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The Annual General Meeting of the
Eureka Express will be held
Wednesday 23rd March 2022 at 7.15 pm at the Eureka Hall

All Welcome.

Supper will be served.

Your support would be greatly appreciated.

New Committee members needed please.

Secretary

EDITORIAL

Eureka 2022 and the “Good Life”

We arrived in Eureka in 2007 from the “Big Smoke”. Our place in Auckland had a huge piece of bush that we walked every day down to the Chelsea Sugar works on the harbours edge and then back home. Thirty minutes each way and a great way to keep fit.

We started the same walking habit in Eureka and quickly met many of our neighbours as we went along Eureka road every day after sitting in the office all day (and occasional night) looking after clients.

Wendy quickly got involved with the Eureka Express and met others from further than “our road” and we slowly met the community. Since then, things have definitely changed and no doubt will change a lot more yet.

Six farms along our road have become four. Older houses and sheds have been “buried”. Four new houses have been built along the road with many significant upgrades and renovations at other homes.

So many neighbours have moved away and new neighbours have arrived that I can only guess at totals. Our direct neighbours are the fourth since we have been here.

Just goes to show that those of us in this area are normal New Zealanders with change being constant. One of our businesses is involved in household moving and we see how many New Zealanders move every year. Eureka is no different.

We have son and daughter-in-law in Rolleston and in the last six years we have seen thousands of homes built there complete with a brand new city centre. They love coming back here to the “good life”.

Another son and daughter-in-law live in central Perth with our three grandsons. The boys love seeing Grandma for each of their birthdays and Wendy now knows Perth better than Hamilton to get around. She loves visiting (they have neat self contained Granny flat for us) and walking to and from school and meeting their friends in the new “big smoke”.

A family Christmas a couple of years ago, saw us hire the Eureka hall for Christmas day to fit in all the family including Wendy’s mother and brothers’ family as well. Best big family Christmas ever plus the Grandkids loved running round outside playing games we all remembered from earlier childhoods. Cap guns at the ready outhunting birds was a favourite and all the exercise meant long sleeps.

Eureka road has been widened and a centre line painted since we arrived. Traffic volumes have risen lots no doubt due to Mrs Google identifying it as a shorter way to go, but I suspect many drivers do not realise they are visiting Eureka along with all the pleasures.

Interesting that the internet connections for residents has not been upgraded during our time here (I believe we were the first connection the day we arrived) and is unlikely to be improved I suspect. We use a satellite service now at a price equal to the old cable prices and have far superior results with no outages.

We run an internet business from home that has clients in many countries and to have a business like that, yet live in the "middle of no-where" we need good internet and power. Our generator kept us going after the latest storm power outages.

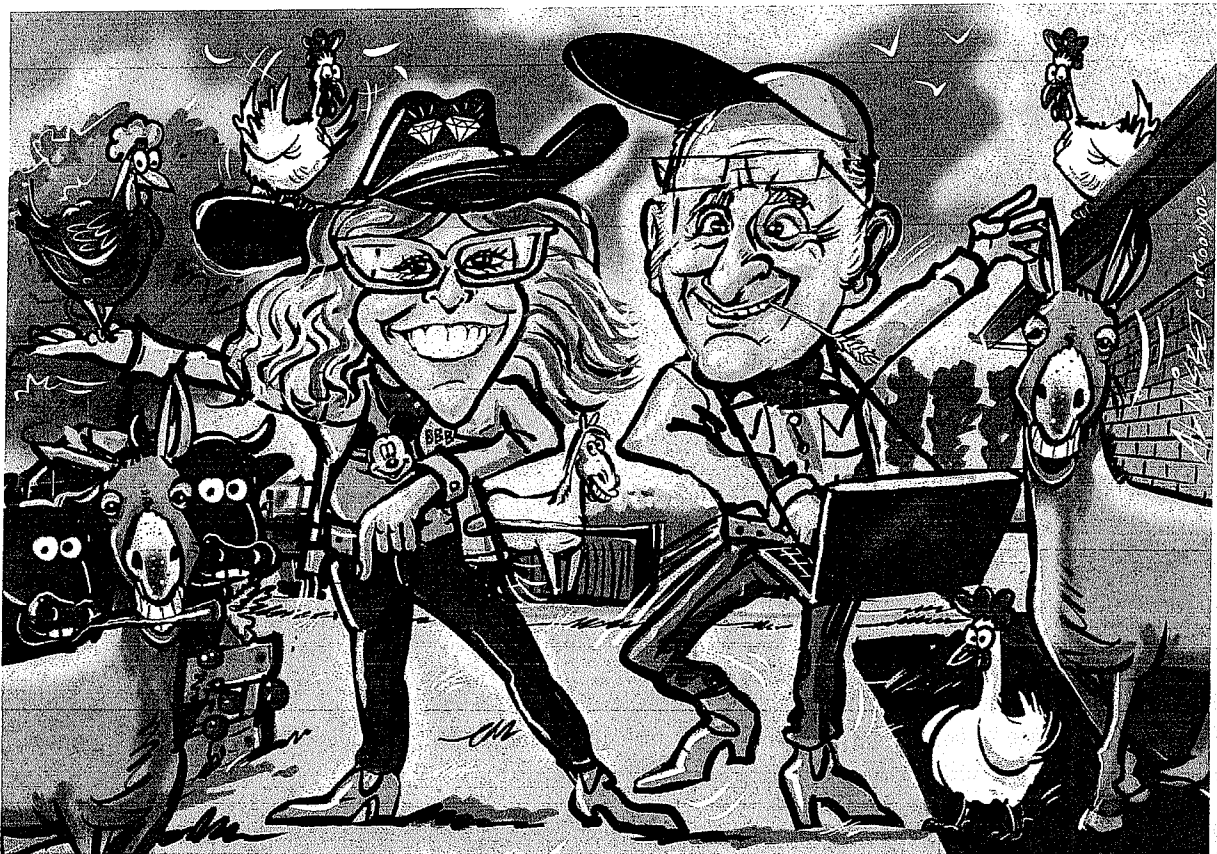
When anyone asks us "where do we live", we proudly answer "in Eureka" and wait for the "and where is that" question. Seems very few New Zealanders have heard of our community. Maybe none of us want to have lots more people here so we hide it when talking to strangers. We say we are surrounded by many more dairy cows than people and a busy day on our road is three milk tankers going past.

Then we talk about having some space around our house, our own beef on the BBQ, our own veggies from the garden, homemade jams with fruit from our trees, our chooks and they all say we are living the "good life". You can hear the sighs after that. We don't know how lucky we are!

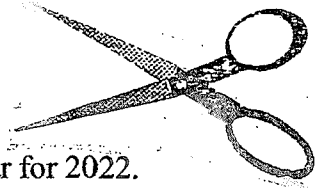
When we travel overseas and describe Eureka to people we meet they all want to come visit our community. We don't tell them about the wine we have made or the still we have as that may be just a bit much.

Make sure you proudly tell everyone you meet, that you live in Eureka and it is full of wonderful people and you are part of the "Good Life".

John and Wendy.



SNIPPETS



HAPPY NEW YEAR: the Eureka Express would like to wish you all a great year for 2022.

Hopefully we will emerge from our uncertainties of Covid 19 and life will return to normal for all of us and we can enjoy reunions with loved ones, family occasions and happy times with friends etc.

PLATINUM WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CONGRATULATIONS TO: Norma and Gordon Brewster Morrinsville Road. See over for more details of this delightful couple who reached this wonderful milestone of 70 years wed on January 19th.

WELCOME TO EUREKA TO: several families who are recent arrivals in our district.

