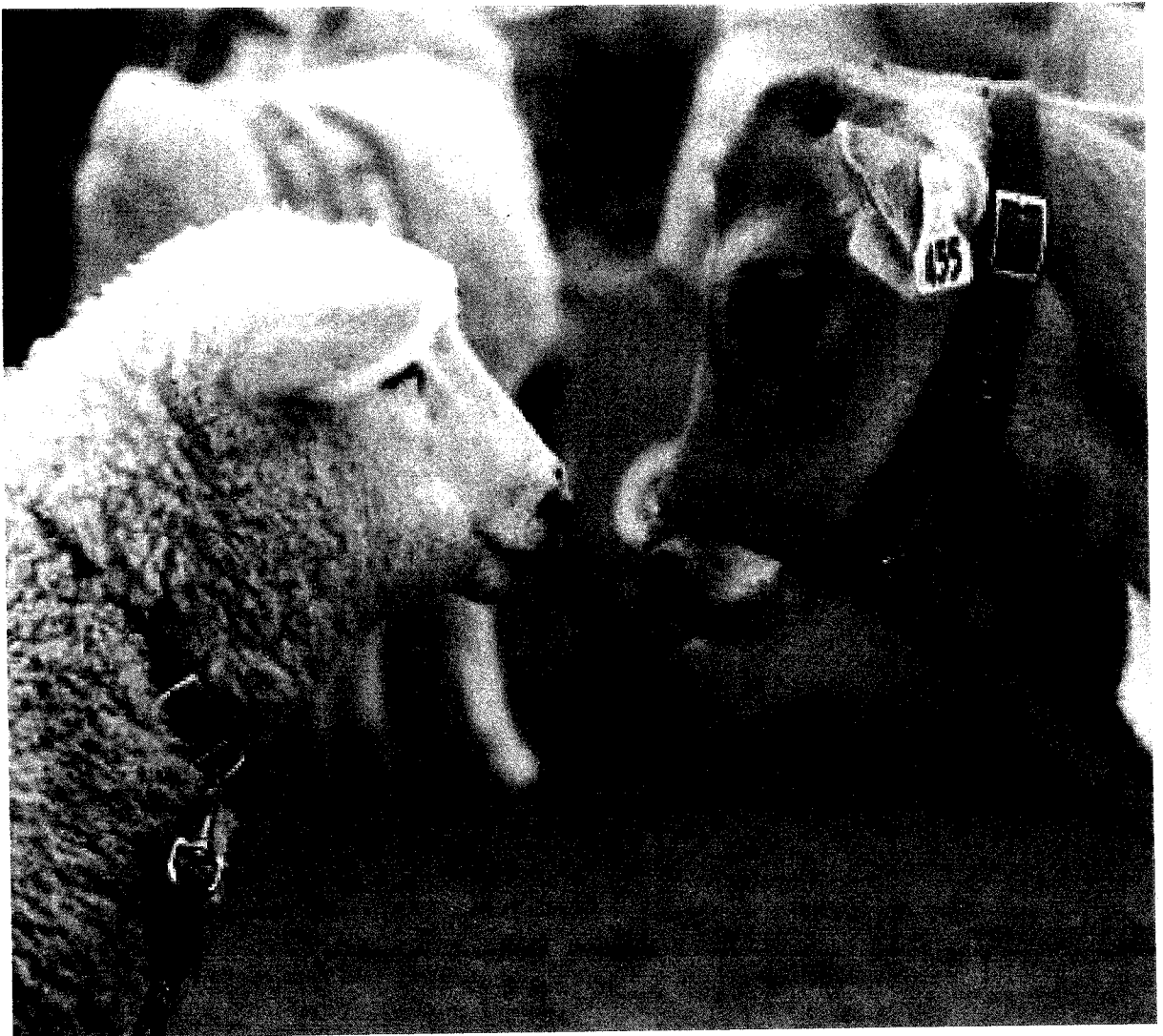


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Calf Club Days

EDITORIAL

My name is Renier Arts and I work for James and Stephanie King on their 600 cow dairy farm bordering Craig and Hinton Roads with my fiancée, Pam who works in Morrinsville for Vercoe Insurance Brokers.

Born in Putaruru to Dutch immigrant parents in 1955, I have always thought what a challenge it must have been for all these people who left Europe in the 1950s for Australia and New Zealand in search of new opportunities and a better life.

Educated at St Mary's Primary and Putaruru High School, I left the comfort of home to start a Civil Engineering Draughting Cadetship with the Ministry of Works, Wellington, in January 1974. I spent 6 months at the Draughting School learning basic Engineering Draughting skills and attending Polytech. At the conclusion of the course, as a group, we were assigned to Ministry of Works offices throughout New Zealand.

I was assigned to the Power Division offices in Wellington where I produced working drawings for the Huntly Power Station and the Upper Waitaki Power Development, Twizel, including the Ruataniwha Dam, Ohau and Tekapo Power Stations and Canals under the guidance of Engineers and Architects.

