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*Remembering Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II
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INVITATION

YOU ARE INVITED TO A POT-LUCK
COMMUNITY LUNCHEON

SUNDAY 2nd OCTOBER

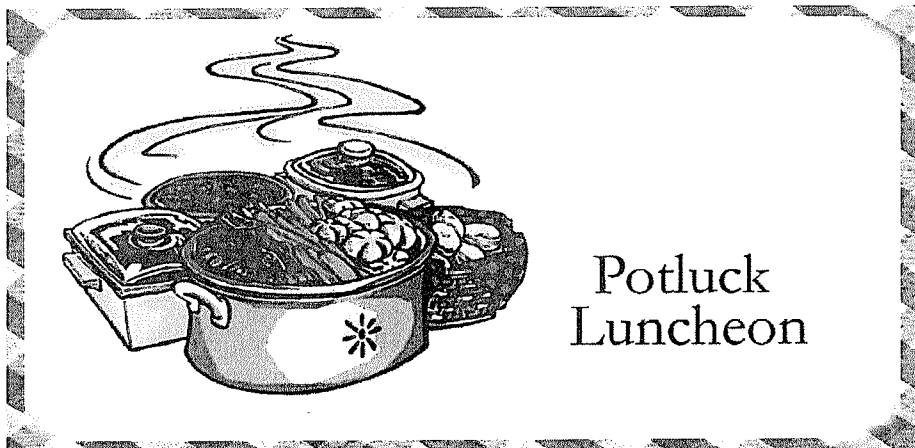
12:30pm onwards at Eureka Hall

All you do is bring pot-luck finger food
– a savoury and a sweet
All refreshments will be supplied

This is our first community lunch for several years so
come along and meet your neighbours both new and
long established.

All welcome
- this a family event so bring your children

Do come along and enjoy an enjoyable afternoon



Potluck
Luncheon

SNIPPETS – WHAT’S HAPPENING IN THE COMMUNITY

ENGAGEMENT CONGRATULATIONS to Camden Wright & Leilani Baker. Camden attended Newstead School, and both he and Leilani attended Hillcrest High School. They are now living in Wellington where Camden is working as an animator for Wētā FX and Leilani works as a media planner for TVNZ. They are planning a spring 2023 wedding.

A WARM WELCOME to John & Lucita Nistal who have recently moved to 954 Morrinsville road with their 2 daughters Dawn and Dimple. The family is originally from the Philippines. John is a Recruitment Consultant for Greenstone Recruitment, where he recruits for New Zealanders and migrants working in Trades and Engineering. They are really enjoying living in the area.

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WEATHER

Weather for August 2022		
Rainfall total	117mm	
Rain Total for year	833mm	
Rainy days	12	
Most daily rainfall	26mm	25 th August
Highest wind speed	42km/hr	18 th August
Temp high	20.4 C	28 th August
Temp low	-1.2 C	14 th August



Matangi Garden Club
Annual plant sale

Saturday 15th October
9am to 12 midday

Plants of all types
trees, shrubs, perennials, bulbs
cakes, produce, raffles & fabulous morning teas

Matangi Hall, Tauwhare Road, Matangi
eftpos available

TAUWHARE COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP

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

Everyone is welcome, check us out on @Tauwhare playgroup on Facebook for more information.

We meet in the Tauwhare School multipurpose room on Thursday mornings (during term time) from 9-12. We also enjoy outings around our local community.

This term, we have visited the alpaca farm, made cupcakes we decorated, had a bouncy castle, treasure hunt and to end the term we are planning a trip to Chipmunks!

Our playgroup is FREE to attend and we love to see new faces, so please come along and we look forward to seeing you!



HALL UPDATE

Not a lot to report this month except informing you all of the amazing sign that is to be erected soon outside of the hall. The sign is the result of the hard work of the Heritage committee, and the work of Sue Edmonds. The sign depicts well the history of Eureka and I am really excited for it to be erected. It will be erected by the Council, and will be close to the bus shelter. When it is up, I encourage you all to stop and have a look at it. I know you will all be impressed.

We are still awaiting on a reply from the council whether or not we have been successful in getting a grant to help us with some maintenance of the hall. I will keep you posted on this when we hear.

The hall is being well used between now and the end of the year. It is so nice to see the use of the hall, and to see it becoming an important part of the community again.

Hopefully you will attend the Community Luncheon on Sunday. A very long overdue event. It is a great way of meeting people who are new to the community and getting to know people who have lived here for many years. I hope those who attend, enjoy the day.

In the meantime, keep warm and dry.

Gayle Orr, Chairperson ph: 0272917150

Usage	Residents	Non - Residents
Hall per day	\$ 50	\$100
Social function	\$150 - \$300	\$250 - \$500
Children's party	\$ 30	\$ 75
Bond	\$400 Secretary's discretion	\$500 Secretary's discretion

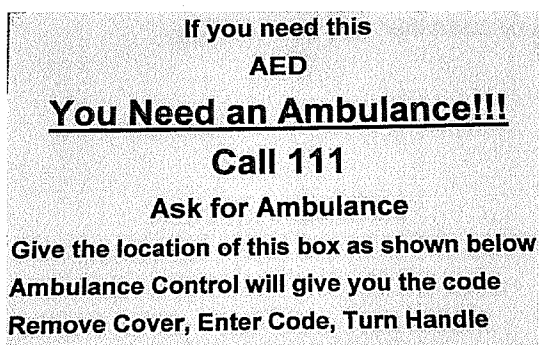
For bookings please email eurekahallwaikato@gmail.com

AED (Automated External Defibrillator)

An AED is situated at Eureka Hall.

