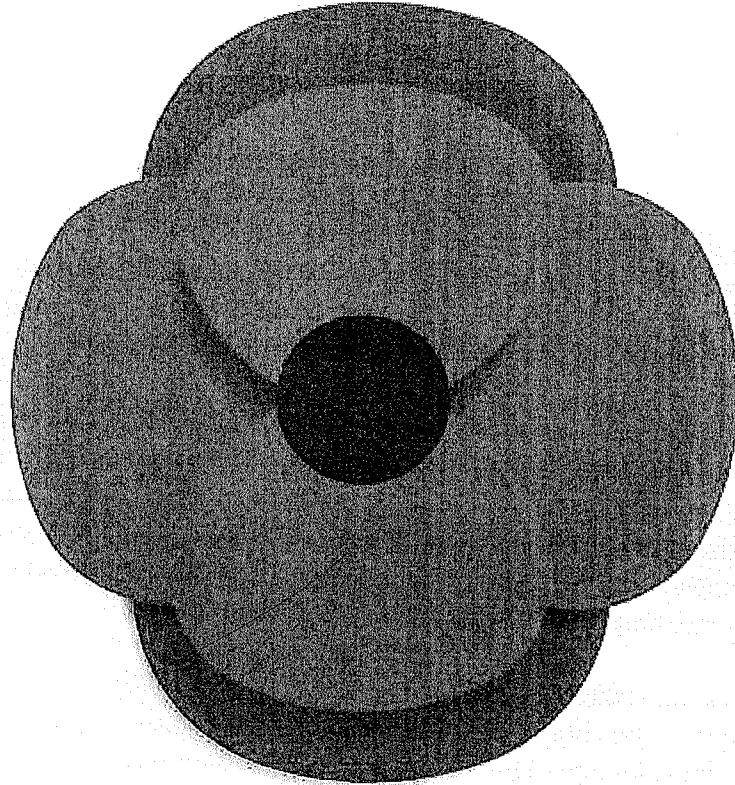


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ANZAC DAY

LEST WE FORGET

They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old.

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning

we will remember them.

EDITORIAL

Gaelic Games in the heart of the Waikato

The Gaelic Athletic Association (GAA) is an Irish international amateur sporting and cultural organisation, focused on promoting indigenous Gaelic games and pastimes, which include the traditional Irish sports of hurling, camogie, Gaelic football, Gaelic handball and rounders. The association also promotes Irish music and dance, as well as the Irish language. The organisation has more than half a million members worldwide. Members of the Irish diaspora have set-up clubs in a number of countries outside of Ireland, and there are GAA clubs in the United States, Australia, Britain, Canada, China, continental Europe, and right here in the Waikato – New Zealand.

Naomh Críostóir GAA club was established in Hamilton in 2015 and is the only Gaelic football and social club in the Waikato region. Their mission was to create a club focused on the development and promotion of Gaelic amateur sports such as football, hurling and camogie, for recreation, entertainment and social inclusion of the general public in the Waikato. In the last number of years, the club has become a social hub for many Irish living away from home as well as locals and travellers from all over the world. The Waikato's booming agricultural industry is particularly attractive to Irish looking to live in New Zealand, as are the employment opportunities offered by the Waikato District Health Board and by the Hamilton hospitality sector.

In March for the first time ever Hamilton hosted the New Zealand GAA Championships with teams coming to play Gaelic sports from all over New Zealand. 26 teams (over 300 people) participated in both ladies and men's Gaelic football, hurling and camogie games. The tournament was held in Hamilton Marist Rugby club and was a fantastic event for all involved. The weekend showcased some fantastic sporting and musical exhibitions while off the field our own local "Magic & Soul" food truck provided the sustenance (and some well needed caffeine!)

The Gaelic football season starts up again in early August. Naomh Críostóir are hoping to get some new members involved in the sport and continue to grow the sport in New Zealand. The club is open to all genders and abilities for ages 16+ - no experience is necessary. For more information contact me by email: president@ncgaa.co.nz or visit one of our social media pages:

Facebook: [Naomh Críostóir GAA - Waikato NZ | Hamilton | Facebook](#)

Instagram: [@naomh criostoir gaa](#)



SNIPPETS – WHAT’S HAPPENING IN THE COMMUNITY

SINCERE CONDOLENCES to the McCurdy family. Joan Estelle McCurdy passed away on the 30th March 2023. Joan and her late husband Pat and family lived for many years on Eureka Road. Her 3 boys attended Eureka Primary school, then went on to Intermediate and High Schools in Hamilton. Joan was a member of the Eureka Social Club, helped in the library of the closed Eureka School, played Badminton socially and was an active community member. Loved mother of her sons Steve, the late Darryl, Mike and Jo, Craig and Kayla. Joan was a treasured Grandma to her grandchildren and very proud of her new great-granddaughter.

Weather for March 2023		
Rainfall total	82 mm	
Rain Total for year	595 mm	
Rainy days	6	
Most daily rainfall	44 mm	18 th March
Highest wind speed	33.8km/hr	13 th March
Temp high	28.8 °C	1 st March
Temp low	3.3 °C	30 th March

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EUREKA HALL

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

If you want to make a booking, please contact Gayle 0272917150 eurekahallwaikato@gmail.com

EASTER COLOURING COMPETITION 2023 RESULTS

Preschool

- 1st Chloe Bartlett
- 2nd Baylee Rounthwaite
- 3rd Thea Otto
- 4th Kayleigh Thompson
- 5th Bronte King

Juniors

- 1st Rosa Pitts
- 2nd Una van de Pas
- 3rd Vivienne King
- 4th Ava Thompson
- 5th Jessica Martin

Commended: Evelyn King, Ella Smith, Annabelle Boe-Stevens, Ella Bartlett, Zoe Hall, Paul Czyz, Caleb Wallace, Hazel Rounthwaite, Gia Redgate



Two of our lucky winners enjoying their prizes!

