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HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY QUEEN ELIZABETH

Editorial---By Nicolaas Cornelius Stolwijk!!

Well, when the call came to put something on paper for the Eureka Express, we thought where do we start? So let's start with myself!

After a stint in France and Brazil, I arrived in N.Z. from Utrecht-Holland at the age of 22. The choice of N.Z. was pretty much forward since the Government paid for the trip and I had a relative living here already and, since I had mainly a dairy farming background, a job was not hard to find and I landed up in the Outback of Waeranga, well that was the way I saw it!.

To make a long story short, I went from farmhand to Manager of a Town supply Farm in Tokoroa. At that time it did occur to me that if I wanted to progress to a 50-50 sharemilking job farm owners always wanted some-one who was married! So along the grapevine the call went out that Nicolaas was looking for a wife!

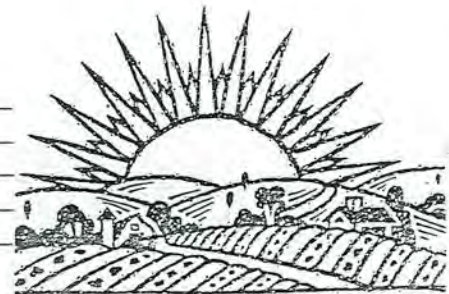
Well. It must have been my lucky day; the call was answered from a pretty lass from Pukekohe, only Lord knows what she saw in me at the time; I must have something going for me! After we got married in 1971, we sharemilked in Edgcumbe for 8 years, and then purchased a farm in Ruawai, near Dargaville. However hip and back problems saw us sell the farm after 7 years there, so back to the drawing board and Eureka came in sight with Poultry Farming which was not so physically demanding. So in 1987, with our 4 children, Liz, Cathy, Rene and Mathew, we moved to our present home in Hooper Road! They have now left the nest---Liz married to Andrew Reymer, - has 3 sons-and lives in Ohaupo on their part owned farm, is a Councillor in Cambridge, and manages the Karapiro Domain. Cathy is married to Stuart Riddell-lives on their lifestyle block in Waeranga, and is a Secondary teacher at Te Kauwhata School - they have 2 daughters. Rene is married to Nadine van Ree-, has a home in Chadstone-Melbourne, has 2 sons and is a Clinical Neurophysiologist at Monash University, where he is also a Senior Lecturer., and last but not least Mathew, married to Amanda Anthony - they have a home near Parramatta, Sydney, have a daughter [and a half!] and Mathew is a Case Manager for IAG Insurance in Parramatta.

Maria also enjoys part-time helping out in the shop at McMiken Orchards, working for the Woolford family. So, with rearing pullets and selling them to lifestylers, it keeps us busy, but after 29 years of living in Eureka we hopefully will be here for some time, living in this little corner of PARADISE!!

RAINFALL

	March 2016	Year to 31 st March
Total (mm)	38.5	205.5
Average (1994-2016)	70	216
Difference	-31.5	- 10.5

Rainfall recorded on 9 days.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I write to express my disappointment at the Eureka Express being used as a medium for Sue Edmonds to vent her personal frustrations over a painted cow. Incidentally, I also fail to see the correlation between a painted cow and the hamlet of Eureka, just because a resident painted it?

In the article Sue takes a personal swipe at sponsors, who she claims "are avid football fans, but no art lovers" and has obviously forgotten that without sponsors or benefactors there would be very little art on public display, and such has been the case for many hundreds of years.

Quite rightly she has asked for her name to be removed from the work, as it is no longer her work, and then goes on to suggest that a spray-painted and stickered cow is inappropriate situated outside an art gallery? Sue would do well to remember that art can take many forms and incorporate many techniques as is exemplified by Damien Hirst's cow in formaldehyde, Lowry's match stalk men and the modern art of the sixties.

She states that the "cow" on display is a travesty of the original, so I visited the site today and would suggest that it fits well with the original concept of Morrinsville being the cow capital of NZ, and can be described as being vibrant, colourful and builds on the tenacious links between the area and rugby

She then apologises to the people of Eureka who might feel let down, which is far from the truth in my case, indeed she should apologise to the sponsors for denigrating them in a public forum.

Finally she insults the long term residents of Morrinsville "who have no taste for art" which to me sounds like a little girl stamping her foot because she didn't get own way?

