

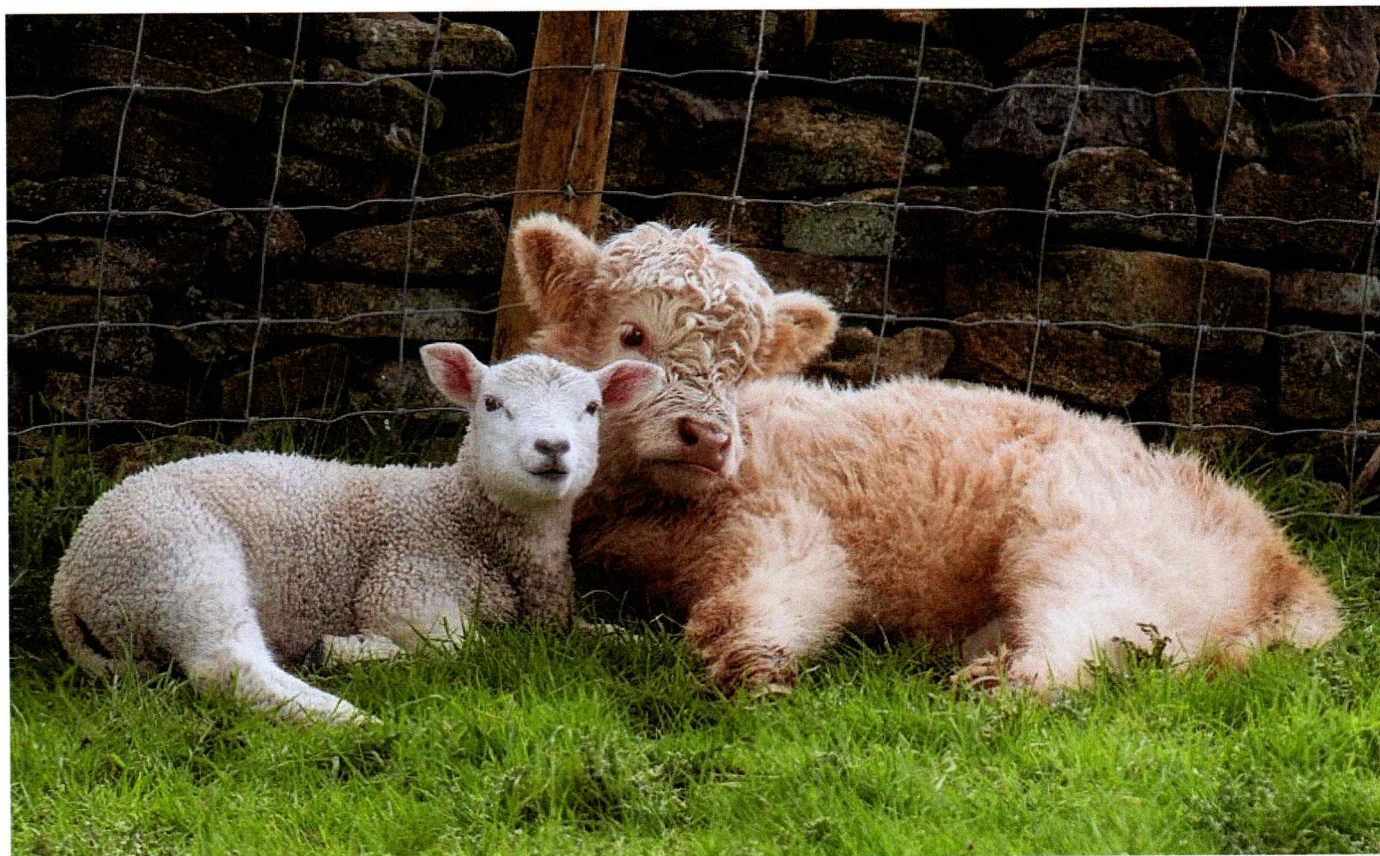
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## Teamwork Makes the Dream Work

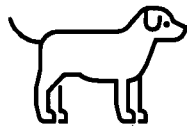
Though both raised in rural New Zealand, Jess and I only recently returned to the countryside, settling in the heart of Eureka a year and a half ago. Now in our 30s, we feel clearer than ever about what truly matters: building an independent, healthy, and financially free lifestyle.

I'm a retired design engineer who now spends his days shaping our little slice of self-sufficient heaven—alongside some cabin building projects on the side. Jess runs her dog grooming business from home, and when she isn't working with her four-legged clients, she's usually in the garden or tending to the animals.

We're deeply grateful for where we are, but we know the journey ahead is still long. What has become increasingly clear is that the fastest, most rewarding way forward is through teamwork—by building a community of like-minded people, helping each other reach our goals more quickly than if we all struggle along alone.

Jess and I don't plan to wait until we're 65 to finally enjoy the freedom to travel, explore, and live fully. And surely, we can't be the only ones who feel this way. Surely there are others here in Eureka working toward the same kind of freedom.

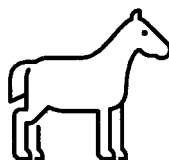
Sam & Jess Hodder



Hi, my name is Caroline Tims / nee Hinton. I have been asked to write a piece of my life for the Eureka Express. I have lived in Eureka all of my 81 years. I was raised in the old family homestead at the end of Hinton Road. It was the only house on Hinton Road then, with a sand road/driveway for entry. My father, Carl Hinton, was 1 of 12 children. His family came to Eureka in 1900 when they built the homestead. My father and his brother Dick farmed the farm in partnership.

