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#### **GUEST EDITORIAL**

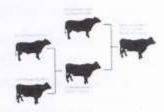
We have lived in the Eureka district for approximately 20 years on 15 acres on Schollum Road and now 93 acres on Tauwhare Road.

Tony works from home doing General Engineering with most of his business coming from Hamilton.

Rose works as office administrator for a Transport Company in Morrinsville.

Brian has qualified as a sheet metal worker; Cherie is training at Walkato University to be a Primary School Teacher.

We belong to the Waikato Murray Grey Beef Breeders club. We have in the past bred Murray Greys but with being busy with work commitments we have been grazing our block out to a family friend, who now also lives in area. Rose has been the Secretary for this for 10 years.





Also we belong to the Waikato Military Vehicle Club in which we have purchased a 1982 V8 Land rover.

Tony is on the Frankton Rugby Club committee in Hamilton. He used to play for the club in his younger days, and enjoys watching rugby now.

Our time in Eureka has been enjoyable. We have met lots of people and I hope all new residents get as much out to the district as we have

The Trenberths

## RAINFALL

	September 2013	Year to 30 <sup>th</sup> September
Total (mm)	173	824
Average (1994-2013)	105	926
Difference	+ 68	- 102

Rainfall recorded on 19 days.

In the period 1994 to 2013, this is the equal wettest September with 2003. Two other years have been recorded at 168mm and 164mm and followed much wetter July/August periods.

#### SNIPPETS

#### DONATION THANKS TO: The Tauwhare Indoor Bowls Club.



#### FAREWELL TO EUREKA TO:

- Peter and Jane Walker, Samara and Eli, of Appleton Lane, Manor Park, who after nearly 10 years in Eureka have sold and moved into Hillcrest to live. Our good wishes go with you all.
- Dean and Diane Boyce, Zach and Jordon, of Masters Road are on the move too, into Rototuna after nearly seven years in Eureka. Our very best wishes go with you all.

#### A WARM WELCOME TO EUREKA: To several new folk.

- Alex and Leisha Davies-Colley have moved into their new home on Tauwhare Road. Alex and Leisha have a young son, Elliot 2½ and expect a new babe in January. Hamiltonians, Alex and Leisha have spent the past two years in Melbourne but are now happy to be back near to their families. Alex works at Tonkin & Taylor as an Environmental Scientist and Leisha is a speech and language therapist, presently on leave. Yes you may phone her for advice and help. Phone 8241667
- On Hooper Road it is a warm welcome also to Bryan and Tricia Simmonds who have bought No 16B. Bryan and Tricia have moved from their block outside Wanganui where they had various animals including their specialty, Highland cattle. Bryan has long involvement with NZ cycling and is the new Logistics Manager for the Cambridge Velodrome. Ph 8241795.
- At Eureka Motors we say Hi to Colin's smiling new assistant, Ashleigh Marzol. Ashleigh hails from Telephone Road, so not too far to travel. We look forward to getting to know you, Ashleigh. (Congratulations to Colin's niece, Sheree, who has competently filled in over the last few months. Sheree gave birth to her second lovely daughter, Alia Rose Martin on October 21<sup>st</sup>)

#### YOUNG SPORTS STARS TO WATCH OUT FOR:

- Aged 14 years and tall as a tree, Jackson White, son of Dave and Chris White of Oak View Place, has been selected for the Breakers basketball junior academy. Jackson has also been selected for the U16 NZ Basketball team. The NZ selection means he will be touring and training in Australia in the New Year. Congratulations, Jackson. We look forward to following your basketball career.
- And congratulations to 18 year old Katie Arundel, daughter of Michelle and Craig Arundel of Morrinsville Road, who is another star in the making. In her first year in the sport of Power Lifting, at the recent Nationals in Christchurch, Katie set a record in her sub-Junior division squat, lifting 120 Kg, had a personal best in the dead lift of

130 Kg, and lifted 45 Kg in the bench press. Katie made the NZ team to compete in the 5 day Commonwealth/Oceania Championships in Auckland early in December. Great lifting Katie. All the best for Auckland

GOLFING SUCCESS: Congratulations to the Hukanui Golf Club's Women's Team who won the coveted Wills Cup this year after 30 years of trying. Ladies Club Captain, Joy Stokes of Eureka Road was a member of the victorious team. The event is played annually over the season by all the Waikato Clubs which are split into four zones—North, South, East and West. Hukanui is in the North zone and the winning team in each zone played off in the August final. Hukanui won the North zone and played off against West winners, Narrows, South winners Stewart Alexander, and East winners, Tokoroa. Te Awamutu hosted the final and Hukanui were thrilled to come out the winners and receive the cup from Mrs Jan Wills herself who donated the cup 30 years ago to initiate the competition for women with a handicap higher than 12. A wonderful win for Hukanui. Hearty congratulations. (The zone runners-up played off for second place and Horsham Downs took the honours over Putaruru, Waikare and Piopio-Aria.)



