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Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

EDITORIAL

Well it's nearly Christmas time folks, the time of the year for awesome family get togethers and probably a buckled credit card (especially with all these lovely sales). This is our 29th year in Eureka and how it has changed from 1989, but it is a change that we should all be proud of as Eureka is still a very lovely friendly place to live.

12 years ago we decided to follow the trend and subdivide our little block, what a great decision. Keith and Linda bought the bare block and built their lovely home first, then we built our new brick home and rented our little cottage. First it was to locals Dan and Abby Hinton, then along came Nik who left us for Australia before returning by which time Mike and Renee had become part of our family. We decided there was no way we could find a fourth fantastic tenant, so we sold the cottage to Mike and Renee and are now admiring the adorable cottage they have created and are looking forward to meeting our "grandson" by early February.

The new year will be interesting as our dear sweet child "Mitzy" will get to meet little Grayson when he is born and she gets her nose completely out of joint when there is competition for her father's attention. (yes ...she is a cat and she has a very severe case of "Only Child Syndrome").

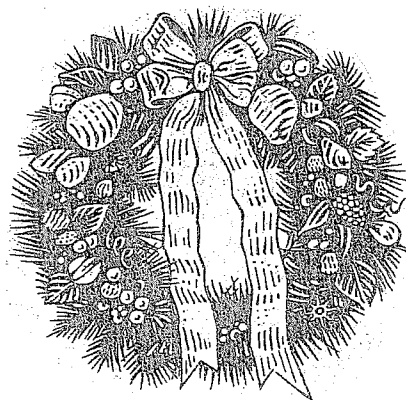
Several years ago, we leased the back half of our block to Keith and put a gate on the boundary into his farm. This has proved a blessing as we have the perfect arrangements in place. Keith keeps the place weed free and a delight to look at and the three of us run our beefies around the house blocks all together and take turns at setting up the paddocks etc, great team work which allows plenty of free time.

We recently had a fantastic trip from Sydney to Seattle, up to Vancouver then Alaska. We had a very enjoyable time with a lovely group of friends including locals Ron and Karyn Spyve and then Charlie Johnson joined us from Vancouver. We all adored Alaska and did the Sledge ride and cuddled the adorable puppies as well as view the Glaciers. My treat was a horseback ride on a beautiful day in the forest to the base of the mountains, an inspiration to do another cruise as they are so very relaxing and enjoyable.

Ace spent most of his youth living in Eureka on the family farm where his youth was spent in his father's vegetable garden and chopping wood for his mother, a childhood that restarted when we bought the block in 1989. Aces pride and joy is his vegetable garden, that feeds several families most of the year, and his wood chopping machine is a close 2nd but his body is starting to complain so this might be his last year of wood chopping.

We are all guilty of working all week and spending the weekend catching up with the housework and lawns these days, but it's the time of the year to put things to one side and make time to catch up with the friends you haven't seen for so long.... So, have a Very Merry Christmas everyone.

Ace & Vicki Dance





THE EDITOR AND COMMITTEE OF THE
EUREKA EXPRESS

Wish all our readers, advertisers, contributors, and distributors,

Seasons' Greetings,

A very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

All the best for a happy and safe 2019

Merry Christmas



Notice:

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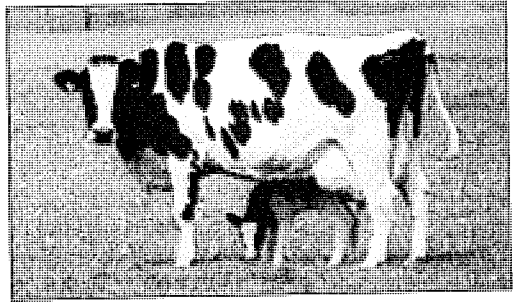
Friday 7th – Sunday 9th December

9am – 6pm

Eureka Hall



MARKETPLACE



RELIEF MILKER AVAILABLE: Very experienced, Reliable, Flexible. Please phone Frank 8241897 or 0276758845 or 0274241897

WANTED: Turkey hen, any age, or 6 fertile eggs, any colour. Please call Don Knight 0274950535.

WANTED: Grazing for 7 Pedigree Piedmontese year old heifers. Hot wire trained. Local or further afield considered. Please call Don Knight 0274950535

FREE: Random concrete 2nds. Pipes, risers, troughs, septic tank components etc. Some broken stuff may be suitable for hard fill/retaining/building a crossing etc. Ex Ian Manning product. As is – where is. Please call Don Knight 0274950535

WANTED: 2 old bicycle wheels (both same size - tyres not necessary. Phone Maurice 0276150719

FOR SALE: Firewood, Hardwood. \$90 per cubic meter. Please phone Ace 8241891 or 021 02889247

HELP NEEDED: I am unable to do fencing due to my new disability, which is called chronic c5-c8 radiculopathy along with degenerative disc disease. I am looking for someone, or a couple of people who can 'volunteer' for a fencing job. We need to raise an extra height on top of our current fencing along Hinton Road. From gate to the end near the stream. Approximately 50 – 60 meters x 1.5 meters width, from the top of current fencing. Materials will be provided. Please text Jean if you are willing to help, on 0211510982 (Please note, Jean is deaf, so you must text here).

WARNING! SOCIAL MEDIA

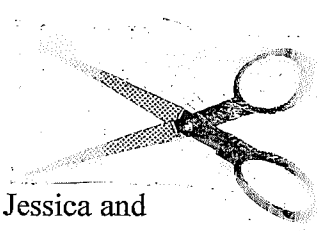
DON'T ADVERTISE YOU ARE GOING AWAY!

The advice is that all travellers should be wary about posting their whereabouts on social media both before and during their travel.

Criminals have long used social media to track the movements of their victims. Reduce your chances of becoming a target by only posting updates once you have moved on from a particular place or event. Never post plans of where you are heading next or where you are staying – this will help criminals to target you.

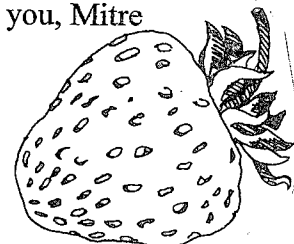
Don't be lulled into a false sense of security by thinking that it's only your friends who can see your posts. In many cases this is not true. Depending on your security settings, you should also be asking yourself who can see what your friends are 'sharing' or 'liking' allowing more of the internet to see your posts. It's entirely possible that you won't even know the people who end up reading your fabulous holiday diary and who, more to the point, know where you are.

Snippets



FAREWELL TO EUREKA TO: Clayton and Trish Daldy and family, Jessica and Samuel, who have sold their property on Eureka Road and moved to a larger property on Scott Road, Morrinsville. Clayton and Trish built their home on Eureka Road some 16 years ago and Trish will retain her link to Eureka by continuing as our Hall cleaner. We wish you all every best wish in your move.

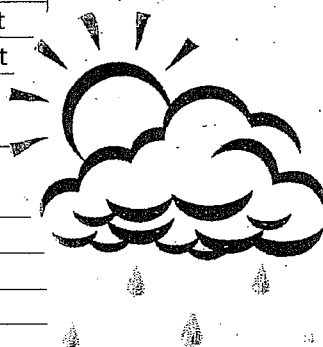
GARDEN HINT: Just a clever thought to help keep you strawberries safe from the birds!! Get a test pot of red paint and paint some stones, about the same size as strawberries. When they are dry, put them around your strawberry pots or plants. The birds fly in and peck at the red stones, ouch, then fly awayThank you, Mitre 10 staff for that hint...it works!



