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Remembering John Clarke aka Fred Dagg

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EDITORIAL

Sean, Andie, Casey-Leigh, Brandon, Kayla, Vanessa and Zabryn. That us and sounds like a school roll call.

So let's take a step back and introduce ourselves.

Hi, we are Sean & Andrea (Andie) Mason and we live on Eureka Road with our daughters Vanessa(16), Casey-Leigh (24) & her daughter Zabryn (7 ½ months), our son Brandon (21) and his partner Kayla (18), our other daughter Bridget is still off flatting in Hamilton.

So yes, we have a full house and a driveway that often looks like a car yard.

Sean is a lawyer and in 2011 started up his own legal Firm in Morrinsville. Andie (that's me) is his practice manager and I look after our trust account and the general day to day running of the business.

We moved to Eureka in November 2008. City living was no longer for us, with Sean working in Morrinsville 4 kids and pets that needed more space. We had two dogs, three cats and please don't ask me how many chickens we now have as we are not too sure either, as this summer our ladies have made it their mission to escape the fencing, or just hide amongst the gardens and come back with babies, usually numbering about 12 at a time.

We built our house on what was an old farm paddock and over the years we have planted about 80 roses and put in large Native gardens. Last year for the first time we had our first Tui come to visit, so all the hard work is starting to pay off.

There is always something to do and a weed or two to pull. The peat has definitely had its own challenges and we have a crooked water tank & a great plumber who has been kept busy replacing or fixing our cracked water pipes.

We enjoy living in the country with the quiet nights, the rural smell and it's great when the cows are in the next paddock talking to us through the fence, We have awesome neighbours and really like the Eureka community. Say hi as you're going past.

Well that is probably the best I can do with short notice to write this, but keep an eye out in coming issues as we are going to do an editorial or two with some helpful legal reminders for you.

Stay safe & take care of each other,

The Mason household

DUCKSHOOTING



SNIPPETS

DONATION THANKS to Ngaire and Gary Clarke of Morrinsville Road

RUGBY TALENT – News of our local “player to watch” Ryan Coxon. Ryan has been sidelined of late as he recovers from concussion, but he is presently in the NZ Under 20's squad playing in the Oceania Tournament on the Gold Coast. They face Fiji, Samoa and Australia and following this tournament a team will be selected to travel to the tournament in Georgia in May where they will attempt to wrestle back the World Title from England. Our very best wishes go with Ryan.

EE TREASURER NEEDED! HELP!

The Eureka Express Committee is in need of a person willing and able to keep track of our finances. The job would entail approximately one hour or less per month, computer skills are NOT essential and attendance at our monthly meetings would be purely voluntary. If this sounds like you, please phone Gail 824 1758 or Gayle, 824 1713. We would be delighted to hear from you.

EASTER COLOURING COMPETITION

Thank you to all the children who entered our annual competition. It is always such a pleasure to see your lovely work and we do appreciate the effort involved. As usual the entries were of a very high standard and the judge had a difficult task.

The prize list follows:

Seniors:

- 1st Lauren Pryor (9)
2nd Noah Ellesmere (9)
3rd Jack Campbell (9)
HC Letitia Taylor (10)
Commended: Ashlee Winter (8), Isaac Clark (9), Jessica Winter (11)

Juniors:

- 1st Shaun Mayall (7)
2nd Daniel Prior (7)
3rd Max Campbell (6)
HC Bianca Ellesmere (7)
Commended: Scott Taylor (5), Elina Morris (6), Emma Hunter (7), Stevie-Lee Noe (6)

Pre-School:

- Leon Morris (4), Mieya Smith (4), Ryan Hunter (4), Laura Garland (3½)

Cover:

- Hollie Clark (11), Rachel Basi (12), Alex Meredith (12), Jessica Chambers (11)



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WEATHER

March 2017		
Rainfall total	198 mm	
Rainy days	13	
Highest wind speed	38.6km/hr	20 March
Most daily rainfall	60mm	11 March
Temp high	27.2 C	1 March
Temp low	8.1C	3 March



RAINFALL: After record rainfall in March we await with interest the April total as more records could be broken after Cyclone's Debbie and Cook did their worst. Since 1994 the tallies kept by Jack Hooper show a maximum March rainfall of 152mm and March average for the last 23 years of 69.9mm. That was certainly exceeded this year. April maximum was 186mm and average of 95mm!!

