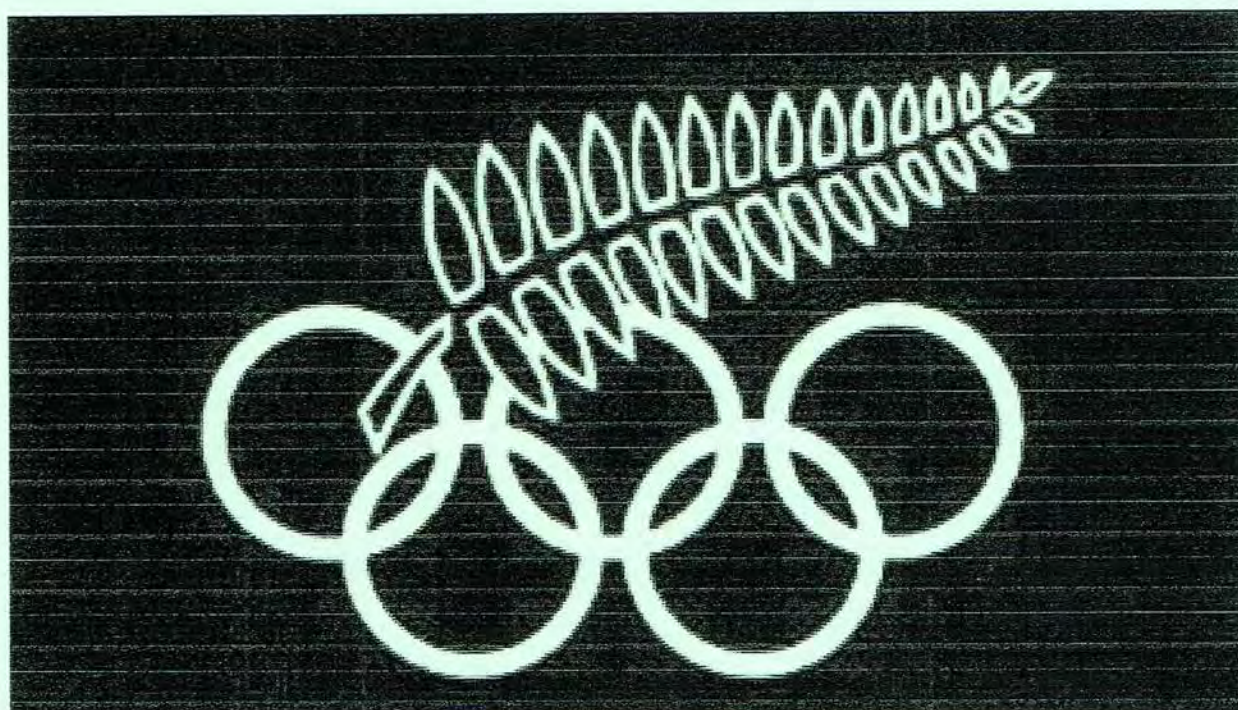


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Go the Kiwis

Matariki 2016

On June 6, a constellation of stars rose in the winter sky throughout Aotearoa, marking the beginning of Matariki (Māori New Year), the most significant celebration in the Māori calendar. It is a time to acknowledge those who have passed on in the previous year, forecast the upcoming year, and gather with loved ones to share the winter harvest.



In recent years we have incorporated Matariki festivities into our whānau calendar. This has required a deeper understanding of the group of stars and the reasons for celebrating their appearance on the horizon.

Māori do not look at the constellation of Matariki as a whole but rather at each star individually, seeking insight into the year ahead. From this perspective, each of the nine stars in the constellation holds dominion over specific aspects of our world:

Matariki, the chief amongst the cluster, brings people together. He represents hope for the year ahead, reflection on the year that has passed, and a connection to nature.

Tupuānuku is associated with kai harvested from the soil of Papatūānuku (Mother Earth). Tupuāranġi is associated with kai from above the ground such as fruit, berries, and birds.

Waitā is linked with salt water and kaimoana (food from the seas and oceans). Waitī, on the other hand, is associated with fresh water sources and the kai from within it.

Waipuna-ā-ranġi reflects the various types of precipitation such as rain, sleet and snow whilst Ururangi is associated with the winds connected with Tāwhirimātea (God of weather).