WEATHER

Weather for October 2018		
Rainfall total	62.6 mm	
Rain Total for year	870.3 mm	
Rainy days	14	
Most rainfall	15.4 mm	12 th Oct
Highest wind speed	40.3 km/hr	12 th Oct
Temp high	23.1 C	22 nd Oct
Temp low	1.2 C	14 th Oct

Weather for November 2018		
Rainfall total	98.6mm	
Rain Total for year	969 mm	
Rainy days	17	
Most rainfall	25 mm	26 th Nov
Highest wind speed	40.3 km/hr	1 st & 5 th Nov
Temp high	28.6 C	29 th Nov
Temp low	3.3 C	20 th Nov



NOTICE

St. Andrews and KFC (Kids for Christ) Tauwhare invite the Eureka and Tauwhare communities



to our **Community Christmas Carols**

On: **Sunday 9th December 2018, 7pm**

At: **Tauwhare Hall**

Including; carols for all, three skits, and awards for the school and preschool Christmas Star Decoration competition.

Bring a plate of food for shared supper afterwards

EUREKA HALL UPDATE

Well here we are in December, the end of another year. Where has the year gone? I don't know the answer to that, but I know it has flown by.

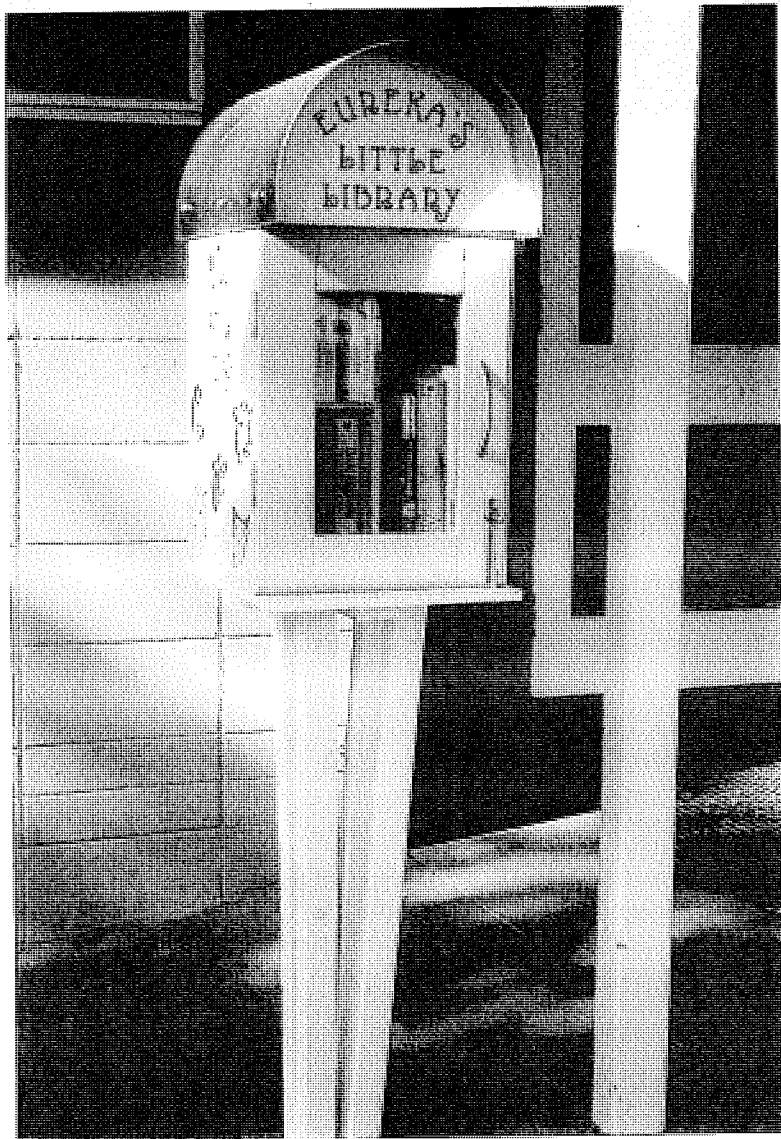
The hall committee have been very busy and have completed a few projects this year. Our new chairs are here and make a fantastic upgrade to the hall, the new hand dryers are in and working well, and of course with the addition of the little library, the hall is once again becoming a focal point of the community. A huge thank you to Gail Mayall and Sue Marshall for the work they have done to tidy up the gardens in front of the door. They look great.

The annual spring clean is happening as I write this, so the hall is going to be bright and sparkling to start off the New Year.

Next year in April it is the 50th anniversary of the hall, if you have suggestions on how we can celebrate this milestone, please let us know.

Also the stove needs to be replaced, so if you have one you no longer require, and it is in good working condition, please let us know if you would like to donate it to the hall.

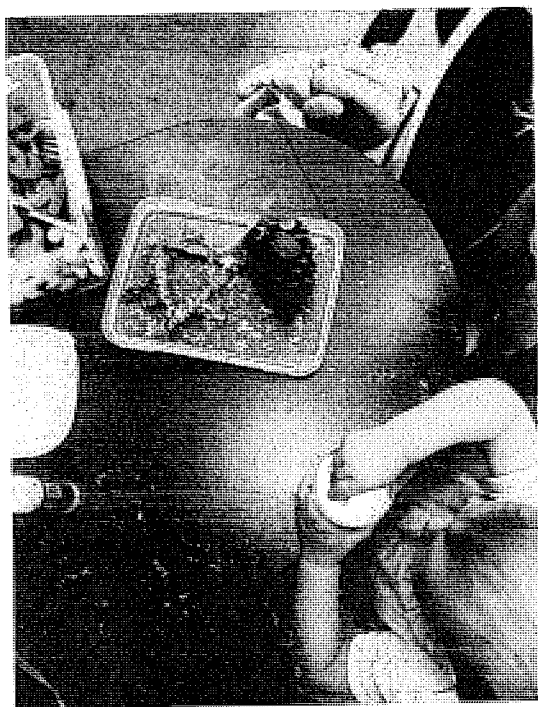
The hall committee would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe New Year. Enjoy any time you have off work, and of course anytime spent with family.



TAUWHARE PLAYGROUP

Term four has seen a little bit of finer weather join us occasionally and the kids have leapt at the opportunity to enjoy the sand pit and playground at Tauwhare School.

With Christmas fast approaching we spent a session making some gorgeous Christmas stars and reindeer out of pine cones to hang on our Christmas trees.



Term four is a busy time of year for many families. Our last playgroup session of the 2018 will be on Thursday November 29th.

Thank you to all the mums and children who have come along to playgroup this year. Thank you to Kim who took on the role of Coordinator this year. 2019 will be an exciting year as we watch these wonderful little people in our community continue to learn, grow and development their own little community together at playgroup.

We wish our whole community a very merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year!! See you in 2019!

About Tauwhare Playgroup:

Tauwhare playgroup is friendly and fun group, where parents, grandparents, caregivers, children and babies meet together in a relaxed environment. Everyone is welcome.

Our playgroup is free to attend, and our activities include:

- Music and singing
- Imaginative play
- Outdoor and free play
- Art and craft activities
- Trips to interesting places.

