

# Eureka Express

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# EDITORIAL

We are Brett, Rachael, Danielle, Amy, Hannah, and Patrick and this is our farewell message. It is time for our family to leave to accomplish our dream of owning our own farm. We are moving to a 180-ha dairy and dry stock farm near Karapiro with our 4 children and 400 cows. For Rachael and I this has been our goal to own a dairy farm and although we have part owned this farm for 8 years the urge to live on our farm has grown and this is the last satisfying step for us.

I was born in Eureka on a dairy farm on Waverley Road I was always going to be a farmer. Rach was born on a dairy farm in England so for us our careers were always aligned and this is where we have got to. We have been leasing my parents farm for the last 10 years having contract milked for 3 seasons prior. In this time, we had our 4 kids, our eldest now 14 and youngest 8. It has been a great opportunity for us to grow our business and family. We have learnt a lot with the ups and down of the Milk Price going from rags to riches a few times, We have seen our way through a few droughts at different times of year and now we have faced a new challenge of a super wet autumn. We now are going to new challenges of a hilly farm so looking forward to learning new ways to farm. Farming is amazing we always look for that perfect year but like the Warriors it always seems to be next year

Eureka has been good to us over the years many friendship made for both Rach and I and the kids, and many memories to take with us. Eureka has changed it bit over the nearly 40 years. From me biking to Eureka Primary picking up the other kids on my way riding on gravel roads, back then Eureka was in the wop wops, the social highlight thing to do back then was the Badminton club at the hall. Now we drive our kids everywhere in and out of town sometimes twice a day to give them experiences in their chosen sports. We will miss the locality of Eureka when we move to what might be called the wop wops again near Hobbiton.

We are looking forward to our new adventure and the challenges and rewards it may bring. We hope to find a great community up there like here and perhaps a slower pace of life although this never eventuates for Rach and I as we seem to fill up any space with another activity for Us or and the kids. So, for now it is goodbye but we will not be strangers.

***Brett, Rach, Danielle, Amy Hannah and Patrick***



## SNIPPETS

**40<sup>th</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CONGRATULATIONS:** to Lionel and Gayle Orr, of Morrinsville Road, who will celebrate their Ruby Anniversary on June 4. Every best wish and do enjoy a lovely long weekend.

**RUGBY UPDATE:** News of our 'player to watch', Ryan Coxon. Ryan did travel to, and play in, the Oceania Tournament on the Gold Coast which our NZ Under 20 team won convincingly. And Ryan, a prop, made the squad to travel to the Under 20 Rugby World Cup in Georgia where they will meet Scotland, Italy and Ireland in pool play to decide the finalists. Their first game is on 31 May. Twelve countries are competing. Proud grandparents, Brian and Sheryll Gordon will be present at the tournament, Go NZ!

**ROWING SCHOLARSHIP:** After six years of dedication and commitment to early morning starts and hours of training, Madison Wright is USA bound to Indiana University, Bloomington, on a full, four year rowing scholarship. The former Newstead and Hillcrest High School student is very excited to be starting at IU this August.

She had been communicating with several USA universities and IU seems like the 'right fit' according to Madison. "I went to school in Ohio for two years and Indiana is very close to where I have family and friends."

During her six years of Rowing, Madison went on to win four medals at the Maadi Cup and eleven North Island medals along with several Club level medals. She was also selected for the U18 North vs South team in 2016.

Thank you, to all those people in the community who have supported the Hillcrest Rowing fundraising efforts over the past years, such as Wine, Pies and Olive Oil sales, raffles, trivia and movie nights. It has been much appreciated and contributed greatly to new rowing equipment.



**Sincere condolences:** are extended to Maurice and Margaret Smith and family of Morrinsville Road, on the death of Maurice's father, Gordon, in Whanganui on May 6<sup>th</sup>

## **TREASURER NEEDED**

The E. Express Committee is in need of a person willing and able to keep track of our finances. The job entails approx. 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 8241758 or Gayle 8241713. We would be delighted to hear from you.

## **FAREWELLS**

Another year has flown by and sadly it is that time of year again when we must bid farewell to farming folk who are moving onward and upward with their lives and careers. Our best wishes go with you all.