Intermediate

- 1st Clara Davies-Colley
- 2nd Charli Carroll
- 3rd Joe Hinton
- 4th Reid Carroll
- 5th Leo Redgate

Seniors

- 1st Joshua Williams
- 2nd Samantha Williams
- 3rd Ruby Sampson
- 4th Charlotte Hinton
- 5th Shaun Mayall

Commended: Madeline Barker, Dinah van de Pas, Charlotte Smith, Harper Pollock, Harper Davie

The Judges were once again most impressed with the high standard of all the lovely entries. Congratulations to you all. We hope you enjoyed your prizes and seeing your colouring displayed at Gull Eureka over the Easter week.

TAMAHERE-WOODLANDS COUNCILLORS' UPDATE MAY 2023

Challenges ahead and our ANZAC traditions

We are facing challenging times. Economic conditions have changed dramatically since the Council adopted its last "Long Term Plan" covering the year ahead.

General rates rising

With high inflation and rising interest rates, higher than expected depreciation on our assets, and disaster recovery costs of at least \$8 million after Cyclone Gabrielle (with new estimates suggesting the true cost might be twice this amount), your Council has made a decision to increase general rates by 7% this coming year, double what was anticipated three years ago. This decision was based on the need to start replenishing our disaster recovery fund to meet future needs, as well as continue to maintain our assets and agreed levels of service.

We know this will be unwelcome news for many as the rising cost of living is hitting people hard. We remain committed to look for cost efficiencies in our work programmes going forward, but along with all other businesses, we are having to meet increased costs as we maintain \$2 billion worth of assets as well as continue to deliver the services our communities need and expect. You should receive a letter about this shortly if you have not already received one.

Proposed targeted rate for gully restoration

For anyone living in the old (pre-2022) Tamahere Ward, make sure you have your say by 7 May on a proposed targeted rate of \$1 per week to support conservation work in the Tamahere gully network over the next five years by the Tamahere Mangaone Restoration Trust. This work was identified in the 'Tamahere Blueprint' as a top priority for the community, and may also mean the Tamahere walkway project could be completed earlier than anticipated. Find out more at a final drop-in session at the Tamahere Community Centre on 3 May, 4-7pm.

Long Term Plan 2024-34

On another positive note, it was great to see representatives of different community committees in the Tamahere-Woodlands Ward attending some early workshops on the Council's next 10-year Long Term Plan (2024-34). Together with these community representatives, the Council has started to review its strategic objectives and what to focus on to meet the community's aspirations. During this coming month the Council will seek wider community feedback on the 'community outcomes' that will shape this plan.

As part of the planning process, the Council also expects to undertake a 'light refresh' of local area 'blueprints' to help establish the Council's work programmes and budgets over the next 10 years.

Managing reserves and guiding conservation

In the past month the Council has heard your submissions on how we should manage our reserves, as set out in the General Policies Reserve Management Plan. Key proposed changes included adding a new section on values (including sustainable practices, and relationships with mana whenua and with volunteers), to designate reserves smoke-free and vape-free, to allow for drones but with clear restrictions against flying over playgrounds, cemeteries, and cultural and historical reserves. The plan will now be revised, taking your submissions into account, and presented to the Council for adoption before the end of June.

The Council has also heard submissions on our draft Taiao (Nature) in the Waikato Strategy, which brings together the Conservation and Esplanade Strategies into one document.

This strategy will now also be revised for adoption by the end of June. It will be used to guide the Council on the goals and objectives that should be prioritised within existing budgets, as well as the projects and activities that should be considered for funding through the next Long Term Plan.

ANZAC Day commemorations

It is a privilege to be able to attend ANZAC Day commemorations in the Tamahere-Woodlands Ward at Gordonton and Eureka. Thank you to those in our community who keep this tradition alive.

ANZAC Day is a time to honour those who have served New Zealand in all conflicts and peace-keeping missions abroad, but it's also a time to reflect on the impact of conflict on our communities, and to renew our hopes for peace between nations, and at home here in New Zealand.

We are fortunate to live in a time of relative peace, but many people who have recently made New Zealand their new home have had first-hand experience of war and conflict. We can honour the ANZAC tradition by continuing to strive to create a just and welcoming society where we care for those around us, especially our young people, our elderly and those with special needs.

Contact your Tamahere-Woodlands Councillors:

Crystal Beavis, mob 0275 957 927, email crystal.beavis@waidc.govt.nz

Mike Keir, mob 027 449 3012, email mike.keir@waidc.govt.nz

TAUWHARE INDOOR BOWLS NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the April newsletter from the Tauwhare Indoor Bowling Club.

The season has now started and it is looking promising with new members coming along.

We can still do with more members to make sure that the club will continue to survive.

A big welcome back to a member that we haven't seen for several seasons.

Also, a warm welcome to John and Alison Neil.

We did not play the Mulholland Trophy as we felt it was too early in the season for the new players.

If you are new to the area, never played bowls but would like to try bowls then come along to the Tauwhare Hall on a Thursday evening.

We would appreciate you being there by 7.20pm ready for a 7.30pm start.

We have members within the club that are happy to introduce you to the game.

We are a friendly, sociable club and there is always lots of laughter and banter.

You do not need to bring anything along – just wear flat soled shoes.

The evening usually finishes between 9.30 and 10pm

Our aim going forward is to make bowls a fun social evening.