In October 1977 I was transferred to Cromwell where I spent 8 years producing construction plans for the Clyde Dam, Cromwell redevelopment and the formation of Lake Dunstan. During this time I met my wife, Debbie (now deceased) and had 2 daughters, Hannah and Emma. In January 1986 I gained a promotion to draughtsman in charge at Ohaaki Power project, Taupo where I stayed to the conclusion of the project in November 1989.

At this time the so called 'Think Big' projects had come to an end so, as employees, we were offered redundancy or the opportunity to apply for vacancies with the Ministry of Works. I chose a career change and in November 1989 with daughter number 3 (Charlotte) on the way, we moved to St Peters School Cambridge where I started as a farm assistant for the school's then 50/50 share-milker.

We gained our first 50/50 share-milking job in June 1991 and in June 1995 bought our 80ha, 240 cow farm in Rangitoto (between Te Kuiti and Otorohanga).

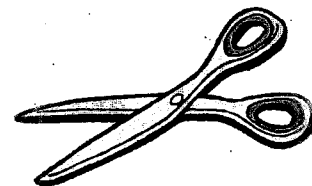
In May 2004 we sold the farm, a lifestyle choice and the opportunity for my wife to spend some time closer to her family after spending years following me around the country, so we moved to Nelson. Unfortunately, in July 2005 my wife became ill with a condition known as Transverse Myelitis (Neurological Disorder that effects the spinal cord). While not a life threatening condition, but due to complications, Debbie passed away in August 2005, 2 weeks after her 45th birthday. "SHIT" happens every day to many people but when it happens to you and your family you appreciate how precious life is.

The following 4 years were not my best, but in early 2010, after a phone conversation with a mate I decided to return to the Waikato and farming.

I worked for Russell and Tracey for a season at Okorioro and then started with the Kings in June 2011. Coincidentally, Russell was the farmer killed on a Puketaha farm in August 2015.

So 6 years on I am happy with my 'lot', looking forward to my wedding in January 2018, watching my 4 grandchildren grow up and spending quality time with my 3 adult daughters, adult step-daughter and son and their families.

Snippets



DONATION THANKS: to the Tauwhare Indoor Bowling Club.

SILVER WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS: to Babak and Sandra Paymani of Manor Park who celebrated 25 years of marriage on October 17th. Congratulations to you both and very best wishes for the next 25 years!

AIMS GAMES; Congratulations to 12 year old Ashleigh Mayall who competed for Berkley Intermediate School in the 2017 ANCHOR AIMS GAMES in Tauranga in September. A record breaking 10,139 athletes competed in 21 sporting codes in the annual intermediate-aged games. Ashleigh won a Gold medal with her trampoline team, and also competed in gymnastics. Well done, Ash. What a great experience.

SOCCER SUCCESS: Trinika Kenny of Waverley Road is presently away in Australia with the Ricki Herbert Football Academy Team to attend the Australia Skools Tournament in Shepparton, Victoria. Go well, Trinika. We look forward to Trinika's report on her return home.

FIREWORKS! As Guy Fawkes looms please spare a thought for all the neighbourhood animals, both large and small, who can be terrified and may injure themselves if the noise and activity is too close by. Do advise your neighbours if celebrations are planned.

LOCAL PHONE LIST: An updated phone list is enclosed with your Express. Thanks go to John Marshall for his assistance with its compiling. Please phone Gail, on 8241758, to register any mistakes or omissions.

FIREWORKS EXTRAVAGANZA

Morrinsville Recreation Ground

Saturday 4th November 2017 (Gates open at 5.30pm)

(No person fireworks. No alcohol)

Postponement day 5th November.



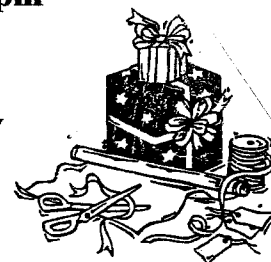
You are invited....

AVON XMAS OPEN HOUSE

Monday November 20th

Drop in anytime between 10am – 2pm and 4.30pm – 9pm

- View and order display items from the Xmas catalogues
- Gift sets and Special Open House Deals ready for you to buy
- Drinks and Nibbles
- **BRING YOUR FRIENDS!**
- Please R.S.V.P. if possible to Ros Chambers, 120 Friedlander Road, Eureka



Ros dave@xtra.co.nz or 07 824 1611/0276888022

Letter To The Editor...

Hello Eureka Neighbours

As a resident who has animals, I would just like to draw your attention to the fact that it is "that time again". Guy Fawkes is about to frighten the animals again on November 5th and as usual the week before and the week after, weather depending!!!!

I would like to point out that very few animals understand the 'human recreational attitude' and if not conditioned to the subject eg: Gun dogs, then they do not understand bangs and flashing lights that come out of a black sky. They become terrified as they have no idea that this is human's having fun.

