

EUREKA EXPRESS

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Ladies Night

7:30pm, Friday, 8th September 2017
Eureka Hall



DUE TO POPULAR DEMAND LADIES NIGHT IS BACK! The fabulous stalls from previous years will be back **PLUS** more. Just a taste of who will be there...

- The Beauty House
- Rosecraft Knitting & Crochet
- Traditional Kiwi
- Rawleighs
- Jamberry
- Norwex
- Nutrimetics
- Enjo
- Ultimo

All Ladies Welcome

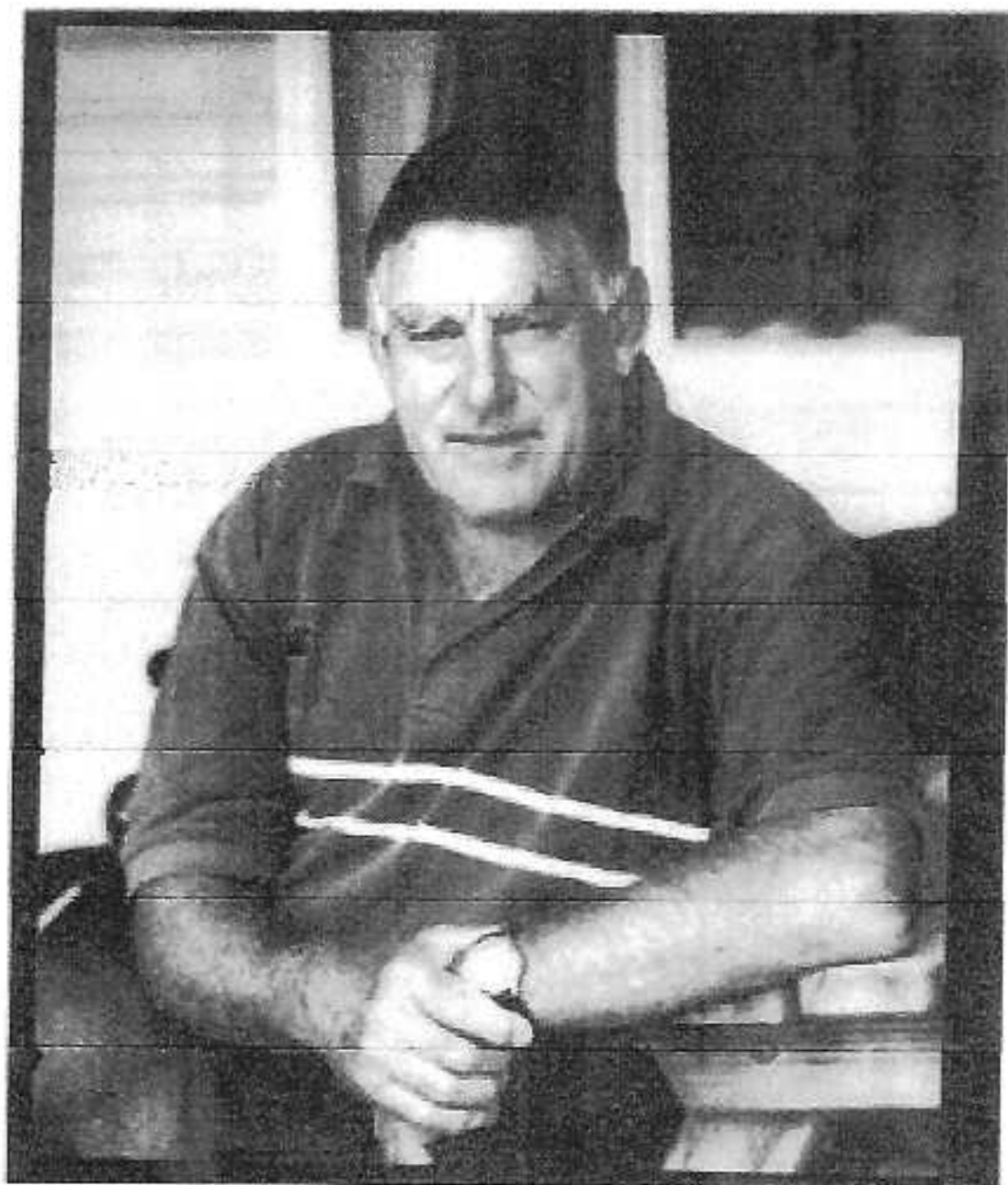
You will receive a complimentary glass of wine on arrival and there will also be some finger food available. **AND...** everyone that shows up goes in a free draw to win prizes from our stall holders, there will be 1 prize from each supplier so you have good chance to go home with a prize.

