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Saturday 9th August
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A Blooming Venture on Hunter Road

Having grown up here on Hunter Road, Eureka is a very special place I now get to call home once again. My family and I have put firm roots down here 6 years ago, and with my parents Brian & Yolande now as our next-door neighbours, it's always a busy time with kids floating from house to house. Afternoons are spent riding ponies in the paddock & hitting golf balls in the garage, and of course weekly dinners – mostly courtesy of mum – is also a lovely time for us to all catch up each week.

Just two years ago, a new chapter began on a small section of the family apple orchard. What was once rows of apples trees now shares space with something altogether a bit more colourful—a hydrangea orchard dedicated to producing cut flowers.

Under the shelter of a shade house, around 1,200 mophead hydrangeas are now thriving. These stunning blooms, known for their lush heads and vibrant colours, are carefully grown for sale to florists across the Waikato and beyond. With half of the shade house our plants grown in bags to control the pH of the soil allowing us to have control the colour range. We can maintain a palette of pinks, including hot pinks through to blush pink and also a rich red which is always ready just in time for Christmas. These plants, along with the blues, purples and whites that make up the rest of the shade house, are all supported by a fertigation system that helps deliver nutrients and water directly to the roots.

The local support from Waikato florists for our blooms over the past two seasons has been incredible, and such a bonus for them to have blooms that are cut and delivered within 24 hours ensuring the best freshness and quality. A large portion of our flowers now move through United Flower Growers (UFG), a national auction house with bases in Auckland, Wellington, and Christchurch. Through UFG's Dutch auction system—where buyers bid online as prices drop—our hydrangeas reach florists and retailers all over the country. It's a fast, efficient method that allows us to sell in volume. Last season a chiller was purchased to help hold stock for auction, this enables us to cut and hold blooms for 3 – 4 days until we have a decent quantity of stems to take up to Auckland, we aim for approximately 400 stems per trip to make it worthwhile.

Winter gives us a little downtime from the busy summer months of picking from Dec – April. Our main focus is on pruning which is essential in ensuring a strong flush of flowers the following year. Hydrangeas bloom on the previous season's wood so we aim to keep our plants reasonably low and encourage them to push from the base for the previous seasons flowering. Most varieties are pruned right back to two sets of buds though some varieties to a set of fat buds. Another job is taking cuttings to bring on replacement plants over the coming years, the aim is to cycle the plants every 5-7 years to keep stock young and productive.

Looking ahead, we're exploring opportunities to expand into supplying the export market, as demand continues to grow overseas for premium, New Zealand-grown hydrangea. In parallel with our export ambitions, we're also love to expand our operations locally. This includes the development of a dedicated nursery focused on producing wholesale hydrangea plants to meet the needs of landscapers, garden centres, and commercial growers. Additionally, we will aim to open our doors to the public, offering direct plant sales to gardening enthusiasts who value locally grown, high-quality plants.

I always find that time in the garden offers a chance to slow down from life's busy pace, also seeing the progress we have made so far is truly satisfying. We're looking forward to the new season which is only just around the corner, and as I sit here, it's extremely nice to see the sun shining after such a wet winter so far!

As Betsy Garmon quoted –

“Coffee. Garden. Coffee. Does a good morning need anything else?”

Amy Insoll

Hunter Bloom, Eureka.

Congratulations

Local man Wojtek Czyz made it to the quarter finals at the Para-standing World Tennis championships in Spain recently. After a 2 ½ hour battle against France’s Cédric Delmas he won in a tiebreaker. Peru’s Gianfranco Scamarone was the eventual winner. Para-standing tennis is designed for those players who have some physical disability but can play without the use of a wheelchair. There were 77 players from 21 different nationalities competing. Earlier this year Wojtek represented New Zealand in the Australian Tennis Open in Melbourne. He was the winner of his division.