We meet at the Multipurpose Room at Tauwhare School between 9am-12 noon every Thursday during school term time. We are happy if people want to drop in for just a short while between naps or after school drop off. You don't have to stay all morning. Please bring along a small plate of food for the children's shared morning tea, and we provide hot drinks for parents and caregivers.

Like us on Facebook and keep up-to-date with what is happening.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from Pukeko Country Preschool

We have so much to celebrate this year as we have all accomplished so much together. The year started with a great ERO review and positive feedback. We set out on our healthy heart journey and with the support of families we were awarded the highest award of Gold. Over the year our curriculum has been enriched with Calf Club, Jump Jam, and the school library. We have also celebrated days such as Daffodil Day, Valentine's Day / Hearty day, St Patrick's week with those tricky leprechauns, Pink day (being a good friend), Sign Language week and Matariki with a harvest day and shake out. (phew, we have been busy). We have enjoyed visits from various people who were invited to add interest to parts of the programme throughout the year such as Winston the policeman.

Our new preschool building is looking fantastic and we can't wait to move in early next year. Spaces are filling up fast in our under twos and over twos and we encourage anyone thinking of enrolling next year to come in and place your name on the waiting list. We welcome you all to our grand opening.

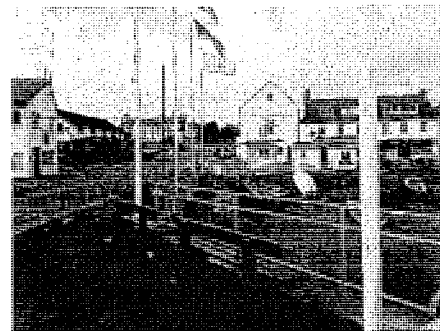
We would like to thank the lovely women of Tauwhare who gave us \$125 from their 'bring and buy' stall last month and everyone for their contribution of time and support this year. We appreciate you all. We hope you all have a wonderful holiday this Christmas, and if you are travelling the children have a message for you.

"Stay safe and wear your seat belt and if you're feeling tired take your steering wheel out and put it on your head for a while." ☺



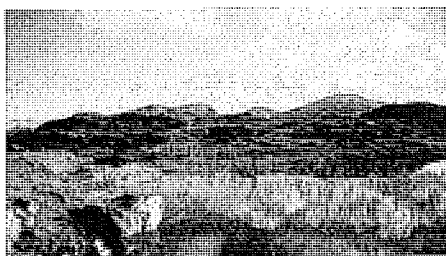
OVER THE SEAS FROM SCOTLAND

Many of you will be familiar with The Skye Boat Song and its words “over the sea to Skye”. Recently Rob and I took a once in a lifetime opportunity to cross the seas from Scotland to visit not Skye but Lewis, the most northerly island in the archipelago of the Outer Hebrides of Scotland. We caught the ferry from Ullapool (pronounced Ullapul), a town of 1,500 inhabitants in the Upper Highlands of Scotland at the end of the A835 from Inverness - a tiny village, but an important gateway for ferries to the outer isles.



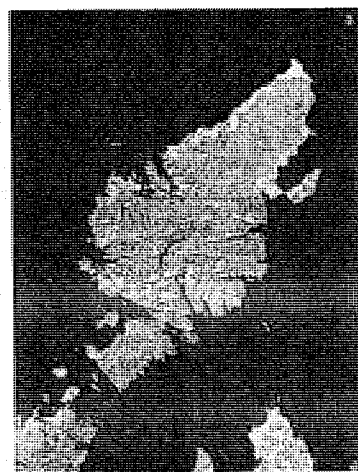
On an unusually calm Scottish summers day (so no need for the *Sealegs* on this voyage) we travelled on a Calmac (Caledonian MacBrayne) Ferry across the Minch, a strait in north-west Scotland from Ullapool to Stornoway the capital of Lewis. (You can also fly into Stornoway – the airfield is long enough for even the largest of aircraft to land – it was used as a base for NATO aircraft during the cold war.)

The ferry trip was to be the beginning of a wonderful three day visit to this unspoilt part of the world staying with our friend Anne, a former WDC staff member, and a native of Lewis, and her husband Iain. I can't even find the words to describe this magical part of Scotland. The Outer Hebrides had, along with the rest of the UK, enjoyed an unusually fine hot summer. It was approaching autumn when we visited, and the hills were covered in the purple hues of the Scottish heather. We were spoilt with relatively warmish weather – the temperature around 5°C colder than the mainland and of course the ever present wind.



The Outer Hebrides lure many tourists who visit the islands to bird watch, hike and bike through the Isles – the Hebridean Way is a 185-mile cycle route, starting at Vatersay south of Barra and finishing at the north of Lewis crossing 10 islands, linked by ferries and causeways.

Lewis is also known as the Isle of Lewis as the two parts Lewis and Harris are frequently referred to as separate islands – however they are joined where the island narrows in the south. In general, Lewis is the lower-lying part of the island; the other part, Harris, is more mountainous. Lewis with its flatter, more fertile land contains three-quarters of the population of the Western Isles, and the largest settlement, Stornoway. Traditional industries on the Isle of Lewis are crofting, fishing and weaving. Harris Tweed is a cloth well known to most and until recently was a home industry but machine spinning, and vat dyeing has mainly replaced the home methods. Most people are familiar with the tweed jackets but in a local museum we saw a wonderfully fine woven tweed wedding dress. Most islanders now work in businesses supporting tourism, local government and manufacturing. The Islanders native language is Gaelic (with each settlement having their own dialect) with English as their second language.



There is evidence in the isles of habitation going back 6000 years; the Celtic peoples were the predominant social group – fortifications built on Lewis must have been to defend themselves from other Celtic groups as this was well before the days of the Viking raiders. The islanders were used to a hard life, working with sheep in open country where the westerlies blow ceaselessly, and stunted trees struggle to grow. The Highland Clearances, which started in the 18th century, had a devastating effect on the isles. Large tracts were closed off by the big landowners and native crofters were denied their traditional grazing and housing rights. However the crofters returned to their family lands in later years but work was hard to find so during the last century many men worked in the industrial cities of mainland Scotland returning home to their families only 2-3 times a year.

There is still a strong Presbyterian tradition in the islands. The Outer Hebrides still observe the traditional Sabbath with most public amenities, museums, sporting facilities and shops closed. Until 2009 there was no Sunday ferry to and from the mainland with tourists unable to buy a meal on a Sunday or leave the island until Monday. (There is still an unwritten rule about not hanging out washing on a Sunday.)

During our visit Anne and Iain drove us around the whole island through areas with sandy beaches and dunes on the Atlantic west coast to the more rugged east coast. The eastern side is more fertile so most of the population settled there in and around Stornoway the largest town. The majority of the smaller settlements are on the coast.