Club night winners on 16.03.23 were:-

Rosalie Arnold and John Cottle

Club night winners on 23.03.23 were:-

Bev Meads, Kerry Smith and Trudy Pocock

Club night winners on 30.03.23 were:-

Bev Meads, Glenda Goodare and Neil Smith

Club night winners on 06.04.23 were:-

John Neil, Alison Neil and Heather Bargh

Winners of the Championship Triples played 13.04.23 were:-

Bev Meads and Lockie Verner

Runner up team were:-

Jim Arnold, Karen McNally and Glenda Goodare

Our programme to the end of May:-

18.04.23 Burnside Challenge at Matangi

20.04.23 Club Night

27.04.23 Club Night

04.05.23 Club Night

11.05.23 Club Night

18.05.23 Open Triples Tournament

25.05.23 Pairs Championship

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

Bev Meads 021 172 7822

Jim & Rosalie Arnold 07 887 4832

Ana Duncan 027 475 7925

John Cottle 07 824 0992 or 027 524 0992

Humble Little Garden on a plate.

March - Getting your very own Fruit bowl underway!

Growing your own fruits can be one of life's simple pleasures. However, some types of fruit trees can be more high maintenance and prone to pests, diseases than others.

If looking to create your very own backyard fruit bowl for fresh eating, cooking Jam and Juice supply; the following are fairly easy to grow using some simple prevention tips.

Top three fruits to get planted!

Grapevines

There is nothing better than having an endless supply of table grapes on hand. Grapes are great to grow; easy; quick to get established and everyone loves them!

Love and care required. Compost frequently; make sure they are planted in good draining soil, always prune to avoid fungal issues; and invest in some bird netting. Grapes other than pruning; and keeping trained are fairly low maintenance with great rewards.

Grapevines are also easy to propagate so once you have one you can get more underway.

Best varieties tried and tested in the Waikato:

- Albany Surprise the 'king of the grape' purple sweet.
- Candice: a fantastic seedless variety
- Buffalo: Prolific grower.

Apple trees

Most apples prefer being planted in a region that gets a chill factor. Something that we normally experience

'Chill hours' are what an apple tree needs to produce flower buds for fruiting.

Always mulch well and always prune to increase air circulation to avoid fungal problems. To avoid Codly Moth either spray or alternatively try some natural remedies such as:

Installing (at the time buds appear on the apple tree) Trunk wraps or Codly moth traps on the tree. Plants such as Dill, Fennel, Clover and Queen Annes Lace are known to attract insects that eat the moth.

Additionally, don't be afraid to thin the crop also this also helps with Codly moth spreading.

Best varieties for eating:

- Hetlina: Disease-resistant tree, medium-sized, red skin, crisp flesh, antioxidant-rich.
- Fiesta: streaky-red, crisp, juicy, sweet, also long-keeping.
- Monty's Surprise: highest antioxidants of all apples, huge fruit, also good for cooking.

Best varieties for cider making or juicing:

- Kingston Black: Traditional cider apple, small, crisp, acidic, fruity flavour.
- Slack Ma Girdle: Sweet fleshed, medium-sized cider apple, also good for jam

Citrus trees

Citrus are fantastic! Limes, Lemons, Oranges, Mandarins, and more! Everyone loves a NZ Orange! and what's a Great margarita without fresh lime juice! Citrus trees are a fantastic addition to the family orchard. Citrus trees require a rich, well-drained soil.

Citrus trees can be frost tender; however, in a twist to this rule; a frost plays an important role in the sweetening of an orange. Citrus require a steady supply of water; and need to be slightly sheltered from winds.

Once established; pruning is an important part of their success, as with grapes and apples pruning will increase the air circulation. Always prune with the idea of a bird being able to fly through the tree. Not only does pruning help with the prevention of fungal problems it also helps the bees to do their business.

Always keep the base of the trees well weeded as they are gross feeders, and weeds will reduce the nutrients available to the trees. As they are gross feeders; keep them well fed and you will be rewarded with great crops for everyone to enjoy!

Happy Gardening Everyone!

MAY 2023

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Next Month, in the D/deaf community are raising awareness on our first language – NZSL (New Zealand Sign Language).

The theme is **“Together we can make NZSL thrive.”**

If you wish to learn our language – NZSL, come along and meet Jean at the Hamilton Central Library on the 28th April for a hour. Level 2 near the lift from 10am to 11am. Free and have fun.

Contact Jean for any resource books, informational at jjj3jeans@xtra.co.nz or my work jean@hmss.org.nz

Hamilton Central Library – NZSL (class school term only)

Starting 28th April from 10am to 11am

Level 2

Contact Jean at jjj3jeans@xtra.co.nz or work jean@hmss.org.nz

REPORTING POSSIBLE CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

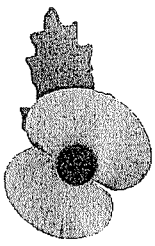
The suburban Police Stations are now closed to the public so criminal activity should be reported by visiting the Hamilton Police Station in Bridge Street or by phoning them on 07 858 6200.

The following website explains the procedure in more detail – <http://www.ns.org.nz/index/html/Factsheets/whentocall111>

105 (TEN-FIVE) INFORMATION

Use Ten Five (105) to report things that don't need urgent Police assistance.

If you need to talk to us, call 105 from any mobile or landline. It's a free nationwide service available 24/7. If you can't get through to 105 please contact us online at [www.police.govt.nz/use- 105](http://www.police.govt.nz/use-105).

