

# Eureka Express

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**Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year**

# EDITORIAL

Hi everyone

Seems like those end of year functions and finalising of all those jobs on the current bucket list have put things like our editorial on the back burner - but that's ok. As for me, Christmas is for getting together with family and friends.

Our Eureka District continues to grow and thrive but, because we are spread out in different directions, keeping that community spirit alive is much more difficult so I guess Christmas is a time when perhaps we can "catch up" and enjoy each other's company - the challenge - catch up with a neighbour you haven't seen in a while!

Once again, special thanks must go to all the different people who continue to support and contribute articles - those who have contributed to our editorials know it's not easy. A very big thank you to one and all

Take care – Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all. May the holidays see you return in the new year rested and ready for the challenges that will face us all in 2017

*Lin Buckley*



## THE EDITOR AND COMMITTEE OF THE EUREKA EXPRESS

Wish all our readers and advertisers Seasons Greetings,

A very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

All the very best for a happy and safe 2017.



## SNIPPETS



**WELCOME TO EUREKA TO:** Ross and Jessica Wilson and baby Austin, 3 months, who have moved in to their lovely new home on Eureka Road. A warm welcome to you all and we trust you will enjoy living in the countryside. Ph 0225860211

A warm welcome also to John and Janice Reed and their son, Craig, who have bought Jeanette Broome's home on State Highway 26. The Reeds hail originally from Wairanga but have family all around the Waikato. Ph: 022 417629.

**FAREWELL TO EUREKA TO** Jack and Linda Hooper of Eureka Road. Neighbours and friends are sad to farewell Jack and Linda who have been popular and contributing members of our community for the last 26 years. A big thank you to Jack for his years on the Hall Committee, and also recording our rainfall so faithfully for the last 8 years. And a big thank you to Linda for her years on the EExpress committee and the compilation of our local phone list for the last 8 years. We will miss you both hugely – and all those lovely surplus veges and eggs! Our very best wishes go with you both to your new home in Cambridge!

**BEWARE!!** Thieves and animal killers are active in our midst! In November in the wee small hours four sheep were slaughtered and stolen from the Johnson property, corner Manor Park and Eureka Road. Within a week an exact same slaughter and theft occurred on Matangi road. You are warned to keep a vigilant eye on your animals and to heed any unusual night-time sights or sounds...



Also remember to keep your house, vehicles, farm bikes and trailers under lock and key as opportunistic robbers are active in our district.

**21<sup>ST</sup> BIRTHDAY CONGRATULATIONS TO:** Tezhar Paymani, younger son of Babak (Bob) and Sandra Paymani of Manor Park, who reached this milestone on October 29 and celebrated the occasion on November 19. Do hope the celebrations went well, Tezhar. Presently, Tezhar is studying E-Commerce at Waikato University, where big brother, Kesian (23years), has just completed his B.Social Science degree and plans to do his Masters in Psychology next year. Every best wish to you both for a bright future.

**Sincere condolences** are extended to Karen and Paul Zeeders of Platt Road on the death of Karen's mother, Mrs Ngaire Slater, on 28 October. A dearly loved mother, mother-in-law, and Nan who will be sadly missed.

**Sincere sympathy** is also extended to Christine, Barry, Megan and Michael Whiteley of Eureka Road on the death of Christine's mother, Mrs Margaret Gee, of Ohiwa Harbour (near Ohope) on Monday 5 December. So dearly loved and sadly missed.

## IN LOVING MEMORY OF JUNE JOHNSON

26 July 1949 - 26 November 2016



It is with great sadness that we record the passing of June Johnson, at home in Eureka, on 26 November. June was the beloved wife of Charlie, dearest mother of Kim and Colin, loved mother-in-law of Mike and Nan of Stephanie and Bradley.

A beautiful funeral service was held for June at home in their lovely garden on Manor Park, on a perfect, sunny day last Wednesday.