In case of an emergency phone 111 for an ambulance and ask for the code to open the AED box.

The instructions for use are inside.



TAUWHARE INDOOR BOWLS

Welcome to September's club newsletter.

Well the end of the season is just about here.

We are still averaging 8 to 10 on a club night & sometimes have been down as low as 5 or 7.

Club night results:

25.08.22 - Winners were Bev Meads and John Cottle

01.09.22 – Not played as only 5 people showed up

08.09.22 – President, Vice President and Patrons night

15.09.22 – Winners were Bev Meads and Lockie Verner

This week we have our AGM and on the 20th.

October will be our Christmas tournament.

That concludes the end of bowls for this season.

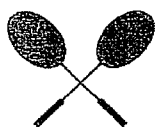
On the president, vice president and patrons night it was good to see Jim, Tina and Zavier there. Let's hope they realise what they have been missing and will come back next year.

Mark, a new resident in Tauwhare, it was good to see you last week at bowls.

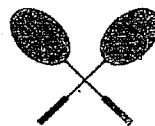
Prize giving this year will be at our BBQ/pot luck dinner to be held on the 1st December.

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

every Wednesday 6pm to 7:30pm

New players welcome. Racquets available

From about 8 years upwards. Come along and give it a try

For further information please phone Bryce on 07 824 0699



Junior boys singles winner: Sam Silvester

Junior girls singles winner: Laura Sinclair

Senior boys singles winner: Ben Tau

Tauwhare School

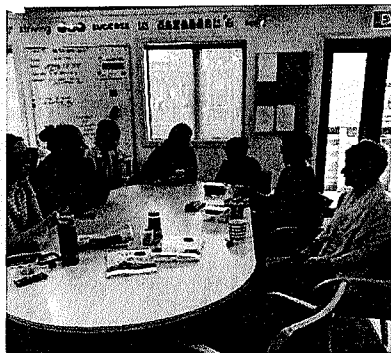
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PRINCIPAL FOR THE DAY

Israel Raupita, our Principal for the Day, proved to be a firm, but fair, Principal. I'm loving the bare feet 😊 Mr Raupita's grandmother won the bidding at the Quiz night with a bid of \$1000. I think she may have started this young man on the path to Principalship. He certainly rose to the occasion. Some of Mr Raupita's rules were: Be kind, Bare feet only when coming into my office, Do not call me by my first name. His day's programme included Maths, free Writing, Free time, Singing and Sport.



COUNTRY CLUSTER CHOIR FESTIVAL

How wonderful to have over 150 children coming together as one to sing in our massed choir. There were some spine-tingling moments. The children gave it their all and their enthusiasm shone through.

CROSS COUNTRY



Thank you to Mrs Reeve for organising a wonderful cross country. The course was challenging but achievable and the children did so well. We were especially pleased to see the many acts of kindness and support for each other, and heard so many say they tried their very best. We congratulate the children who were placed in their age races.

Congratulations to our Open Race winner Sam Silvester followed by Lochlyn Goord 2nd, Jack Brown 3rd, Rachel Sinclair 4th and Sam Batters 5th.

The children went on to compete at the Country

Cluster and then City & Country Cluster Cross Country.

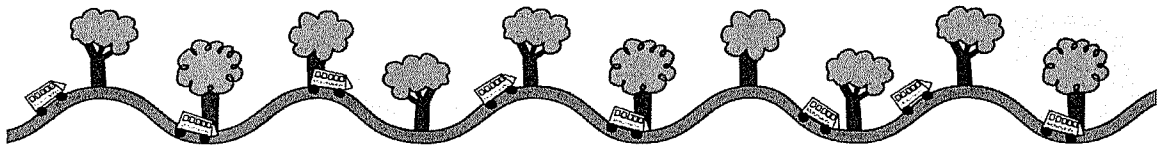
SPEECH COMPETITIONS

A big congratulations to our 8 speech finalists who presented their speeches to the school. They certainly made it hard for our guest judge, Selwyn Cook, to pick the place-getters.

1st Place - Jack Brown, 2nd Place - Ruby Sampson, 3rd Place - Joe Hinton. Liam Oliver placed 4th in the Country Cluster Speech Competition.

How great to see Sienna Long place 2nd in the Rotary Speech Contest!!!





