

# ***EUREKA EXPRESS***

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*Remember, remember the 5th of November  
And remember the neighbourhood animals at this  
time of the year.*

# EDITORIAL

Being given the opportunity to write the editorial piece is a big privilege and yet such a big challenge. After being asked to be the writer for this month I went away and pulled out all the previous Eureka Express editions that I have in my magazine rack. I read the editorials looking for inspiration as to where to start and what to write about. I am no writer and not someone that can use words to add colour and feelings. To be honest, I am so thankful for spelling and grammar checkers these days!

I moved to my lifestyle block in Eureka four years ago. My block is situated among the two large Dairy farms in Waverley road. I always had a dream of having my own piece of rural land but never thought that it would materialise. In South Africa living on any rural property is like having a death sentence, so I decided to remain a townie for my own safety, but all of that changed when my family & I moved to New Zealand.

New Zealand has been home for the past 10 years and I am proud to say that I am a citizen of this beautiful country filled with opportunities.

My learnings while adapting to my new country are plentiful and sometimes hilarious. Below are two that really stood out for me;

1. Thinking I should be taking an empty plate to a function when the invite said to "bring a plate".
2. When someone asks if you want an ice block and you find yourself perplexed as to why they might be eating ice cubes and offering you one too.

Not only do I love my new country but I love my little rural paradise here in Eureka. For the past four years I have been trying to live the self-sufficient way as much as possible. I enjoy every moment in the garden as I don't need to be watchful of snakes. I have had my fair share of encounters with snakes and I have to say that I really don't miss them at all. I planted heaps of veggies sometimes too much. Yet another good learning is that no one family needs 500 tomato plants!!! I am so thankful that I can give any windfall away at my workplace in Hamilton. I planted my own mini cornfield by using a petrol hoe to prepare the soil. I kept my own animals; sheep and pigs, meat chickens, ducks and egg chickens. I totally overdid it and I have since slowed down a bit in this area.

Then there is the orchard. I have a few hundred trees. Mainly persimmon, fig and feijoa trees but also apple, pear, nashi and a selection of stone fruits and citrus. These were all planted by the previous owner. As I strongly believe that you should make the most of every opportunity, I started my own little hobby business, Hilltop Orchard NZ. You can find it on Facebook. I make preserves and dried fruit products. I sell the duck and chicken eggs too.

My wonderful parents have temporarily given up their travels around New Zealand in their house bus to help me on my property and with my little business as I try to find the best way to balance a full time job, a business and a property to maintain.

Like everything new in life, this editorial is another challenge and experience that I can now say I have completed. I hope you enjoy reading it as much as I did writing it.

Karin Vink ☺



# Snippets

**DONATION THANKS** go to the Tauwhare Bowling club, and also to all the kind folk who generously leave donations at Gull Eureka (Eureka Motors). All greatly appreciated.

## WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS:

- On 1<sup>st</sup> October, Kieran Ross, son of Daren and Kim Ross of Platt Road, wed Alice Miller, daughter of Neal and Celeste, at home on Platt Road. Very best wishes to you both for a wonderful future together.
- And on 16 June, in Ireland, Mark Forbes, son of Sheryl Forbes of Hinton Road and grandson of Gary and Caroline Tims, married his sweetheart, Lorraine. Mark and Lorraine have a baby son, Jackson and are now living near Cambridge. Horseman and trainer, Mark celebrated his international stag party in Hong Kong en route to his lovely Irish wedding. You are both wished every success and happiness for the future.

## MARKET PLACE:

### RELIEF MILKER AVAILABLE

Available from 1/12/2016 to 1/2/2017. Experienced in herringbone sheds but keen to learn new systems. Not sole charge. Any enquiries please phone Jessica Dalton. 0277396466

### WANTED

Workshop sweeper and general clean-up person required. Suit student 14 to 16 years, 1 hour per day, 5 days per week. Please apply to Ron 8241890

## RAINFALL

	September 2016	Year to 30 <sup>th</sup> September
Total (mm)	138.5	969
Average (1994-2016)	108.5	904
Difference	+ 30	+ 65



Rainfall recorded on 22 days.