Hiwaiterangi is connected with our desires: our dreams, wishes and aspirations and Pōhutukawa is associated with those who have passed on.

This year we have celebrated Matariki as an extended whānau with a 7 course meal, constructed around the theme of each star. It was a lovely time to reflect on the past year and hopes for the year to come.

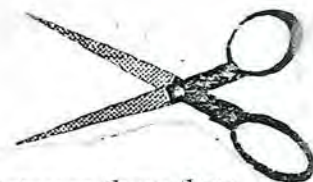
As we slowly rediscover the history of Matariki, there is so much more to learn about how it fits with today's hectic lifestyle. It is a time of year that allows us to pause and reflect on the wisdom from bygone days: a time to remember what has been, hope for what might be, and cherish what we have right now.

Most Waikato events for Matariki have been in June and early July, but still to come to celebrate Matariki:

- Mareikura pop up shop. 10am – 4pm, July 27-30. Kirikiriroa Marae
- Matariki Festival. 9am-3pm, July 30. Jesmond Street, Ngaruawahia
- Ngā whetu o tea o Māori, Matariki Exhibition, 10am-4pm, 16-29 July. 131 Alexandra Street Hamilton

Karen, Peter, Jade, Etu, Te Paea and Lisiate

Snippets



WELCOME TO EUREKA:

- To new Hunter Road resident Henry Stokes and his partner Kevin. Between them they have 4 children ages between 7 and 16. Henry is a Public Trust Lawyer working between Hamilton and Greenlane. Kevin is an Environmental Planner working for Tainui. A warm welcome to you all.
- On Hooper Road we say hello to Juen and Anne-Marie Rata and children Payton 8 years, and Phoenix 13 months. Juen is an engineer and Anne-Marie works part-time at the Uni in admin. Payton is attends Newstead School, and Phoenix Newstead Daycare. A very warm welcome to you too.

FAREWELL TO EUREKA to Aaron and Angela Wallace and their three children, Milly, Leo and Bruno, who have sold their home at the Holland Road end of Eureka Road after eight years, and are moving into Flagstaff meantime. Our best wishes go with you all.

OOPs – there was an error in last month’s article on the Wally Pollock Reserve. Titoki Drive is off Tauwhare Road not Matangi Road as printed in the article.

GET WELL WISHES: Are extended to June Johnson and any of our Eureka friends and neighbours who are battling ill health at present. We wish you all the best for a speedy recovery and our thoughts are with you and your families at this time.

RAINFALL



	June 2016	Year to 30 th June
Total (mm)	180	589
Average (1994-2016)	124	549
Difference	+ 56	+ 40

Rainfall recorded on 17 days.

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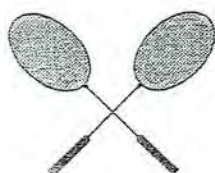
The Annual General Meeting of the
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Will be held TUESDAY 16 AUGUST 2016

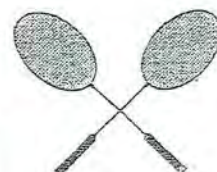
At 7.45pm at the Eureka Hall.

All welcome.

Secretary



EUREKA BADMINTON CLUB



JUNIOR CLUB NEWS

Junior Badminton is well underway on every Wednesday evening
in the Matangi Hall. 6pm to 7.30pm

Racquets available.

It has been pleasing to see some new players come along and more are welcome.

For further information please phone Bryce on 8295398



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THE ROUNDABOUT JOURNEY OF OUR ARCHIVE SAFE

By Sue Edmonds

In June our Eureka Hall was burgled, twice. The first time nothing was taken, but the front door was jemmied open, and a padlock on one of the kitchen cupboards (formerly used by the Badminton Club) was broken.

A few days later they came back. Obviously locked things had a fascination, so this time they skidded the fireproof strongbox, kept in the ladies' room, out to the front door and took it away, complete with all of Eureka's precious archives. Goodness knows what they thought they were getting, but it must have taken at least two strong people to get it out and lifted onto whatever they brought to take it away.

Gail Mayall called the Hamilton Police, checked TradeMe etc, then rang me. I started with the Hamilton community radio station, who subsequently gave me 15 minutes of air time to report what had happened. Then Number 8 Network, which followed the story every step of the way. Even the Waikato Times got in on the act and both wrote and videoed about it. Nothing happened for a week when the EExpress was printed. Finally, Rebecca at the garage put it on Facebook, and a nice cop from Morrinsville, who lives in Scotsman's Valley rang her and then me.