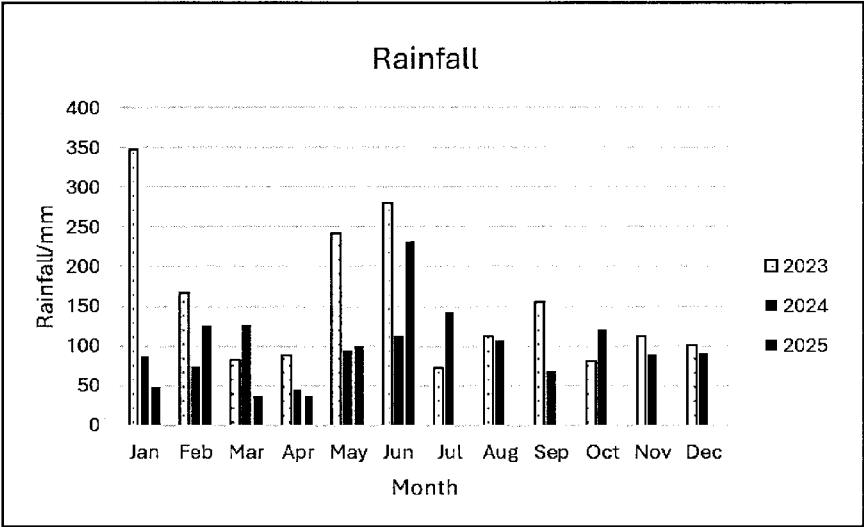
Obituary
Graham Mayall

Sadly, on May 15th 2025 in Cambridge, Graham Mayall (the brother of Barry Mayall and brother-in-law of Gail Mayall) passed away. Graham was a long-time member of the Eureka community. He lived on Schollums road and was often seen collecting rubbish on the roadside. Graham was a great community man and was on the hall committee for many years. Sending our love and thoughts to Grahams family.

Phone List

We will be printing the phone list in August. If anyone has any changes they want made with regards to their name and number please let us know via the editor email address. If you know of anyone who is to be added or deleted then please let us know as well.

Weather	2025	2024
Rainfall total	232.5 mm	112 mm
Rain Total for year	576 mm	536 mm
Rainy days	14	10
Most daily rainfall	85 mm	28 mm
Highest wind speed	43.6 km/hr	30.6 km/hr
Temp high	18.8°C	18.2°C
Temp low	-1.6°C	0.8°C



Revamp of the Eureka Express – Help Needed

Hi Everyone,

Thank you all for the kind comments and suggestions, from our revamp questionnaire. We are working through them but need help with eyes and ears on the ground to gather information, research and writing articles.

We are a small committee of six, two of which after sterling service have decided it is time to retire. All of us are not getting any younger, and not always able to see or hear what's going on in our community. If you are at all able to help with this, we would be grateful. You do not necessarily need to join the committee but, with two wanting to retire we will need new people in the new year. So please, please give it some thought how you could help us.

We meet once a month on a Monday morning at 10.30, to discuss various issues, finance, who is doing what etc. The express is generally put together on the last Thursday of the month and we do have some extra helpers who come in on that day. Thanks to those who do deliveries for us.

We are always looking at ways to improve our costs, via advertising and sponsorship. We have been offered a better deal with Ricoh photocopiers, which extends our lease, but at a much better cost. However, we still need help with sponsorship and advertising if we are to continue to cover our costs. Sponsorship is for articles, cooking or gardening pages, school news and events

Our paper costs are considerable and liable to go up even more. We use approximately two to three boxes each month. Do you know a good reasonable priced paper supplier?

While we are making better use of technology and looking at improving our website which is sadly lacking in up to date information etc and the possibility of putting some items of interest on the Eureka Community Face book page.

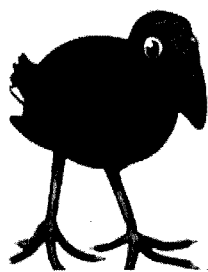
HELP is ALSO needed with snippets – who has moved away, who has moved in, bereavements, births, milestones and events coming up. Would you like to contribute to the express in any way, like writing articles, information on important events, if so we need your help. Please let us know:

editor@eurekaexpress.co.nz

We look forward to hearing from our would-be writers.

The Eureka Express committee appreciate and thank you, for your assistance

YOU ARE INVITED TO PUKEKO COUNTRY PRESCHOOLS



AGM

Annual General Meeting

Monday 25th August 2025 | 6:30 | Pukeko Country Preschool

We invite you all to join us as we plan for the year ahead at Pukeko Preschool.

We are seeking volunteers to join Pukeko Preschool Trust Board, made up of parent volunteers.

Experience in governance is an added bonus but not required. We are seeking volunteers who are flexible, inclusive, enthusiastic, and are committed to seeing Pukeko Country Preschool blossom.

Please feel free to reach out to any Board member if you have any questions and if you would like to join please email Callum at chairperson.pukekopreschool@gmail.com

Nga mihi,

Pukeko Preschool Trust Board

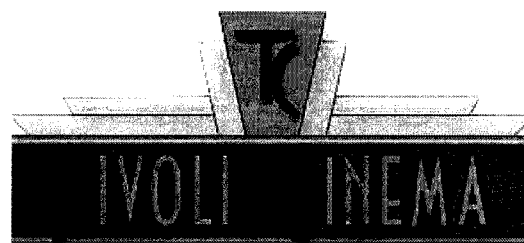
Callum McDonald, Michelle Waylen, Hayley Ferrier-Kerr, Cam Wakefield and Shellie Moses

Did you know !?!?

