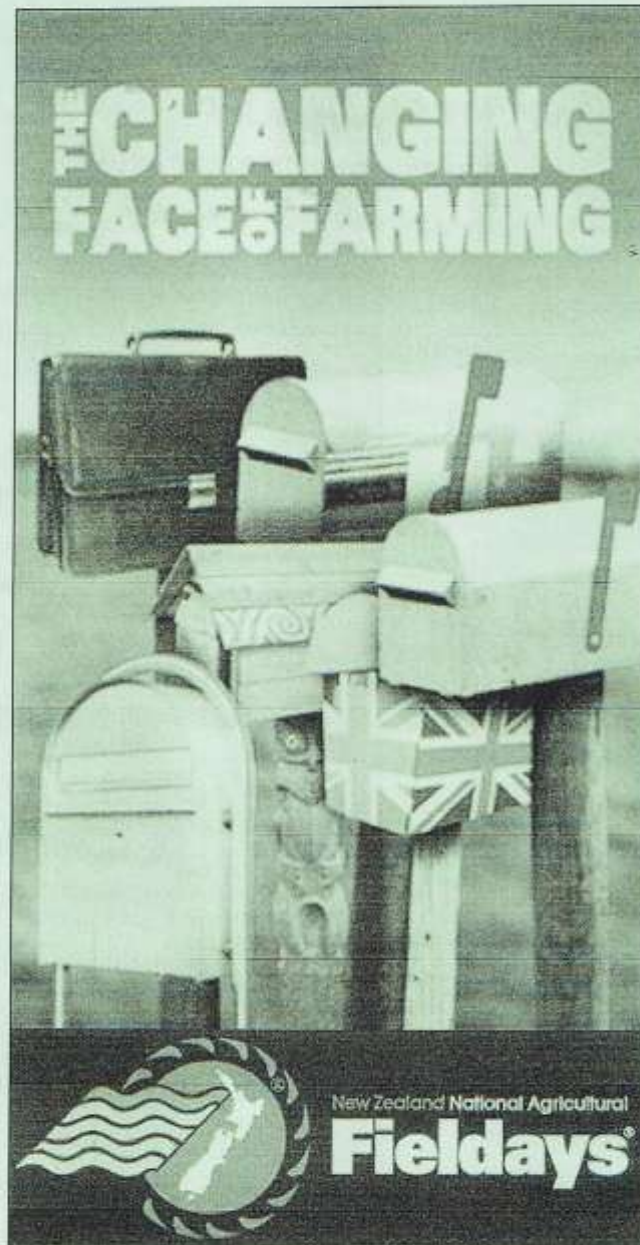


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UPDATE ON RURAL BROADBAND FEEDBACK REQUEST FROM VODAFONE

Dear Valued Member of the Eureka / Tauwhare community

With the first, Rural Broadband site switched on in Eureka in February 2012, I am very keen to hear your feedback on any issues, concerns or questions surrounding this community project.

As a proud Waikato boy myself, it is important to me that we as a corporate enterprise are listening to the communities we operate in and that we pro actively seek this feedback.

Have you got Rural Broadband?

If so, how was the transition?

If not, do you know about it? Did you know the download speed is guaranteed? What does this mean?

Have you ever tried unsuccessfully to use Skype to contact a loved one out of town or overseas and wondered why it won't work? Or, perhaps a friend has sent you a link to a You Tube Video that you can't even watch because your current connection speed is in adequate?

For absolutely any queries, questions, feedback or suggestions on how we could improve or provide your community with better service, please don't hesitate to contact me on any of the below:

Email: mark.laurence@vodafone.com
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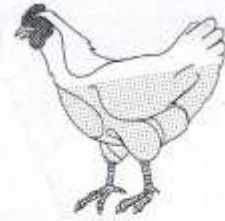


Also, don't miss Vodafone at this year's Fielday's. Ask for me, Mark Laurence – your Local Rural Broadband Specialist!

Cheers, Mark



GUEST EDITORIAL



Home through young eyes

My name is Ben Newman, I am 6 years old and Eureka is my home.

Dad wanted me to be a Hurricanes boy, but Dad got a new job and I was born in the Waikato, a Chief's lad. For my first birthday, we shifted into our new Eureka House, it was wonderful. Initially there were piles of dirt everywhere that a little boy loves to play, eat and roll around in. Slowly Dad laid the lawn, with plenty of helpful advice from the neighbours. I helped with my Tonka trucks. Then we got the concrete drive and it is a real neat place to ride my bike and I am starting to practice how to skateboard.

For some reason Mum and Dad thought they would give me a little brother. I really wanted a puppy but unfortunately the decision had already been made. Although Jon does provide me with a friend and someone to blame for all those things Mum does not see me do.

Jon and I now catch the bus to Tauwhare School, each day. As Jon only started last month I enjoy showing him everything, although there are times when I am sure he is not listening to me. We enjoy school but especially like lunchtime and the chance to play rugby. We also like playing cricket with Dad at home on the lawn.

Jon has his little quails, but I have two big chickens and we even get chicks, it is great fun watching them grow. Mum has the most chickens which keeps us in toastie soldiers and eggs for breakfast. Dad looks after our own cows and even grazes the roadside from time to time. We are also really lucky in that we can ride our bikes to the neighbouring farms and look at all their cows, calves and pigs. A couple of years ago Mum got a Suffolk sheep, and we are now eagerly waiting to see if she is going to have a lamb or two.

My Granny thinks we are real country boys, rough at play, always dirty and mischievous. One day when she was looking after us Jon and I filled our garden with water, stripped off and played mud wrestling. She was horrified. Although we still like it when she reads books and tells us stories at night.

