

# EUREKA EXPRESS

MARCH 2010 - Easter Colouring Competition



Happy Easter

**EUREKA EXPRESS**  
**EASTER COLOURING COMPETITION**

Groups: Pre-schoolers  
Juniors 5 - 7 years  
Seniors 8 - 10 years  
11 years and upward see below

Only one entry per person  
Further copies available from Eureka Motors

Please have entries in to Eureka Motors by 10am Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> March at the latest

Judging will take place and prize-winners will be advised on  
Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April

Winners will be named in the April *Eureka Express*

Please colour the entire page  
(Crayons, pencils or felts may be used)

NAME: .....

AGE: .....

CONTACT PHONE NUMBER: .....

**DESIGN A COVER COMPETITION**

For School students 11 years and upward

You are invited to design a cover for upcoming editions  
of the *Eureka Express*

*(theme of your choice but please make your design in black and white only)*

Entries please to Eureka Motors by Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April at the latest

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## Guest Editorial

### How Eureka has changed over the last 50 years

Oh how Eureka was.



*Davis & Campbell Store - Eureka 1947, Neha Kaire on bicycle.*

Back in the day when I was a boy (50+ years ago) Eureka Road was called Station Road leading to the Eureka Railway Station. The road was narrow and gravel. There were 5 railway houses, a railway goods shed (now sited at Jones' farm on Eureka Road) and cattle yards from where cattle were transported by train to the Frankton Sale and the freezing works.

Station (Eureka) Road had 6 dairy farms and a sheep farm.

At the Morrinsville Road end of Eureka Road was the Eureka School. In my day all the children biked to school or they biked to the Eureka store to catch the bus to town. Opposite the school was the 4 Square and Post Office owned by Noel and Jill Campbell, Noel delivered groceries to district families.

The hub of Eureka was the old hall. There was an old dairy factory down Hunter Road that processed potatoes for Air New Zealand and potato chips. Eureka Transport operated on the corner of State Highway 26 and Hinton Roads, was run by the Edwards and Drake families and had several trucks.

The nearest garage was the Europa Garage on Platt Road.

Farming was predominantly self contained dairying. The land was semi developed with a lot of swamp and tea tree which was a great playground for children to make huts and hunt around. The area was predominantly pastoral farming with the major land use being dairy. The average herd size was 100 cows. Walk through sheds were the norm employing a couple of staff with very little mechanisation. Milk was collected in cream cans and left on the cream stand as can be seen at the entrance to our farm (Supply Number 72770). Farmers were self sufficient with home kill meat and large gardens.

Oh how Eureka has changed.

Trains no longer stop at the Eureka Railway Station, with that the infrastructure has gone. Holland Road has been built and is now a major roadway. Eureka Road is tarseal with a centreline and a 70km/hr zone. The school was closed and reopened as a specialist educational institution. The store has been rotated and is now the Yuill family home. The old dairy factory now processes slinks and is a storage facility. The Hall was removed and a new one built with sports and community events in mind. No longer do we need to go to Platt Rd for petrol or mechanics. Eureka Transport shut down 30 years ago.

The swamp and the tea tree have gone. Farming is still predominantly dairying. Eureka Road now has 4 dairy farms milking on average 300 cows with 1 labour unit and increasing mechanisation.

In Eureka we now have a myriad of unique and varied enterprises, from rose gardens, orchards producing apples, feijoa's, pip fruit and a wide range of berries, together with poultry, emus, alpacas and turtle farming and miniature cows.

Home based businesses such as gyrocopters designing and building, engineering, concrete products, builders, confectionary processing, farm consultants, section maintenance, agricultural contractors, web page designers, IT specialists to name but a few. Alongside these there are a wide range of other businesses.

### Oh how Eureka will be?

Eureka is no longer the rural community it once was. With all the changes that have happened over time, new people have enriched the diversity and skills of Eureka. Eureka is different yet still a great place to live with a great community. For the future, we cannot stop change but embrace it to make Eureka bigger and stronger for the next 50 years.

Geoff Hinton

## RAINFALL

	February 2010	Year to 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb
Total (mm)	43	269
Average (1994-2010)	72	154
Difference	-29	+115



Rainfall recorded on 9 days.



# TAUWHARE SCHOOL

### Board of trustees election

Nominations are invited for the election of 5 parent representatives to the board of trustees.

A nomination form and a copy of this notice will be posted to all eligible voters.

Additional nomination forms can be obtained from the school office.

Nominations close at noon on 23 April 2010 and may be accompanied by a signed candidate's statement.

The voting roll is open for inspection at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours.

There will also be a list of candidate's names, as they come to hand, for inspection at the school.

The poll closes at noon on 23 April 2010.

Paula Brown  
Returning Officer

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## **SNIPPETS**



**BIRTH – NEW BABY CONGRATULATIONS** to Jan and Jason McCarthy of Eureka Road who were delighted to welcome a beautiful baby daughter, **Shavaun Elaina**, on March 15. A dear little sister for Lachlann. Best wishes to all.