I married Gary Tims and we bought 60 acres on the main road on top of the hill in 1961 and later joined it with the family farm. Gary and I had three children of our own – Diane, Peter and Sheryl. Peter and Sheryl both share milk and run the farm for me now. My life has revolved around farming and horses, having ridden all my life, with many wonderful memories of competing at A & P shows throughout the North Island along with my children. We also had racehorses only 1 or 2 at a time and had some great success there and also some disappointment, but that's racehorses. Peter went on to become a Jockey and was the leading apprentice jockey in NZ. Diane now lives in Melbourne and has 2 children. Sheryl also very successful, working with yearlings for Cambridge stud for years, and also riding. I have 7 grandchildren, 5 are involved with racing and I also have 3 great grandchildren who are also animal and horse mad. I feel very lucky to live in Eureka. It has changed so much over the years but it's a great little community to live in, and so handy to everything.

Caroline Tims



## WAIKATO SPIRITUAL CAFE

Welcome one & all to Waikato Spiritual Cafe's first ✨ Spiritual Wellbeing Event ✨ to be held on:-

Date: Saturday 01/11/2025

Address: Eureka Hall

1298 Highway 26, Hamilton, New Zealand.

Location is:

✨ 15 mins from Hamilton East & Morrinsville

✨ 20 mins from Hamilton Central & Cambridge

✨ \$20 Door Entry & ALL Psychic + Medium Readings + Healings + Refreshments are FREE ✨

✨ 2 sessions available at \$20 Per Session / Per Person: ✨

✨ Morning 9:30am to 12:00pm ✨

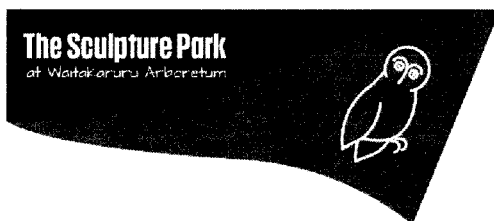
AND:

✨ Afternoon 1:00pm to 3:30pm ✨

We have 1 on 1 readings or group readings. Plus, we have Healers from all Modalities, Reiki, Energy, Mirimiri, Romi Romi, etc.

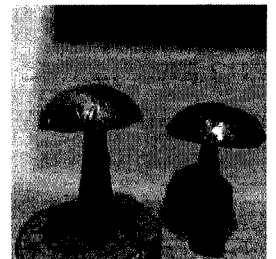
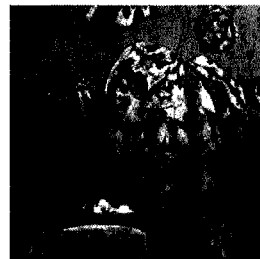
There will also be Products for Sale:- Crystals, Jewellery, Candles, etc. Plus, outside in our carpark we will have Bistro Coffee, Food and a sausage sizzle.

Come along for a fun filled day of connecting to loved ones, for guidance and for healing 🧘‍♀️ ❤️ 🦋 🌀



**The Forgotten Forest Sculpture Exhibition** from 12<sup>th</sup> September to 27<sup>th</sup> October showcases the work of Nathan and Destine Hull. As a duo, Nathan and Destine Hull combine contrasting yet complimentary approaches to metal art. With a shared passion for transforming reclaimed materials, their collaboration blends

Nathan's bold, structural foundations with Destine's eye for detail and finish. Over the past decade, their combined skills have forged pieces that balance strength with flow, often blurring the lines between industrial and organic.



### Part-time staff vacancies

- Barista (weekends)
- Cleaner for Ruru Retreat (short-stay cottage)
- Weekend reception (Sat or Sun)

Contact Sue Devonshire 027-2206499

info@sculpturepark.co.nz

Hello, my name is

## Zane Williams

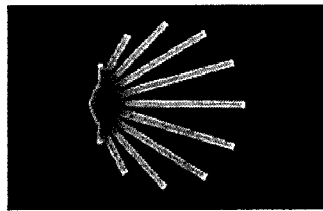
I work as a support worker for IHC Idea Services.

Please support me in my fundraiser for the IHC.

Starting on September 9, 2025, I will undertake the coast-to-coast walk in England, traversing the Lake District mountains and the British moors, a 350 km route that will take approximately 10 to 14 days to complete. Then I will go to Portugal and walk on the coastal Camino to Santiago, Spain, which is 280 km and will take me 10 to 14 days.

**100% of the money donated will go towards people with intellectual disabilities for outings and trips in supported living.**

Please donate to give a little.



**Donation link:** <https://givealittle.co.nz/fundraiser/walk-for-ihc-1>

Follow Zane on his Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/share/15tSDLoPGf/>

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## Tamahere Country Market

The next market, organised by St Stephen's Church, is on Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup> of October.

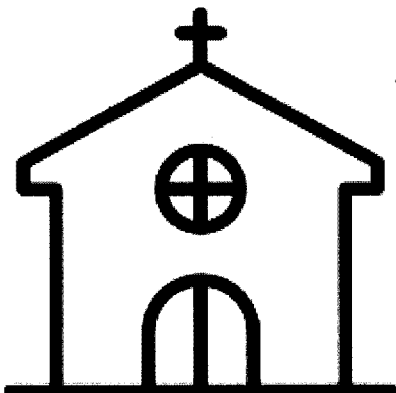
Many young people run the businesses. Last month two young women were selling delicious artisan bread, a young man plied handmade bags and a boy from Matangi, supported by his father, had a stand of his own home-made biscuits.

The market founder and organiser, Jane Manson, said they had nearly filled the 110 stands. She mentioned that there are young kids selling products. When her daughter was 6-7 years old, she sold mushrooms at the market. We should encourage more young people to start their own business. The market is a good place to experiment and learn. When they grow up, they can become successful entrepreneurs.