- On Waverley Road it is fond farewells to Brett and Rachel Gordon and their family, Danielle, Amy, Hannah and Patrick, who are leaving the Gordon Farm and moving to their farm at Bucklands Road, Matamata (see Editorial). After all these years we are very sad to see you go and you will be greatly missed. The E Express thanks you Brett for your years of Discussion Group reporting so willingly done and very gratefully received. Best wishes and fond regards to you all.
- Also leaving Waverley Road are Brett and Rachel's workers, Dan and Janie Smith who are moving to a contract milking job at Patetonga.
- And another farewell on Waverley Road goes to Jody Thomson who is leaving Buckley Farms after seven years and heading to Arapuni.
- On Eureka Road, on Mayall's farm, it is farewell to Blair and Bex Green and their two small children who have left for pastures new at Oxford in the South Island.
- On Morrinsville Road, on Ross de la Rue's farm, it is goodbye to Andrew and Trish Dalton who are off to another management job at Matamata.
- And on Hooper Road on Basi's farm it is farewell to Peter McIntyre who is taking a break from farming meantime.

Best wishes and best of luck to you all.

**A BIG THANKYOU** to Ace Dance for generously donating his surplus pumpkins to the Eureka Express. See the wheelbarrow outside Eureka Motors...

## WEATHER

<b>April 2017</b>		
Rainfall total	229mm	
Rainy days	12 days	
Highest wind speed	40.2 km/hr	6 <sup>th</sup> April
Most daily rainfall	87 mm	4 <sup>th</sup> April
Temp high	26.3C	2 <sup>nd</sup> April
Temp low	6.1C	27 <sup>th</sup> April



## MARKET PLACE

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# EUREKA BADMINTON CLUB



## JUNIOR BADMINTON

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

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### IT'S A GIRL

Congratulations to Kylee McCambridge and her partner Dan Snell on the birth of their precious baby girl. Lyla Macy Snell was born on Saturday at 9.45am weighing 7lb 6oz. Both mother and baby are doing well.

### National Road Safety week

As part of our involvement in Road Safety Week all of the children participated in a Cycle Safety Week with Constable Amy Bateman and Constable Pete. They learned about wearing their helmet correctly, safe

riding on their bikes and cycle training so they are safe on their bikes.

Some of our community have been driving very fast as they approach our Road Crossing Lollipops. We want to keep our children safe as they do their job, so please slow down!!!!!!

*We believe in giving children the knowledge and skills to help them to make a difference in their world. This year our overarching concept is Sustainability.*

### YOUNG LEADERS' DAY

For the past several years Tauwhare School has been taking part in a wonderful day called National Young Leader's Day. It is a fabulous day where the children get a chance to listen to well-known leaders throughout New Zealand talk about leadership and what it means to be a leader. This year we took over 30 young leaders, who were inspired by the experiences and messages of the presenters.

### Waitakaruru Stream:

Water continues to be a whole school focus for us. Carrying on from our Pirongia trip, we are now comparing the Pirongia stream with our own local Waitakaruru stream. We had experts from the Te Kauri Trust to help us carry out the testing.

Classes walked down to the Waitakaruru Stream where we will hunt for invertebrates and carried out water clarity testing. Next month we will publish the children's findings.

### Riparian Planting

Early next month we will be Early next month the whole school will get an opportunity to go to the Portegys farm to participate in tree planting. It is a chance for the children to learn about how riparian margins protect our waterways, different plants and where they should be planted in a riparian margin.

### Kids Teaching Kids

The senior children are doing intensive research into Water and sustainability. Linda Cook and Sharon Quinn are taking 8 senior students, who will represent their peers, to present at the Kids Teaching Kids Conference in Melbourne in October this year. Exciting times!!!!

### Kid's Lit Quiz

Year 6 children, Ella Cooney, Edie Sharman, Zahedyn Cutler and Kinnon Broekhuizen represented our school in the Kid's Lit Quiz held at Southwell School. There were 65 teams representing the Waikato-Bay of Plenty region. This was all about the sport of reading and involved 10 quizzes on different themes around a wide range of literature. Our team did really well and earned 64.5 points.

*Congratulations to the very many children who have been selected for trials in their various codes. And thank you to the coaches and managers of our 20 sports teams – it's your great coaching that gets our children to this level.*



## Pukeko Preschool – June 2017

Some of our families are taking part in a University research project about rural children and their empathy for animals. Halimah has been coming in once a week with books and joining us in the forest as the children search for small critters. Nola brought in her dog called Zulu who has three legs, Halimah brought in rabbits and we also had guinea pigs thanks to Ben Newman. We've also got a calf coming to visit us next week.

We celebrated Pink Shirt Day on 26 May, by wearing pink and making pink cupcakes. Our focus for the day was 'looking after others'.

