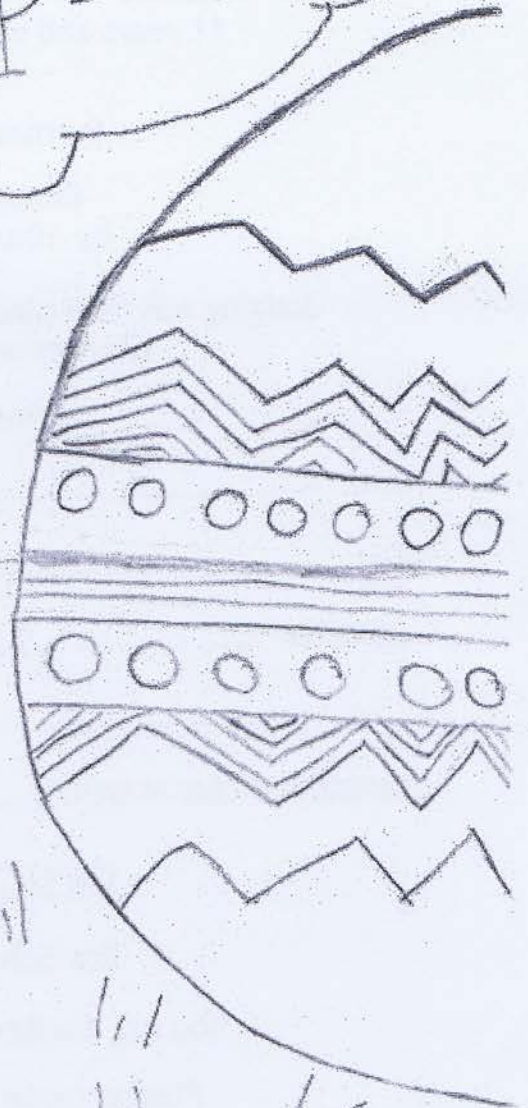
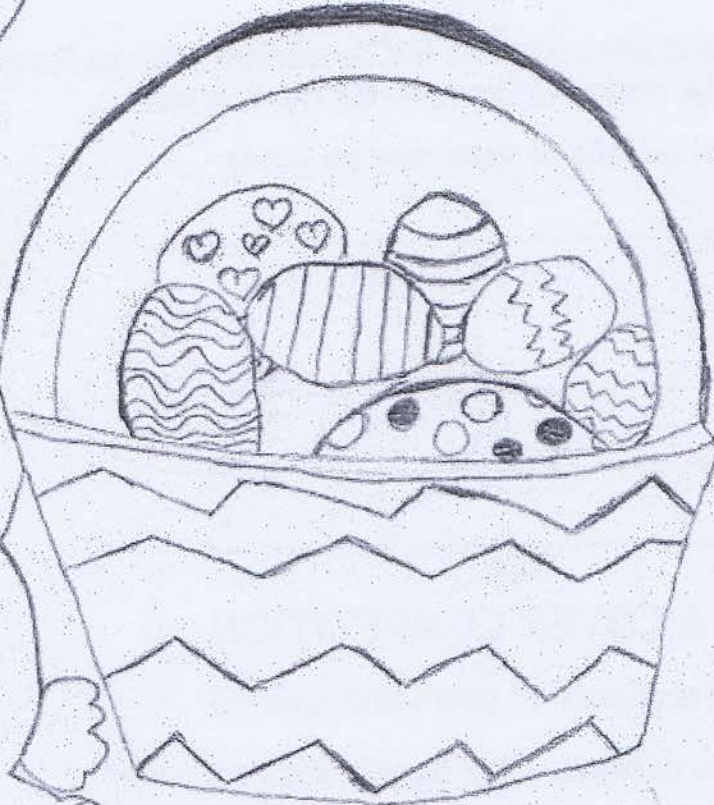


# Eureka Express



E A S T E R !

**Eureka Express**  
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By Danielle Gordon



# **EUREKA EXPRESS EASTER COLOURING COMPETITION**

**Groups:** Pre-schoolers  
Juniors 5 - 7 years  
Seniors 8 - 10 years  
11 years and upward see below

**Only one entry per person**  
Further copies available from Eureka Motors

**Please have entries in to Eureka Motors  
by 10am TUESDAY 27<sup>th</sup> MARCH at the latest**

Judging will take place and prize-winners will be advised prior to Easter  
Winners will be named in the April *Eureka Express*

**(Crayons, pencils or felts may be used)**

NAME:.....