**WELCOME HOME** for a visit to **Grant Appleton** and family from Sweden. **Grant and Lena** and children **Benjamin, 18** and **Emelia 16**, are back in New Zealand for a month catching up with family and friends. Note the Swedish flag Bob and Doreen are flying up on Masters Road.

**TEEPÉE** – a talking point on Eureka Road and Manor Park at the present time is the big teepee (or tepee) up on the hill. All will hopefully be explained next month by **Steve and Glennis Mullan**. Very intriguing!

### **YOUNG GUN ATHLETES – CONGRATULATIONS TO:**

- promising young athlete **Tyla Johnson 13**, of Tauwhare Road, who has been selected to represent Waikato at the Grade 12 and 13 Athletic Interprovincials to be held in Invercargill at Easter. Great running, Tyla. Go well.
- and **Grace Lelleveld 15** of Hooper Road, did very well in the Intermediate High Jump at the Hillcrest High Athletic Championships, going on to the Zone meet where she qualified for the Regional Waikato / BOP Champs in Tauranga. There Grace finished a creditable 3<sup>rd</sup>. Congratulations Grace.

**30<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY.** This March marks 30 years since the Eureka Express was launched back in 1980. Seems just like yesterday?! Where do the years go?



**KATE SAUNDERS  
& MATHEW ANDERSON  
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## MAUNGATAUTARI TRIP

Many thanks to all the parents who accompanied us to Maungatautari on Friday. What a brilliant day, so much to see and learn. We have been learning about native birds and trees in class but it is such a worthwhile experience for the children to see the bush and its restoration in places like Maungatautari. It was very exciting to see the kaka, tui, fantail, tomtit and other birds so close to the path and of course the weta in their weta boxes. The children were buzzing with their discoveries to tell Mrs Artis all about it in assembly.

## SWIMMING SPORTS

We have some amazing swimmers at Tauwhare School! Many of our children competed in the Country Cluster Schools Swimming Sports and did very well indeed, and a small team went onto the higher level of competition to compete against 9 other schools in the City and Country Schools Swimming Sports. Congratulations to all of our swimmers and to William Sinclair who finished third in backstroke and 1<sup>st</sup> in breaststroke and freestyle.

## JUNIOR TABLOIDS

This is an event for Yr 0/1 – Yr 3 children only and is held at Tamahere School this year. The children are organised into teams mixed across schools. Parents are encouraged to come along with their pre-schoolers to offer support and to act as team managers to organise these young children as they move to and from the various activities. This is a fun day where participation is the main focus of the day.

## CAMP FUNDRAISERS

Year 5 & 6 children have come up with some interesting and varied ways of fundraising for their camp this year. So far they have sold American Hot dogs, ice creams, Spring Bulbs, tomatoes and sweet corn. They are holding an Easter Disco and have many more activities in mind for throughout the year.

## Wonderful Pieces of Writing

It has black and blue feathers.  
It has a red beak. It's a big bird.  
It's legs are red and skinny.  
Other names are swamp hen.  
It eats snails, it's tail is white and they live in a large family.

*Christian Snyman 6 yrs old*

In my tree I feel peaceful. It's nice and quiet there.  
No noise at all. My brother and sister are looking for me but they can't find me.

I feel calmed down in the tree, just sitting there,  
thinking there, all by myself.

*Blake Horsburgh 7 yrs old*

## BIG SCREEN MOVIE

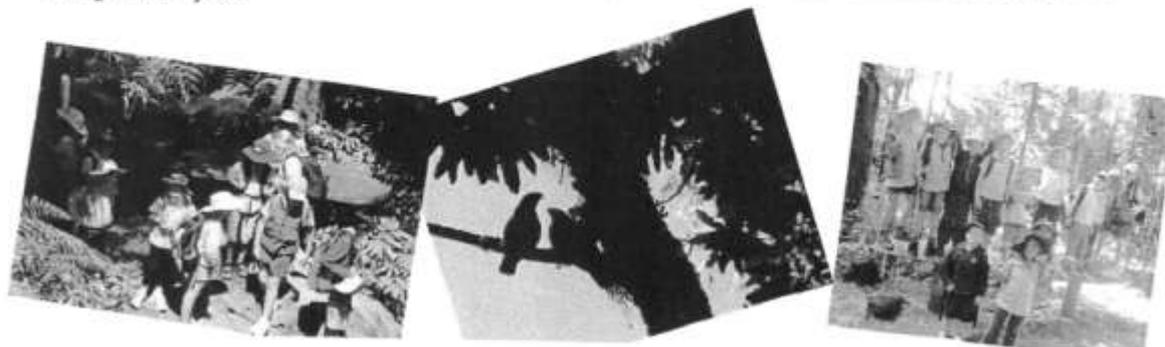
Our big screen movies are becoming so popular that we can hardly fit everybody in!! We are keeping our fingers crossed for great weather on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March so we can have our movie outdoors. The huge screen, high definition blue ray and great sound ...what more could you want?! The PTA even supply the food with 3 BBQ's all going at once.