Married 48 years ago, June and Charlie made dairy farming their vocation and worked their way up in the industry while raising their family of two, Kim and Colin. Piako Road, Gordonton, was where they realised their dream of farm ownership and spent 23 happy years. For 12 of those years they were part of the Eureka Discussion Group. In 2002 they sold their farm and built a lovely new home on Manor Park.

Always keen on boating and fishing, the other major passion of June and Charlie was power lifting. Charlie had been keen on the sport for some years before June gave it a try and turned out to be a natural. She competed in Masters (over 40 years) championships at National, World and Oceania level, setting records, winning numerous medals and trophies and enjoying many trips overseas to compete, with Charlie in the support role as Manager/Coach.

In recent years June has turned to the refereeing side of the sport and along with Charlie has continued her involvement. June's wonderful hospitality was legendary, as was her warm nature and sense of humour. She will be greatly missed by her family, friends, neighbours and sporting colleagues.

## THANK YOU EUREKA AND GOODBYE

Jack and I purchased our property of 23 acres on Eureka Rd, in July 1990 when our children, Nicola and Stephen were 11 and 9 respectively. This was something both Jack and I had wanted to do ever in since we were married in 1976, as we both stem from farming backgrounds. For the first 6 years of owning our property we remained living in a house owned by LIC at Newstead which came as part of Jack's role as LIC Farms Manager, so we farmed the Eureka property by coming out each evening to feed and move stock.

January 1996 saw the family move to the farm and build our existing home where we have been for the last 20 years.

Moving here when the children were so young was very beneficial to both of them, as we believed it helped develop their career paths. Not only did it help in developing their career paths but also they felt very comfortable in a friendly neighbourhood. Nicola had a love of animals and subsequently was able to combine Science and Veterinary degrees with her other passion – international travel. Stephen on the other hand was interested in what made things tick and is now Technical Manager at the Telecommunications company Logic Wireless with some overseas responsibilities mainly Australia.

Steve and his wife Bex have given us two beautiful grandchildren, Summah 5 and Ruby 3. As parents we can't be more proud of our family.

Jack has worked for LIC his whole working career (42 years) in different areas of New Zealand but we have been based here in the Waikato for the last 34 years. This has also involved a lot of travel for Jack both domestically and overseas.

While living in Eureka both Jack and I have given time to the Community by the way of the Eureka Hall and the Eureka Express Committees.

The Eureka community has provided us with both support as a family and a great number of friendships that are enduring. Also along the way some amusing moments:

- *Who could forget the story when Pukeko eggs were placed in the pen of novice emu owners?*
- *Who could forget coming home from work to see at the gate a big hard board replica of a washing machine dial – wash, rinse, spin etc. after getting several lots of rain on the hay.*
- *Who could forget the Christmas as we dressed up as Santa and entourage and travelled down Eureka Road and Appleton Lane on the back of a truck with the BBQ going handing out lollies, sausages and emu mince patties*
- *The tractor parked in the old septic tank (was not mine)*

Unfortunately it is time to move on, and we are looking forward to moving into a new home at St Kilda Cambridge and with it a change in lifestyle.

Having lived in this friendly neighbourhood for a good number of years we have no doubt that you will all give the new property owners Kevin, Andrea, Jack and Ellie Deane as warm a welcome as you gave us 26 years ago.

Cheers Linda and Jack Hooper

## HEARTSafe AED (Automated External Defibrillator)

Did you know?

- Out of hospital cardiac arrest OHCA (heart stoppage) is NZ's 2<sup>nd</sup> biggest killer
- 35 people a week, 1800 per year, have an OHCA
- Only 5% survive if nothing is done.
- This improves to 15% surviving (to hospital discharge) if Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) is started by a bystander as soon as it happens and continued until an ambulance arrives.
- If a 'public access' defibrillator (AED) is available and used before an ambulance arrives the patient's chances of surviving to be discharged from hospital increase by 69% compared to only a 24% improvement if an AED is used after the ambulance arrives....So easy local access to an AED is critical to survival.