AGE: .....

ADDRESS: .....

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CONTACT PHONE NUMBER: .....

## **DESIGN A COVER COMPETITION**

For School students 11 years and upward

You are invited to design a 2017 *Eureka Express* cover

*Please make your design in black and white only)*

**Entries please to Eureka Motors by Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April at the latest**

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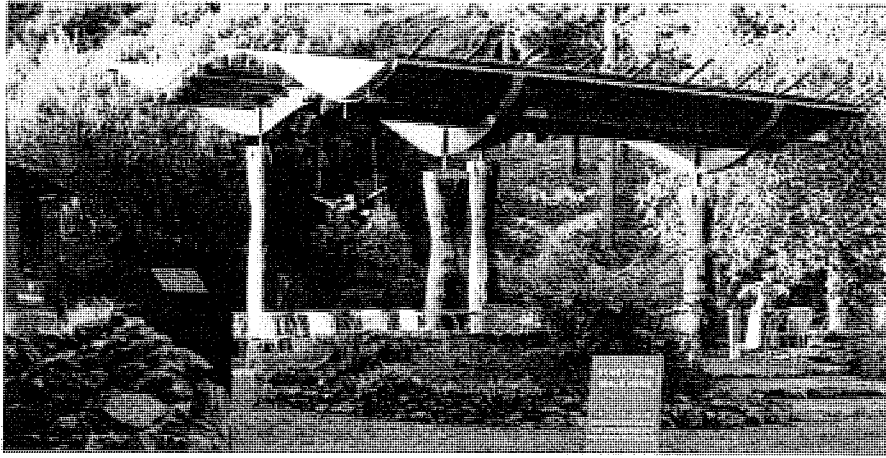
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# GUEST EDITORIAL



## Update on the 'Share the Park' Campaign

Visiting the Sculpture Park at Waitakaruru Arboretum is a breath-taking sensory art-in-nature experience. Those of you who have visited in the past know that the 17.5 hectares is a 25-year long rehabilitation of the old Winstones' Quarry that makes a great family walk among the sculptures and thousands of trees planted throughout. John and I want it to be shared as a free-entry public park that more people can enjoy, provided the cost of maintenance can be covered.

The 'Share the Park' Campaign started on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of January when the project was launched on Boosted, the Arts Foundation's crowd-funding site. This raised \$8000 for the initial impartial reports and strategy. There were 64 donors ranging in contributions from \$10 to \$1000.

At the same time we had a survey running. 190 people filled in the survey. The results include rating of the park (4.5 out of 5 overall), frequency of use, origin of visitors, etc. In addition, 40 people filled in the survey on paper at a trial run on Boxing Day.

We had four free to enter open days (Anniversary Weekend & Waitangi day). We counted 1000 visitors during those days (adults and children). On Waitangi Day alone we had over 400 visitors.

The contractors who are undertaking the impartial reports are:

- Accountancy firm BDO Waikato Ltd. to assess the cost of park maintenance
- Health & Safety Connexions Ltd. to assess the safety measures for the park

These reports will be ready by end of March.

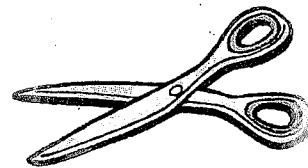
Artists have been coming into the park throughout February and early March, drawing and painting within the park and there will be an exhibition of their work called 'The Sculpture Park comes to Town', opening on the 11<sup>th</sup> May at the Nancy Caiger Gallery in the Meteor. It is at this event we would want to provide supporters with more of an insight into how we will try to find the funding to cover maintenance costs.

For more up-to-date information visit our website [www.sculpturepark.co.nz](http://www.sculpturepark.co.nz) and follow us on Facebook and Instagram.

**Dorothy Wakeling**

## SNIPPETS

Donation thanks to Margaret and Merv Knauf.



## EASTER COLOURING COMPETITION

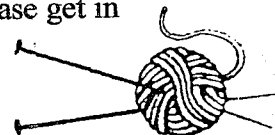
Open to all children in the Eureka Express circulation area.

Please use this March cover. More copies are available from Eureka Motors.

Please follow the instructions on the reverse side of the cover and make sure entries are in to Eureka Motors by Tuesday 27 March. Prizes will be delivered Thursday 29 March.