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# Tauwhare School

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We have had a very busy start to the last term at school.



## **CALF CLUB**

This was a delightful day a wonderful Calf Club day on Friday. The children and their pets performed beautifully. Once again Rachael Gordon and Paula Brown did an amazing job organising everything, the PTA provided fabulous food and the grounds looked beautiful thanks to so many mums and dads coming to help.



## **ENVIROSCHOOLS PRESENTATION**

Nine children from Tauwhare presented two 25 minute workshops at the Waikato Enviro-Schools Children's day on 21st September. There were 250 children there representing 26 different schools. Tauwhare was lucky enough to be one of 11 schools presenting workshops. The children did a fantastic job of presenting workshops about 'Forest Restoration and Bats. Mrs Cook was proud of their knowledge, behaviour and confidence to stand and speak in front of an unknown audience. Their parents can be proud of their hard work and the way they represented Tauwhare school. The children who went are Georgina Brown, Charlie Scherer, Liam Wells, Kerewai Kaukau, Emerson Frederiks from Year 5; Jessica Savage, Hollie Clarke, Bridget Stevens and Alex Speirs from Year 6.



## **TAUWHARE'S GOT TALENT**

We had 24 items in our Tauwhare's Got Talent on Friday afternoon so we were in for a real treat. Our judges were professional performers, Chris Symons and Ruby Lyons, from the Rocky Horror Show currently being staged by Hamilton Operatic. They thoroughly enjoyed every item and found choosing winners very difficult. Congratulations to Jessica Savage who won with her beautiful piano pieces, Jesimae, Danika, Josh, Emma and Alison were second with an hilarious play, and third equal were magicians Emerson and Mitchell and the comedy trio of Kieran, Joshua and Max. A special mention was made of Eva Gregorini for her beautiful singing. Well done to the Yr 6 children who organised this event.



## **Olympic Ambassador Visit - Natasha Hansen**

Tauwhare School were treated to a visit from New Zealand Olympian, Natasha Hansen. Natasha, a track cyclist, spoke to the children about her bike, being an Olympian, and the Olympic values she lives by. Natasha was fantastic, speaking to the children and answering all their questions before heading off to her day job.

**COMING UP:** we have our **Free Concert Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 7pm** show casing our pianists, drummers, guitarists, Irish Dancers, Kapa Haka and singers. This is not to be missed!!! Everyone welcome.

TAUWHARE SCHOOL

# Summer Carnival

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November

5pm – 7.30pm

Raffles

Pool Open

7.30pm –  
8.30pm

Mini  
Jeeps

Tractor &  
Pony Rides

Celebrities

Police Car

Cake and  
Lolly Stalls

Dry Weetbix  
Competition

Bouncy  
Castles

White  
Elephant

Games

Candy  
Floss, Fizzy  
Drinks &  
Popcorn

Merry  
Go Round

Sausage  
Sizzle, Pizza  
& Burgers

Tauwhare School

26 Scotsman Valley Road, Tauwhare

Plus Much More

# Tauwhare Playgroup

Welcome back to playgroup for Term 4! This is always a special time, with the lead up to Christmas, and lots of Christmas crafts and activities, and an end of year trip.



At the end of last term, we were given a huge sheet of paper for our art activities. So, we created a big artwork that all the children and parents could work on together. Of course, it turned into a hand and feet painting exercise, as they children covered the sheet with their hand and foot prints!

This is my last term as playgroup coordinator, as my children will both be at school in term 1 next year. Thank you to everyone for supporting playgroup over the years, and for making it fun and enjoyable by pitching in to help.

## **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.

# PUKEKO PRESCHOOL – NOVEMBER 2016

We are focusing on Our Whanau and the Community. Thank you everyone for getting on board with this focus – the Bell family brought rocks for art, the Hunter family brought eggs for the teachers and yummy morning tea, the Oliver family redid our hanging baskets in the Pukeko colours with yellow for Tauwhare school and brought yummy morning tea, the Newmans brought in bags of toys and their guinea pigs, the Rawsley family brought in zucchini and flower seedlings, the Berry-Cope family for the dress ups, the Palfrey family who brought in their baby rabbits and the ladies of Tauwhare gave us a wonderful donation towards our new building.