Turned out Kaimai Valley Services had sent an email to Morrinsville cop shop about a week before, saying they had been rung about an opened safe lying on the roadside at Murray Oaks, and they had gone out and collected it and stored it in one of their sheds. The cop (Winston) had received no notification about a missing safe, so didn't know what to do next. I later found that although various police stations share information about bashings and other horrors, there are supposedly too many burglaries for these to be shared, so Hamilton hadn't passed anything on.

Next time he was on duty Winston promptly went out to the Waihou depot, and brought me a boxful of what he had found in the stored safe, and it was definitely ours. He also arranged for Kaimai Services to bring the safe back to Eureka with a hi-ab truck when convenient for us.



The stuff he brought was damp, some muddy, and obviously partly retrieved off the roadside (that was when we had all that rain for days). So next day I went to Waihou, where the helpful staff provided numerous boxes and helped me fill them. I brought them home and spent a very long evening layout out the drier stuff and gently toasting the wet papers on my Lady Kitchener fire hob.

Since then they've been cluttering up my living space, waiting for Gail to come back from a trip to see her daughter in Oz. And the safe has been resting in the workshop next to the Mayall's cowshed. So we've still got our history, and thanks to all who helped get it back.

Turns out the 'official' communications need more thinking about, and the local residents are far more useful. So if you get burgled, don't just ring Hamilton Police, ring Morrinsville too.

Tauwhare School

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Roll: 176

We have had a great start to term 3! We welcome Mrs Fiona Sinclair onto our staff. Fiona will be working alongside Mrs Elliot in the New Entrant/Year 1 class.

Sir Peter Blake Trust Young Leaders Award



Yana Llewellyn from Westpac Bank presented the Sir Peter Blake Trust Young Leaders Award to Zac Griffin. Zac was nominated for his leadership in the playground, in the classroom and his perseverance and resilience in all aspects of school life. Zac takes on many responsibilities throughout school life and is someone our younger children turn to when they need help. Congratulations Zac.

BRAIN CENTRE

So many exciting things happen in our Brain centre. One of our teacher aides, Mrs Mead, runs many wonderful support programmes in here. Our latest initiative is CogMed. This is a computer based programme which has proven to be very successful in developing greater working memory to help children retain spelling words, times tables, following instructions and organisation skills. The children love it!!

SITUATION VACANT

Part time assistant required to join our fabulous group of carers at our After School Care programme. Mon – Thurs 2.45pm – 4.15pm.

Please ring the office 07 8240 864 or email principal@tauwhare.school.nz for details.

BOOK FAIR PRESENTATIONS

Book fair was really lovely with Mrs G reading new books at assembly, children reading to each other throughout the school and teachers visiting other rooms to read to children. It was a real celebration of books. To conclude Book Week each class put on a short presentation.



Pukeko Preschool – August 2016

Notice of AGM

Pukeko Preschool's Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 9 August 2016, at 7pm, at Pukeko Preschool, 26 Scotsman Valley Rd, Tauwhare. All welcome. We are looking for more Trust Board members – if this is something that may interest you please contact Keren Savage for more information on 823 1543.

Pukeko is a busy little place and you just need to take a look at our Facebook page to get a glimpse of a few of the things we do. Winter weather means getting outside in gumboots and splashing in puddles - or making see-saws over puddles so the children can discover weight and perfect their balancing skills - and when our hands get cold we build a fire and toast marshmallows or go inside to make pink chocolate chip biscuits.

Next term we are going to have even more time for fun as we have extended our hours to 8am - 4pm. We still offer our main session 8.45am-2.45pm and our short session 8.45am-1.00pm. You now have the option of choosing your hours for bookings over 6.5 hours (a flat fee is charged for bookings over 6.5 hours, less any eligible ECE hours).

We are continuing to offer 20 hours ECE, which at Pukeko is completely free, there are no extra charges for a 6 hour or 4.25 hour day, within the 20 hours. This means you can enrol for 3 x 6-hour sessions at no cost to you (or 4 x short sessions).