Cambridge has a cinema!!!

Tivoli Cinema is an independent, small and stylish boutique Art House cinema in the heart of Cambridge town. It shows up to date films and features a mix of films from around the world. The cinema features state of the art auditoriums, equipped with fully digital projection, are fully air-conditioned and feature 7.1 Dolby surround sound. They are also equipped with the latest hearing-impaired technologies. Relax in their comfortable couches that are especially designed for their theatre. You can enjoy a range of wines, beer or coffee as well as ice-creams, antipasto platters and toasted sandwiches and of course popcorn! They are located at 32 Lake Street, Cambridge - opposite the VTNZ building.

Why go to the city, try local.



SH1B reopens at the Telephone Road rail crossing

Open at last! For the first time since 2022 traffic is using the State Highway 1B Telephone Road rail crossing once again. With the lights and barriers at the crossing now fully operational, the project to upgrade the rail crossing is complete. Please take care when driving across the rail crossing or along Holland Road, as it can take time for drivers to adjust to using the rail crossing once again.



Hall Update

We have some good news and not so good news.

Three weeks ago the hall was broken into during the night. Very little was taken as there is not much of value to burglars, but the costs of repair for the damages and replacement items were a blow. Negotiations are underway with the Council and insurers, but it isn't clear cut. At least whoever was responsible left some DNA behind and might be caught one day.

This has led the Hall Committee to investigate ways to improve security. A start has been made with a more secure rear door and wifi has been installed as a precursor to a camera and alarm system being identified. Thanks to Shaun our treasurer, the company Lightwire has installed the wifi free of charge. Many thanks to Lightwire.

The Hall continues to receive donations of games equipment. Thank you to those who have kindly donated. It has been suggested we hold a games event, so watch this space.

There was a small increase in the targeted rates for the Eureka Hall from \$35 to \$60 per year, which you would have received a letter about if you are a ratepayer. This levy of Eureka properties plus the hall hireage charges, goes into the running of the Hall.

The Annual General Meeting of the Hall Committee will be held on 12th August at 7:30pm. The new committee will be voted in at the meeting, but don't be worried about getting a job if you don't want one, as most roles have a willing nominee. The committee would still like a Secretary to take the meeting notes and a person to call in the contractors for maintenance matters.

Back in January we held a square dance at the hall which was filmed as part of a TV production about communities and Eureka was one community selected. The title of the series is called, 'Counting the Beat.' Rukus Media who are producing the episode, are in the post production phase and will advise the participants 2 to 3 weeks before it airs, possibly in October. Depending on when it airs, we may have to have a red carpet event at the Hall for the premiere.

The "pro" square dancers were impressed on the night of the event with our quality wooden hall floor.

Please consider hiring the hall for your next dance, party or social event. Bookings for the hall are coming in steadily. We have a lovely hall with a sprung floor which makes it an especially nice dance floor. For all bookings please email - **eurekahallwaikato@gmail.com**

Cheers Susan

	Residents	Non-Residents
Hall per day	\$50	\$100
Social Function	\$100- \$300	\$250 - \$500
Childrens party	\$30	\$75
	\$400 Secretary's Discretion	\$500 to \$1000 Secretary's Discretion

Whats happened, happening or about to happen

Eureka Express costs for advertising,

Classified adverts free (but a donation would be appreciated)			
Small Business	x 10 insertions	\$10 per month or	\$100 per year
Third of a page	x 10 insertions	\$15 per month or	\$150 per year
Half page	x 10 insertions	\$20 per month or	\$200 per year
Whole page one off is at the discretion of the committee			
Sponsorship basically is a donation at your discretion,			

Please note all advertisements are at the discretion of the committee and space available. While we do try to accommodate everyones' needs with advertisements, we also need to keep the express up to date with articles of interest.

Donations can be made via our bank account Eureka Express 03-1559-0042600-00 or Eureka Garage

Eureka Hall Committee AGM ,Tuesday 12th August at 7.30pm

Annual
General
Meetings

Please come along and support your hall committee and learn what has happened lately and the direction we are heading.

Please we are a small committee and need your help going forward.

