

# *Eureka Express*

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*Join us at the Defibrillator launch*

*Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March 1 pm*

*See inside for details*

# EDITORIAL

Hello everyone :-)

My name is Kerrie and I have been asked to write a little bit about myself for the Eureka Express.

So - I am a 47yr old single mother of four. I have a 23-yr. old son who is based in Rotorua but works all over NZ building truck depots and bridges for the Hamilton Expressway, a 21-yr. old son who works with me on the farm, and 14 yr. old twin girls who go to Morrinsville College.

We moved to Tauwhare in 2011 and I worked as 2IC for Darryn and Sharon Collins. After a year they moved to Australia and I began working at Bucklin Farms, where I still am today. I started here as a milk harvester and am now 2IC, Shed Manager and Health and Safety Officer. I am in charge of our first herd (360 heifers) and I run them on 98 hectares. I have done this for the past 3 years and absolutely love it. I have learnt so much more here than on any other farm I have worked on. I have learnt to ride a 2 wheeler motorbike, feed out on feed pad, and load up with a pay loader. I have completed level 4 Ag-Ito and am currently doing level 5 Production Management.

I love working with the animals most of all, cows are so beautiful and I don't know many people who get to work with their favourite animal every day. If someone had told me 10yrs ago, that I would be doing all the things I have learnt to do here I would have replied...."Maaayte ya dreamin"

I have been in the farming community for 21 years, but not full time as I am here. I was always just a milker or calf rearer. My previous jobs were office clerk positions and a cook in kitchens, in restaurants and hospitals. Rhoda Read in Morrinsville was neat to work in.

On a personal level, I try to spend as much time with my family as I can. I'm not keen on sports but prefer more "arty farty" kind of pursuits. I up-cycle old furniture or make things out of pallets, as does my son. I like to make other crafty things, and really enjoy cross stitching. As I get older, I am finding an interest in gardening too.

I love living in this area, I have wonderful neighbours and fantastic work mates. It's close to Hamilton and Cambridge, where the rest of my family are. Everything is just 10 minutes away and so convenient.

Well, that's about it. Thanks for reading.

Have a neat day

Kerrie ☺



# EUREKA'S DEFIBRILLATOR

will be launched on

Sunday 19 March at 1pm

at Eureka Hall

Do come along and share in this occasion.

St John Cambridge Ambulance staff will be in attendance to demonstrate CPR and HEARTsafe will show how to access and operate our new AED (Automated External Defibrillator) which will be available 24/7.



The Eureka Express and the Eureka Hall Committees along with HEARTsafe Cambridge, have covered the cost of the defibrillator but if you wish to make a donation on the day. Any funds raised will go to St John, Cambridge.

All welcome, children too.

Afternoon tea will be served. - contributions welcome.

This is an opportunity for you to meet and greet your neighbours, enjoy a convivial afternoon, and also learn how to save a life!

## Did you know?

- Out of hospital cardiac arrest OHAC (heart stoppage) is New Zealand's 2<sup>nd</sup> biggest killer with 35 people a week, 1,800 per year having an OHCA
- Only 5% survive if nothing is done
- This improves to 15% surviving if CPR is started by a bystander as soon as it happens.
- If a 'public access' defibrillator (AED) is available and used before an ambulance arrives the patient's chances of surviving increases by 69%.

## SNIPPETS

### 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

On 20 February Colin Duncan notched up 40 years as the owner of Eureka Motors. Congratulations, Colin. You are truly the most valued member of our community and we appreciate your continuing association through Gull Eureka.



Eureka Motors original premises in 1961

Eureka Motors was established by Joe Stockman and opened for business in January 1961. Joe and Noeline were living in Auckland when they heard that Eureka's store was looking for a buyer for its petrol pumps. They purchased an acre of land from Lester Masters and the pump licence from the Campbells. Joe built a workshop and after tidying the surroundings the Stockmans opened Eureka Motors.



Within two years they had built a new house on the section.