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 are licensed for 17 children. 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. We offer 20 hours Free ECE and you may also be eligible for the childcare subsidy. Contact us for more information, check out our website www.pukekopreschool.org.nz, or find us on Facebook 'Pukeko Preschool in Tauwhare'.



Tauwhare Playgroup

We had a fantastic trip to Jump trampoline park in Hamilton on the last day of playgroup in term three. The children and mums had a fun time, jumping around for an hour! We followed it up with morning tea at Agora cafe in Frankton – highly recommended for anyone with children, they have a brilliant play area for the children to enjoy.



Another great morning at playgroup last term was a visit from Karina Hart, to run a music and dance session. The children sang, danced, jumped, twirled ribbons, and banged drums.

Thanks Karina, your sessions are always a highlight for us all at playgroup.

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.

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.

TAUWHARE INDOOR BOWLING CLUB

Bowls is truly alive in Tauwhare, with a busy June-July.

Congratulations to Bev Meads who sat her NZ Umpires exam in May. She is now an Official Umpire – well done.

Although Tauwhare was not successful in their Brown Bowl challenge vs Matangi, they played like champions to come out with draw. Well done for the great effort. The teams were J Arnold, R Coxon, R Arnold, H Bargh and B Meads, P Stanaway, J Bargh, JR Bargh.

Moore Cup – the Moore Cup is a competition between the four Waikato Bowls Sub-centres – Hamilton (2 teams), Cambridge, Morrinsville and Eastern (2 teams). This is the first year Eastern has fielded two teams, so there are going to be some very interesting matches. The 1st round saw Eastern Gold play Hamilton Green and Eastern Blue play Hamilton Red. Both Eastern teams won their matches. Tauwhare's representatives were – J Bargh in the Gold Team and J Arnold and B Meads in the Blue Team. In the next round Eastern Gold plays Eastern Blue – very interesting!!

Once again Family Night was a lot of fun – with many good bowls played by the six visitors. Thanks to the Grandad and Mums for organising the children to come and join us. We hope that you enjoyed your night and that you will come and visit us again some time.

The Eastern Waikato Champion of Champion Pairs title came to Tauwhare for 2016. Congratulations to J Arnold and H Bargh for their win and for receiving their Eastern Champion of Champion Badges. Well done.

Results:

23 June 2016 – Open Singles Championship

- Winner J Bargh
- Runner Up B Meads

30 June 2016

– Mens Singles Championship

- Winner R Coxon
- Runner Up P Stanaway

– Ladies Singles Championship

- Winner B Meads
- Runner Up K McNally

14 July 2016 – Family Night

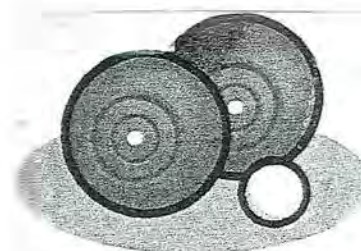
- Winners A McNally, Ruben
- Runner Up R Arnold, E Stevens

Upcoming Events

4 August	Skips & Threes; Twos and Leads
11 August	Club Night
18 August	Club Night
25 August	Sattrup Trophy
1 September	Club Night / Burnside Trophy (Plate please)

Until next month - Good bowling everyone

Robin Bargh Phone 824 1819

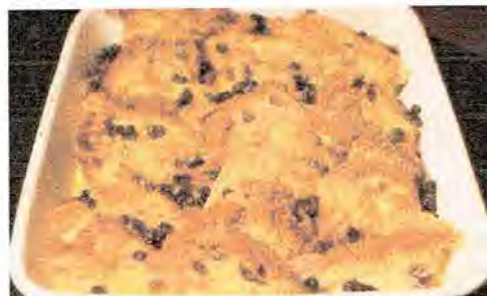


LADIES A PLATE

A couple of old favourite winter warmer puds.

BREAD AND BUTTER PUDDING

White bread or croissants.
Sultanas or raisin or marmalade
2 cups milk (aprox)
2 Tbsp sugar
2 Tbsp butter
2 eggs
Grated nutmeg



Place into dish triangles of bread or cut croissants
Sprinkle sultanas or raisins between the slices or spread with marmalade. In a saucepan heat milk, sugar and butter. Then pour in beaten eggs. Pour this mixture over the bread until well soaked and covered. Sprinkle with nutmeg and bake at 180 deg C (350 deg F) until set and slightly browned.

