> place Quinn Harrison, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Cate Barr, 3<sup>rd</sup> place Charlotte Puru, 4<sup>th</sup> place Sienna Long



Congratulations to the children who competed in the Country Cluster Swimming Sports on Friday. Each one of them should feel proud of their achievements as they swam their very best. We had a record number of children go through to the finals, with many placing in their events.



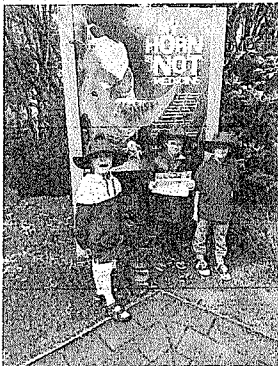
## BOOTLEG BREWERY DONATION

We are very grateful to the Matangi Bootleg Brewery for their kind donation of \$575 to go toward the cost of our scooter track.

What a great couple of weeks we've had with a variety of EOTC (Education Outside The Classroom) activities happening. Our senior swimmers represented the school well on Monday at the annual Country Cluster Swimming Sports at Tamahere Model Country School. Congratulations to the following students who gained placings in their finals: Paige McDean (7 yr) - 1st Girls Breaststroke; 2nd Girls Medley Eden Ellison (8 yr) - 4th Girls Breaststroke; 4th Girls Medley Christopher Horn (9 yr) - 1st Boys Backstroke; 2nd Boys Breaststroke; 2nd Boys Medley; 3rd Boys Freestyle Olivia Gujer (9 yr) - 3rd Girls Backstroke Brooke Carter (10 yr) - 5th Girls Medley Thanks to Liam Carroll for organising the team, Dom Reed (our Graduate Teacher Trainee) for helping out with the officiating of the event, and to the parent helpers on the day. Our City Schools Swimming event will be held on Thursday April 1st at Tamahere Model Country School.

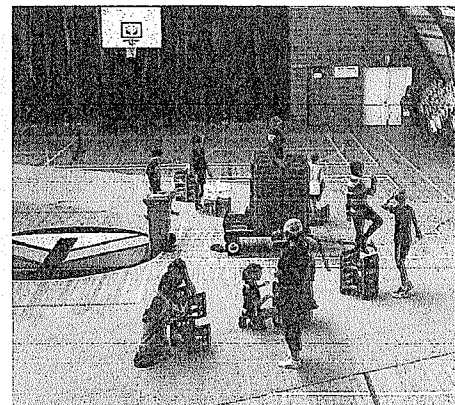
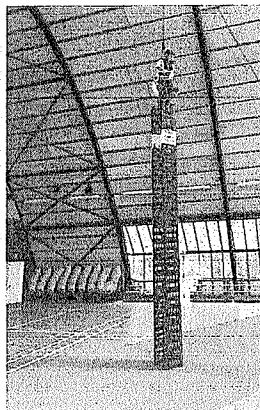
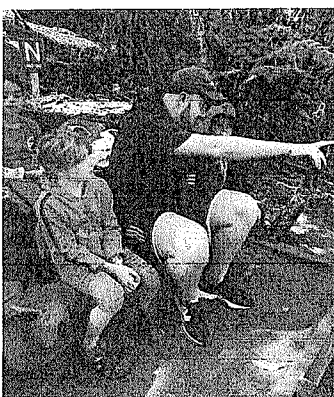
**Zoo Trip**

Last week our Junior Team visited Hamilton Zoo. Our concept for learning throughout the school this year is 'adapptions and adapting' which tied in nicely with the visit. The kids loved it! I've just walked through the classes this morning and the kids are still buzzing about the trip. We were really fortunate to have so many parents volunteer to help on the day - thank you. We were also fortunate with the weather. Thanks to Lynne, Renee, Nikki and Rachel for organising and running the day.



**Senior Camp**

Senior School has been on Camp for three days last week. This year we have been at Totara Springs Camp. I was fortunate enough to spend the day with them yesterday. The kids have been having so much fun doing a variety of activities including low ropes, flying fox, crate climb, initiatives. Go karts, archery and raft building. There were also two giant water and hydro-slides to keep everyone (including the adults) entertained. The New Zealand curriculum lays out five key competencies that children can aspire to achieve. These include thinking, using language, symbols and texts, managing self, relating to others, and participating and contributing. Camps provide great opportunities for students to develop these key competencies. A massive thank you to all the parents who were able to come along and help out. These parents work with groups of children at each activity along with helping out with food, cleaning and general pastoral care. We couldn't do this without our wonderful parent support. Special thanks as well to June Malcolm, Liam Carroll and Judi Scrimgeour, for all the work they put into setting up the camp and running the camp.