The Eureka Express and the Eureka Hall committees are proposing to place an AED in a lockbox with 24 hour, 7 day a week access at the Eureka Hall.

How will this help?... If we make this happen then if someone near you has a cardiac arrest, dial 111 and call an ambulance immediately. While you do CPR send someone to the Eureka hall to grab the AED (details will follow), head back to the patient, open the AED, follow the very clear and easy spoken instructions as to how to use it.... And hopefully save a life.

The AED has to be near where you live (or where the event happens) and accessible quickly 24/7. After 5 minutes without breathing following a cardiac arrest a patient starts to decline by 10% per minute. So after only 15 minutes it may be too late to make a save, unless something has been done.

So we want to place a 24/7 accessible AED in the midst of our Eureka Community.

HEARTsafe Cambridge has agreed to provide a lockbox to house it safely and it will be located on the outside front wall of the Eureka Hall. They will also provide a demonstration and training in how to use an AED, and provide a refresher in CPR.

This will happen on Sunday March 19.

Details will follow in the February Eureka Express.



# RAINFALL

	October 2016	Year to 31 <sup>st</sup> October
Total (mm)	101	1070.5
Average (1994-2016)	90	994
Difference	+ 10	+ 76.5

Rainfall recorded on 20 days slightly down from the 22 days the previous month

	November 2016	Year to 30 <sup>th</sup> November
Total (mm)	76	1146.5
Average (1994-2016)	72	1066
Difference	+ 4	+ 80.5

Rainfall recorded on 13 days



## MARKET PLACE

### Mail Collection and Animal Carer

My name is Ben Newman I am available to care for your property while you are enjoying a holiday away this summer.

I am 11 years old and can collect mail, feed cats, birds, chooks, rabbits, Guinea pigs, dogs and check water for livestock. I can also water gardens and will keep an eye on your house.

Phone- Newman house 07 8241883



### Gull Eureka

Self-service for fuel and payment at pump now available 24/7 at Gull Service Station, Eureka. Any queries phone 8241 773

It's nearly Christmas

you are invited to celebrate with us ;

**Tauwhare & Eureka  
Community  
Christmas Carols - with items by  
our Kids for Christ groups.**

Tauwhare Hall

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December, 7pm

Bring a contribution for a shared supper afterwards



## NATIONAL STANDARD RESULTS 2016

Below is a table showing the latest collated NZ National results and our own National Standards results for this year. We are very pleased with our results, especially as teachers work very hard to provide an holistic curriculum which is not based solely on academics, but which encompasses the arts, sports, Enviro sustainability, science and social sciences, school trips and outings, and which builds on children's interests and strengths.

We are required to report on these three areas of the curriculum and on Maori achievement. Our school has 183 children, 25% are Maori children.

	National Goals	2015 National Results	2016 Tauwhare Results	2015 National Maori Results	2016 Tauwhare Maori Results	These results reflect not
Reading	85%	78%	93.4%	68.8%	92.3%	
Writing	85%	71.4%	85.6%	61.1%	76.9%	
Mathematics	85%	75.5%	89.2%	65.5%	84.6%	

only the high quality of teaching at Tauwhare School, but also the hard work, commitment, and dedication that every staff member provides. This achievement reinforces the importance of the numerous intervention programmes that are available to all students at Tauwhare School and reiterates the need to continue to invest funding and resources in this area. What is extra impressive, is that the excellence in these core National Standard subjects is in addition to the constant strong focus on Tauwhare's culture and the opportunities and successes that occur in other curriculum and non-curriculum areas." *From our Board of Trustees.*

## SWIMMING POOL

Keys will be available from Monday 12th December for a 'donation' of \$65 for school families and \$110 for non-school families. **Bombing:** Last year the pool had to be closed as people were bombing into the water causing the water level to drop too low. The pumps could not work and the hoses could not fill the pool quickly enough. If you are here supervising please do not allow children to bomb. **Access by pool key only.**

Please ensure the pool gate is kept closed at all times and not pinned back. Only families who have purchased a key can use our pool.