Come along and meet the team at Eureka Hall. See you there

Community Garage Sale Saturday 9th August 8-12

If you would like to have a table to sell any spare items, please contact Kathryn Schicker 027 4732014

Tables \$10 per table

Set up from 7am

Doors open 8am to 12pm





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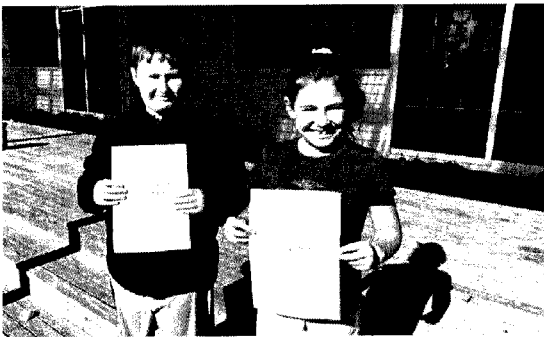
TAUWHARE SCHOOL

Term 3 – AUGUST 2025

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PIRATES of the CURRY BEAN



TOP NEWS

Cheerleading International

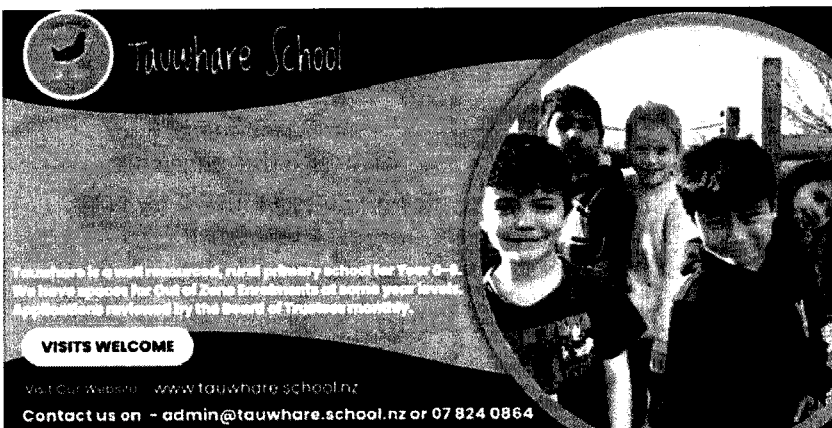
We are so excited and proud to share the achievements of Renee, Dinah and Una (3rd, 4th and 6th from the left). The girls travelled to Sydney, Australia, to compete in a cheerleading competition as part of the Xtreme Cheerleading Mini Watts team. Not only did their team place joint first in their division, but they were also CheerStars Grand Champions, at their level. An incredible result!

Tauwhare Production 2025

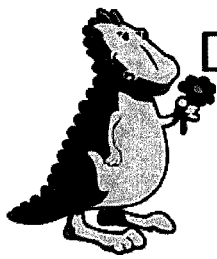
We are excited to announce this year's production will be Pirates of the Curry Bean. Auditions are set for the start of Term 3, with production date being Week 9 of Term 4. "Pirates of the Curry Bean" is a school musical, written by Craig Hawes, that tells the story of young twins, Jack and Liza Periwinkle, who discover a treasure map and embark on a swashbuckling adventure. (Left) Caleb and Elizabeth get their hands on a piece of the scrip ready for auditions.

Bunnings and Tauwhare School

Representatives from Bunnings South Store Hamilton visited Tauwhare School recently to team up with Room 4. They dug up and planted new flowers in the garden bed in the Junior Play Area. The garden bed looks beautiful and colourful with these new flowers. A special thank you to Bunnings who donated to the school the children's gardening gloves as well as the gardens tools for us to continue to use around our school.