# PUKEKO PRESCHOOL

We are located at 20 Scotsman Valley Road down the driveway beside Tauwhare School. We are licensed for 30 children and are open 7:30am – 5:30pm Monday to Friday. We offer a session time of 8:45am – 2:45pm or you can choose your hours for daily bookings over 6 hours. We welcome children from 5 months to 6 years.

We invite you to pop along and have a visit to meet us and explore our centre.

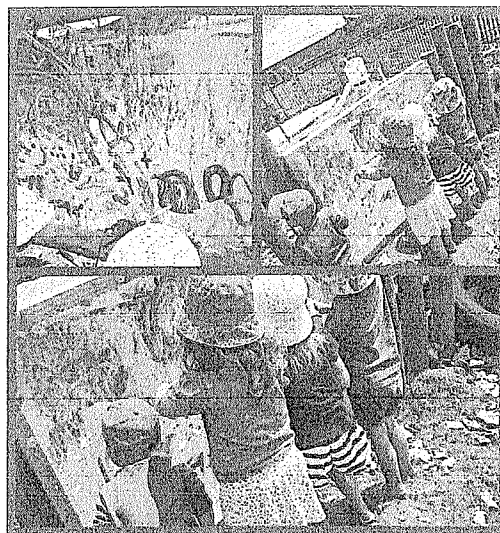
Pukeko preschool offers 20 hours Free ECE.

We welcome you to make contact with us for more information, check out our website [www.pukekopreschool.org.nz](http://www.pukekopreschool.org.nz)

or find us on Facebook 'Pukeko preschool in Tauwhare'

07 824 0860

email – [pukekopreschool@xtra.co.nz](mailto:pukekopreschool@xtra.co.nz)



# TAUWHARE PLAYGROUP

Tauwhare Playgroup meets at Tauwhare School on Thursday mornings (term time) from 9-12. We welcome families to drop in anytime during the morning between school drop offs and nap times.

Our playgroup is FREE to attend.

Tauwhare playgroup is a place where parents, grandparents and caregivers can meet other local families, make new friends, and share experiences while children and babies have fun and learn through play.

All ages are welcome.

Join our Facebook page Tauwhare Playgroup to see what we are up to this term.

# TAUWHARE INDOOR BOWLING CLUB

Welcome to March's club newsletter.

## PLEASE COME AND SAVE OUR CLUB

We have had 2 club nights so far and unfortunately the numbers have been disappointing. There were 8 on our opening night and seven last week. If it continues like that then Tauwhare bowling club will be in survival mode so please if you are considering coming along then please do and help our club to survive.

If you are new to the area or been in the district for a while and would like to give bowls a try, then come to the Tauwhare Hall on Thursday evenings. You will be made to feel very welcome. We are a friendly, sociable club and there is always lots of laughter and banter.

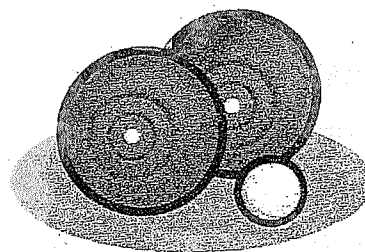
We would also love to see last year's member's back this year.

We are always looking for junior players so if you are keen, then come along and of course bring mum and/or dad with you.

If you have not played bowls before but would love to give it a go then come 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

This is what is on our programme till the end of April:-

18 <sup>th</sup> March	Roll Up Night
25 <sup>th</sup> March	Open Triples Tournament
1 <sup>st</sup> April	Club Night
8 <sup>th</sup> April	Mulholland Trophy
15 <sup>th</sup> April	Club Night
22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Triple Championship
29 <sup>th</sup> April	Club Night

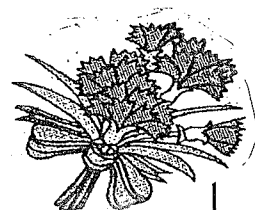


If you would like more information then do not hesitate to contact one of the following people:-

Kevin Williams	07 824 0728
Jim and Rosalie Arnold	07 887 4832
Bev Meads	021 172 7822