- On Eureka Road (ex Whittings) it is a warm hello to Alix Stevens and Bryce Taylor, and their children, Annabelle, 4 years, and Oscar, 4 months. Alix and Bryce moved out from St Andrews when Oscar was just 5 weeks old, and they are loving having space for their children and others to play. Bryce is a keen sportsman, playing cricket, golf and tennis when time permits, and works as a shift manager at Open Country Dairy in Horotiu. A warm welcome to you all. Phone: 0274867354.
- On Holland Road it is a warm welcome also to Tommy and Sonay Sharp and their family of four, Linita, 11 years, Kayleigh, 9 years, Nathan, 4 years and Archie, 1 year. They have moved from Manurewa to be next door to Tommy's parents, Percy and Linda Sharp. Tommy is an IT consultant and Sonay is a keen cake decorator when time permits. Lovely to have you all in our community. Phone: 0211418640
- It is Hi to Sandy Wright who has retired after 30 years in Australia and has joined her sister, Noeline Wright and brother-in-law, Ross Dewstow in Eureka. They have built 2 houses on the same property and intend to grow lots of produce to be as self-sufficient as possible. Welcome Sandy, enjoy your time in Eureka.
- And in central Eureka next to the Hall on SH 26 we bid a warm welcome to Daniel Balloch and his partner Makaila and also their 2 year old French bulldog "Frankie". Makaila has just finished her Law Degree and is continuing to junior under Phillip Morgan at Thackeray Chambers. Daniel is a courier contractor for Urgent Couriers and has also started thoughtfulHQ, a webdesign and development business which you can learn more about at www.thoughtfulhq.com or facebook.com/thoughtfulHQ Phone: 0220780868

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NEW GRANDCHILD CONGRATULATIONS TO: Barry and Christine Whiteley of Eureka Road who were delighted to welcome a darling Granddaughter, Clara Pearl Winks, in Christchurch on 12 December. Clara is the dear baby daughter of Megan and Alex Winks and a sweet little sister for Jasper. Our very best wishes to all,

ACHIEVEMENTS AND SUCCESSES: Congratulations to those in our community who, in spite of many difficulties put our way over the past year have achieved very highly including:

Trinaka Kenny:

- Diligence in English
- Diligence in Physics
- Distinction in Advanced Physical Education
- Distinction in Calculus
- Yr 12 Outdoor Education Most Outstanding student
- Female Sports All-rounder of the year
- Futsal girls player of the year

Dylan Kenny

- now fully qualified commercial pilot

Warner Rudolf-Henderson

- Earned a Distinction for hip hop danced through Directions Dance Academy. Warner has stopped dancing this year, but might be persuaded to do the show at the end of the year. Unfortunately all dance school shows were cancelled last year.

Susan Rudolf

- Honours for level Intermediate jazz ballet in the American jazz dance association syllabus danced through Directions Dance Academy.
- Excellence Plus for level 5 Hip Hop in the NZAMD syllabus danced through Drury Lane.
- Sat her intermediate silver medal test in Hip Hop and received Excellence plus. Susan didn't do ballet exams this year due to a knee injury sustained in ballet and the fact that the level she was doing required point shoes and she thought she needed another year of practice. She is in an adult class for jazz but is still the oldest by about 20 years. For ballet and hip hop Susan dances with kids, such is her love for dancing.

SCHOOL LEAVERS: Congratulations to all our local secondary school students who achieved well in their 2021 NCEA exams, despite the distractions and disruptions of Covid 19. To those of you who have left School and about to embark on new and exciting careers or tertiary studies goes our very, very best wishes for the future. Those we know of who are off to University or work are:

- Aimee Harris, who will study for a Teaching Degree at Waikato Uni
- Ellie Deane will be doing a double degree in Law and Business at Waikato Uni
- And Kendall Buckley has started work at Hutchies in Morrinsville.

Every best wishes to you all.

EUREKA EXPRESS COMMITTEE

As our AGM is upcoming on March 23. Please give some thought to whether you could spare an hour or two a month to join our friendly production committee? We meet and greet once a

month to make sure things are on track and discuss ideas And very occasionally an hour or two to help with a delivery run – presently we need volunteers to deliver Hooper Road, Holland Road and Platt Road.

We would like to have some new volunteers as our numbers are dropping with members leaving the district, and ‘new blood’ is always good. You will be very warmly welcomed.

NB Please keep us informed of any comings and goings, or achievements you would like to have included. We don’t always know these things if you don’t tell us! Your contributions and suggestions are really, really appreciated. We aim to print each issue on the last Thursday of the month (Feb to Nov/Dec) so please ring or email new articles or adverts by Monday prior if possible. Email to: editor@eurekaexpress.co.nz or phone or text a committee member – see list next month.

Condolences

Sincere Condolences are extended to the McNally family of Hunter Road, Andrew, Karen, Daniel, Clare, Amber and Bronwyn, on the death of Andrew’s father, Geoff McNally on December 13 in Hamilton. A dearly loved father, father-in-law and grandad who will be sadly missed.

And our thoughts and sympathy also go to Jenny and Bernie Clarkin and family, of Scholum Road on the death of Jenny’s mother, Mrs Barbara Ferguson, on February 12. A dearly loved mother-in-law, gran and great-gran who will be lovingly remembered.



The Sculpture Park

at Waitakaruru Arboretum

Waikato's art-in-nature experience

The storm last week caused a few hair-raising moments with some trees falling, branches cracking, and one sculpture swinging dramatically in the wind. Thanks to the volunteers who came to help clean up with staff so it was only necessary to close the park for two days.

David McKie joined the Trust Board of the park this month. David taught the MBA at the University of Waikato for 25 years and will help the Trust to make better connections with businesses throughout the Waikato. The park is an ideal venue for

- Team building including games such as UNCONFINED
- Workshops
- and Training sessions

He will be highlighting the many ways businesses can support their brand by connecting with the park and its events.

Our next major event is at Easter. **Seeds of Renewal** will be held on Easter Weekend again. There will be workshops on seed collection, tree pruning, composting, planting native trees, and soil renewal. This time around Mitre10 is our major sponsor so it promises to be an even better opportunity than last year to consider the many possibilities of revitalizing your garden and the Waikato. Pre-booking will be required for this event because of the red light setting; tickets will go on sale in March.

PLATINUM WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



Platinum Wedding Congratulations go to Gordon and Norma Brewster of Morrinsville Road who reached this wonderful milestone on January 19th 2022.

Gordon and Norma (nee Islip) were married in Dunedin in 1952 and are the proud parents of five, three sons and two daughters and have 19 grandchildren and almost 33 great grand children, and so far 3 great great grand daughters. They were pleased to receive congratulatory cards from the Queen, Governor General, Prime Minister and the Minister for Seniors.

Gordon was born in Morrinsville and raised in Waihou. Norma's home was Dunedin. They met when Gordon was on his OE working his way around the South Island for 4 – 5 years. For 3 of those years he worked in a sawmill on the West Coast.

After their marriage in 1952 they worked for a year on a 14,000 acre sheep station called 'Branch Creek', near Cardrona. They earned £6 per week and mail was delivered once a fortnight. Eldest son, Gary, was born while they were there and then second son, Alvin, arrived during their time at Pateroa. Not long afterwards Gordon and Norma purchased a little home in Waipiata (of Rail Trail fame now) and Gordon went contracting, building miles of fences over the next few years. Three more children arrived, Carolyn, Julie and Murray during this time in Central Otago.

Back in Dunedin Gordon had a yen to return to the North Island and in 1964 the family moved up to the Hauraki Plains where they landed their first and only share-milking (39%) job at Waitakaruru. Both Gordon and Norma milked, a new experience for Norma initially. They stayed in that job for 13 years and developed their hobby of showing their young stock with great success. All five children attended Hauraki Plains College, in Ngatea. In 1977 Gordon and Norma purchased their first 100 acre farm in Kaihere. They had a nice brick home overlooking SH27 and spent 19 happy years there.