## Community Notices

### Local Church Services:



#### St Andrews Tauwhare :

Sunday 10.30, morning tea and catchup, Service at 11am  
Sunday evenings 6.30pm

#### St Stephens Church Tamahere

Every Sunday 9.30

#### St Francis Mansell Ave Hilcrest

Chapel Sunday 8 -9am  
Family Service 10 -11:15am

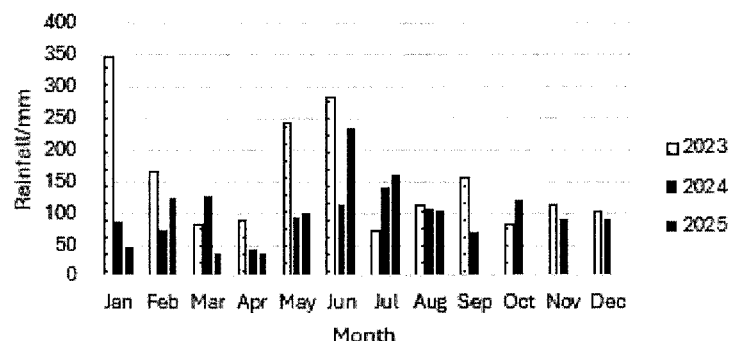


# Market Days

<b>Cambridge Trash &amp; Treasure</b> Memorial Park Second Sunday each month 8:30 – 1pm 12 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Cambridge Farmers Market</b> Victoria Square Every week 8am –1pm
<b>Hamilton Collectables</b> The Barn Claudelands Third Sunday of the month Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> October 8:30 –1:30pm	<b>Hamilton Farmers Market</b> Innes Common Every Sunday Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> October 8:30 –1:30pm
<b>Hamilton Farmers Market</b> <b>The Barn Claudelands</b> Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> October 8:30 –12noon 19 <sup>th</sup> October, 26 <sup>th</sup> October 2 November  <b>Market at the Lake –Hamilton Farmers Market</b>  Innes Common Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> October 8am to 12 noon	<b>Tamahere Country Market</b> Every third week of the month Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> October, 15 <sup>th</sup> November,  <b>Tamahere Twilight Market</b> Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> December 4pm to 8pm
<b>Hamilton East Village Market</b> A street market is held every 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month 9am to 4pm	<b>Hamilton Gypsy Fair</b> Claudelands November 8 & 9 <sup>th</sup> 9am to 5pm
<b>Raglan Creative Market</b> Old School Arts Centre 12 October 9am to 1pm, 9 <sup>th</sup> November, 14 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Matamata Night Market &amp; Craft Fair</b>  Matamata Primary School 7 <sup>th</sup> November 9.30pm to 2.30am
<b>Morrinsville Country Market</b> Canada Street First Saturday of the month 4 <sup>th</sup> Oct, 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov, 6 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Matamata Market &amp; Craft Fair</b> Matamata Primary School Every 4 weeks 11 <sup>th</sup> Oct, 8 <sup>th</sup> Nov, 13 Dec, 10 <sup>th</sup> Jan
<b>Paeroa Night Market</b> Memorial Hall 25 <sup>th</sup> October 5–9pm	<b>Paeroa Market</b> Memorial Hall Every last Saturday of the month Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> October 9am to 2pm
<b>Paeroa Community Carboot Sale</b> First & Third Saturday 8am – 12pm  <b>Paeroa Twilight Market</b> Fridays Nov 11 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup> , December 9 <sup>th</sup> & 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Te Aroha Country Market</b> Boyd Park Grandstand Every third Sunday of the month 9am to 1.30pm 19 <sup>th</sup> October
<b>Te Aroha Spring Market</b> The Domain Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> October 9am – 3pm	<b>Karangahake Street Market</b>  Every Sunday 9am

Weather for August	2025	2024
Rainfall total	103.5mm	106 mm
Rain Total for year	840 mm	783.5 mm
Rainy days	11	11
Most daily rainfall	20 mm	30 mm
Highest wind speed	50 km/h	62.6km/h
Temp high	17.9°C	18.9°C
Temp low	-1.1°C	-1.4°C

Rainfall



## Congratulations

Congratulations to one of our local advertisers 'Dig It Earthworks' on winning this special award for their project at Storey Rd, which was recognized at the NZCCA NZ Concrete Awards in Christchurch!

Big shoutout to their team and partners for making this achievement possible. They're proud of what they've built at Storey Rd and excited for more projects ahead!



## Local Body Elections

**Reminder :** Your local body election papers have been posted out. If you have not received yours, contact your local council. With all the issues of today, increases in water, roading and rates, it is important to have your say and vote for councillor of your choice.

You can post your papers in the free envelope **by Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2025** or by leaving your voting papers at designated ballot boxes.

# VOTE 2025

LOCAL ELECTIONS



## Express Christmas Get Together

The Eureka Express committee, invite all our helpers and delivery people to join us for lunch at Boundary Forever Café Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 11am.

If you would like to join us please let us know by email [editor.eurekaexpress@gmail.com](mailto:editor.eurekaexpress@gmail.com)