*While we rarely have anyone disrespecting our school property the Board has installed security cameras around the school.*



## FITNESS CIRCUIT

Our children have spent the past few years designing and building models of the playground equipment they decided we need to enhance upper-body fitness and strength. Thanks to the Board the fitness circuit has been installed around the perimeter of the back field.

*School Closes Friday 16th December at 12pm and reopens Wednesday 1st February 2017. Have a wonderful Christmas and a happy New Year.*





## Pukeko Preschool – December 2016

We enjoyed our visit from Undercover Cody, who reminded us all about being sunsmart, great timing with the warmer weather we have been enjoying.

We are celebrating our 13<sup>th</sup> birthday on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December with a dress-up day, birthday cake and a visit from a policeman – we're really looking forward to it.

The staff and Trust Board wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful summer break. We thank everyone who has supported the preschool this year, we really appreciate you all. See you in 2017!

Preschool will close for the year on Friday 22 December and re-open on Monday 16 January 2017. Please contact us if you would like your child to start preschool in the new year, or when school goes back in February. We have some spaces on all days next year, but they are filling fast.



### About Pukeko Preschool

We are a small rural preschool situated in the grounds of Tauwhare School on Scotsman Valley Rd. We are open from 8am – 4pm and licensed for 17 children. Session times are 8.45am – 1.00pm, 8.45am – 2.45pm, or choose your own hours for bookings over 6.5 hours. We welcome children from 2 years of age. There is no minimum number of days required, which is a lovely way of settling in to preschool.

Limited spaces are available – call in and see us, phone 824 0860, or email [pukekopreschool@xtra.co.nz](mailto:pukekopreschool@xtra.co.nz). We offer 20 hours Free ECE (NO extra charges for these hours) and you may also be eligible for the childcare subsidy. Contact us for more information, check out our website [www.pukekopreschool.org.nz](http://www.pukekopreschool.org.nz), or find us on Facebook 'Pukeko Preschool in Tauwhare'.

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# TAUWHARE PLAYGROUP



Paper Plate  
Christmas Tree

So far Term 4 has been great fun. We went on a trip to the Bike Park at the Velodrome in Cambridge, which was brilliant, the children loved it. We would recommend it for anyone with children, ranging from babies to teenagers.

We have started craft activities on a Christmas theme, which involves a lot of research on Pinterest! We always encourage the children put their own ideas and interests into the activities we do, so the paper plate Christmas tree idea (see left) became green, purple, blue and multi coloured trees, covered in glitter, buttons, stars and a few pom poms! So much more imaginative and creative!



Tauwhare Playgroup runs until the end of the school term, with the last Thursday of term being the 15 December. Playgroup is then back in February 2017, when school starts again.

## About Tauwhare Playgroup:

Tauwhare playgroup is friendly and fun group, where parents, grandparents, caregivers, children and babies meet together in a relaxed environment. Everyone is welcome.

Our playgroup is free to attend, and our activities include:

- Music and singing
- Imaginative play
- Outdoor and free play
- Art and craft activities
- Trips to interesting places.

We meet at the Multipurpose Room at Tauwhare School between 9am-12 noon every Thursday during school term time. We are happy if people want to come for just a short while, you don't have to stay all morning.

Please bring along a small plate of food for the children's shared morning tea, and we provide hot drinks for parents and caregivers.

For more information, contact:  
Pippa on 07 824 0846.

Like us on Facebook and keep up-to-date with what is happening.

# TASTE BUDS

## Some ideas for Christmas...

### **Crispy Smashed Potatoes With Bacon**

- 1.5kg chat potatoes
- 1 tablespoon polenta
- 2 small lemons, thickly sliced
- 6 garlic cloves, unpeeled
- 2 rashers thick shortcut bacon, diced
- 2 tablespoons olive oil

#### **Method**

Preheat oven to 200C/180C fan-forced. Line 2 large baking trays with baking paper.