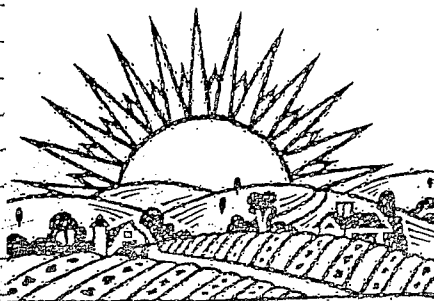
Gordon was kept busy stumping the peat, lots of Kauri, and in his spare time he finished the building of 2 beach houses, one at Tairua and one at Katikati.

26 years ago, in 1996 they purchased their retirement property of 18 acres in Eureka where they keep very busy and active in the splendid garden they developed, spending holidays in Australia and entertaining a constant stream of family and grandies who mainly live within an hour and a bit of Eureka.

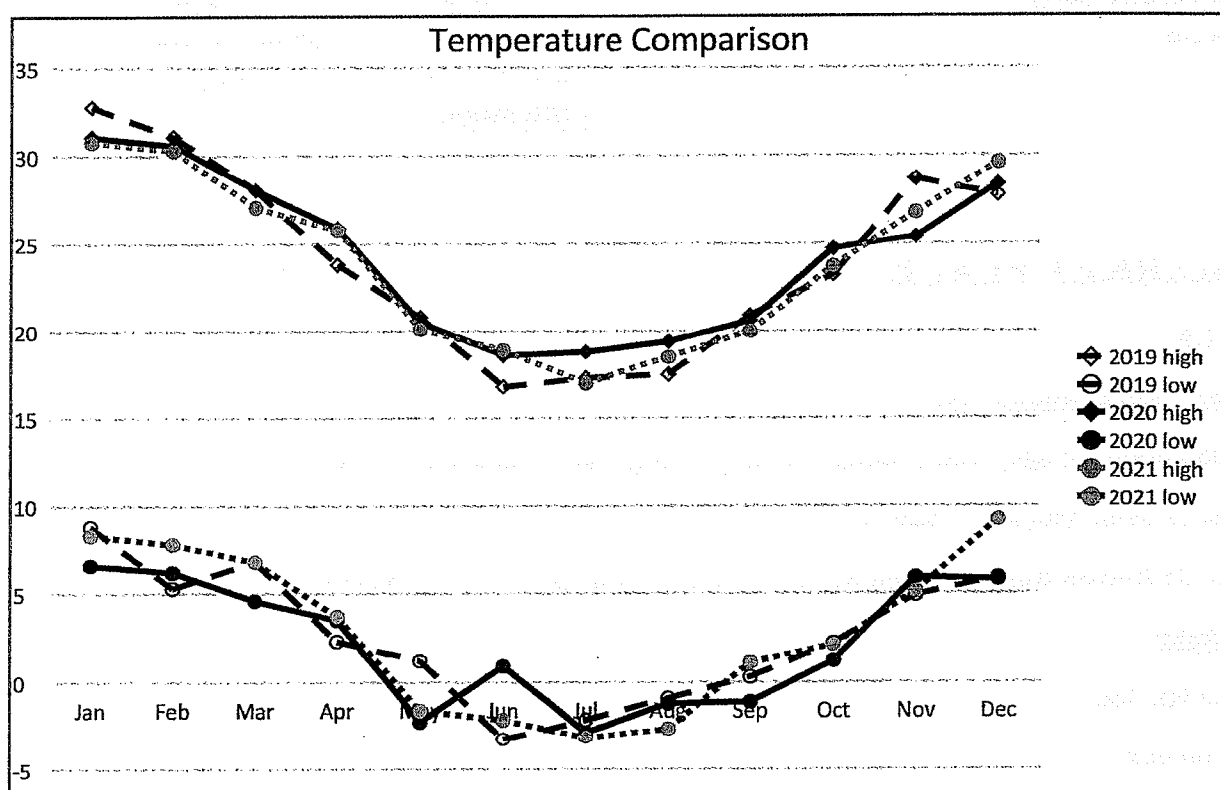
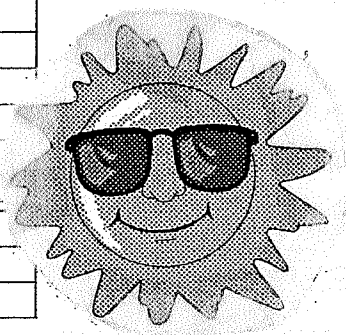
Both Gordon and Norma are in good health and keeping busy and active. Gordon is looking forward to celebrating his 94th birthday in April. **Gordon and Norma, hearty congratulations on your very special 70th Wedding anniversary and may you celebrate many more good years together.**

WEATHER

Weather for Dec 2021		
Rainfall total	83 mm	
Rain Total for year	955.5 mm	
Rainy days	7	
Most daily rainfall	25 mm	13 th Dec
Highest wind speed	38.5 km/hr	18 th Dec
Temp high	29.6 C	25 th Dec
Temp low	9.2 C	20 th Dec



Weather for Jan 2022		
Rainfall total	14 mm	
Rain Total for year	14 mm	
Rainy days	4	
Most daily rainfall	6 mm	24 th Jan
Highest wind speed	32 km/hr	10 th Jan
Temp high	33.1 C	4 th Jan
Temp low	7.4 C	21 st Jan



HALL UPDATE

Happy New year to you all. This year has started off busy for the Hall Committee. We are getting a lot of bookings coming in, so it looks like a promising year for everyone this year. People are wanting to get together with family and friends.

The new lighting has been done in the kitchen, supper room, toilets and hall, and we also now have a spot light at the front door. The new lighting certainly has made a difference.

Not much else to report at this early time of the year. But there is a reminder, that the little library is a lending library. It is there for us all to use and enjoy.

Please ensure that if you take a book you replace it with another, or if you have spare books at home, please feel free to donate them to the Eureka Library.

We are still looking for more quotes to paint the interior of the hall, so if you know of anyone that could be interested, then tell them to contact either of the contacts below.

Have a great month.

Hall contacts

Margaret Smith Secretary 0274574750

Gayle Orr Chairperson 0272917150

Usage	Residents	Non - Residents
Meeting Supper room per day	\$ 25	\$ 50
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

MARKET PLACE

FOR SALE

Hay Baler - International 440

In good condition for age, well maintained, oiled and greased, shed stored and in excellent working order.

Four bales of twine included - \$2000

Located at 28 Eureka Road. Contact Robert Dance. Mobile phone 02102889247

Tedder/Rake

PZ. Model HS 360

All tynes on unit

\$1500 ono

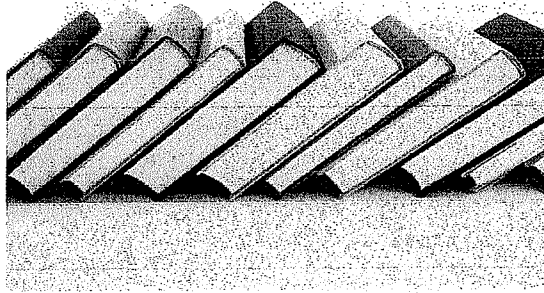
Located at 28 Eureka Road. Contact Robert Dance. Mobile phone 02102889247

\$3.00 Book Fair

Friday 25th February – Sunday 6th March

9am – 6pm

Eureka Hall



TAUWHARE PLAYGROUP 2022

We hope everyone has had a great summer break and is ready for 2022.
Tauwhare Playgroup meets on Thursday mornings (term time) from 9-12.

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.

**During Covid alert Level Red we will not be operating at Tauwhare School.
Join our Facebook page "Tauwhare Playgroup" to see what we are up to
each week.**

All welcome, adults will need their Vaccine Certificates.