com asap as we need to book numbers





Matangi  
Garden  
Club

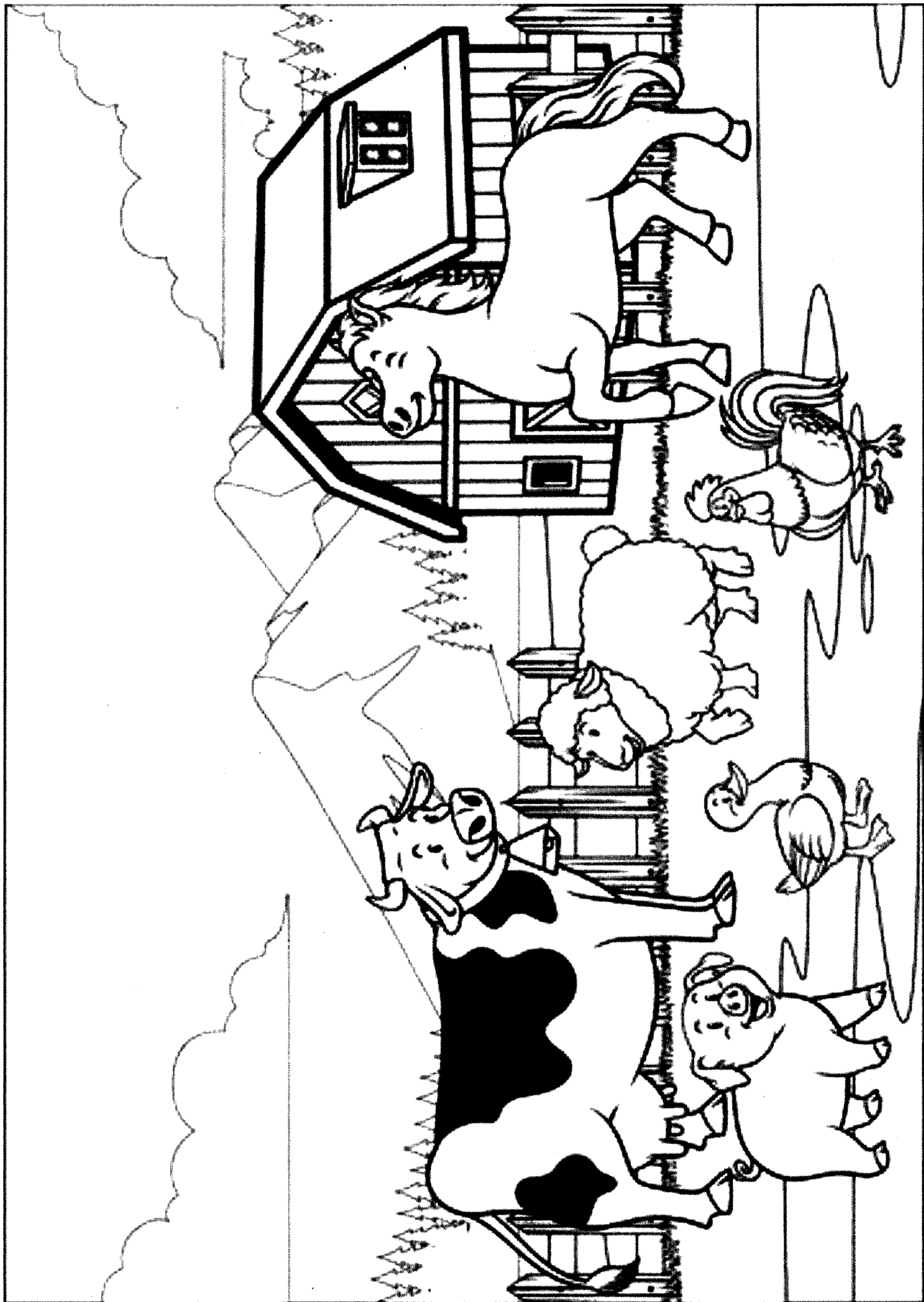
# Annual Plant Sale

Matangi Hall  
Tauwhare Rd  
Matangi

**Bring a box**  
to put your  
purchases in

**Saturday  
18<sup>th</sup> October**  
9am - Midday  
Pushchairs welcome  
after 10.30am

Plants • Produce • Raffles  
Delicious Morning Teas  
Baking • Eftpos Preferred





# Word Scramble

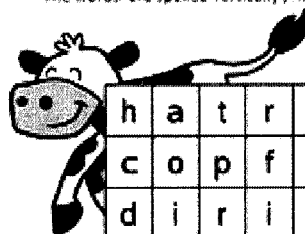
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Cow,sheep,horse,hen,pig,rooster,  
 goat,duck,goose,chick,donkey,  
 rabbit,buffalo,mouse,pigeon,turkey

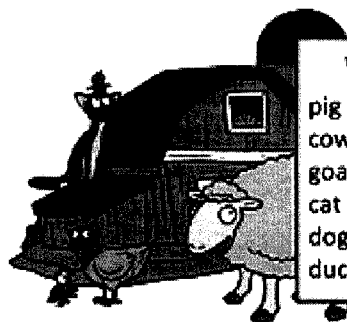


## Farm Animal Word Search

**Directions:** Circle the farm animal words hidden in the puzzle.  
 The words are spelled vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and even backwards!

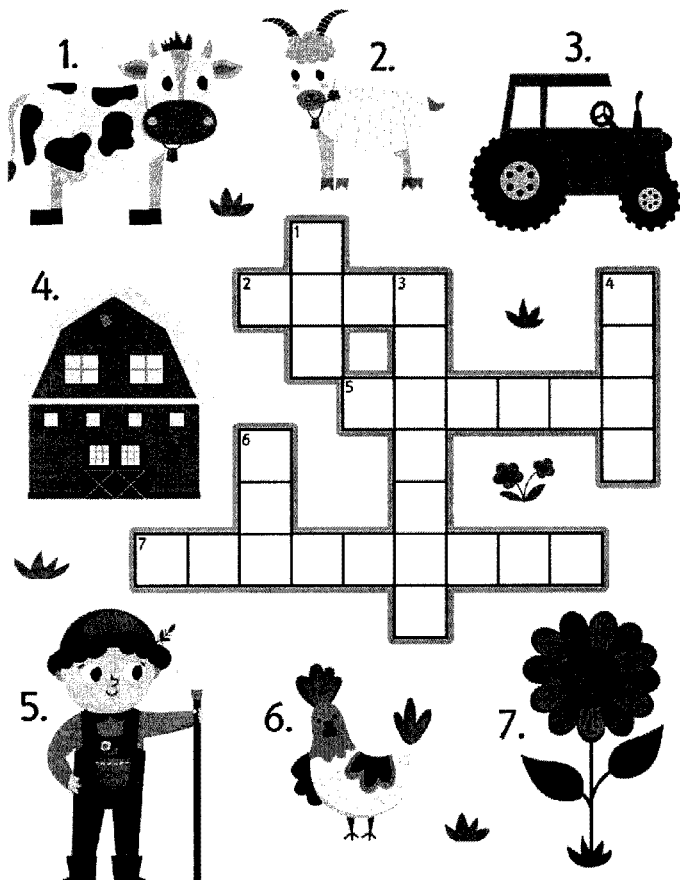


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### Word Box:

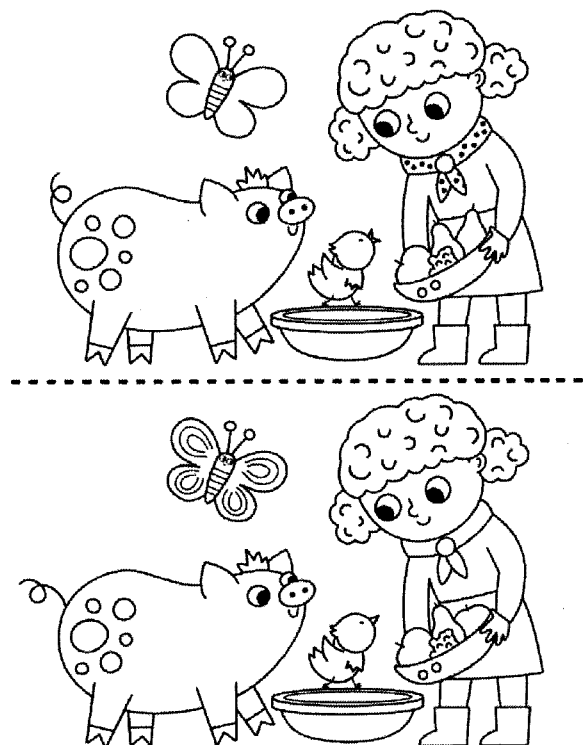
pig	chicken	sheep
cow	rooster	goose
goat	turkey	mouse
cat	rabbit	
dog	horse	
duck	donkey	



1.cow 2.goat 3.tractor 4.barn  
 5. Farmer 6.chicken 7.sunflower



## Spot 5 differences



Butterfly wings, pig tail, chicks  
 beak, fruit change, girls scarf

# Eureka Calf Club

Going back through the archives not a lot could be found to, give you some history. The earliest calf club was registered in 1911, with boys and girls rearing their calves, to learn about animal care, to be able to assist parents on the farm during busy times.

The first record I could find was in 1937, when the Eureka Calf club was affiliated to the Girls & Boys Agricultural Club Group . I can only assume that calf clubs were indeed held at Eureka schools, prior to this.

Round the country calf clubs are held in late September early October, with the overall champions going on to combined group days and the culmination of the top calves going through to Agricultural Days, where adults and children show the best of the breeds. It has always been very competitive in country areas and for the children to have the best dairy type and or overall champions was a prize to aim for. In later years beef calves were introduced and this too was a friendly competition between beef breeders

The children's calves are judged in rearing, leading and dairy and beef types, where lambs and goats are judged on rearing, calling, leading and type.

Children without an animal take part in flower arranging, baking and art work

Can you recognise children in this photo from times gone by? (1968)

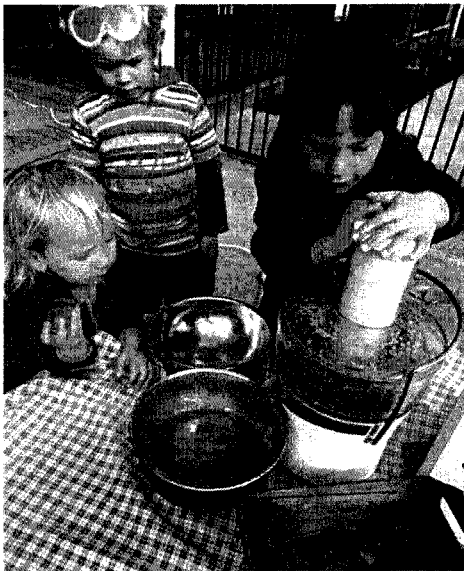


*Calf Club – 1996*



*Group Day winning team – 1996*

The past couple of weeks at preschool have been filled with creativity, teamwork, and discovery! The tamariki have loved exploring different ways to play and learn, from painting in the sunshine and exploring outside, to juicing fresh oranges and building towers with blocks. Sensory play has been a big highlight too, with messy fun at the water and slime tables, and mark-making in sand to explore numbers, letters and shapes. Riding bikes, sharing laughs, and enjoying the spring sunshine has brought plenty of joy to our days. It's been wonderful to see the children experimenting, problem-solving, and supporting one another, reminding us how learning happens everywhere, indoors and outdoors, through play.



Ngā mihi,  
Shell Proebstel  
*Curriculum Provider and  
Educational Lead*  
Pūkeko Country Preschool  
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# TAUWHARE SCHOOL

Term 3 – October 2025

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## Do the Mahi – Get the Treats

*Cohen (above) gets stuck into filling the base of the garden beds with leaves and sticks. Ollie (below) delivers a fresh batch of mulch for the butterfly garden.*



## TOP NEWS

### Nurturing Nature at Tauwhare!!

Our school is buzzing with the success so far in our enviro projects. Over the past few terms we've been working on some fantastic initiatives to connect our students with nature. These projects aren't just about getting our hands dirty; they're about teaching Tauwhare kids valuable lessons in science, sustainability, and community.

#### Butterfly Gardens

Our students have been busy digging, building and preparing for a variety of native flowers and plants specifically chosen to attract butterflies. These vibrant spaces will serve as living classrooms of life and nature.