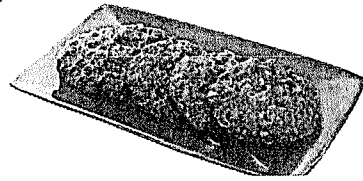


LADIES A PLATE

ANZAC BISCUITS

Ingredients

1 cup rolled oats	¾ cup desiccated coconut
1 cup flour	¾ cup soft brown sugar
125g butter	2 tbsp golden syrup
½ tsp baking soda	2 tbsp boiling water



Method

Preheat oven to 180 C. Line a baking tray with baking paper.

Combine the rolled oats, coconut, flour and soft brown sugar in a large mixing bowl.

Melt the butter and golden syrup together. Dissolve the baking soda in the boiling water and add to the butter mixture. Pour into the dry ingredients and mix together.

Roll tablespoons of mixture into balls. Place on the tray and flatten with a fork.

Bake for 10-12 minutes, until golden. Remove from oven and cool on a rack.

FEIJOA MUFFINS

Combine

¾ cup sugar	1½ teaspoon ginger
1 cup sultanas	½ teaspoon baking powder
1¾ cup flour	3 – 5 large feijoas

In a bowl blend

100g melted butter	1 egg
½ cup milk	1 teaspoon baking soda

Pour over dry ingredients. And just combine

Bake at 180 degrees for 20- 25 minutes



APPLE & FEIJOA ANZAC CRUMBLE

Preparation time 20 minutes. Cooking Time 35 minutes. Serves 6

Filling

4-5 cooking apples (about 600g), cores removed and thinly sliced	
1 cup scooped feijoa flesh	1 tbsp golden syrup or brown sugar
1 tsp ground ginger	

Crumble topping

1/3 cup (50g) flour – can use wheat, spelt or gluten free flour	
1/4 cup (50g) brown sugar	Pinch of salt
3/4 cup (60g) desiccated coconut	75g butter or olive oil
3/4 cup (90g) rolled oats	1 tbsp golden syrup
1/4 tsp baking soda	

Preheat the oven to 180°C

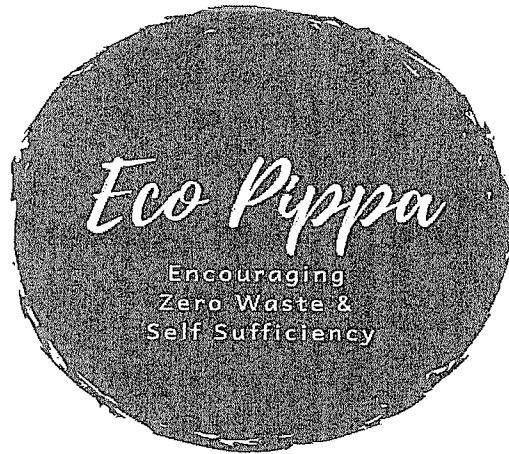
Prepare the apples and feijoas and place into a 20x25cm baking dish. Add the ginger and golden syrup and toss to combine. Place in the oven so the fruit begins to cooking while you prepare the topping.

Combine dry ingredients for the crumble topping in a large bowl. Melt together the butter and golden syrup in a small saucepan. Pour this over the dry ingredients and combine.

Scatter the crumble evenly over the fruit.

Bake for 30-35 minutes, until the apples are tender and the topping is golden and fragrant.

Serve with runny cream or vanilla ice cream. Leftovers can be stored in the fridge and consumed within 2 days.



HOW TO BOUNCE BACK AFTER A POOR GARDENING SEASON IN THE VEGETABLE GARDEN

HAVE YOU HAD A POOR GARDENING SEASON RECENTLY? I KNOW I HAVE...

This past summer has been a pretty poor growing season for me. Many of my usually reliable vegetables failed to produce a decent crop, and some didn't manage to produce at all. It's been incredibly disappointing after the time and effort I'd put into growing plants from seed or buying seedlings, planting them out, and caring for them.

Here are my top crops and top fails, as it might be the same for you (so you know you are not alone!):

TOP HARVESTS:

- Butternut squash – from three plants, I harvested around 40 butternut squash
- Cucumber
- Lettuce

FAILED CROPS:

- Absolutely no capsicums grew from the 25 plants I planted
- The tomato harvest was about half of what I usually get
- Hardly any peaches, plums, or apples on the fruit trees

I have to remember that gardening is a learning process, and even experienced gardeners face challenges sometimes. Many things, such as the weather conditions, were out of my control. After thinking about what went well and what didn't, here are some tips on how to bounce back after a poor season in your vegetable garden:

ASSESS THE SITUATION

Take some time to evaluate what went wrong during the previous growing season. For me, the persistently rainy start to summer, and the lack of sunshine were big factors in my poor harvest of vegetables. This is particularly the case for plants such as capsicums and eggplants, that need warmer temperatures to grow and ripen.

SOIL PREPARATION

Healthy soil is the foundation of a successful vegetable garden. Improve the soil as needed by adding organic matter, such as compost or well-rotted manure, to improve its fertility, structure, and drainage.

In my situation, I had added many bags of horse manure a few months before the time for planting my seedlings. I wonder if I didn't leave it to decompose in the ground for long enough, and this wasn't great for the seedling's roots.

PLAN FOR THE UPCOMING SEASON

Develop a growing plan for the upcoming season. Consider factors such as:

- crop rotation,
- planting dates,
- spacing, and
- companion planting.

I need to practice better crop rotation, as I have planted capsicums and tomatoes in the same vegetable beds for a couple of years now. Time to draw up a better plan for next spring and summer!

PEST AND DISEASE MANAGEMENT

Implement a proactive approach to pest and disease management.

This past summer, I didn't have many problems with pests and diseases in the garden. But I could definitely weed the vegetable beds more thoroughly, as weeds sometimes took over.