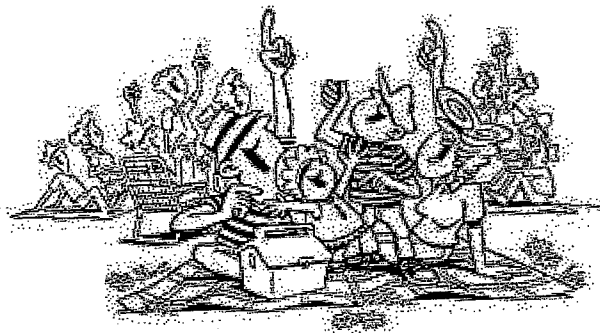
Dogs, cats, chickens run for shelter under something. Goats almost strangle themselves as most are tied up. Cows, sheep, llama's etc will huddle together and then stampede often smashing fences and damaging themselves.

Horses and ponies when terrified....Bolt....they do not see what is in front they just run. A few years ago we lost a horse when it galloped through 3 fences and hit the water tank and broke his neck.

Just ask yourself 'What's it all about?' Guy Fawkes tried to blow up the Houses of Parliament and failed but hurt people in the process. Big Business said, "We can make money out of this" They did not care about the animals, babies, old people, others who were involved in war and a bang brings back a lot of hurtful memories. Big business made a lot of money.

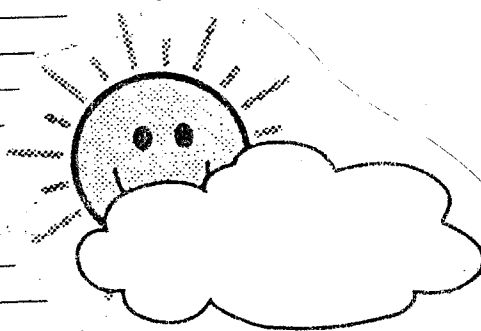
Please Eureka-ites, don't bring the noise to the animals in Eureka.....if you really need a buzz, go to town where they have displays and enjoy.

Dinah Booth, an old Eureka resident.



RAINFALL

Weather for Sept 2017		
Rainfall total Sept	125 mm	
Rain Total for year	1125	
Rainy days	23	
Most daily rainfall	30mm	2 Sept
Highest wind speed	54.7km/hr	16 Sept
Temp high	21.6C	28 Sept
Temp low	4.2C	20 Sept



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• x 10 insertions	\$160 / year

CONTACTS – Gail or Gayle

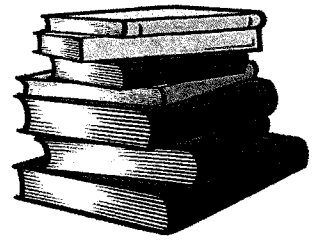
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To the Readers, Students and Researchers of Eureka



Earlier this month every household will have received a letter from the District Council about LIBRARY FACILITIES.

At present all our ratepayers have free access to all the Public Libraries run by Hamilton City Council, under a contract agreement that WDC has had for the last decade with HCC, and also with the Waipa Council.

If you bothered to read the letter you would have discovered that any libraries run by WDC itself are located many kilometres from Eureka (Ngaruawahia would be the nearest).

So free access to the Hamilton libraries, particularly Hillcrest and, when we get it back, the Central Library, is a benefit we should treasure, however many or few books we borrow, and their other services we use. If we lose this benefit it will be a significant loss to all those living long distances from any WDC libraries.

Having lived in Hamilton during the 70s and early 80s, weekly trips with my kids to the library in Worley Place and, later also to the mobile library when it called at Chartwell, were highly valued experiences, even then. When I returned to the Waikato in 1997, I found there were now libraries everywhere, and the fact that Eureka could use them free was treasured.

OK, I'm one who reads a lot of all sorts of books. I'm a frequent visitor to the Hillcrest Library, a member of their lively Book Chat group and have got to know all the folk who work there, who are always very helpful in finding me stuff I'm keen to get hold of.

I don't know how many other Eurekaans use Hamilton's libraries, but I'm sure our school and university students, plus older residents, value getting free membership, and have access to the very considerable resources available. I'm pretty sure that the resources at WDC libraries, even if they weren't miles away, won't be quite the same.

There are plebeians on every Council, including those on HCC who have been putting off doing anything with the Central Library's earthquake fixup. A number of WDC Councillors probably don't realise what losing our library cards would be like for those of us living in the south of the District. They would still have a library, and wouldn't notice a difference.

This belt tightening would also affect those living in the Waipa side of the district. Even with the third option put forward, we'd still find it difficult to actually collect any e-books, and a mobile library would never be around our way when we needed it, given the area it would have to cover.

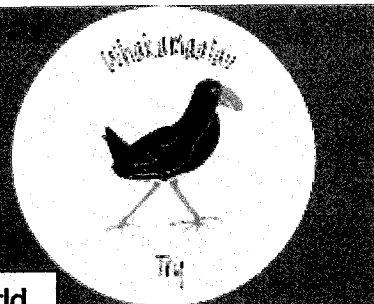
So, we have until 3 November (any minute now) to either find the Council letter and form, or get onto the website and find it there www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/sayit - or view the 'Say it' page, to get our protests in or views heard by WDC.

