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Celebrating the Coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla 6 May 2023

HALL UPDATE

Hello to you all.

Another enjoyable Anzac Day service was held at the cenotaph. The numbers attending is growing each year, it is so nice to see the community come together for such an event.

A huge thank you to Phil and Linda Journeaux who put the poppies on the tree, and removed them, and to Lionel Orr for running the service.

Also, the small get together after the service was very enjoyable, thank you to those who made the Anzac cookies and the lovely scones.

Our new water pump is now in and working well. We also now have a filtered tap on the kitchen sink so the committee is now happy that the water is filtered and ready to drink. There is a lot of things happening behind the scenes and some are taking a bit longer than expected to be completed, but I can guarantee you there will be some changes at the hall in the next few months.

Bookings keep coming in and it is noticeable how families are finding it much easier to have a child's party at the hall to save mess at their house, or to avoid the wet weather we are having. Just another way to make use of the hall.

Thank you also to the people who questioned the lights being on very late at the hall, and a couple of other things that happened.

It is so nice to know that neighbourhood watch works for our hall as well.

Take care everyone and remember to look out for each other, this winter is not starting off that great.

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

TAMAHERE-WOODLANDS COUNCILLORS' UPDATE JUNE 2023

Improving the dialogue between Council and community

As we look forward to a new financial year, Waikato District Council is examining how it can improve the dialogue between Council and community through our locally elected community committees.

Planning for the right community outcomes

The Council has, so far, invited representatives of local community committees to attend workshops to help set the goals and 'community outcomes' that will shape the next Long Term Plan 2024-34.

Together we've drafted four community outcome statements that speak to the Council's vision for the district, 'liveable, thriving and connected communities', and that will help focus the Council's decision-making on the community's long-term wellbeing in four areas - social, cultural, economic, and environmental. We hope you have taken the opportunity to comment on these draft 'community outcomes' (see https://shape.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/).

We've also invited community boards and the larger community committees to the first of a series of general 'catch-up' sessions with Council – the first one focussed on the Council's Annual Plan for the coming year (2023/24), the steps we have to take to get the next Long Term Plan 2024-34 ready for community consultation by early next year, and how we might all work better together.

Other community forums

The Council is also examining how it might develop other consultative groups to enable us to better understand and focus on the needs of iwi, rural interests, and our many smaller communities across the district. So watch this space.

Tamahere-Woodlands heritage

One group already operating in Tamahere-Woodlands is the Tamahere-Woodlands Heritage Committee. It is a group of heritage enthusiasts from across the Ward who report into the Council's district-wide Heritage Forum. With Council support, the local committee is spearheading a project to install heritage signs in our many small villages, including Eureka, Gordonton, Matangi, Newstead, Puketaha, Tamahere and Taupiri, and has started building a website to collate local historical information.

Blueprints refresh

The Council expects to complete a 'light refresh' of the District and local area 'blueprints' as we start preparing budgets and work programmes for the next Long Term Plan. The Council wants to know which blueprint initiatives are most important to you and your community. Thank you to local community committees who are already reviewing their own blueprints for this purpose.

Annual Plan for 2023/24 to be adopted 28 June

Last month's Councillors' update outlined the challenging economic conditions we face, including high inflation and disaster recovery costs following Cyclone Gabrielle, which has led the Council to decide to increase general rates by 7% from 1 July. This avoids a \$2.8 million deficit had the rates rise been limited to 3.5% as first planned. Please check the online rates information database at www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/rid to see what this means for you. Council staff are now finalising the 2023/24 Annual Plan in line with this decision and the Council is expected to adopt it on 28 June.

Consultation extended on targeted rate for gully restoration in Tamahere

The Council extended consultation to 25 May for a proposed targeted rate in the old (pre-2022) Tamahere Ward to support gully restoration work. This was to ensure the community affected was aware of the proposal as well as being informed about the general rates increase (see https://shape.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/). The community response will be carefully considered before a decision is made.