A few spaces have opened up with children going off to school. If you have friends who are looking for childcare or new people moving on to your farms please let them know about our wonderful community centre where children come first not fees. Brochures available.



### 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](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'.

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# TAUWHARE PLAYGROUP

Tauwhare Playgroup has really picked up the pace this term. I feel like we're all All Blacks playing in the World Cup and every test (or should I say session) holds huge merit, reward and a big social standing. Perhaps the kids are the All Blacks and we are the half time assist with water and oranges, injury prevention, encouraging stamina and giving words of wisdom until full time. Whatever the analogy, it's working.

We've been busy planning, talking, rousing excitement and helping each other to perform as a group. A lot of discussion has gone into giving the kids variety and experiences to grow, how we can keep things new and interesting for our children but also ourselves. When choosing activities, we've been thinking about the experiences our little people will have, creating opportunities to use fine motor skills, messy play, experiment with textures and ways of introducing other development into the group. The super mums of Tauwhare are learning just as much as their offspring.

In recent times, we celebrated Mother's Day; Layla poured her heart and soul into hosting such an awesome and interactive session. We were all given canvases which we then helped the kids dip their hands and feet into paint and onto canvas to resemble a rainbow-like bouquet of flowers. It was so simple yet effective and an awesome keepsake for all mums. And after the canvassing was done some of the tots went on to create Picasso like masterpieces on both paper, skin and other random objects and they had a ball.

Then came bubble-mania! Sheena spent weeks on end rounding up bubble machines and all sorts of crafts to make our own bubble wands. The bubbles were insane, the kids danced, jumped and went back for more and just as we thought the fun was over Sheena created another amazing concoction. Said concoction was shaving cream and food colouring mixed with a beater which turned into this insane tub of bright fluffy bubbly goodness that the kids lathered themselves up in from head to toe. It was fantastic, ha, all of it, the mess and the fun.



The photos don't do it justice. Just the sheer joy of the kids cutting lose was well worth it.



In coming weeks, we will have a music season with Karina Hart, indulge in some Matariki goodness and have a term trip lined up for the crew. So, I guess you could say we're all just busy living life in the mum lane and having a bit of along the way. Come join us, we've got lots of new friends and we have room for more. If you know any of families making the move to the area with annual farm change over, be sure to tell them too. We base our group out of the Tauwhare School hall from 9am every Thursday, so we're easy to find.

**For more Playgroup adventures tune in next time and for regular updates search for Tauwhare Playgroup on Facebook.**



# TAUWHARE INDOOR BOWLING CLUB

Welcome to all readers of our Club's news for April/May.

Our Open Triples tournament in April was an enjoyable evening with Bev Meads' Tauwhare team winning the night. Grateful thanks to all our members for setting up the hall, raffle donations, supper and cleaning up the hall at the end of the evening. Special thanks to Delia for supervising the raffle table. The Eastern Rinks Championship winners, 2017 were J Arnold's Tauwhare team. They were also winners in 2016 – which makes it 2-in-a-row.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> round of the Gruben Cup vs Hamilton Red resulted in a loss for Eastern. B Meads, R Arnold and R Bargh were in the team. And the news just got fantastic! B Meads and R Arnold were in the winning team in the Waikato Rinks Championship. Well done! Good luck to J & R Arnold and B Meads who are travelling to Taupo to play in the NZ National Championships in June.

## **Results:**

### **20 April 2017 – Open Triples Tournament**

- Winners B Meads, E Morris, G Goodare
- Runners Up Taupiri team
- Top Tauwhare Team R Bargh, I Spencer, J Cottle

### **27 April 2017 – Family Night**

- Winners R Bargh, P Stanaway, Ruben
- Runners Up R Arnold, D Appleton, Mills

### **4 May 2017 – Rinks Championship**

- Winners R Coxon, J Bargh, R Arnold, K McNally
- Runners Up B Meads, C Olsen, J Cottle, G Singers-Rutz

### **11 May 2017 – Pairs Championship**

- Winners J Bargh, E Morris
- Runners Up P Stanaway, C Olsen

### **18 May 2017 – Club Night**

- Winners I Spencer, L Verner
- Runners Up R Coxon, E Morris

## **Upcoming Events**

June 8 <sup>th</sup>	Club Night
June 13 <sup>th</sup>	Club Night
June 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Singles Championship <b>7PM START</b>
June 29 <sup>th</sup>	Mens & Ladies Singles <b>7PM START</b>
July 6 <sup>th</sup>	Club Night