It is so great living where we do. Dad often takes Tala (our dog) for a run, but Mum says he is just trying to get out of doing housework. The other day the last of our rotten trees came down. Initially I was a little disappointed as they were great to climb in, but Jon loved them when they were cut down, as we could discover all the bugs and insects that they contained. The bomb fire afterwards was awesome, and we even cooked some spuds and toasted marshmallows.

Our favourite time of year is the spring when the tractors come to make silage. We usually get to ride in the tractor and give directions. Then we get to climb over all the silage, when it is bailed and piled up.

We enjoyed the Eureka pot luck dinner the other week at the hall. It is great that a small community like this has heaps of spirit. We especially liked the magic show, especially when we got to go on stage and help.

At home, Mum and Dad have been busy planting fruit trees and a lovely garden, where us boys will have our own section of berries that we can eat Mum even planted peas and carrots, and says we can eat those as well, but I am not too sure why we would want too.

Eureka is our home and we love it.



SNIPPETS



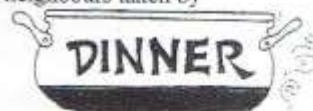
WELCOME TO EUREKA: to Gary and Ali Haggett and 6 year old Mya. The Haggett family hail from Matangi and have purchased the Redwood property – next door to Kimbers on State Highway 26. It was lovely to meet you all at the Pot Luck Dinner. A warm welcome to you all and we trust you will enjoy living in Eureka. Phone 8241921

And welcome back to Eureka to Drew and Carol McDonald who have built a new home on the main road up on the hill near Stolwyks. Drew and Carol used to reside on Eureka Road and it is a pleasure to welcome them back to the district. Phone 8241975

SINCERE APOLOGY: from the Editor to Brett re last minute computer glitch which resulted in a past Farm Discussion Group report being reprinted last month!

POT LUCK DINNER:

The Hall Committee thanks all those who turned out on Saturday 5th. A chatty, convivial evening appeared to be had by all, the chance was taken to farewell our Chairman, Kerry, the food was great, and hopefully you all enjoyed the entertainment provided by Trevor Sills, magician of Cambridge. An opportunity to catch up with friends and neighbours taken by approximately 100 people. Your feedback is always appreciated.



Lost and Found after the Pot Luck:

Found: One towel (greenish colour), one casserole lid (white with grape pattern), one glass casserole (no lid), one serving spoon and one tablespoon.

Missing: One black Tupperware slotted serving spoon – part of a set.

Contact Hall Secretary, Gail 8241758.

FAREWELLS

Another year has sped by and sadly it is that time of the year again when we must bid farewell to farming folk who are moving onwards and upwards with their lives and careers. Our good wishes go with you all.

- On Waverley Road it is goodbye to Gerhard and Daleen Slabbert and family who are leaving for Morrinsville after two years on the Gordon farm
- To Eureka Road, on Mayall's farm it is farewell after 3 years to Peter and Sharlene Litt and their young family who are on the move over Puketaha way.
- Opposite, on Geoff and Diane Hinton's farm, son Daniel will still be managing the farm but he and Abbie and little Charlotte are moving to Puketaha Road to live on Richard Morrow's farm which Daniel will also be managing.
- Also moving over to the Morrow farm are Dan's worker, Karn Rogers and his partner, Emma.
- On Morrinsville Road, on Ana Duncan's farm it is goodbye to Mattie Kirk and Louise Cameron
- And on Hooper Road we say farewell to Casey Crawford who has been working for the Horsburghs on the Kimber farm.



Good luck to you all and may your moving day be fine.

KERRY CLARKIN



It is with sincere regret we say goodbye to Kerry, Shaun and Matthew Clarkin. Kerry has sold his farm on Morrinsville Road and is relocating with his boys to New Borman Road, Rototuna. A true son of Eureka, it will be a huge wrench for Kerry to leave the home of his entire 59 year lifetime to date.

A little bit of history: The Clarkin homestead was built in 1901, entirely of kauri, by one John Longfield Roche, who in 1908 sold the house and farm to George Howie. In 1911 Patrick (Pat) Clarkin (Kerry's grandfather) and his brother Bill (Bernie's grandfather) bought land from Mr Howie, Pat buying the original Roche homestead block.

Much earlier, Pat's father, Thomas Clarkin, emigrated from Dublin and settled in Panmure. He married Elizabeth and they had five sons and five daughters. He bought a 20 hectare section in Hamilton and the area around Clarkin Road used to be his farm.

Two sons, Jack and Pat, moved on to Paeroa where they took on carting work. With 135 draught horses they carted materials to the Waihi goldmines. By 1905 the railway had reached Waihi, and the brothers sold their business. Prior to settling in Eureka Pat worked in the King Country. He camped there and carted all the materials for the Matatoke Viaduct using 35 draught horses. He actually carted the first load from the northern railhead to the southern railhead, thereby joining up the Main Trunk Line.

Jack, and another brother Tom Clarkin, had already bought land in Eureka, on 'The Avenue' as that long straight section of the Hamilton-Morrinsville highway was then called, and were well settled and the school built before their brothers, Pat and Bill, also became Eureka landowners and residents.

Pat and his wife, Mary, had two children, Eva and Harry, and were both actively involved in the community. Pat was a fine horseman and judged at many shows around the countryside. Eva and Harry both rode too, Harry winning at shows far and wide. In 1945 Harry married Muriel (nee Hunter) and they lived in the original homestead - Pat, Mary and Eva having moved into Hamilton to live. Harry and Muriel had one son, Kerry, and were very community minded, Harry being a local legend in his time..