This is an evening for ladies - free from husbands and children! There is no pressure to buy so just come along and enjoy and night out!

Put a note in your diary now for the 8th September 2017 and...

Bring A Friend, Or Two, OR Even Three
For A Great Night Out

Sir Colin Meads



3 June 1936 to 20 Aug 2017

EDITORIAL

Hello to all Eureka Residents,

I was asked to write a guest editorial and I had said I would, but thought I will get my wife Glenys to write it, but she said no, she then reminded me that she did an editorial back in 2012. I was told to get pen to paper, so here we go.

We have now been living in Hooper Road for nearly 27 years and there are still a couple of neighbours down our road who were here when we moved in.

We have a house on a one-acre block which we find is enough land to raise a beast which we raise for our own use, getting the home kill truck in once a year. We have done up and enlarged the house over the years while raising 4 children, who have now moved out, got married or are flatting. We have been on our own for quite a while now except for the time when a couple of the kids have returned whilst in between flats, but I hope that is all behind us now.

Kimber's farm, which surrounds us, was sold about 3 years ago and we were a bit nervous whether it was going to be split up into smaller blocks with more houses around us, but thankfully it was retained as a dairy farm and we are blessed with beautiful views of the paddocks.

A bit about myself, I have been working as a Plumber for the same firm in Hamilton since 1970, the only job I have ever had, so I suppose it must be the best job I have ever had. Plumbing is like most jobs, it has its good and bad days. Quite a number of years ago I bought into the firm as a shareholder and I am planning to retire and sell my shares in July 2019. It will seem very strange not going to work after 49 and a half years with same firm.



I am still involved with the Minis Waikato Club and we enjoy outings with the club members in our minis.

I also enjoy racing my race mini at National events, during the summer months at race tracks like Pukekohe, Hampton Downs, Taupo and Manfield. I hope to be involved with the racing for quite a few more years yet.

During the winter months, I sometime take my Peugeot 106 down to the Taupo track for the Clubman Winter series.

The photos are of my race mini at Taupo and our yellow mini you might see cruising through the village from time to time.



It has been enjoyable living in Hooper Road, as I was raised on the family farm in Matangi and I have always enjoyed the sounds and smells of farming and with good neighbours to top it off we are not planning to move on for quite a few years yet or not until we are needing to down size.

Cheers for now

Colin Middlemiss

SNIPPETS



WELCOME TO EUREKA

- On Morrinsville Road, opposite Hooper Road, it is a big hello to Paul and Elizabeth Farnum, granddad Dave, and daughter Charlotte, who have moved to the country from Morrinsville where Paul, who is now retired, used to teach Agriculture at Morrinsville College. A warm welcome to you all.
- Also on Morrinsville Road, it is another big hello to Brendon McMillan and Bridget Duncan who purchased Denise Irvine's property. From central Hamilton both are excited to start their new adventure in Eureka. Brendon is a civil engineer and Bridget is an AB technician. They have Max the dog, and two cats, Blue and Berry, and Adele who is Brendon's sister. A warm welcome to you all too.

\$1 BOOK FAIR

Friday 22 to Sunday 24 September

9am to 6pm

EUREKA HALL



Morrinsville Country Music Club Inc.

Presents the

2017 Annual Spectacular Show

Saturday 16th September Morrinsville College Hall

Matinee 1:30pm \$20

Evening 8pm \$25

(Under 16 \$10)

Featuring:

The Howie Morrison Trio, Hannah Cosgrove, James Ray, Jeremy & Ryan, Doris Trubshaw, Peter Caulton, Keith Pereria, The Reidy Sisters, Rebecca Caffyn

NZ RUGBY UNDER 20 WORLD CUP

Sheryll and I have always enjoyed watching Saturday sports, firstly our own children and now the Grandchildren. This was taken to a new level in 2017 when Ryan Coxon, Karla and Gavin's eldest son, with Waikato under 19 won a National Tournament in Taupo. He was then selected for higher honours after two training camps to attend the Oceania Tournament on the Gold Coast, Australia. This was contested by NZ, Australia, Samoa and Fiji. A great family time as Karla's family, ourselves and Leanne joining for a few days as well. The Browns from Tauwhare also showed up for 1 game to watch nephew Ryan.

New Zealand won this tournament quite easily. During the journey, we learned about the commitment these players must make in life to play rugby at this level. A strict diet, little or no alcohol, full days of training, reviews and strategy sessions. The support at this level is huge and a great environment for a 19-year-old to be in. This group is under NZ Rugby with staff (and there was plenty) coming from potential All Black training groups. This is a way to the All Blacks for players, coaches and support staff. Players are not paid but well looked after with all gear, travel, food and living expenses paid.