L-R: Sharon Cooper, Idrean Conning, Barbara Bridge, Jeanette Fox, Helen Gaukrodger & Joy Stokes

Sincere condolences are extended to Debbie and Weng Yew Ng, Tim, Hannah and Alice of Masters Road, on the death of Debbie's father, Mr David Bisley, in Hamilton on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. A dearly loved father and Poppie. Thoughts and sympathy to all.

And sincere sympathy is also extended to Colin and Glenys Middlemiss and family of Hooper Road, on the death of Colin's father, Mr Clifford Middlemiss, in Hamilton on October 10<sup>th</sup>. A dearly loved father and Poppa. Thoughts and condolences to all.

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# Tauwhare Schoo

#### Roll: 175

What a wonderful time we all had at Calf Club. With 79 animals entered we were guaranteed a busy day with some strong competition. Congratulations to all of the children who received ribbons and cups. A huge thank you must got to Rachel Gordon who organised our day and to the PTA and parents for their help and support.

#### Calves Leading

Buckley Trophy Senior Leading Danielle Gordon Sinclair Trophy Intermediate Leading Amy Gordon Anexa Animal Health Trophy Junior Leading BenTaylor Brockway Cup Championship Leading Amy Gordon

Rearing

Senior Rearing Gordon Trophy Brixana Gothard Mayall Trophy Intermediate Rearing Rory Needham Anexa Animal Health Trophy Junior Rearing Gabrielle Scherer Carmont Cup Championship Rearing Brixana Gothard Fleming Cup Championship Dairy Type Charlie Scherer Livestock Marketing Cup Championship Beef Type Danielle Gordon

Kotuku Cup Novice Children Champion of Champions

Brixana Gothard Amy Gordon

Lambs

#### Most Obvious Pet

Gordon Edwards Cup Senior Most Obvious Pet Saskia Broekhuizen Maber Motors Cup Intermediate Most Obvious Pet Zac Griffin Sims Cooper Cup Junior Most Obvious Pet Lucy Needham Eureka Motors Cup Yr I Most Obvious Pet. Matthew Sinclair Champion Most Obvious Pet Saskia Brockhuizen

#### Leading

Waikato Shed Company Trophy Senior Leading Ruby Sinclair Walkato Shed Company Trophy Intermediate Leading Bridget Hill Waikato Shed Company Trophy Junior Leading Lucy Needham Waikato Shed Company Trophy Yr I Leading Liam West Champion Leading Bridget Hill

#### Rearing

Ardlamont Cup Senior Rearing Georgia Hill Maber Motors Cup Intermediate Rearing Bridger Hill Southcombe Cup Junior Rearing Lucy Needham Eureka Motors Trophy Yr I Reuring Liam West

Savage Family Cup Champion Most Obvious Pet Liam Walton Lemnel Dairy Goats Ltd Cup Champion Obstacle Course Elise Savage

McDougall Family Cup Champion Rearing Becky Savage Russell Cup Overall Champion Kid Becky Savage

#### SCHOOL MUSICAL

Our end of year production is called SHRIEK. It is loosely based on Shrek meets Beauty and the Beast. It is full of fabulous songs and dances and gorgeous costumes. Our performances will be held on the first week of December at the Tauwhare Hall. Due to such huge numbers we will be issuing tickets for the first time to try to spread the numbers over each performance. We still only charge a gold coin donation to help us to cover costs.

#### FONTERRA GRASS ROOTS GRANT

Thank you to Fonterra for a grant of \$5000 to go towards the building of our new adventure wonderland. This area will be done in stages but we will start with creating a HUGE sandpit, and hope to soon add a big ship and water play feature as well as a monster metallophone.

If there are any keen handy men/women who would like to take a part in creating or building this exciting play area please contact the school. We would love your involvement.

#### **KOWHAI TREES**

Thank you to the McDougall family for the kind donation of two beautiful kowhai trees. They are a beautiful addition to our school grounds.