HOT CHOCOLATE FUDGE PUDDING

1 cup flour	2 tsp baking powder
¼ cup sugar	1 tsp cocoa
½ tsp salt	½ cup milk
2Tbsp melted butter	1 beaten egg
Vanilla essence	

Beat together milk, egg, butter and vanilla essence, then add sifted dry ingredients and stir.
Put into a greased bowl. Mix together ¾ cup brown sugar with 2 tsp cocoa and sprinkle over the batter.
Pour 1 ¾ cups boiling water over the back of a spoon and onto the top of the mixture.
Bake at 190 deg C (375 deg F) for 40 minutes.



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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

IN YOUR GARDEN

Hi, Mike from Roach's here.

After the drought, we have been busy harvesting rose plants, potting them up and sending them to bulk stores all around the country. We supply Bunnings, Mitre 10, Palmers, Kings, and many private garden centres. The plants are delivered by us or sent on pallets by a carrier to both North and South Islands. The lower South Island can cost \$7 per plant to send by pallet. To bring plants up from the South Island it is half the price as freight is hard to come by to fill a truck and deliver to the North Island.

Well, we have had lots of rain, making up for what we didn't get in the drought.

If you have pear or apple trees, you may notice black blotches on the fruit, commonly known as Black Spot. The best way to avoid this problem is to spray early Spring with liquid copper every two weeks, and this will stop disease affecting the fruit.

Copper, if sprayed 2 or 3 times the strength suggested on the container, will harden cones on plants, especially roses if sprayed every 2 to 3 weeks until August.

Some handy hints if your memory is failing you...cut a piece of Rosemary and crush it in your hands, then take deep breaths and you will remember that it is your day to cook and do dishes. Or maybe you will find something you forgot, where you left it.

*Take note guys.....I was told that a rosemary plant growing exceptionally well at your house means the lady of the house wears the trousers!

Remember we have a good selection of potted colour, especially Pansies, some with 3 colours on each flower. We also have lots of vegetable seedlings.

Mushroom compost is available by the bag or trailer load. Weed free, and light and dry to shovel. Plant with a large shovel full of compost in the hole, and spread around top of garden to avoid weeds.


Happy gardening,

Mike



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FARM DISCUSSION GROUP

After a long break the Eureka Discussion Group was kindly hosted by Richard and Christine Lansdaal with their daughter Megan on the 19/7. Turnout was low but due to the timing this was inevitable.

Soil temperatures are at 9° C at present. When soil temperatures are > 7°C there are good responses to Nitrogen. What we do need to be aware of is wet soils so be smart and only apply to appropriate soil types. Grass won't be grown from leached nutrients. Also N products containing Sulphur get great responses at this time of year especially peat soils. Pasture covers in the area are good with most sitting in the mid 2000kg Dry Matter (DM)

Last time I was on the farm the Lansdaal's were milking 750 cows through the 48 bale internal rotary. Since then another shed has been added and the farm split in 2 creating very user friendly operations.

A grazing block was purchased last season at Karapiro that their son runs. Christine rears 400 calves, this comprises of the replacements and the Jersey bulls off both farms, and these are then sent to the grazing block. 650 head are on monthly weighing. One of the major reasons the dairy unit is Once a Day (OAD) through the summer. OAD also gives them the opportunity to retain cow Body Condition Score (BCS) over the summer enabling them to minimise expensive bought in feed over the summer as well as milk into the vat over the Autumn flush, if available.

Calf Rearing

The Lansdaal's run Jersey cows. One of the things they do differently and a hangover from the large herd days, calves are picked up at every check. The cows generally follow and are milked within a few hrs of calving. Calves are religiously tubed with fresh colostrum. These two actions are beneficial for the cow by reducing mastitis and calf survival is greater as all calves get sufficient colostrum.

The herd is vaccinated for rotavirus. This is done in two hits as the vaccine is only active for 6-8 weeks (I was unaware of this). The 2nd ½ of the herd is vaccinated at the Planned Start of Calving (PSC)

Something to be aware of is milk fed to calves should be between 21-40°C. If below 20°C the trigger to go to the abomasum may not activate and milk may go into the rumen.