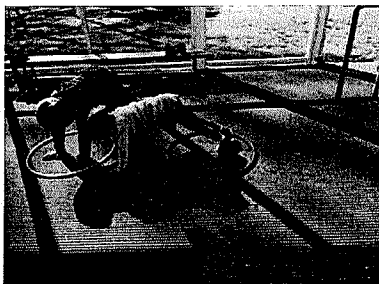
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Term 3 - September

Ruma Piwakawaka

Piwakawaka students have started a new Perceptual Motor Programme (PMP). This programme aims to increase children's fine and gross motor skills and coordination (eg. right hand to left knee) etc. We enjoyed trying new skills including: balancing bean bags on different parts of our bodies, crawling under objects and practicing to manoeuvre our bodies around hoops to build our strength.



Ruma Tui

Spring has sprung. The students wrote beautiful alliteration poems to describe spring.

Spring is Here

Lovable lively little lambs
 Cheerful clumsy cheeky chicks
 Boundless bountiful buds blooming
 Fearless fragile frogs
 Grass growing
 Glorious flowers growing
 Spring

By Charlotte



Super Spring



Clumsy, cheeky, cheerful, chicks
 Spectacular, sparkling, sunny,
 spring
 Boundless, bold, buds
 Fragile, fearless, frogs
 Delightful, delicate, ducklings
 Flourishing, flowers
 Glistening, growing, grass
 Loveable, leaping, lambs
 Spring

By Ihaia



Spring

Bold boundless breeze
 Delightful ducklings
 Fragile flowers
 Fearless frogs
 Tiny tadpoles
 Sparkling sunny spring
 Lively loveable lambs
 Spring

By Georgia




Father's Day

We would like to acknowledge everyone who celebrated Father's Day and we hope you all had a great day! It was lovely to see so many of you here for our special father's day breakfast, to either stay a while or collect your take away!





Motumaoho School

A little school with a big heart






A warm Motumaoho welcome

What we provide:
 A rural school with small class sizes
 A caring and inclusive environment
 Kickstart programme for preschoolers
 Large fully fenced grounds
 Swimming pool
 Bikes and a bike track

We look forward to meeting you!

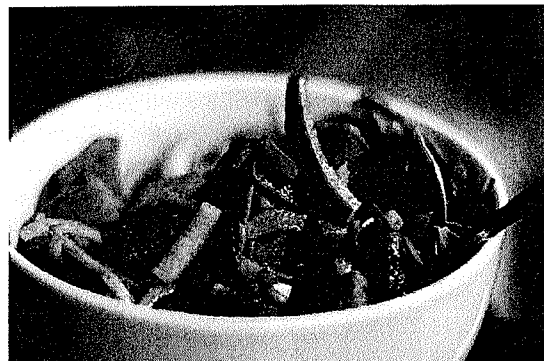
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COOKING WITH KAZZA

KUMARA AND ORANGE SALAD

4 orange kumara (500 gms) cooked
¼ cup diced red capsicum
1 small orange (peeled and sliced)
¼ cup cranberries
¼ cup toasted coconut
½ cup roasted peanuts
1 spring onion chopped

Dressing - ½ cup mayonnaise, ½ cup sour cream,
¾ tsp curry powder, 1 tbsp lemon juice, salt & pepper
Combine all ingredients. Chill.



KATHY'S NEVER FAIL CHOCOLATE CAKE

1 ½ cups flour
1 ½ cups sugar
3 tsps baking powder
3 tsps cocoa
3 eggs
¾ cup milk
140g butter(melted)
1 ½ tsp vanilla essence

Put all ingredients into a mixing bowl and beat together well.
Bake at 180 deg for about an hour. Ice with chocolate icing.



ROAST VEGETABLES WITH COUSCOUS, SALAD AND MEAT

Roast any vegetables you wish.

I did beetroot, kumara, pumpkin, carrot, parsnip,
peppers and red onion.

Cut to a similar size, drizzle with oil and sprinkle with salt.

Cook 1 ½ cups of couscous in stock, the same flavour as
your meat, e.g. chicken stock for chicken meat, beef stock for beef strips.

Combine vegetables and couscous with salad greens or spinach and cubes of feta.

Cut meat into slices and put on top of salad mix.

Drizzle over garlic aioli. (I just served with chicken drumsticks)

Enjoy :)



39 YEARS AS A COUNCILLOR – MY REFLECTIONS

This year I chose to not seek re-election. So much has changed during the past four decades.

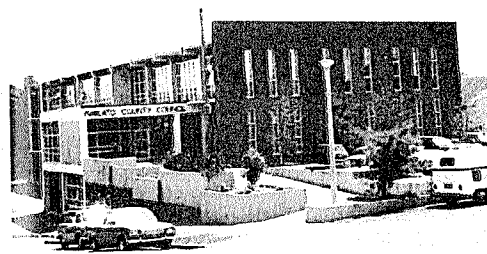
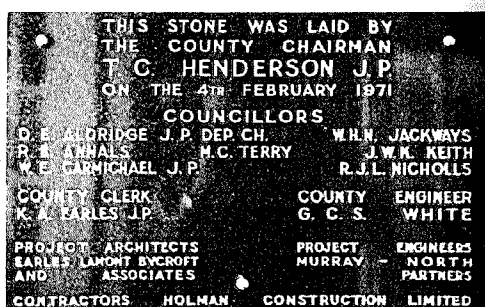
In 1983 I was elected unopposed as Councillor for the Ruakura Riding, Waikato County Council, following in the footsteps of my father who was the Riding member for 12 years. I was aged 36, a full time dairy farmer, Jill and I had been married for 12 years and we were the parents of three young sons – the youngest only two years old.