After the Australia trip a nail biting few days to await the final selection for the Under 20's World Cup in Georgia near Russia! The teams take 5 props so odds improve a little and Ryan scored two tries in Australia so we thought a reasonable chance. YES – Ryan Coxon was named in the squad. Ryan's plans all made for him of course, all he needed was to be in Hamilton one Sunday morning.

Decision time for us. Do we or don't we go. Karla and Gavin decided not to go. We decided to take the opportunity! Three days later we had flights, accommodation and a European river cruise booked! The quickest trip we have ever planned. Departure was about three weeks away. We would stay home for the first and second round Robin games and arrive for NZ V Ireland. This would allow some time to help new incoming Sharemilker settle in. We watched NZ V Scotland with friends at home on May 31, a good win 42-20. Ryan started and had a good game, I thought.

A good win over Italy 26-0 in the second game. The next day we joined Qatar airlines Boeing 777 on the longest commercial flight, Auckland to Doha, 17.5hrs long! It seems amazing to go that far on one tank of fuel. I had to go to Google to check. 315 tonnes of fuel at take off and arrive with 9 tonnes to spare!

A 6 ½ hour wait at Doha airport, an amazing place to spend some time. This gave us time to check emails etc. One message we received left us a little deflated. Ryan was injured in the last play of the NZ v Italy game. That went unnoticed due to the game ending. The result – ACL damage to the left knee and he was out of the Tournament!

Our second flight of 5 1/2 hours took us all the way to Tbilisi, the capital of Georgia. This country was ruled by USSR for 70 years until 1991. All has not been smooth and stable since with the odd revolution and Government instability. All good at present with Tourism growing rapidly – good standard of accommodation, food and travel. Georgia is an Agricultural Country with a large wine industry. Standards are low in all aspects compared to NZ. Wine is simply red or white, sweet or dry!

Georgia has a population of 5m, Tbilisi a population of 1.5m, both similar to NZ and Auckland.

We overnighted in Tbilisi having a good walk around after long travels and we were to return here for the final games of the Tournament. The next morning we travel to Kutaisi in mid Georgia where we were to watch NZ V Ireland. Later this day we met up with Ryan and other Kiwi supporters which is great. Chris and Lisa Jacobson from Cambridge among them. We were expecting a closer game against Ireland but another easy win 69 – 3 in 30°C heat.

We now have time to catch our breath and able to meet Ryan a couple of times before he heads home to allow a replacement player to join the team.



This part of Europe was settled some 5000 years ago. It seems they have been invaded by Turkey and Russia many times over the centuries. Both cities we visited had rivers running through the middle. Both rivers were heavily silted and fast flowing. We visited caves, walked Okatse Canyon, with an overhung walkway bolted to the rock wall – 150m to the bottom. Young people spoke pretty good English but the older generation were not so good. Religion is Russian Orthodox Christianity with many fine churches on surrounding hill tops. Food was very cheap – average about \$30 for dinner for two with a couple of drinks. Taxis are also cheap but drivers are crazy! I usually self-drive on our travels but chose not to here – a great decision.

Back to Tbilisi for semi and final games – crunch time! Eng v S.A. and then NZ v France. Two very good games England beating South Africa with a very close game. Our boys played a magnificent first half to be ahead 29-0 at half time then 36-0 early in the second half. The French then came back at us (or our boys rested) with four tries, to score 26 unanswered points. Our 15-strong support team was very vocal at this time. Final score 39-26. A win is a win and so off to the final. Finals Day

- Scotland beat Australia 24-17 for 5th and 6th – a great result
- South Africa 37 beat France 15 for 3rd and 4th
- NZ 64 beat England 17 for 1st and 2nd.

A great day and a great celebration. Great to be part of this great team of young men.

We went to town to celebrate the win with our new kiwi friends. We walked home at 1 am to be ready for a 3am pickup to the airport to fly to Germany to join a 7-day Danube river cruise. Yes, we did make it.

Keep encouraging these kids into Saturday sports. You never know where you might end up.

Ryan Coxon is now playing for Tasman Makos in the ITM Cup. He is No3 when he is not injured! He is now recovering from a ham string injury sustained during a warm up match against Wellington and hopes to be recovered ready to play this Sunday against Waikato.