## SCHOOL TRIATHLON

The whole school is participating in the triathlon which is to be held on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March. The children swim, bike (or skip) and run. This is always a very popular event.

## EDUCATION REVIEW OFFICE

On the first Monday of term 2 we will have the ERO review team in school. It hardly seems 3 years since we had them last. The emphasis this time is on children's learning and achievement. The ERO team welcome and comments from members of the community on our school. Please feel free to email your comments to [michelle.andrews@ero.govt.nz](mailto:michelle.andrews@ero.govt.nz)



# Greetings from: "Newstead Model Country School"



## **PARENT AND TEACHER CONVERSATIONS:**

Teachers received a most positive response Wednesday. This is an important time of the year for sharing information and observations. Children have been back at school for nearly a term and expectations and routines are well established. It is a time to share how successfully adaptations have been made and for the teachers to report on the meaning of data that had been gathered during February. Thank you for your continued support and it's anticipated that children will successfully take the next step in their learning development.

## **Board of Trustee Elections 2010:**

Every 3 years elections are held for all Boards of Trustees in New Zealand. May is the month that elections are being held.

Standing for the board is an important way to get involved in your families education. As a board member, you will be helping to govern the school and set its direction, and you have an opportunity to assist in determining the quality of education that the students at Newstead enjoy. The Newstead Board of Trustees consists of parent representatives, the principal and an elected staff member. The board meets ten times annually to discuss and undertake tasks related to the charter and the strategic plan, deciding on how the funding is to be spent, and monitoring and communicating student progress.

## **Year Six Playground Mentors:**

One of the major responsibilities these students have, during their final year is being a mentor. This is a privilege that the older children assume to resolve minor issues at break times and they contribute to a safe and caring environment by identifying children who use the Newstead virtues.

Year Six have had specific training for this role and began duties this week. This is a role model and a leadership opportunity. Mentors assist with simple conflict resolution, ensure that newer or younger children are comfortable in the playground and may organize some games or activities.

We wish these children well and anticipate that they will make a valuable contribution to Newstead always having a happy and a safe playground.

## **SOCCER**



Soccer Muster is on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> at 10am at the school. It will last about an hour and will be a chance for children to meet their coaches and the rest of the team, find out information about the soccer season, swap boots that are too big and small and try out some soccer drills. See you there!

# TAUWHARE INDOOR BOWLING CLUB

Welcome to readers of the club's first news for 2010.

The first two club nights were informal introduction nights with lots of visitors from Eureka and Tauwhare. Judging by the laughter and good humour everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. Visitors and new members are always welcome to join us on Thursday nights.

For enquiries or more information phone one of the following persons:

- John Cottle (President) 824 0992
- Ivan Billings (Vice President) 824 1832
- Robin Bargh (Secretary) 824 1819
- Jim Bargh (Club Coach) 824 1100

A special thank you to the following businesses who have sponsored the printing of our programme:

- Eureka Motors - Colin Duncan
- Ian Manning Registered Drain Layer
- Tauwhare Home Kills - Trevor and Leone Brunton
- Spyve's Panel Shop - Ron and Karen Spyve
- Billings Builders - Ivan Billings
- The Woolshed Homestay - John and Sandra Cottle

Progressive bowls was played on the club's Official Opening night with 34 players in attendance.

## Results:

### *4<sup>th</sup> March 2010 - Club Night*

- Winners S McFarland, K Williams
- Runners Up G McFarland, N Woodcock, D Miller

### *11<sup>th</sup> March 2010 - Club Night*

- Winners E Morris, K Williams, P Litt
- Runners Up N Woodcock, M Porter, J Hill

### *18<sup>th</sup> March 2010 - Opening Night*

- Winners Skips - J Bargh; Twos - K Williams;  
Threes - E Porter; Leads - C Bargh

## Up & Coming Events:

- April 1<sup>st</sup> Open Tournament - Triples; a plate please
- April 8<sup>th</sup> Triples Championship (prior entry)
- April 15<sup>th</sup> Club Night (Novelty night)
- April 22<sup>nd</sup> Skips - 3s : Twos & Leads
- April 29<sup>th</sup> Club Night
- May 5<sup>th</sup> Rinks Championship (prior entry)



## Out and About:

Congratulations to J Hooper who won Night Number 1 in the Waikato Singles competition.

## LADIES BRING A PLATE



This is a lovely loaf to add to your baking repertoire. Raspberries, blackberries or blueberries can also be used when in season and strawberries work well too.