We do apologise for the quick turn around. Thank you, Editor

**ANZAC TREE:** Local ladies are busy knitting dozens of poppies to create a display for the Waikato District Placemaking Anzac Poppy Tree project 2018. If you have any suggestions or contributions towards commemorating Anzac Day in Eureka, please get in touch with us.



**Sincere condolences** are extended to Lloyd and Heather Monehan and family of Hooper Road, on the death of Lloyd's mother, **Mrs Peggy Monehan** in Putaruru on March 5. A dearly loved mother, mother-in-law and grandmother who will be sadly missed.

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It is with sadness we record the death of long term Eureka resident, **Jeanette Broome**, in Hamilton on March 3. Jeanette retired to Hamilton two years ago after 42 years of very successful thoroughbred horse breeding in Eureka. She really put Eureka on the map with her breeding success. Jeanette earned a well-deserved ONZM in the New Year Honours of 2000 for services to the racing industry and recognising her success as a breeder. To Paul and Carey and their families, and also to Moss Brooking, goes our deepest sympathy in their huge loss of Jeanette.

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Sadly, we also record the sudden passing of a past Eureka resident and E.Express committee member, **Erica Clarkin**, in Woolongong, Australia, on March 9. Our thoughts and sincere sympathy are very much with Kerry, and Erica and Kerry's sons, Shaun and Matthew, at this sad time.

## MARKETPLACE

### Three bedroom house wanted for lease.

We are needing to find a 3 bedroom house on Eureka to rent commencing June 2018.

Please contact Stephanie if you have a house in the area for lease. Phone 0220763567

### For Sale

Firewood. Hardwood, \$90 per cubic metre. Phone Ace 8241 891 or 021 02889247



## ON THE LIGHTER SIDE...

### OLDER AND PONDERING

Now that I'm older here's what I've discovered: -

1. I started out with nothing and still have most of it.
2. My wild oats are mostly enjoyed with prunes and All-bran.
3. I finally got my head together and now my body is falling apart
4. Funny, I don't remember being absent minded
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6. If all is not lost, then, where the heck is it?
7. It was a whole lot easier to get older than it was to get wiser.
8. Some days you're the top dog –some days you're the hydrant.
9. I wish the buck really did stop here. I sure could use a few of them.
10. Kids in the back seat cause accidents.
11. Accidents in the back seat cause kids.
12. It's hard to make a comeback when you haven't been anywhere.
13. The world only beats a path to your door when you're in the bathroom.
14. If God wanted me to touch my toes he'd have put them on my knees.
15. When I'm finally holding all the right cards, everyone wants to play chess.
16. It's not hard to meet expenses they are everywhere.
17. The only difference between a rut and a grave is the depth.
18. These days, I spend a lot of time thinking about the hereafter... I'd go somewhere to get something and then wonder what I'm 'here after'
19. Funny, I don't remember being absent minded.



# EUREKA EXPRESS AGM REPORT

The 38<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Eureka Express was held on 14th March 2018 at the Eureka0 Hall. Ten residents attended the meeting which was chaired by Editor Gail Mayall.

Income for the 2017 financial year was \$3,460.50; Cash expenditure \$3,742.45 – a loss before depreciation of \$281.95. The loss was mainly due to a change in payment method for the photocopying from a monthly service charge to a monthly lease due to a decision by the Committee to lease a photocopier for five years rather than purchase a new one. A lease was deemed to be the most cost-effective method of replacing the copier.

The Express Committee also paid \$1,304.56 towards the cost of an AED unit for the community.

Bank balances at the end of the financial year were – Encore account \$4,044.44, Simple Saver account \$11,029.63. Advertising charges will remain the same. Funds are still being held for chairs for Eureka Hall.

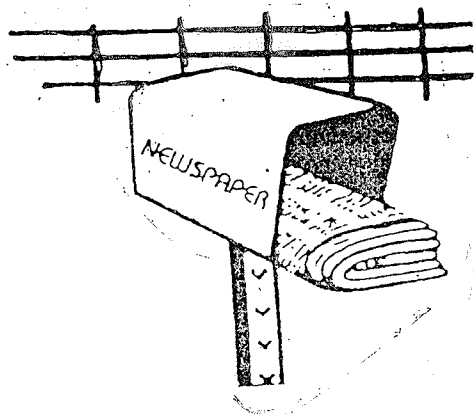
For the first time in 38 years printing was missed in June 2017 when the photocopier 'died'. An extra, Christmas issue was therefore printed in December to compensate advertisers who pay for advertising in 10 issues.