Waikato County Council, established in 1876, was based in Hamilton East originally meeting in a cottage at the river end of Clyde Street with Council Ordinary meetings being held *at 11am on a Friday "at or before full moon" to allow some Councillors to travel to their distant homes.* At this time Hamilton's population, many of whom served in the militia, was about 1,200 whilst the Waikato County population numbered 1,900 (1)



1909 Council office building completed.

A new building, on the corner of Clyde and Grey Streets, was opened in 1909 and was further extended in 1927 and 1948 (delayed from 1938 by WW2). This original County building on Grey Street is heritage listed and in 1990 was leased to Calder and Lawson Travel Ltd and purchased by them in 2000. A new Waikato County headquarters, opened on 4th February 1972 (2), later became the headquarters for the new Waikato District Council until it moved into its new building in Ngaruawahia. The building was then occupied by Hill Laboratories and is now being converted into apartments that will have a wonderful view of the river.



The Waikato County Council office, Hamilton.

Waikato County Council was a fairly wealthy council, their rating area encompassing areas near Cambridge, surrounding Hamilton City, including Ruakura Research Station, and areas north of Hamilton – east of the Waikato River to Maramarua in the north including 200 metres of shoreline on the Firth of Thames. The County Council had four Standing Committees – Planning, Engineering, Administration, and Policy & Resources. Council's main focuses were Town & Country planning; (the Council had 5 planners with one head planner); engineering & works – *in 1987 approximately 80% of the engineering works is involved with the 1000kms of county roads. With an ongoing seal extension programme of approximately 20kms of additional sealed roads per year (3)* (in the '80s the County raised the rates by 52% to take advantage of the then National Roads Board subsidy); water supply; bridging; pest and noxious plant control and hydatids control

When the government of the day decided to amalgamate County and Borough Councils I was involved in the Amalgamation Committee and in 1989 Waikato and Raglan County Councils, and a portion of Waipa County, and Huntly and Ngaruawahia Boroughs were amalgamated to form Waikato District Council. The southern part of Waikato County was amalgamated into Waipa District. I stood for election in 1989 and was elected unopposed as Councillor for Eureka Ward and remain Councillor to the present day seeing the demise of Eureka Ward when it will join with Tamahere Ward on 8th October 2022 to form the Tamahere-Woodlands Ward.

I hope I have made a difference to my community – forming Community Committees to be the voice of their district, advocating for roading, footpaths and road safety, acquisition of land for community use, improved amenities, funding for community facilities, a free library service, rubbish and recycling collection, the Southern District Water Scheme, the preservation of our history and, interacting with staff on behalf of Eureka Ward residents - and more.

I have worked with many Councillors over these decades, one County Chairman and three District Council Mayors. I chaired the first Waikato District Plan Review – 56 days of hearings, and this gave me an excellent overview of Waikato district and the nuances of the Resource Management Act. I have represented Council on the Waikato Regional Council Central Catchment Committee and the Hauraki Gulf Forum so was able to network with other Councillors and community leaders from far and wide.

What has changed.....

- 1983 County Councillors were paid for mileage only – cash in a pay envelope
 - 2022 – Councillors are paid a salary based on the population of the Waikato District and district revenue.
- 1983 – Council was 100% male Councillors; one woman in senior management
 - 2019 – 2022: Council is 6 male Councillors; 7 women Councillors, one Mayor



Waikato District Council 2019

Cr Frank McNally absent

- In 2010, when the Auckland Councils were amalgamated into the Auckland super city, part of Franklin District was amalgamated with Waikato District – WDC got 50% of the Auckland roads and 25% of the rate take.
- Meeting agendas changed from multi-paged printed agendas to downloads on an iPad
- Communication with residents and Council staff was either in person or by phone – my wife was forced to have a second phone line installed so the family could access a phone
 - Today I mainly communicate via texts, emails and mobile phone
- Prior to 2020 all meetings at Council were held in the Chamber or committee rooms
 - 2020-2021 Zoom meetings during the pandemic
 - 2022 Standing Committees and Council meetings at Ngaruawahia with some workshops and shorter meetings via Zoom – a very sensible change because some Councillors have to travel 2 hours or more return trip to get to Ngaruawahia (However, I still prefer face to face meetings)
- The increased work load required by Councillors and staff to meet the changing needs and wishes of our communities, the law changes coming from Central Government that we have to manage, consult and implement; funding and installing the huge infrastructure projects needed for the district’s massive growth over the last decade; managing our budgets to meet rising costs and shortage of roading materials.

It has been an amazing 39 years. I never envisaged when we bought our farm in 1972 that I would be swapping my gumboots for a suit and tie. It has been great journey – Jill and I have met many amazing people, enjoyed our interactions with many communities, attended events marking milestones in Hamilton City, Waikato District and beyond and it has broadened my life more than I could have ever envisaged.