### BLACKBERRY AND LEMON LOAF

185 grams butter	1 tsp baking powder
1 cup caster sugar	pinch of salt
finely grated zest of 1 orange and 1 lemon	½ cup ground almonds
1 cup lemon juice, make up with orange juice if needed	about 42 fresh or frozen berries
1 tbsp caster sugar	1 tsp vanilla extract
2 eggs	
1 ½ cups plain flour	
To serve	
Icing sugar for dusting	
Softly whipped cream	



Grease and fully line a 23 cm x 12cm loaf tin with baking paper  
Preheat the oven to 180c.  
Place the butter, sugar, citrus zest and lemon juice in a  
saucepan and heat gently, stirring to dissolve the sugar. Do not  
boil. Let it cool. Beat the vanilla extract and the eggs, until  
thick. Place the dry ingredients in a large bowl, pour on the  
butter and whisk until smooth. Pour half of the mixture into the  
tin and dot with half the berries, pushing them into the batter. If  
using frozen berries do not thaw first, as thawed fruit will bleed  
into the batter. Carefully pour the remaining batter and place  
the remaining berries on the top. Don't push them into the  
batter. Sprinkle the berries with sugar. Cook for about 50-60  
mins, or until the cake is firm to the touch and away from the  
sides. Cover the top lightly with foil if it is cooking too fast.  
Cool in the tin. Remove the cake from the tin and transfer to a  
serving dish. Dust with icing sugar and serve with a bowl of  
softly whipped cream. Serves 8

Gayle.

# IN YOUR GARDEN



Safe gardening guidelines offered by Ministry of Health. The huge growth of interest in home-grown vegetables and fruit in recent years has added to people's culinary enjoyment and help stretch their budgets further. However, soil is rich with living organisms beneficial to plants which generally cause no harm to animals or people, but soil also contains some organisms that are not beneficial, namely a Legionella bacteria which is commonly found in the environment and has been known to cause disease in some people. It can be inhaled in water vapour and dust associated with soil and potting mix. Those most at risk are the elderly, people with existing respiratory illnesses and weakened immune systems.

Ministry of Health safe gardening guidelines advise; minimise the amount of dust when working in the garden, water using a gentle spray, wear gloves, open bags of soil products slowly, away from the face, wash hands thoroughly, dampen potting mix before use and see a doctor if flu-like systems worsen.

March/April flower garden tasks: Plant bulbs now in pots, in the garden, under trees, beneath deciduous shrubs, anywhere you fancy a spot of bright spring colour. Plant sweet peas in enriched soil. Keep dead heading plants to encourage a few more flowers before they rest for winter. Continue to use your lawn clippings and other mulch that you can gather in but if your garden is very dry wait until autumn rains have fallen and continue to stockpile mulch.

Prepare pots for taking cuttings as this is the best time especially chrysanthemums & roses. Save seeds for spring planting, particularly tomato.

Clean up your scruffy lavenders by trimming them back by one third. Feed magnolias, rhodos and azaleas right now. Powdery mildew has started, spray with 1 teaspoon of baking soda mixed with 1 litre of water and a few drops of dish detergent.

Weed and tidy the vegie patch, clean up finished plants and prepare ground to plant brassicas. Plant punnets of caulis, cabbage & broccoli. Broad beans & carrots, beetroot, spinach and silverbeet.

Hope your tomato plants produced well and that you made heaps of soups and sauces.

Happy gardening, Jennifer



## HOW TO PLANT YOUR GARDEN

Plant three rows of peas

1. Peace of mind
2. Peace of heart
3. Peace of soul

Plant four rows of squash

1. Squash gossip
2. Squash grumbling
3. Squash selfishness
4. Squash indifference

Plant four rows of Lettuce

1. Lettuce us be faithful
2. Lettuce us be kind
3. Lettuce us be patient
4. Lettuce really love one another

No garden is without Turnips

1. Turnip for meetings
2. Turnip for service
3. Turnip to help one another

## **MY AFS YEAR**

My exchange year was an unbelievable experience. I envisioned a year in which I would have the opportunity to see a bit of Europe, meet a few cool people and have a bit of fun along the way. I never fathomed that I would bond so well with my host family, or that I would thoroughly enjoy living in my town, and that I would make such great lifelong friendships.

In short, I would summarise the importance of my year by saying, that it showed me at a young age what another country and culture is all about. It taught me not to just stay where your family and friends are, or where the culture and language is all familiar. Rather it was about taking a step out of the box, making a decision that would take all the familiarities away for the next year of my life, and that it could be possibly replaced with absolutely any situation. Then after that concept had run through my head a few times, I had to tell myself that it wasn't AFS's or my parent's idea. But rather my idea to embark on what sounded like a madman's plan.

This experience showed me the essence of life. AFS does really bring cultures together and make the world a smaller place. For me it is all about the places you visit and people you meet along the way. There could be friends you meet, there could be nasty people you meet, but that all that adheres to the wonderful 4 letter word we call 'Life'. It's what you learn from them that count. Also that people shouldn't be judged by your first encounter with them, that there doesn't have to be a right and wrong way, that it is okay not to be liked by everyone, and that preconceived ideas should remain as exactly that – preconceived. I think a significant lesson I learned in my year away is that as important as family and friends are, the real learning and inner growth of a person takes place alone, away from their usual influences. It is where someone can't rely on Mother-management, and must decide for themselves in a neutral environment what's right or wrong. That's where one defines oneself, or at least has the opportunity to do so. I can say in my year away at the opposite end of the world, I defined my personal views more than 18 years of living in New Zealand.