MARKET PLACE

MUMS AND BUBS GROUP EXERCISE CLASSES –

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Pukeko Preschool – April 2017

The preschool is a busy, busy place – today for instance we are making Nicketty-Nacketty-Noo-Noo stew, bug hotels, and cooking pikelets.

This year Easter was all about the Easter bunny. Simple beams of coloured light that played around the walls of the preschool was suddenly the Easter bunny with a torch. We made a spot for him to sleep when he needed to. The children played pin the tail on the bunny, had egg and spoon races and Easter egg hunts, and did Easter egg maths with chocolate Easter eggs. Every year the children are able to celebrate special days with their friends and families. This Easter the children were gathering ideas from past Easter and St Patrick's Day and merging them together with a little imagination to make their own celebration that lasted a fortnight. This year the children have shown the virtue of thankfulness for the men and women who fought in the war to keep New Zealand safe. We made poppies and cooked Anzac biscuits to remember them.

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. They need to be toilet-trained (or close to it) as we do not have nappy changing facilities (we will have these in our new centre).

Limited spaces are available – call in and see us, phone 824 0860, or email 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, or find us on Facebook 'Pukeko Preschool in Tauwhare'.

TAUWHARE PLAYGROUP

As we head into the winter months and the landscape around us transforms, I figure it's time to also change things up a little here.

Traditionally we use this as a forum to discuss the up and coming plans for Playgroup, sharing our learning, discoveries, adventures and more. However, this time round we're stripping back a great organisation and getting down to grass roots to know some of the faces and personalities behind our local Playgroup.

Why, you ask? Because being a mum is a crazy busy journey and despite being a busy Playgroup with a rural background and a solid backbone of friendliness and sensational human beings, there is sometimes apprehension for new mums to take that first step to come along and meet a new group. Some of us struggle meeting new faces even when it comes to having children, we know very well that these social situations are a lifeline and a platform to make amazing friendships for ourselves and our little ones, but even so it still can be hard to make that first step.

Back in 2015 I made that first step to attending and even though I'm very social and an extrovert I still struggled with all those what ifs. For myself, for my kids. Will I click with the other mums? Will there be enough of a foundation for my kids to grow? Will I have to sit courses to attend? And so on.



So without further or do I introduce to you "The Super Mums of Tauwhare" an up close, personal encounter of the awesome people that make play group possible.

Firstly myself. I'm Laura, 30 years old, with two miniature hurricanes named Jack & Scarlett, both 3 and 2. I've been living in Tauwhare for 2 years and it's been an awesome move for our family. My husband James grew up on a big dairy farm on the

outskirts of Gordonton and ever since his family packed up for the suburban life, he dreamed of getting back into the country so we could give our kids an awesome childhood in lush green grass. The rest is history and we absolutely love living here, the people, the landscape, the opportunities, this seriously is the good life. We have a few sheep, cows and a crazy chocolate lab puppy named Dexter. When I'm not vacuuming floors, mopping ceilings, and folding washing in my sleep, you'll catch me in my garden, attempting DIY with various results, road tripping with the kids, geocaching or dancing badly in my kitchen whilst pretending I can cook. I'm a free-lance broadcaster with a background in breakfast radio, sales and marketing but at present work from home and have high hopes going back to study soon. I enjoy keeping busy and have to say ever since attending Playgroup it's allowed me to make amazing friends and contacts. It helped me through a tough time when my babies were young and has allowed my kids to make lots of friends and burn off an abundance of energy. Today, we seriously wouldn't be without it.



Layla is our next super mum of Tauwhare. A mum of four and wife to Jessie, they have been located in Tauwhare for 12 years. Initially they came out to rent and enjoy the fruits of farm life but ended up falling in love and making the decision to stay out here for the long haul. Layla has no shortage of things to do, with chickens, kids, dogs and often a moo, she's busy juggling Playgroup, pre-school meetings, soccer games, school runs for her teenage boys and post grad study for Early Childhood Teaching and she even manages to find time to bake. I don't know how she does it. (And ps her baking is amazing). When Layla isn't busy with her head buried in books and uni work, her and the fam are off on road trips, missions to the beach, camping or at home in the garden. Like all good hard working mums, she appreciates a wine out with the girls and the chance to unwind. Having a background in early childhood teaching and education Layla appreciates the awesome opportunities Playgroup gives her children, she loves the fact it's fun, informal and child led play.