## 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

# RECIPES

## Apricot Loaf

*Enjoy a hint of summer in autumn with this moist loaf with its apricot and citrus flavours. Great buttered for afternoon tea or toasted for breakfasts.*

### INGREDIENTS

#### Loaf

220g dried apricots	2c self-raising flour
220g sultanas	½ tsp vanilla essence
220g brown sugar	½c chopped nuts (optional) plus extras to sprinkle on top
1c tea	
2 beaten eggs	

#### Icing

275g icing sugar	1-2 tbsp lemon juice
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### INSTRUCTIONS

Soak apricots, sultanas and brown sugar in 1 cup of tea overnight.

The next morning preheat the oven to 150°C.

Add the beaten eggs, self-raising flour, vanilla essence and chopped nuts if desired to the apricot, sultana mixture.

Mix well.

Grease and flour a loaf tin before evenly, spooning the mixture in.

Bake for approximately an hour, testing with a skewer or toothpick into the centre of the cake. Make sure it comes out clean with no streaks of batter.

Once the loaf is cooled mix together the icing sugar and enough lemon juice to make a thick icing. Drizzle over the cake and sprinkle with nuts.



Feijoas everywhere!

The Feijoa (or Pineapple Guava) has a distinctive flavour. It is an extremely versatile fruit, as it can be used in sweet and savoury recipes.

They are a New Zealand favourite, but are not native to this country, as they originally grew in Brazil, Uruguay, Paraguay, and Argentina. Feijoas were brought to New Zealand in the 1920s, and new varieties have been developed over the years.



### EASY MICROWAVE FEIJOA CAKE

This recipe is adapted from a recipe in Edmonds Microwave Cookery Book.

#### Ingredients:

- 3/4 cup milk
- 1/2 cup desiccated coconut
- 200 grams feijoa pulp (the middle of the feijoas, smooshed up)
- 50 grams butter
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla essence
- 1 1/2 cups standard flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder

#### Icing:

- 1 teaspoon butter, softened
- 1 1/2 cups icing sugar
- Water, enough to mix to a soft icing

#### Method:

Combine milk and coconut in a bowl. Leave to soak for about 15 minutes.

Place butter and sugar in a large microwave-proof jug. Cover and cook on high (100%) for 1 minute, or until butter has melted.

Add eggs, vanilla, feijoa pulp and coconut mixture. Beat to combine.

Sift flour and baking powder. Fold sifted ingredients into wet mixture until just combined.

Lightly grease a 20cm microwave-proof ring mould. Pour the cake mixture into the mould.

Cook in the microwave, elevated on a microwave rack (I don't have one of these, I put the ring mould on a plate), on high for 5 1/2 to 6 1/2 minutes, or until the top surface of the cake is just set.

Cover with a paper towel/tea towel and leave to stand for 5 minutes before turning out onto a cooling rack. When cold, ice with the icing.

#### Icing:

Place butter and icing sugar in a bowl. Add a little water, and beat well to form a soft, spreadable icing

Find me at [www.eco-pippa.com](http://www.eco-pippa.com) and follow me on Facebook, Instagram, and Pinterest – just search for 'Eco Pippa'.

*Pippa*

## Other fun things you can do with computers

Back in 'the day', my family had an old XT computer, what they called an 'IBM clone' back then or what we would call a PC now. With a black and white screen and limited power, it was eventually replaced by something more colourful, and we wondered what to do with it. As far as my recollection goes we hung onto it for many years, then when it came time to get rid of it I convinced Dad to allow me to put it in the Trade & Exchange – effectively the print version of what trademe is now.

At any rate, some young guy eventually bought the old thing for \$10, came and picked it up, and we weren't any the wiser. A week or so later I got a phone call from him thanking us, they'd used it in a music video where it was blown up and the explosion filmed. Dad wasn't pleased but I was amused. Now, I don't recommend using explosives on your computer (shards of motherboard are really hard to pick out of your teeth) but certainly there are some colourful and interesting things you can do with computers which sit outside the norm.