Sue Edmonds

Chair Eureka Community Committee

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Accomplished Learners Striving for Success in Tomorrow's World

24th October 2017

Roll: 181



What a wonderful **Calf Club** day on Friday. The children and their pets performed beautifully. Once again the organisers did an amazing job; the grounds looked beautiful and the events ran very smoothly. Thank you so much to all concerned.

MELBOURNE HERE WE COME

Thanks to the wonderful support we had for our fundraising our two teachers and 8 children have flown off to Melbourne at no cost and are now presenting their workshop to thousands of Australian children. We were the only NZ school to be invited to speak at the Kids Teaching Kids Conference on Water and Sustainability.

VISITING AUTHOR

The children were entertained by Craig Smith, author of *Wonky Donkey*. He is also a very talented composer of children's songs. Craig took a very lively writing workshop with the senior students.

Coming Up

Year 3/4 Camp	Thurs 2nd Nov - Fri 3rd Nov
T-Ball Tournament	Friday 3rd Nov
T-Ball Tournament (City/Country)	Friday 10th Nov
Yr 5 & 6 Speech Finals	Thursday 9th Nov 9am
Step In	Wednesday 15th Nov
Cluster Speech Competition	Thursday 16th Nov 4pm
School Production	Tues 28th Nov – Thurs 30th Nov
Interschool Athletics	Friday 1st Dec
Xmas Choir Singing	Wednesday 13th Dec
End of Year Break-Up	Wednesday 13th Dec 7pm
School Ends	Friday 15th Dec 12pm

2018 School Begins
 School Picnic

Wednesday 31st Jan
 Friday 16th Feb

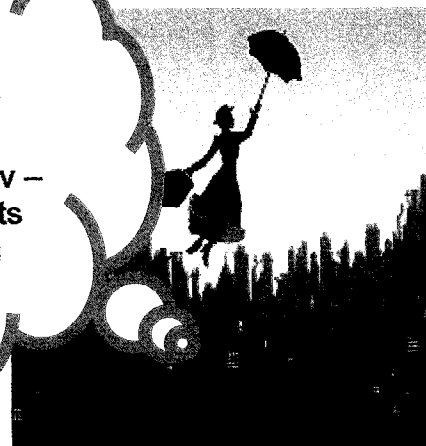
Jesimae Strawbridge
 PRINCIPAL

PRINCIPAL FOR THE DAY

Miss Jesimae Strawbridge did a wonderful job of taking over as Principal for the Day on the last day of the term. Thank you to her parents for their generous bid during the auction at the Quiz night. Jesimae ran a very professional assembly and planned a great day for the children.



Mary Poppins
 flies into
 Claudelands
 Arena 25th Nov –
 9th Dec. Tickets
 available from
 ticketek.



Pukeko Preschool – October 2017

Calf club day at Tauwhare School was again a highlight for our pre-schoolers. We watched the animals arrive in the cars and trailers and then ventured out onto the field to visit them. The older children shared their knowledge of animal care with the preschoolers and allowed them to brush them down. The day's official proceedings began with the preschool show. The children walked their own or their sibling's animals around the ring talking to the judges and received a cookie and ribbon.

Later in the day while the older children showed their animals we went to look at the amazing flower displays and the iced cakes and vegetable animals. Because the displays were in room 7 we were able to take a closer look at where our siblings place their bags and where we will place our own bags when we start school.



Our focus for the next few months will be the Curiosity Approach. This focus is about promoting inquisitive moments for our children. We aim to empower and ignite passion and excitement for learning and weave wonder and awe into our everyday experiences.

December will be a busy month for us as we are expecting ERO to visit us, and we also have our birthday party and Christmas party. We do have a vacancy for a Father Christmas at our Christmas party. Must have strong knees and be kind and jolly. We have an outfit in case his is at the dry cleaners.

Preschool will close for the year on Friday 22 December, and re-open on Monday 15 January. If you would like your child to start in the new year, or would like to put their name on the waiting list for 2018 or 2019, please contact us, or pop in and see us.

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).

TAUWHARE PLAYGROUP

Welcome back to term four. Hard to believe that the year is almost over. Tauwhare playgroup finished term three with showing off our artistic side. As well as a wonderful trip to Punnet. Trips are always a highlight of each term. A change of location with different playground to explore and an indulgent coffee or tea breaks up the weeks usual routines.

This term we are trialling a new format to playgroup, so come along and let us know what you think. We would love to know how we can make playgroup work better for you. We are also after ideas on what you want to do at playgroup. So, if you have any ideas, let us know.

Term four looks set to be a busy term for us. Tauwhare School also needs the multipurpose room several times this term (mostly in November), so we will be having trips out - keep an eye on our Facebook page for details closer to the time. And the end of the term will be filled with Christmas activities.



Tauwhare Playgroup is a friendly and fun group where babies and children with their parents, grandparents, and caregivers meet in a relaxed environment.