We visited many places of interest including:

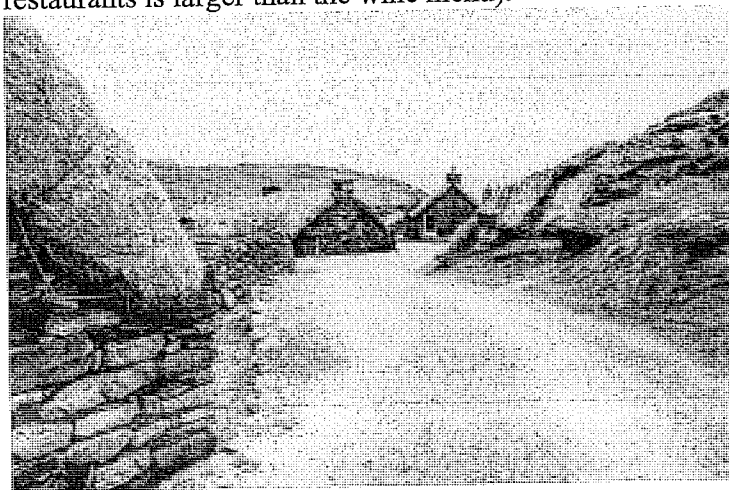
The **Butt of Lewis Lighthouse** at the top of the island (the most nor-easterly part of the UK). The lighthouse, designed by David Stevenson, was built at Butt of Lewis to aid shipping in the 1860s. Unusual for a lighthouse in Scotland, it is constructed of red brick, and is unpainted. The station was automated in 1998, one of the last to be converted.

The **Callanish Stones** (or "Callanish I", *Clachan Chalanais* or *Tursachan Chalanais* in Scottish Gaelic) are an arrangement of standing stones placed in a cruciform pattern with a central stone circle. They were erected in the late Neolithic era, and were a focus for ritual activity during the Bronze Age. They are near the village of Callanish on the west coast of Lewis.



The stone circle at the centre of the Callanish Stones

The Harris Brewery - The first distillery on the Isle of Harris, making spirit for the forthcoming *Hearach* single malt Scotch Whiskey (*The Hearach*, being the Gaelic word for a person from Harris) - the first legal whiskey distilled on this island in 200 years. The brewery also makes the Isle of Harris Gin which is infused with Sugar kelp. (In the UK gin is now the drink of choice for many and the gin menu in many restaurants is larger than the wine menu).



««**The Garenin Blackhouse village** – the site of the last inhabited Blackhouses that have been rebuilt and are now let out as holiday homes and for functions.

The traditional housing until last century was a Blackhouse – the last of these houses was abandoned in 1974. They were generally built with double wall dry stone walls packed with earth and roofed with wooden rafters covered with a thatch of straw or reed, roped down to survive the Atlantic gales. Floors were flagstone or packed earth with a central hearth for a fire - the peat fires burned day and night

with smoke only able to escape through a hole in the roof. People lived at one end and animals lived at the other with a partition between them. Some homes would have also accommodated a loom for weaving the Harris tweed. The Blackhouses were later replaced by Whitehouses, the newer houses built when health regulations began to dictate that animals should be kept separately, and chimneys and fireplaces were built. The Whitehouses were built in the twenties of stone and like or concrete block and roofed with slate, corrugated iron or tarred felt. Most islanders remain on their family crofts, with their original Whitehouse modernised and extended. Some islanders still burn peat but increasingly use solid fuel or oil heating.

I have only given you a snapshot of the history and life on this island home to around 22,000 proud Scots. We would have loved to have stayed longer and had time to ‘rest awhile’. Many special memories to last a lifetime.

Jill McGuire

TASTE BUDS

COCONUT AND LIME CAKE

1 1/2 cups (225g) self-rising flour
1/2 cup (40g) desiccated coconut
2 teaspoons lime rind finely grated
1 cup (220g) caster sugar
125g butter, melted
2 Eggs
1 cup (250ml) coconut milk

Lime drizzle icing

1 1/2 cups (240g) icing sugar mixture
2 tablespoons lime juice



Method

Preheat oven to 180C. Grease and line the base and 2 long sides of a 10cm x 22cm (base measurement) loaf pan with baking paper.
Combine flour, coconut, lime rind and sugar in a large bowl. Whisk butter, eggs and coconut milk in a small bowl. Add to the flour mixture. Stir to combine. Pour into prepared pan. Smooth the surface. Bake for 45 mins or until a skewer inserted in the centre comes out clean. Set aside in the pan for 5 mins. Turn onto a wire rack to cool completely.
To make the lime drizzle icing, place the icing sugar in a bowl. Add enough lime juice to form a runny paste. Pour over the top of the cooled cake.

POTATO PISSALADIERE (from France)

2 tbs butter
570 grams kumera and potato mixed
1 egg, lightly beaten
2 tbs grated parmesan cheese
Salt and pepper to taste

2 tbs sundried tomato paste
2 tbs tomato paste
3 tomatoes thinly sliced
2tbs chopped basil
60 grams both mozzarella and cheddar
60 grams anchovy fillets sliced lengthwise
Some black olives to dress

Method

Chop potatoes and kumera, boil and when cooked drain very well. Mash and add butter, egg, parmesan, salt and pepper. Spread onto a tray in an 8x11inch shape and bake 20 mins. Mix together tomato pastes and spread over potato base. Arrange tomato slices on top, sprinkle with basil and mozzarella and cheddar cheeses. Arrange anchovies in a lattice pattern on top. Slice olives and arrange them on the anchovies. Sprinkle with some basil to dress and bake 10 mins till chees is melted.



Desktops vs Laptops



Should you buy a desktop or a laptop computer? The answer is complex and nuanced, but sometimes obvious. The obvious part is, do I want to move my computer around? Do I want to use it in multiple rooms, or on vacation? If so, buy a laptop. Done. But there are issues with laptops; they burn out faster, are more easily damaged and much harder to repair. Let's go into each of those in detail. Why do they burn out faster?

Well, imagine you're cramped in a small room without any ventilation. You're gonna get hot, yes? That's the situation with every component of every laptop: there's little-to-no room for air to circulate, hence components tend to heat up much more quickly and cool down more slowly. Over time the heat-expansion/cold-contraction cycle of electronic hardware leads to microfissures in circuitry, and once those fissures get wide enough your computer will start flaking out. This is why older computers can sometimes show signs of instability at hotter or colder times of year.

Of course, this happens for desktop computers as well, but with laptops the heat/cold difference is more extreme, so components wear out faster. Hardware manufacturers compensate for this by building devices for laptops which use less power, often at the expense of performance. So laptops will almost always run slower than their desktop counterparts.

Then again; some desktop hardware manufacturers do this as well. Name brands like HP, Compaq and Dell build desktop computers with lower-power, lower-performance components so that they can put in the cheapest, lowest-wattage power supplies available. This can be beneficial in office environments where you don't want to be chewing through too much power, but after 3-4 years capacitors in power supplies often fail to supply the minimum power necessary to run the computer.

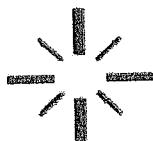
Now, why are laptops more easily damaged? Well you drop them, right? You step on them, they fall off the bed, the sofa, or the whoopie cushion you precariously balanced it on because you thought it would be hilarious when someone tried to type on it... you get the picture. But they also have weaker power supplies, so power spikes get through more easily and can damage hardware. Then again: desktop computers have no batteries, so they're more vulnerable to blackouts and brownouts than laptops.

You can regulate the power coming into the desktop computer by buying a UPS (uninterruptible power supply – essentially an external battery), but that's another 70-200 dollars out of your purchase budget. Worth it though, in terms of increasing the lifespan of a computer, particularly if you live out in the country where power problems are more frequent.