The Editor outlined the events organized by the Eureka Express team in 2017 including the Annual Easter colouring competition, the very well supported Ladies Night and the launch of the AED unit and AED and CPR training provided by St John Morrinsville.

A revamped Eureka Express website is now online at [eurekaexpress.co.nz](http://eurekaexpress.co.nz) where you can read past issues of the Express, keep up with events, read the Eureka History Book and other items of interest.

Guest editorials continued and are a feature of the Express enjoyed by all and the Editor thanked those who contributed. She acknowledged the meticulous care of the Express accounts by Treasurer Gayle Orr who has stood down from the position. Glenys Middlemiss has taken on the role of Treasurer. Gayle will remain on the Committee. She thanked Sheryll Gordon who reviews the Express accounts, Wendy Morch for her work preparing advertisements, Anna Drever who designs the covers, Lorraine Morrison who is a huge help on printing day, Margaret Smith and Jill McGuire for their assistance with editing and typing and who, with Sue Marshall help on printing days. Also to the other Committee members who make a big contribution to the smooth running of the Express; also Waikato Sheds, Eureka Motors and other advertisers, regular and new contributors and those who assist with delivering the Express each month. The Committee is also grateful for the many donations they receive from past and present residents of Eureka.

The Editor commented the Express Committee would welcome new ideas and suggestions from the community.



# TAUWHARE INDOOR BOWLING CLUB

Welcome to March club news.

Another season of indoor bowls has commenced and we had 2 fun nights to get the season underway. It was great to have a new member on the first night, welcome Jesse, and we extend a warm welcome to anyone that would love to give bowls a go. If you are keen, then come along to the Tauwhare Hall on a Thursday evenings – start time is 7.30pm and names in by 7.20pm. There are plenty of club members willing to help new players. All that is required is that you wear shoes that have a flat sole.

Contact numbers if you need more information are: -

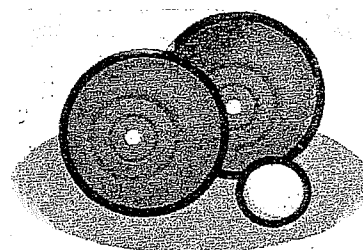
Jim and Rosalie Arnold 07 887 4832  
 Bev Meads 07 824 1941 or 021 172 7822  
 Kevin Williams 07 824 0728

Results for the 1st roll-up night 08.03.18 were: -

1<sup>st</sup> Bev Meads, Des Appleton and Emily Stevens  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Ivan Pizzini, Karen McNally and Ian Spencer

Results for the second roll-up night 15.03.18 were: -

1<sup>st</sup> Amber McNally and John Cottle  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Bev Meads and Des Appleton



Up Coming Events: -

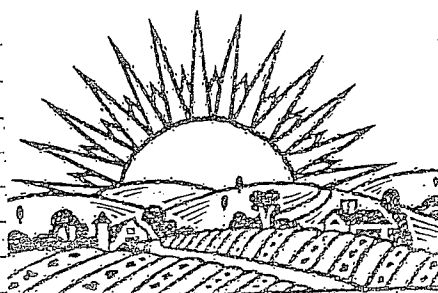
22.03.18 Club Night  
 29.03.18 Mulholland Trophy  
 05.04.18 Club Night  
 12.04.18 Triples Championship  
 17.04.18 Erin Rosebowl at Matangi  
 19.04.18 Open Triples Tournament  
 26.04.18 Club Night – Family Night

Family Night is a fun night for Mums, Dads, Grandparents, Grandchildren and Friends to come along and enjoy a night of bowls.

**COME ALONG AND GIVE BOWLS A GO – TAUWHARE HALL 7.30PM**

## WEATHER

Weather for February 2018		
Rainfall total	170 mm	
Rain Total for year	270 mm	
Rainy days	16	
Most rainfall	31mm	1st Feb
Highest wind speed	25.7 km/hr	
Temp high	30.3 C	18th Feb
Temp low	10.8 C	3rd Feb





We have had a busy start to the term with lots of exciting things happening and lots of new families joining us.

**School Camp**

On 28<sup>th</sup> Feb – 2<sup>nd</sup> March, the Year 4, 5, and 6 students had their annual camp. This year it was at Lake Whakamaru, near Taupo. The kids had a great time and got the opportunity to learn many life skills. As always, our team of camp parents were amazing.