We meet at Tauwhare School's multipurpose room between 9am -12noon every Thursday during term time. You don't have to stay all morning, you are free to arrive and leave when it suits you.

Please bring a small plate of food for the children's shared morning tea. Hot drinks are provided for parents and caregivers.

Any questions, phone Sheena 021 152 3262 or Karina 021 15 20 704.

MARKET PLACE

Woodlands Estate at Gordonton are looking for someone to close up and secure their venue at the conclusion of evening functions or weddings. Rostered hours are dependent on bookings. Usual start time will be 10pm; finishing between 12:30pm and 1pm.

The right candidate will have – physical fitness, as they will be packing down furniture on their own, reliable transport, be reliable and trustworthy and have loads of confidence.

Contact the Estate Manager Kirstie Alley for more information, or to apply for position - by email to info@woodlands.co.nz or phone 07 824 3687

Backing up your data

So, it's that time of year again, and you're ready to get rid of some of that spring clutter. Of course you are. But, before you go deleting all the things you *think* you don't need, maybe you should invest some time in installing precautions, in case you get it wrong. For the fact is, we're all fallible, we make mistakes, that's what being human is about. So with that in mind, I'm going to talk to you about backing up.

Now, backing up isn't as simple as it seems. It's like sales: location, location, location. Where you back up to, is often as important as how often you do it - speaking of which, sometimes people back up fortnightly, sometimes weekly, sometimes daily, but mostly, not at all. And that's the most unfortunate thing.

Because here's all things which backing up your data protects you from:

- **Power issues** - blackouts and brownouts - if your power switches off randomly, or you get low power suddenly, the hard drive can make a mistaken write which can screw up your data. If you're like me and live in the country, you know how unstable power can be. A tree comes down and knocks out a power-line 15 miles down the road, and boom - there goes your power.
- **User error** - deleting or altering your own files.
- **Viruses** - specifically, cryptolocker viruses and other kinds of malware which prevent you from accessing your files, or which delete them.
- **Hardware failure** - a failing motherboard, CPU, power supply, faulty RAM or an old hard drive can make you lose data. Hard drives (the bit of your computer which stores data permanently) have a median lifespan of about 6 years, and a quarter die within the first four years. So don't think your computer is necessarily robust and permanent - it's not.
- **Theft** - so long as you keep your backup drive elsewhere in the house.
- **Lightning strike** to local power or phone lines.

The best location for backing up data is an external drive; backing up online as well is fine, but it's nowhere near as fast or convenient to restore data from 'the cloud' as it is to do so from a USB drive. A USB stick (flash drive) is also fine, if the amount of data you have is not large. Both are cheap to buy nowadays, particularly the sticks, so you've got no excuses there. BTW, it's not okay to backup up data to another location inside the computer. You are not protected from any of the above if you do so. Similarly, it's not okay to leave the backup drive plugged into the computer at all times. Disconnect the drive (click the "Safely remove hardware and eject media" icon in the bottom right-hand corner of the screen in windows, or drag the drive to the trash on a mac) and unplug it from the computer once you've finished backing up. If you're concerned about burglars or kids, store it somewhere out of sight.

Lastly, what software should you use to back up with? Windows' own backup setup used to be pretty bad, however with Windows 7 and later it's relatively good. You can follow the windows prompts for setting up a backup, or use Time Machine if you're on a mac. If you want a **more** comprehensive solution, or you want to back up manually, there are two options that I recommend: Crashplan is a paid application with a free version, which can back up online as well as to an external drive. Microsoft's own "syncToy" is also a program I quite like - it's simple, it doesn't copy anything that doesn't need to be copied, and it's free. If you want to take a look at either of them, google their names.

If you need any help with setting up a backup, or if you're unsure as to how to set one up yourself, give me a call. I'm always available to figure out a solution.

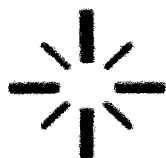
Cheers,

Matt

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Types of Roses

Standard roses

Standard roses, or tree roses as they are also known, make delightful additions to many gardens. This rose variety is grafted onto tall rose stock, typically 80-90cm) that produce a single stem topped with a ball of abundant blooms on the top. Choose a standard rose if a decorative, rather than formal effect is needed. These roses can be used to add colour and height to your garden and also make superb centrepieces.



Patio roses

Due to their small size, patio roses are typically bought with the intention of placing them in containers and pots. These roses are compact and grow between 45cm – 60cm. Patio roses will flower all summer, gifting you with a fabulous display of colour. You don't need to confine patio roses to pots as they are hardy and can do very well in the garden, particularly in smaller areas and for borders. Patio roses offer a light, pleasant fragrance.



Climbing roses

Climbing roses are extremely versatile and can be easily trained to climb across fences and walls. They also look beautiful wrapped around pillars, pergolas and ropes. Choose old-fashioned climbing roses if vibrant blossoms and a heady fragrance appeal to you.

Typically, climbing roses are parented by the standard rose types of floribunda, hybrid tea and grandiflora – with their colours and blooming habits each being replicated in their climbing versions.