#### WATER TUBING

Thank you so much to Bruce Shute for the donation of alcathene and water irrigation for our native planting up the back field. We appreciate your support!

#### COMING UP:

This is a busy time for Tauwhare. We are hosting: The Music Festival Thursday 31st October 7pm(@ Tamahere Community Hall) Country Schools T-Ball Tournament 7th Nov City & Country Schools T-Ball Tournament 14th Nov Cluster Schools Speech Competition 28th Nov SHRIEK 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> December 11am & 7pm

# THE TAUWHARE HOEDOWN!!



# Saturday November 9, 2013

- In the Implement Shed --- (James and Leigh Needhams' Farm, Scotsmans Valley Road Tauwhare)
- 7.30pm
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## TICKETS ON SALE NOW!!

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#### Pukeko Preschool November 2013

A huge thanks to Fonterra who has given Pukeko Preschool \$700.00 from its Grass Roots Fund. We will use this money to purchase fruit trees and plant them on our new section in the autumn. Thanks to Pippa Berry-Cope for submitting the funding application for the Preschool.

Pukeko Preschool ran a very successful holiday program during the October school holidays. We had lots of fun with bike days, and being professional cake decorators, decorating cakes with fondant.

Just before the holidays we celebrated a Dragons and Princesses day. We signed in on a Royal Register, made princes and princesses at the art table, flew on our magic carpet to an island with a huge castle and friendly dragon where we read the story of the Paper Bag Princesses under a tree. For morning tea we had cherry blossoms and dragons scales, and we made an ice-cream castle cake and had ice-cream in cones. After our banquet we flew like dragons, skipped like princesses, and we had a little trouble with dragons flying onto the sun shades. We made castles in the sandpit with lots of turrets.

We are looking forward to our visit from SunSmart Cody at the end of November.

We are currently updating our Waiting List. If you have children who would like to attend Pukeko Preschool in 2014, 2015 and beyond, please contact us to put their name on the waiting list and improve the chance of getting spaces when you require them.

We have a brand new website, please check us out at <a href="www.oukekooreschool.ore.nz">www.oukekooreschool.ore.nz</a>. As always, we welcome visits to the preschool, pop in and see us any time, or call us on 07-8240860.





# COUNTRY CRECHE CHILDCARE AND PRE-SCHOOL MARYCHURCH ROAD

#### Design A Costume

While settling a child transitioning to Pre-School, we looked through a past project album. It was the Wearable Art project and the brother of the unsettled child was in it. As we turned the pages, the teacher discovered several siblings of the children currently attending Pre-School. This prompted the notion that it was time to Revisit, Re Discover and Remember! And so **Design A Costume** began.

The children were encouraged to think about the costume they would like to make and then draw a plan of their design. The internet was used to research some of the finer details for many of the costumes. Lots of discussions were had with the teaching team about colour, shape, size, and the various items that make each costume reflect their individual personalities.

The **Design A Costume** project evolved over eleven weeks and has been extremely rewarding for all involved. Through meaningful interactions with the teachers this project inspired the children to explore their ideas and experiment with materials, which in turn promoted independence, imagination, confidence, self-expression, creativity and a positive attitude toward learning.

No costume idea was ever too crazy to consider ... there were several Dragons, all of which were very different, an Astronaut complete with helmet and jet pack, a Dinosaur Skeleton, a Wedding Dress for a Ballerina, a Princess Dress for Minnie Mouse, a Wizard with a glowing orb on the wand, two John Deere Tractors with flashing lights, Butterflies, an Orca, a Pirate Eyeball and lots of Princess inspired Dresses with Wings, to name but a few.

The Pre-School teachers would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support and donated resources. We truly hope you have enjoyed the show and appreciate all the hard work and confidence the children have put into it.

Pre-School Teaching Team: Sandie, Michelle, Linda, Sharon and Rachel



#### Back row Left to Right

Saskia Flower Princess Dress, Mila Butterfly, Liam Policeman, Amaro Pirate Eyeball, Katie, Tinkerbelle, Leo Stripy Tiger

#### Middle Row Left to Right

Julian John Deere Tractor, Max John Deere Tractor, Quin Bat, Lucia Golden Princess, Alexia Butterfly Princess, Nadia Princess Dress for Minnie Mouse, Sam Blue Dragon, Bailey Jousting Knight, Luke Spider Monster, Joseph Butterfly

#### Front row Left to Right

Hazel Flower Fairy, Madeline Rainbow Dress, Charlie Sunflower, Zoe Rainbow Dress with Fairy Wings, Kale Racing Car Driver, Milan Panda, Georgez Yellow Dragon, Freya Princess Butterfly, Jess Princess Dress with Wings

#### NEIGHBOURHOOD SUPPORT - WHERE IS IT?

by Sue Edmonds

Last month I wrote about how Eureka might start on the first steps of preparing a Community Response Plan, to enable us all to know what to do when disaster strikes in the form of Civil Defence Emergency Management.