ADVERTISING RATES

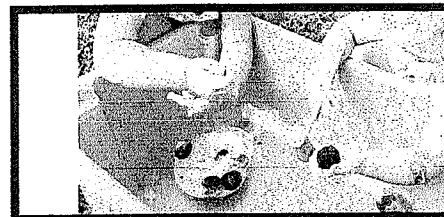
Classified Adverts Free

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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Welcome back whānau,

Our tamariki are very busy this term already with water play, gardening and messy play.

We would love to establish a mud kitchen in the over two's bark area. If anyone has any old metal sinks, bricks, large pavers, large logs, herb cuttings that could be used in the design we would appreciate the donation.

We will be hosting a **working bee Saturday the 5th of March 9am-12pm**. We haven't had a working bee since April last year due to COVID restrictions we would really love some helping hands for a couple of hours. Tasks for the day will be; shade sails, mud kitchen, fixing some chairs, weed whacking, cleaning the gutters. Adult volunteers only **NO CHILDREN**. CPF red light restrictions apply; vaccination passports sighted and scan in.

We have a few board members leaving this year. If these anyone in the community that would like to be part of our board of trustees please contact Stephanie for more information.

We will be having an Easter hamper raffle, any unwanted items you wish to donate or vouchers for local business please drop off to the office at Pukeko.

We are still on the hunt for a few local revilers in the area. If you hold a current teaching certificate maybe you have other commitments during the week but on the odd occasion could come and help out if we were desperate. We would like to hear from you contacts details below.

20 Scotsman Valley Road

7:30am-5:30pm daily.

We offer a session time of **8:45am-3.15pm** in our over two's room. We welcome children from 5months to 6yrs. Please email to book an onsite visit or phone us on:

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



Tauwhare Garden Club

launched in late 2019

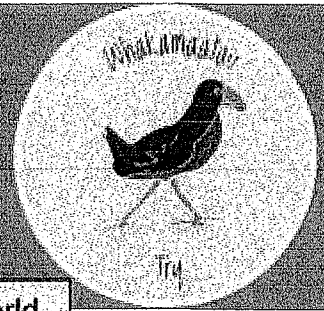
Monthly meetings, garden visits,
guest speakers and more.



Find us on Facebook - search for
'Tauwhare Garden Club', or contact
Pippa on 0272935184 for details

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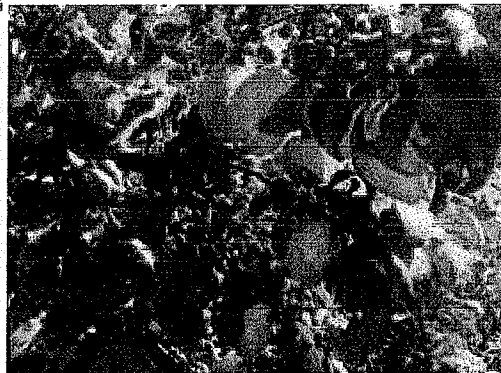
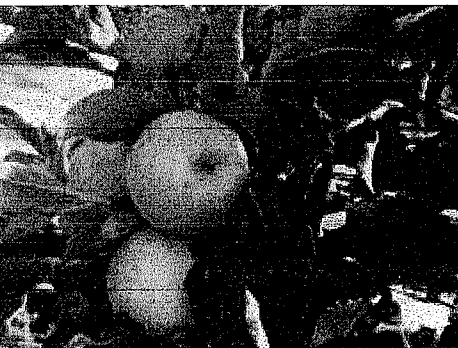
Accomplished Learners Striving for Success in Tomorrow's World

8th February 2022



Congratulations to our wonderful Enviro Schools' leader, Becks Crabb, and to the dedicated teachers who have taught our students to produce fruit like this!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Over the past two years the children have learned so much about controlling codling moth using natural methods. The results speak for themselves!

The children are encouraged to pick fruit for themselves to eat during break times, although we are finding the pears very hard to reach!



The Luisa Plum has a great story: my friend Doug, who was part of our team in Venezuela, came home to NZ and found that a nectarine and a plum tree at the back of his garden had cross pollinated. I was fortunate to try the resulting fruit – and it was delicious. He named the fruit Luisa after his Ecuadorian wife. Doug set about refining the fruit and releasing these to the market. He can't sell to the American market as the fruit has a tiny second pip at the base of the plum.

A THANK YOU FROM ROOM 6 CHILDREN



The children were delighted to raise over \$60 from their sale of fruit. They have bought a lemon, lime and tamarillo for the orchard.

The money is great – but the real value is the learning around counting coins, giving change, predicting income, costing plants.



SENIOR SCHOOL LEADERS

Our year 6 students completed written applications for the coveted leadership roles in the school. Prospective Ambassadors also completed a face to face interview. It was heartwarming to hear their empathy, kindness and care shine through. We have such beautiful children in our school.

Congratulations to our leaders:

Ambassadors: Tabitha, Mackenzie, Ruby, Elliott, Sam B

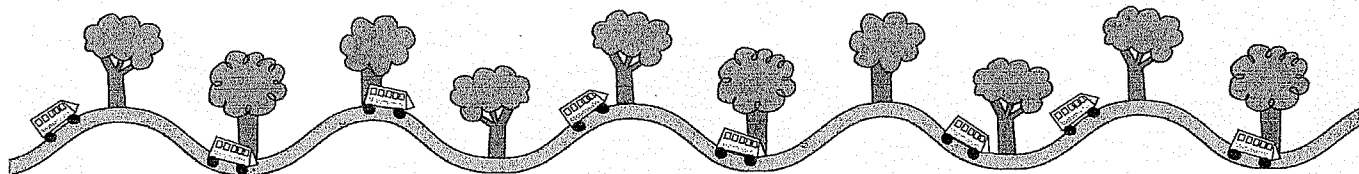
Principal's Assistants: Jack, Lily, Charveah

Te Reo Leader: Hine

House Leaders: Phoebe, Chloe, Sylvie, Jayla

Sports Leaders: Sam S, Lachlan, Jackson, Kakahu, Rachel

Have a wonderful month and stay safe. Fiona Bradley Principal



Motumaoho School

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February, Term 1, 2022

The year has started well with all our students, their families and the staff back from a well deserved summer break. We also welcomed Miss Courtney Smith to the Motumaoho whanau. She is our new Year 1/2 teacher and has settled in quickly. We know she will be very happy here with us. Our other staff includes Felicity Roberts (Y3-6 Principal Release), Angela Wainwright (Office Administrator), Toni Lumb and Maree Moyce (Teacher Aides), Tara (cleaner) and myself, Tina Baptist (Principal).

The students are happy and settled, enjoying the normality of what school brings e.g. friends, new learning and routines. We are coping well amidst the challenges of Covid19. We are focussing our learning on the environment this year, looking deeper into how we look after the environment and how our actions impact on the world around us.

You will notice some changes here at Motumaoho. Our school is looking neat and tidy with the grounds and buildings cleaned, trimmed and tidied during the summer break. Our pool and playground are having some upgrades and we have also had a water tank installed.

We are looking forward to an exciting year of learning and growing.

Tina Baptist, Principal.



Miss Smith and some of her students in Room Piwakawaka

KOOKING WITH KAZZA

CARROT CAKE

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| 1 ¼ cups of rice oil or similar | 2 cups raw sugar |
| 4 eggs | 2 ½ cups wholemeal flour |
| 1 ½ tsp cinnamon | 1 tsp salt |
| 3 cups grated carrot (3 carrots) | 2 tsp baking soda |

Walnuts or sultanas optional

Beat oil and sugar until combined. Add eggs one at a time and beat well.

In a separate bowl combine flour, cinnamon, salt, carrot and walnuts.