Place potatoes in a large saucepan. Cover with cold water. Bring to the boil over high heat. Reduce heat to medium. Simmer, partially covered, for 10 to 12 minutes or until potatoes are just tender. Drain. Stand for 5 minutes.

Transfer potatoes to prepared trays. Using a potato masher, gently press down on potatoes to flatten. Sprinkle potatoes with polenta. Arrange lemon slices around potatoes. Using a small, sharp knife, cut a slit in each garlic clove and place on prepared trays. Sprinkle with bacon and drizzle with oil. Season with salt and pepper.

Roast potatoes for 40 minutes, swapping trays halfway through cooking, or until golden and crisp. Serve.



### **Mini Chocolate Puds**

- 150g butter, chopped
- 200g dark chocolate, chopped
- 1/2 cup raw caster sugar
- 2 eggs, lightly beaten
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 cup plain flour
- 1/4 cup cocoa powder
- 100g white chocolate, chopped
- 6 green glace cherries, halved, thinly sliced
- 6 red glace cherries, finely chopped

#### **METHOD**

Preheat oven to 180°C/160°C fan-forced. Lightly grease a 24-hole, 1 1/2 tablespoon-capacity mini muffin pan.

Place butter and dark chocolate in a large heatproof microwave-safe bowl. Microwave on MEDIUM (50%) for 2 to 3 minutes, stirring every minute with a metal spoon, or until melted and smooth. Stir in sugar. Stand for 10 minutes to cool slightly. Whisk in eggs and vanilla. Sift over flour and cocoa. Whisk to combine.

Divide mixture between prepared holes. Level tops with a small spatula or spoon. Bake for 12 minutes or until tops are firm. Stand in pan for 5 minutes. Turn top-side down onto a wire rack to cool completely.

Place white chocolate in a heatproof microwave-safe bowl. Microwave on MEDIUM (50%) for 1 to 2 minutes, stirring every 30 seconds with a metal spoon, or until melted and smooth. Drizzle teaspoons of melted chocolate over each brownie to form 'custard'. Top with 2 pieces green glace cherry to make holly leaves and a few pieces of red glace cherry for berries. Stand for 20 minutes or until chocolate has set. Serve.



## AND ON A LIGHTER NOTE

*Just a timely reminder from Dinah, with regard to possible Health and Safety issues that may arise in your businesses, at this time of the year. Have a great Christmas and keep safe if you are dashing through the snow (overseas) or on NZ roads during this holiday period.*

*Dashing through the snow  
In a one horse open sleigh  
O'er the fields we go  
Laughing all the way*

A risk assessment must be submitted before an open sleigh is considered safe for members of the public to travel on. The risk assessment must also consider whether it is appropriate to use only one horse for such a venture, particularly if passengers are of larger proportions. Please note, permission must be gained from landowners before removal of fences (to get a good run) and entering their paddocks. To avoid offending those not participating in celebrations, we would request that laughter is moderate only and not loud enough to be considered a noise nuisance.

*While shepherds watched  
Their flocks by night  
All seated on the ground  
The angel of the Lord came down  
And glory shone around*

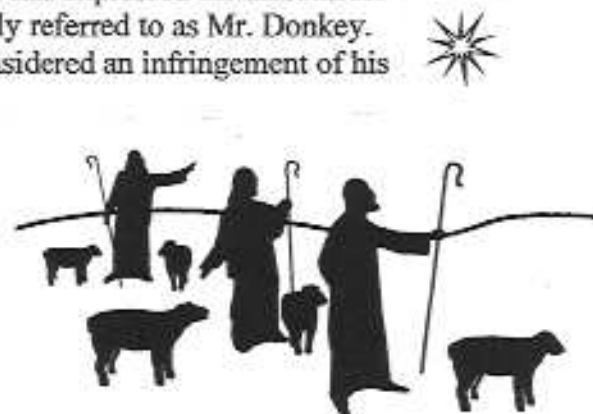
The union of Shepherd's has complained that it breaches health and safety regulations to insist that shepherds watch their flocks without appropriate seating arrangements being provided, therefore benches, stools and orthopaedic chairs are now available, and should be provided. Shepherds have also requested that due to the inclement weather conditions at this time of year that they should watch their flocks via CCTV cameras from centrally heated/cooled shepherd observation huts.