Lastly, why are laptops harder to repair? Hard drives and memory (the two components most likely to fail in a computer) are easily replaceable, in *most* desktops and laptops. But everything else in a laptop is much harder to fix or replace than in a desktop computer: motherboards, screens, keyboards, touchpads, wireless devices, CMOS batteries, CPU thermal grease and power units. Many components for laptops are custom-made for that particular model, so whereas you might spend \$50 on a replacement motherboard for a desktop, you're more likely to spend \$150 on a replacement for a laptop model, *if* you can find one.

So to summarise: laptops are more expensive, slower, harder to repair, more likely to fail, and more expensive to fix. Desktops are faster, less expensive and easier to fix, promote better user posture, but get affected by power failure more easily. So if you to go places with your computer, get a laptop (or a tablet). Otherwise buy a non-name-brand desktop computer and maybe a UPS to go along with it.

- Matt Bentley is the computer repair guy running Waikato Home PC Support
Email info@homepcsupport.co.nz or phone 0211348576.
www.homepcsupport.co.nz

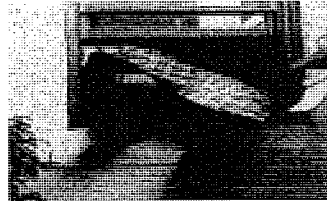


Waikato Home PC Support



Hamilton Police

Helping you to protect yourselves and your property over this Xmas period



People are your best defense -- be a visibly nosy neighbour. Let anyone walking the neighbourhood or sitting in a parked car see you watching them.

-Make a note of car license plates and if anyone behaves suspiciously or stays in their car for a lengthy period, call the police.

Tell close neighbours you trust if you plan to be away or expect any deliveries. Also give them an emergency contact number.

-If they're in the know they're more likely to notice something you didn't mention and spot unexpected callers at your home (burglars often call at the front door of a house to check if anyone is there).

And, if you are going away, use timers to switch lights on and off at random, cancel newspapers and put a hold on your mail deliveries -- or, to guard your schedule, arrange for the trusted neighbour to collect them.

- Having a dog is a huge deterrent. Ironically, burglars are far more likely to avoid a house with a small dog than a big one -- small dogs tend to be nervous and less easy to trick into calming down. They're less trustful and bark louder and longer.

Take a walk around your home, inside and out, to figure where the weakest link in your security might be -- like leaving a window open in a secluded spot.

LOCKS, LIGHTS, and LINES OF SIGHT -- install good locks and use them! Install sensor lighting and consider trimming trees and hedges to ensure good lines of sight around your property.

High-risk places include the door from your garage into the house, back doors, side walkways where a burglar would not be seen, and large shrubs close to the residence where thieves could hide. Think about trimming all shrubbery around your property making it harder to be unnoticed around your property.

Take action to increase protection in these vulnerable places -- like installing deadbolts on doors and using toughened glass in windows and doors. Sensor lighting outside is also recommended, as it also makes it harder for someone to be on your property without being observed.

-If you leave windows open on the second floor, make sure your extension ladder is locked away.

Avoid creating temptation! Don't leave things like Flat screen TV'S, Laptops in view from a window, tuck them away while you're away for peace of mind. Lawn mowers and bikes should be locked away in a secure shed.

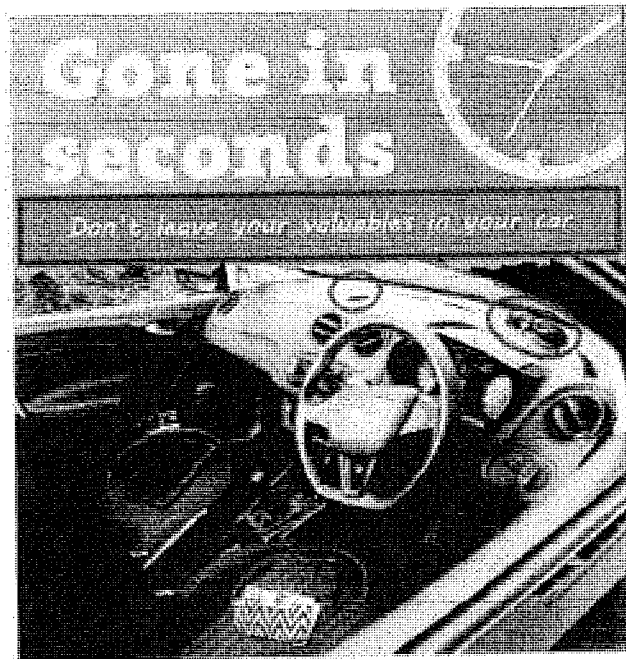
Maybe ask a neighbour if they would park their car in your drive while you are away and clear your letterbox. A letterbox with junk mail hanging out of it, is a clear sign you may be away.

We don't want you to experience a Burglary, but if it does happen **We want to get your property back to you.....** go to our SNAP website online and list your serial numbers, that way we may be able to reunite you with your stolen property if you are able to provide the serial number to us. Visit ; www.snap.org.nz to sign up to SNAP -- it's free.

SAFEGUARD YOUR PROPERTY 

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Your Car:

Lock it or lose it. Out of sight, out of mind.

- Don't leave anything in your vehicle while you're not around!
- *This includes GPS devices attached to windows and loose change in middle consoles*
- *Thieves love to see your valuables sitting on seats or just under seats*
- Consider installing a car alarm, thieves dislike noise alerting others to their activities
- If you need to park on the street, go for well lit, busy areas
- Camping? Don't leave your key to your car somewhere around the vehicle, or on a wheel, thieves think of that too

Remember you can call anonymously on CRIME STOPPERS: 0800 555 111

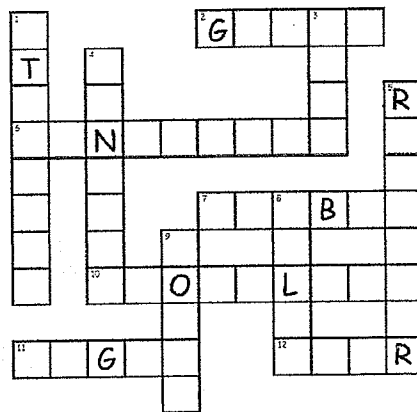
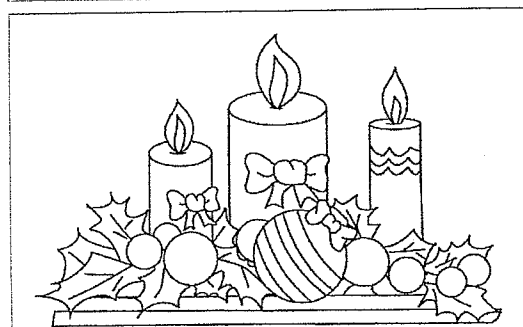
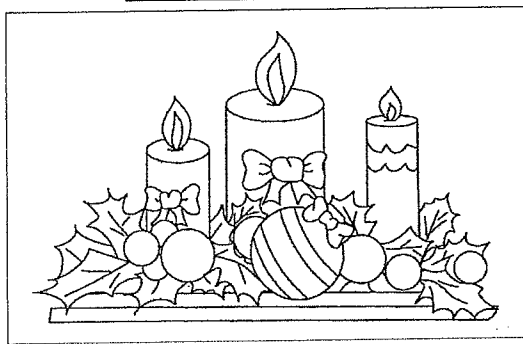
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PUZZLES FOR CHILDREN

What happens to elves when they behave naughty? Santa gives them the sack.
 What kind of music do elves listen to? Wrap.
 What did one snowman say to the other snowman? Can you smell carrot?
 Why did Santa put a clock in his sleigh? He wanted to see time fly!
 Why does Santa have three gardens? So he can ho, ho, ho.
 What do you get if you combine Santa and a duck? A Christmas Quacker!
 Why are Christmas trees so bad at sewing? They always drop their needles!
 What falls at the North Pole but never gets hurt? Snow.
 What did Adam say the day before Christmas? It's Christmas, Eve!