Kerry has certainly continued the family tradition of involvement and leadership in the community. He became a dairy farmer on leaving school, taking over from his dad, and bought the farm from his parents in 1977. Kerry became involved as a Young Farmer with the Agricultural Fieldays Society in 1971, almost from its 1969 inception. From Chairman of the Ag Fieldays Soc he went on to serve a term as President of the National Fieldays Society from 1998 and is still actively involved - over 40 years of commitment.

Despite the many hours the Fieldays necessitated off his farm Kerry was always a willing volunteer on the local scene. He has served a total of 24 years on the Hall committee, the last seven as Chairman, served on two school Jubilee committees,



chairing the Centenary celebrations in 2004. When his and Erica's boys, Shaun and Matthew, were of primary age the Board of Trustees was a focus. The unenviable job of liaising the forced school closure with the Ministry of Education in 2003 fell to Kerry – a stressful and sad time for all.

Kerry has been a JP for 19 years, and in late 2005 when the WDC set up the Community Committees it was Kerry who took up the reins and until now has chaired the Eureka committee. He has been a supporter of the Eureka Express always and a deliverer for many, many years. The last few years have seen Kerry serve on the St John's College Board of Trustees as his boys reached secondary level.

The wider and local community certainly has much to thank Kerry for and we are all very sad to see him go. But Kerry, Shaun and Matthew you go with our very best wishes for the future. You will all be greatly missed.



Kerry Clarkin.



EUREKA BADMINTON CLUB



JUNIOR CLUB NEWS

We are very lucky to had past members Glen and Amanda Brown in this week to teach the club members skills to enhance their games. Glen was a member of the Waikato U16 No1 team, and Amanda is currently in National squad and the Waikato high performance squad. We wish them both luck in their chosen sport.

Please come down and join us.
Enquires to Vanessa Mason, 829 5314



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Roll: 146

We started the new term by enrolling 20 new students in the first week! All of our new students have settled in very quickly and seem to be enjoying their new school.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS

We welcomed 2 new Board Members at our last meeting. Jane Kay is our new Treasurer and Chris Savage is our Property Manager. We hope they both enjoy a long and happy stay on the Board of Trustees.

SWIMMING POOL

The dream is now a reality!! After years of fundraising we are ready to put the new pool in. Board members, PD

Workers and Graham are clearing everything from the sheds and WALLING CONTRACTING is ready to gut the 2 existing pools.

We will still need to fundraise for the changing shed, railings and lane ropes.

Thank you to all of the many past parents, Board members and PTA members who have worked so hard over the years to get us to this point. Your hard work has not been forgotten.



Mathathon

The basic facts and number knowledge form the foundation of all mathematical computation and understanding, so we are asking parents to spend some time each day practising these facts and talking about number, counting and how you use maths in the everyday world e.g. measuring, recipes, shopping etc as this will help your child see the relevance of number in the real world. The Mathathon will continue for one month and will be tested on Friday 8 June. There will be 2 prizes for those raising the most money, a scooter for the junior pupil and a Sony digital camera for the senior pupil.

MOVIE NIGHT

Thank you to Colin and Janet Morley for putting on another very successful movie night. Colin showed Puss-In-Boots in high definition blu-ray. He also had previews and cartoons to keep all ages entertained.

Thank You

To the Parents and farmers who nominated Tauwhare School for the Fertiliser orders you placed with RD1 Ltd.

We received a cheque for \$340.68!

WHOLE SCHOOL TREE PLANTING – MONDAY 28TH MAY

As a follow on from our stream study the whole school was involved in last year, we are participating in a riparian margin tree planting.

This means planting a buffer zone between the farm and the stream helping to stop effluent, nutrient and sediment run off from the farm into the stream. Frank Portegys has applied to the Waikato Regional Council who have given him 200 plants which the children are going to help to plant.



FUNDRAISING FOR CAMP

Targa Rally

We are short of about 6 people for Sunday 10 June to help man the Targa Rally posts on Taharoa Rd. If you would like to help please email Sharon Quinn at dp@tauwhare.school.nz

Oxford Pie Orders

If you would like to order pies to help fundraise for Yr 5 & 6 camp please email dp@tauwhare.school.nz or ring the school for details. Orders are due in at school Friday 25 May. They will be delivered to school on Thursday June 7.

STEP IN

Our next Step In date is Wednesday 30th May from 9.00am – 10.30am. Parents with pre-schoolers aged between 4 & 5 yrs of age are most welcome to attend.

EUREKA'S COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

Sue Edmonds

I was asked by Gail Mayall recently to check when our Community Planning Committee came into being, and was amazed to find that we date back to 2005!

I had suggested to the Council in one of the planning rounds that Eureka didn't seem to get much say in its planning in the eyes of the WDC. Our local Councillor does his best, but he can't be everywhere, and there wasn't a mechanism for him to consult with the district in a meaningful way which involved a representative grouping.

So they suggested we set up a Community Planning Committee, which we did, and in due course we signed off on our own document, which was supplied to all households at the time. And they made me Secretary and Kerry Clarkin Chairman, an arrangement which has worked well for the district.

At the potluck dinner recently Kerry handed me the baton to carry on the Committee and I was happy to take it on. These days we have developed good relationships with many of the WDC staff, and have contributed ideas and suggestions to a number of consultations in recent years. We haven't been mad on holding meetings, but have consulted members of the original committee individually when needed. And the Council now keep us informed of what's coming up.

So what have we achieved in 7 years? Quite a bit!

I'd already done a rave up to the Police about the intersection earlier, and that's why we got some street lights on our intersections!