Gosh that was a lot of families to thank and I hope I have not forgotten anyone.

It was wonderful to be a part of Calf Club last month, and have a music session with Annaliese from Can-Do Kids. Next month we've got UnderCover Cody coming in to talk about being sun-smart.

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'.*

We have started term four with a very busy list of events including our Flower Show, Agricultural Day Group Day, The Amazing Race and our School Choir performing at a variety of concerts.

### **NEW RECYCLING BINS AT NEWSTEAD SCHOOL!!**

Continuing with our aim to foster a generation of people who **INSTINCTIVELY THINK AND ACT SUSTAINABLY**, we have now purchased some recycling bins for the school to use on a daily basis. The goal is to have the children know and be responsible for, the recycling of the products and packaging they choose to use / consume, as well as providing a recycling scheme for School products also.

We are choosing to focus on 4 waste streams at this time:

- Soft Plastic
- Hard Plastic / Cans
- Food Waste, and
- Paper / Cardboard

For the following four weeks in the newsletter, we will explain these waste streams and how we intend to minimise / recycle them from our school.

Our first week is focussing on **SOFT PLASTICS!**

**WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE PTA FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS THE COST OF THE RECYCLING BINS.**

### **AGRICULTURAL DAY 15TH OCT AND GROUP DAY 19TH OCT**

Thank you to everyone who assisted with Agricultural Day. Your contribution was significant in making these days a success. ASB Bank and New World were our major sponsors for the food, and Farm Source provided us with the BBQ. Thanks! We were able to raise \$900 at Ag Day!

We were fortunate to have Kiwianas and Red Cart Coffee provide refreshments at Group Day, and thank you to those who offered help. We would also like to thank the past students who helped as stewards and food sellers. It was great to see you come back!

Congratulations to all the children who participated in Group day. Newstead has won the Group day Country Cluster trophy for the 3rd year in a row.





# IN YOUR GARDEN



Well, Spring is here! Plant anything you are considering to plant now, eg. Potatoes, fruit, roses, hedge plants, citrus and vegetables for the summer.....the list goes on. A good reason to get planting is possibly another dry spell in November and December. This could happen considering the large amount of rain we have had in the last 2 months.

Lets talk about citrus, its benefits and needs in terms of how they grow, and the best ways to look after a citrus tree. Most citrus are grafted on trifoliolate stock and some grown by cutting, mainly Meyer lemon, which do well in a large container and fruits within 2 years of planting.

-There are 3 most popular lemons: Meyer is thin skinned and mild. Eureka and Lisbon lemons are thick skin and quite tart in taste, suitable for marmalade.

-Several varieties of mandarins are also suitable for large pots, also easy to peel and seedless. Great for kids lunches. Satsuma is superseded by several other new types of mandarin.

-With oranges, some varieties can be potted. 'Best Seedless' is the best seedless variety in oranges. There is a large number of types of oranges to choose from.

-New Zealand Grapefruit, most popular with several new varieties, and some not so new.

-Limes....Tahitian, which have green fruit, are the most popular. There is also Rangpur, which is orange but has the same flavour as Tahitian. Kaffir Lime is grown for its aromatic leaves which are used for cooking. Its fruit is ornamental only.

- We also have double grafted Tahitian lime and Meyer lemon on the same root stock ie. One plant, two types of fruit.

At Roachs, we keep our citrus in the open all winter. This makes the tree hardy and will transplant easily. The tree will not require frost protection the following winter. The most susceptible to frost are limes when the tree is small.

We have hundreds of citrus trees, retailing from \$35 each ( 2 for \$60, 3 for \$75 or 4 for \$80 ).