Colin began as an apprentice at the garage and took over the business in February 1977. The rest, as they say, is history....

## CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Trinaka Kenny who has been selected in the Waikato Federation Talent Centre Under-13 girls football team.

Trinaka has also been chosen to be part of Swimming Waikato's Individual Medley Squad through to 2020. She recently received a bronze medal at the NZ Junior Swim Festival in Rotorua for a great swim in the 200 fly, taking 10 seconds off her previous best time.



**WELCOME TO EUREKA** to Kevin and Andrea Deane and their teenagers, Jack and Ellie who are the new owners of the Hooper property on Eureka Road. A warm welcome to you all. Kevin and Andrea hail from Morrinsville where they have their Real Estate business. Phone 4445103.

**A VERY BELATED WELCOME**, sorry, to Steve and Virginia Wood of Platt Road. They have a grown family of three and Steve is a Justice of the Peace, which could be handy to know for nearby residents. Phone 8241018

**NEW RAINFALL RECORDERS:** A very warm welcome and a big thank you to David and Rosemary Thresher of Tauwhare Road who have volunteered to record our rainfall and temperature now Jack Hooper has moved away. We are very aware that rainfall tallies can vary greatly around our district but David and Rosemary's figures will be a good consistent guide.

**EUREKA: On the big screen!** What a thrill to see **Fonterra's** latest advert featuring local farming family, Abbie, Dan, Charlotte and Joe Hinton of Eureka Road, and also Tauwhare School. See within for Abbie's story of Ritchie McCaw's visit to Tauwhare School and the associated filming that we are seeing on TV and soon in cinemas.

**TERTIARY STUDIES:** Congratulations to all our local secondary school students who did well in their NCEA exams. We trust you are all happily settled back at school, or for those school leavers, that you are now gainfully employed or preparing to begin tertiary studies. Our best wishes go to two we know of who are off to start years of study:

- Jessica Dalton is heading to Massey to study Veterinary Science and
- Sophie Zeeders is to start 3 years of Podiatry study at AUT (Auckland University of Technology). Go well, girls.

## AED LAUNCH

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the March 19 launch of our community's Defibrillator. The EExpress committee and the Hall committee have combined to fund this AED, and hope that local families will take advantage of the offer to learn, or brush up on, their CPR skills that Ambulance staff will demonstrate and teach on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Are you prepared for any possible emergency that may arise in your home, workplace or other?

## FIRST AID TRAINING.

If you are interested in attending a local St John one day refresher course, or two day Certificate Course please let Gail (8241758) know. If there is enough interest shown we may be able to organise it to be held locally.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
**CHERYL DOROTHY MCFARLANE**

**14 April 1946 – 23 January 2017**



It is with great sadness that we record the passing of Cheryl, at home in Eureka, on 23 January. Cheryl was the beloved wife of Colin, cherished mother of Sally, Brent and Kez, and Mel, and adored grandmother of Josh, Leah, Nick, Jeremy, Liam, Mitch and Matt.

When Colin and Cheryl married in March 1967 it was a local union of farmer's son and nearby garage owners' daughter. Colin was dairy farming with his parents, Ken and Doris McFarlane on the corner of Morrinsville and Platt Roads, and Cheryl was working doing the book-keeping for her parents, Harold and Dot Laurence who owned and operated Laurences Service Station (now Newstead Service Centre). Colin and Cheryl built a new home on the farm and there they raised their family of three, Sally, Brent and Melissa. 50 years on they live there still, now operating McFarlane Contracting as a family business which these days includes the next generation, their grandchildren.

Your Editor and EE committee are grieving the loss of a loved supporter and helper. Cheryl willingly contributed her 'Heavenly Herbs' articles for a number of years, delivered countless issues along SH 26 over many years, and cheerfully helped on printings days whenever she could. Her bright, cheery and caring company is dearly missed.

To all Cheryl's family, friends and associates goes our deepest sympathy in their huge loss.