Brian Gordon

UPCOMING EVENT

BODY, SPIRIT, WELLNESS EXPO

SATURDAY OCTOBER 7TH

10AM – 5PM

EUREKA HALL, HUNTER ROAD
EUREKA



Crystals

Acupuncture

Aura Photography

Spirit Art

Psychic Readings

Salt Lamps

Books

Aromatherapy

Reiki

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Gold coin entry

Email gorr@xtra.co.nz

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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

New Players always welcome. Racquets available.

From about 8 years upwards.

Come along and give it a try

For further information please phone Bryce on 829 5398

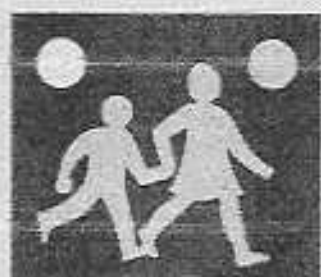
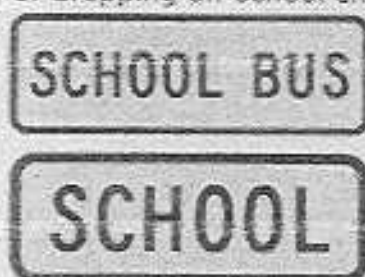


SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

School bus signs

The signs below will be displayed on school buses. If a school bus has stopped you must slow down and drive at 20km/h or less until you are well past (no matter which direction you are coming from) if:

- the bus displays a school bus sign on which the lights are flashing, or
- the bus displays a school bus sign (with or without flashing lights) and has stopped for the purpose of picking up or dropping off school children.



Note: you may also see 'Kura', the Māori word for school, on a bus.

Police will strictly enforce a 4km/h tolerance of the posted speed limit outside schools, kindergartens and play centres during high-use times. This will apply within 250 metres of the boundaries on each side of the school.

School zones

Some schools display signs that are turned on before and after school and other times such as lunchtime:



This sign will be displayed at the start of the school zone. If the 40 is visible and the yellow lights are flashing, the maximum speed is 40km/h until the zone ends.

RAINFALL

Weather for July 2017		
Rainfall total July	130mm	
Rain Total for year	908	
Rainy days	22	
Most daily rainfall	17mm	27 July
Highest wind speed	40.2km/hr	13 July
Temp high	19.3 C	18 July
Temp low	-1.9 C	30 July





Accomplished Learners Striving for Success in Tomorrow's World

New Zealand River Story Awards: Congratulations on being a 2017 River Story finalist.

Exciting news!!!!!!

This year the New Zealand River Story awards recognise and celebrate the contribution of young people. The Cawthron Foundation has identified stories where individuals, groups, businesses and communities are working together to make a difference to the health of our rivers and streams. There are many inspiring stories about projects that involve community collaboration, science and other innovative ways to address freshwater-related challenges. They saw evidence of social, financial, and environmental success – and our project demonstrates many of the qualities they want to celebrate. They identified eight finalist projects throughout New Zealand, with ours being the only one in the Waikato region. While we didn't make it into the top 3 we are still very proud our work is being recognised. Well done to Mrs Cook and Mrs Keyser, our Lead Teachers for Enviro Schools, and all of the children involved.

COMMUNITY OF LEARNING (COL) LEAD PRINCIPAL

I am excited to say I have been appointed Lead Principal to lead our Hillcrest Kahui Ako. This is a great opportunity for me personally, and I thank our Board of Trustees and my staff for their support in this. This work sits alongside my work as Principal of Tauwhare School.

There are 9 schools in our COL: Hillcrest High School, Berkley Middle School, Hillcrest Primary, Silverdale, Tamahere, Newstead, Matangi, 7th Day Adventist and Tauwhare. All 9 Principals will be working to strengthen learning for priority learners throughout their school years. Our Vision is: **Success Today, Success Tomorrow, Success Together.**

A Moment in Time by Cassie Keyser Yr 3

"Cassie!" Mum called, "Are you ready?"

Our family drove to the Palmers shop. My family was looking at some furniture, well I was looking at the toys. Suddenly I saw a sunglass stand. I touched just one sunglass when... Crack! Bam! Boom!

Dad just looked away, he knew what had happened. ☹️ I BROKE! THE! SUNGLASS! STAND!

I was terrified and Imbarressed. I had never felt so scared in my life.

Mum helped the ladys fix it up.

I was sitting in the corner crying. Abbi rubbed my back and said: everything is okay. It made me put a smile on my face once more.

Goodbye Grandma by Xavier Knight Yr 6

The vast rows of friends, family and mates gathered at Whangamata to witness my grandma Raewyn Pratt's funeral. The silent sobs echoed amongst the endless rows. Mum, Dad, Nanny, Grandad, Grandma Ringa, Murray and Clifford were the coffin bearers. They slowly stumbled into the room. Everyone fell silent and watched grandma go.