#### A Revamped Veggie Garden

Our old vegetable garden area has been completely reimagined thanks to our Pre-School Group and our friends at Mitre 10 Cambridge. With a lot of hard work, we've brought in new soil to put into our new raised beds. Soon we will get to planting in this new garden.

#### Expanding Our Native Forest

The native forest at the back of our school is getting an upgrade. Students have been busy planting more native trees and shrubs to enhance this important ecological area. A pathway is being constructed so we can safely navigate the forest, keeping the roots and small plants safe.

We're so proud of the hard work and dedication from our students and teachers. It must be mentioned and recognised the incredible support we have received from our Thursday Pre-School group as well as the incredible adult volunteers we have had supporting us on our Enviro Days. We are so grateful to be working alongside you and thank you so much for your time, skills and support.



# Kids in the Kitchen

**Great easy recipes with staple ingredients to encourage children into cooking**

## **Toffee**

A child of six can make this toffee – it never fails to set

2 cups sugar

2 dessertspoon butter

2 tsp vinegar

6 dessertspoon water

Put all together into saucepan and boil for 20 minutes but do not stir. Pour into greased plate or dish to set

## **Mighty Muesli Bars**

2 cups rolled oats

½ cup chocolate chips

¾ cup raisins

75g butter

¾ cup sunflower seeds

1 cup condensed milk

½ cup peanuts (chopped)

Preheat oven to 160. Line 20x30 cm tin with Baking paper. Make sure paper comes up sides of tin. Put oats, raisins, seeds, nuts and chocolate chips in a bowl. Add melted butter and condensed milk; stir well, Press evenly into tin. Bake 30-35 minutes until golden. Cool in tin for 10 minutes, before cutting into bars.

## **Rice Bubble Cakes**

5 cups rice bubbles

100g butter

½ cup sugar

2 tbsp honey

Put butter, sugar and honey in a pot. Boil slowly until it turns a golden colour. Put in the rice bubbles and stir. Put the mixture into a greased tray. Cut when cold.

## **Mini Quiches**

6 eggs

250g chopped bacon

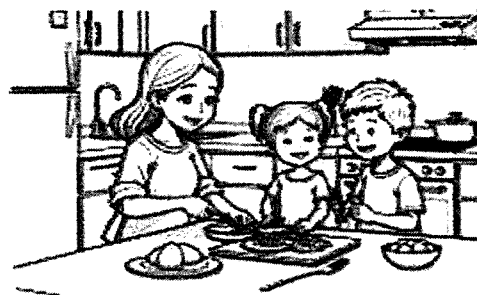
1 large onion (finely chopped)

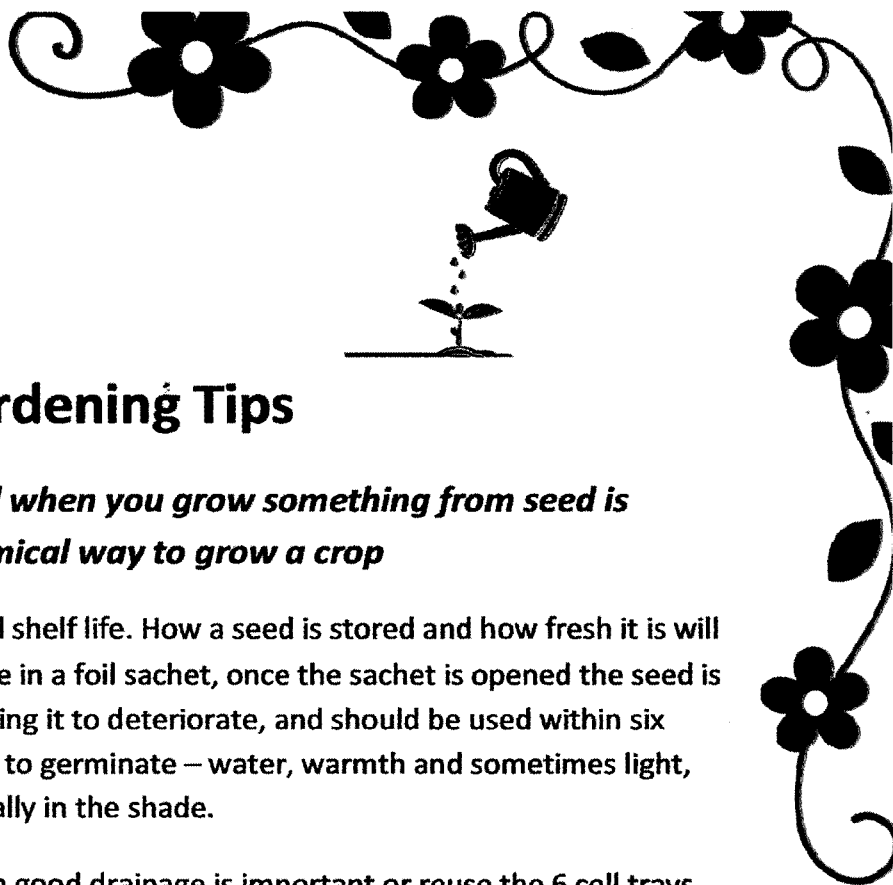
2 cups grated tasty cheese

Sliced sandwich bread

finely chopped parsley

Beat eggs; add onion, cheese, bacon and parsley. Mix well. Lightly butter bread, remove crusts and place buttered side down into patty pans. Fill with mixture. Bake at 180 for approx 20-25 minutes or until light brown.





## Gardening Tips

***The sense of achievement you feel when you grow something from seed is enormous, plus it the most economical way to grow a crop***

Seeds are living things and have a limited shelf life. How a seed is stored and how fresh it is will determine its success. Packet seeds come in a foil sachet, once the sachet is opened the seed is exposed to light, moisture and heat causing it to deteriorate, and should be used within six months. Seeds have a basic requirement to germinate – water, warmth and sometimes light, although most seeds can germinate initially in the shade.