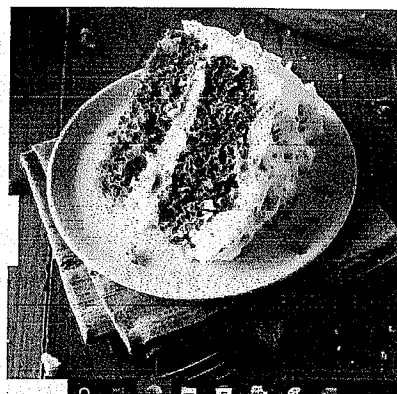
Add the two mixtures together and add baking soda.

Pour into a greased and lined 23cm tin. Bake at 160 deg for 80-90 minutes.

Cool and then ice with lemon cream cheese icing.

Icing- 125 g cream cheese, 40g butter, 2 cups icing sugar, 2 tbsp lemon juice.

Soften the cream cheese and butter and beat together, add icing sugar and lemon juice.

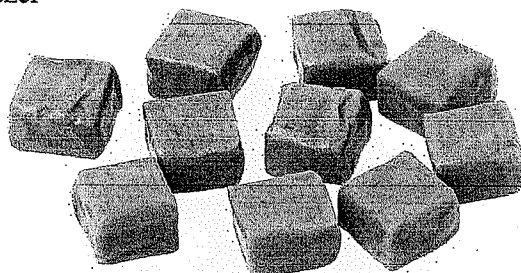


Anna's Russian Fudge

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| • 200g butter | 1 can condensed milk |
| • ¾ cup full cream milk | 2 Tablespoons golden syrup |
| • 4 cups sugar | 1 tspn pure vanilla essence |

Directions

1. Put all ingredients, apart from vanilla essence, in a pot and bring to the boil, lower the heat and simmer for approximately 17-20 minutes **stirring all the time**.
2. In a bowl/cup of cold water drop a little of the fudge mixture (test throughout the 20 mins of simmering), when it is at the soft ball stage remove from heat. Pour into a mixing bowl.
3. Add vanilla essence and beat with an electric beater **for 5 minutes** until you can see it starting to set. (be careful as its really hot)
4. Pour into greased tin (**lined with baking paper**) and place in fridge to cool and set. 5. Cut into pieces once set and keep in the fridge or freezer



TAUWHARE INDOOR BOWLING CLUB

Welcome to February's club newsletter.

Well it is hard to believe that the bowling season is about to begin again and in all honesty who knows what 2022 will bring. Let's hope it is not more of the same that we have experienced in the last 2 years.

PLEASE COME AND SAVE OUR CLUB – Last year was yet again a very trying year for all of us in many ways and bowls was no exception. We are all hoping for a much better year than the last two seasons. Generally numbers are on the decline right across New Zealand. I would hate to think that Tauwhare Indoor Bowling Club may not survive many more years if we do not see an increase in numbers, so please come along and save our club.

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 much laughter and banter. Our opening night and AGM will be Thursday 3rd March. All Thursdays in March are "Roll Up" nights so no competitions, no pressure, just lots of fun.

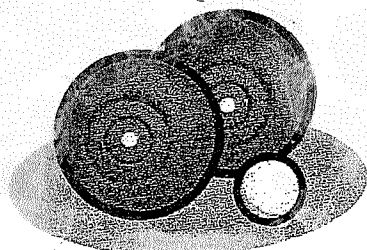
We would love to see last year's member's back this year. Past members, we would also love to have you back playing bowls for Tauwhare, so dust off your bowling shoes, shake out the spiders and head back to Tauwhare hall on a Thursday evening. We are always looking for junior players so if you are keen, then come along as we would love to see you 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

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

Look forward to seeing all the current members and hopefully new members for the 2022 season.



Humble Little Garden on a Plate

February/March 2022

Well as this is the first edition of 'Humble Little Garden on a plate' for 2022; Happy new year!

Hopefully summer has been treating you all well, and the gardens are thriving. I know here at 1151 it's been a very busy couple of months since the last edition back in December 2021.

The Tomatoes, Patty pans, Cucumbers, Beans, and now FIGS! Among others are thriving in these sunny days, despite the terrible winds we all experienced the other week. It seems these winds did their best to disrupt a fantastic Fig season that was on the cards however following some intense patching up we should be back on track for a fair season. Enough to supply the honesty box at least.

In January this year, our little honesty box was put in the spotlight alongside some other wonderful honesty boxes in the Waikato area courtesy of the Waikato times 15th January issue. It was a great experience to talk about the concept and story behind the modest wooden structure that resides outside our gate at 1151. It's not an easy life trying to live sustainably, and as mentioned before you won't make millions living this lifestyle, however it is good for the soul, and it is rewarding being able to share some great produce that we grow here from scratch. It means we are able to feed our bodies with produce that contains no nasties, no sprays as everything are grown around organic principles. It is very satisfying to be able to share this with our family, friends, Neighbours and community. A copy of this issue can be found on Stuff titled 'Honesty boxes do the business at roadside stalls', including a short video showing a little of what we do.

www.stuff.co.nz/waikato-times/life-style/127300106/honesty-boxes-do-the-business-at-roadside-stalls

Our honesty box has resided at the gate now for quite some years, and it has been an experience, and I must add it is comforting to know that there are more honest than dishonest people in the world. It has been a passionate hobby, as well as a wonderful way to become connected to the community and to meet some wonderful characters out there who have graced our gates over these past years.

Our honesty box story began due to a wonderful Fig tree that began producing far more than what our immediate family could inhale. Years on and post the recent destructive winds we have 69 Fig trees planted of varied varieties and production stages. Those of you who have read this column over the past 12 months would know this Fig orchard is in addition to a very large vegetable garden that graces the once upon a time grazing paddock, a seriously interesting looking flock of chickens, a large citrus orchard, and much more, I must also add and equally much more to come if there were more hours in a day.

Come April with the help of our 'Eureka Poultry farm' from Hoopers Road we will be adding 30 more layers to our current tally of 30 laying hens. Sourcing our hens locally was important to us and our local Poultry farm have been wonderful folks to deal with whilst organising our order. Supporting local produce and businesses is all part of the effort to live sustainably and we are excited to be able to fill even more customers egg orders.

Our Humble Little Garden has definitely filled our plate, in more ways than one. I must report that these days the plate is always full, and everything on that plate come meal time is from this property. This is the part that is good for the soul, and was always our goal throughout our journey to this point. It is the real reward and can be very satisfying.

This year the aim is to build on what works, try not to spread ourselves so thin, and get with the program by introducing the honesty box app that has been pivotal for some other honesty box owners out there.

As honesty boxes are on the rise, and without bringing the 'C' word into this article our lifestyles have changed and more and more people are seeing the value in growing their own or purchasing locally. Sourcing and supporting locally helps decrease the footprint on the environment, and helps to keep that bubble intact as much as possible. There are increased numbers of honesty boxes appearing around the place, and the Eureka District is no different. With most honesty boxes in the area offering a point of difference it makes a great Sunday drive to gather up the weekly produce from what's on offer around the community.

So, if you are looking for something different to do in the weekend, gather your coins, and grab some gas from our local Gas station and hit the road! It's a wonderful way to meet the community, fill the lunch boxes and enjoy some great produce, fertiliser for the garden and bargains all on your back door! Honestly!!



Left; Tracey Jeen (myself) from SH26;
Center; Maurice Smith and his market
place honesty box from SH26; Top
right; Frielander Road Honesty box.
Bottom Right; Pony poo spotted on
Platt Road Newstead.