Please note, the angel of the lord is reminded that before shining his / her glory all around she / he must ascertain that all shepherds have been issued with glasses capable of filtering out the harmful effects of UVA, UVB and Glory.

*Little donkey, little donkey on the dusty road  
Got to keep on plodding onwards with your precious load*

The RSPCA have issued strict guidelines with regard to how heavy a load that a donkey of small stature is permitted to carry, also included in the guidelines is guidance regarding how often to feed the donkey and how many rest breaks are required over a four hour plodding period. Please note that due to the increased risk of pollution from the dusty road, Mary and Joseph are required to wear face masks to prevent inhalation of any airborne particles. The donkey has expressed his discomfort at being labelled 'little' and would prefer just to be simply referred to as Mr. Donkey. To comment upon his height or lack thereof may be considered an infringement of his equine rights.

*We three kings of Orient are  
Bearing gifts we traverse afar  
Field and fountain, moor and mountain  
Following yonder star*



Whilst the gift of gold is still considered acceptable - as it may be redeemed at a later date through such organisations as 'cash for gold' etc, gifts of frankincense and myrrh are not appropriate due to the potential risk of oils and fragrances causing allergic reactions. A suggested gift alternative would be to make a donation to a worthy cause in the recipients name or perhaps give a gift voucher.

We would not advise that the traversing kings rely on navigation by stars in order to reach their destinations and suggest the use of a Nav-man or other satellite navigation tool, which will provide the quickest route and advice regarding fuel consumption. Please note as per the guidelines from the RSPCA for Mr Donkey, the camels carrying the three kings of Orient will require regular food and rest breaks. Facemasks for the three kings are also advisable due to the likelihood of dust from the camel's hooves.

*Little Jesus, sweetly sleep, do not stir,  
We will lend a coat of fur,  
We will rock you, rock you, rock you,  
We will rock you, rock you, rock you:*

Fur is no longer appropriate wear for small infants, both due to risk of allergy AND for other ethical reasons. Therefore faux fur, a nice cellular blanket or perhaps microfleece material should be considered a suitable alternative.

Continual rocking, as in boats is known to cause sea sickness. We recommend only symbiotic rocking.

Please note, only persons who have been subject to a Priv/FI check and have enhanced clearance will be permitted to rock baby Jesus. Persons must carry their CRB disclosure, and their Masters Certificate in boating, with them at all times and be prepared to provide three forms of identification before rocking commences.

*Rudolph, the red-nosed reindeer  
had a very shiny nose.  
And if you ever saw him,  
you would even say it glows.*

You are advised that under the Equal Opportunities for All policy, it is inappropriate for persons to make comment with regard to the ruddiness of any part of Mr. R. Reindeer. Further to this, exclusion of Mr R Reindeer from the Reindeer Games will be considered discriminatory and disciplinary action will be taken against those found guilty of this offence. A full investigation will be implemented and sanctions - including suspension on full pay - will be considered whilst this investigation takes place.

*Merry Christmas*

*We wish you  
A Merry Christmas  
We wish you  
A Merry Christmas  
And a Happy New Year!!!!*

*From Dinah*



# DairyNZ – COMMENT FOR EUREKA EXPRESS

November/December 2016

## Baby Morgan

Probably by the time you get to read this Jaimee and Peter will have had their first baby. It was due on November 27<sup>th</sup>. Jaimee is keen to get back as CO for the Hamilton North area as soon as possible. At this stage, she is due to come back in early June. In the mean-time her discussion groups are planned out over this time and will mostly be covered by Contractors. If there is something you would normally ring Jaimee about, please call me on 027 483 9820 in the first instance and I will either help or refer you on to an appropriate person.