Other news from around the Ward

- Hukanui Park development a public workshop is being held in Gordonton Hall, 4-7pm, Monday 29 May, to collate feedback for the Council for the redevelopment of the park with a playground, and with paths and seating if the budget allows.
- St Stephen's Tamahere celebrates 140 years Congratulations to St Stephen's
 Tamahere which celebrates 140 years since the first church was dedicated on its site
 in May 1883. (The church was rebuilt in 1970 after a fire.) Archbishop Emeritus Sir
 David Moxon is guest preacher at the celebratory service at 9.30am, Sunday 28 May.
 A talk about the history of Tamahere, and a tour of the historic cemetery where
 many early settlers of the district are buried are also planned after the service.
- Rescued ruru released Two rescued native owl (ruru/morepork) were successfully released at The Sculpture Park at Waitakaruru Arboretum on 13 May. The Park which began as a quarry rehabilitation project more than 30 years ago has adopted the ruru as its emblem because the Waitakaruru Stream (Waitakaruru means owl by the water in Maaori) flows through the park.

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 May newsletter from the Tauwhare Indoor Bowling Club.

Our season is well under way now and we are getting reasonable numbers attending on club nights. We can still do with more members to make sure that the club continues to survive. If you are new to the area, have played bowls in the past or never played bowls at all but would like to it a try, then come along to the Tauwhare Hall on a Thursday evening. If you could be there by 7.20pm and have your name in so the draw can be done ready for a 7.30pm start it would be appreciated.

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 20.04.23 were:-

John Cottle, Glenda Goodare and Trudy Pocock

27.04.23 - Brown Bowl challenge against Matangi – a win to Matangi

Club night winners on 04.05.23 were:-

Bev Meads, Glenda Goodare and Neil Smith

Club night winners on 06.04.23 were:-

Rosalie Arnold and Karen McNally

Club night winners on 13.04.23 were:-

Jim Arnold, Lockie Verner, John Cottle and Grant Goodare

Three Eastern championships have now been played and there has been a good representation from the Tauwhare club entering.

Our programme to the end of June:-

18.05.23	Open Triples Tournament
25.05.23	Pairs Championship
01.06.23	Club Night
08.06.23	Club Night
15.06.23	Club Night
20.06.23	Eastern Pairs at Gordonton
22.06.23	Club Night
29.06.23	Tamahere and Matangi visit

Some of these club nights may need to be used to play some of our championships.

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

021 172 7822 Bev Meads Jim & Rosalie Arnold 07 887 4832 027 475 7925 Ana Duncan

07 824 0992 or 027 524 0992 John Cottle

TRAVEL

A word we love to have in conversation is travel, either the travel we have done or the travel we are planning to do.

It has been over 12months since the world opened to travel and like many of you, I spent no time in booking my flights to Europe to see my children and grandies. It was strange time where very few planes were flying, and airports were empty. It has taken time for travel as we know it to become an enjoyable experience from the planning to the destination where you do not need covid passes or masks or waiting in airports for 2hrs or so. More and more connections are becoming available after a nervous start. The airlines have also come out with more expensive airfares but as more airlines begin to fly out of NZ, I am hoping the marketplace will force air fares down a little.

In saying this over the covid period the travel industry has used this time to present more and more product which is exciting. One product is Hiring a campervan through Europe, that in the summertime would be so enjoyable and being able to mix with locals etc. I know you could always do this but there is now a company we can book directly with and have all this done prior to departure.

I could mention so much and go on forever and I am passionate about the world and to experience as much as I can.

Going to talk a little about using an agent or broker to book your travels. A broker like me is really a travel agent but 10yrs ago I decided to work from home and control my own business. Nothing changes I have everything accessible to me as when I was an agent in an agency. I enjoy this much more as I am 7days a week 24 hrs a day if needed and there are times when I have been speaking to properties at 1 am in the morning. Insurance is also a must whether you purchase through your agent or direct, the thing with purchasing with me is if there is a problem you can always contact me for advice as some instances this is so important when people are in a panic.

In the future I will talk about different destinations and products like cruising, trains etc as there are so many options for the right holiday whether it is taking the kids teens, couples, and importantly solo travel. All destinations in the world there is something for everyone. My wish list is Northern lights and staying in an Igloo and meeting Santa.

Thanks for reading please contact me for any travel plans or advice.

Ciao Edie Swney TheTravelbrokers.



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Principal Message

Winter sports is in full swing; the field and courts are packed during break times with children practicing their skills and having fun together. It is a treat to have our children playing in teams together and sharing experiences. It is important for me to thank all our parents and community supporters, coaches, managers, and our Sports Coordinator Heather for making it all happen.

"Age is no barrier. It's a limitation you put on your mind."

Chiefs Training.

The Tauwhare Rippa Rugby team had an amazing opportunity to attend a practice session with some of the mighty Chiefs players at FMG Stadium. They practiced skills, toured the stadium and spent some time talking with the players. They returned to school with large Chiefs flags, signed posters from the players and big smiles on their faces.