March Garden checklist:

- ✓ Daffodils can be planted anytime between now and end of May.
- ✓ Protect spring bulbs from Slugs and Snails.
- ✓ Now is a great time to start planning to sow and mend the lawn if required.
- ✓ Prepare winter garden beds with Compost, Lime and Sheep pellets.
- ✓ Cut back perennials and replace with new ones.
- ✓ Plant and new trees, shrubs, hedging as over the coming months this will be valuable time for the new plants to get established.
- ✓ Planting of new winter seedlings to begin now such as Broccoli, Cabbage, Spinach, Silver beet, beetroot, Brussel sprouts etc.
- ✓ Feed Citrus plants to help with plant health and fruit production.
- ✓ Trim, shape, prune hedging and shrubs.
- ✓ Continue to deadhead roses to encourage flowering for as long as possible.
- ✓ Trim and prune lavender following flowering.
- ✓ Plant your poppy seedlings!
- ✓ Go check out the local honesty boxes!!

Heat and movement

Computers are of course made out of rocks. Rocks that we taught to think using lightning mind you, but rocks nonetheless. So there is a more primitive aspect to them. One of those aspects is, like most metals, they react to heat, and parts of them expand and contract accordingly. This is generally not a problem for laptops, because so much of them is made out of plastic and/or designed to quickly dissipate heat. But desktop computers are another story.

One thing which may happen to you as we come into the hot season is that, as the case and other components of your computer expand with the heat, either a RAM (memory) stick or PCIe card (often a graphics card) may imperceptibly 'pop out' of their slot on the motherboard. A tell-tale symptom of this is that the computer stops booting, or only boots intermittently. There are many reasons why a computer may boot intermittently, but this is a common one to consider at this time of year, going from cold into hot weather.

To check if this is the problem, and to fix it if it is, all that is required is to pop the RAM stick or PCIe card out of their socket (pretty simple to do, there are catches that you have to loosen in either case, but describing the process is beyond the scope of this article), then pop them back in again. If the computer boots after this point, you've probably found your culprit. Of course you need to make sure you're doing this safely - keep the power off at the wall, keep one hand on the metal of the case at all times (or use an antistatic strap), and never touch the gold connectors on the card/stick.

These sorts of things can also happen going into the cold of winter, and for the same reasons; the metal contraction causes movement, which sometimes dislodges something. Even things like power supply cables can sometimes be slightly pushed out. All circuitry eventually dies for this reason - the expansion/contraction of the metals causes micro-fractures over time, which eventually stops circuits from connecting. Luckily, most computers last a good long time nowadays despite the earth's rotation around the sun. Rocks powered by lightning that stop working because of the movement of the planet, wielded by the descendants of apes. How very primitive.

Has your rock stopped working? Do you need a hand from a fellow ape? Phone Matt at 0211348567 or email info@homepcsupport.co.nz
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Printer Costs

I have, once or twice, been given something printed out by a client from on-screen instructions, as if the act of printing itself converted the written word from a state of mere *virtual* being into a more corporeal reality. In the modern age, such pockets of luddite resistance are rarely encountered, but that's not to say that printing does not have it's uses. You can, for example, use it to make the thing upon which you're reading this.

The cash point of printers is always ink, or in the case of laser printers, toner – that's how they get you. The printers themselves are usually cheap, but the ink and toner is designed to keep you indebted for life. For toner cartridges there isn't much of a way around this, but for ink cartridges there are a few ways you can scrimp and save on the coloured liquid. For starters 'knock off' cartridges are usually to be found, usually in PBtech or Warehouse Stationary.

These are non-name-brand cartridges which have the same characteristics and ink type as the branded cartridges. Printer cartridge refill shops also are around, and the product is usually ok, but usually not too much cheaper than the knock off brands. The necessity to keep a shop open eats into margins. A better approach is to find a printer which has larger cartridges – Epson and Canon have a few of these. A larger cartridge means less plastic in the environment, and overall the cost per ml of ink is cheaper.

Lastly, for some printers at least, you can actually buy refill kits and refill the cartridges yourself – although these are becoming harder to come by. It is a fiddly job, with a lot of ink spill and coloured hands inevitable, but if you buy the ink in large quantities, you can make printing virtually free. Well, until the printer itself breaks down. So maybe don't buy *too* much ink.

That's all from me folks – hope everything is going better for everyone this year.

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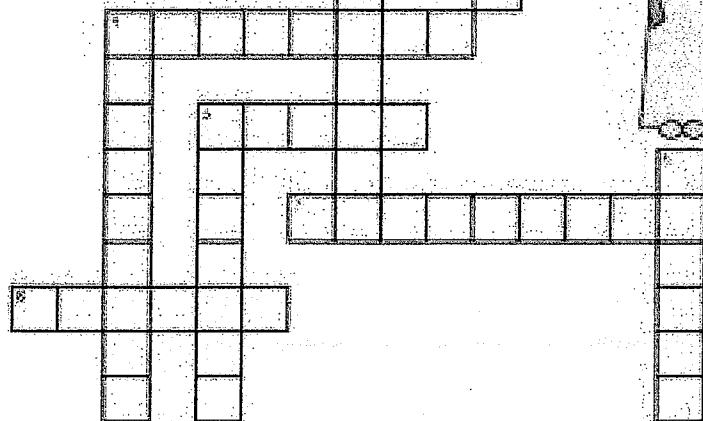
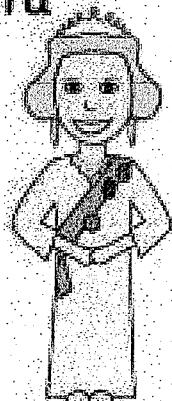
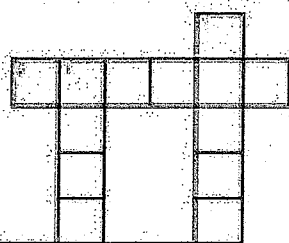
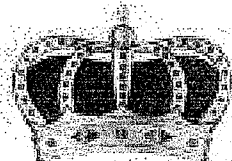
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The Royal Family Crossword



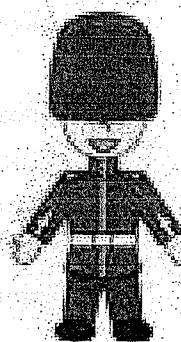
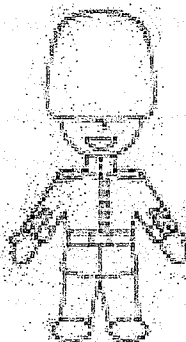
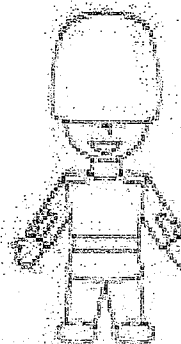
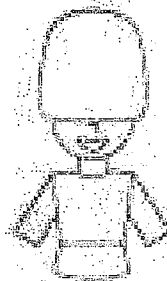
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2. She is married to Prince Harry
4. Camilla is the Duchess of _____
5. Charles has the title of Prince of _____
7. The younger sister of Prince George
8. The Queen was married to Prince _____

Down

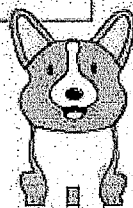
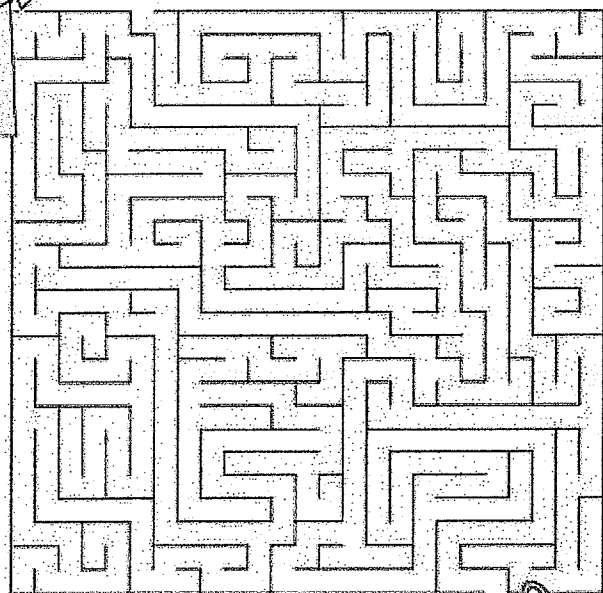
1. The younger son of Prince Charles
3. She is Queen
4. She is married to Prince William
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Welcome back to Council news for 2022. Holidays in January now seem a long time ago.