As time goes on we will showcase more about our awesome mums and the group. In the meantime saddle up for term two, we're hosting some epic activities such as Bubblemania, Monster Mural Painting, Matariki Celebrations and I can guarantee another road trip out and about with the tots.

Same time, same place; Tauwhare School Hall from 9am every Thursday except during school holidays.

TAUWHARE INDOOR BOWLING CLUB

March/April has been a busy month for our Club and for Eastern Rep fixtures.

It is good to see our Junior members taking part in our Club Championships. Emily was in the winning team, and Bridget was in the runners up team. Good bowling both of you.

Eastern's annual match with North-Western (Auckland) for the "Pipe Line" trophy resulted in a win for Eastern. B Meads and R Arnold played in the Eastern team.

The first round for the Grupen Cup was played on 9th April. Eastern had a narrow win, 35-37, against Hamilton Red. B Meads, R Arnold and R Bargh were in the team.

Congratulations to Bev Meads who was selected to play in Waikato's Bettridge Shield team (12 top ladies).

Once again, Tauwhare has office holders in both Eastern and Waikato Indoor Bowling Associations.

- Jack Hooper is President of Waikato
- Bev Meads is President of Eastern and Jim Arnold is Vice President
- Jim Bargh is Co-selector for Eastern

Results:

23 March 2017 – Club Night

- Winners B Meads, I Spencer, K Williams

31 March 2017 – Mulholland Trophy

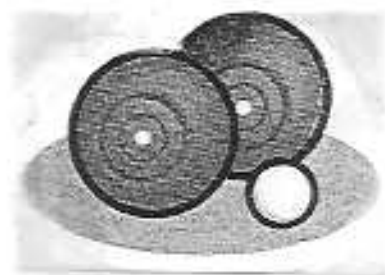
- Winners J Arnold, L Verner
- Runners Up B Meads, C Olson

6 April 2017 – Club Night

- Winners J Arnold, I Spencer, P Stanaway

13 April 2017 – Triples Championship

- Winners J Bargh, R Arnold, E Stevens
- Runners Up R Bargh, K Williams, B Stevens



Upcoming Events

May 4th	Rinks Championship
May 11th	Pairs Championship
May 18th	Club Night
May 25th	Open Triples Tournament – Plate please
June 1	Esme Pope Memorial (Handicap singles)

Out and About

Mangateparu Rinks Tournament 11th April 2017
Winners – J Arnold, B Meads, R Arnold, K McNally

Our Club nights are Thursdays, 7:30pm at the Tauwhare Hall – visitors and new members are welcome.

Enquiries to R Bargh Phone 824 1819

TASTE BUDS

JAMIE OLIVER'S TOSSET CAKE

Makes 25

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| 500g plain flour, plus extra for dusting | 150g caster sugar, plus extra for sprinkling |
| 500g unsalted butter, softened | 1 heaped teaspoon caraway seeds |
| 1 heaped teaspoon coriander seeds | Icing sugar, for decorating |

Preheat the oven to 180°C/350°F/gas 4.

Sieve the flour and sugar into a large bowl, then rub in the butter. Lightly crush the seeds in a pestle and mortar, then add to the bowl. Stir the mixture so it comes together to form a dough, bringing it together to make a ball, then wrap in cling film and place in the fridge to rest for around 1 hour.

Roll out the dough on a flour-dusted surface to roughly ½cm thick, then stamp out circles with a 6cm pastry cutter. Place the dough circles onto a flour-dusted baking tray and sprinkle with a little sugar. Pop in the hot oven for 10 to 15 minutes, or until firm (you want them to be a nice pale colour, rather than golden). Transfer to a wire cooling rack to cool completely, then dust with icing sugar and serve.

COUNTDOWN'S CHICKEN AND LEEK PIE

It's awesome, I get asked for it all the time. Thank you Countdown.