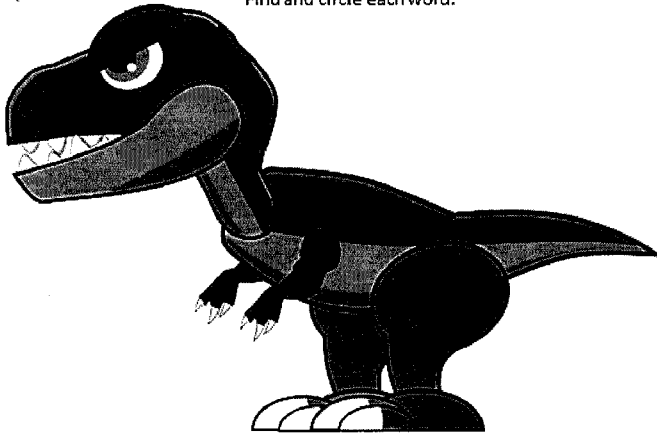
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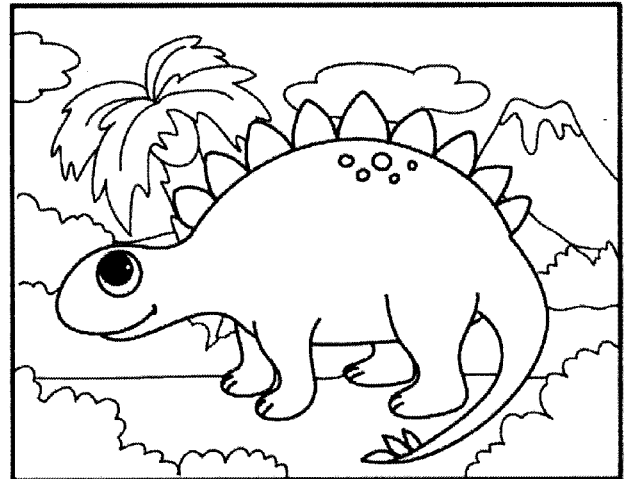
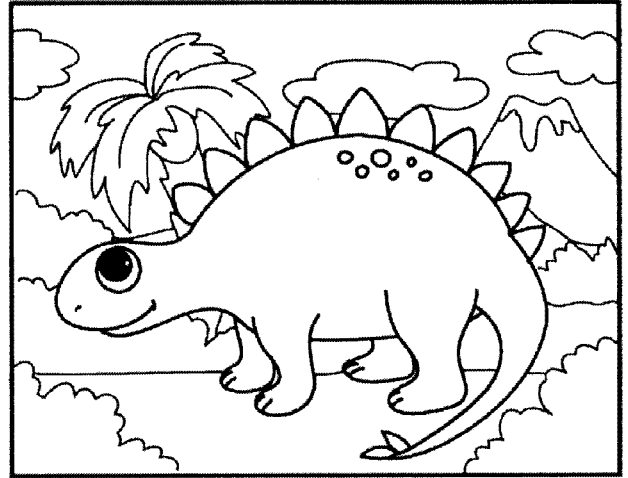
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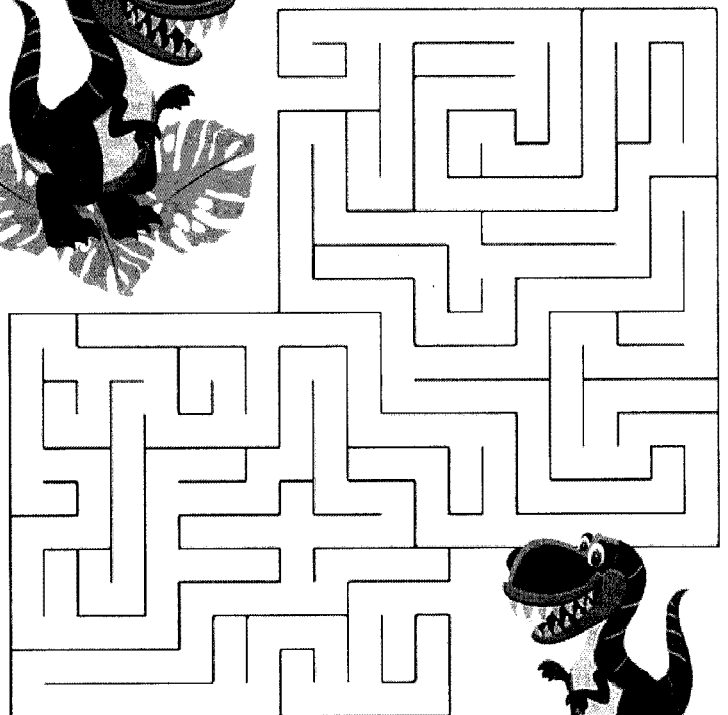
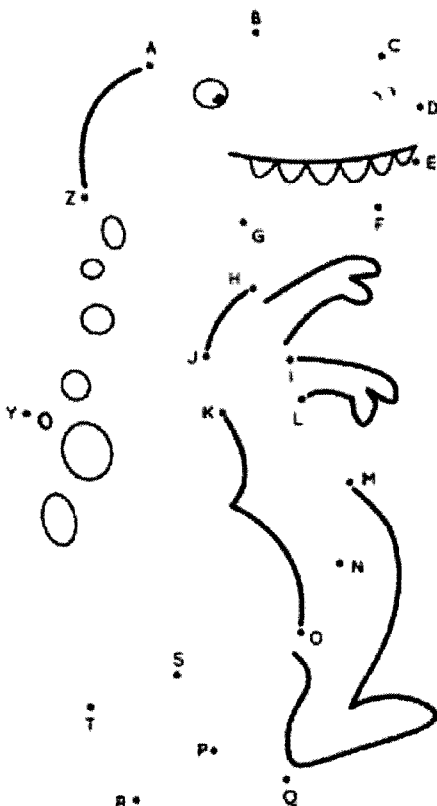
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Find 5 differences between the images!