The yellow lines around the intersection at the Hall, and the nice big signs for Eureka and the school were achieved when Kerry and I brought the Transpower experts out for a look at the reality of what went on, and listened to their gasps as tankers pulled slowly out from Hunter Road, and trucks overtook each other right on the intersection on SH26. (Motumaoho got jealous of our signs and demanded their own later!)

On later occasions we asked for footpaths or speed restrictions on Eureka Road, so those walking to catch buses or go to the shop didn't get bowled. We got the speed down! And later still we asked for and got a bus stop for the kids who wait for school buses at the hall.

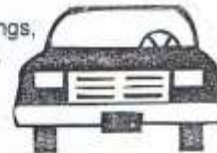
Last year I was asked to participate in a workshop at WDC on waste disposal ideas for the future, and this planning has now moved to the next stage.

Recently we got a small plea from a Council staffer over what we meant by 'a display and storage area in the Hall'. After scratching of heads I rediscovered it in the original Community Plan - it's only taken 6 years! However, it now appears that it can become a reality.

The original idea, as I remember it, was for somewhere in the hall to store community records, and somewhere where we could display some of the items from our history. I have discovered that people like Gail are already storing all the old school rolls and lots of stuff from the two Jubilees, all of which could be more useful if put where people knew about them and could consult them.

Also, before all the oldies die off, there must be 'artefacts' relating to bits of our history stored in all sorts of houses, which could well find an appreciative audience in people who haven't lived here for ever. I've been asked by the Council to come up with ideas on what should be created, and where in the hall we could put it. So please let me have your thoughts, by email or phone or come and see me.

email: sue.edmonds@clear.net.nz phone: 824 1944 home: 141 Hooper Rd.



TAUWHARE INDOOR BOWLING CLUB

To Ettie and the Silvester family, the Tauwhare Indoor Bowling Club wish to extend their sincere sympathy for the loss of Warwick. We will remember him at the Club with deep respect. Warwick could always be relied on for his assistance in hall and kitchen tasks. His quiet, independent and unassuming manner will be remembered by us all.

During approximately 35 years membership, Warwick held the positions of Treasurer, Vice President and was a member of the Match and Grading Committee. Our thoughts go out to you all at this sad time.

Tauwhare members featured in Waikato and Eastern events, as well as being members of teams representing both associations.

Well done to Andrew, Karen, Clare and Bronwyn McNally who were 3rd equal in the Waikato Fours Championship.

The Waikato Junior Singles Championship saw Tauwhare well represented in the final result. Congratulations to Amber McNally who was runner up and Melita Bargh and Bronwyn McNally who were 3rd equal.

Waikato will contest the Membro Trophy (Development team – 16 players) at Taupo on 19th May. Congratulations to Melita Bargh, Andrew, Clare, Bronwyn and Amber McNally who are in the team.

B. Meads, L Grieveson and Andrew and B McNally qualified in the section play of the Eastern singles Championship.

In the 3rd round of the Moore Cup, I Billings, J Bargh, Andrew McNally, B Meads and J Hooper were in the team. They had another win which makes 3, and have got one more game to play. Hopefully, they will win and hold the Moore Cup for the 2012 season.

Results:

19.4.12 Open Tournament

Winner: B Arnold's team (Taupiri)
R/up J Arnold, B Meads, M Bargh (Tauwhare)

26.4.12 Club Night

Winner Graham Mayall
R/up L Grieveson, B Grieveson
Burnside Trophy won by Matangi



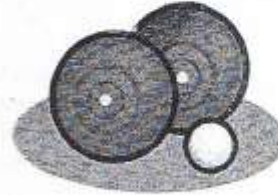
3.5.12 Rinks Championship

Winner Andrew McNally, L Verner, G McNally, Grant Goodare

R/up B Meads, R Coxon, Amber McNally, D Hughes

10.5.12 Club Night:

Winner I Spencer, L Verner, K McNally
R/up E Morris, D Pizzini, B McNally



Up Coming Events

7.6.12 Esme Pope Memorial (Handicap Singles)
14.6.12 Club Night (Progressive)
21.6.12 Open Singles 7.00pm start – 4 games qualifying.
28.6.12 Club Night
5.7.12 Men's and Ladies' Singles 7.00pm start 4 games qualifying

Out and About:

16.4.12 – Puketaha Open Tournament- Runner up: J Arnold, J Bargh, J Cottle, N Woodcock

Bowls on Television:

Channel 23 on Freeview or Channel 110 on Sky digital at 4pm (both days).

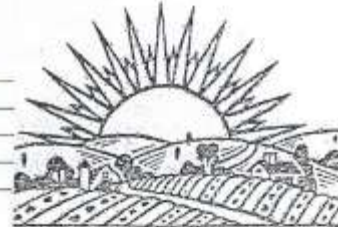
Sunday 17th June National Championship Singles
Sunday 24th June National Championship Pairs

Good Bowling to I Billings, J and R Arnold and B Meads who are competing in the NZ National Championships at Invercargill in June

Robin Bargh Ph 8241819

RAINFALL

	April 2012	Year to 30 th April
Total (mm)	41	297
Average (1994-2012)	91	324
Difference	-50	-27



Rainfall recorded on 7 days.

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Pukeko Preschool

Pukeko Preschool ran a Mothers Day stall as a learning opportunity for the children. Each family brought in a small gift, then we set up a shop for the children to choose a present for their mum. The children also made special cards and beautiful wrapping paper, making this a truly unique present for our wonderful mums.