WATERING AND FERTILIZING

Provide your plants with adequate water and nutrients. Water deeply and consistently, avoiding over-watering or under-watering.

My garden was very well watered over the summer season, as it barely stopped raining! Watering was not an issue but too much rain contributed to my poor season, as the air and soil temperatures were lower than usual.

CARE AND MAINTENANCE

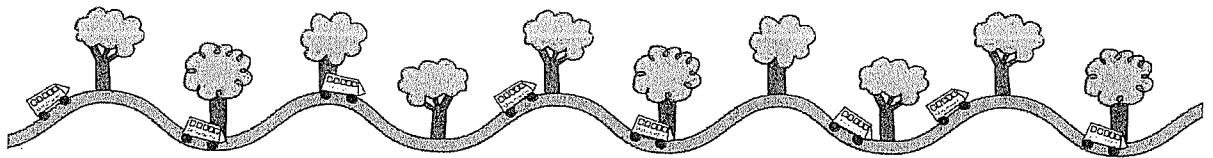
Regularly inspect your plants for signs of stress, disease, or pests. Prune your plants to promote air circulation and remove dead or diseased parts.

My vegetable plants often get away on me, in terms of fast growth soon after planting out the seedlings. One of my goals for next summer, especially with tomatoes, is to keep up with their fast growth by pruning and staking them up properly.

LEARN FROM YOUR MISTAKES

Gardening requires time, effort, and perseverance. By learning from mistakes, we can bounce back after a poor season and hopefully enjoy a successful vegetable garden in the future.

Please see my website www.eco-pippa.com for the full blog post.



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Term 1 - 2023

As we have come to the end of the first term, we can again reflect on a term with differences. After the impact of Cyclone Gabrielle, with the school closing to ensure the safety of everyone, we had industrial action. So I would like to start by thanking you all for your understanding and support during the NZEI and PPTA Industrial action (Strike) on Thursday 16 March that led to the school being closed for instruction.

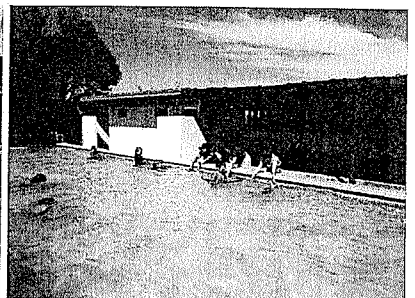
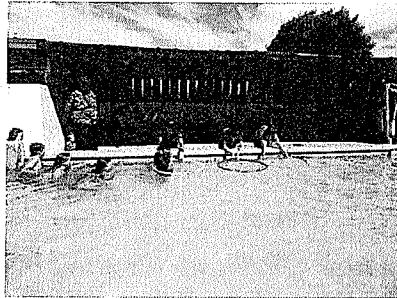
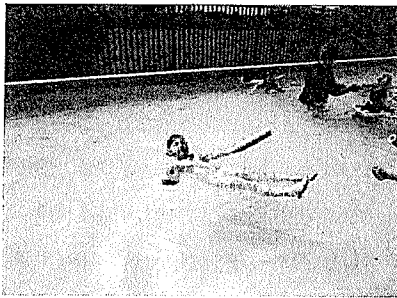
Ka Ora, Ka Ako | Healthy School Lunches Programme

Our school is part of the Healthy School Lunches programme where we provide a nutritious lunch to our students every day. Loxies, a local cafe in Morrinsville, is our lunch provider who is approved by the Ministry of Education. Students only need to bring a snack for morning tea and a drink bottle of water to school. Dietary requirements are catered for. Thank you to Liam and the staff at Loxies for our delicious school lunches!



Water Skills for Life

In February all the students and teachers attended Water Skills for Life sessions. The facilitator worked with the students to develop the skills and knowledge to help assess risks and make smart decisions around water. This was also a professional development opportunity for the teachers.



Pause, Breathe, Smile

As part of the 'Pause, Breathe, Smile' programme, we have created our display by collaboratively creating a Whare that represents all of us. We have been learning about the many things that contribute to our wellbeing. We have spoken about what 'wellbeing' is and what we need to do to look after ourselves? Wellbeing can be defined as 'Feeling Good and Functioning Well'. When we 'check in' with ourselves and others, we can ask: "Am I feeling okay and am I able to do the things I need to?" If the answer is "yes", our wellbeing is kapai!



Ngā mihi nui | Kindest Regards
Tina Baptist - Principal



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Bentley Home PC Support

What makes a computer fast?

Well, obviously it's the colour you paint the case; red is faster, black is slower, grey is the slowest.

Obviously! You can apply the same logic to LED's inside your case. But no, of course not. It's got to be something involving technical terms! Traditionally the CPU (central processing unit) speed was the main thing determining computer speed, with the RAM (random access memory) being a secondary but important measure. Motherboard speeds entered into it somewhat as well.

But that was the 90's and this is now. Now things are a little more complicated. CPU speeds are no longer important, as we hit the limit of how fast we could push electrons through silicon a decade or so ago. But the number of cores the CPU has *does* matter. Think of cores as multiple CPUs within the same CPU. As the years have progressed software has become more adept at taking advantage of the multiple cores inside most CPUs, so that in general a CPU with 4 cores can outperform a CPU with 2 cores by a factor of around 50%, if the software takes advantage of it. And of course you have newer CPUs with much larger numbers of cores.

Then you have CPU architecture, which, without going too heavily into it, is the way in which CPUs deal with multiple incoming instructions in the most efficient way possible (greatly simplifying here) between the cores. This has improved strongly over the past decade. RAM speed isn't really a factor anymore.