# Little ole dairy farmers from Eureka

## — how we ended up on TV

Our Fonterra Area Manager Rosalie Piggott put a few farming family names forward that she thought would fit the brief for the TV advertisement. We got a call from Fonterra marketing asking whether we'd be interested and did a phone interview talking about our thoughts on Milk for Schools, our children etc. They phoned back the next day to ask if we'd do it and we jumped at the chance!

One of the reasons we were keen to be a part of it is that there is so much negativity out there about dairy farming. This was a good chance to help advertise some of the good Fonterra farmers are doing for the community. It was also a nice lesson for our kids to learn that not only are we dairy farming for a living, but we're also contributing to the greater good of the community. Charlotte liked the idea that we are sharing the milk from our own cows with her school friends.

A lot of the public are probably aware of Milk for Schools but don't know much about it, so it was a great opportunity to get the information out there, like the large volumes of milk donated by Fonterra farmers every day and recycling side of it benefitting offshore communities.

As parents of young children, we love the idea of Milk for Schools and believe it benefits our kids directly, not only through nutrition but also by filling hungry tummies making it easier for children to concentrate and learn.

It was a fun experience to be a part of, definitely something different for us! The fact that it wasn't 'acting' or speaking on camera made it easy. The audio was recorded while we sat in the lounge with a cup of tea and I answered the director's questions. It did feel a little bit strange as they had to be silent while I was talking, but they did try to make it as relaxed as possible.

The filming day was fun, although it did involve a lot of bribery to keep the kids on track. I was dishing out chocolate Santas at 7am!

We love the final result. We were a bit nervous about it...what did I say? ...what did I sound like? ...what did I look like? But we were really pleased with the final product, they did an amazing job of putting it together and we're really proud of it. It's something for the kids to look back on.

We were on holiday in Australia the day it launched, but we knew exactly when it was on TV for the first time because our phones went crazy with messages and missed calls!!!

***Dan & Abbie Hinton***



## **\$1 BOOK FAIR**

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> to Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March

9am to 6pm

**EUREKA HALL**



## **MORRINSVILLE FLORAL FESTIVAL**

Presents

**'Unforgettable'**

*A spectacular and creative floral event portraying scenes with colour and flair.*

Westpac Events Centre

Ron Ladd Place

MORRINSVILLE

**15 – 18 MARCH 2017**

Wed, Thurs, Fri, 9.30 – 6.30pm Saturday 9.30am – 5 pm

Adults \$10.00 School Children 2.00

**Admission includes entry to open gardens including a variety of arts and crafts for sale.**

Light refreshments available for sale at the Event Centre. Licensed wine bar open for your enjoyment.

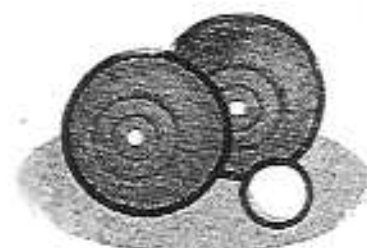


## **EUREKA EXPRESS**

<b>ADVERTISING RATES</b>		<b>CONTACTS – Gail or Gayle</b>	
<b>Classified Advertisements</b>	<b>Free</b>	<b>Gail Mayall (Editor)</b>	<b>Gayle Orr (Treasurer)</b>
<b>Small Business Advertisements</b>	<b>\$10 / month</b>	<b>70 Eureka Road</b>	<b>1139 SH26</b>
• x 10 insertions	<b>\$80 / year</b>	<b>Ph 8241 758</b>	<b>R D 6, HAMILTON 3286</b>
<b>One Third Page Advertisement</b>	<b>\$15 / month</b>	<b>e-mail:</b>	<b>Ph 8241 713</b>
• x 10 insertions	<b>\$120 / year</b>	<b><a href="mailto:editor@eurekaexpress.co.nz">editor@eurekaexpress.co.nz</a></b>	<b>e-mail: <a href="mailto:gorr@xtra.co.nz">gorr@xtra.co.nz</a></b>
<b>One Half Page Advertisement</b>	<b>\$20 / month</b>		
• x 10 insertions	<b>\$160 / year</b>		

# TAUWHARE INDOOR BOWLING CLUB

ROLL UP NIGHTS  
THURSDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> MARCH  
and  
THURSDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> MARCH  
At TAUWHARE HALL 7:30PM



Bowls is for all ages (children from 10 years plus)

Visitors are very welcome

Make it a fun family night and give bowls a try! We offer camaraderie and coaching as well as lots of fun. Supper is provided.