There was a gathering of photos displayed on the whiteboard, mostly of the times before I was born. The photos showed the happy ones and the dull ones. We all watched as the tears welled up inside. The sad memories played over and over in my mind. I couldn't overcome what had happened.

Heavy tears slid down my tear stained cheeks. I knew my emotions were getting the best of me. Dad and Mum joined us. We huddled in silence, our heads down low as we remember her last day and a devastating phone call. "She went in her sleep," Dad said, "The day after her birthday."

The hearse arrived minutes later for the collection. We sprinkled flowers over the polished coffin that was being loaded into the hearse, then said our goodbyes. I closed my eyes and thought it's better off this way. I opened my eyes. As the hearse drove off, I whispered, "Goodbye Grandma."

PUKEKO PRESCHOOL – August 2017

Thanks to the parents and community members who attended our AGM in August.

Our Trust Board members for 2017/2018 are:

Emma Elliot (Chairperson)
Kim Garland (Treasurer)
Layla Rawnsley (Secretary)
Pippa Berry-Cope (Grants and Fundraising)
Suzanne Collis (Fundraising events)
Talia Neels (Staff Liaison)
Viv MacDonald (Trust Board Member)

We thank Pam Hunter for her hard work on the Trust Board over the past year. Pam's children are all at school now but she hopes to still be involved with the preschool, and she's really keen to see the new centre built.

We are making good progress towards our new building. A call has gone out for anyone who may be able to help us with this project. If anyone has services or knowledge (e.g. local electricians, plumbers, roofers etc) that could help us make our new centre a reality, and you'd like to be involved, please see Emma. At this stage, we are looking at starting before the end of the year.

We have some special visitors at preschool right now, thanks to the Newman family. George and Spotty are being looked after very carefully by the children.



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. 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



With the cold wet weather, Tauwhare playgroup has been staying warm and dry in the multipurpose room. But that hasn't stopped us from participating in some big play. We have had an obstacle course to challenge us physically and exploring how our bodies move. The children lead the exploration of the course, stopping at each station (not necessary in the course order) to play and design other ways to use the equipment.

We have also made life-sized painting of ourselves. We taped bubble wrap to our feet stomped paint onto our tracings. This is wonderful way to explore textures, colours and mess. (Yes, Mrs Bradley, it all got cleaned up, you wouldn't have known the mess had you not walked in)

But there is always a chance for some more quiet relaxed play with playdough (and who doesn't like squeezing playdough in their hands, or rolling it into balls?). Because we all need quiet down time to balance the busyness of other areas of our lives.

Introducing another **Super Mum of Tauwhare Playgroup**, my name is Sheena and I have a 17month old daughter. I've been coming to playgroup from the end of term 1 this year. Before that I was always interested in reading in the local newsletters what was happening in the playgroup sessions. At the time that I started attending there was the opportunity to become involved in planning the sessions, despite not knowing the running's of playgroup, I took on the challenge and have loved meeting new families, and planning activities and outings for us all. I come to playgroup so that my daughter can interact with other children and provide the opportunity to learn from the older children. Another benefit is that as a group we can do "messy play" activities that you don't really want to do at home. Not only does the activity last longer than it would at home but the carpet/walls/furniture stay free of children's art!!

Tauwhare Playgroup meets every Thursday morning from 9am, at Tauwhare School's multipurpose room.

The place that rose from the swamp



By Sue Edmonds

Have you ever wondered why, in a region largely defined by Maaori names (and correct spellings), there's a place where the Greek name was made famous by a mathematician getting into a bath?

There are several 'legends' about how Eureka was named, but the more I thought about how the district came to be, the more appropriate it seemed.

The area was originally part of the enormous acreage 'confiscated' from local Maaori for disagreeing with the British colonisers who wanted to 'settle' on it. But while it might sometime make great farmland, at the time most of it was covered in water, and known as the Great Piako Swamp.

Well there's always a determined entrepreneur somewhere about and this one was named Captain William Steele. With others, including a friendly lawyer and an MP, he persuaded the Crown to sell them 86,502 acres (34,600 ha) of this wilderness in 1874. They had formed a company called initially the New Zealand Land Association. At five shillings, an acre it represented a purchase price of £21,635 (pounds). But one of the conditions of the sale was for the buyers to construct 25 miles (40 kilometres) of road across the Swamp, and if this could be managed, then the Crown would refund two shillings and sixpence an acre towards the cost.