Our Council and staff during the last three years have been amazing – coping with the problems and challenges brought on by the pandemic and numerous lock-downs, rising cost of materials and other unforeseen changes. I like to think we have worked extremely well as a team and I thank them all for their support and friendship.

Those elected on 8th October move into a new chapter – new Wards, a new Mayor, at least four new General Ward Councillors, two elected Maaori Councillors, a Local Government Review, the Three Waters debate and a new CEO to be appointed when Gavin Ion retires in November 2023. It will be a challenging three years for the new Council and I wish them well.

This journey would not have been possible without sacrifices by my wife and sons – they have held the fort at home and will be glad not to have to deliver any more notices to countless letter boxes, erect election signage and take endless phone messages. Jill has been my unpaid PA and my late parents were a huge support in my earlier years as Councillor

What's next

Some flexibility to enjoy family life and time with our grandchildren, freedom to travel without the constraints of appointments and meetings and more overseas travel is being planned.



Community Meeting Tauwhare August 2022

References

- (1) Calder & Lawson - *Landmark in Waikato History*
- (2) *Between the River and the Hills Waikato County 1876 – 1976* Author David More
- (3) *Waikato County Council 1876 - 1989*



Bentley Home PC Support

Tik Tok, Times up

For several years it's been no secret that TikTok, the social media platform which allows users to (a) share short videos, (b) build up a following and (c) make money, has strong links to the Chinese Communist Party government. As a result it's long been speculated that the app may be in some way spying on it's users. But recently it was found that the TikTok app has a keylogger which can covertly track user taps and keystrokes when a user clicks a link from within it. This means it could record credit card details, user browsing history or website passwords. It's not a good look. TikTok says the feature isn't turned on at the moment, but it could easily be turned on at any point in time - for example, in the event of an international war.

But this is hardly the first complaint TikTok has been subject to. Others include:

1. Aligning with despotic government's self-interests by eliminating non-propaganda material within those states eg. blocking non-Russian content to Russians during the Ukraine way.
2. At the other end of the spectrum, failing to prevent harmful content such as the 'blackout challenges' which led to seven children dying, or failing to detect accounts facilitating dangerous activities like human trafficking.
3. Encouraging user addiction and developing short attention spans in children.

We are already attention-deficient as a culture, and short-video formats like TikTok increase susceptibility. In fact all social media platforms are strong candidates for facilitating reduced attention spans, amongst other concerns. Instagram, which is owned by Facebook's parent company Meta, has also been criticised for tracking user browsing behaviour and encouraging poor body image and self-esteem in young women and men. Based on Facebook's leaked internal research, 13 percent of British teenager users with suicidal thoughts in 2021 could trace these thoughts to Instagram use.

Meta also owns Messenger and Whatsapp, and can pool information about a user from these different apps to build a profile which is then targeted by advertisers via AI algorithms and psychology. Meta famously supplied much of this information to Cambridge Analytica, the company which used such data to support both Donald Trump and Brexit's campaigns. In addition both Facebook and Twitter are, due to their open and semi-anonymous nature, abused regularly by despotic governmental regimes. Even before 2016, Russian operatives were using Facebook and Twitter to polarise American social discourse. Since then they've organised both Black Lives Matter and anti-immigrant rallies on U.S. soil, as well as rallies for and against Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump.

Where is this article going exactly? Am I implying that social media is all bad? Well, yes, obviously; but so are alcohol, television and video games, in the wrong dosage. Personally I draw a line at engaging in or facilitating criminal behaviour. Some social media woes are purely down to the responsibility of their users - such as the TikTok users recruiting vulnerable

individuals for drug smuggling. However, both Meta and TikTok have repeatedly involved themselves in behaviours they know to be harmful, with no accountability. As such they can be considered inherently dangerous, not merely vectors for dangerous content. Avoid where possible, is my advice.

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LOCAL HISTORY

Copies of the 2004 "*School and District Jubilee*" booklet are readily available and are free. The booklet contains a synopsis of Eureka's history and development. Contact editor@eurekaexpress.co.nz for your copy. For a more detailed history please see above and read online.

GO BUS TIMETABLE

Leaves Morrinsville

Mon-Fri at 7:30am, 7:50am, 10:30am, 12 noon, 3:40pm, 4:00pm & 4:30pm

Allow approximately 10 minutes to reach Eureka.

Buses are scheduled to arrive in Hamilton approximately 20 minutes later.