Contact phone number for more information:

Jim & Rosalie Arnold	07 887 4832
Kevin Williams	824 0728
Bev Meads	824 1941
Jim Bargh	824 1100
Robin Bargh	824 1819

## RAINFALL FOR DEC 2016

	December 2016	Year to 31 <sup>st</sup> December
Total (mm)	49	1195.5
Average (1994-2016)	104	1170
Difference	- 55	+ 25.5



Rainfall recorded on 9 days

## WEATHER FOR JAN 2017

The Weather has Moved!

After a long time of diligent weather recording by Jack Hooper, David and I are now going to supply weather figures (from a Davis weather station) - so the weather recordings have moved round to Tauwhare Rd near the Morrinsville Road end. We did comparisons with Jack and we do get less rain, this local climate may affect comparisons with previous years.

January 2017		
Rainfall total	35.2mm	
Rainy days	12	
Highest wind speed	51.5km/hr	22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan
Most daily rainfall	8mm	22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan
Temp high	27.7 C	28 <sup>th</sup> Jan
Temp low	7.3 C	17 <sup>th</sup> Jan



# Tauwhare School

PO Box 100, 3287 New Zealand  
07 624 6664  
www.tauwhare.school.nz



Accomplished Learners Striving for Success in Tomorrow's World

Our school year has gotten off to a wonderful start. We welcome two new teachers, Miss Ross and Mrs McLeay, to our teaching team. We have lovely small classes in the junior school with 1 teacher aide working in each of the junior, middle and senior school. We also have Ms Melton who works with groups of children to give them a boost or extension and Mrs Robinson who takes each class for performance based learning through Readers Theatre, dance and drama. Miss Ross has taken on the sport/PE portfolio and has some fabulous activities lined up, and Mrs Cook has some exciting plans for the Enviro Group this year. Mrs Elliot has already begun Kapa Haka lessons, and our music teachers have already begun guitar, drums, piano, singing and Irish dancing lessons. How lucky are we to have so many wonderful opportunities for our children to find their talents and follow their dreams.

## SITUATION VACANT

Teacher Aide required for Monday to Thursday 9.00am – 1.00pm working with children within the classroom and in small group support. Full training given. Please send any expressions of interest to the Principal [principal@tauwhare.school.nz](mailto:principal@tauwhare.school.nz)

## TV STARS

What fun we had filming the Fonterra Milk in Schools adverts. We learned so much about how adverts are made and just how long it takes to produce a 30 second sequence. Richie McCaw was a surprise visitor on the final day of shooting. The children were beside themselves with excitement when he appeared. The ads are fabulous – our school environment looks idyllic and our children are full of the joy of learning. We certainly have some stars in the making. Fonterra will be showing these ads in picture theatres throughout the country during the school holidays.



## School Stream

## FREE school app

Receive school information, instantly and directly to your smartphone or mobile device. Download from your app store free. And keep up with everything that's happening at school at the touch of a button.



Year 1 children thinking like computer programmers.

## HEALTH & SAFETY

We love that many people use our school grounds on a casual basis during out of school hours. Our rules are respected and everyone seems as committed to protecting our grounds and equipment, and taking as much pride in our school as we do.

However, with the strengthening of Health and Safety rules it is very important that the school is notified of any organised usage. We need to be able point out any hazards or rules as we are liable for any accidents that occur at any time, not just at school time.