Training a climbing rose is an important part of creating a stunning, heavily blooming rose. If you allow a climbing rose to grow vertically, you have fewer shoots, resulting in fewer flowers. Instead, train the main stems horizontally along a trellis or fence. Remember to provide good support for climbing roses as they are heavy plants when in full bloom.

A rose for every situation

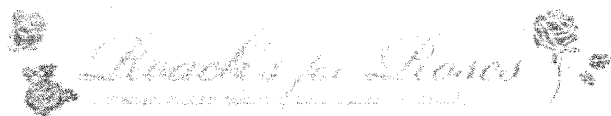
As the biggest producer of rose plants in northern Waikato, Roach's for Roses has a suitable rose for absolutely every situation and to please all personal preferences. You can choose a single stunning rose plant to give as a gift, or choose multiple varieties for mass planting in your

garden. Pop into our nursery to delight in the wide range of roses available to take home. All roses for sale are two-year-old plants grown on virus free stock.

Roach's for Roses is located between Morrinsville and Hamilton. Opening hours are Monday to Friday, 8-4pm. If you have an enquiry, please contact 0800 867 767. Or you can ring Mike Roach directly on 027 495 5183.

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CO COMMENT FOR EUREKA EXPRESS

Well it's great to be back in full swing at DairyNZ catching up with everyone after 8 months leave spending time with my little boy Cooper. Firstly, it was neat to see all the painted cows in the paddocks in the lead up to mating with a significant increase in the number of farms doing pre-mating heats this year. A low cost, highly beneficial method to ensure mating success. Then, after congratulating dairy farmers on their efforts with calf loading facilities, 2 rounds of discussion groups & an FEI workshop with Fonterra, it seems the sun has finally begun to make more of a daily appearance after a very long wet spring!

Pasture utilisation has been very difficult for most, so any decent pasture growth we have had this spring has been offset, with pasture surpluses proving difficult to find this year. A good way to judge is from the pre-grazing cover. Is the next paddock longer than what's needed to adequately feed the cows? Will the grazing residual be achieved? Too much grass left in the paddock is one sign of a surplus, but there are other signs to consider. Will the cows be adequately fed if some paddocks are missed for silage? Will the resulting rotation length be sustainable? Use this formula for determining what pre-grazing cover is required before a surplus is possible:

Stocking rate (cows/ha) x daily pasture intake (kgDM/cow) x rotation length (days) + grazing residual (kgDM/ha) = target pre-grazing cover (kgDM/ha).

3.0 cows/ha x 16kgDM/cow x 28 days = 1344 + 1500 residual = 2844kgDM/ha.

Also expect the consequences of wet conditions in achieving target grazing residuals to show up now. In poorly grazed pastures it's easy to find elongated stems as plants change towards reproduction. Some plants are showing aerial tillering resulting from incomplete grazing in earlier rotations. The mower may have to be sharpened to get these paddocks back to target residual.

Keep the vigilance around heat detection going as mating is just a third completed. The second and third cycles are often more difficult for heat detection as fewer cows are participating in heat activity. A plan for the unmated cows to date is required. This should include listing them based on days since calving, age, body condition score and any related health issues. From this listing, cows that are priorities for any treatment are determined, versus those that can be left to do their own thing. Using short gestation semen can help recover some days in milk for later mated cows, but remember that cows still must be cycling first and then detected on heat for short gestation semen to have any impact.

Upcoming DairyNZ events to put in your calendar:

- The next local Eureka Discussion Group is on Tuesday 13th November, from 11am – 1.30pm, at the Bonners farm with contract milker Josh Eales & 2IC Ryan, 652 Woodlands Road, S/N 72646. At last DG this farm was in a good position to thrive into summer with a low-cost structure & considering the long wet spell we have been through. Let's have a look at how they have achieved this & help refine their farm system further. Everyone is welcome to join us.

And, if you are struggling with the season and would like a second pair of eyes to review your system, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Until next month...

Jaimee Morgan -DairyNZ Consulting Officer Hamilton North
021 245 8055

Scouring Calves - may not be worms!

Scouring calves after weaning could have Coccidiosis, Yersiniosis, or Salmonella or Cryptosporidia. If your yearlings are scouring bring in some faecal samples from the worst affected so we can test them for worms, Coccidiosis and Yersiniosis. The testing for worms or Coccidia is not an expensive test and you will have results within 24 hours. Coccidia is neither a bacteria nor worm, but a protozoa which invades the lining of the large intestine where they do their damage. They are unaffected by worm drenching. The most effective treatment is drenching with a product called Baycox.

Yersinia and salmonella are bacteria which is again unaffected by worm drenching.

The cost of Coccidiosis.

Normally the first sign you have that your calves have Coccidiosis is scouring but diarrhoea doesn't have to be present. In 95% of cases there is no diarrhoea. Coccidiosis can set back calves growth by as much as two months. As well it can increase their susceptibility to other diseases. After a 1 year affected calves can weight up to 27kg less and their potential for production and reproduction in adulthood is compromised.