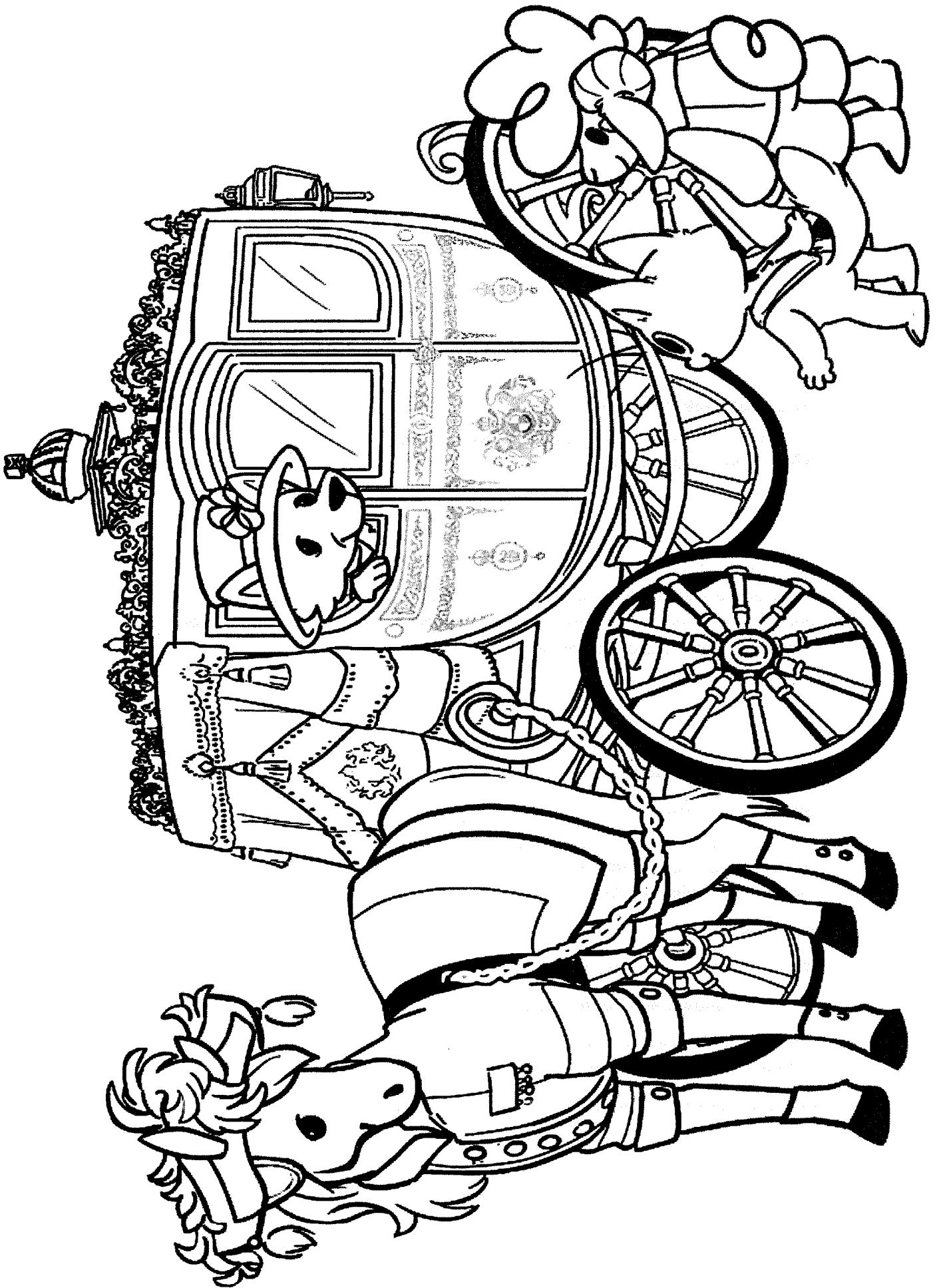
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Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays

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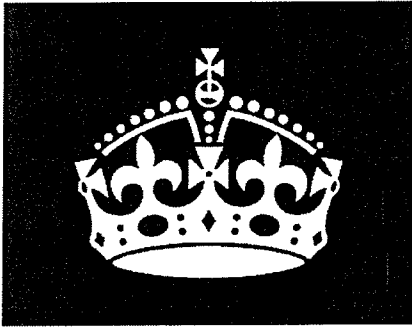
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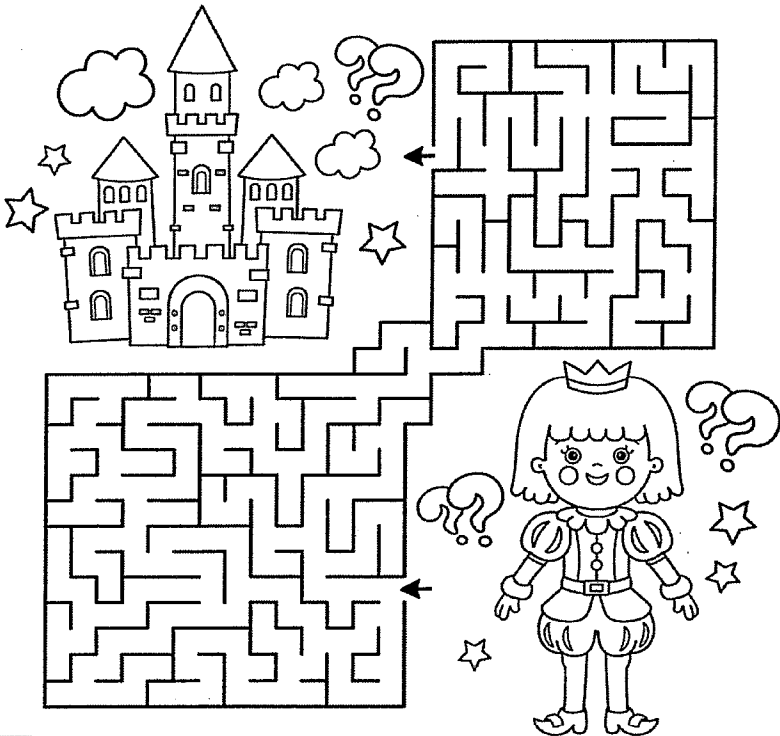
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 diana
 harry
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Help the prince to pass through the maze and get to the royal castle