Cloud missing, extra spike on back, extra spike on tail, bush missing, spot on back missing



Recipes

Honey Chicken

3-4 chicken breasts

1 cup honey

1 cup yellow mustard

Italian seasoning

Garlic powder

Directions:

Whisk honey, mustard and seasoning together

Place chicken into Crockpot

Pour the sauce over the chicken

Cook on low 4-6 hours until chicken is done

Fruit Sponge

2 Cups hot stewed fruit e.g. Apples boysenberries, apricots, sweetened to taste. *Make sure fruit is hot or sponge topping wont cook properly.*

125g butter

½ cup White sugar

2 eggs

1 cup flour

2 tsp baking powder

2 Tbsp milk

Icing sugar

Preheat the oven to 190

Place the sweetened stewed fruit in an ovenproof dish, cover and keep hot while you make the sponge topping.

Put the butter, vanilla and sugar into a bowl and beat hard until pale and creamy

Beat in the eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition. Sift on the flour and baking powder and fold into the mixture, followed by the milk. Spoon the sponge mixture over the fruit.

Bake for 40 minutes or until the sponge springs back when lightly touched. Serve hot dusted with icing sugar.



Gardening Tips

Veeges-

- start spring brassica seeds, such as broccoli, cauliflower and cabbage, under cover
- Check on stored crops- pumpkins. Potatoes, kumera for deterioration and rot.

Fruit-

Divide rhubarb —while dormant it a perfect time to lift divide clumps, Ease a section out of the ground using a sharp spade once out divide and replant Rhubarb does well in full sun in nutrient rich soils.

Roses

Roses come in various types, each with unique traits and growth habits
Here is a quick guide to help you choose the right type:

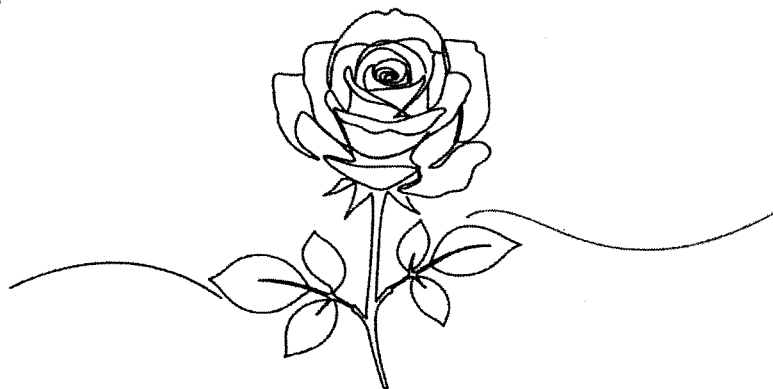
Floribunda- Produces masses of smaller flowers. Unrivalled for providing a colourful, reliable and long-lasting bedding display. Height ranges from 1m to 2m

Hybrid Tea- the most popular type of rose, available in either bush or standard form. Produces fewer flowers but larger individual blooms. Height is usually 1.5 to 2 m

Bush Rose- Most commonly chosen and covering a vast number of colours, heights and characteristics.

Climbing and Rambling Roses- these varieties are best used over fences, pergolas and walls. They are of various sizes to suit wide uses in the garden. Ramblers have long pliable stems, bearing large trusses of small flowers and are usually only spring and summer flowering. Most climbers are repeat their flowers from spring to late autumn.

Standard Roses- Many bush rose varieties are also available grown on longer stems. These are easy to work on at 800mm high, a space saver and good height for fragrance to be enjoyed.



Understanding our Deaf Culture, needs and sign language from the D/deaf community.

We, as Deaf people, received excellent news from the Japan Deaf Community and the World Federation of the Deaf (of which I am a member).

The law, which took effect on June 25, 2025, following the approval of legislation drafted by cross-party lawmakers in parliament, is a significant milestone. It marks the first time Japan has enacted a law specifically on sign language, according to the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare in Japan. This is a crucial step towards recognising and protecting the rights of the Deaf community in Japan.

Let's take a moment to reflect on the status of our first language, Sign Language, compared to other languages, such as English, around the world. Here is an update on the statistics in Sign Language as of June 2025, sourced from the World Federation of the Deaf and other reputable organisations.

✓ **41.5%** of countries officially recognise their national sign language (81 out of 195), a promising trend in global sign language recognition.

✗ **58.5%** of countries do *not* recognise their national sign language (114 out of 195).

In September, Deaf Awareness Week International is coming up.