Have a great month! *Thana Bailey* PRINCIPAL

[www.tauwhare.school.nz](http://www.tauwhare.school.nz)

## Pukeko Preschool – March 2017

We had a wonderful trip to the Sculpture Park @ Waitakaruru Arboretum this month. There were so many opportunities for the children to learn about the history of the old Tauwhare quarry, to investigate their natural surroundings and to appreciate the sculptures. It was lovely to hear the links being made with our trip to the quarry in Huntly by the parents and to hear the children discussing the merits of each piece of art and why they liked it. The walkway was 2kms but I think the children walked 3kms as they ran back and forth. Thank you very much to the Wakeling family for hosting us and making us feel so welcome.

This month we are following the children's interests in photography and the Maui legends.

Keep an eye on our Facebook page for details of our Teddy Bears Picnic community event later in March. We will put more details up once we have finalised the dates.

We have spaces available on all days at present as we have had a few children move off to school – please contact us if you would like to enrol your child or put their name on our waiting list.



### **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'.

# TAUWHARE PLAYGROUP

It's 2017 and Tauwhare playgroup is springing back into action. With the school year now in motion that means caregivers, mums, bubs and toddlers now can have their weekly fix of Playgroup fun back on a Thursday morning.

A lot is changing for our group in 2017, we said a big thanks and farewell to Pippa Berry-Cope (Phoebe's Mum), who had been running playgroup on mostly a solo effort for what feels like a long time now. Our hats go off to Pippa who ran the group like a well-oiled machine, herself and Karina Hayward have done a stunning job of providing this community asset and for that we are very grateful. And now myself, and a bunch of other super mums are suiting up with capes to job share the role. But as for the fun side of things is PLAY as usual.

**WE ARE ALSO RECRUITING;** all good groups have their highs and lulls, the highs are exceptionally good fun and the lulls are just a little quiet. We've had a lot of our bright sparks head off to school this year and their mums return to the workforce. So, we are flying that flag of recruitment and seeking out parents who need a new adventure, to come and play and meet other like-minded locals and get in on the action.

We've had a lot of families move in to Tauwhare and surrounds in recent times and would love those who are interested to come check it out and get involved.

As a group, we are also working hard on providing a top-notch term plan and with that including some new and fun adventures for the playgroup families to get involved with. Every term we set up some off-site activities and strive to achieve diversity in activities to suit all methods of play. But the basics of it are just that, it's all about the play and we often let the kids dictate where the magic happens. And if we need to set a draw card to reel you in, I'll let you know that we have plans to head to the Hamilton Zoo before the end of Term 1.

If you haven't liked us on Facebook already, please give us a "like" so you can keep in touch with our movements and upcoming events.

So, in conclusion, cheers to an awesome year ahead of us and we can't wait to meet some new faces.

Playgroup happens every Thursday from 9-12pm at them multipurpose room right next to Tauwhare School. We share a "bring a plate" style morning tea; provide coffee and tea for all attending.

It's fun, relaxed and social. |

For questions or details call Laura Hebbend, 027 8777 877.



Another great week of learning here at Newstead Model Country School! All the children are well and truly settled into school life again and it's so nice to see their smiling faces in class. The staff have all commented about the students' positive approach to school this year which we're thrilled about. As you're no doubt aware, New Zealand's students start their academic year in the hottest month of the year so it's important that our children keep well hydrated and get lots of sleep. This enables them to focus as well as they could.

#### **Notification of siblings coming to Newstead School this year**

Our School Enrolment Scheme begins Term 2 of this year and our roll is already starting to grow. Please ensure that you let the office know if a sibling of a current student is starting at our school this year (many of you have already done this). This way we can ensure they get in on the ballot, if they are out of zone, as 'Priority One' children.

The PTA have launched the 'Newstead School Fun Run', a brand new fundraising event at the school. This will be held on Saturday 18th March from 4 pm. This will also double up as a 'Welcome back to Newstead School' Family Picnic and BBQ. The Fun Run will be our major fundraiser for the year and all the money will go toward our new courtyard and entrance way. Richard Battersby and the rest of the PTA will keep you all informed about what to do, there are lots of prizes to be won by the kids and this is a great way to raise money for the school in a healthy way. We would love your support (and money) for this awesome venture.