If you would like your child to come to Pukeko Preschool, even for one or two days a week in the months before they start school, please let us know. We have spaces available in Term 2, 3 and 4, and are taking names for 2013 and 2014. Please call in, email us on pukekopreschool@xtra.co.nz or phone 07-8240860 for more information – we would love to see you!



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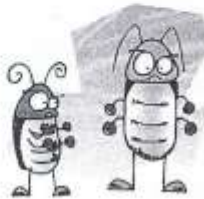
IN YOUR GARDEN

I thought I would start my page this month on a completely different subject and give worm farms a mention. Give your "can of worms" a good clean. Worms need their bedding (castings) removed every couple of months, or when it starts to build up. It's easy, just remove the bottom layer and fork the castings straight into your garden, there might be a few worms still in that layer, but usually they stick to the upper levels where the food source is. Hose out the bottom tray and replace it as the top level, add some fresh food and cover with several layers of newspaper, a piece of carpet or similar to keep out as much light as possible. Don't biff your scraps in any ol' how, chop all food scraps and garden trimmings into little pieces before giving it to them as it takes the worms so much longer to break down large chunks. I don't know if worms can be happy but I should think that they must appreciate a little attention every now and then.



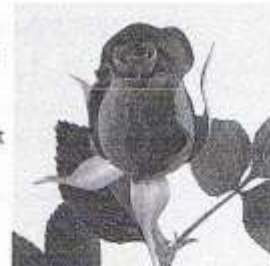
Plant more celery now for winter soups and stews. Celery likes it cool and moist so it's ideal for the cooler months. Because it's slow growing get it in the ground as soon as possible, definitely before Queen's birthday weekend. Buy a punnet of seedlings and feed with liquid fertilizer to kickstart growth (worm wee is good). It doesn't matter if your celery never gets fat as scrawny stems have just as much flavour. When picking celery, don't use a knife, just hold the plant steady with one hand and use the other to twist off the individual outer stalks at the base.

If you are planting beetroot, carrots, radishes or turnips you must protect with frost cloth, but remember to take it off during the day.



Get rid of any unwanted bugs. Autumn is an ideal time to break the life cycle of many pests and diseases, from black spot on your roses (rake up any fallen leaves and burn) to passionvineoppers on fruiting vines. Passionvineoppers lay their eggs on dry tendrils and thin twigs, snip these off and burn or dispose of in your rubbish (not the compost heap). As it gets wetter slugs and snails can move more quickly, which means they can chew through more of your seedlings and tender shoots, so lay bait in waterproof containers, such as upturned pots or take away food containers with holes cut in the sides.

Force your roses into retirement for the winter so that they have a good rest. Hopefully you stopped deadheading some weeks ago, so now they should look messy and with yellowing leaves, its time to force those leaves off your roses with a good spray of either lime sulphur or copper oxychloride and spraying oil. Now lime sulphur is very harsh and will do a good job but remember it stinks and will stain things like your house, so use carefully. Some folk just use oil and copper but I would suggest doing several sprays through the winter and prior to and after pruning.



To conclude, a brilliant tip for getting rid of unwanted agapanthus is to use the water blaster on them, they turn to mush in seconds, including the roots, and it's very satisfying.

Happy gardening, Jennifer

LADIES A PLATE

Perfect winter puddings, especially topped with a scoop of ice-cream.
These Puddings work well either a cooking or eating apple.

Apple and Cinnamon Cake



We all love a one bowl recipe and this one always comes out great.

150g Butter (melted)	2 Cups Apple (chopped)
1 Cup Sugar	2 Eggs
2 Cups Flour	2 Teaspoon Cinnamon
2 Teaspoon Baking Powder	1/2 Cup Sultanas (optional)
Icing Sugar to Dust	

Preparation

Mix all ingredients together and spoon into a well-greased 20-23 cm tin

Fan-bake at 160°C for 40-45 mins or until golden and well-cooked in centre.
(Its done when a skewer inserted into the centre comes out clean)

Apple Bread and Butter Pudding

1 loaf white bread crust removed and sliced.	
100g Butter, softened	2 cooking apples peeled
¼ cup raisins	3 eggs beaten
½ cup castor sugar	1 cup cream

Preheat the oven to 170 degrees. Butter the bread on both sides and arrange in a baking dish. Slice and core the apples and tuck in among the bread slices and then scatter over the raisins. Beat the eggs, sugar and cream then pour over the bread pressing so the liquid is absorbed. Bake for 25-30 minutes until custard is just set.

HONG KONG – HANOI, VIETNAM - MACAU

Asia, not somewhere that was ever on our radar to travel. Then two years ago our daughter 'Nicola' decided to move to Hong Kong to work as a Veterinarian at the SPCA Hospital, giving us a good reason to travel to this part of the world

Our fortnight holiday commenced with an Air NewZealand flight on the 24th March to Hong Kong. The first week to be spent in and around Hong Kong taking in the sights with the advantage of the local knowledge Nicola would be able to provide. The second week would see all of us travelling to Hanoi in Vietnam on Dragon Air (Hong Kong based Airline). We had five days in Hanoi/Halong Bay, and then returned to Hong Kong for two days. One of these days was used to visit Macau Island, visiting sites and enjoying a show in one of the Casinos. We returned to New Zealand on 7th April. Both Airlines we found to be very good to travel on.

Hong Kong

Nicola met us at Hong Kong Airport and took us to her home in the Central Mid Levels of Hong Kong where we had a couple of hours sleep. After our little 'Nana Nap' we had brunch at one of her favorite eating places, "Oolaa" which is about 6 escalators down from her apartment. Hong Kong has the longest escalator system in the world which goes down in the morning and up in the afternoon. This escalator only breaks for the roads and to get to Nicola's apartment half way up Victoria Mountain she needs to take about 10 escalators. After brunch we hopped into a taxi and went to the top of Victoria Peak for a spectacular view of Hong Kong City. Our next stop was Stanley Beach which has a great market, cafes and a beautiful beach.