One thing many do is called 'overclocking', where you increase the speed of your CPU (central processing unit) to substantially above factory-issued levels. This's a tricky practice, and often involves a bit of elbow-grease and/or thermal grease, as most of the challenge is in terms of dissipating the additional heat generated. A lot of your success comes down to the individual chip. I still have an old Core2 computer which I overclocked from 3ghz to 3.9ghz without issue – a speed increase of about 30%. However most modern computers are so fast that this practice dying down somewhat, with the exception of competitions where they use dry ice or liquid nitrogen to cool the CPUs. Do not do this on a laptop.

On the recycling/re-use front, there're many instances of people using circuitry, motherboards, RAM and cards to create artwork, sculptures and the like. You need to spray-seal them with something afterwards, as otherwise they will rust and also chemicals will eventually leach out into the surrounding area. But done right you end up with a vaguely steampunk/techno-fetishistic look. You don't want to do this anywhere where people might rub up against the sculpture, as motherboards and the like are notoriously spiky in places. Which makes me wonder why one guy decided to line his garden shed with them...

Lastly, you can, with some guidance (see 'spiky bits' comment from earlier), give defunct computers to kids for them to pull apart and rebuild. In doing so they'll develop the skills and confidence necessary to build and repair their own computers once they're old enough to do so. Most of the adult males my age are still unconfident in pulling apart a computer (and most of the time, probably should be). So maybe that recommendation isn't only for kids. Always use a static strap, and never have it plugged in while you're working on it. Explosions are only for music videos.

Is something decidedly not-fun happening with your computer? Email Matt at [info@homepcsupport.co.nz](mailto:info@homepcsupport.co.nz) or phone **0211348576**. \$60 per hour, or \$50 for drop-off-to-workshop services.



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# NEWS FROM YOUR WAIKATO DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

## - 20 MARCH 2021



In my February newsletter I mentioned that Council is working through the 2021-2031 Long Term Plan (LTP). The Draft Consultation Document will be presented to Council next week for minor feedback along with any feedback on the communications and engagement approach and schedule for the consultation process. We will also confirm key dates and the next steps for the LTP.

The formal consultation period will be 7 April – 7 May with material, flyers, consultation material etc. being distributed to all Council offices and libraries, rural outlets, schools etc. and via a special E-newsletter, Facebook posts, media and newsletters. There will also be drop in sessions in all Wards; the tentative date for the Eureka Ward drop in session is 28 April, 6:30pm – 8pm at Matangi Hall. A full list of confirmed venues and times will be on the consultation material and on Councils website.

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Properties who are connected to the Southern Districts Water Scheme have been on Water Alert restrictions during the summer months. Council would like to thank everyone for conserving water and report that restrictions were lifted yesterday (19<sup>th</sup> March.) For more information check the [www.smartwater.org.nz](http://www.smartwater.org.nz) website.

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The fire season is also coming to a close and while some restrictions have been lifted it is important to remember to double check before you light a fire.

Fire and Emergency NZ now handle everything to do with fires, including seasons, restrictions and permits. Before you light a fire check the [www.checkitsalright.nz](http://www.checkitsalright.nz) to make sure there are no restrictions.

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Several decades ago the rural route between Cambridge and Taupiri was taken over by New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) and a 'temporary' State Highway was created – State Highway 1B, a large section of which is through Eureka Ward. When the Hamilton Section of the Expressway is opened this year sections of SH1b will be revoked as a State Highway and handed back to Waikato District Council.

Council engineers and technical staff are currently working through the revocation process with NZTA and Ward Councillors in the relevant areas are being consulted. NZTA recently presented the results of an option assessment as part of the revocation project Fit for Purpose criteria. Included in this are options for the Tauwhare/Hoeka/Marychurch Rd and Telephone/Holland Road/Marshmeadow Rd intersections. A consultation process will take place around the various options; I will keep you up to date with the process via my monthly newsletters.

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I have previously mentioned that at least once every six years Council is required to undertake a review of the current representation. *"This is to ensure fair and effective representation for people and their communities, provide an effective voice, strengthen local democracy and help maintain confidence in local government. Waikato District Council is asking for input on potential representation arrangements for the 2022 local government elections as part of its representation review. This is a chance for the community to put forward suggestions on how they want wards, community boards and elected members arranged.*

*As part of the final stage of early engagement for the representation review project which we've named Reshape Waikato, we are releasing a geographic information system (GIS) tool that allows the public to create community board and ward models.*

*The tool will be open from Wednesday 3 March to Monday 5 April and the models provided by the community will be used to help our Council to decide on their initial proposal for representation arrangements in the middle of this year" and can be found on the following website:*