#### **Weetbix Triathlon**

We had a fabulous turn out for our school with many children braving the elements to participate in this event held at Waikato University. A lot of grit and determination was displayed and we are so proud of everyone.

Thanks so much to the parents and supporters who came and made this possible for another year!



# DairyNZ

## CO Comment for Eureka Express

### Jaimee Morgan's Baby

Jaimee & Peter welcomed little Cooper (boy) into the world 10 days late in mid-December. Cooper is doing well and so is Jaimee based on a couple of catch ups I have had with her. At this stage, she is still on maternity leave until 10<sup>th</sup> June although will be doing an occasional group during April and May to "keep her hand in". In the meantime, we have good Contractor cover with Mark Speight doing the majority of groups. Any issues or individual support required contact me – Phil Irvine on 027 483 9820.

### Great Rain

Things were getting very dry by mid-February but the 100mm that most farmers got on the weekend of the 18<sup>th</sup> Feb was both welcome and game changing. The stars are beginning to line up for a change! Great mid-February rain, a lift in Fonterra's advance to \$4:85 paid on 20<sup>th</sup> March and the prospect of a \$6+/kg milk price have put smiles back on dairy farmers faces.

### Break Even Milk Price

What milk price does your business need to break even or keep afloat? This is very farm specific and something we urge all farmers to know for their business. You would be amazed at the range out there. The lowest is around \$3:50 but the highest is around \$7:50. Ouch. The mean being around \$5:30. That is just to break even, not replace capital etc. That is one view on the risk profile of a business but another is the debt/kg MS. This ranges from 0 to a massive \$45/kg MS with the mean being around \$22. All these comments relate to farm owners.

With the volatility of milk price being the new norm, a dairy farm business needs to pitch their business at a milk price where they can manage within the risk factors at play. Expect banks to require more debt repayment as we move into a positive cash-flow era. So, tight farm and personal spending is still likely to be a key focus for many in the immediate future.

### Autumn Reset

DairyNZ's focus, in support of farmers this Autumn, is to build into Discussion Groups an activity around resetting the business after 2 or 3 really difficult years. What lessons and habits can be retained? E.g. lower Farm Working Expenses. But what things need to change because they aren't sustainable as they are? E.g. farm maintenance or labour was pruned too low. In the first round we have used an exercise around the breakeven milk price. There are 5 numbers you need to know to calculate BEMP for your farm. The numbers here are simply an example.

Farm Working Expenses (FWE)	\$4.05/kg MS
Interest & Rent	\$1.60
Personal Drawings	\$0:65
Tax	\$0.10
Less	
Livestock sales	-\$0.40
<b>Break Even Milk Price</b>	<b>\$6:00</b>

This would not be a healthy place to be and so a business in this position would need to work on how they can reduce costs and/or debt in order to reduce exposure to risk.

Phil Irvine  
Regional Leader, North Waikato  
DairyNZ  
027 483 9820



# NEWS FROM YOUR WAIKATO DISTRICT COUNCILLOR



Happy New Year to you all. It is hard to believe Autumn is just around the corner. Jill and I enjoyed our break away during January despite the strong winds in the Bay of Plenty. Like you all – we welcomed the 120+ mls of rain last week.

We are back to work at Council now with a busy year ahead. The District Plan Review continues along with consideration of submissions to Easter Trading bylaws and developing the 2018-2028 Long Term Plan (LTP).

Our roading maintenance team works hard during the summer and they do their best to minimise disruption to traffic flows. Summer 2016-17 has been a very bad year for accidents on Waikato roads. Please adjust your driving to the traffic and weather conditions and reduce your driving speed.