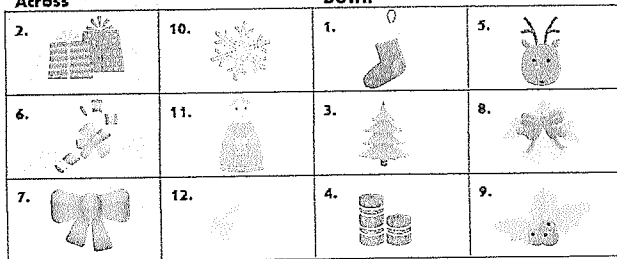
'Tis the Season

Spot the difference (10)



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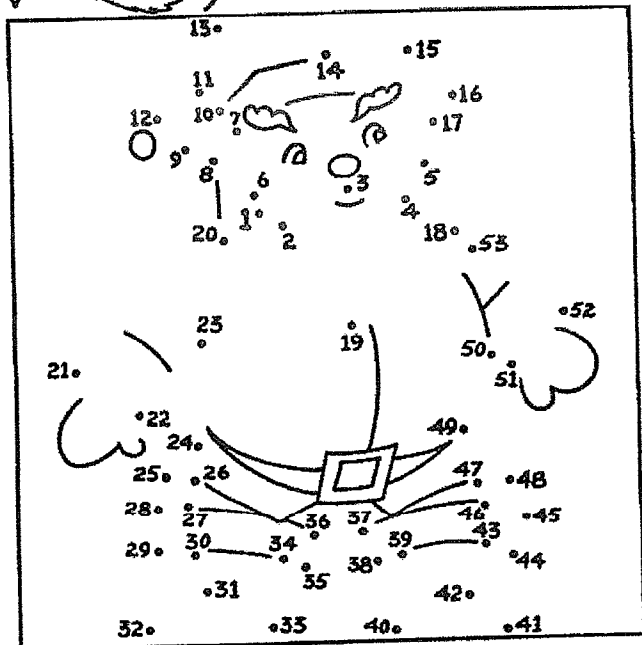
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Mr. Whiskers says:

"Follow the numbered dots and you will see whose picture the artist elf painted."



Santa Word Search

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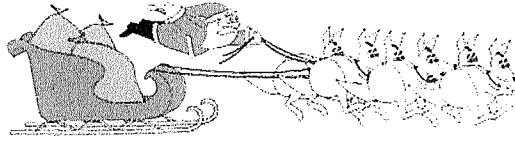
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COLOUR ME IN



Twass the night before Christmas – in

Australia



Twass the night before Christmas; there wasn't a sound. Not a possum was stirring; no-one was around. We'd left on the table some tucker and beer, Hoping that Santa Claus soon would be here. We children were snuggled up safe in our beds while dreams of pavlova danced 'round in our heads'

And Mum in her nightie and Dad in his shorts, had just settled down to watch TV Sports.

When outside the house a mad ruckus arose; Loud squeaking and banging woke us from our doze. We ran to the screen door, peeked cautiously out, snuck onto the deck, then let out a shout.

Guess what had woken us up from our snooze. But a rusty old Ute pulled by eight kangaroos. The cheerful man driving was giggling with glee and we both knew at once who this plump bloke must be. Now, I'm telling the truth, it's all dinky-di. Those eight kangaroos fairly soared through the sky.

Santa leaned out of the window to pull in the reins and encouraged the 'roos by calling their names. Now Kylie! Now Kirsty! Now Shazza and Shane! On Kipper! On Skipper! On Bazza and Wayne! Park up on that water tank. Grab a quick drink. I'll scoot down the gum tree. Be back in a wink!

So up to the tank those eight kangaroos flew, with the Ute full of toys and Santa Claus too. He slid down the gum tree and jumped to the ground. Then in through the window he sprang with a bound. He had bright sunburned cheeks and a milky white-beard. A Jolly old joker was how he appeared.

He wore red stubby shorts and old thongs on his feet and a hat of deep crimson as shade from the heat. His eyes – bright as opals – Oh how they twinkled and, like a goanna, his skin was quite wrinkled! His shirt was so stretched over a round bulging belly which shook when he moved like a plate full of jelly.

A fat stack of prezzies he flung on his back, and he looked like a swaggie unfastening his pack. He spoke not a word, but bent down on one knee to position our goodies beneath the pine tree. Surf board and footy for us two. And for Dad, tongs to use on the new BBQ. A mysterious package he left for our Mum. Then he turned and he winked and he held up his thumb.

He strolled out on the deck and his 'roos came on cue, flung his sack in the back and prepared to shoot through. He bellowed out loud as they swooped past the gates –

Merry Christmas to all, and good on ya mates!





Twas the Month After Christmas

Twas the month after Christmas, and all through the house, nothing would fit, not even a blouse.

The cookies I'd nibbled, the eggnog I'd taste, at the holiday parties, had gone to my waist.

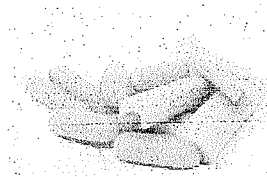
When I got on the scales, there a rose such a number! When I walked to the store, (less a walk than a lumber).

I'd remember the marvellous, meals I'd prepared, the gravies and sauces and beef nicely rared.

The wine and the rum balls, the bread and the cheese, and the way I'd never said 'No, thank you, please'.

As I dressed myself, in my husband's old shirt, and prepared once again to do battle with dirt.

I said to myself as I only can, 'You can spend a winter disguised as a man!'



So- away with the last of the sour cream dip, Get rid of the fruit cake, every cracker and chip.

Every last bit of food that I like must be banished, till all the additional ounces have vanished.

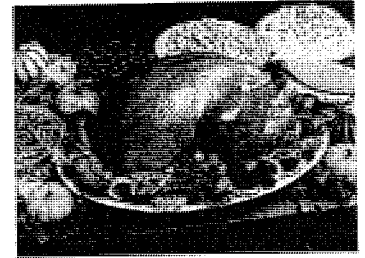
I won't have a cookie, not even a lick. I'll want only to chew on a long celery stick.

I won't have hot biscuits or corn bread, or pie, I'll munch on a carrot and quietly cry.

I'm hungry, I'm lonesome, and life is a bore. But isn't that what January is for?

Unable to giggle, no longer a riot.

Happy New year to all, and to all a good diet!



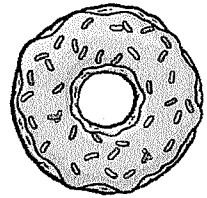
New, hilarious version of 'The Creation'

In the beginning God created the Heavens and the Earth and populated the Earth with broccoli, cauliflower and spinach, green and yellow and red vegetables of all kinds, so Man and Woman would live long and healthy lives.

Then, using God's great gifts, Satan created Ben and Jerry's Ice-cream and Krispy Crème Donuts. And Satan said, 'You want Chocolate with that?' And Man said 'Yes' and Woman said and as long as you're at it, add some sprinkles". And they gained 10 pounds and Satan smiled.