Roof pattern missing – flag changed – princess crown, cheeks, flower – window curtain – frog gone – third square window – door stripes – right pillar bricks

The Royal Family

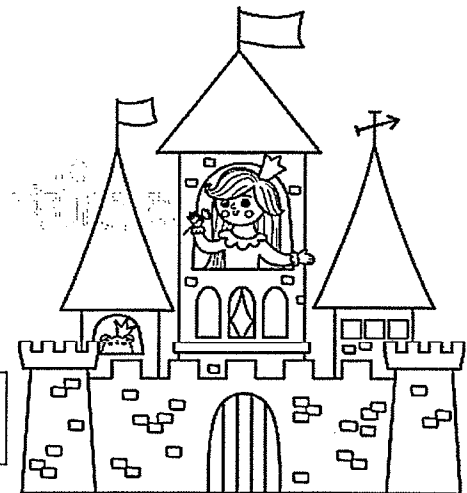
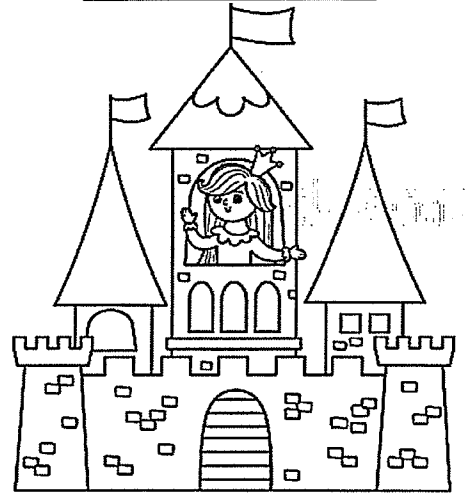
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SPOT 10 DIFFERENCES



HUMBLE LITTLE GARDEN ON A PLATE

September/October - Tracey Leen

Happy spring everyone! This time of year, we all seem to begin to get busier and busier, so with this in mind I have collated some simple Gardening hacks that will hopefully help save some time, save some work, save some money and equally important, increase your yield! Sounds great doesn't it!

Simple 'Gardening hacks', that work!

1. When planting your tomato seedlings out, dig the hole deep and place a heaped tablespoon of milk powder into the hole. The calcium is loved by the plant and will help increase your yield!
2. Sprinkle Cinnamon around seedlings, Cinnamon holds a natural anti-fungal benefit that will help keep your seedlings healthy, and pest free.
3. Mulch all seedlings when planting.
Remember the simple rule; More mulch, = More moisture retention! This will help improve plant quality and yield.
4. Save your egg shells - sprinkle them around the garden. These will not only help deter the slugs and snails but egg shells also adds calcium into your soil, helping to keep the soil healthy.
5. Save your banana peels and place around the base of your roses. The skins are high in potassium and the roses will love them!
6. Got some old carpet? use it as a weed mat in your garden to create paths and hold weeds under control. It will naturally break down over time, but until then it's a great alternative to spraying or pulling the weeds.
7. Fill your garden with 'repeat harvest crops'. Planting seedlings of broccoli, silver beet, spinach, parsley, this plant can grow for up to 12 months. Which will save you time and supply a continued supply of greens.
8. Plant marigolds, lavender, and other flowers amongst the vegetable garden to help increase the bees and some choices of flowers will also help keeping pest away.
9. Use vinegar in the garden as a natural weed killer!
10. Use Epsom salts when transplanting plants to avoid transplanting shock. When planting sprinkle a spoonful in the hole then apply a thin layer of dirt, place the plant and continue as normal.
11. When planting out your seedlings use an old muffin tin to help plant them out, by pushing the tin into the soil you can create perfect rows and spacing by using the imprint of the muffin tin!
12. Use Worm castings around your plants. Not only does worm castings benefit the soil and plant, worm castings also help deter aphids from hanging out in your garden!
13. When draining your boiled vegetables at dinner time; save the water and pour it back into the garden as a liquid fertiliser. This is a great way to save a little money and make use of the nutrient rich waste!

With vegetable pricing souring, and now being equipped with these great hacks; (I have total confidence), now is a great time to get your seedlings ready for the garden, get that soil feed with compost and prepare for a great season in the garden! Enjoy!

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The suburban Police Stations are now closed to the public so criminal activity should be reported by visiting the Hamilton Police Station in Bridge Street or by phoning them on 07 858 6200.