A few options:

- Milk warmer, there are a range of options but don't add hot water!
- Calf teats in good condition so intake is restricted and the calf warms before swallows
- Milk powder made with warm water. At Farm Source, powder is 1c/l cheaper than current milk price

Crops

The Lansdaals used fodder beat this last season with great success over the summer with a 20+t crop. The crop needs to be well managed to get a good crop, This is not hard as a very robust well mapped out plan is readily available. The key to feeding it is a very long face, 1m/ cow and 1 ridge. To start them off the beats were cut with a spade. Whatever was left behind each day was eaten over next 3 days as each cow had its own preference to parts of the fodder beat they liked. Something that must be avoided at all costs is break outs so the herd was only on crop for 2 hours then removed. Because of this Kale was grown at the run off for the bulls.

Spring Rotation Planner (SRP)

The SRP is an absolute must for all pasture based dairy farms. If you don't use one you will probably find that what you are doing is very similar. What the SRP does is give you a plan that you can work around. This allows you, when under pressure to quickly work out how much area you should be doing. You don't need to do a farm walk, this just helps with finer decision making, i.e. to speed up/down slightly from the area allocation line. The 2 main ways to access it is on the DairyNZ website by typing SRP into search bar. Also all milk suppliers were sent a paper version within the last month. This one was shown at group and looked very easy. If you would like a hand to do a SRP or some easy tips of using it just give me a call. I can come for a coffee or you could come to me.

I know it is wet out there but it is warm, the grass hasn't stopped growing and we are another day closer to Balance Date (when feed supply = demand). Balance Date, usually between the 1-10th September, largely depending on your Stocking Rate (number of cows per hectare) and supplements such as silage.

Most people are around mid-point of calving, so now we need start thinking about feeding those cows to get them ready for mating. No rest for the wicked before snapper spawning at Raglan, bring it on!!

Catch up soon
Dan Hinton
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NEWS FROM YOUR WAIKATO DISTRICT COUNCILLOR



This month I visited some of the **Hamilton Expressway** sites with my colleagues. The contractors, CityEdge Alliance, are making good headway and this summer there should be noticeable progress. Fencing of the entire 22km is just about completed. At the peak of construction, the team working on the project will be around 500 and they are working towards finishing the project on time in December 2019. Also a contract has now been let for the final section of the Expressway – Te Kauwhata – Hampton Downs.

A **Waikato District Heritage Advisory Group** has recently been established and I have been appointed as one of the two Councillor members on this group. The group's role is to report priorities to Council, identify key heritage areas of concern, review the heritage strategy, monitor progress against the Strategy, recommend heritage priorities and encourage and promote heritage initiatives and opportunities in the district.

The group will meet at least four times a year and liaise with the District Heritage Forum and local Ward Heritage Committees. I have with my family long recognised the importance of preserving historical buildings, records, documents and the like and Council have in the last term stepped up to the mark and are liaising with our communities to help in this process.

The priority for a District Archive is recognised with a proposal on the table to build a dedicated Archive alongside the new Waikato Coalfields Museum. An interim storage facility will be investigated alongside a collection policy. Uniform heritage signage for the District has been discussed and also training for those working with archives including volunteers. The District Plan Review is involving consultants to identify archaeological and heritage sites within the District.

Waste water overflow problems are becoming quite a concern in Raglan and, despite working long hours to identify and rectify problems, our staff are struggling to find a long term solution. A great deal of storm water is going in to the waste water pipes from residential properties, insoluble products are being flushed down toilets (eg baby wipes) causing blockages which is adding to the load on pipes. This week's problem was caused by a local power outage coinciding with heavy rain causing the pump station to fail and water to back up but the majority of overflows are due to blockages.

The **new solid waste collection** started on 1 July. On that day our staff undertook a random audit of the collection areas, rural north west and southern districts, and confirmed that 95% of the bags at the road side were stickered. Some households in the southern area did not receive a new recycling crate so would not have had the information booklet distributed with the bin. Council did advertise the new system extensively on radio and written media. I did receive some phone calls mainly from residents who had been on holiday leading up to 1 July and hadn't seen the advertising. From feedback I have received from friends and family they are being much more conscientious about recycling so we hope residents keep attempting to minimise the amount of solid waste they send.