The job was mind boggling. With shovels, spades and wheelbarrows, newly recruited immigrants dug enormous drains, some measuring 3.5 metres wide at the top, 2 metres at the bottom and 3 metres deep. To be able to camp on dry land, the workers (many unsuited to hard physical labour) often had to walk 2 kilometres to get to the worksite. But their efforts eventually turned 91,250 acres (36,500 ha) into good agricultural land. It's nice to think that some of those workers earned enough to buy parcels of it to live on.

There aren't many hilly areas around the old swamp. As work progressed the company began looking for a good, and presumably dry site for its headquarters. There are two 'legends' arising from this. One is that Captain Steele, while riding out with a group, reached the top of a singular hill and announced 'Eureka, I have found it!' The second, much more romantic, is that on 1 July 1875 a group had a picnic on the same hill, held a discussion on what the area should be called, and formed the name Eureka from the initials of the women present.

Whether either is 'true' doesn't matter. What is interesting is that when Archimedes got into his bath the water level rose. When the Eureka Estate and later the Eureka district were settled it was because the water went down!

IN MY GARDEN

CITRUS

Choose a variety

Before you get started, choose a variety suited to your garden and culinary needs.

Below are some of the citrus we sell at Roachs for \$35.00

- **Lemons** – Myer, Lisbon, Lemonade, Ben yen
- **Oranges** – Best seedless, Carters navel, Washington navel
- **Mandarins** – Satsuma, Silverhill, Encore
- **Limes** – Tahitian, Rangpur, Kaffir (Rangpur are tender to frost)
- **Grapefruit** – Golden special, Cutlers red
- **Tangelos** – Seminole
- **Tangors** - Dweet, Ugli



Prepare

Choose a suitable spot. Citrus do best in a consistently sunny environment with adequate rainfall, sheltered from cold winds

Plant



Dig a hole approximately twice the depth and width of the root ball of your tree and partly fill with mushroom compost (sold at Roach's nurseries)

Remove the tree from its bag or pot do not disturb the root system. If they are root bound cut with a knife in a downwards motion

Place the tree in the hole

Full the hole with mushroom compost ensuring the trees no deeper than it was in the bag or container

Water your tree well

Pruning

To stop your tree being a tree and instead becoming a bush (to make access to your gorgeous fruit easy), prune wisely, though probably not until the fourth year.

All the citrus trees grown at Roachs are 3 years old and live outside 24/7 so are already frost hardy with 90% of them covered in fruit.

***Fun fact** Most Mandarins are off breeds from Satsuma.

Roach's Nurseries sell weed free, bark free, Mushroom compost. Buy it in bulk or per the bag. (It's cheaper by the tractor scoop)

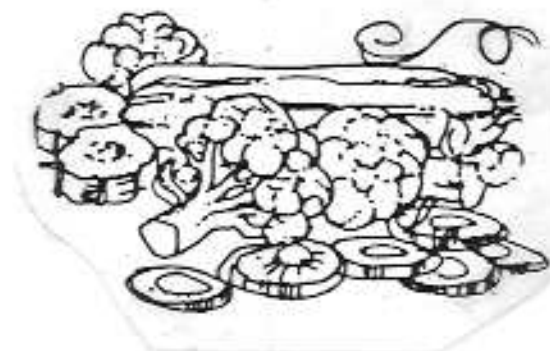
Mike Roach



TASTE BUDS

GLUTEN FREE EGGPLANT LASAGNE

500gms mince, any type
1 large/2 small eggplants
1 large onion, chopped finely
1 red capsicum
3-4 potatoes
½ cup peas
2 beef stock cubes
½ to ¾ cup water
1 good cup of grated tasty cheese
1tsp chilli out of a jar
2 cloves of garlic, crushed or fine chop
½ a blue cheese



Cook up mince, onion, water and stock cubes, chilli and garlic in a crockpot while you are at work. Turn pot off and add capsicum and peas.

Slice potatoes about ¼ inch thick and partially cook in boiling water. Slice up eggplant ¼ inch slices. Build lasagne, using mince mix and eggplants, sprinkle blue cheese on each level of mince. Finally add the potatoes on top and sprinkle the tasty cheese on top. Dress with Lemon pepper and bake at for about 30/35 minutes at 175 degrees, till golden.

Sweet Chilli Corn Cakes

4 large potatoes, peeled and chopped
2 corn cobs, kernels removed
1 egg, beaten
¼ cup(62ml) sweet chilli sauce

Bring to the boil 4 cups of water in a saucepan. Add potatoes, bring back to the boil, reduce heat and cook covered for 10mins until tender, add corn and cook for 2-3 mins. Drain. Add egg and sauce mix and then shape into 8 cakes, cook for 2-3 mins each side until golden brown in a non-stick frying pan. Delicious served with a dollop of sweet chilli mayonnaise.