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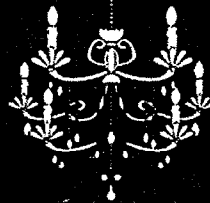
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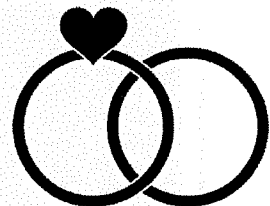
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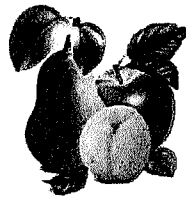
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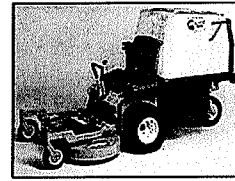


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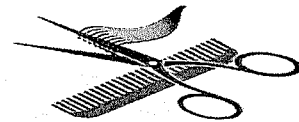
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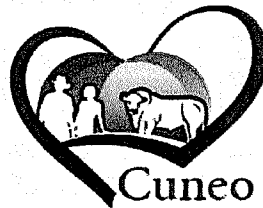


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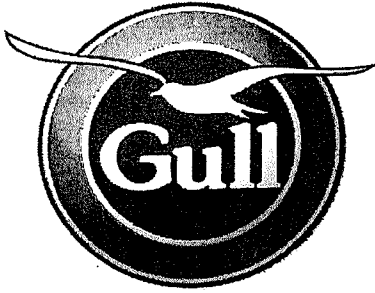


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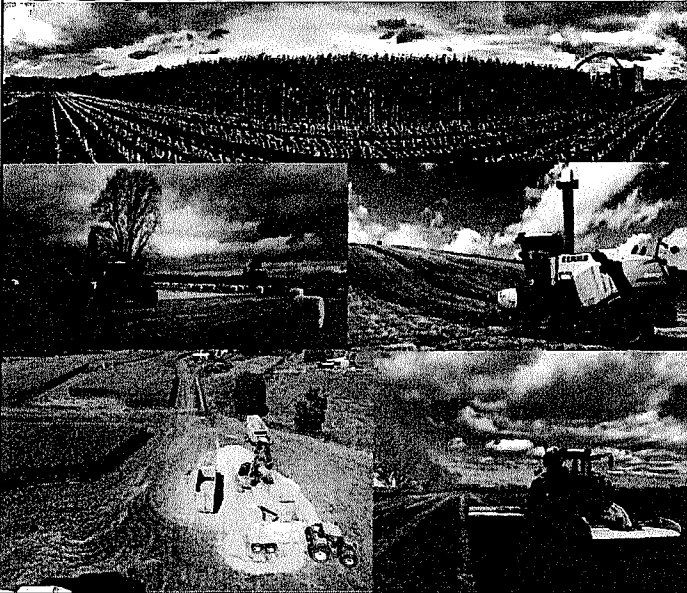
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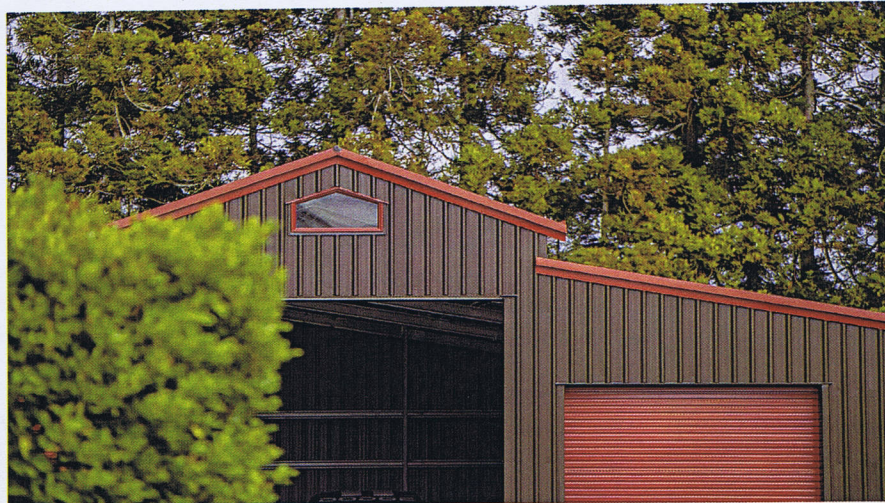
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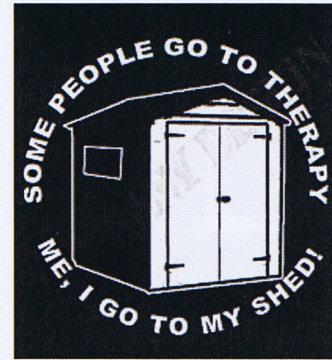
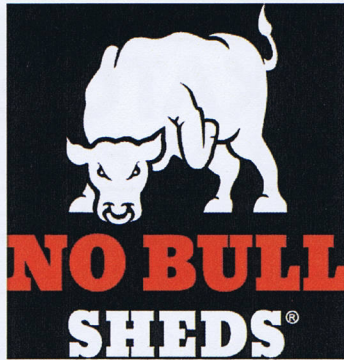
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