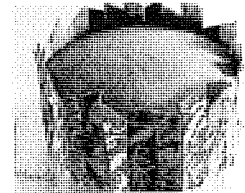
And God created the healthful yogurt that Woman might keep the figure that Man found so fair. And Satan brought forth white flour from the wheat, and sugar from the cane and combined them, And Woman went from size 6 to size 14.

So God said, "Try my fresh green salad" and Satan presented Thousand Island dressing and buttery croutons and garlic toast on the side. And Man and Woman unfastened their belts following the repast.



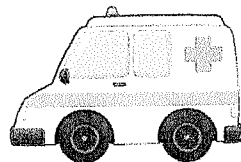
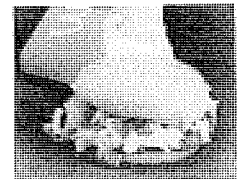
God then said, "I have sent you heart-healthy vegetables and olive oil in which to cook them". And Satan brought forth deep fried fish and chicken-fried steak so big it needed its own platter. And Man gained more weight and his cholesterol went through the roof. God then created a light, fluffy cake, named it "Angel Food Cake" and said "It is good." Satan then created chocolate cake and named it "Devil's Food Cake".

God then brought forth running shoes so that his children might lose those extra pounds. And Satan gave Cable TV with remote control so that Man would not have to toil changing the channels. And Man and Woman laughed and cried before the flickering blue light, and gained pounds.



Then God brought forth the potatoes, naturally low in fat and brimming with nutrition. And Satan peeled off the healthy skin and sliced the starchy centre into chips and deep-fried them. And Man gained pounds.

God then gave lean beef so that Man might consume fewer calories and still satisfy his appetite. And Satan created McDonald's and its 99cent double cheeseburger. Then said "You want fries with that?" And Man replied, "Yes! And supersize them!" And Satan said, "It is good". And Man went into cardiac arrest. God sighed and created quadruple bypass surgery. And Satan created cuts to the Health Care System.



Amen

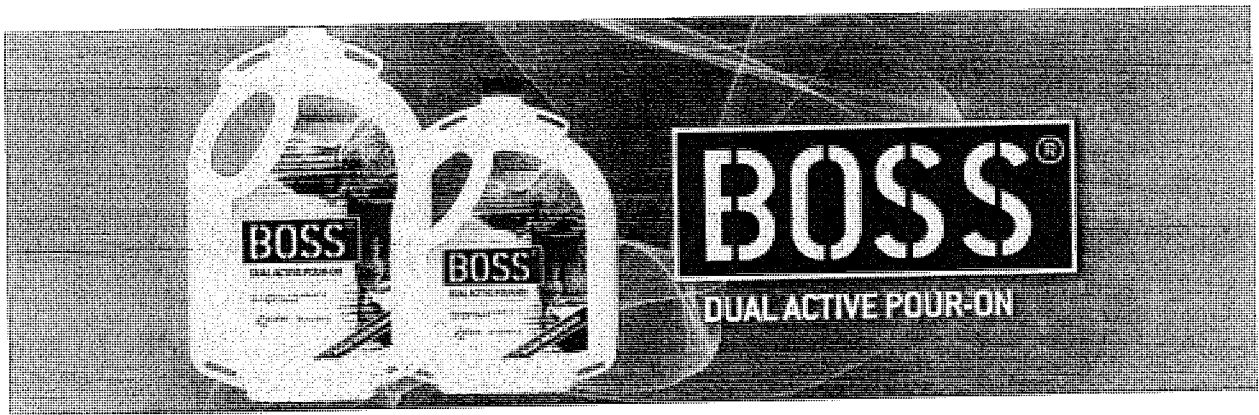
Coccidiosis

This disease usually occurs when calves between 3 to 8 months of age i.e. about now. It usually causes ill thrift (calves just not doing well) and scouring. You may of worm drenched your calves recently, but they are not doing as well as you expected; they are "off", maybe a few too many with shitty tails.

If this is true of your calves take some faeces samples from 3 of the worst affected and get them tested for worms and coccidia. Even if the lab results show that only one calf is only lightly affected, I would recommend that the all the calves are treated.

Coccidia is a protozoa (not a bacteria nor worms) and infects the large intestines. The "eggs" from the coccidia can survive for nearly a year in the pasture and so next year's calves can get the disease from this year's infected calves.

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As I write my last newsletter for 2018 thunder and lightning and heavy rain is hitting our area. This and last week's rain should replenish our dry fields and gardens and ensure good crops ready for winter feed.

It is great to see Holland and Waverley Roads receiving an upgrade – it has taken some persuasion to get to this point. These roads are built on peat so constantly move and the high traffic volumes means more than average maintenance is required to keep them safe. I had hoped to see reconstruction on Seddon Road this year but unfortunately this has been pushed back until our next financial year – however, there is also some maintenance to be done but I am waiting to hear when this will occur.

Council offices will close at 3pm on 23 December and reopen on 4th January. Our Customer Support General Manager Sue Duigan would like to advise residents that *there is a close down period from 20 December to 10 January for building and resource consents and from 24 December to 16 January for Land Information Memoranda (LIM) and Development Contribution reconsiderations.* *If you want an urgent LIM before Christmas it needs to be in before 12pm on 19 December.* *A small team will continue to accept lodgement of applications over the close down period, but staff won't start the consent process until 10 January.*

I have previously mentioned the Waikato District's Perry Bridge – an important section of the Te Awa River Ride at Hototiu. **Congratulations to the Perry Group and their design and construction teams** who have won an international award for engineering excellence – recognised recently as the best pedestrian bridge at the Global Structural Awards in London. The bridge is NZ's first network arch bridge designed for pedestrians and cyclists. This is the latest in a number of accolades and awards received for the bridge's design and construction.

Stage 1 of the Proposed **Waikato District Plan 2018** was notified on Wednesday 18 July 2018 and submissions closed at 5pm on Tuesday 9 October, 2018. The Proposed Plan combines both the Franklin and Waikato sections into a single district plan with a consistent approach to development and growth across the district. Stage 1 includes all topics excluding natural hazards. The Policy team are now in the process of summarising the many submission points. Further submissions will be called for once this summary is available. **Stage 2** of the District Plan Review is currently in progress. This stage includes the review of issues relating to natural hazard risk and climate change.

With increasing interest in genealogy and tracing family history you may not be aware that WDC has an **online database** for those who want to find information on anyone buried at a Waikato District Council managed **cemetery** – this can be found on <https://www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/services-facilities/cemeteries/cemeteries-database>

Waikato District continues to grow - this year **building consents issued increased by 56% and there has been a 53% increase in resource consents** over the past two years - this unprecedented growth is stretching our staff. To help facilitate any application for a building or resource consent be sure to supply all the information and reports required – any lack of information will hold up your application. Every year we commission a *Scorecard Report* to track that we are meeting our statutory requirements. The Scorecard for period July 2017 – June 2018 includes information on consents and notes that *Council processed 97.3% of standard consents within the statutory timeframe, 100% for dwellings.* *During that year we issued 1080 resource consents in total of which only four were issued outside the statutory time frames due to their level of complexity.* The full report can be found on the WDC website.