## Kaikoura

DairyNZ's CEO, Tim Mackle has family with dairy farms in Kaikoura badly knocked around by the big earthquake. Among other things, they have no water and with permission from MPI have had to cut fences so the herd can get water from the streams. It is an animal welfare issue - stock have to have water. Interestingly only about 30% of the cows knew how to drink out of a stream. A legacy of 10-15 years of fenced water ways!

## Healthy Rivers

A series of 11 farmer meetings were held by DairyNZ during November with 830 farmers attending. They were held to inform farmers about the Healthy Rivers plan rule changes and to gauge farmer concerns that could help shape submissions. Anybody can make a submission of support or concern. This has to be done by early March 2017.

Make sure you are acting on good information. Get the facts, get good advice and talk it over with as many people as possible because there is no doubt it will affect the way you farm in the future. For many it won't require a big change in the next 10 years but for a few it will.

"Farmer A" attended the Gordonton Healthy Rivers meeting. I met them in the street a few days later and they weren't happy with having to redo all their fences. Despite it being clarified at the meeting, they didn't realise they don't have to move existing fences. It is only new fences that have to have setbacks dependent on the slope of the land. 1m setback if less than an average 15 degrees and 3m setback from the permanent water way between 15 and 25 degrees. If you have existing fences ½ m from a stream, they can stay as they are.

## \$6 milk price

A lift in milk price forecast is great news and puts a spring in the step as you go about the daily routines of running a dairy farm. Over the years, we notice that good dairy farmers (profitable, productive and resilient) work on margins irrespective of the milk price. As the milk price lifts, they are still thinking of the margins they can make. Yes, they will spend a bit more and catch up on deferred maintenance but the focus will be on keeping the cost of production down and paying off debt too.

## Lessons learned

If you haven't done it already it would be good to write down all the things you have done differently in the last 2 challenging years and build into your future approach to the business some of the best of these learnings. What would they be? Perhaps spending a bit more time and effort on pasture management. Monitoring the finances more rigorously. Getting quotes on significant items of expenditure i.e. shopping around a bit and being conscious of the welfare of neighbours and indeed yourself and your family.

**Phil Irvine**  
Regional Leader, North Waikato  
**DairyNZ**



## **YOUR BULLS ARE LIKE YOUR OWN ATHLETES**

Elite athletes need to be in peak physical condition to perform well on game day. It's a similar scenario for your bulls when it comes to mating. You need to be sure your bulls can play the field in peak physical condition to complete a successful mating.

**Have enough of the right players** – To calculate the number of bulls required, firstly calculate the number of cows still left to get in calf after AB. You'll need one 2-year-old bull in the paddock for every 30 of these girls. Double this number of bulls to get your two teams. Source enough fit, well-conditioned bulls; and reject scruffy characters. If in doubt get them health checked; you can't afford a dud.

**Watch the players** – Are they getting the job done? Plenty can go wrong with bulls, so regular observation of them working is essential to identify problems early. If he's not up to the job, we recommend remove and replace him as soon as possible. Call the clinic if you want your bulls checked.

**Rotation policy** – Rotate your bull teams every 48 hours to help keep your bulls interested in the girls and to optimise their fertility. Like players recovering from a game, bulls still need high quality feed; so make sure your resting paddock has adequate feed.

**Save their feet** – Lameness is serious and a waste of a good player! Prevention strategies are important. Leave them in the paddock, don't let them onto the yard, avoid long walks on rough tracks, and don't hassle them with the dogs.

**Safety first** – Make sure that your staff are trained to work with bulls. If there are any bulls that are aggressive, replace them to reduce the risk of injury to staff and cows.

**After-match review** – Use pregnancy testing information to assess how the bulls went: early-aged pregnancy testing generates in-calf rate graphs in MINDA™ that will show you how things went through the whole of mating.