A quote I was always very fond of, reads as follows – 'Success is the journey, not the destination'. I believe it rings very true, and that the learning done within the journey is of the utmost importance. Sometimes something dramatic can happen along ones journey in life, and all of a sudden the place where they want to get to remains. The key is to have an open mind, and the will to welcome foreign cultures and people prepared to live without ones familiar surroundings.

When I left, I believed that I was a prime candidate for an AFS Exchange. I described myself as a friendly, outgoing, balanced individual. Over the course of the year certainly a little luck played its part, however nevertheless I would say I lived the year as fully as any exchange student could. My exchange year had a positive effect on many people, both in New Zealand and Germany. That occurred to me when I hadn't written my email bulletin in a while, and friends would be asking my parents if they had missed out on receiving one. Additionally at my leaving party, it was uplifting to see a whole range of people, ranging from the full complement of host-relatives, football and basketball mates, and even the Mayor of my town who contributed to the financing of my party on behalf of the town. So I suddenly realised, that they had all enjoyed and appreciated my presence in Jerichow.

The conclusion of my exchange highlighted the fact, how poor the decision would have been to attend University in 2009. I was not ready to begin studying and I was becoming rapidly bored and unhappy with my daily life in New Zealand. This year gave me the perfect break, something entirely different by learning German and I became surer of my future direction in terms of tertiary study and careers. Now after returning to my homeland, I am able to enjoy the finer points of New Zealand, like the beach and being part of a large family. I am now taking German and Spanish at University, whereas before wouldn't have taken any languages. Over the course of one year, languages have gone from a non interest to the main interest at University.

Knowing German will be a great asset in the future and for meeting people. Now that I have learnt a second language, I believe I will have more confidence in my ability to pick up a third.

Germany became a great choice of country for me. I liked the people who are very genuine and reserved. They enjoy partying and socialising, but do so in a responsible yet fun loving manner. The complex train system allowed me to travel far and wide independently, and the colourful history of the nation intrigued me to view the various historic grounds and locations.

Living in the old east sector of Germany was very fulfilling. I was told by my neighbours and host family how life was like in the Socialist Republic, and my town happened to be in close proximity from Berlin. This allowed me to travel regularly to Berlin (in total 9 times) and experience the plentiful sights and sounds of the German capital city.

In Jerichow I was very lucky. The people were very sporting and active, and the sport facilities were very modern. The community spirit was very strong and there were many events to participate in. I enjoyed the option of being able to ride my bike to sport and friends' houses, and simply the independence that accompanies not having to rely on a car to get around.

My host family was amazing. Both my parents were very well known in Jerichow and I found it great to have so many visitors to our house. I got along famously with my 3 younger host brothers (13, 7 and 5 years old) and I felt that they also treated me like the older brother. The family atmosphere was always very relaxed and humorous, and the get-togethers with the relatives were also great fun. Easter and Christmas were great occasions to experience in Germany.

I am very thankful for my opportunity and everyone who has helped me accomplish my dream. I hope the same for my children one day; that they can have such an eye opening and mind broadening experience as I did.

Sean Goulding



11 The group of friends from Tschechien (Germany) 2009/2010



# Natural Food Classes

By Cheryl McFarlane

My daughter, Sally, runs natural food classes using fresh natural foods and Sunrider whole food products.

Our family uses Sunrider products in our morning smoothies, which we all love, especially the children as it is a great way to know we are all getting our nutrition. In our morning smoothie we add Fortune Delight and NuPlus - cleansing and nourishing formulations. Smoothies are also a great way to get greens into the family without them knowing!

## NuPlus

*Concentrated herbal food powder*

This is Nutrition Plus! A rich blend of whole fruits and vegetables, packed with vitally alive nutrients. A balanced and concentrated herbal food to build a healthy diet and to fill in nutritional gaps. A powerful herbal rebuilding formula that has a strong body regenerating effect. Highly nourishing. Athletes use NuPlus to improve performance and people convalescing from illness find it substantially aids their recovery. Naturally low in calories, fat and cholesterol.

## Fortune Delight

*Flushes fats and impurities*

Fortune Delight helps to remove impurities that may be stored in fat cells. It nourishes and supports all the organs of digestion and assimilation.

Fortune Delight supplies the body with chlorophyll and electrolytes, which gives your cells the needed oxygen for cleansing.

Fortune Delight can be a great part of your weight management program.

## April-May Events

### Healthy Lunchbox Workshops

Sally and Jeannette Vos will be running two 'healthy lunchbox' workshops. They will be sharing recipes to turn your lunchbox from toxic to healthy. All the recipes contain NO refined sugar, NO dairy and NO flour.

**Healthy Lunchbox #1: The Basic Sandwich and Salad.** Saturday, 24th April, 3-6pm

**Healthy Lunchbox #2: Super Snacks** Saturday, 29th May 2-5pm

### Introduction to Sunrider

Wednesday, 19th May @ 7.30pm

Learn about and sample concentrate living whole food formulations that assist in nourishing, balancing and cleansing the body on a daily basis.