The next day Nicola took us on a tour of her work place and the size of this veterinary hospital was amazing. The SPCA in Hong Kong is 80% income related and 20% voluntary organization. It employs approximately 25 Vets who are mostly expats. The hospital consists of about 4 levels; each level is a different section e.g. surgery, adoption, housing, isolation etc. There are also five other clinics in and around the Hong Kong/Mainland/Islands that the Vets travel to and work on a roster basis. The Vets are also rostered onto a mobile clinic (van) which travels the suburbs.

While Nicola worked we enjoyed the sights of a little fishing village (Tai O) on Lantau Island. Also spent time in the harbour looking for pink dolphins (sadly we didn't find any). This took most of the day to get there and back by both ferry and bus. A lovely little place but looked to be quite poor. On returning to Hong Kong later



in the day we went for a walk in SOHO (South of Hollywood St) and visited the Man Mo Temple.

The next day we visited Kowloon on the mainland. A trip on the train (MTR) over to Prince Edward to look at the flower and bird markets, then to Diamond Hill to the Nan Lian Gardens (see left) and Chi-Lin Nunnery both of these attractions were outstanding and we spent far more time there than planned. Visits were also made to the Historical Museum and Kowloon Gardens, also a walk up Nathan Rd, which is the main shopping street in Kowloon. Much to Jack's delight we didn't look in any shops or spend any money as these shops looked to be very high

class and expensive from the outside. After walking Kowloon shops and gardens we then decided to go for "high tea" at the famous 'Peninsula Hotel' – I was amazed that Jack was willing to stand in line for a table for about an hour. Never in our lives have we spent \$100 on afternoon tea, and especially with a Jazz Band playing in the back ground. We then caught the 'Star Ferry' back to Hong Kong Island. Finally, we walked

around the old part of the city Wan Chai and fish markets in central Hong Kong which are highly recommended by the Lonely Planet Book.

In the evenings Nicola would take us out to view the night sights – We went over on the ferry to Kowloon, and from the habourside watched the spectacular night light show, the night markets at Kowloon, Horse Racing and dinner at some amazing restaurants in the city (these she was never short of).

Getting around Hong Kong is quite easy, you either take a bus, taxi, ferry or walk. Taxis are very cheap to travel in with plenty to go around, approx 17,000 in the city. It seemed funny to be able to just walk outside the door of Nicola's apartment and to be able to wave down a taxi to go to wherever you wished to.

Hanoi/Halong Bay

The flight from Hong Kong to Hanoi is approximately ninety minutes. On arriving at Hanoi Airport we were met by our Hotel shuttle and driven into the city. This 40 minute drive gave us glimpses of the country side, the rice paddy's, housing and the Red River

We had been warned about a culture shock with regards to Hanoi, but it looked a lot poorer than what we expected. Old and rundown buildings possibly heading towards shanties, also buildings still damaged by the war that have never been fixed up. Cars and motorcycles everywhere with what seemed like no road rules other than tooting when going to pass. The motorcycles were usually laden with goods or about 4 or 5 people aboard. These people usually consisted of parents and up to 3 children, all the children standing very still and well behaved. Most of the young ladies were driving motorcycles wearing shoes, quite often with very high heels, and also texting at the same time.

The pleasant aspect of it all was our hotel "Hanoi Elegance Sapphire" which was very nice, clean, comfortable and friendly. This hotel was highly recommended on Trip Advisor. The staff really went out of their way to make sure that everything was A1 and they were also very helpful when directing you how to get somewhere or which restaurant to eat at. It was situated on the edge of the Old Quarter of Hanoi, so very easy to walk around the city and the Hoan Kiem Lake. Crossing the street is something to experience; they don't have pedestrian crossings like here in New Zealand. To cross the street you just walk at an even sedate pace, never stopping or going quicker. The cars and motorbikes just go around you as long as you keep everything nice and even. I don't know how but somehow it works as we never saw anyone hit or any accidents involving pedestrians. A little tip, when going to cross a road, find a traffic light so that at least cars going in one direction have stopped. We found this to be easier and safer to cross.

The first afternoon in Hanoi we left our Hotel and headed for lunch and found an authentic outdoor restaurant. After lunch we decided to walk around the lake which is in the centre of the city. Our first visit was to the Hoa Lo prison, where the American prisoners were kept during the war. The Americans called this prison "The Hanoi Hilton". It is a very sobering place and really made you think about how they survived and the war itself. We decided to have afternoon tea at the Hotel Metropole, Hanoi (Nicola's friend said this was a must). We spent one million dong on afternoon tea (approx \$60 NZ). We carried on walking around the lake and into some of the Old Quarter of Hanoi, very interesting but once again very poor. The Vietnamese like to cook and

eat out on the street, they also park their motorcycles on the sidewalk so walking is a bit of a problem therefore one walks on the road trying to keep out of the traffic as much as possible. Most of the little shops are open until about 9pm with hawkers coming out at night trying to sell you merchandise.



The next day we were picked up from our Hotel by our guide and taken to the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum

(see previous page). Ho Chi Minh is still very much revered by the Vietnamese people even to the extent that they will visit this Mausoleum at least once a year. They regard him as a great leader as he was the one who freed them from the American occupation. It was clear to us that the Vietnamese are enjoying their political freedom after many years of occupation by countries such as Portugal, France and Japan. We also visited the Museums of Literature and Ethnology. To finalize the day we were taken by our guide around the rest of the Old Quarter that we hadn't walked the day before.