<https://www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/news/media-releases/article/2021/03/12/new-mapping-tool-to-help-with-representation-review>

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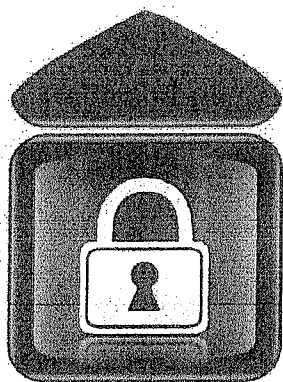
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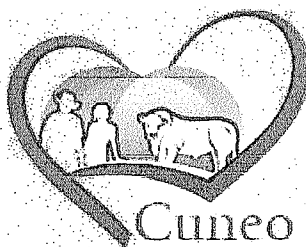


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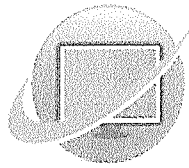


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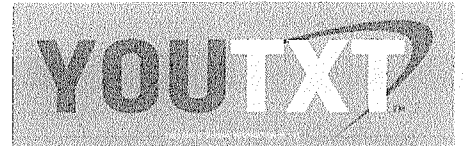
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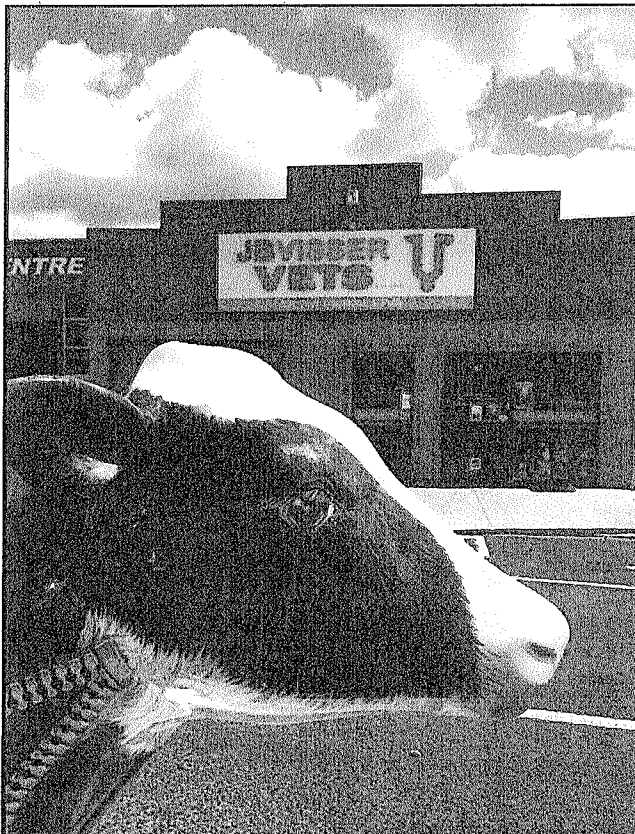
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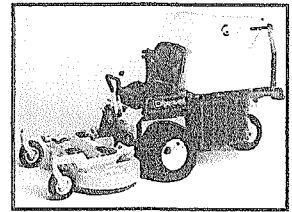