Share Your Favourite Recipe With Us

Do you have a favourite recipe – maybe it is one that you created or maybe it is one that has been handed down the family. If so we would love you to share it with us and we can include it in one a future edition of the Eureka Express. Send them to editor@eurekaexpress.co.nz

Passwords p4ssw0rds pa55Word5

If I had a \$5 note for every time I retrieved or reset someone's password when they'd forgotten it or hadn't written it down, I'd have... well, about the same amount of money I have now. It can take anywhere between 1 and 10 minutes to get a password back, depending on what's required and the account in question. One problem for many users is that computers can confuse you a bit by remembering your passwords for you. I can't recall the number of times I've had a client tell me they don't have an email password – when what's actually happened is their web browser remembered it the first time they entered it, and they haven't had to remember it since.

But when your computer breaks, or software needs re-installation, you're going to need that password again. Here's a bunch of best practices for passwords and recalling them, based on my experience and the advice of security experts:

1. **Don't re-use your passwords for different accounts**, because if someone hacks one account, the first thing they'll probably do is see if they can get into other common services using that same password and the email address associated with the account. At the very least have different passwords for **important** services like banking, email and Facebook.

2. **Make your passwords long**, the more characters the better. Somewhat counter-intuitively, "\$%FG" is not as strong a password as "thebrownfoxranoverthelonghill" because of the way information theory works. You don't have to write a novel, but 8-13 characters ought to do it.

3. **Use two-factor authentication if and where possible** - typically this involves giving the service your mobile phone number, so that when you log in from a different location, it'll text you a pin on your phone that allows you to log in. This effectively means no-one can hack your account without your phone. Sometimes services will use email instead of phone.

4. **Don't record your passwords within the computer**, for example within a Word document or text file. Pen and paper is more hacker-proof :) Keep an easily-identifiable notebook or journal specifically for your user names and passwords, and clearly identify which user name/password is associated with which service. Of course, if you get robbed, you might lose it, but the same thing will happen if someone steals your computer and you have them written in there.

5. **Do write down your passwords!** If an account you own is hacked and the password is changed by the hacker, the first thing a company like google or Facebook is likely to ask for is the previous password, to prove you're the original owner. If you don't have it, things get tricky. I guarantee you that at some point in the future – even if you're closing the account – you are going to need those passwords again. If you don't have them written down, you're going to have to call in someone like me :)

So, of course, shameless plug, if you have forgotten your password, or have had an account hacked and can't get into it, give me a bell. Next time I'll be talking about backing up – when to do it, how to do it, and why.

Till then - Matt
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CO COMMENT FOR EUREKA EXPRESS

Balance Date just around the corner?

We are getting very close to that glorious time of year when sustainable pasture growth catches up with herd demand. Balance Date is upon us! However, I should qualify this by saying Balance Date can arrive as early as late August but like last year it was more like early October - the spring was that wet and cold. On average though it is around the 10th of September in the Eureka area. It is however farm and season specific and so you have to keep an eye out for the signs. If the rain would just stop pasture growth would take off.

Repro performance

Cow condition is pretty variable with the average being slightly down on usual but with a more noticeably bottom end of herds. Some recently released LIC statistics for the 2016 mating season showed Waikato farms averaged 77.5% for 3 week submission rate, a 66% for 6 week in-calf rate, a 52.8% conception rate and a 16.7% not in-calf rate. I can't see results being any better this year considering cow condition is the biggest driver of reproductive performance. Cows that are 5 – 6 weeks post calving usually start switching from body condition loss to gaining weight again so there is a bit of time before mating to recover some of the BCS losses.

New Facts & Figures Book

The new and improved Facts & Figures book has just been released. Copies can be ordered or downloaded on the DairyNZ website www.dairynz.co.nz. You will see the link on the front page of the website. It is double the size of Version 1 first published in August 2010. I'll have to admit to being a doubter when the original idea of a Facts & Figures book was floated. But I am happy to admit I was totally wrong. It has been a huge success, as a quick guide to everything dairy, for farmers and rural professionals alike. A great use of your milk levy in my view.

Jaimee Morgan

Hamilton North Consulting Officer, Jaimee Morgan, has now returned to work fulltime from maternity leave. Her number is 021 245 8055.

Phil Irvine

Regional Leader, North Waikato

DairyNZ

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Coccidia in Calves

Coccidiosis can occur wherever cattle are raised and is highly infectious. The most well-known sign of coccidiosis is **bloody diarrhoea**. However, up to 95% of infected calves show no sign of this but are still affected by this disease.