Originally it played a role in how fast the CPU could go, but that has since been decoupled with advances in technology. The amount of RAM you have certainly plays a role, but the majority of consumers will experience no performance difference over 4GB (gigabytes) of RAM. Motherboard speed also plays a minor role, with about a maximum of 5% total speed being attributable to it.

But all of these performance differences don't matter much for the vast bulk of consumers who only use their computer to access email, browse the internet and edit office documents. For those, the greatest increases in speed have come from storage performance. Back in the day, HDD's (hard disk drives) were fairly slow and operating systems made a point of accessing them as little as possible. But with the advent of SSD (solid state drives) and NVME drives, storage performance has increased by a factor of 10x and 100x respectively. What this has meant is that operating systems such as Windows have become careless and lazy about how they access drives; you'll find Windows 10 and 11 operate extremely poorly on old-school mechanical hard drives when compared to Windows 7.

So in summary: for most consumers so long as the CPU has more than 1 core, at least 4GB of RAM, and a SSD or NVME drive, they'll be fine. For gamers and whatnot a more advanced CPU, graphics card or a greater quantity of RAM may be warranted. So for those struggling with the speed of an older machine, consider upgrading it to a solid state drive (about \$60 for a 512GB one), rather than replacing the whole machine - you'll get to keep your current setup with a massive increase in speed but without the increasing cost of a new computer.

(By the way, Windows 11 does run on older hardware now. You have to tweak a parameter in the operating system, but your older computer will still work fine post-2025 if this is performed).

Got performance problems? Phone Matt at 0211348576 or email: info@homepcsupport.co.nz
\$70 per hour, or \$60 for drop-off-to-workshop services.

LOCAL LEGEND: ROB MCGUIRE

39 YEARS AS THE EUREKA COUNCILLOR

Following in his fathers footsteps since 1983, Rob McGuire has been the Councillor for the Eureka Ward for its entire duration, retiring in 2022 when the Eureka Ward was joined with the Matangi Ward.

After such a long time, it's natural that Rob has some very impressive achievements under his belt. But he thinks that the best part of his time on council is "seeing when I've been able to improve on peoples lives" - and this truly shows that all he has done has been for his community.

One of the things he is the most proud of is the roading programme which he developed, and pushed to be continued. This programme led to roads being sealed and providing a healthier life for both people and animals, as it greatly reduced the amount of dust in the air and on the grass in the paddocks. By the time he finished, only two roads in the area had not been sealed.

My aim...was to improve peoples lives" Rob says, and he has done this in plenty of other ways as well. The agreement with Hamilton City Libraries for a free library service for the Eureka Ward was a "pretty tall order to achieve at that time", but he did it, and I for one am very thankful for this.

"IT'S A REWARDING JOB"

Other things that Rob has advocated for include rubbish and recycling collection, improved amenities and the preservation of our history though being on the Heritage committee.

But all good things must come to an end, and just before the election last year, with the changes of the ward boundaries to accommodate for new Maori wards, Rob announced that he would not be standing for councillor again. But this does not mean that Rob is going to disappear to some remote island in his retirement.

He is still involved in things around Eureka. "Yes, I've kept on with the Heritage Committee and I've kept on with the Hall Committee" Rob says "So, I'll be around". Being involved with the National Party, and buying and selling cattle are also on Rob's list of things to do, as well as playing a bit of golf. After so many years working on the council, Rob is looking forward to taking "life a bit quieter" and he definitely deserves this.

After 39 years of working for the community, Rob has certainly achieved a lot through being on the council. "It's a rewarding job" Rob reflects "And you can make some real great gains for the community". A better quality of life for the residents of Eureka is definitely one of the great gains he has made. Rob deserves a lot of respect and recognition for all his hard work and effort.



BY LETITIA TAYLOR

"MY AIM ... WAS TO IMPROVE PEOPLES LIVES"

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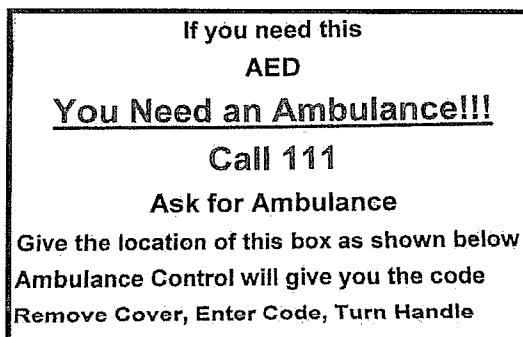
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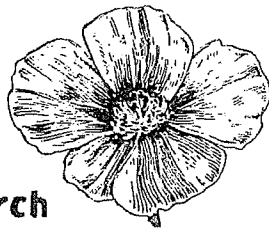
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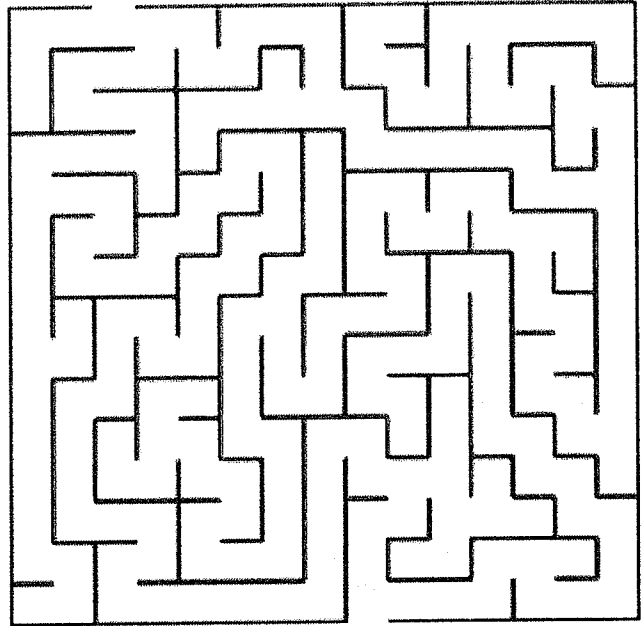