We also have the following:

-Fruit trees from \$15 each

-Roses from \$20 each

-Vege seedlings \$3.50 each or 3 for \$10

-Flower seedlings *SPECIAL* \$2 per punnet of 6 plants, or 3 punnets for \$4

-Large Griselinia hedging plants, bushy and over 1 metre high \$20 each

We also have Mushroom compost, guaranteed weed free, no bark. Suitable for all plants.

Mushroom compost retails at \$6 per 20L bag, \$10 per 36L bag. Also available at \$29 per scoop, 3 scoops = 1 cubic metre. 2 Scoops to the average trailer. This compost is light to shovel and will break down to the same colour as your soil. For more info, contact Mike on 0274 955 183.

Nursery open Monday – Friday , 8am – 4pm. Weekends by arrangement.

Happy gardening,  
Mike





## TASTE BUDS

### BOBOTIE.

African meat loaf ideal for taking to the beach for lunch, with crusty rolls.

2 medium onions,  
1 cup milk,  
½ cup raisins,  
1 tbs hot chutney,  
1tsp salt,  
1 bay leaf,

750grms mince  
2 slices Vogel type toast bread  
1 tbs apricot jam  
½ tbs curry powder  
¼tsp ground pepper  
1 egg

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Lightly grease a 9x13-inch baking dish.

Heat the oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Cook the onions in the hot oil until soft. Break the ground beef into the skillet and cook until brown.

Place the milk in a shallow dish. Soak the bread in the milk. Squeeze the excess milk from the bread. Set the milk aside. Add the bread to the beef mixture. Stir in the raisins, apricot jam, chutney, curry powder, salt, and black pepper. Pour the mixture into the prepared baking dish.

Bake in the preheated oven 1 hour.

While the Bobotie bakes, whisk together the reserved milk, egg, and a pinch of salt. Pour over top of the dish. Lay the bay leaf onto the top of the milk mixture.

Return the Bobotie to the oven until the top is golden brown, 25 to 30 minutes. Remove bay leaf before serving.

### COCONUT POACHED PEARS

400ml can coconut milk  
2tbs. organic raw sugar  
1 cinnamon stick  
4 small soft pears, cored and sliced length wise in half

Place milk, sugar and cinnamon into a pan over medium/low heat. Do not boil....add the pears and cook for approx.. 15 mins, turning once. Serve in bowls with the coconut broth.



# EUREKA FARM DISCUSSION GROUP

Another month has gone by since our last Discussion Group at Sam and Jackie Owens and not a lot has changed. The ground is still wet, some people have made silage and many others are wanting to. Growth rates have been fluctuating from week to week. Last week we were only growing 50kgDM/day (kilograms of Dry Matter per Hectare) and this week hopefully 70kgDM/day. Growth rates are hugely important as this determines surplus or a deficit, making silage or feeding it! At 3 cows/ha being offered 20kgDM/cow we need 60kgDM/ha/day in growth.

The other major challenge farmers are facing in the area due to cloudy wet conditions is the energy in the grass is 10% down as well. This means cows are content but are not producing as high as expected with the feeding levels being offered. Production in the Waikato is down 15%. To further add to the challenges over the last month most of us are mating. With lower energy in the grass in general cows are not cycling (not showing signs they want to be mated) as strong as normal. This has meant many people are using techniques to help cows cycle. Such options are feeding high energy starchy feeds such as maize or grain, putting non-cyclers on once a day milking or intervention such as cidrs. A poor mating has long term effects.

The other major challenge with the wet conditions we are encountering at the moment is getting our crops in the ground, especially maize. Most maize is planted in mid-October but this season only 10% is in the ground I have heard. Mine hasn't been planted! Contractors are pulling their hair out as very soon the maize varieties people have chosen will need to be changed. The tight planting to come will also have a flow on affect at harvest time.

What I am trying to say is farmers and contractors are very stressed at the moment so be patient! The weather will sort itself out very soon and we will then be complaining it is too dry. Whinging Farmers!

This month the group at short notice visited my place on Eureka Road. The farm has been in the family since 1916ish. My wife Abbie, our 2 children Charlotte (5 ½) and Joe (3 ½) and I are 50/50 sharemilking for my parents, milking 570 Autumn Calving cows. We have transitioned over the last three years to hopefully this season being status quo. We made the change to Autumn for a pretty basic reason, to match the pasture quality curve with the cow's lactation curve therefore making a more cow and people friendly system.