Winter Sports Day

Year 5 and 6, with some brave Year 4 students, participated in this years Winter Sports at the University of Waikato and St Johns Catholic School. Hockey, Football, Netball and Basketball were the winners on the day, with our children giving their best efforts on the field/court in some well-played games. It is always a privilege to watch our children demonstrate our school values in the way they play their sports. Well done to all players and teams!!

New School Initiative: BOOKS BOOMERANG BOX

Access to books is important to grow a love of reading a wide range of literature. Classes have a Book-Boomerang-Box with some of our older books form the library as well as books that have been donated to us. There is no need to check them out. Children see them, take them home if they love them, and return them if they want too. Many children bring in their old books to put in the box for other children to read. We welcome more books from our community if you have any that could go into our Boomerang Boxes.

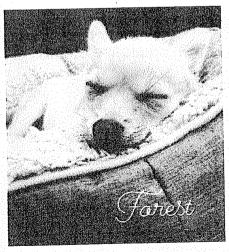
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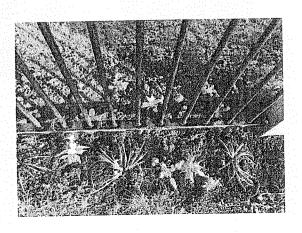


- It is with sadness that we are informing you of the departure of Jo Watson. For the last 2 and a half years, Jo has been an absolute asset to Pukeko's. The children and staff will miss Jo and we wish her all the best for the future.
- I would like to give a warm welcome to any families moving into the area on the 1st of June. We would love to show anyone around our ataahua - beautiful Centre. Please make contact by emailing centremanager.pukekopreschool@gmail.com or phoning 07 8240860.
- Our entranceway ramp has had a water blast and it looks great, all thanks to Heather.
 We really appreciate the extra help that our parents offer.
- There have been numerous children pick up extra days to support them with their transition to Tauwhare School. We will be working closely with the school to ensure that the transition is seamless for our tamariki.
- A massive thank you to Kim who has been our Student in the babies' room for 4 weeks.
 She has embraced all learning aspects and the children have responded well to her. We will miss her and wish her all the best for the rest of her studies.
- From 1 April the Government has increased the threshold for childcare support
 payments. Please check the WINZ website to see if your family qualifies. (Many could
 do). Please come and talk to Kim or Jo if you have any questions.



Most Friday's, we have a special visitor at the Centre. Forest comes in and sets a great excitement throughout Pukeko's. Having Forest visit us, teaches the children how to show compassion, respect and a sense of responsibility.

A huge thank you to Kim Williamson for planting up the edges of our fences in the play areas. There will be glorious Sweet Pea flowers trailing up the fence.





Pukeko Country Preschool

AGM

On the **8th of August at 7:00pm** we will be holding our Annual General Meeting at Preschool.

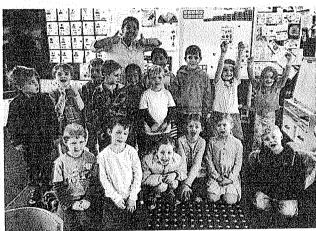
We invite you all to come along and hear about the years events.

We will also be voting on the new Trust Board for 2023-2024. If you are interested in joining or finding out what is involved please email;

Jo - centremanager.pukekopreschool@gmail.com or Emma - chairperson.pukekopreschool@gmail.com



Last Friday Newstead School supported Pink Shirt Day. A gold coin donation was appreciated by the Mental Health Foundation NZ. It was a great way to end our school week by focusing on celebrating diversity and promoting kindness and inclusion, this mahi completely aligns with our Newstead School values.





Te Ahi Ora Fire Performance Evening

Our Te Ahi Ora/ Fire Performance workshops on Friday 5th May were great fun! The children really enjoyed learning movements and routines which challenged their balance and coordination skills. The feedback from families and students was incredibly positive.





R.E.A.D (Reading Education Assistance Dogs)

(Reading Education Assistance Dogs Programme in action.

A new exciting programme that we are trialling this term in Tui and Ruru classes is R.E.A.D, Reading Education Assistance Dogs.

We are fortunate to have a parent; Veronica Garcia Gil who is an Animal behaviourist, currently working for Mobility Assistance Dogs.