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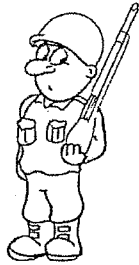


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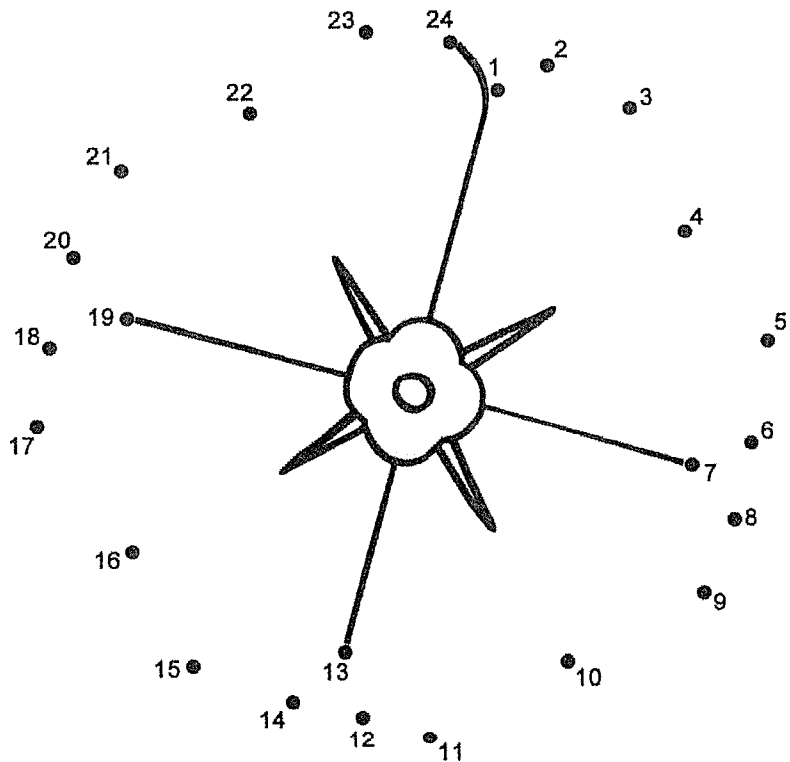


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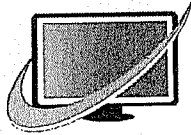
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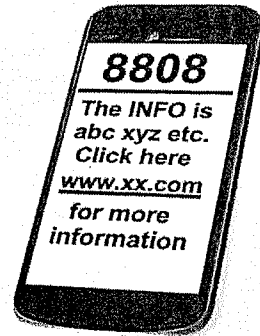
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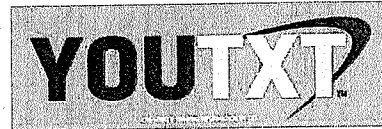
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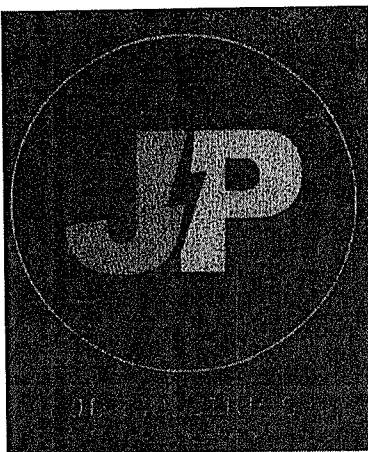
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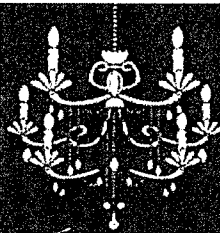
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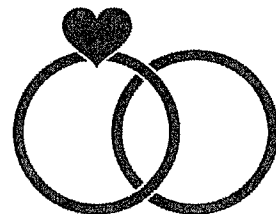
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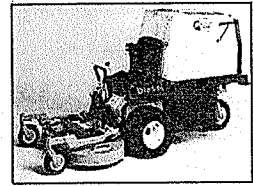


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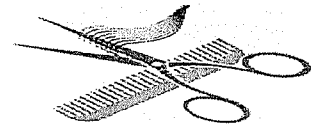
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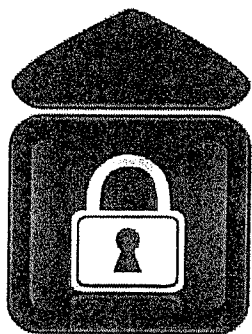
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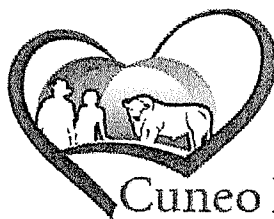


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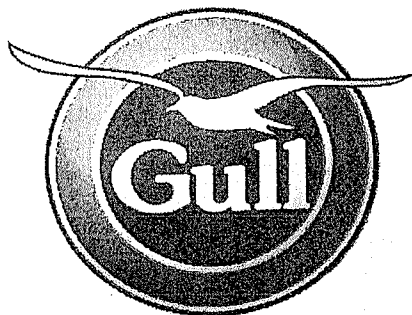