**Need help to get it sorted? Call the clinic for an appointment if you'd like us to help you with bull health or organising PD dates.**

## NEWS FROM YOUR WAIKATO DISTRICT COUNCILLOR



The end of another busy year – it is hard to believe that Christmas is just around the corner.

Council was sworn in on the 27<sup>th</sup> October and the last six weeks has been taken up with normal Council meetings and induction sessions to bring the new Councillors up to speed on the workings of Council, with briefings and workshops on current projects and plans for the next triennium.

**Waikato District offices will be closed from 3pm on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> of December** – normal hours will resume on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January. **To report any urgent problems or situations you can still phone Council on the free phone number 0800 492 452.** Rubbish collections do not change in the weeks leading up to Christmas Day. However there will be no collection on Monday 26 December or Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> January so your rubbish collection will take place one day later until normal services return by 9 January.

Council is looking to help build our communities as our population grows. We are aiming to revitalise our towns and villages through "*Placemaking*": We have been promoting the concept in Tauwhare in recent months and the Community Committee has been very proactive in consulting the community and coming up with ideas for a project that will reflect "their place". I look forward to seeing their plans come to fruition.

Further to comments in my last newsletter around the *Healthy River Plan Change for Waikato and Waipa Rivers*. The Regional Council is holding a series of information open days on the proposed Change. *This gives farmers, growers, businesses and the general community a chance to understand the details of what's being proposed.* An Open Day was held in Matangi, on 8<sup>th</sup> December to enable those who attended to better understand the Change and give their views.

As the District representative on the **Hauraki Gulf Forum** I receive information on all matters relating to the Gulf. The Hauraki Gulf/Tikapa Moana Marine Spatial Plan was released to the public this week at functions in Auckland and Thames. The Plan represents three years of intensive collaboration by the Stakeholders Working Group and I was able to attend the function in Thames. Information on Sea Change can be found on [www.seachange.org.nz](http://www.seachange.org.nz)

The latest copy of our **newsletter, Link**, is now being distributed and includes articles on Freedom Camping; liquor ban areas, fire permit information, district heritage, noise control, roading and other interesting articles. You should receive this newsletter in your mail box unless you have a 'no junk mail' sign. It can also be read on line or a copy can be picked up at any Council office.

We are working through the responses to the survey we undertook to see what residents thought about shops being open for **trading on Easter Sunday**. Councillors have been briefed on the survey results and an approach for a second round of consultation is being discussed.

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**Council will not meet during January but I can still be contacted via phone/email or txt.**

**My family join me in wishing you all best wishes for the holiday season – I hope you can find some time for relaxation and, please drive safely.**

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I would like to introduce myself and my resource management planning business which I operate under "Achieve Environmental Planning Limited".

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I have spent the past 3.5 years working at Waikato Regional Council where I worked on Variation 6 dairy shed water takes (groundwater and surface water) throughout the Waikato Region. Prior to that, I have worked at Waikato District Council processing land use and subdivision consent applications as well as monitoring resource consents for compliance. My experience also includes working for Opus Consultants and various District Councils in the Waikato Region, when I was previously running my business as a consultant. I have a wealth of resource management knowledge to draw upon to help you with your projects.

I work from home so have low overheads which keep costs down. I provide professional, friendly and flexible approach to every client, as no two projects are the same and I am readily available to answer any concerns you have and guide you through your resource management process.

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I can offer to prepare your resource consent applications and assist you through either District or Regional Council consent process in an efficient, cost effective manner. My aim is to help you obtain resource consents from Council's at reasonable costs. Alternatively you may need help to achieve environmental compliance with your existing consents to avoid non-compliances. I can help prepare your monitoring reports.

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If you want to contact me to discuss any resource management matters my details are listed above.

As this is the last Eureka Express for the year I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year and safe journeys where ever you go this summer.

Kind regards  
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