## **Out and About**

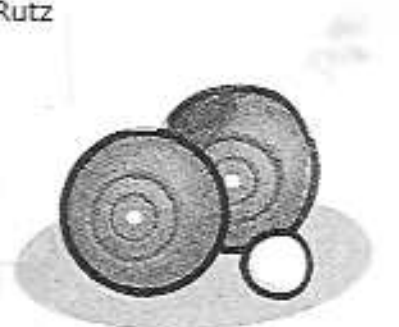
1 <sup>st</sup> May 2017	St Paul's Seddon Park Open Rinks Winners – J Arnold, B Meads, R Arnold, K McNally
28 <sup>th</sup> April 2017	Eastern Rinks Championship Winners – J Arnold, B Meads, R Bargh, R Arnold
13 <sup>th</sup> May 2017	Waikato Championship Fours B Arnold, B Meads, R Arnold, L Arnold

Tauwhare's annual match with Matangi for the Burnside Trophy was won by Matangi

New members and visitors are always welcome

- **Contact R Bargh** Phone 824 1819

**Good bowling everyone.**



# IN YOUR GARDEN



## What is the hidden meaning of your favourite rose colour?

Throughout history, different rose colours have held different meanings. Although selective breeding allows roses to come in almost every colour today, roses in the wild only grow in reds, whites, yellows and pinks. When you choose a rose plant either for yourself or others, be aware of the hidden symbolism each rose colour carries.

- Red roses let someone special know that you deeply appreciate and love them. Red roses are associated with love, romance, passion and beauty.
- Traditionally used as wedding flowers, white roses symbolise purity, innocence and unity. White roses are also associated with reverence and are often used as a gesture of remembrance.
- Yellow roses are associated with platonic love, joy and appreciation. Throughout history they have been recognised as a symbol of friendship.

Dark pink roses are associated with gratitude and celebration; mid pink roses symbolise admiration, elegance and gentleness; and pale pink roses are associated with sympathy.

## Roses named after famous people

Many people have had roses named after them to honour and celebrate their lives and Roach's for Roses stocks a choice selection of these beautiful namesakes. Russian ballet dancer Anna Pavlova and Winston Churchill, former Prime Minister of the UK, have roses named after them. Eleanor Roosevelt has a rose named after her called Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Princess Diana has a rose named after her, called Princess of Wales. This Hybrid Tea shrub rose is lightly fragrant and has beautiful, long stems. This rose flowers continuously throughout spring and early summer and was developed in 1998 by Zary.

Sir Edmund Hillary has a climbing rose named after him. This rose is a fragrant plant with blooms of pure white with a golden centre.

New Zealand singer Hayley Westenra gives her name to a bush rose with double shades of apricot and highlights of cream and peach. Claude Monet has a Hybrid Tea rose named after him, with big yellow and pink blooms. This hardy rose resists diseases and is striking in appearance.

Roach's Nurseries sell weed free, bark free, mushroom compost. It is available by the tractor bucket load or in bags. It is the best compost money can buy.



*Happy gardening everyone*

*Mike Roach*

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## SCAM WARNING

Hi Residents of Eureka

I've recently noticed a rise in the number of clients telling me they've had a random call from someone with a foreign accent telling them they've got a security or other issue with their computer.

Here's how the scam works:

They call you (sometimes bounced through a NZ landline number) and tell you there's a security or other problem with your computer.

- If you capitulate, they tell you to do a bunch of things on your computer, which gives them access.
- They then access your computer and do some stuff on screen, while in the background installing a programme which they can use to control your computer at a later point.
- They tell you they can fix the problem, but it'll cost X amount of money.
- If you don't pay, they'll bombard you with calls telling you the problem is still there and they need to fix it.
- If you ignore this, they use the tool they installed to lock your computer so you can't use it - typically after a certain period of time, like a month.

If you or anyone you know has gone along with their instructions, you need your computer checked out pronto. Feel free to call me on 021 1348576.

If not, here's the best way to deal with these critters:

1. Record the phone call and take down the phone number if you can.
2. After stringing them along for a minute or two, tell them you know they're a scammer and hang up on them.
3. Don't answer any further calls from them.
4. Report the incident to your phone service provider, or to Spark (<https://store.spark.co.nz/forms/s/phone-scam-report>).

Obviously if you've called someone for computer support, that's different. Unsolicited calls about your computer are always scams.

From the reports I've been getting, looks like Waikato in particular is targeted at the moment. The more that our people can mislead and annoy these people, and get their numbers blocked, the more likely it is the scammers will stop this.