***Sewing in trays*** Seed raising trays with good drainage is important or reuse the 6 cell trays from previous purchased plants work well. Fill the container with seed raising mix to 1 cm below the top. Level and firm down. Water the seed tray as this will close up small cracks in the mix and prevent the small roots of the germinating seed from drying out once they start growing. Scatter the seeds evenly over the surface and cover lightly and evenly with seed raising mix. Cover the tray with glass, clear plastic or a sheet of paper to keep seeds moist and warm during germination. When the seed germinates and seedlings emerged from the soil, uncover and move the tray to a warm, sunny, sheltered position. Keep the seed raising mix moist as it can dry out very quickly.

**Summer staples** like tomatoes, basil, chillies, pumpkins, eggplants capsicums, cucumbers, zucchinis, beans and sweet corn will be ready to plant outside as soon as the weather is constantly warm (from late October). Before transplanting, reduce watering to harden off seedlings. **Plant seedlings outside:** plant cauliflower broccoli and cabbage, lettuce, spinach, celery, silver beet, bok choy, onions and spring onions. If the ground is waterlogged, hold off until it dries, as little growth happens in saturated soils.

***Prune feijoas:*** Your last chance for pruning feijoas is early spring. Aim to remove dense growth to allow more light into the centre of the trees. Feijoas can handle significant haircuts, so if plants have become gigantic, you can safely reduce them by 50 percent.

***Nurture citrus:*** An application of citrus fertiliser will give plants a welcome boost now. Pick fruit before it over-ripens and falls from the tree. Check for whitefly and mites on a regular basis and use an insect spray to control them. Once the weather warms they multiply rapidly.





# Tamahere-Woodlands Councillors' update September 2025

## Final reminder for elections 2025

You should have received your voting papers in the post by now if you were registered on the electoral roll by 1 August at your current address. If you have not received your voting papers then please enquire about casting a special vote - which you can request from the Council or from Election Services (ph 0800 922 822). Voting closes at 12 noon on election day (Saturday 11 October). The Council's electoral officer recommends you post your vote by 7 October, or hand deliver it to a Council office or library after that.

## Calling all library lovers

Just a reminder for library lovers in the Tamahere-Woodlands Ward that your rates allow you to use both the Waikato District library services and Hamilton City libraries, whichever is more convenient. If the nearest Waikato District library at Ngaruawahia is too distant, check out the digital library services – including eBooks, eAudiobooks, movie streaming, and online learning – or have your chosen book delivered to the Tamahere office to pick up.

Hamilton City libraries include Rototuna, Chartwell, Hillcrest, and the Central library in Garden Place. Hillcrest Library is temporarily closed following last month's fire at the back of the dairy, next door in the same building – but the city is considering setting up a "pop-up" library while they investigate the extent of the damage and what the next steps are for the building. Check the Hamilton City Libraries website or Facebook page for updates.

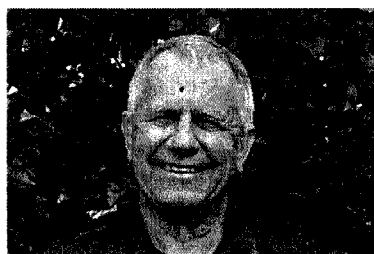
## Rolling out our Speed Management Plan

If you made a submission on our speed management plan (SMP) for local roads and are wondering when the plan will be implemented, the Council is still awaiting sign-off from the Director of Land Transport. Apparently there have been delays in reviewing all SMPs nationwide. The Council has set aside a modest budget for speed limit signage where needed and hope to be able to implement agreed post-consultation changes in the new year.

## Upcoming legislation and policy statements guiding local government

The Government has recently issued a number of policy statements and is seeking comment on draft legislation that is expected to influence the operations of local government. Among these changes are:

- The draft **Government Policy Statement on Housing and Urban Development** sets out the government's long-term direction for housing and urban development, alongside five priority actions aimed at addressing the causes of Aotearoa New Zealand's housing challenges. The priorities include supporting housing growth, reforming the resource management system, resetting investment to better support those most in need, improving efficiency and competition in building and construction, and strengthening rental markets.
  - **Resource Management Reforms: Going for Housing Growth.** This is part of the Government's broader plan to tackle NZ's ongoing housing shortage. It's structured around system changes (three pillars) to address the underlying causes of this shortage by freeing up land for development and removing planning barriers.
  - The **Planning Act** and **Natural Environment Act** legislation will be the combined legislative result of the consultation on the Resource Management Act discussion documents and are expected to follow the consultation on the remaining Going for Housing Growth pillars.
  - The **Local Government Systems Improvements Bill** sets out to remove the four wellbeings from the Local Government Act and widen the Department of Internal Affairs' powers to set mandatory measures on non-financial performance. This is the first tranche of an Omnibus Bill with a second tranche coming later this year.
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# The even *more* alternative web browsers

Have you heard about 'Salt Typhoon'? This is a chinese hacking operation which infiltrated 200 companies across 80 countries in 2024. The CIA casually stated that they now probably have information on every american. How? Well, many of the companies infiltrated were large, but also, distribution of personal information on the web via 'data broking' is widespread. This is when a company - say, Amazon - sells anonymized data about a large number of users to a third party - maybe a government actor, or a private company - ostensibly for market research purposes. The problem is that your data can be easily de-anonymized, if the buyer owns a website you have an account with. They find out the exact times you've logged in, in the past, then compare that against the anonymized data in order to identify the user. This is one method of several.