The major challenges we have found are the flies over the summer around spilt milk and newly born calves. Calves are fast in the summer! Feed wastage in wet conditions and feed balancing without a feed pad. We were hoping the system would be sustainable without a feed pad but now I don't think it is unless we reduce cow numbers and accepted less income. I also can't go game fishing as we are calving from mid-February to early April.

What I like about Autumn calving is picking up calves in the warm, dry conditions. Not having to worry about pasture quality vs feeding cows well during mating, I mean this figuratively. I like the regimented nature of giving cows a set area of pasture and filling the gaps with supplement. The winter milk premium of \$1.90/MS (milk solids) less cartage. Livestock sales are a great deal higher. Being dry at Christmas so we can have a great summer break with our young family just tops it off.

The next stage to make the farm system more sustainable on all fronts is a feed pad which is this summer's plan.

The only thing I would do differently is the way I implemented the transition from spring to autumn calving, a crystal ball would be a great thing!

If anybody would like to know more about my farming system, feel free to come and ask. I love it and am more than happy to share my thoughts and learnings.

**Dan Hinton**  
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# DairyNZ



Comment for Eureka Express

## Why have my cows crashed?

It's not unusual for production to be down 5% - 10% for the season and 10% - 20% for the month of October. In fact, many older farmers are calling it the worst wet period they can remember. As one said "it's not often you get a wet winter and a wet spring".

The reason herds have been producing less is simply due to a lack of total energy intake. And that's more due to the amount of pasture they are eating than the quality of that pasture. Here are some factors that have been at work.

1. Poor utilisation. Feed is trampled into the ground and wasted and so there is insufficient intake even if there is plenty of total pasture present.
2. Insufficient pasture covers.
3. The energy in the pasture Dry Matter (DM) has been 12% - 13% rather than the more normal spring of 14% - 15% or a dry spring where it can get up to 18% DM.
4. Less grazing time as the herd piles into the corner of a paddock to get out of the driving rain.
5. The energy level of the pasture DM is lower but still pretty good at 12 ME compared to a more normal 13ME in the flush of spring.

In short the issue is they simply haven't been eating enough pasture. I don't believe it's because "there's no guts in the grass".

Once-A-Day (OAD) milking has been used in early lactation more than usual as a means of coping. When you haven't got enough feed then OAD is certainly a useful tool to have in the tool box. Nitrogen fertiliser is another. I am still seeing a lot of N and possibly S deficient pastures when driving around.

## Healthy Rivers Meetings:

The awareness and "tension" around the Healthy Rivers plan change process is really ramping up with the plan becoming officially notified by Waikato Regional Council on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. There are 80 working days from that date for farmers and interest groups to make submissions on the new plan. Submissions will close in early March. DairyNZ is running a series of evening meetings on the new rule changes and how they might affect dairy farmers. There will also be time devoted on how to make a submission. The nearest meeting is in the Gordonton Hall at 7:30pm on Thursday November 3<sup>rd</sup>. For other meeting dates go to: <http://www.dairynz.co.nz/environment/in-your-region/waikato-environmental-policy/healthy-rivers-plan-for-change/healthy-rivers-meetings/>.

*Phil Irvine*  
Regional Leader North Waikato





## **Coccidiosis**

Coccidia are not a bacteria or worm but rather belong to a group called Protozoa. They infect many different species of animals and in all cases infect the intestines—mainly the large intestines where they can cause considerable damage and even death.

The Coccidia are very wide spread in the environment and in favourable conditions can last over a year. The disease shows up as scours, smelly diarrhoea and sometimes blood is present. You should be suspicious if the worm drench you have just used hasn't seemed to have worked. Most calf meals have a Coccidiostat present in them which prevent the Coccidia from breeding in the gut lining. The calves become infected but since the Coccidia cant breed, the calves remain largely unaffected. The infected calves develop a strong immunity, but for this to occur the **Coccidiostat needs to be present in their feed for at least 100 days.**

Problems occur when the calves become infected and there is no



Coccidiostat present. Now damage is done to the gut lining, calves growth becomes stunted, sometimes permanently, and the diarrhoea is spreading even more Coccidia.