Sue would do well to remember that art, be it good bad or different, is in the eye of the viewer, and can be said to be "working" if it gets people talking.

I invite you to publish my email in the next issue of the Express to give the people of Eureka a balanced view?

Mark Daniel

Note from Editor – correspondence on this subject is now closed.

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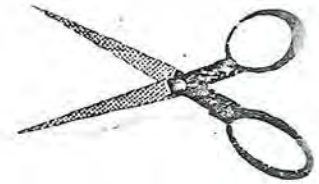
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SNIPPETS



DONATION THANKS: To Ace and Vicki Dance.

BIRTH: NEW BABY CONGRATULATIONS: To Gill and Luke Redgate, of Waverley Road, who welcomed a lovely daughter, Gia on March 23. A dear wee sister for Leo. Very best wishes to all.

FAREWELL TO EUREKA:

To Craig and Michelle Arundel of Morrinsville Road, who have sold their property after nearly 8 years and are moving to Te Aroha where they will have more land for their miniature ponies. We have enjoyed Michelle's company on the Eureka Express committee and greatly appreciated her recipe contributions. They will be missed but we wish them all the best in their move.

And it is farewell also to Carl and Sally Brunton and their girls, Jessica and Alison, of Morrinsville Road who have sold and are on the move to Tauwhare. Our best wishes go with you all too.

CAPPING CONGRATULATIONS: To Hannah Ng of Masters Road who will graduate in May from the Massey Campus in Wellington with a Bachelor of Design degree. Proud parents, Debbie and Weng Yew Ng will be on hand for the celebrations. Well done, Hannah.



NEW ZEALAND SIGN LANGUAGE WEEK: NZSL (New Zealand Sign Language) Week is on the second week of May runs from 9th to 15th May 2016.

The Taster Classes under Deaf Aotearoa are fully booked. If the schools or people in the farm community would like to learn some basic sign language,

Jean (jjj3leans@xtra.co.nz) would be happy to arrange for you. There is a poster – NZSL Finger alphabet for you to learn.

http://deaf.org.nz/images/nzslw16/2016_Finger_Spelling_Poster_A4.pdf

Did you know that on 6th April 10 years ago NZSL became an official language of New Zealand when a bill was passed by Parliament? Today we have three official languages - Māori, English and NZSL. Māori and New Zealand Sign languages have been formally designated as 'official languages' and have special status under the law. People have the right to speak in Maori or New Zealand Sign Language and they can be used in legal proceedings with interpreters. Māori is also taught in most schools and there are Māori immersion educational facilities. Now the Ministry of Education is putting our NZSL resources in the school curriculum and working together with Deaf Aotearoa at last.

Dulcie Buckley 1924 – 2016

SINCERE CONDOLENCES ARE EXTENDED to the Gordon and Buckley families of Waverley Road on the death of their dearly loved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Mrs Dulcie Buckley.

Dulcie Buckley, formerly of Waverley Road, passed away peacefully on 8 April 2016 at Hilda Ross Retirement Village, Hamilton



Dulcie was born in Inglewood in 1924, educated, and worked in her father's grocery store. She married a Waitui farmer's son Claude Buckley, then moved to Piako Road in 1946. With five sons, Claude's father John Buckley commenced developing 4 dairy farms and a sheep farm from a block of raw peat. Dulcie raised five children, Kevin, Sheryll, Stewart, Garth and Wayne, while actively involved in the farm development. Family, sport, vege gardening, haymaking and shearing time were all part of a full life during this time.

Dulcie and Claude played badminton at Inglewood and upon arrival at Piako Road, they joined the Motumaoho Badminton Club and later started and ran the Gordonton Badminton Club for many years. The love of badminton filtered through to her children and grandchildren who were actively involved in Eureka Badminton Club.

Dulcie and Claude, in semi-retirement on Waverley Road, developed a very early blueberry farm, experimenting all the way with land development, plant variety, shelter belts and then production, sorting and packaging. During this time employment opportunities for children and grandchildren were created with many fond memories from the Buckley and Gordon grandchildren.

Later in life Claude had a long battle with Alzheimer's with Dulcie supporting and by his side for nearly 10 years.