Obviously those in Eureka are sure that this will never happen, at least to them!!!

I got not one single response to my call for volunteers to help set up Neighbourhood Support Groups in the roads of Eureka. And my efforts to set one up in Hooper Road have been slow, to say the least. I now have 10 returned forms out of 22 households. At this rate it will take about seven years to see a response plan formed, and now I've been asked to lead the charge on creating one for the whole Eureka Ward, which includes us and four other districts.

Waikato District now has its own Emergency Management Coordinator in the person of Kelly Newell. She has a huge job to do, and it's not made any easier if people make no effort to help sort out arrangements for their own patch.

Last Saturday Hooper Road had a car burned out on the side of the road. No doubt it had been stolen, but just goes to prove that crime is alive and well and happening here. What if this had happened in last year's drought? We'd have had a widespread grass fire in no time.

So what disasters are we likely to face in Eureka?

We've already had tornadoes, and floods, and storm damage. An earthquake is a possibility, and there's always the likelihood of volcanoes popping off. A quote going the rounds among emergency management people is that if one of the Auckland ones leaps to life, the Waikato could see 650,000 Auckland refugees descending on us.

But the one we aren't at all prepared for, and we're surrounded by cloven hoofed animals, is foot and mouth disease, or other unwanted import which affects such animals. Yes, we've never had it here, but whatever assurances the PKE importers put out, we have record numbers of tourists arriving from FMD affected countries, and from all accounts our biosecurity checking is nowhere near as rigorous as elsewhere, despite the Minister bumping up dog and staff numbers.

I've heard people say that MAF had it all sorted, but rest assured it's current version, MPI may be putting lots of effort into top level planning, but they haven't got round to telling communities what to do yet. Even their National Standstill document doesn't give advice to rural dwellers on how NOT to spread it around unwittingly. And with a disease which can be transmitted not just animal to animal but by wind, fodder, motor vehicles, as well as the clothes and skin of animal handlers, movement controls become very important.

Following my enquiries at MPI Wellington, I have now been advised by them that anything we can do to get community planning in place will greatly assist in limiting the spread of the disease. Remember, in the UK outbreak in 2001, new infections were found in 60 farms each day! And sheep were responsible for quite a lot of that, and farmers didn't even know they had it! If you talk to anyone who lived through that time in the UK (and I know of several) they still remember it with horror, and hope never to see it again.

So please, can I have some support from at least all the roads in Eureka, to set up Neighbourhood Support groups, compile lists of who lives where, so we can then move on to sorting out how we make contact (telephone trees, e-mail groups etc), what equipment is available throughout the district, where the welfare and relief centres will be, and get everyone clear on what they can and can't do.

As a start can someone from Hinton, Hunter, Friedlander, Schollum, Waverley Roads make contact with me, as well as the Eureka end of Tauwhare Road. We can then get started.

Just because nothing widespread has happened yet, doesn't mean it won't! And if we aren't prepared as a district/ward etc how will we know what to do?

Sue Edmonds, 141 Hooper Road, 824 1944 or sue.edmonds@clear.net.nz.

### TAUWHARE INDOOR BOWLING CLUB

Welcome to the Bowling Club's last news for 2013. Bowls will be back in 2014 with Opening Night on 1st Thursday night in March.

Thank you to hosts Isabel and Reg Coxon for the very enjoyable Patron's night and thank you to Andrew McNally and Jim Bargh for the Trophies on President's, and Vice President's, night.

The Club's Annual General meeting and prize giving was held on October 3rd. Congratulations to Glenda Goodare who won the cup for the Most Improved Player, Congratulations to Heather Bargh who won the Points Cup.

Thank you to all our members for their input into the preparation, running and Everyone acted as a cleaning up afterwards at our Christmas Tournament. "dream team" and with this united effort the Tournament was enjoyable and a huge success. The Tauwhare tradition of everyone helping lives on.