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| 20g butter | 2 cloves garlic, crushed |
| 1 large leek, sliced lengthwise then chopped | 1 carrot, grated |
| ½ tsp dried tarragon | ½ tsp wholegrain mustard |
| 20g flour | 1 ½ cups chicken stock |
| Salt and pepper to taste | 400g chicken breast, cooked and shredded |
| 50g grated tasty cheese | 400g Signature Range flaky puff pastry |
| 1 egg, beaten with 1 Tbsp water | |



Method

Melt butter in a medium sized pot. Add garlic, leek and carrot. Cook on low heat covered. Cook vegetables until soft, but not browned. Add tarragon, mustard and stir. Add flour, stir and cook for 2 minutes. Slowly add chicken stock, stirring until it has thickened. Season with salt and pepper. Set aside to cool.

Add chicken and stir through.

Preheat oven to 200°C.

On a lightly floured board, roll ¾ of the pastry to fit a 20cm pie dish. Line the tin and leave the excess hanging over. Roll the remainder of the pastry to fit the top.

Spoon your filling mixture into the pie tin and sprinkle over the cheese. Brush the edges of the pastry with beaten egg and place on the top pressing the edges together. Brush the top with remaining egg. Bake for 40 minutes until pastry is puffed and golden.

Tip: This pie is also fabulous with a potato topping. Replace the top with mashed potato and sprinkle over cheese.

IN YOUR GARDEN

Hi Folks,

The weather has been devastating for hundreds of people and farmers all over the country. This has to be the worst year for the amount of rain around the country for many years.

Farmers are getting a bad name called "dirty dairying" I have just read recently that scientists have proved that wild fowl on lakes and water ways excrete 6.5 times more e-coli into water ways than one cow.

Winter veges should be planted now. That includes broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, kale, spinach, some lettuce varieties, parsley, garden peas, silverbeet and beetroot etc.

All the above will grow in cooler weather but growth will slow when the temperature drops.

If you are looking to transport roses, fruit trees and plants that have got too large, June is a good time to do this. Dig around the plant to be shifted at least 40cm from the base of the plant. Lift plant out keeping as much soil as possible around the roots. Have a large hole dug ready and replant your plant. Pat in firmly Do not add fertiliser in the hole - do this on top of the ground away from the main stem of the plant.

Now is the time to order your plant requirements for planting this winter.

These include all trees, roses, fruiting trees etc.

Happy gardening everyone

Mike Roach

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EUREKA BADMINTON CLUB



Eureka Junior Badminton

Junior Badminton will begin the season on Wednesday 3rd May
then every Wednesday in the Matangi Hall from 6pm to 7.30pm.

Racquets available

For further information please phone Bryce on 8295398



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MEDIA RELEASE: CHECK THIS MONTH'S POWER ACCOUNT FOR YOUR WEL NETWORKS DISCOUNT

WEL Networks is reminding its customers to check their April or May power account to ensure they receive this year's discount.

Over the past 15 years WEL Networks has distributed \$293 million (including GST) in savings to the Waikato community and this year they're paying a total of \$20 million (including GST) to WEL Networks customers.

Chief Executive, Garth Dibley, explains "As part of WEL's commitment to the region's growth, we're constantly looking for ways to reduce the cost of electricity to the people and businesses of the Waikato. One of our major initiatives is the WEL Discount programme which gives all WEL customer's in the Waikato network area a share of our success."

To receive the discount customers must be connected to WEL Networks at 5pm, 31 March 2017.

"Customers receive the discount for each Installation Control Point (ICP) or unique point of connection. The discount amount will show as a credit on your April or May power account, regardless of which retailer you purchase your electricity from.

"The actual amount of the discount will depend on how much electricity customers have used over the past 12 months so it's likely to vary between neighbours and addresses."

Mr Dibley says if customers can't see the discount applied as a credit on their April or May power account they should contact their power retailer in the first instance.

"If there is an issue or query about their discount customers must contact WEL Networks by Friday 30 June."

Trees and Power lines don't mix

Did you know...?

- As a property owner, you are responsible for trees inside your property and the WEL Networks team takes care of everything else outside the boundary.
- Trees and vegetation growing near power lines cause a fifth of unplanned outages to power supply. They can also put the safety and security of the wider lines network at risk.
- Even when trees appear to be well clear of the lines they still pose a threat to the power supply during storms and strong winds.
- Always stay away from downed power lines and don't approach, or remove vegetation or objects caught in lines.

Before the wild weather sets in again check to see if trees or vegetation near power lines need trimming. Call the qualified arborists at WEL Networks on 0800 800 935.