Matt Bentley

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A SCAM is a relatively modern term for describing a dishonest scheme or a fraud. Over the centuries there have been many other descriptions for this such as racket, trick, diddle, con, flim flam, gyp, kite, ramp, twist, hustle, grift, shakedown, bunco, boondoggle and rort. A person who uses a scam is a dishonest swindler or fraudster. Scams are deceptive, uninvited contacts or promises designed to trick you into giving away your money or your personal information.

Here are just a few of the many different types of SCAMS: Dating and Romance; Investment; Upfront Money; Online Auction; Computer Hacking; Betting Schemes; Employment; Holiday; Mail Order; Rent; Get Rich Quick; Nigerian Fee, Prize Notification; Phishing; and Mobile Phone SCAMS.

The following organisations can arm you with a great deal more detailed information about SCAMS and how to **AVOID** and report them. Important advice on what to do after being SCAMMED is also available.

 <b>CONSUMER AFFAIRS</b> <b>MANATŪ KAIHOKOHOKO</b>  <a href="http://www.consumeraffairs.govt.nz/scams">http://www.consumeraffairs.govt.nz/scams</a>	The Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment's Consumer Affairs website contains excellent information about scams.
 <p>reporting txt SPAM is free &amp; easy</p>  <p>THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS Te Tari Toiwhenua</p> <a href="http://www.dia.govt.nz/Services-Anti-Spam-Reported-Scams">http://www.dia.govt.nz/Services-Anti-Spam-Reported-Scams</a>	The Department of Internal Affairs contains a comprehensive information regarding SCAMS, reporting, and protection.
  <a href="http://www.police.govt.nz/advice/email-and-internet-safety/internet-scams-spam-and-fraud">http://www.police.govt.nz/advice/email-and-internet-safety/internet-scams-spam-and-fraud</a>	NZ Police information regarding Internet SCAMS, SPAM and FRAUD.



## TASTE BUDS

Some great easy winter warmers for the colder days and nights

### Curried Kumara Soup

75 grams butter  
2 Cloves garlic  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  - 1 tsp curry powder  
500grams kumara  
1  $\frac{1}{2}$  cups water  
2 tsp inst. Chicken stock  
About 3 cups milk  
 $\frac{1}{4}$  cup cream (optional)



Add the crushed garlic and curry powder to the butter in a large saucepan.  
Peel kumara and slice in 1 cm thick slices.  
Cook in the butter without browning, for 1 – 2 minutes then add water.  
Cover and cook for 10 minutes until tender.  
Stir in the chicken stock, then puree, thinning with milk.  
Add the cream and reheat without boiling.

### Chicken Casserole

1 cooked Chicken  
1 tin of raw mushrooms  
1 onion  
Celery  
1 tsp curry powder.  
1 packet Maggi chicken soup  
1 small tin of pineapple pieces  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  green pepper  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  grated carrot  
Garlic



Break up chicken off bones and add rest of ingredients.  
Increase liquid to cover with chicken stock or water.  
Thicken with cornflour if necessary.

### Flaked Rice Fluff

3 tbsp flaked rice  
2 tsp sugar  
2 cups milk  
1 egg

Heat milk and rice together until it thickens. Add sugar and egg yolk beaten together with a little milk and heat (do not boil). Beat egg whites until stiff and fold into cooked mixture. Serve with stewed fruit. Semolina, sago etc can be substituted in this recipe.

(thanks to Margaret Knauf "Mum's Classics" for these recipes.)

## ON THE LIGHTER SIDE!!

### JUST A MUM?

A woman, renewing her driver's license at the County Clerk's office, was asked by the woman recorder to state her occupation. She hesitated, uncertain how to classify herself. 'What I mean is,' explained the recorder, 'do you have a job or are you just a ...?' 'Of course I have a job,' snapped the woman. 'I'm a Mum.' 'We don't list 'Mum' as an occupation, 'housewife' covers it,' said the recorder emphatically. I forgot all about her story until one day I found myself in the same situation, this time at our own Town Hall.

The Clerk was obviously a career woman, poised, efficient, and possessed of a high sounding title like, 'Official Interrogator' or 'Town Registrar.' 'What is your occupation?' she probed. What made me say it? I do not know. The words simply popped out 'I'm a Research Associate in the field of Child Development and Human Relations.'