Theme for 2025: "**No Human Rights Without Sign Language Rights**"

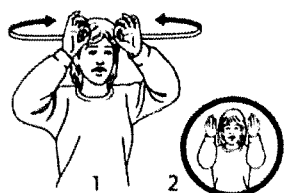
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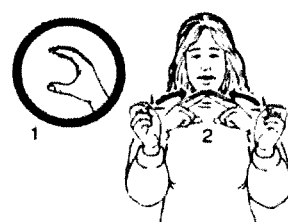
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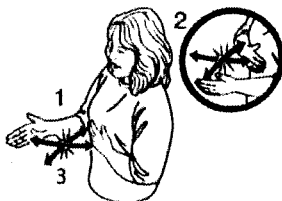
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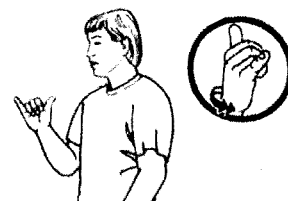
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Getting rid of the alphabet

You've used their maps, their gmail, their youtube, their search engine and possibly their web browser for decades. But, there is something to be said for not supporting monopolies, and Google - or technically, Alphabet, their parent company - monopolizes all of these areas, with good reason. Back in the day, they cut through the BS that was the status quo for search engines: bad results, too many ads and invasive user interface designs. Sadly, they've nowadays more-or-less recreated those very conditions they sought to avoid. Their search results are riddled with ads, they front-and-center display their own text pulled from other websites, robbing those sites of ad revenue, and of course there's the ubiquitous AI nonsense. Which is famous for, amongst other things, recommending that people use craft glue to prevent the toppings from sliding off pizza.

Their web browser, Chrome, likewise cut through the rubbish when it was released, by presenting a no-nonsense minimal interface which people appreciated. However it's terms and conditions allow them to use and store your search and browsing history in various anonymized ways - and Google's connection to the international 5-eyes spy network (of which NZ is a part) is known and acknowledged by them. This isn't the time or place to go into details on that, but regardless of whether your browsing is innocuous, it feels somewhat tense to know that somewhere, someone **could** look in on your activities at any time.

Gmail harvests the text of your emails and uses it anonymously to direct appropriate advertising toward you. And their advertising is, bar-none, the most used advertising platform in the world, forming a micro-monopoly of it's own. Google Maps and the Android phone operating system both keep track of where you go and for how long, unless intentionally disabled. Sooooo I dunno. Google is the lesser evil of the mega-corps, but I'd still rather have them know too much about me, particularly with the current USA administration. What to do then? Find alternatives, obviously.

Firefox is a good alternative to Chrome. Open maps and Apple Maps are quite usable. Recently I've been using Ecosia and DuckDuckGo as my search engines of choice, swapping back only occasionally to Google search when necessary. Vimeo is a viable alternative to Youtube, famous for supporting more-highbrow content than the typical youtuber fare. There are many alternatives for online storage, and, as explained in a previous article Google Drive is the slowest of them all. Protonmail and NZ-based email services are worthwhile alternatives to Gmail, none of which retain information from your emails. And for advertising, you might want to explore Facebook/Instagram ads and active publicity instead of funnelling more money into the Google ad network.

You could do worse than to explore the possibilities. The downside is that anything new take some getting used to, but you'll get past that. While there's nothing wrong with monopolies in theory, in practice absolute power tends to corrupt absolutely. Oh, and have you noticed? The name of the business and the website have changed. The previous one was always confusing to Mac owners. And to small businesses. What do you think?



Bentley Computer Support

Tamahere-Woodlands Councillors' update July 2025

Long Term Plan (LTP) adopted, rates struck

The Council adopted the Long Term Plan 2025-34 in time for the start of the new financial year on 1 July. Final work on the plan mean increases in the general rate will steadily fall from 4.25% in 2025/26 to 3.0% in Year 2, 2.5% in Year 3 and to 1.5% from Year 4 onwards. Targeted rate increases for water services will continue to be significant until the new Waters CCO, IAWAI Flowing Waters, established with Hamilton City Council, introduces price harmonisation across the two Council areas over a 5-year transition period.

New Waters CCO Establishment Board appointed

The establishment board for the new Waikato District and Hamilton City waters services CCO has been named as Kevin Lavery (Executive Chair) with Tim Manukau (Tainui) and Dave Chambers as directors. Kevin Lavery is an experienced local government CEO in both the UK and NZ; Tim Manukau is an independent hearing commissioner, former resource management consultant and former environmental research director; and Dave Chambers is an experienced company director who has just finished a term as CEO of Watercare. The name chosen for the company is IAWAI Flowing Waters. Iawai means flowing waters and also incorporates the word 'awa' or river in a palindrome.

New contracts with Higgins and Fulton Hogan for roading and transport services

The Council's roading contract with Downer, operating through the Waikato District Alliance, has been replaced with new contracts for maintaining and upgrading our roads across the Waikato District.