In this situation the most effective treatment is drenching with Baycox C. It acts like a worm drench, killing all the Coccidia present in the gut. In most situations a one off

## **Dealing with Difficult to Treat Mastitis**

So you have cows with mastitis which is difficult to treat or cows with consistently high somatic cell counts.

It is important these cow's milk is tested to see the bacteria which is causing the problem. It may just be the usual culprits e.g. Streps or Staph.

## **Nocardia Asteroids**

**Source of the Bacteria:** soil, water , grass and udder skin of cows. Not properly cleaning teat end before treating with antibiotics.

**Mastitis Symptoms:** Initially, infected quarters are very hard but over time develop hard nodules or extensive fibrosis that may be detected by palpation of the infected udders. Udder secretions can be purulent, and infected quarters can become grossly enlarged and develop sinus tracts (fistulae) to the exterior.

### **Best Way to Detect**

Culture milk samples as soon as possible after collection – storing samples in the fridge or freezer may kill the bacteria. This means take the

sample at the morning milking, keep it cool and bring it to the practice as soon as possible for us to send on the morning courier.

**Treatment**

Unfortunately there is none – should be culled as soon as possible

**CAREFUL**

Handle samples with care -can give humans respiratory disease

**Serratia Mastitis**

**Source of Bacteria:** contamination of milk hoses, teat dips, water supply other equipment used in the milking process.

**Mastitis:** Tends to be subclinical – high somatic cell counts with milk looking ok. If mastitis is present it is usually mild, with a few flakes present and discoloured milk. Cows are mostly not ill.

**Treatment**

Resistant to most antibiotics so recommendation is too cull

**Prevention**

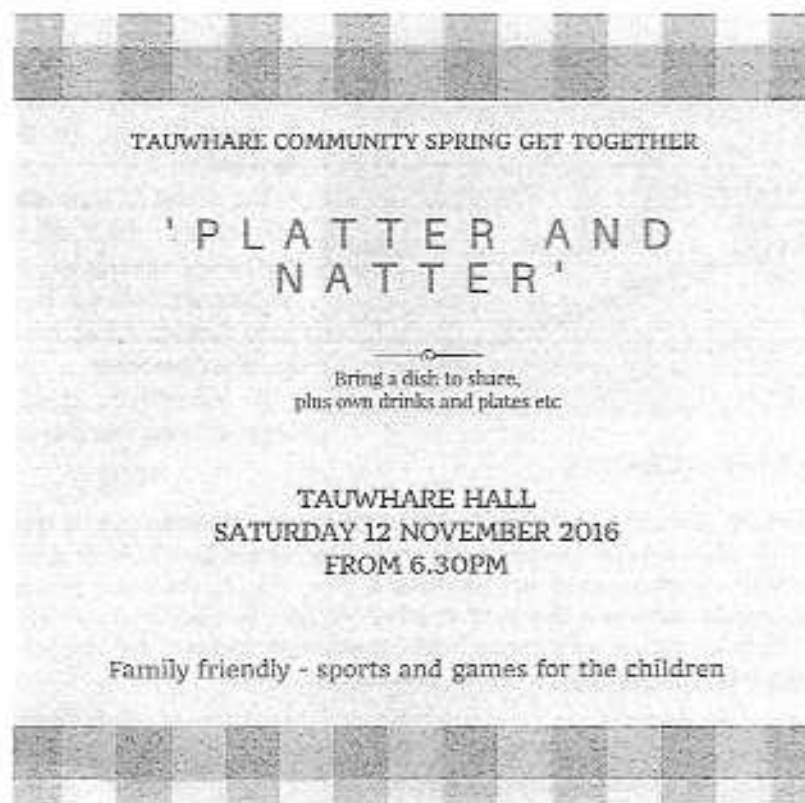
Best to use iodine teat spray rather than chlorhexidine as can be resistant to these type of teat sprays.