Symptoms of coccidiosis can include:

- Loss of appetite
- Reduced feed intake
- Retarded growth
- Dehydration
- Secondary infections
- Watery diarrhoea accompanied by mucus, straining and blood

Symptoms are often subtle and easily overlooked. However, damage caused to the gut surface means there is a lower feed conversion rate. This and a reduced appetite lead to retarded growth, preventing calves from reaching their full potential.

Outbreaks typically occur shortly after environmental changes such as transport and re-grouping. Severe outbreaks can occur after the removal of a coccidiostat (such as removal of meal) as coccidiostats arrest development of the oocyst but doesn't kill the parasite.

Calves from 3–6 months of age are most at risk as this is the time they are developing their immune response to coccidia.

Recognising clinical symptoms:

- Thicker dark green to blackish diarrhoea
- Presence of blood/threads of fibre/intestinal mucous in stools
- Fever
- Lack of appetite
- Abdominal pain

Diarrhoea DOES NOT have to be present. **Sub-clinical infection occurs in up to 95% of cases.**

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Treating calves BEFORE they show clinical symptoms is vital.

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NEWS FROM YOUR WAIKATO DISTRICT COUNCILLOR



As I write this article it is raining again, after a wonderful warm day on Tuesday lulled us into thinking drier weather was on its way. I feel for farmers, and the many others who work in the outdoors, who are dragging on their wet weather gear yet again – I know how exhausting this is and hope there will be some respite soon.

The wet weather continues to cause roading and infrastructure problems throughout the district but our staff and contractors are doing a great job repairing any slips and road subsidence. The weather is causing seal to break up in a lot of areas. If you see a major problem with a road etc please contact Council on-line or phone our 24-hour free phone number **0800 492 452** or contact me.

The District revaluation is happening this year. QV (Quotable Values) has again been employed to undertake this work. You can expect to receive notification of your revaluation in late October and will then have until late November to lodge an objection.

Council has been putting many hours into reviewing the District Plan. The new plan will be publicly notified in 2018 but before this happens we will consult our residents by running a series of drop-in sessions in November. I will advise the dates and venues in my next newsletter. After the plan is notified there will be a further opportunity to feedback through a formal submission and hearing process.

I have just received a press release from NZTA with an **update on the Hamilton Section of the Expressway and notice of two information evenings to be held** – You can attend either event but the difference will be that they will have specific drawings and plans on the walls for the two different areas, and the engineers attending will be the engineers for either the northern or southern areas. So, if you want to talk to the engineers managing the northern bridge builds, you need to attend the northern event, and if you want to talk to engineers managing the southern bridge builds, you need to attend the southern event. The area of main interest for Eureka residents is probably SH26 and the Ruakura interchange and this is in the southern section. If you travel to the city via Puketaha this is in the northern sector.

A busy summer is looming for the team building the Hamilton Section of the Waikato Expressway. The following is an update from Project Manager Matt Fairweather about what's coming up.

RAMPING UP FOR A BIG SUMMER

We're gearing up for a big summer of earthworks and bridge building. Our bulk earthworks season runs from October 2017 to April 2018. Dump trucks and motor scrapers are expected to move more than 1.5 million cubic metres of sand and soil this summer.

In the north, we'll build a new section of expressway from Kay Road running east of the city to Ruakura Road. This features a new bridge over Puketaha Road and a full interchange at Greenhill Road/Pardo Boulevard.

In the south, we'll build the expressway and a series of gully bridges from Morrinsville Road through to Cambridge Road.

By Christmas this year, we'll have three bridges open to traffic, and 13 more under construction. The Hamilton Section is a 'greenfields' project. That means it doesn't follow any existing roads. So, to understand where it's going, you really need to view one of our large maps or watch our flyover video.

To keep you up to date, we're holding two Public Information Evenings in September. Here are the details:

- **Southern Information Evening (Tamahere to Greenhill Road) 4.00pm – 7.00pm, 11 September at the Hamilton Car Club, 116 Vaile Road, Newstead.**
- **Northern Information Evening (Puketaha Road to Lake Road) 4.00pm – 7.00pm, 13 September at the Puketaha Hall, Puketaha Road, Puketaha.**

Each event will feature our new flyover video recorded at the end of August, large aerial photos, maps and bridge plans. Engineers and other staff will be on hand to answer your questions.

Contact me anytime

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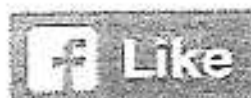
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