Many of you will be connected to the **Southern Districts Water Scheme** and you will have recently received your latest water bill from Council. If it is higher than normal be sure to check that your outdoor pipes or troughs aren't leaking and check inside appliances for leaks. We are happy to help; to use our free water savings service book a home visit on 0800 492 452 or email us at waters@waidc.govt.nz

I am available via email or mobile during the holiday period. If you want to report any road damage or other urgent matters, you can phone Council on 0800 492 452.

I hope you have an enjoyable holiday season with your friends & family – drive safely and take care in the water.



Contact me anytime

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- Emergency overnight care

What do you need to be a caregiver?

There is no certificate that says you would make a great caregiver. Most importantly you need to have:

- an empathetic nature
- tolerance to cope with distress
- be a good listener
- be able to work as part of a team
- a full driver's licence preferable
- good health
- good relationships with others and have ability to develop a relationship with the child.

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– Connor, 27.

If you would like to know more, please contact:

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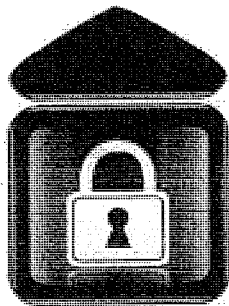
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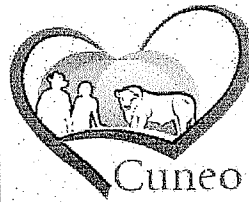
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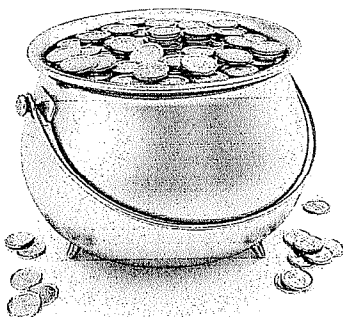
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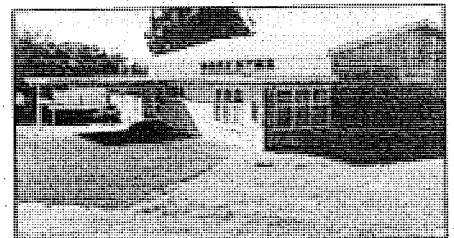
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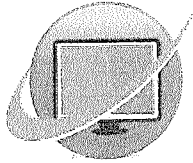
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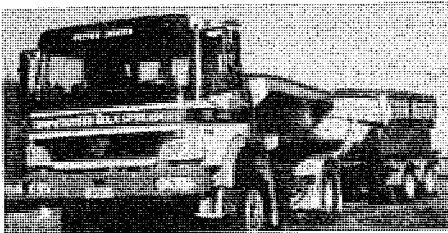
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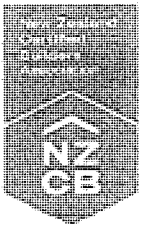
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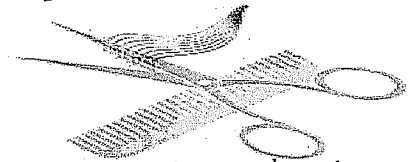
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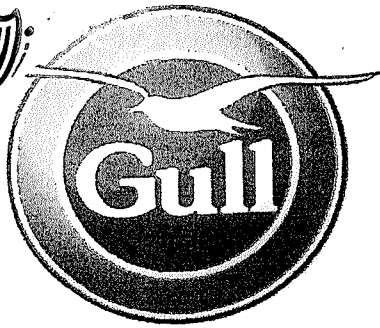
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- *Rotary Hoeing*
- *Ripping*
- *Undersowing*
- *Baling & Wrapping*
- *Digger (12 Ton)*
- *Grass Crop Sales*



- *Maize Silage*
- *Power Harrowing*
- *Discing*
- *Maize Planting*
- *Roller Drilling*
- *Power Harrow/Seedbox*
- *Shavings & Sawdust*
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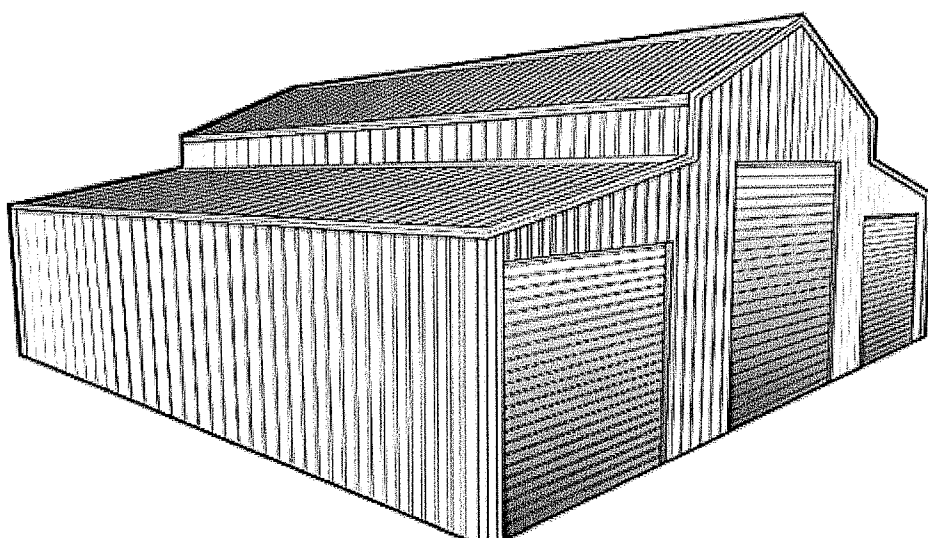
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"The shed and experience was absolutely excellent. The shed was exactly what I wanted. Dealing with the Waikato Shed team through to their crew was great - couldn't have asked for better. I'm absolutely wrapped."

- Glyn Doughty, Hamilton

THE PRICE EXAMPLES FOR SHED KITS SHOWN BELOW ARE TO GIVE YOU A FEEL FOR COST.

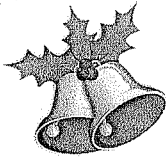
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SIZE: (span x length x stud height)	ZINCALUME	COLOURSTEEL
9.5 x 7 x 3.7 (3.3h x 3.0w & 2.1h x 2.4w Roller Doors)	\$14,826 +gst \$17,050 incl	\$16,217 +gst \$18,650 incl
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12 x 12 x 3.7 (3.3h x 3.0w & 2.1h x 2.4w Roller Doors)	\$22,782 +gst \$26,200 incl	\$24,956 +gst \$28,700 incl
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**NO BULL
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About **NO BULL SHEDS**

NO BULL SHEDS was created by the **Waikato Shed Company** ✓✓ who have been supplying and building sheds around the greater Waikato and beyond since 2005.

Every shed built by Waikato Sheds has been custom designed with some containing quality extras like Aluminium Joinery, Vermin Flashings, Bird Brushes etc. and to date the same shed design has not been repeated.

NO BULL SHEDS has been developed with the help of the Waikato Sheds Team, who are passionate about good quality sheds, to provide the same quality base components and design capability with a No Frills approach.

Now, customers can get top quality shed pack systems at the lowest possible prices without cutting corners.

The aim is to make the whole process as simple as possible.

NO BULL SHEDS is a 100% Kiwi owned and operated company and is an authorised distributor of the proven Fair Dinkum Sheds Group.

NO BULL SHEDS Provides

- 5 basic and popular shed styles to get started
- Price examples for shed packs with 2 - 3 sizes for each style
- The ability to customise the shed to suit your needs
- A basic shed layout is provided as a starting point to assist you to determine your requirements