I hear many properties in Eureka & surrounds were without power after Sunday 13th's (to quote WEL Networks) "severe weather event" which put a huge amount of stress onto farmers and householders. On Wednesday 15th the power companies were still reconnecting around 50 milking sheds; hence the long delay in restoring power to many homes. Our house had no power until 2.30am on Thursday morning but we were very fortunate that we had power to our workshop and water pump so our animals had water and we could utilise the workshop power to some extent to keep our freezer going (and most importantly charge our mobile phones).

During the summer I was able to watch a live feed of submitters appearing before the Local Government Commission who are considering objections to the Waikato District Council **Proposed Representation Review**. The final outcome will be released in April.

Council resumed meeting on 8th February. After a brief period of meeting at Ngaruawahia we are now back to Zoom. During the last few weeks Council has heard submissions to the **Easter Trading Policy and Speed Management Bylaw**.

This week we consider the submissions to the Dog Control Bylaw and Policy. In total 663 submissions were received. Over three days we will hear from around 101 individuals and groups who have made submissions and have indicated they want to speak in support of their submission at the hearing. Deliberations on this policy & bylaw will take place over three days in late March.

The Hamilton Section of the Expressway is nearing completion and is expected to open in mid 2022. The chip sealing is completed and 80% of the final asphaltting is done. Traffic has just been switched onto part of the new road near Tamahere and the focus is now on the Southern Interchange at Tamahere and the Resolution Drive extension which will connect the city at the Resolution Interchange.

Puketaha Road will be closed for two weeks from 24th February to enable contractors to install a drainage culvert under the Expressway bridge and widen the road, with a further two weeks of traffic management after it reopens.

After an eight-year process, on 17th January 2022 independent commissioners released their decision on the **Proposed Waikato District Plan**, marking a momentous day for the Waikato District.

As part of the review process, Council received over 1000 submissions from residents, community groups, hapū and iwi, commercial businesses and stakeholders.

Following 120 days of hearings with the community and stakeholders, the Proposed District Plan decision has been developed with a focus on our communities having opportunities to thrive and be connected, whilst meeting the growth needs that the district continues to have.

From 17th January forward any development or subdivision will need to be assessed under both the Operative District Plan (ODP) and the decisions version of the Proposed District Plan (PDP). Council staff only became aware of the content of the new Proposed District Plan at the same time it was released so it will take additional time for our planners to work through applications and give planning advice under both the ODP and PDP.

Council anticipates the number of enquiries at this time will be much higher than usual due to the release of the Proposed District Plan but will endeavour to process applications and answer enquiries as soon as possible.

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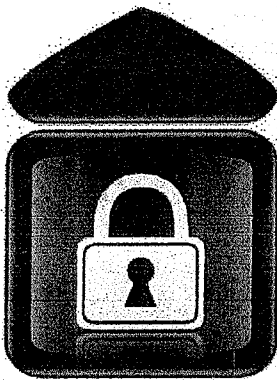
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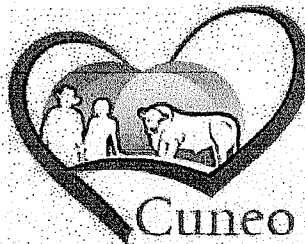


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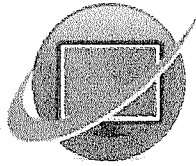
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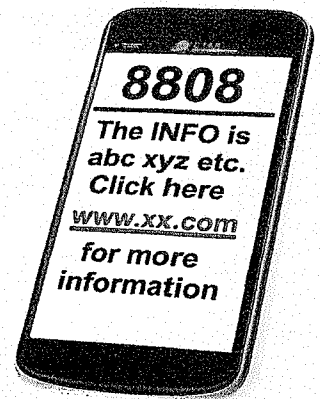
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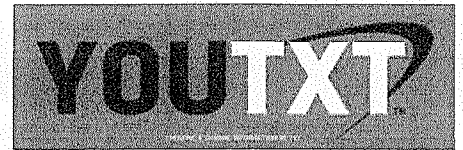
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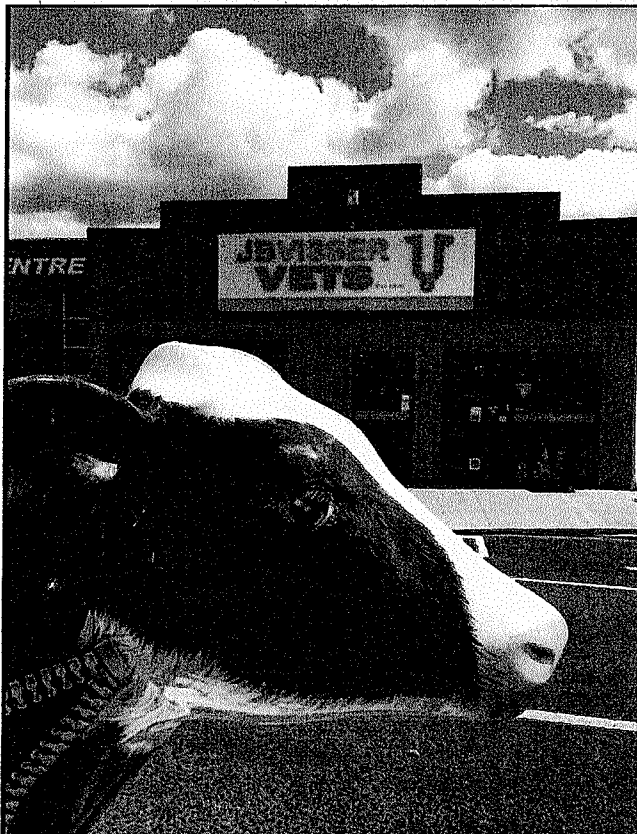
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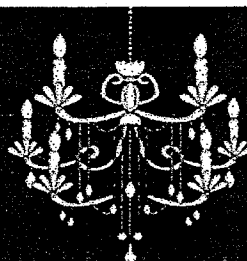
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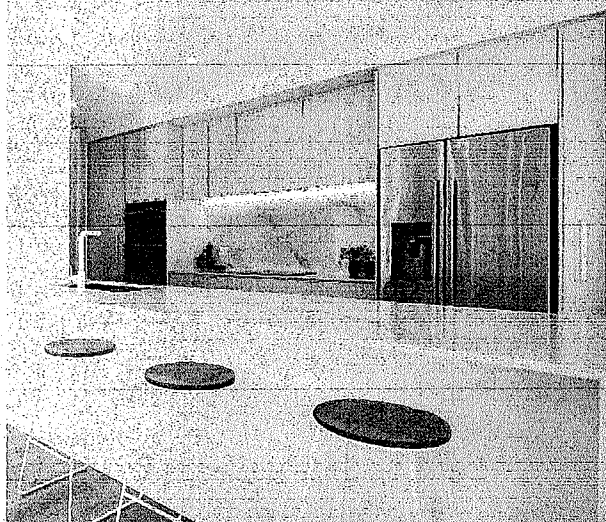
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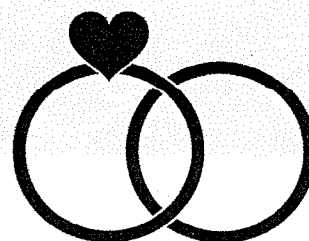
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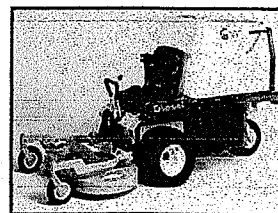