In 2002 Dulcie moved into the newly built Hilda Ross Retirement Village, purchasing the Right to Occupy Townhouse 54. This was a great period for her with village life keeping her busy with bingo, cards, swimming and weekly travel trips from the Village. She also supported the Care & Craft group and loved to cook and knit things to sell for Care and Craft.

Dulcie travelled to Australia many times, England with Sheryll in 1998, Norfolk Island, and Canada and Alaska in 2006.

She celebrated her 80th Birthday in 2004 at Robinsons Museum and Gardens on Woodside Road and her 90th 10 years later at Wayne's riverside property. She loved nothing better than to have her 40 extended family all around her for these two events and the family Christmas get-togethers.

In 2008 Dulcie had a heart valve replacement with the Heart Foundation funding 10 trial operations of a new technique of non-invasive surgery for the procedure. She quickly volunteered for this procedure which again gave her a new lease on life.

Dulcie lived a very full life in her beloved townhouse until Christmas 2015. Her health was deteriorating and she needed further care provided within the Hilda Ross complex.

The end of a pioneer generation having been through the depression, 1930's, WWII ending in 1945, pioneering on Piako Road in the 1950s, growing blueberries on Waverley Road in the 80s and a pioneer heart valve replacement operation in 2008.

Rest in peace Dulcie. Your legacy will live on in Eureka in your children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Pukeko Preschool – May 2016

The community garage sale run by our fundraising team was a great success. It offered the community a fun event, over \$1000 was raised for the preschool and it was lovely to be able to share the plans for the building with the wider community. Thank you to everyone who supported our garage sale.

A huge thank you to Black Dog Furniture in Matangi who have kindly given us a pile of wood for our carpentry table.

ANZAC Day sparked the children's imaginations – they asked lots of questions and made crosses and aeroplanes in honour of their great-grandparents and other relatives that went to war. It was amazing to see their medals and hear family stories.

This term we're hoping to cook up a storm, as the family corner has been turned into a bakery and the cold days are always fantastic for baking with the children.

We have set up a Give-a-Little page to help raise funds for our new building. The link is <https://givealittle.co.nz/org/pukekopreschoolintauwhare>. Please take a look and if you would like to donate, we would really appreciate it – every little bit helps! We are very grateful to those who have already donated.

WE WANT YOU!

Our community preschool is in a good place and we are looking for a Chairperson to lead us in the coming years. This is great way to give back to the community and if you have children attending the preschool we offer a discounted rate for all trust board members. If you would like to know more about this position or joining as a trust board member please see Clare or talk to Keren directly to find out more about what the job entails.

We welcome children from 2 years of age; the only thing we ask is that they are toilet-trained (or almost there). We don't have a minimum number of days required, which is a lovely way of settling in to preschool. There are 3 sessions available: 8.15am – 3.30pm; 8.45am – 2.45pm; 8.45am – 1.00pm.

Currently we have spaces available on all days – call in and see us on the grounds of Tauwhare School, phone 824 0860, or email pukekopreschool@xtra.co.nz. We offer 20 hours Free ECE and you may also be eligible for the childcare subsidy. Contact us for more information.



Tauwhare Playgroup

Term 1 has seen lots of fun at playgroup on a Thursday morning. We have spent time outside in the sandpit and playground, enjoyed lots of painting and art, and made Easter baskets and then filled them with eggs on our Easter egg hunt.

Look how serious the children are at their art work:



One activity that the children always enjoy is dressing up! We have sorted through our dress up collection, and realised we needed a few more costumes. So we recently bought a range of new costumes, including a doctor's and a nurse's uniform, a robot, two unicorns, a bee, and some fairy dresses. We do still need to add to our dress up costumes, so if anyone has any they would like to donate or sell to us, we would be very interested.



About Tauwhare Playgroup:

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

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.

About Playgroups:

No child is too young for playgroup. All children from 0-5 years, including babies, love new experiences and benefit from developing sensory, social and communication skills through activities at playgroup.

Children like playgroup because they can:

- Participate in new experiences
- Develop and increase their social skills
- Learn sharing, co-operation and simple routines
- Interact with other adults and children in a safe environment
- Enjoy learning more about their world.

Adults also benefit from playgroup - a time to talk, meet other local families and make new friends and share experiences, while children have fun and learn through play.

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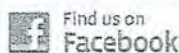
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This change has already bought about our ability to participate in promotional programs including last Thursday and Friday's 10 cent per litre discount period. At present we have 10% off discount vouchers that are valid from the 23/04/16 to 22/05/16, we have these available in store at present, feel free to come in and collect one (limited numbers are available).