Core transport functions have been brought in-house to give Council greater oversight of our roading network, and new contracts established for the north and south of the District. The new model is designed to deliver better value for money and more efficient planning and delivery.

From July our new providers are Higgins (northern contract) and Fulton Hogan (southern contract – including Tamahere-Woodlands Ward.) Lighting services will be provided by Horizons and Odyssey.

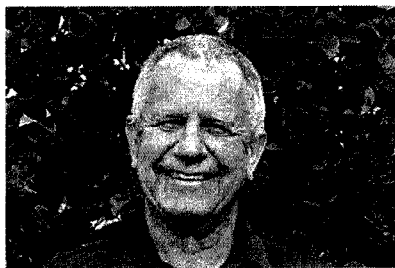
SH1B Telephone Rd rail crossing re-opening end of July

NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi and KiwiRail have invited a group of community representatives to celebrate the completion of the rail crossing upgrade on the morning of 30 July. The rail crossing will either re-open that afternoon or the next day. Please watch out for further communication from NZTA.

Reminder - dog registration fees due by 31 July

To learn more – and to pay your dog registration online – please go to www.waikatodistrict.co.nz/dogs

Contact your Tamahere-Woodlands Councillors:



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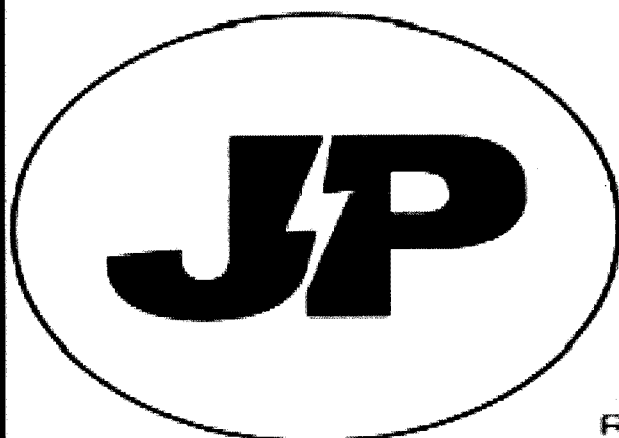
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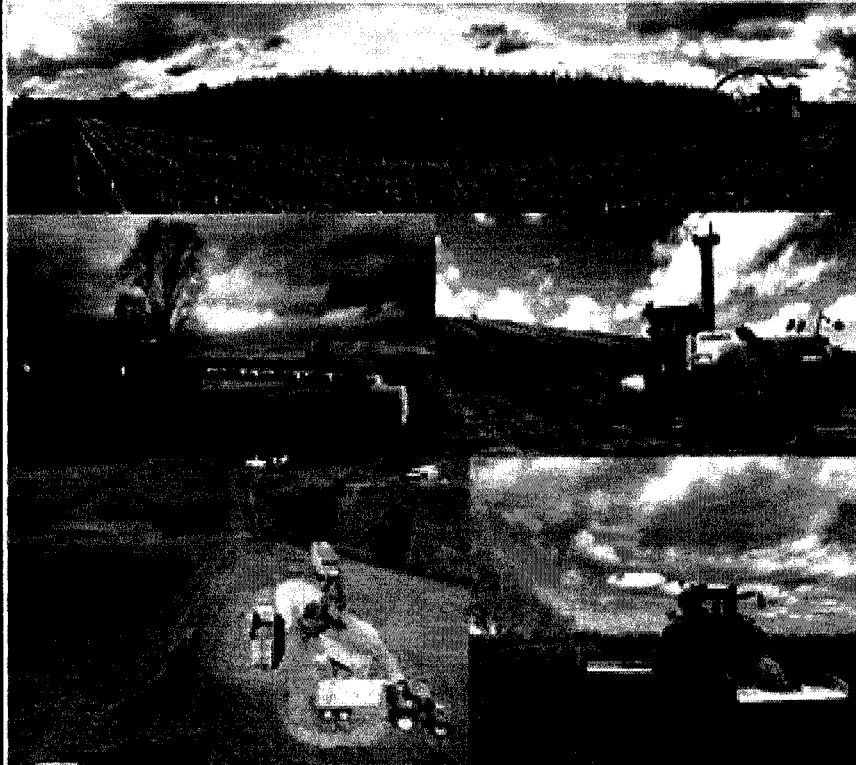
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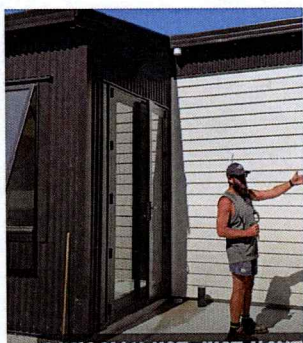
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