In my last newsletter I listed a number of outlets selling stickers. I believe some of these outlets ran out of stickers but new supplies were soon obtained. I know from our personal experience that the supermarket we visited did not anticipate that customers would buy a bulk supply rather than 2-3 stickers each week so this may have contributed to the initial shortage. Outlets can choose to add a premium to the \$1.50 price as a 'handling fee'.

The June – July issue of *The Link* has been printed. This contains district news and information and is distributed to each household in the District – however if you have "NO JUNK MAIL" on your mailbox we can't deliver the newsletter. The next issue will be distributed 12-16 September. You can read the newsletter online at www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/news

We welcome feedback from residents on anything of concern you feel should be brought to Council's attention. E.g. illegal dumping, road hazards, broken signage, road safety issues, water leaks and the like. You can use various means to report concerns – phone the Council's 24-hour free phone 0800 492 452, go online to our webpage and press the "contact us" box which opens up the options to *Report a problem, contact the call centre, our postal address, compliment or complain and gives details of our offices and libraries* and you are still welcome to email, phone or txt me anytime to report a concern.

I notice in *The Link* that NZ Post has an online change service for those moving house. You can go on to the website www.nzpost.co.nz/change, update your details in one place and nominate the organisations you wish to be advised of your change of details. Waikato District Council has joined this service.

Sunset Beach in Port Waikato is an unpredictable area which could see erosion of the beach continue. A report was released in October 2015 outlining the issues and possible options to relocate parking and community buildings if the erosion continues. The Port Waikato community has been consulted and have identified where they would like these assets moved if it becomes necessary. A report has been released and passed by Council detailing these options. The Council will continue to monitor the erosion and work with the community to protect the sand dunes and provide information for beach users.

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WDC Council free phone - 0800 492 452.



Methamphetamine and Rental Properties

Methamphetamine is a powerful, highly addictive stimulant that affects the central nervous system. Also known as meth, speed, P, burn, goey, ice, and crystal, among many other terms, it takes the form of a white, odorless, bitter-tasting crystalline powder that easily dissolves in water or alcohol.

The drug is commonly produced in homemade laboratories – often called clan (clandestine) labs, mixing various forms of toxic chemicals with amphetamines to increase its potency – including battery acid, drain cleaner and anti-freeze.

Exposure to chemicals found in clan labs can cause various symptoms including headaches, watery or burning eyes, nausea, burning skin, coughing or choking, diaphragm pain, feeling of coldness or weakness, shortness of breath or dizziness, decreased cognitive function, vertigo and convulsions.

Last week's 494kg methamphetamine seizure, at Hukatere and Totara North, showed how prolific the drug is in New Zealand, and there are increasing reports of contaminated houses.

Clan labs can be set up temporarily and moved relatively easy, making rental properties a prime target for the production of P.

Police reports show how criminals camouflage their intentions by creating a positive front in person and in their documentation.

Seemingly perfect tenants can set up a drug lab in a new apartment or house soon after moving in. These 'trojan horse tenants' pay their money on time, dress respectably, and are next to impossible to detect as drug manufacturers.



If you are or are planning to be a property owner, regular property checks and educating yourself on the tell-tale signs to prevent your property falling victim to the toxic legacy of P should be a priority.

Some common indicators that a rental property may be housing a clan lab:

First look for these suspicious signs when you carry out your next property inspection:

- Is there a large supply of glass jars and stainless steel bowls in the kitchen, and large quantities of rubber gloves?
- Are there excessive quantities of cold and flu tablets stored in the bathroom cupboards?
- Check for paint thinner, camp stoves and manure in the garage.
- Have light bulbs been removed? Meth lab tenants may take them out to avoid the risk of a spark causing an explosion.
- Are the walls discoloured? Is there rust on light fittings or door knobs?
- Have the smoke detectors been turned off?
- Are curtains always drawn or windows blacked out?
- Have false walls been created? What about new locks on internal doors?
- Dying plants or grass can also be an indicator where toxic waste material are disposed of.

There are also some warning signs in tenant behaviour. If they insist on paying cash, and if they seem to have a lot of visitors coming and going, you may want to investigate further.

If you locate a clandestine lab while carrying out a property inspection, **get out pronto**. Do not touch anything and contact Police immediately. Likewise if you suspect your rental is being used for the production of meth, contact Hamilton Police immediately.

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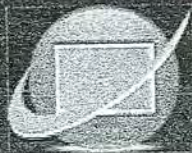
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