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TAUWHARE INDOOR BOWLING CLUB

Welcome to readers of our March/April news. Club nights are ticking over nicely and welcome Peter and Emily, our newest members.

Thank you to all our members for their contributions to make our first Open Tournament a success, "many hands" do really make light work. The evening was enjoyed by all. Our annual match with Matangi for the Erin Rosebowl resulted in a win for Matangi.

Once again we have Tauwhare Club members holding Executive positions in the wider Indoor Bowls circle. Jack Hooper is the Vice President of the Waikato Indoor Bowls Assn, Bev Meads is President of the Eastern Sub Centre and Jim Bargh is co-selector with Barry Arnold for the Eastern Sub Centre.

The Eastern Sub Association's team won the Waikato 10's tournament and was awarded the *Vivienne McNally Memorial Trophy*. J and R Arnold and J and R Bargh were in the team.

Well done to Bev Meads who has been selected to play in the Waikato Probyn Shield Team.

Results:

31 March 2016 – Club Night

- Winners I Pizzini, L Verner, E Morris
- Runners Up J Arnold, C Olson, D Appleton

7 April 2016 – Triples Championship

- Winners R Coxon, R Arnold, JR Bargh
- Runners Up J Arnold, C Olson, H Singers

24 March 2016 – Mulholland Rosebowl

- Winners J Bargh, N Stolwyk
- Runners Up R Coxon, JR Bargh

14 April 2016 – Open Triples Tournament

- Winners B, J and L Arnold (Taupiri)
- Runners Up S Mills, F & J Richards (Matangi)
- Top Tauwhare Team – R Coxon, I Spencer, JR Bargh

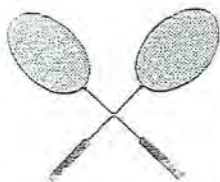


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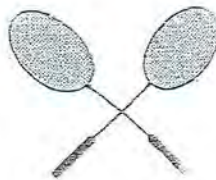
5 May 2016	Club Night
12 May 2016	Pairs Championship
19 May 2016	Open Triples Tournament (plate please)
26 May 2016	Club Night
2 June 2016	Esme Pope Memorial (Handicap Singles)

That's all the news for this month. We welcome new players and visitors – Club nights are Thursdays, 7.30pm at the Tauwhare Hall.

Good bowling everyone – Robin Bargh. Phone 07 824 1819



EUREKA BADMINTON CLUB



Eureka Junior Badminton

Junior Badminton will begin the season on Wednesday 4th May
then every Wednesday in the Matangi Hall from 6pm to 7.30pm.

Racquets available

For further information please phone Bryce on 8295398

LADIES A PLATE

ANZAC BISCUITS

Ingredients

1 cup rolled oats	¾ cup desiccated coconut
1 cup flour	¾ cup soft brown sugar
125g butter	2 tbsp golden syrup
½ tsp baking soda	2 tbsp boiling water



Method

Preheat oven to 180 C. Line a baking tray with baking paper.

Combine the rolled oats, coconut, flour and soft brown sugar in a large mixing bowl.

Melt the butter and golden syrup together. Dissolve the baking soda in the boiling water and add to the butter mixture. Pour into the dry ingredients and mix together.

Roll tablespoons of mixture into balls. Place on the tray and flatten with a fork.

Bake for 10-12 minutes, until golden. Remove from oven and cool on a rack.



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- To make this you will need:

½ cup milk

2 eggs

1 ¼ cups sugar –(has been made with only 1/2 cup sugar and still great)

1 cup mashed feijoas

1 teaspoon vanilla essence

75g butter

2 cups flour

1 teaspoon baking powder

1 teaspoon baking soda

½ teaspoon salt

(also tried with some cocoa powder - i.e. chocolate and feijoa cake yummy too)

Preheat oven to 180°C. Place the milk, eggs, sugar, feijoas, vanilla and butter in a food processor and process until smooth.