#### Results:

12th September 2013 - Club Night

Winners

L Grieveson, D Appleton, John Bargh

#### 19th September 2013 - President and Vice President Night

 Winners E Morris, H Bargh

· Runners Up R Arnold, D Pizzini

#### 27th September 2013 - Patrons Night

Winners

I Spencer, H Bargh

Runners Up I Pizzini, B McNally

#### 10th October 2013 - Christmas Rinks

J Hooper, R Bargh, J Cottle, K McNally

Jim Bargh, R Arnold, G Mayall, Glenda Goodare

#### Tauwhare Team Prize

Andrew & B McNally, K Williams, L Verner

#### Out and About

## 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2013 - Taupiri Open Tournament

Runners Up J & R Arnold, J Cottle, G Goodare

## 7<sup>th</sup> October 2013 - Ngaruawahia Open Tournament

Winners

Jim, Robin, Melita & John Bargh

My sincere thanks to the Eureka Express and Tauwhare Transmitter for printing our reports.

#### Early Seasons Greetings to all.

Robin Bargh Phone 824 1819

## **LADIES A PLATE**

#### 10 Minute Couscous Salad

100g couscous

200ml hot low salt vegetable stock (from a cube is fine)

2 spring onions

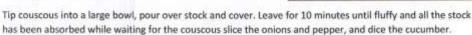
1 red pepper

1/2 cucumber

50g feta cheese (small cubes)

2 Tablespoon pesto

2 tablespoon toasted pine nuts



Add these to the couscous, fork through pesto, crumble in feta, then sprinkle over pine nuts to serve.

#### Applejack Cake

400g can diced apple

- 1 cup raisins
- 1 cup boiling water
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 125g butter
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 1/2 cups flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder

#### **Topping**

75g butter

1/4 cup soft brown sugar

1/4 cup apple juice

1 1/2 cups shredded coconut

Place the apple, raisins, water and baking soda in a saucepan.

Bring to the boil and simmer for 2 minutes. Remove from the heat and mix in the butter, stirring until melted

Mix in the sugar and egg, beating with a wooden spoon until the egg is combined.

Sift the flour and baking powder into the mixture and mix to combine.

Line the bottom of a 20cm round cake tin with baking powder and pour in the mixture.

Bake at 180C for 40 minutes.

Remove from the oven and carefully spread the topping over the cake. Return to the oven and cook for a further 20 minutes or until topping is golden and an inserted skewer comes out clean

Cover with a clean tea towel and leave in the tin for 20 minutes before turning onto a cooling rack.

#### Topping

Melt the butter, and mix with the sugar, apple juice and coconut





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During World War II, pilots were given large amounts of carrots to strengthen their eyesight, especially night eyesight. The beta-carotene converts to vitamin A in the body and help improve vision. People with low levels of vitamin A may suffer from night blindness, not only improving your vision carrots (vitamin A) helps protect your vision.

Carrots are also loaded with fibre and water which cleanse the liver, boost detoxification and plump out the skin to stave off wrinkles. The vitamin C and silica content of carrots is also valuable for keeping the skin youthful. The chromium found in carrots helps to stabalise blood sugar levels making this vegetable useful for controlling diabetes and sugar cravings.

There is debate as to whether they are more nutritious raw or cooked – you do loose some vitamins by cooking, like vitamin C.



My parents were always juicing carrots but I add apples, parsley, beetroot or celery to my juices. My juices vary depending on what fruit/vegetables are available (in season).

#### Nutrients

Vitamins A, C and K, Beta-carotene, Alpha-carotene, Folate, Folic Acid, Calcium, Chromium, Iron, Silica, Zinc, Fibre.

We are what we eat!

By Cheryl McFarlane

## On the home front.....

Arriving home after an extended labour weekend motorbike ride to the far north I get the perfect picture of space, space and more space and how we make the most of it in our day to day living.



Day light savings allows us to have longer days warmer nights and slowly we move from intimate cosy interior spaces of warmth and comfort to utilising the outdoors for cooking, relaxing and socialising, allowing us to extend our living space.

What does it take for you to make the most of a good kiwi summer? What connects you to our extended outdoor spaces to make the most of the warmer weather? Is the outdoors accessible, open and easy to utilize extended living spaces?

Dust off that BBQ table, build that deck or pizza oven, move the veggie garden closer to the kitchen, and build a bigger door way for better flow.....or it might be as simple as moving furniture to make a home feel more open and connected to the outdoors, spruce up that BBQ table with stain, wood conditioner or a fresh coat of paint. Can you use a popular indoor colour for planter pots or table pieces outside? Outdoor bean bags or coloured cushions make an area feel like an extension of your Kitchen, lounge or dining area. Using the same or similar colours from the inside followed to the outside helps give you a continuous flow throughout.