A visit to Halong Bay (see right), is a four hour drive, this is a must if visiting Hanoi. Halong Bay is now one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World. A 170 Kms drive from Hanoi, but with the roads and traffic it takes that long to drive out. A short break was taken both ways in the town of Dong Trieu where we could visit a ceramics workshop and buy handmade embroidery wall hangings. We spent 2 nights on the junk "Glory" cruising around the bay looking at the Sun Sot Caves, a Pearl Factory, Fishing Villages, Kayaking and Lan Ha Bay a little beach on Cat Ba Island where Jack and Nicola climbed to the top of the hill to get a fabulous view of the Bay. Kayaking was something that Jack had never done before so Nicola was really lucky not to be tipped out. They both really enjoyed the excursion looking at Three Peach Beach and kayaking through a tunnel into a fabulous little lagoon. We really enjoyed the trip but the sad part for us is that since it has become one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World the Vietnamese Government has insisted that all the



Junks must be painted white or they will not be granted a tourist licence after the end of April. We felt that this has taken away a lot of the charm/character of them. Halong Bay was also littered with a lot of rubbish which put people off having a swim in the lovely waters. We were really amazed when it came to meals on the junk, each meal consisted of 6 courses and everything was really delicious. The Halong Bay excursion on the Glory Junk with about 20 other people was value for money, outstanding hospitality and care. The only down side to the junk was that the beds are so hard but we had been told that before we went.

On returning to Hanoi late in the afternoon we had another walk around the city and then visited the Water Puppet Theatre in the evening which is a traditional Vietnamese show. This was very good and well worth seeing. While walking around the streets of Hanoi we felt completely safe and had no trouble from pick pockets of whom we had been warned about. In fact many of the tourists we saw were families with young children

Macau

After a night back in Hong Kong, we travelled to Macau. Arriving in Macau the next morning, a trip which took approximately an hour by ferry we took a bus into the main city centre and walked around looking at the historic places of interest. Sadly the rain came down in buckets which stopped us finishing the walk, again recommended by the lonely planet book so we decided to take the bus over to the Dream City Casino where we were catching the show "House Dancing of Water". This show was absolutely amazing, quite expensive to go to but if you ever get the chance it is a must if you ever travel to this part of the world.

Sadly the next day we had to say good-bye to Nicola and head home to New Zealand. Would we travel to Hong Kong and Hanoi again? Only if Nicola was still living there - otherwise probably not as we would prefer to go somewhere new. In saying that, we still really enjoyed the experience.

Linda and Jack Hooper



PREVENTION BETTER THAN CURE



Autumn is the time to put a bit of effort into building our families' health and immune systems up before Winter sets in. It need not be a lot of effort or cost. I always remember as children it was very rare for us to be sick during winter or at any time of year. I will share with you some simple things you can do to recharge your families the natural way.

YOU ARE WHAT YOU EAT

Nutritious food made with love by a mother is special gift to us all. Simple, wholesome nutritious food such as a good vege soup is simple to make and keeps well in the fridge or freezer. Involve the family in food preparation—it's a great time to teach them to cook and also to TALK.



TAKING TIME TO LOVE AND CUDDLE EACH OTHER

We had lots and lots of cuddles and support and always a parent or grandparent to TALK to. All of the talking, loving and support makes you feel so much more at peace with life and better equipped to cope with today's many pressures.



VITAMIN & MINERAL SUPPLEMENT

As children we were given CLEMENTS TONIC (my grandmother always took it and lived to be 98 years). Clements Tonic is a good, cost-effective way of topping up on the B vitamins essential for energy and nerves, and also has iron, etc. I also like it because it is a liquid so goes straight into the blood stream, whereas a tablet has to go into the stomach first. We also take a Vitamin C tablet and cod liver oil capsules. (Not: Clements is available from most Chemists.)



There is no more important field of effort than that committed to the founders and guardians of the home. No work entrusted to human beings involves greater or more far-reaching results than does the work of fathers and mothers.

It is by the youth and children of today that the future of society is to be determined, and what these youth and children shall be depends upon the home. To lack of right home training may be traced the larger share of disease and misery and crime that curse humanity. If the home life were pure and true, if the children who went forth from its care were prepared to meet life's responsibilities and dangers, what a change would be seen in the world! From The Ministry of Healing by Ellen G

GOOD LUCK—let your food be your medicine and your medicine your food.
Cheryl McFarlane

EUREKA FARM DISCUSSION GROUP

Well we have 2 groups since the last time I wrote. The last one was at Dick Post farm at Tauwhare. We went there to look at some interesting infrastructure and a high performing jersey herd.

The farm is 70 ha and on target for 1900 ms/ha, the cows looked in great condition and grass cover looked good. There was a covered feed pad, a new effluent pond and a weeping wall to separate solids from the liquids. These were nearly all finished and ready for the new season. A lot of thought had gone into these and it will be interesting to see how these new capital developments work for the farm. The farm looked well set up with great cow condition and should be an interesting year for them all next season.

Another trip that we did was just on Monday when we got off the dairy farm and went to visit a mussel farm in the Coromandel. It was a great day out with fine weather and little wind. We found a barge working and stayed here for the day with fish coming in at a steady pace throughout the day. We caught about 100 snapper and a couple of nice Trevally by Dan Hinton. The biggest snapper was caught by Phil Irvine our C.O it was nearly 12 lb and a number of fish were caught about 7-8lb. We came back to our cowshed for a filleting session and a taste test with a few fillets on the bbq a big snapper on the smoker and a sack full of mussels opened up on the bbq. A couple of refreshments to end the day and all went home happy.