### DVD Evening: Food Matters

Wednesday, 5th May @ 7.30pm (complimentary)

With nutritionally-depleted foods, chemical additives and our tendency to rely upon pharmaceutical drugs to treat what's wrong with our malnourished bodies, it's no wonder that modern society is getting sicker. Food Matters sets about uncovering the trillion dollar worldwide 'sickness industry' and gives people some scientifically verifiable solutions for overcoming illness naturally.

For further details on events and Sunrider products, please contact Sally on:  
824 1068 • 027 243 2317 • s.mccarthy@xtra.co.nz

## Success Story ...

A Hamilton teacher and professional piano player had broken her wrists. She could not play the piano due to the pain and was struggled to make it through each day due to fatigue. She was at her wits end!

Her mother came across Sunrider and thought she would give it a go - they had tried everything else. One afternoon she gave her daughter a smoothie with NuPlus in it. That afternoon, her daughter was able to play the piano for 10 minutes without crying! She could play for longer periods each day as she continued to take her smoothies containing NuPlus.



## EAST HAMILTON NSG NEWSLETTER –



Safer Communities Together



Happy New Year, everybody!

It's the traditional time for making resolutions, and now that you've already made (and perhaps not kept!) the ones you made at midnight on 31<sup>st</sup> December, we'd like to suggest one that will be a pleasure to keep.

How about resolving to put the "support" back into your Neighbourhood Support Group? We, Madeleine and Nick, firmly believe that to be truly effective, your Neighbourhood Support group must think beyond just preventing burglaries.

The aim of Neighbourhood Support is to make our homes, streets, neighbourhoods and communities *not only safer but more caring* places in which to live. How can you help achieve this?

**Do you know the names of the residents of all the properties that have a joint boundary with yours? Can you even recognise them? How about the residents of the two or three properties opposite yours?**

*For example, if you saw someone climbing in a window, would you know instantly that Mary had locked herself out again, or would you know it was a stranger climbing in?*

**Do you know how many people live in each property (children, boarders, etc).**

**Do you always say hello or wave when you see your neighbours when you or they are out and about?**

**In an emergency, could you readily lay your hands on the phone numbers of all the residents whose properties share a boundary with yours?**

*If you noticed, for example, that a neighbour's window had been smashed, would you know how to make contact with them?*

**Do you know the vehicles of your neighbours?**

*For example, if you saw people parked outside a neighbourhood house, would you recognise that it's the teenagers from No 17 just sitting chatting?*

It's a good idea to record the make and number of neighbourhood vehicles.

**Do you know the name and contact number of the co-ordinator of your Neighbourhood Support group? Do you always make an effort to attend meetings? Have you offered to have the next meeting at your place?**

**Do you keep your neighbours informed of changes in your living situation?**

*Not just "I'm going to be away for two weeks". But, for example, do you let them know "We have some friends visiting us from England on a study scholarship, and they will be staying with us for 6 weeks. So if you see some strange faces at our place . . ." Better still, do you introduce your long-term visitors to your neighbours?*

Start your resolution for 2010 with the most instantly effective action – introduce yourself to any of your neighbours that you haven't already had social contact with. You'll be amazed at the difference that small action will make to the spirit of your community.

### **Burglaries in East Hamilton**

Unfortunately, burglars have not taken a summer break this year – 175 residential properties in the East Hamilton area have been burgled since 1 January. Compare this with a town like Whanganui, which gets about 7 burglaries a week.



#### **Welcome to new groups**

Nick is available for giving specific advice to existing groups or for briefing new groups. Please contact him at least two weeks before you would like him to attend your meeting. Community Constables usually work Monday to Friday, but our roster varies to meet the needs of the community.

We are able to provide window stickers for houses and various other Neighbourhood Support resources. If you or your group would like to update your stickers or replace tattered or missing street signage, please call or email us. We are happy to help.

Please remember Neighbourhood Support has an excellent website at [www.ns.org.nz](http://www.ns.org.nz). You will find a wealth of safety and other information, and helpful fact sheets on all sorts of subjects: from home burglar alarms to serial number recording; and from neighbourhood issues such as dog control, to signs and symptoms of drug abuse in young people – as well as how to start up a Neighbourhood Support Group.

Click on the link above to check the list of fact sheets – you will be impressed at the wide range of topics they cover.

#### **Keep us in the loop**

Remember, the information you give us can help make your area a safer place to live. Report any suspicious activity to us – don't be afraid to be "wrong" or "mistaken" – as this sort of information often leads to the solving or uncovering of crime.

Finally, Nick and I wish all our area residents a happy and safe 2010.

Regards,  
**Madeleine Rayson**  
East Hamilton Community Constable



## **A FEW DAYS IN DUBAI**

In November of last year I visited my old friend school friend Judith who lives and works in the United Arab Emirates. Together we explored Dubai for a few days and later drove up to Oman.