Wet, wet wet

What an unusual March/April. We have been so programmed to expect 2-3 months of really dry weather that getting half our annual rainfall, in 60 days of late Summer early Autumn, comes as a bit of a shock. You can have too much of a good thing! It was looking to be quite different. If the dry in mid February had continued we were shaping up to be one of the driest periods in about 50 years.

Fertiliser companies have mentioned that recent soil tests have revealed sulphur levels that you would expect at the end of a wet winter rather than the start. Bear this in mind when putting nitrogen on this Autumn. You may well need to ensure some readily available Sulphur is in the mix also.

Brett & Rachel Gordon on the move:

Brett & Rachel move from Waverley Road, Eureka to their farm at Bucklands Road Matamata at the end of the season. It is timely to recognise the many years Brett has put in as Convener of the Eureka Dairy Discussion Group. Come along on Tuesday May 9 to Brett & Rachel's farm on Waverley Road where they will host the discussion group and you will have a chance to say thank you for their efforts on behalf of the group.

Jaimee Morgan:

Consulting Officer, Jaimee remains on official paternity leave until 12 June. Young Cooper is progressing well. However, Jaimee is going to run her usual groups in May but only on a casual basis.

Milk Price Futures:

I don't know how many of you follow the milk price futures market. This is where you can lock in a price for some of your production. The contracts for the 17/18 season have ranged from \$5:55 to \$6:30. For the week ending April 21st the contract was at \$6:28/kg MS indicating a reasonably positive outlook for dairy. As we know though milk price can be fickle so take advice about whether this risk management tool is for you before entering into such a contract.

Waikato Farmers Forum:

The farmers' forum this year, on May 25, takes the form of a science update at Lye Research Farm on Vale Road, Newstead. There will be lots of useful research snippets that you can apply here and now plus others that set the scene for future farming.

The programme is available on the website or come to the next Discussion group for a brochure. With the recent Sunday programme causing a big stir amongst farmers, upset at the portrayal of dairy farming, we have dedicated the final half hour of the day to Farmer perception and the media.

Phil Irvine

Regional Leader, North Waikato
DairyNZ
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Body Condition Scores

As autumn approaches and the time for drying off the herd comes closer, it is important to consider your herds **Body Condition Score (BCS)**.

The more cows you have calving at 5.00 and the more 1st and 2nd calvers you have calving at 5.5, the better your herds milk production will be and the more cows you will get in calf at mating time.

Young cows are still growing to reach their mature weight and usually don't eat as much. Often they are also losing their baby teeth and this affects their ability to graze efficiently. Typically, they are also at the bottom of the pecking order, so often don't get the best feed available. These animals need to be looked after! This could mean once a day milking

Body Condition Score		Very well fed, either autumn pasture or autumn pasture and high quality supplement	
Cow	Rising 3 year old	Autumn Pasture (KgDM)	Days from calving*
3.0	3.5	160	120
3.5	4.0	130	100
4.0	4.5	100	80
4.5	5	70	60

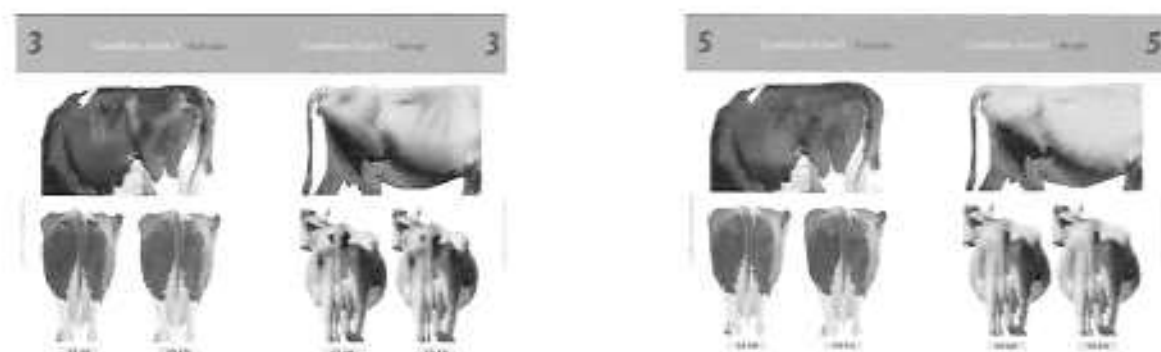
maybe sooner than the rest of the herd, preferential feeding, and dry off early.