The clerk paused, ball-point pen frozen in midair and looked up as though she had not heard right. I repeated the title slowly emphasizing the most significant words. Then I stared with wonder as my pronouncement was written in bold, black ink on the official questionnaire

'Might I ask,' said the clerk with new interest, 'just what you do in your field?' Coolly, without any trace of fluster in my voice, I heard myself reply, 'I have a continuing program of research, (what mother doesn't) in the laboratory and in the field, (normally I would have said indoors and out). I'm working for my Masters, (first the Lord and then the whole family) and already have four credits (all daughters). Of course, the job is one of the most demanding in the humanities, (any mother care to disagree?) and I often work 14 hours a day, (24 is more like it). But the job is more challenging than most run-of-the-mill careers and the rewards are more of a satisfaction rather than just money.' There was an increasing note of respect in the clerk's voice as she completed the form, stood up, and personally ushered me to the door.

As I drove into our driveway, buoyed up by my glamorous new career, I was greeted by my lab assistants -- ages 13, 7, and 3. Upstairs I could hear our new experimental model, (a 6 month old baby) in the child development program, testing out a new vocal pattern. I felt I had scored a beat on bureaucracy and I had gone on the official records as someone more distinguished and indispensable to mankind than 'just another Mum.' Motherhood! What a glorious career! Especially, when there's a title on the door. Does this make grandmothers 'Senior Research associates in the field of Child Development and Human Relations' and great grandmothers 'Executive Senior Research Associates?' I think so!!! ;  
I also think it makes Aunts 'Associate Research Assistants.'



## NEWS FROM YOUR WAIKATO DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Every two years **Waikato District Mayoral Awards** are presented, recognising volunteers and residents who have made a significant contribution to their community.

The 2017 award ceremony was held recently and this year awards were presented to eleven district residents including Barry Mayall from Eureka and Ivan and Delia Pizzini from Tauwhare. It was a privilege to see Barry, Ivan and Delia being recognised for the contribution they have each made, and are still making, to their respective communities.



In January this year Council successfully applied to the Ministry of Social Development for funding to support youth action groups and for young people to mentor each other. "Govern Up" is a programme that will allow young people in communities to join a local youth action group to develop and use leadership skills and to participate in youth-led projects and events. Forty-seven young people are already participating out of a target of 60. A key challenge for Council's Youth Engagement Advisor Shannon Kelly has been to service a larger geographical area with the youth action groups tending to be based around the larger towns in the district with established youth networks. At this time, we have no youth action group in the southern end of the district and Shannon has had little or minimal relationship building with our communities, schools and young people. We hope to use the information from existing groups to help us create youth groups and further leadership opportunities for young people.

I have just received the latest **Expressway newsletter** from NZTA which mentions that *the first of the bridge beams will be put in place later this month. The Gordonton Road bridge will have 16 beams, each one 31 metres long, weighing 50 tonnes. It will be the first bridge completed on the Hamilton Section and should be open to traffic around August this year. Earthworks will recommence in October 2017 and by that stage the bridges on Osborne Road, Gordonton Road, Morrinsville and Matangi Roads will be finished. The bridges are completed early to allow the dumptrucks and earthmoving equipment to move earth from one site to the next going under or over local roads and railtracks.*

You can read the Expressway newsletters online at <http://www.nzta.govt.nz/assets/projects/hamilton/hamilton-section-project-update-may-2017>

In March I enjoyed another visit to the **Hamilton Gardens** with members of my extended family, some of whom had not been to the gardens for many years. They were amazed at the transformation since their last visit in the '90s.



The Friends of Hamilton Gardens are holding their second Matariki Manu Tukutuku - **Kite Flying Day on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2017** from 11:30am - 2:30pm at the Turtle Lake Hill, Hamilton Gardens (Car Park 1)

There will be kite flying demonstrations, free kites and kite-making for children, or bring your own kites and join in the fun. Sausage sizzle, or pack a picnic. Everyone welcome.



You may also like to become a **Friend of Hamilton Gardens**. As a friend you will be invited to attend private garden unveilings, receive invitations for behind-the-scenes tours of the gardens under development, receive discounts at local retailers and invitations to special events. For more information please call the Hamilton Gardens Information Centre on 07 838 6782 or go to <http://hamiltongardens.co.nz/friends>

Have you visited **Woodlands at Gordonton**? On Whitikahu Road, this historic estate, owned by the Waikato District, has a Garden of National Significance and there is no cost to wander through the extensive gardens. There is a small charge to enter the homestead; a café near the homestead is open 7 days a week. The Woodlands Trust have recently installed a fountain in the middle of the circular lawn in front of the homestead.



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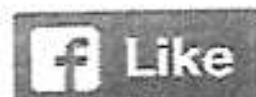
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