Popularly known as the City of Merchants for its long history of trade, Dubai is a unique blend of east and west. The population is made up of Arabs, South East Asians, Iranians and others. English is widely spoken along with Persian, Hindi and Urdu.

The city centre sits on the banks of the Dubai Creek which, despite its name, is a wide humming waterway of boats and water taxis taking the locals and tourists across to visit the gold souqs (markets).

Dubai is a tourist delight, full of amazing sights, sounds, smells, colours, and a fun tourist stopover for travellers. The huge malls are a shopper's paradise. They are modern; sell all the top brand fashion lines and every other item you can imagine. One afternoon in a mall we happened to be gazing in a shop window when the shop proprietor invited us in and pulled the most beautiful gowns off the racks for us to admire. Made of the loveliest fabrics, they were exquisitely embroidered and encrusted with crystals and diamantes, quite took our breath away.

Ski Dubai is in the Mall of Emirates and is the world's largest snow park. It has a twin track bobsled ride, and for me it felt surreal looking through the windows of a mall in the desert, at ice and snow and skiers skimming down the slopes.

We enjoyed lunch at the Madinat Jumeirah Hotel on Jumeirah Beach. This 5 star spectacular complex is styled to resemble an ancient Arabian citadel. It contains 3 kilometres of waterways connecting guests by water taxi to its many facilities. Along these waterways are magnificent palms and lush, colourful, tropical gardens together with cafes and souq markets selling exquisite imported carpets, silks, clothing, furniture and other goodies. If you visit Dubai you must spend some time there, it's very lovely.

The supermarkets in Dubai are very similar to our own, selling the same meat, vegetables and fruit that we buy here. Labels on tins were a bit of a challenge not being in English sometimes. I did see a huge New Zealand sirloin in the meat section, and it was interesting looking at the huge variety of spices and herbs in sacks which the locals use in their food. Dates are grown in the Emirates and we enjoyed visiting a date market and tasting the different varieties. Fresh, they are very sweet and quite moist compared to the ones we buy here.

On the outskirts of Dubai we visited a camel market. The fences around the yards were wire and high in contrast to our wooden rails. Goats and camels were for sale and were very healthy looking and contented chewing on hay and other supplements imported from the Sudan and other countries. The farmers squatting in groups discussing farming "things" were very proud of their animals and obviously farmed them well. All seemed to drive modern Toyota utilities and we were enthralled watching two men load a large and indignant camel onto the deck of a Toyota utility!

All too soon it was time to leave Dubai and drive up through the magnificent desert to Oman, and that's another story.

Diane Hinton





Not often do you see 1000 kg DM/ha average pasture cover (APC) differences between farms less than 20kms apart. In late March I'm seeing farms below 1,200 kg DM/ha APC on some of the peat country and North Waikato but I'm also seeing 2,200+ kg DM/ha APC in the hills around Te Miro, Cambridge.

A lot of this has to do with how much rain fell in late January and into February. But there are other factors. E.g. the amount of land out in Turnip and Maize crops. Some farms have 10% of the land area out in crops. This pushes a stocking rate (SR) of 3.1 cows/ha up to 3.5 cows/ha over the dry summer period. No wonder things get tight. Other factors include round length and the amount of supplement fed.

One thing's for sure no area in Waikato has had significant rains during March and so growth has slowed right down behind the cows, for everyone, in the range of 5 – 20 kg DM/ha/day.

Things to consider right now due to the dry:-

- 1) Remind yourself of the lessons learned from the 07/08 drought.
- 2) Decisions right now need to consider cow condition, supplement on hand, pasture covers and the protection of pastures from over grazing during the dry. Do an autumn - winter feed budget so you can get a feel for the mid to longer term picture for your farm. If you can't do it yourself, get some help from your Consultant or give me a call. Its not a big job.
- 3) Assuming all culls are long gone, consider drying off the lighter, early calving cows or if your feed deficit is in the order of 1t DM/ha averaged over the whole farm then serious consideration needs to be made at reducing feed demand and drying off a significant number of cows.
- 4) For many of you your horizons are more fixed on the week or two ahead and rightly so. The rains will come and if you have significant supplement reserves you may well be OK in the longer term but getting to the point where the maize is harvested, or some rain comes, is the issue.
- 5) A rising 3 year old with a condition score of 3.5 and calving in late July really needs drying off now if they have any chance of reaching condition score 5.5 or even 5.0 by the end of June. After drying off they still need to be fed 12 – 13 kg DM/cow/day to put on the necessary condition!
- 6) Protecting next years production has to be the focus now. If you can do that and still milk the herd on to capture the Autumn rains then go for it but don't fool yourself. If you can't, then keep your Banker well informed as cash flow during the winter could be an issue.

Know your situation. Take positive action remembering what happened after the 07/08 drought or seek advice. A problem shared is a problem halved. By taking positive action I mean either reducing feed demand by drying cows off or putting cows on Once-A-Day or increasing feed supply by buying in supplements. If you have a computer, look at resources relating to the drought on [www.dairynz.co.nz](http://www.dairynz.co.nz). If I can be of any help just give me a call.