**Bacillus Mastitis**

Is an unusual cause of mastitis and usually associated with contamination during the sampling process. Is only considered the cause of mastitis if a heavy growth is found on the plate. Can be a contaminant of the teat canal without being associated with mastitis.

**Acinetobacter species**

Environmental bacteria and resistant to most antibiotics. Can cause serious infections in humans which are sometimes fatal.



## NEWS FROM YOUR WAIKATO DISTRICT COUNCILLOR



The new Council will be sworn in on 27 October, including six new Councillors. Stephenie Henderson (Awaroa ki Tuakau Ward), Frank McNally (Huntly Ward), Eugene Patterson (Ngaruawahia Ward), Bronwyn Main (Onewhero-Te Akau Ward) Aksel Bech, who stood for election as Aksel Jepsen Bech, (Tamahere Ward) and Lisa Thompson (Raglan Ward). All but one sitting Councillor were returned. Moera Solomon from Ngaruawahia Ward lost her seat – I will miss her wise counsel. Moera has been a real asset to the District Council especially with her local knowledge and ties to Tainui.

I have always been an advocate for a commuter rail/bus service between Tuakau/Pokeno and Auckland and eventually a daily rail service between Hamilton and Auckland. I note the Minister of Transport is now supporting the concept although he says this will not happen overnight. The new Deputy Mayor of Auckland Bill Cashmore, who lives in the Franklin district, has made his support of extending rail electrification through to Pukekohe and beyond very clear so I am confident the push for improved public transport for the north of our district will gain momentum over the next decade.

I mentioned in an earlier newsletter that Council's **grass verge policy** would change. From 1 October we implemented this policy in urban areas (50kph) to make mowing of verges the responsibility of the adjacent landowner. This will impact on the villages in the Eureka Ward. Up until now we have maintained over 670 individual grass verges across the district with no formal process in place to determine which verges got mown and which didn't. We now have consistency about managing this across the district. Anyone who feels they should be exempt from mowing their verge because of age, illness or the condition of the grass verge can apply for an exemption by 28 October. Those who qualify will have their verge mown at least four times a year. Ring council for a form or visit our website.

You may have noted that Central Government has passed legislation to allow Councils to develop a **policy to allow shops to open on Easter Sunday**. We are surveying our residents for their opinion on this policy. Let us know what you think by 31 October. Have your say via our website [www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/savit](http://www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/savit) or let me know your thoughts on this matter. Thank you to those groups who have already given me feedback.

You have probably read in the press about the **Healthy River plan change for Waikato and Waipa Rivers**. This has naturally caused a great deal of tension amongst farmers, particularly hill country farmers. The plan was officially notified by Waikato Regional Council (WRC) on 22 October and around 100,000 letters are being sent to ratepayers in Waikato and Waipa to advise them of the notification. There will be 80 working days from that date for farmers and interest groups to make submissions before the closing date in early March. The websites of DairyNZ, Federated Farmers, WRC and others will have more information for you to peruse. A meeting, organised by DairyNZ, is being held at Gordonton Hall at 7:30pm on Thursday 3 November to discuss how this plan change may affect dairy farmers. Details of other meetings are on the DairyNZ website.

**Avantidrome** put out a regular newsletter with the latest news on events and programmes at the facility. I note they run cycling specific pilate classes every Tuesday from 5:30 – 6:30pm which help a cyclist become a more efficient rider. You can also book a Christmas event in their function rooms including a ride on the track. Check their Facebook page or website [www.avantidrome.co.nz](http://www.avantidrome.co.nz) for more information. You can also sign up to their newsletter for regular updates.

### The Hamilton Section of the Expressway is starting to take shape.

Archaeologists from Opus have been unearthing some interesting finds as part of the preliminary work on the Hamilton section. Archaeological digs have taken place at Matangi, Tamahere and near Lake Road. Tamahere's early farming history was uncovered in their excavation work within the planned route near Matangi. The foundation remains of a number of buildings used for housing and farm activity were found.