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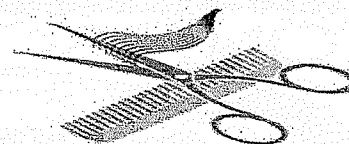
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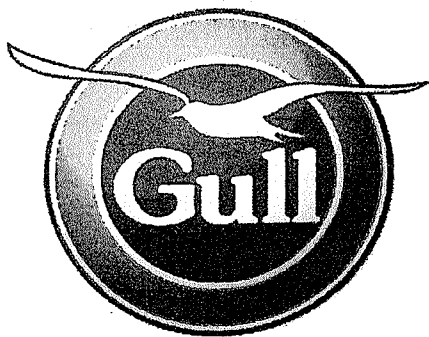
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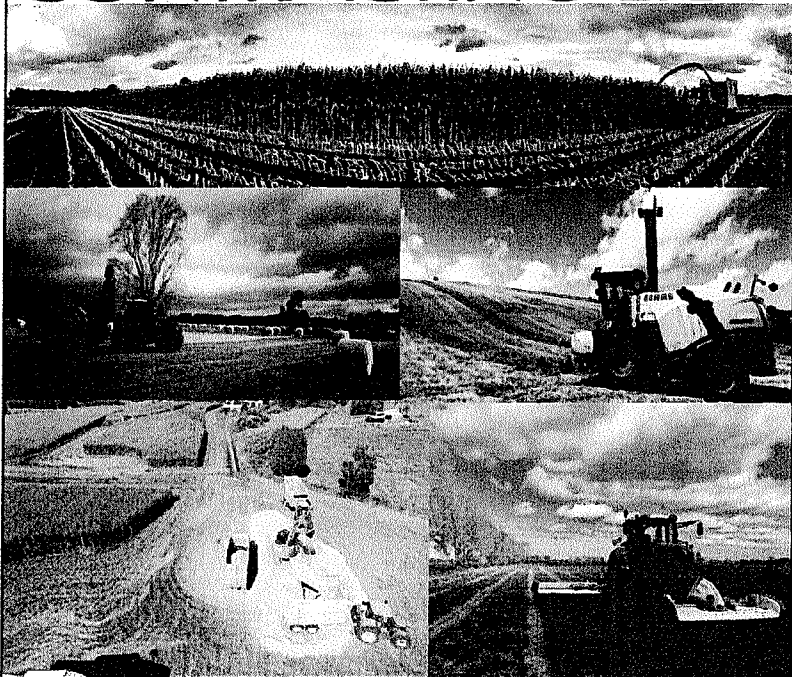
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Supply is our biggest issue with materials like steel and aluminium in short supply. Although these are predominately made in New Zealand demand has outweighed supply. The covid enforced closure of their Auckland based factories also meant that even with material, production was at a standstill, while new orders continued to come in.

Despite Covid, there is a lot of positivity out in the market and we continue to price and sell sheds across New Zealand.

If you think you would like a shed built this year, don't delay in contacting us to secure your spot in the production schedule.

*great
things
take
time*



Local Company based at Eureka

Our sheds are all made from NZ Steel and certified NZ made so by purchasing from us you are supporting more than one New Zealand Business

*Lifestyle
Rural
Industrial
Habitable
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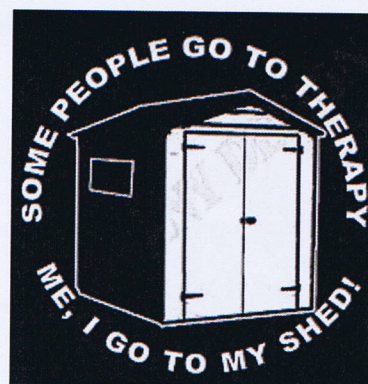
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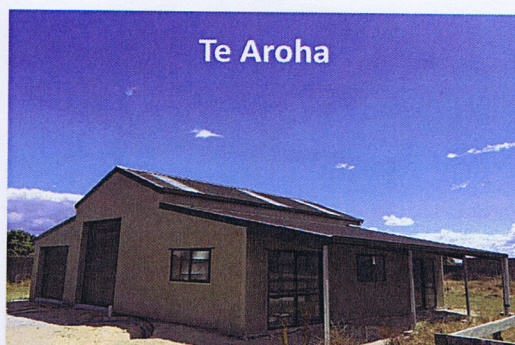
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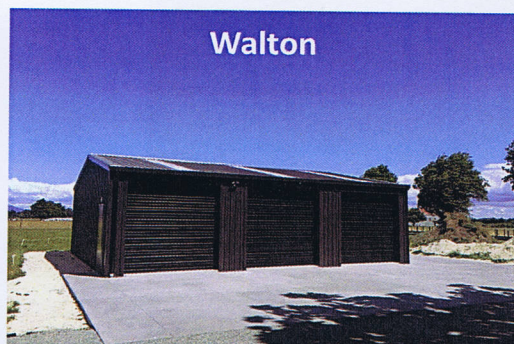
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Some of our recent builds. What would your shed look like?



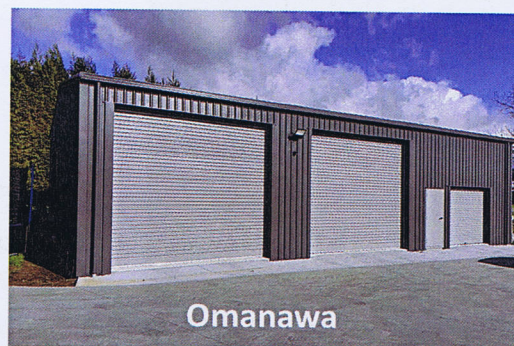
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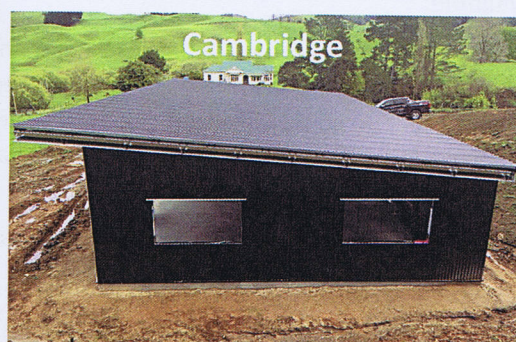
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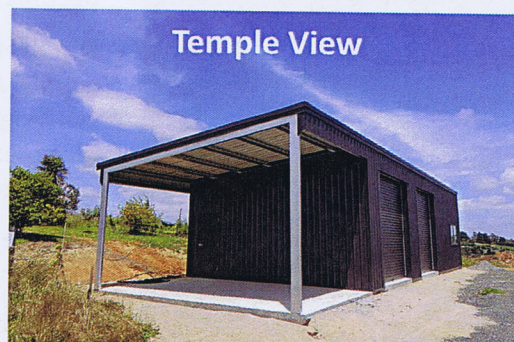
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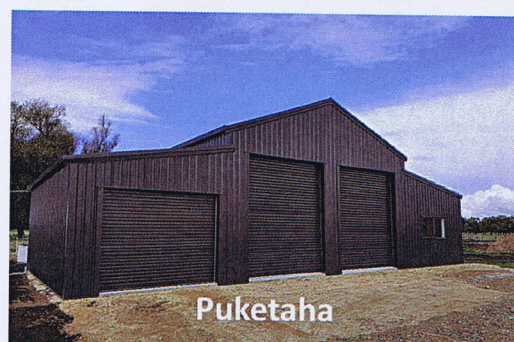
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Temple View



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