Calves and Worm Drench

It's that time of year again, when your calves are getting ready to be weaned! You need to be thinking about what type of worm drench you want to be using and when.

The facts:

- Worms can't actually establish in the gut until calves have a fully functioning rumen. The process of worm larvae developing through to the adult stage requires rumen fluid as a trigger.
- The ill effects we see from gut worms (scouring and weight loss) are largely a consequence of the calf's own immune response to the 'invading' worms, and very young calves lack the capacity to mount this response, it kicks in later.
- Lung worm has a much longer lifecycle than the gut worm and even if a lungworm challenge is present it will rarely have risen to levels that require treatment in the period before weaning – unless weaning is later than normal.

So What To Use?

Corporal (Same as Arrest C) is a dual combination oral drench for cattle best used on calves 2-4 weeks after weaning, then monthly. It is extremely cost effective, costing as little as 41 cents / calf / dose (excl GST), based on a 120kg dose!

If you'd rather use a pour-on Boss Pour-On* is the better one as it has the same active ingredient as Corporal (levamisole) combined with Abamectin (Genesis).

This product is excellent for calves sharing grazing at run-offs and is also great for Heifer replacements. It is also available in an injection.

***DO NOT USE ON CALVES LESS THAN 4 MONTHS OF AGE OR LESS THAN 100KG!**

NEWS FROM YOUR WAIKATO DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

I hope you all managed to get a break during the long weekend. The weather where I was in the Bay of Plenty wasn't very warm but it was dry enough to get out for some fresh air and enjoy a change of scenery.



Are you aware that for the last decade Waikato District Council has had an arrangement with Waipa District Council and Hamilton City Council to allow our ratepayers to have **free access to all their libraries**? That arrangement costs more than \$300,000 a year.

Council is now reviewing this arrangement and recently sent out a "Future of our Libraries" survey to all ratepayers. **If you would like to retain this service I urge you to complete the survey, Option 1 being the status quo, and return it to Council by 8pm on 3 November.** Eureka Community Committee Chair Sue has also mentioned this review in an article in this issue of the *Express*.

I have mentioned previously that we have been preparing the **draft of our District Plan**. This is now ready for feedback, so we are holding a series of drop in sessions to talk about the key issues that may effect your property, community and / or the whole district. The session for Eureka and Tamahere Wards will be held at the **Tamahere Community Centre on Wednesday 6th December – any time between 2pm and 7pm.** I will remind you of the date and time again in next month's *Express*.

If you travel along Gordonton Road to Rototuna you will have noticed the temporary speed restrictions in the area around the **Gordonton / Thomas Road intersection**. This is a major black spot for accidents with 12 crashes in the first nine months of 2017.

I noticed yesterday that the temporary speed signs have now been replaced with a variable sign which appears to change the speed limit down from 80km when traffic is approaching the Thomas Road end of the intersection – similar to the system that alerts Holland Road drivers that cars are approaching from Telephone and Marshmeadow Roads. Hamilton City Council are responsible for Gordonton Road and are working on a permanent solution to this black spot.

Please slow down when driving anywhere near this intersection.

Reminder - the official opening of the Te Awa River Ride's new Perry Bridge is on Thursday 2nd November from 3:30pm – 6:30pm. All ages are welcome and admission is free.

Timeline for the event is:

- 3:30 – 4:00pm procession by bike from The Point in Ngauawahia to the Ngaruawahia Golf Club
- 4:30- 5:30pm Main Event at the Golf Club with food stalls, bike demonstrations, entertainment and spot prizes
- 6:00pm Official bridge opening



The Department of Corrections Springhill Prison has partnered with Council to build 30 **free "little libraries"** for rural communities across Waikato district.



We are taking the free little libraries concept on a road show to engage with communities where these will be installed. There are three designs from which each community can choose and then decide on how these should be decorated and located. The concept is to stock the little library with 20-30 books that can be borrowed or exchanged.

Council is offering a free little library to Eureka residents and I encourage you to come along to the **Matangi Community Hall on the 30th of October between 6.30 – 8pm**, to discuss this concept with our staff and residents from other neighbouring communities.