Enjoy creating flow and space using the outdoors to its potential.

Leanne Hilder

#### IN YOUR GARDEN

Now that frosts have retreated it's safe to plant out tender vege seedlings and subtropical fruits. Spring growth is in full swing and in many areas well advanced, which means feeding is very important. Keeping weeds at bay and watching for insect pests is also important in early spring to prevent a catastrophe later on.

Continue to sow main summer season veges, including tomatoes, melons, cucumbers, peppers,

eggplant and sweetcorn. Direct sow successive batches of mesclun or summer lettuce every three weeks to maintain a regular supply of fresh summer greens. Pre-sprout runner and dwarf beans and plant in a warm sheltered area. Plant pumpkin, zucchini and gherkins in a small amount of organic compost. Plant main-crop potatoes and bank up your early crop.

Keep protection going against damaging equinoctial winds. Ensure plants are well staked and seedlings well protected. Side-dress strawberries with compost and spray at fortnightly intervals with an eco-fungicide and keep up the slug and snail bait. Keep feeding tomatoes at fortnightly intervals and water frequently.

Broad bean harvest begins. Pick young pods to slice like beans or leave for inner beans to mature. Snip mesculan mix and cut and come again lettuce regularly to promote new growth. Continue to harvest winter broccoli, cabbage and cauliflower.



I know your vege garden is important, but don't forget colour for your flower garden. Picking now, Aquilegia, Lilac, Lavender, Pelargonium, Geraniums, Candytuft, Astilbie, Iris, Carnations, Poppies, just to name a few.

Plant now, Dahilas, Dianthus, Phlox, Campanula, Tuberose, Petunias and of course Roses. The list is endless, just have fun.

Tasks: Hack back munched hosta leaves for fresh growth. Cut flowers off of agapanthus to prevent the spread of seed. Trim hedges and give a liquid feed. Plant new clematis and plant up pretty pots to give as Christmas presents. So go to it, gardening is beneficial and rewarding.

All for now, Jennifer

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...Remember, remember, the fifth of November, Gunpowder, Treason and

Well, we also need to remember about our pets at this time. It can be a frightening time for our pets with lots of loud sudden explosions occurring just outside their home.

Tips to help your pet cope with the firework season:

- Keep your pet inside from dusk until midnight at least.
- Create a cushion of sound around them by having the television on slightly louder than normal to help diminish the impact of outside noises on your pet.
- If you are going out then leave the radio and television on for your pet, again to create a cushion of noise around them.
- If you are going out and you know your pet can get upset, put them in a safe room where they can do little damage to themselves or the house, eg bathroom.
   Dogs have been known to try to chew their way out of a house!
- Use plug in pheromone diffusers, such as DAP for your dog or Feliway for your cat, to help calm and settle them as much as you can in the approaching days to the fireworks season.
- How can I tell if my pet is stressed? Well, they might show abnormal behaviour changes, for example dogs might bark inappropriately and cats might start over grooming or urinating in strange, inappropriate places.

#### PennHip Certification

Gabe is now fully certified as a PennHip Radiographer.

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#### In clinic Specials

- Don't forget our "Senior Pet Package" which is available until end of Nov 2013. This is a special package to monitor for any old age changes in our geriatric pets. Think of it as a "Senior WOF"!
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## EUREKA FARM DISCUSSIONGROUP

Well what a season it has been. A start only we can dream of and long may it continue. Our last discussion group was held at Graeme Davison No 2 farm on Holland road. The day had a good plan with Jane Kaye there to give advice on dairy nutrition and mating under way and plenty of grass to deal with.

We started out with an overview of Graeme's farm system and how staff is managed, their roles within the business and how this was co-ordinated. Graeme had got systems in place and the staff are working very well with this plan and showing that communication on large farms is very important.

Mid-way through mating and things were on track for a good submission rate targeting an in calf rate of 80% in 6 weeks which is what the farm achieved last season. This is not achieved by accident as the farm follows the incalf program with Anexa with great results. Sliage had been made on the farm already and more sliage was ready to be cut, a big focus on this farm was residuals being at 1500kg dm/ha and grass quality on the farm looked great.