The **Waikato Expressway construction** continues apace. Work in Eureka Ward includes:

- Bridge construction commencing on Puketaha Road and Powells Road July/August 2017 and Greenhill Interchange Aug/Sep 2017. Ruakura Rail Bridge to be completed Nov/Dec 2017, Embankments under construction at the Ruakura Interchange and bridge construction to begin May/June 2017. Bridge piling in progress on Morrinsville Road with the bridge to be completed Aug/Sep 2017 and Matangi Road bridge construction beginning May/June 2017. Water tankers are working constantly to prevent dust being blown off the project sites.

Many of the bridges on the Hamilton Section will be built "top down" They are built on the ground and then the expressway route will be excavated beneath. To see how this process works, read the project newsletter on the NZTA Website - Hamilton Section [www.nzta.govt.nz/hamilton](http://www.nzta.govt.nz/hamilton). The NZTA Expressway Visitor Centre is being opened on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March from 10am – 1pm at 164 Percival Road, Ruakura (turn right off Ruakura Road [travelling towards University], into Ryburn Road then left into Percival Road.) They will continue to open on the first Saturday of each month while they have sufficient visitor numbers. Also a Project Open Day will be held from 10am – 3pm on Saturday 1 April at the Project Office on Percival Road.

Waikato District Council has created a **dog agility park** using recycled playground equipment at Horotiu on the corner of Horotiu Road and Great South Road - this has been very popular with dog owners. A 'doggy fun day' will be held at Horotiu Dog Park on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March from 10am to 2pm. There will be a sausage sizzle, entertainment and spot prizes for the dogs. The District will be creating more agility parks as other playgrounds are removed.

The Eureka Express Committee is taking the excellent initiative to install a **defibrillator unit (AED)** at the Eureka hall and will launch this on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 1pm. Details are in this *Express* – join the Committee to learn how to use this vital piece of equipment and brush up on your CPR skills. Hope to see you there.

As part of the country wide **Pedal for Plunket event** - on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March from 10am to 2pm the Avantidrome and Cycling NZ. crews are teaming up with the Warehouse and Plunket to bring a Family Wheels Day to Cambridge. The day begins at the start of the Te Awa Cycleway by the Gaslight Theatre in Cambridge at 10pm to pedal, scooter or push your way to the Avantidrome. Or just meet at the Gallagher Bike Skills Park behind the Avantidrome for fun and games, spot prizes, and barbecue with an opportunity to meet special guests Alison Shanks and Nikki Hamblin. You can also donate to this very worthwhile cause by visiting the Pedal for Plunket website.

If you have a project or an event and are seeking financial assistance, there are a number of **funding opportunities** available from Council to help make it happen.

- **Waikato District Council Discretionary Grants Fund** is available for projects and events happening in Huntly, Taupiri, Raglan, Tuakau, Ngaruawahia and the rural wards of the Waikato district.
- **Creative Communities Scheme Fund** is available for arts based projects and events happening in Huntly, Taupiri, Raglan, Tuakau, Ngaruawahia and the rural wards of the Waikato district.
- **Waikato District Community Wellbeing Trust Fund** is available for capital projects throughout the Waikato district.
- **Heritage Assistance Fund** is available for heritage listed items in the Waikato district.
- **Heritage Project Fund** is available for heritage projects happening in Huntly, Taupiri, Raglan, Tuakau, Ngaruawahia and the rural wards of the Waikato district.

Applications must be made on the appropriate form and closing dates for applications are on our website. Before lodging an application we suggest you discuss your project with our Community Development Adviser Lianne to ensure you meet the eligibility requirements.

I am a member of most of the Funding Committees so phone me if you need further information or visit our website at [www.waikatodistrictcouncil.govt.nz](http://www.waikatodistrictcouncil.govt.nz) or contact the Community Development Adviser Lianne van den Bemd, Waikato District Council, Private Bag 544, Ngaruawahia, phone 07 824 8633 or e-mail [lianne.vandenbemd@waide.govt.nz](mailto:lianne.vandenbemd@waide.govt.nz).

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