*Days from calving includes the 10 days when cows are being dried off and not gaining weight and the 30 days before calving that cows don't gain weight.

So the table above shows that a cow with condition score 3 will need an extra 160 kg DM of autumn pasture to be fed over 120 days to get to calving condition score 5.

Heifers

Aim to have these at BCS 5.5 when they return from grazing, as they will put little weight on (and often lose weight) while they adapt to being in the herd. Have a plan to keep them separate from the adult herd if possible.



With acknowledgement to Fonterra Farm Source/DairyNZ, March 2017

NEWS FROM YOUR WAIKATO DISTRICT COUNCILLOR



It is hard to believe we are into the second quarter of 2017. Eureka Ward has had its fair share of flooding during the last few storms and the sodden ground is having an affect on cropping on the Ward's mainly flat terrain. It must be many years since we have had so much autumn rain because my sons have only a vague recollection of tractors and combines sinking in the peat – something I remember well from when we bought our farm in the 70's..

Council staff worked long hours to remedy road and infrastructure **storm damage** around the district and during the storms we received daily updates on this from our civil defence staff.. Many hot dry summers, and now flooding, are causing endless problems with road sinkage and seal breakup. I am aware that a large number of roads in my Ward need reshaping and

rehabilitation but, with 2,364 kilometres (km) of roading in the District, I have to compete for roading funds. I drive around the Ward on a regular basis to identify any infrastructure problems but let me know if you have noticed any road subsidence or cracking in your area; also contact me if you have experienced any problems with council drains on your road or property during the storms so we can investigate.

The storms have caused significant damage to the Hakarimata Summit Track at Ngaruawahia resulting in its closure until the repairs are completed. DOC has reported that *The track has fallen away in at least three places and there has been significant movement of one stairway section away from the hillside towards the adjacent stream. We know from experience that will be no quick fix for this sort of damage.* Around 200,000 people used the track in the last year. DOC also wish to remind visitors that the popular Kauri Loop Track just a few kms down the road at the Huntly end of the Hakarimata Range is still open. Other walking tracks in the district include the Pukemokemoke Bush Loop Track – 5 mins from Gordonton (take the Whitiakahu Road turnoff and look out for the sign on the left hand side). For a more challenging walk try the Karioi Track and Wairake track near Raglan which both end up at the Mt Karioi Summit – it takes between 2 – 3.5 hours to reach the summit.

Last month in my newsletter I mentioned that, as part of our Annual Plan (Budget) process, we held an Extraordinary Council meeting in Feb to approve the **Annual Plan 2017/2018 Consultation Document** and proposed amendments to fees and charges. The Annual Plan is our budget and explains how Council will fund projects, services etc for this financial year. This year we are consulting with ratepayers on rating for wastewater systems. This will involve consulting with around 1/3rd of our ratepayers who benefit from reticulated wastewater services – **if you have a septic tank and DO NOT pay a wastewater rate this will not affect you.**

We are not consulting on any other part of the AP as there are no other significant changes to the works programme but we will engage about projects in Eureka Ward as they begin – key projects for 2017-18 include 1.016km of road rehabilitation, 8.01 km of road re-seal and the installation of a reservoir to meet future growth needs for water. We are currently securing a site for the reservoir.

The inorganic refuse collection will begin in May. In a change from the planned service, in 2017 inorganic rubbish will again be collected from the kerbside outside properties. The pickups will take place over four weeks beginning 1 May – **the week for your collection is dependent on your normal recycling collection day.** A flyer will be delivered giving the dates for your area along with the Do's and Don't's for collection and what they will collect. All the details are on the following website <https://www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/services-facilities/refuse-and-recycling/inorganic-collection> or you can phone me for more information.

Waikato District Council has created a **dog agility park** at Horotiu on the corner of Horotiu Road and Great South Road using recycled playground equipment - this facility has been very popular with dog owners. The District will be creating more agility parks as other playgrounds are removed.