Place the dry ingredients in a bowl, then pour the wet ingredients in and mix. Pour into a baking tin and bake for 40-45 minutes. Once cool, dust with icing sugar

Share Your Favourite Recipe with Us

Do you have a favourite recipe – maybe it is one that you created or maybe it is one that has been handed down the family. If so we would love you to share it with us and we can include it in a future edition of the Eureka Express. Send to editor@eurekaexpress.co.nz

NEWS FROM YOUR WAIKATO DISTRICT COUNCILLOR



This month we have had fewer formal meetings at Council because of the various holiday weekends and school holidays. However the workload at Council doesn't get any less with community and other meetings being held. We have also been holding workshops on the various by laws and policies. The Freedom Camping Policy draft has now been completed and will soon be put out for submission.

Further to my comments last month about the appearance of the pest plant **Yellow Bristle Grass (YBG)** on our roadsides - thank you for all the feedback I received from residents. The Alliance has sprayed quite large areas and I have now met with the staff from Alliance to discuss the WDC/WRC stance on this grass. Firstly, YBG is classed as an "Advisory Plant" only i.e. it is regarded as a nuisance rather than a pest and it would be impractical and too costly for the Regional Council to undertake direct regional control of the plant and there is no legal onus on WDC or WRC to attempt to control its spread. Therefore The Alliance will be developing a strategy for pest plant control, including YBG, and with the help of landowners will aim to control its spread. I will publicise some guidelines for control when the strategy has been finalised.

Council is currently working its way through the **Annual Plan Engagement** attending community events such as market days to engage with the community.

The Pokeno dairy factory, Yashili, is finally operating and producing baby food using milk from Fonterra suppliers. I find it ironic that under the Dairy Act Fonterra is obligated to supply milk to other entities who therefore do not have to go into the market to attract their own suppliers. They then go into direct competition with the Fonterra brands impacting on the value added products they [Fonterra] produce.

From 1st July our rubbish and recycling services will be changing. These changes are part of our commitment to a 'zero waste' target. You can read more about the 'zero waste' target in the WDC Waste Minimisation Management Plan.



The services your area will receive from 1 July are as follows:

- Weekly recycling collection of up to three crates (glass, plastic, tin and aluminium) per household
- Paper and cardboard bundled (plastic or cardboard boxes) besides the refuse per household
- Weekly refuse collection where you can use recycled bags or purchase refuse bags up to 60 litres for refuse weighing up to 20kgs, then one pre-paid sticker placed on each bag
- An annual inorganic collection.

You will be able to buy **Council Refuse stickers** in local supermarkets and selected convenience stores and service stations across the Waikato District and in selected outlets in Hamilton, Cambridge and Pukekohe. A full list of locations will be available soon and I'll list those in your area in my May or June newsletter.. Council refuse stickers will also be available to purchase from selected council service centres and libraries.

I mentioned last month that notice of an **Open Fire Season** came into effect from midnight on 21 March 2016 until further notice. Just a reminder that landowners are responsible for the management of all fires lit on their land and could be held accountable for any suppression costs if the fire gets out of control. Please be sure any fire is safe, contained and monitored at all times, be considerate of your neighbours and avoid smoke nuisance and its effect on road visibility. Those living on peat soils should ensure that there is no risk of fire becoming seated in these soils. Please remember you cannot burn green vegetation, rubber, plastics, toxic materials or treated timber.

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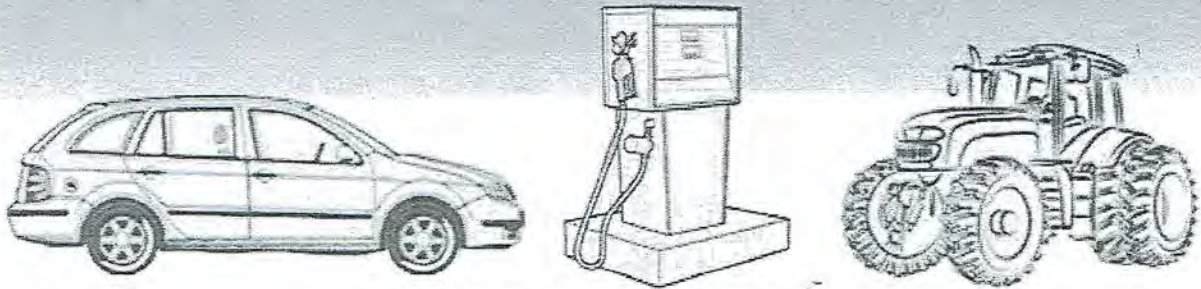
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