Jane Kay a scientist from Dairy NZ spoke very well about nutrition in the spring. She had some good information about the price of feed we could pay and related this to the residuals the cows were leaving. What I got out of this was that even on an \$8 payout in the spring it was marginal to feed anything at a cost of 30 cents of dry matter unless the cows are grazing under 1600kd dm/ha. Another point I took out of this was that there is no need to feed fibre during the spring as there is plenty in grass and the reason for excreting so watery is an excess of protein and water and the cow cannot absorb it all and therefore discharges all the excess. Grass is awesome so make the most of it before you add anything to their diet.

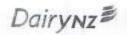
We had a great BBQ supplied by the ANZ Bank at the end of the day and a good catch up with fellow farmers at this busy time of year.

See you at the next group Tues 12th November at Bernard Verryt's farm on Puketaha Road see you then

Brett Gordon

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CO Comment for Eureka Express

For once my comments are written the day before printing, rather than a week or two before, so it is right up to date. The only reason for that is I clean forgot the deadline and lovely Editor Gail phoned to see if I was contributing anything this month. Oops.

Driving to discussion group today from Hamilton to Orini it became painfully clear how fast things are changing on farm. It really hit me how quite a few farms were really decking their paddocks. Pasture growth has slowed because of a lack of rain, there are less paddocks in the round with crop paddocks out (stocking rates are effectively up 5% - 15%) and some of the silage has been late coming off due to the amount of silage being made in late October.

#### Soils are "Drv"

The host farmer today mentioned how his clay soils had some moisture in the top 6 inches but below that they were quite dry. Other farmers commented how their drains were running low. Is this sufficient evidence to think there will be a drought? Well, no not really but it is concerning.

In terms of actual data, I saw NIWA's soil moisture deficit information for Paeroa area yesterday. It had 10 year trends as well as the last 2 years plus this year so far. The normal trend is for the soil moisture to plummet quite steeply in early November. This year that trend began 2-3 weeks earlier and supports farmers comments above.

Supplements at an \$8 payout

At groups recently I have been commenting on supplement use at an \$8 milk price. Obviously it is more economic now than at \$6 to the tune of about 100kg DM/ha higher residuals. i.e. whereas in previous years, the breakeven point for supplements tended to be around 1500 kg DM/ha, this year, with the higher predicted milk price, it is closer to 1,600 kg DM/ha.

With PKE at around \$290 - \$310/t delivered on farm at present, it makes good sense (or an equivalent value supplement) to use it if the cows are sufficiently hungry i.e. grazing residuals of 1,500 kg DM/ha or less.

Bearing in mind that supplements produce different ratios of protein and fat in the extra milk solids they generate, the following feeds are of approximately equal return at a 1500 residual. Malze grain at \$540/t and 12.5 ME Meal at \$460/t fed in-shed, PKE at \$310/t and Malze Silage at \$350/t DM fed on a feed pad.

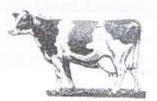
The factors affecting the viability of supplement feeding are:-

- · The cost of the supplement/MJME
- How hungry the cows are if the supplement wasn't fed (best measured by grazing residuals)
- · The level of wastage (storage and feeding out)
- . The ratio of protein/fat that the supplement produces.

The one you have the biggest control over is feeding supplements at a time when the cows are hungry enough to give a good return. You might like to take stock right now and plan any needs over the next month or so. Perhaps it is going to rain and supplements won't be necessary. Then again it might not. You read the crystal ball.

For those of you on peat only soils, you might like to book into the bus trip on November 7th to look at what farmers are doing or contemplating doing for effluent storage solutions. A range of specialists as well as farmers who have been doing a lot of thinking and homework, will be on the bus. You must book a seat by ringing me or emailing <a href="mailto:ben.tumer@dairynz.co.nz">ben.tumer@dairynz.co.nz</a>. Meet at the Gordonton Hall at 10:30am for registration with boarding at 10:40.

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#### NEWS FROM YOUR WAIKATO DISTRICT COUNCILLOR



I was delighted to be returned as Councillor for Eureka Ward at the recent During the next three years I will continue to work with the four elections. Community Committees, schools and other groups in the Ward, investigate interest in creating a Community Committee for Puketaha, assist with the work Sue Edmonds has initiated to create an Emergency Plan for Eureka Ward, work with the community around the effects that the Expressway and inland port will have on residents, and other issues of importance to those living in Eureka Ward. Council is also working on a draft Community Engagement Strategy to Improve our links with the community.

The final voter turnout in the elections in Waikato District was 31%. In Eureka Ward 3434 residents were enrolled to vote; of these 1017 voted - 29.6% of those on the roll.