(RUAKURA INTERCHANGE)

- From Lake Road, a haul road for earthmoving extends south. This month it will reach and cross Osborne Road in Horsham Downs. Traffic lights and barrier arms will be installed
- Kay Road is now closed to through traffic for bridge construction, which will take approximately 13 months.
- At Gordonton Road, work will start on 7 November with bridge construction to begin in December.
- At Ruakura Road, construction of the rail overbridge will begin in November.
- At Morrinsville Road (SH26), bridge construction will begin in December/January.

As part of the restructure of the district's solid waste and recycling policy we undertook to change how we operate the **inorganic collection**. From early 2017, when the new service begins, you will no longer have to leave your inorganic refuse on the roadside but will be able to book a collection via a phone-in service and items will be collected from your property – there will be no charge to book. **Note: There will be no inorganic collection this year so please do not place anything on your roadside as this will be considered "illegal dumping"**. You will receive more information from Council with details of the new service in due course with the dates for collection. See [www.lesswastesavesmore.co.nz](http://www.lesswastesavesmore.co.nz) for more information.

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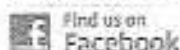
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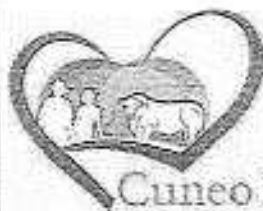
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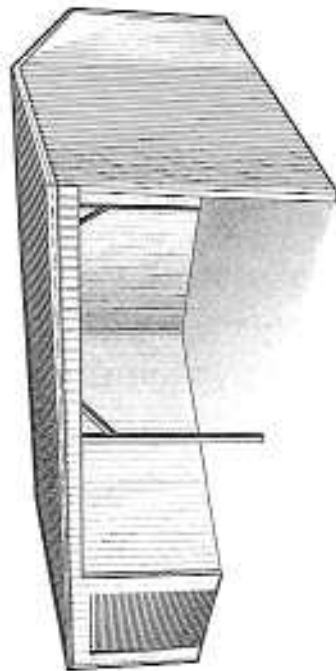


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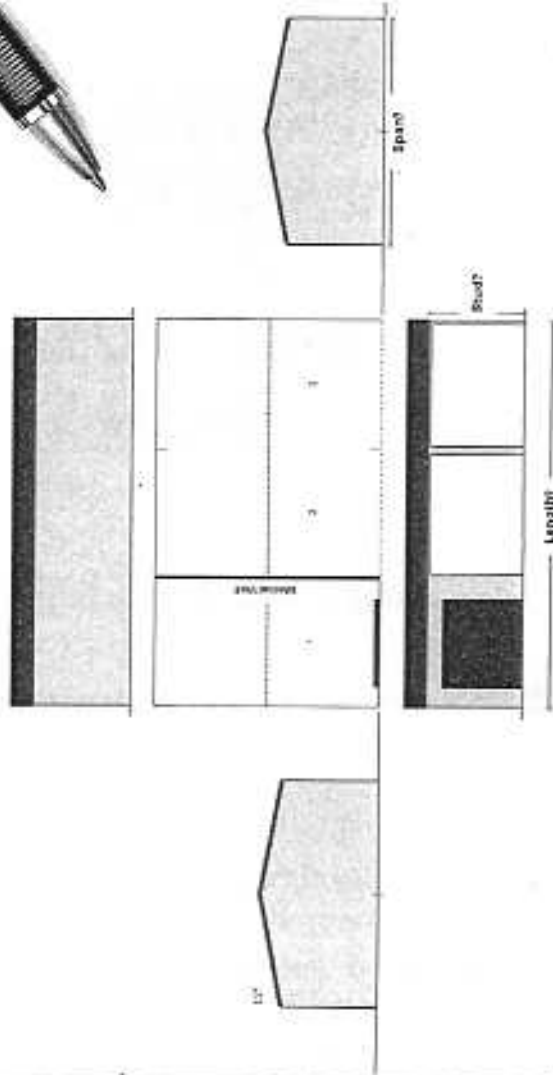


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