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. e.g. Waikato District Council Discretionary Grants Fund, Creative Communities Scheme Fund, Waikato District Community Wellbeing Trust Fund, Heritage Assistance Fund and Heritage Project Fund. 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, visit our website at www.waikatodistrictcouncil.govt.nz or contact the Community Development Advisor Lianne van den Bemd, Waikato District Council, Private Bag 544, Ngaruawahia, phone 07 824 8633 or e-mail lianne.vandenbemd@waidec.govt.nz.

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THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT BURGLARY

WHO burgles a house?

- A burglar can be male or female of any age, height, size, colour or race;
- They may operate alone, in pairs or in groups;
- They may be on foot or could use a vehicle, motor bike or bicycle to check out your neighbourhood;

WHEN do burglars strike?

- They burgle houses by day and night, come rain or shine – especially when they can see no one's home or the risk of being seen, or caught is low;
- They often burgle one or more nearby houses in the neighbourhood.
- They often return to a burgled house a few weeks or months later when the stolen items have been replaced.

WHERE do burglars pick their victims?

- The house looks empty, like there's no one home – lights aren't on at night, curtains may be closed during the day, or mail and newspapers have been left to accumulate in the letterbox. The phone keeps ringing instead of going straight to answerphone: no one home!
- Names on rural letterboxes which enable burglars to ring the telephone number and check if anyone is at home!
- Some windows or doors open or unsecured, for the cat and dog, or just like people used to in the "good old days";
- The house is not easily visible from the street, there are lots of trees and shrubs to hide the burglars from those nosy neighbours;
- The house is conveniently situated next to an alleyway, park or reserve so they can get into and out of the house as quickly and quietly as possible;
- Items of value are left outside to be stolen: bikes, copper plant pots for example;
- A television glowing in clear view from the street;
- Garage door left open too, so it can be seen that the car isn't there and the lawnmower and chainsaw are up for grabs!
- If they've been to the house before they will know the layout pretty well.

WHY DO BURGLARS STEAL?

- They want cash, and small valuable items like jewellery, electronic and portable digital equipment, alcohol, and tobacco which can be quickly converted into cash or drugs;
- Whatever is on their "shopping list" which is often kept in the "getaway car". Remember burglars earn their living doing this!

WHAT PUTS A BURGLAR OFF?

- Houses with alarms. Especially properly installed alarms which are always armed whenever the occupier goes out no matter how long for;
- Houses with security lighting, especially the kind that is set up properly and which works;
- Neighbourhood Support signs and stickers; suspicious, enquiring neighbours; people who challenge them; people who call the Police;
- Dogs. Or guard dog signs on fences and gates;
- Houses with good, solid, locked, locks and doors, windows and other entry points.
- A vehicle in the driveway;
- Lights, TV and radio are on;
- People who advertise that they are using SNAP and SelectaDNA.

REPORTING A CRASH CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE:

Autumn is a time of year when driving conditions can vary and as the cooler, wetter weather sets in, it becomes even more crucial to take care out there on the roads. But if there is a crash on our roads, Waikato District Council's website has a tool which the public can use to play a part in ensuring that the roads and roadside conditions are maintained at a high level.

Council's crash reporting form can be used to inform our staff of minor, non-injury crashes that may have resulted in damage to roads or roadsides to the extent where an urgent repair would be needed to ensure other road users' safety isn't compromised.

Completed forms can also help to identify any issues on Council's roading network that might need looking at. For example, if there were a number of crashes in one area or on one piece of road, then Council may need to look at the road conditions at that site.

New Zealand Police inform Council of more significant crashes around the time they occur and staff assess any road damage as part of that process, as required.

If a member of the public comes across a crash that hasn't resulted in an injury, the details needed on the form include: a description of where and when the accident occurred; a description of what happened; road and weather conditions; objects that were struck (for example fence posts, road signs or other vehicles) and a diagram of the incident.

Waikato District Council road safety co-ordinator Megan Jolly says it is important the Council knows where crashes are occurring on its road network.

"Local residents' knowledge of non-injury crashes along with police reports of serious injury crashes gives us a clearer picture of where and when repairs need to be carried out. In some instances, the details provided by the public may also highlight factors that require additional investigation by Council staff" she says.

The crash reporting form can be found at www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/services-facilities/roads-travel-and-parking/roads-and-transport/road-safety

You can print it out and either put it in your car's glove box or on your fridge at home.

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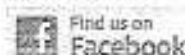
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