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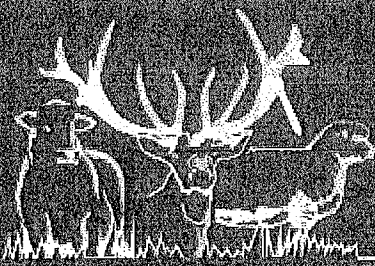
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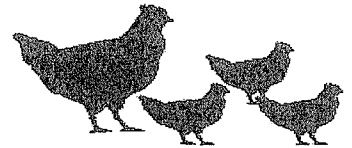
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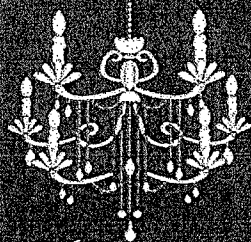
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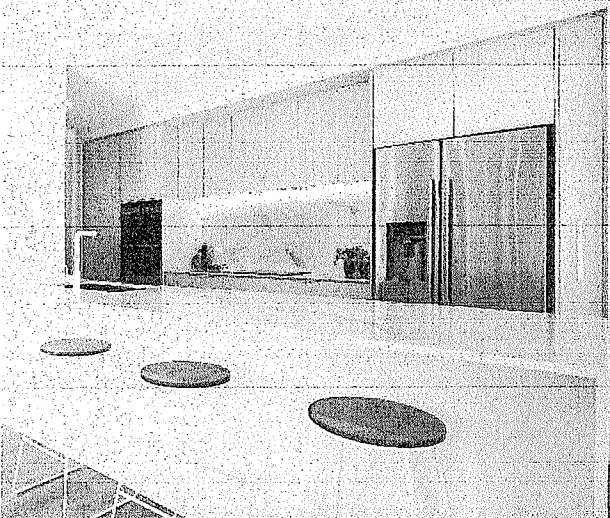
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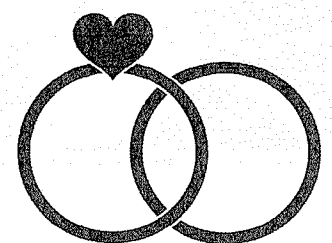