Veronica trains service dogs to enhance the life of people with disabilities. She is volunteering her time at Newstead School once a week to bring her dog Nushka in to work with small groups and individual children around reading and communication skills. Reading with Nushka is an optional, supplementary programme opportunity which many of the families in Tui and Ruru classes have taken up this term. The feedback from teachers and students is wonderful, we hope to be able to continue with this special programme and extend the opportunity to other classes later in the year.











Winter Sports Day

On Thursday 18th of May Newstead participated in a Winter Sports Day with surrounding schools. The sports that we played were Hockey, Netball, Basketball, Rippa Rugby and Soccer. Everyone played well and represented Newstead with pride and we had a great day. Well done to everyone who participated.



Our Turangawaewae/ Aotearoa NZ Histories Inquiry programme continues around the school with lots of clever detective work going on unpacking the stories of Newstead and researching into our history. If you have knowledge or artifacts that may help us learn as much as possible about our place and its history, please let our school know.

RECIPES

Meatloaf is an ultimate comfort food. Enjoyed hot or cold.

BBQ MEATLOAF

500g sausage meat

2 onions chopped

500g mince

2 teaspoons curry powder

1 cup fresh breadcrumbs

1 tablespoon chopped parsley

½ cup milk & ½ cup water

1 egg

Salt & pepper

Combine sausage, mince, breadcrumbs, onions, salt & pepper, curry powder, parsley and egg in a bowl. Mix until well combined.

Gradually add combined milk and water. Continue mixing until smooth.

Shape into a loaf and put in a greased baking dish.

Preheat oven to 180 or 160 fan forced for 30 minutes. Remove from oven, pour over sauce and return to oven for another 45 minutes. Baste frequently.

Sauce

Combine all ingredients in saucepan. Bring to boil and simmer 5 minutes.

½ cup water

½ cup tomato sauce

14 cup Worcester sauce

2 tablespoons vinegar

¼ cup brown sugar

1 teaspoon coffee

30g butter

2 tablespoons lemon juice

WEETBIX LOAF

Very easy and flavoursome loaf.

6 crushed weetbix

1 1/2 cups sugar

500g mixed fruit

Soak these ingredients in 600ml of milk overnight.

Add 2 cups self raising flour.

Cook in 2 loaf tins approx 45 minutes at 180 degrees.



Al-based voice scams

A recent 9-to-5 mac article noted that Al-based voice-call scams are on the rise, with some countries such as India reporting 32% of people having experienced one. How does this work?

Well it starts with someone targeting you, specifically. They have to get access to a voice recording of a loved one, either by calling them directly and recording the call, or by getting their voice from a voicemail recorded message. They then feed that audio into a voice-recognition/re-creation tool, powered by artificial intelligence. This enables the scammer to mimic the voice of your loved one, simply by typing text into the vocal re-creation tool.

The tools only require a very small amount of audio to mimic a voice - as little as 3 seconds of someone speaking. If all of this this sounds like science fiction to you, it's not. Try this vocal re-creation of David Attenborough's voice on youtube, for example (or just google 'David Attenborough AI voice youtube'): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2iJqK4DtVo4

Once the scammer has this capability, they can call you and mimic your loved one's voice, usually to extort money in some way. In one instance a scammer faked an American woman's daughter's voice, pretending that she was being held hostage. In that case the woman knew where her daughter was, but was still surprised by the accuracy of the voice.

This scam can be augmented by what is called 'caller ID spoofing', where the scammer manages to trick the phone system into thinking that the call is coming from your loved one's phone. In New Zealand I've seen this happen in the past with Auckland numbers in particular, I'm unsure whether it's possible to spoof cellphone numbers here.

How can one protect against this? The mimicry can be unsettlingly accurate, particularly if the scammer has access to a wider pool of the person's vocal samples. The first thing to do is to not share your voice publicly on social media or youtube, and ask your loved ones not to do so either. The second is to have security questions - things only your loved one would know the answer to, perhaps early childhood memories - and keep these hidden from public view. Lastly, try not to share your phone number publicly, anywhere.

Then, if you get called by someone who sounds like your loved one and they're trying to get money from you, you can ask your security question, or for something only they would know, and figure out whether or not it's them. I am liking the future less and less. How about you?

Need your existential fears quelled? Phone Matt at 0211348576 or email: info@homepcsupport.co.nz \$70 per hour, or \$60 for drop-off-to-workshop services.