**Phil Irvine**  
**DairyNZ Consulting Officer**  
**027 4839820**



## NEWS FROM YOUR WAIKATO DISTRICT COUNCILLOR -23rd March

Thank you to the Hall Committee for arranging a very enjoyable district barbecue on Saturday last at the hall. Not a huge turnout but it was great to catch up with Eureka residents and enjoy a shared meal.

This week a summary of Waikato District Council's Draft Annual Plan was distributed via the rural mail so look out for a copy in your mail box. The full plan can be found on Council's website [www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz](http://www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz). Submissions close on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2010. Your Community Committee will be discussing the plan at our meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> March and will make submissions on your behalf so you can also feed back comments via this group.

Waikato District Council and Waikato-Tainui today, 23 March, signed the Waikato River Joint Management Agreement at a ceremony in Ngaruawahia. A large gathering met at Ngaruawahia Point (where the two rivers meet). It was an auspicious occasion - we are the first Council to sign a joint agreement with Tainui and other councils will be able to use our agreement as a blue print for similar documents. Lady Mahuta, one of the leaders of the negotiations, heard the final document yesterday but died in the early hours of this morning before the signing so did not live to see this historic moment. Lady Mahuta was of Ngapui descent and after two days of mourning in Huntly she will be taken north for burial with her people. Councillors will have an opportunity tomorrow to pay our respects at Waahi Marae.

**Water** - Council has an ongoing project of upgrading its water supply schemes. \$110,000 has been allocated from the Southern Districts Water Supply Scheduled Replacement Fund for renewing water mains and connections at Tauwhare Pa. This includes the installation of water meters to each property and will reduce the fixed charge residents pay for water. They will now pay the standard \$1.45/m<sup>2</sup> for water usage to put them on par with other rural villages in the District e.g. Gordonton.

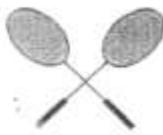
**Rural subdivisions** - we have been holding a series of subdivision workshops, mainly discussing Plan Change 7 whereby if you have a property over 2.6ha you can subdivide off two additional lots. Council is at the moment thinking it may reduce the entitlement to one additional lot per title to stem the flow of subdivision. I am not entirely in favour of this line of thought - I am never keen to take away people's rights. We knew what we were doing when we put the Plan Change 7 together and the consequences and pressure it would put on roading and infrastructure in general. We will be working through this in the next few months - if you have strong views for or against the change I would welcome your input.

I chair the Waikato Central Liaison Subcommittee of Environment Waikato and we recently visited Lake Mangahia as part of our discussions around **shallow lakes and their management**. This lake is an example of one being fenced and planted to help reduce nutrients entering the lake and improving the water quality. There are 63 shallow lakes in the Waikato and management plans for high priority lakes (those with the worst level of nutrients) includes fencing, encouraging a collaborative approach with land owners - greater outcomes beyond stock exclusion and minimum marginal widths to enable leverage of funding from outside providers and other stakeholders.

**Waste** - I recently received an interesting newsletter in my Council mail - *Leaf Turner*. Did you know -about 40% of the waste thrown out in a household (by weight) will be food waste. Work in other countries shows that this equates to about one third of the food we buy. When this waste is sent to landfill it generates methane - a greenhouse gas 21 times more potent than CO<sub>2</sub>. Tips for composting food waste and other information around handling and using compost can be found on the *Greenfingers* website [www.greenfingers.co.nz](http://www.greenfingers.co.nz)

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# EUREKA BADMINTON CLUB



## Eureka Junior Badminton Club

It is nearly that time again to start up Badminton at the Eureka Hall. Unfortunately I am unable to continue with taking the Eureka Junior Badminton this year, however Trisha Benga has agreed to carry on, provided she has someone to help organize and supervise.

Because of this we would like to call a meeting to be held at the Eureka Hall on Monday 29 March 2010 at 7pm to hold an Annual General Meeting and discuss the Junior badminton for 2010, supervision and the nights that Badminton will be played (this will depend on the nights that the organizers are available).

If you cannot make the meeting, but are able to help with Junior Badminton this year, or if you have any questions please feel free to telephone me prior to the meeting to discuss.

Thanks very much

Leanne Silvester  
Ph 027 624 0998

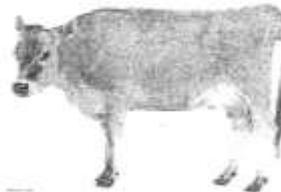
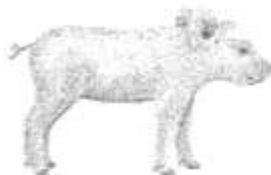


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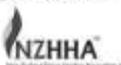


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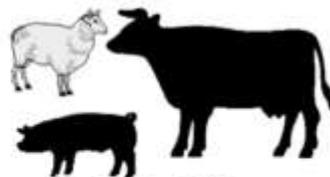
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