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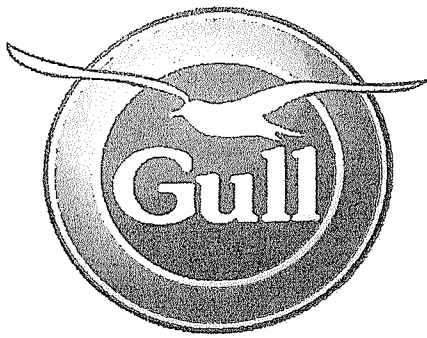
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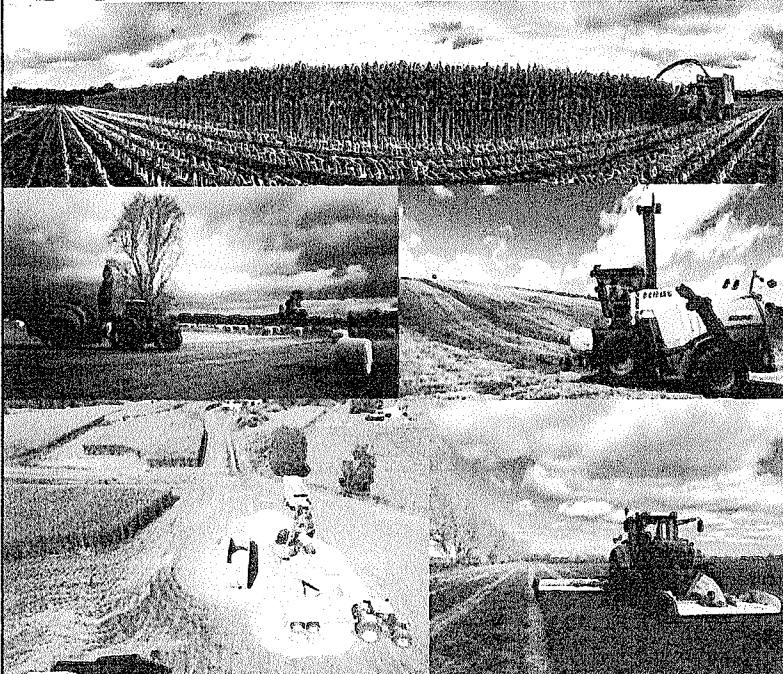
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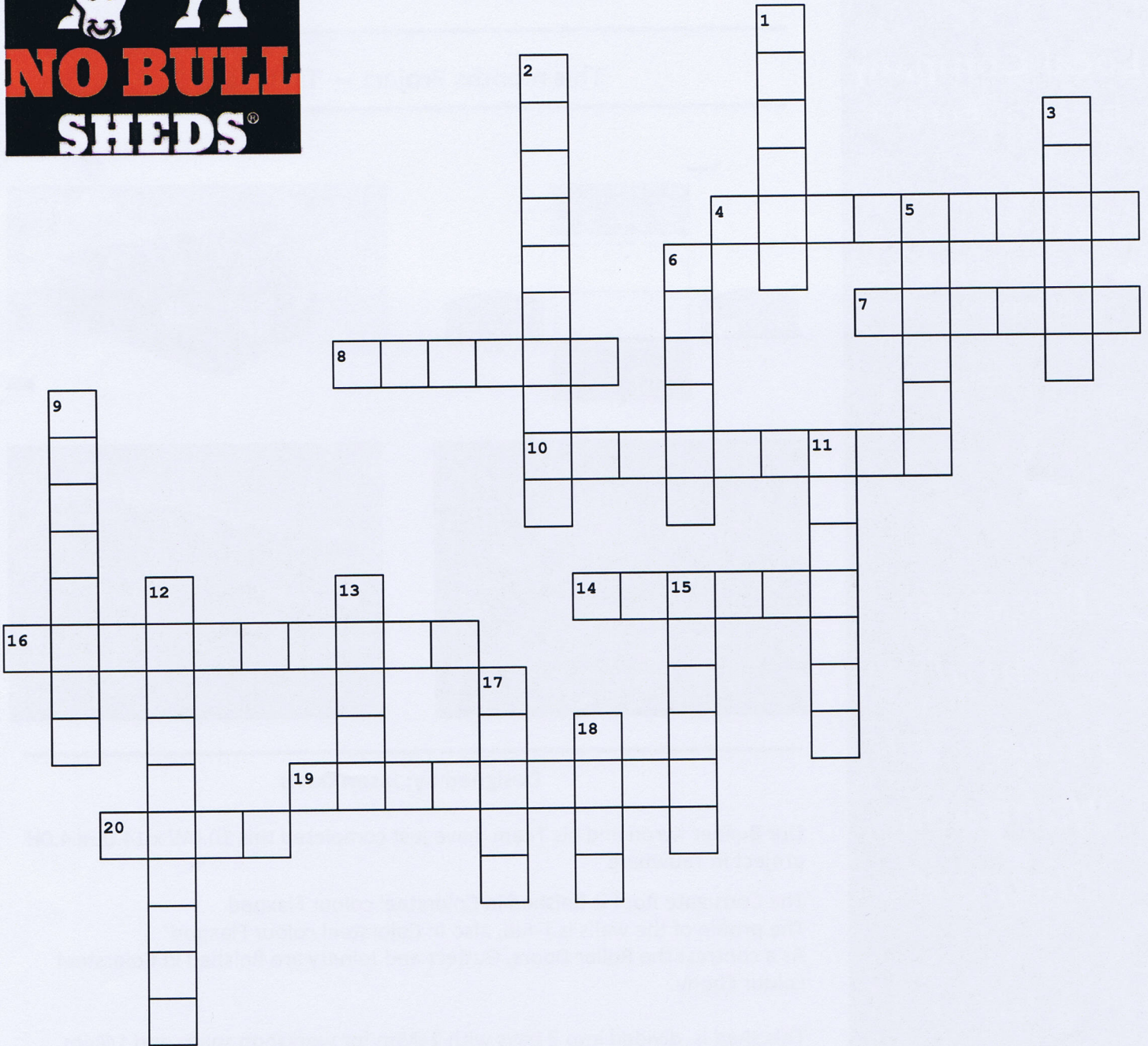
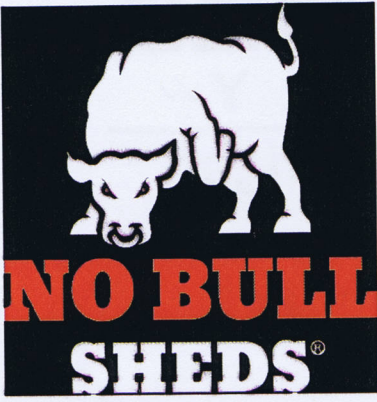
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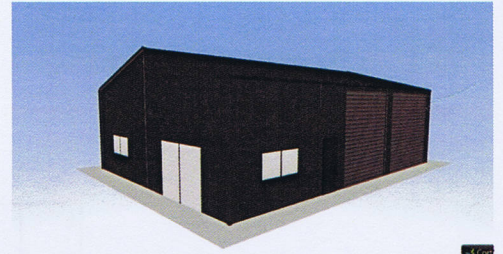
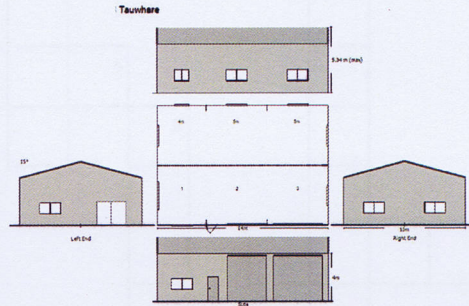


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