Dig It Earthworks & Concrete Ltd. You may have seen the bright orange signs, opposite Hooper Road area or seen them on the Eureka Community Facebook page. Ever wondered who these guys really are? Are they local? What do they do?

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Earthworks and hard work run in the blood for the McFarlane brothers.

They are fourth generation McFarlane's from Eureka and surrounding area, stemming from McFarlane contracting.

The brothers were born and bred on the farm in Newstead to Diane and Brent McFarlane. As Diane will sum it up when talking about her boys; "They helped operate the machinery from an early age, so it was only natural that when they left school they continued on this path, it all comes naturally to them."

After working for the family contracting business for some years, including contracting overseas, the boys felt the next step was to begin something themselves. Originally it was just Nick and Liam running the Earthworks business and once Jeremy joined them, they were able to extend into concrete works and so, Dig It Earthworks and Concrete was formed. As the brothers will tell you, "The rest is history,"



These days Dig It Earthworks & Concrete operates out of Eureka and services across the Waikato and Coromandel area offering a wide range of Earthworks and concreting for residential, commercial, and farming solutions, Coast to Coast. Teaming up with the big players in the industry they have created a reliable and trusted name for themselves working on projects such as Summerset Retirement homes in Cambridge; and working with leading brands such as Ideal garages; ZB Homes and many more.

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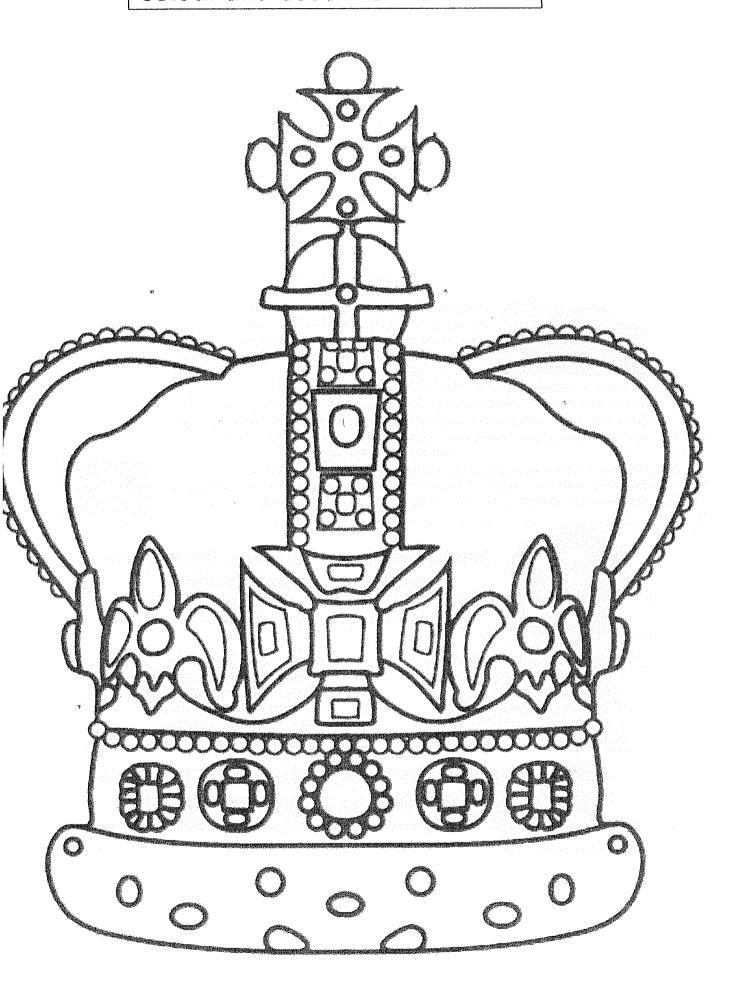
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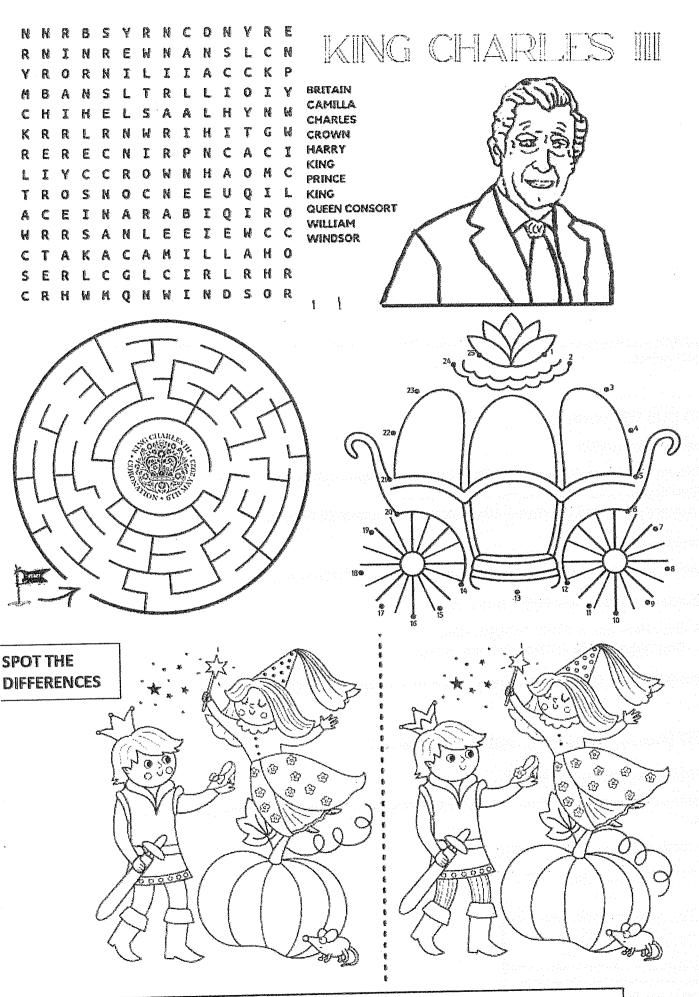
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Yes, we have a website and now you may also read and access our local history book, "Eureka 1874 – 1984" on this website.