Representation was reviewed during the last term and as a result the boundaries of nine wards were adjusted, the wards of Onewhero and Whaingaroa were merged and the number of councillors reduced from 14 to 13.

The Mayor and 13 Councillors were sworn in on Tuesday at a ceremony in Ngaruawahia. There are three new Councillors - Janet Gibb for Ngaruawahia Ward, Rosemarie Costar for Onewhero-Te Akau Ward and Jacqui Church for Awaroa ki Tuakau Ward.

The Council's Committee structure has been adjusted in line with a Council restructure and along with membership on the Infrastructure, Policy and other statutory committees I am part of a new Discretionary & Funding Committee, continue in my role on Walkato Regional Council's River Liaison Sub Committee (Middle Walkato River) and a new appointment to represent WDC on the Hauraki Gulf Forum Committee.

There are some interesting stats in the latest Link. There is 418,893ha of land in Walkato District Council. Our boundaries stretch from Bombay in the North, Tamahere in the south, Raglan in the West and the Thames estuary in the north east. 2,447km of roads service this area so you can appreciate how far our roading budget has to stretch. Once the Expressway is completed a large number of roads, currently designated as state highways, will return to the District Council roading stock, including SH1b which goes through Eureka Ward.

Waikato District has 200 parks and reserves for residents to use free of charge. Woodlands Historic Homestead and Gardens in Whitikahu Road, Gordonton are Council owned and the reserve is open seven days a week, 10am - 4pm, for you to visit. There are designated areas for picnics (check at the office in the homestead) and you can wander through eight acres of historic gardens. homestead) and you can wander through eight acres of historic gardens. The Woodlands garden is a New Zealand Gardens Trust Garden of National Significance and well worth a visit. There is a small charge to enter the homestead; entry to the gardens is free. You may also like to become a member of Woodlands for a small yearly subscription. Visit their website for more information www.woodlands.co.nz The on site café is open Tuesday - Sunday 10am - 4pm.

The 2013 Inorganic Refuse Collection is due to start on 4th November. A flier will be placed in your mail box with details. I note from a memo I have received that the Eureka collection is likely to be scheduled for the week 18 - 23 November. However check the dates on the flier you receive which will also give you details of items that will be collected and items they will not take. A pile must measure no more than two metres long by one metre wide and one metre high. Material excess of this amount will be left behind. If you have any questions you can phone Metrowaste on 0800 223 243.

If you are connected to the Southern Districts water scheme you were surveyed for your opinion on fluoridation in the water supply.

As I mentioned in previous newsletters around 2,500 ratepayers were surveyed and their votes were considered with the votes from Hamilton city residents. Of the 1,263 responses received:

- 965 voted for fluoride being added to Hamilton city's public water supply
- 295 voted against
- · 3 had no view

These results were forwarded to Hamilton City Council on 11 October before the voting closed to be included with the Hamilton City poll. We now await a decision from the newly elected City Council.

In this month's Link you will also see a notice regarding our Animal Control team. The team offers free presentations to the community on safety around dogs. If you are interested call one of the team on 0800

Contact me at any time - more next month

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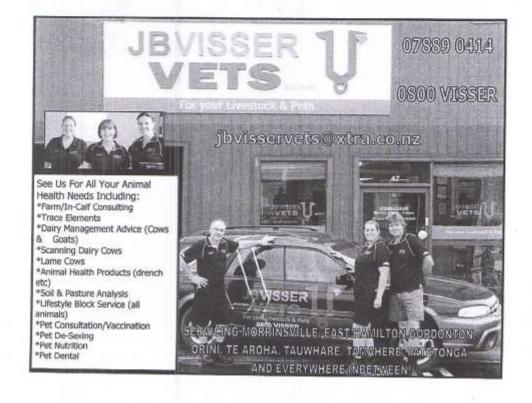


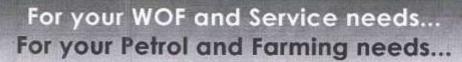
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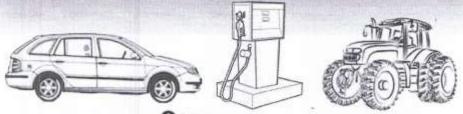
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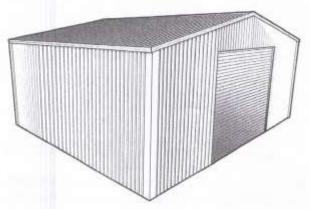
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