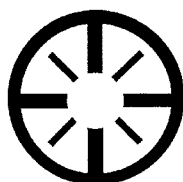
So any state actor can use this anonymized data, plus login times found in breaches like the ones orchestrated by Salt Typhoon, to identify vast numbers of users, their web browsing habits, what websites they visit, their personal statistics and more. How is this useful? Well, if you're trying to manipulate people in a foreign power hierarchy, you want to find out what they don't want others to know (web browsing habits, emails etc) and what they are vulnerable to (how many kids they have, their partner, and suchforth). Which brings us to the issue of browser privacy. Most of us are not important enough for any government to care about, let alone investigate, but still, its nice to be cautious sometimes. Microsoft's 'Edge' browser, their newer Outlook email client, and Google's Chrome browser send information about which websites you visit, what you type and when, back to their servers. According to both companies, the data is only used for their targeted ad services, but both have been known to lie (Chrome was found to be sending information back to base even when users were browsing in 'incognito mode').

Mozilla's Firefox browser, unfortunately, has started sending information home too; purportedly to gather data to power their new AI initiative. Firefox has been getting more annoying and confusing for mainstream users for years, and I think for many this has been the last straw. Which leaves us with only one choice; alternative browsers. I looked at a bunch so you don't have to, and the best one for most users is **Librewolf**. This is based on Firefox's source code, but with telemetry and various other annoyances disabled, as well as privacy-focused features enabled by default. It includes an ad-blocker and is compatible with Firefox's extensions/bookmarks. Other alternatives are numerous but boil down to a few solid candidates:

*Brave* - similar to Librewolf but based on Chrome's source code instead. Unfortunately the company behind it has been involved with scandal after scandal and I don't trust them.

*Mullvad* - goes harder than either of the above on the privacy front, but too far for non-expert users. Will break many websites and is hard for novices to use.

So there you have it. My recommendation for a new web browser that won't get you tracked so easily in 2025 is Librewolf. Or you can stick with Edge and have that page of clickbait news rocket into your vision every time you open a new browser tab.



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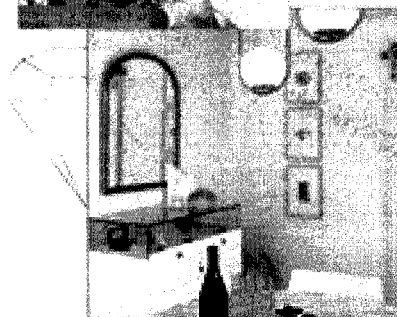
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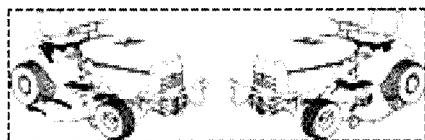
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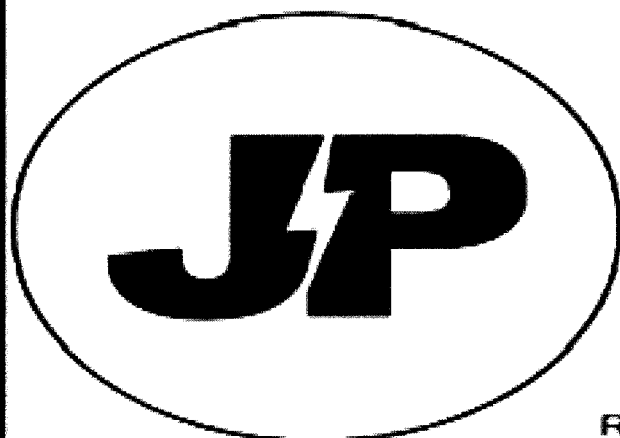
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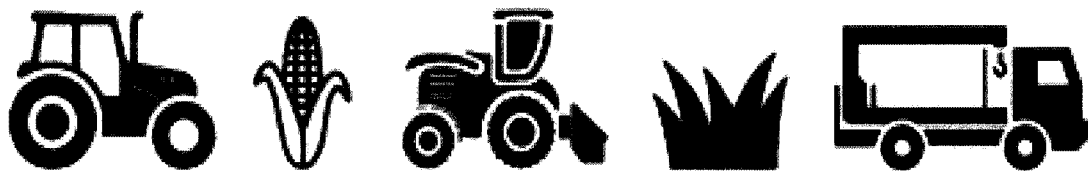
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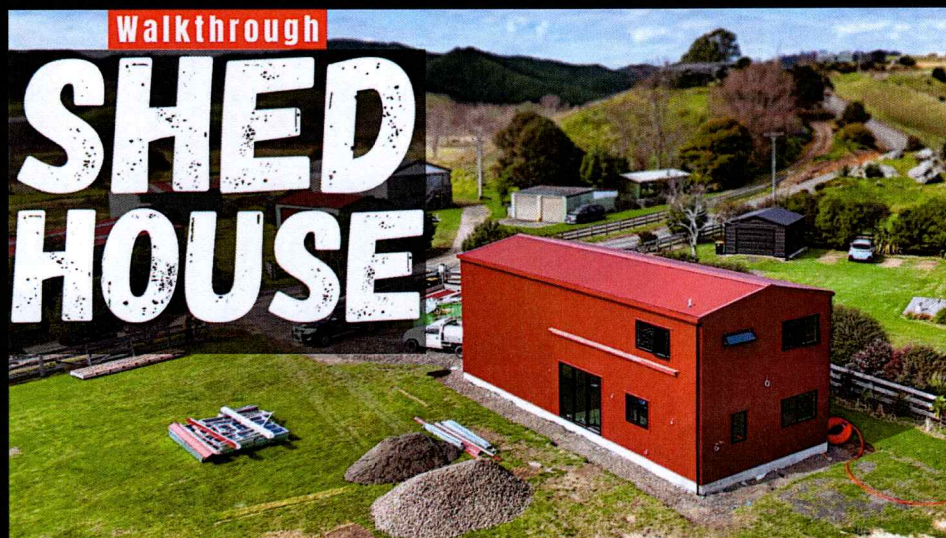
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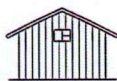




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