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.

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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.

Leaves Hamilton

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SNIPPETS - WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE COMMUNITY

SINCERE CONDOLENCES go out to Mark Fisher and Sharon Laurent with the passing of Mark's grandmother Edna Harwood. Edna reached the grand age of 105-years old, and was residing at Koromatua. Our love and thoughts go out to Mark and Sharon and their families.

Weather for April 2023		
Rainfall total	88.5 mm	
Rain Total for year	683.5 mm	
Rainy days	11	
Most daily rainfall	36 mm	9 th April
	7	
Highest wind speed	37.1km/hr	25 th April
Temp high •	24.8 °C	7 th April
Temp low	1.7 °C	25 th April

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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 phoning 07 858 6200.

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

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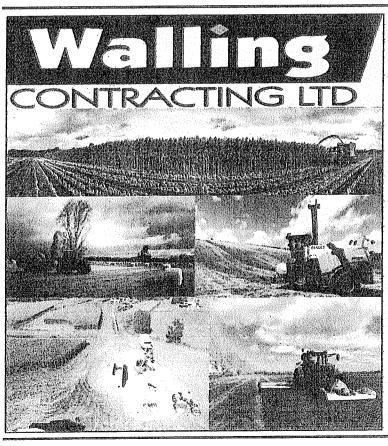
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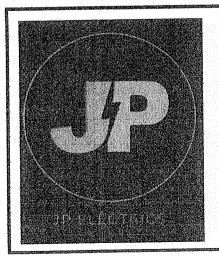
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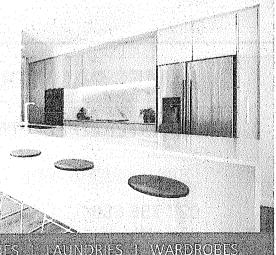
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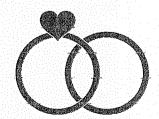
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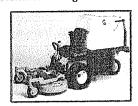


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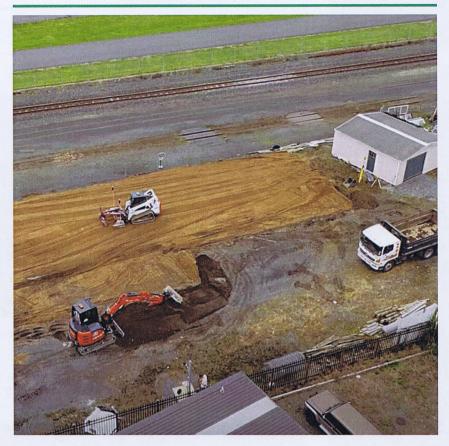
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Thanks to **Titus** for the Geotech report and **A1 Bobcats** who did a great job preparing this site for the next stage in the build, Concreting.



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