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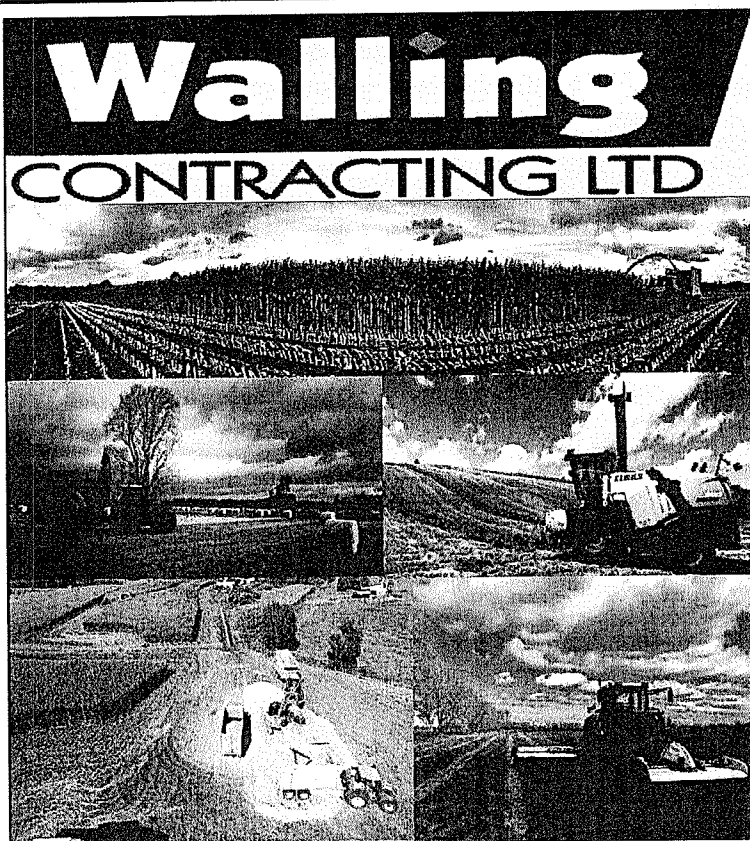
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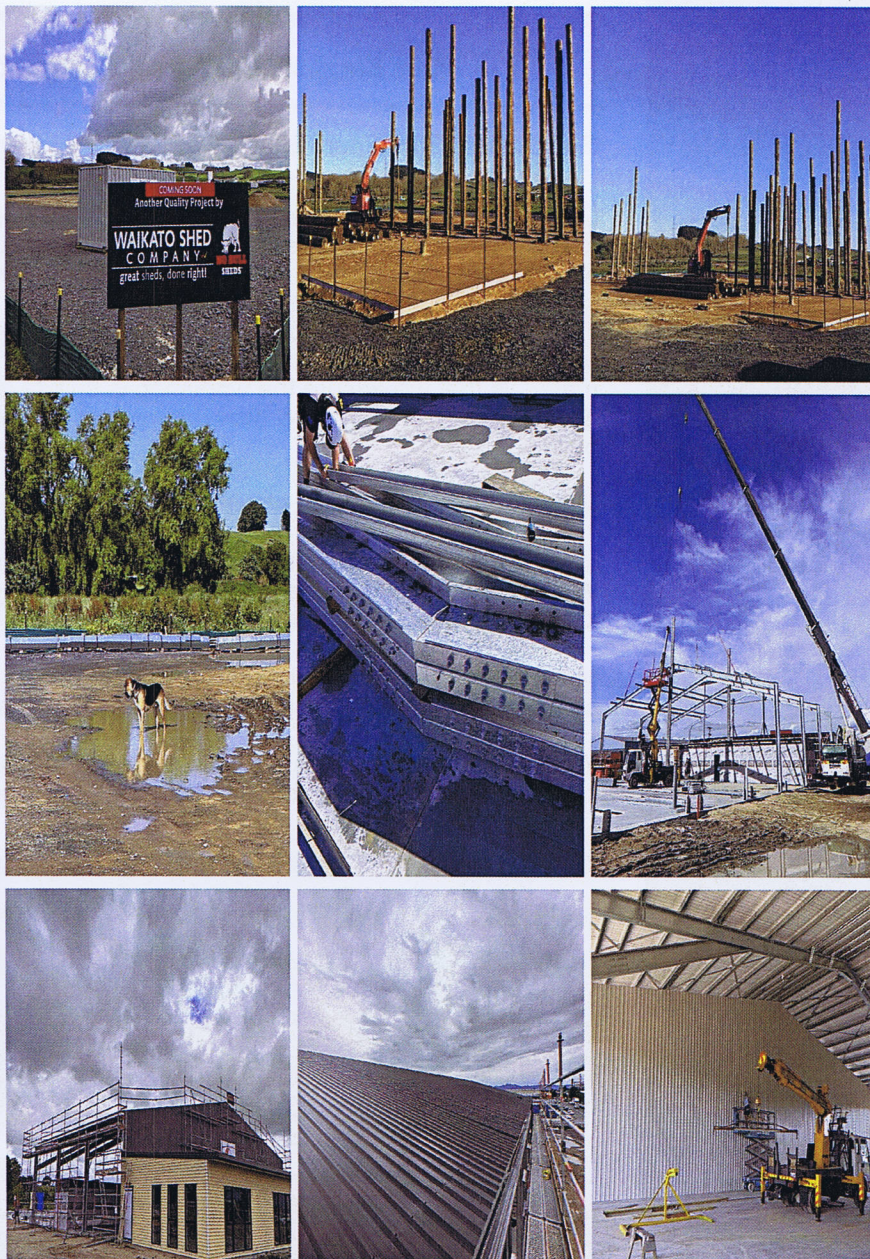
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