Cheers all Brett Gordon



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DairyNZ



NZ Dairy Industry Awards

I missed the last Eureka Discussion Group on May 8th at James Kings as I was on the road as part of a 3 person panel judging the final of the NZ Farm Manager of the Year. All 12 regional winners are judged to find the overall NZ winner. One avid Eureka Express reader, our very own Olin Greenan, won this prestigious award in 2008.

This was my first year of 3 on the judging panel and was both enjoyable and a real privilege. Not only do you see some of the best young farmers in the Country but you also see a lot of our great Country. The first day in Southland was a bit of a shock as we judged in driving rain and 2 degree temperatures. Fortunately that was the last of the rain and we enjoyed lovely weather from then on.

Each contestant is given 2 hours (timed to the minute) to talk about, and show us, their management in the areas of:- pastures, soils, animals, environment, health and safety, financial, human resources, animal health and recording and their personal goals and achievements. In other words "everything". The judges are not allowed to ask questions apart from ones of clarification.

All contestants talked about how they had grown in the process of the competition developing systems along the way. A process that often takes several years but a number of this year's regional winners were first time contestants such was their quality and potential. I would encourage anybody working on farm from 21C's through to Sharemilkers/Equity Partners to enter next year with the attitude of no matter how far you go it will be a growth experience for you.



Farmers Forum

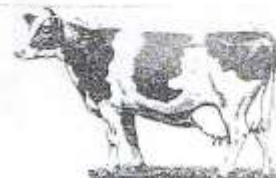
I wonder how many of you actually got to go to the DairyNZ Farmers Forum held on 24th & 25th of May. This is held every second year and for those with a few more years under their belt, it is a bit like the old, but very successful, Ruakura Farmers Conferences. 800 people attended this year.

One of the benefits from attending such events is getting off farm and gaining bigger picture perspectives. The conference was called "Toward 2020". Fonterra predict the growth in demand for dairy products in India and China by 2020 will be an extra 100 billion litres. Currently NZ produces 17 billion litres and is projected to grow to 22 billion litres by 2020. So according to Fonterra the India/China market is projected to grow 100b and NZ will produce 5b of that. It appears then that we are in an industry with pretty good long term prospects.

Eureka Discussion Group

The next Eureka Discussion Group is on June 12th the day before Mystery Creek filed days begin. See you there.

Phil Irvine
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Is My Animal "Fit For Transport"?

When does an animal require a certificate from the vet to be transported to the works? Essentially if it has any type of disease or ailment present but it can walk onto the truck it needs to be considered for a certificate. The attending vet will then decide whether or not to issue a certificate. Without the certificate it would be illegal to transport the animal.

In the field we sometimes get confronted with cases that seem to require a certificate that declares an animal is fit for transport. However, how do you establish an animal is fit for transport? What are the criteria?

It is not always straight forward for the vet when deciding whether to issue a transport certificate. Making bad decisions about whether to send cull animals for processing puts you and your transport operator at risk of prosecution. It also threatens the reputation of the New Zealand milk and meat industries and can even make it harder for them to sell your products overseas. But it is mainly about animal welfare. Just because animal arrives at the works with a certificate doesn't guarantee the animal won't go down the chute. The meat works veterinarian or meat processing staff will always make the final decision.

The first criteria for deciding if an animal can be issued with a certificate is that it must be able to stand, bear weight, walk on all four limbs and be fit enough to withstand the journey without suffering unreasonable pain or distress. It should go to the **nearest** slaughter plant, thereby minimizing any stress or suffering.

If an animal has a discharging wound, be it blood, puss or otherwise, it **cannot** be transported.

When it is sick with an elevated temperature, it **cannot** be transported.

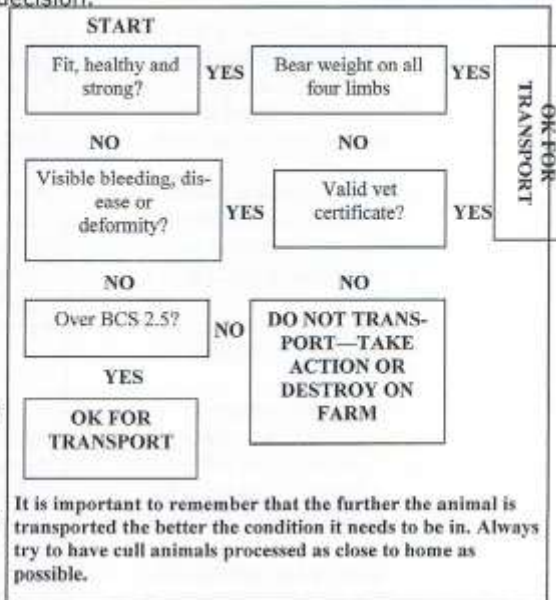
It also has to be outside the required withholding time if it has been treated with any animal remedies.

For instance a cow with a cancer eye can only be sent to the works if the cancer is confined to the eye and the eyelid. If surrounding tissues are involved and/or lymph nodes or it is discharging, it **cannot** be transported.

Cows that have recently calved, are close to calving, or that had/have a high risk of developing metabolic problems, **cannot** be transported.

Animals with a prolapsed uterus, vagina or rectum, or cows that have retained foetal membranes **cannot** be transported to slaughter either!

The above chart might help you decide, but note that it is only a guide and not a guarantee for acceptance of livestock for transport or processing.



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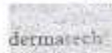
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