Contact me anytime -

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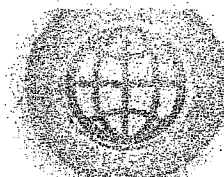
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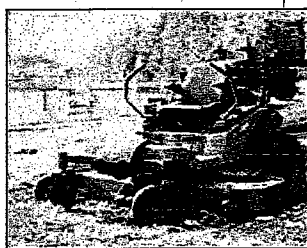
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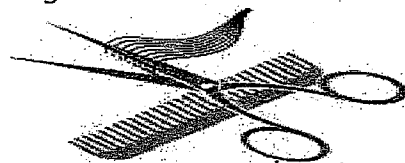
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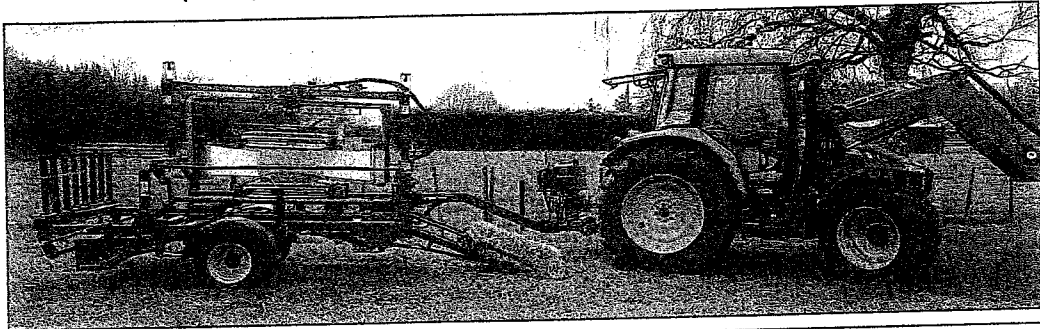


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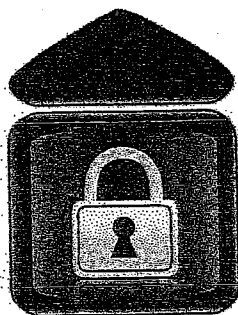
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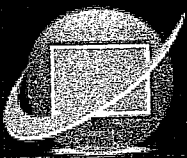
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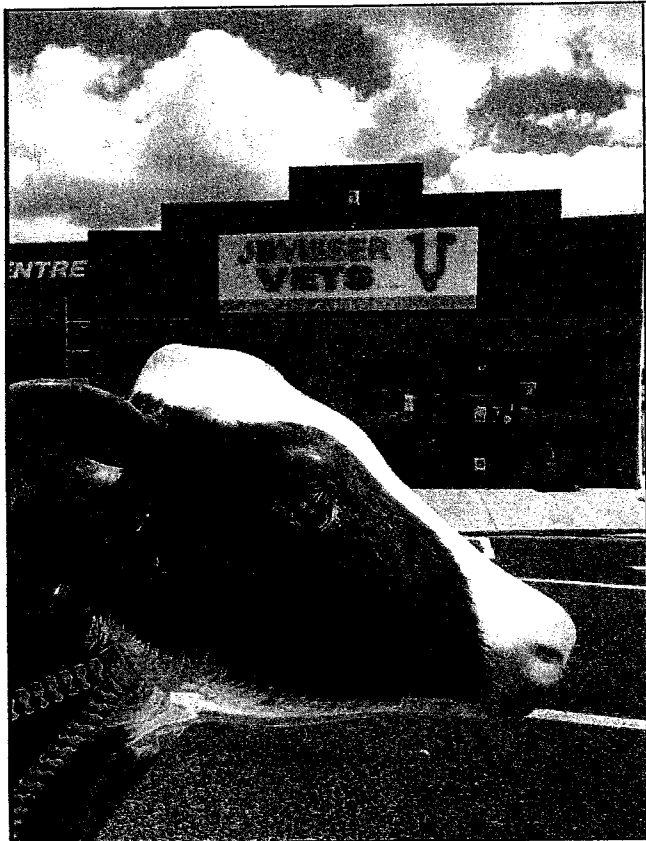
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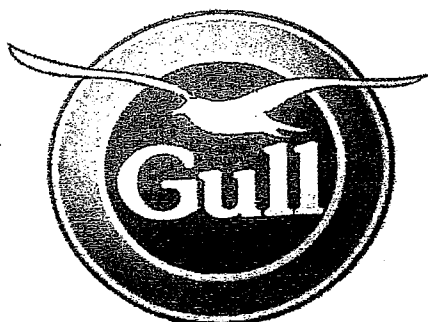
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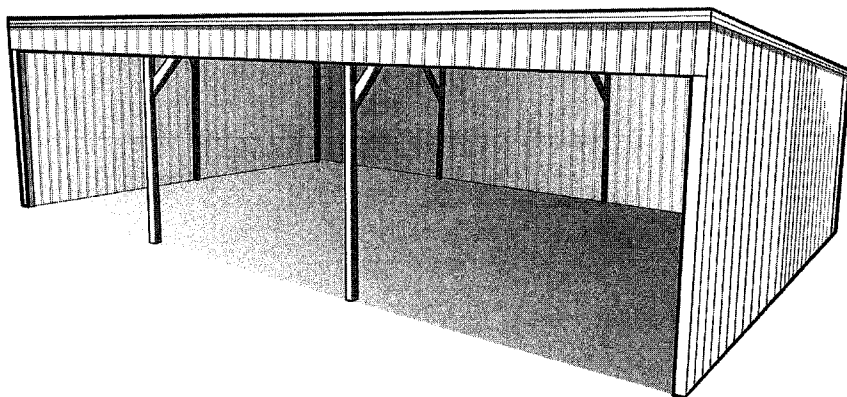
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