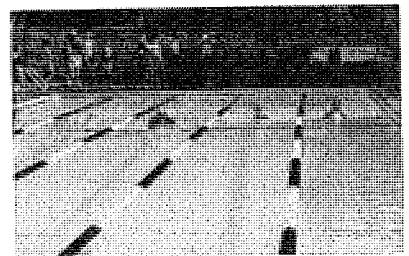
**Water Fun Day**

The Junior school had a wonderful Water Fun Day recently. This was a great opportunity for the children to demonstrate to parents the skills they have learnt in swimming and also play some fun water games in teams.



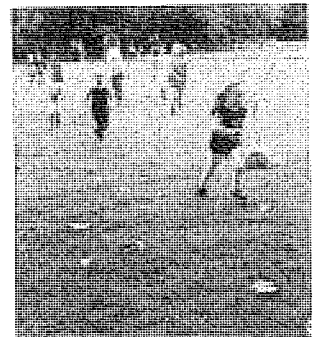
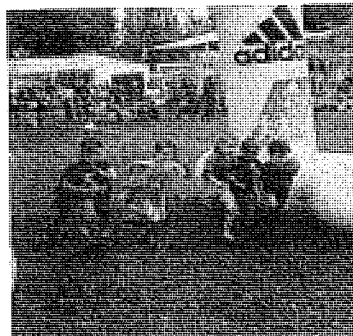
**Swimming Sports**

We had our school swimming sports at Matangi School recently. The year 4, 5, and 6 students all competed or did a swimming demonstration for parents. Congratulations to everyone who swam in the races and to those who did a spectacular swimming display.



**School Fun Run**

The PTA have once again done a wonderful job at organising this annual event. This was held at school on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March. We had a huge turnout and the children all put in lots of effort.







# PUKEKO PRESCHOOL

We've been very busy with Chinese New Year and St Patrick's Day. The children also made amazing garlic bread with olives and rosemary.

We've continued with the elements focus as it has sparked so many wonderful conversations and children have been developing their working theories.

Our learning has been supported by the school, with a visit from Mrs Keyser and a newly-hatched monarch butterfly from Room 6.

We had a very positive visit from ERO and are waiting for their final report. Thanks to everyone who took the time to share their views with the reviewers.

It has been lovely having a full roll this term. We have a few children leaving for school next term so there will be more spaces available. Call in or get in touch to put your child's name down.



## **About Pukeko Preschool**

We are a small rural preschool situated in the grounds of Tauwhare School on Scotsman Valley Rd. We are open from 8am – 4pm and licensed for 17 children. Session times are 8.45am – 1.00pm, 8.45am – 2.45pm, or choose your own hours for bookings over 6.5 hours. We welcome children from 2 years of age. They need to be toilet-trained (or close to it) as we do not have nappy changing facilities (we will have these in our new centre).

Limited spaces are available – call in and see us, phone 824 0860, or email [pukekopreschool@xtra.co.nz](mailto:pukekopreschool@xtra.co.nz). We offer 20 hours Free ECE (NO extra charges for these hours) and you may also be eligible for the childcare subsidy. Contact us for more information, check out our website [www.pukekopreschool.org.nz](http://www.pukekopreschool.org.nz), or find us on Facebook 'Pukeko Preschool in Tauwhare'.

# Tauwhare Playgroup

Playgroup has had some changes behind the scenes this month, so I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Kim Garland and I have taken over the position as co-ordinator. I attended Tauwhare Playgroup a few years ago when I first moved to Eureka in 2014 with a 7-month-old baby. It was a great way to meet new people and a good excuse to get out of the house. My daughter Laura is at preschool now but has nominated herself as my Thursday morning helper. She loves setting up and playing with all the children and is full of ideas for the following weeks.

The playgroup has been making the most of the resources available to us with arts & crafts, painting, fancy dress and outdoor equipment. Each week we try and create an exciting theme for the kids to get involved with. Teddy bears picnic, fancy dress and Easter creations are a few of the ideas we have used for our Thursday gatherings. And morning tea always goes down well of course!

We will also be planning some outings in the near future so please let me know if you have any ideas or suggestions of places you think our group would enjoy.

We hope you can come and join us each Thursday, even if it is only for half an hour or so, to say 'hi' and have a play. We would love to see you. Keep up to date with what we are up to via our Facebook page, or talk to one of our friendly mums.

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, please contact Kim on 027 765 1020.



## CORN AND CAPSICUM FRITTERS

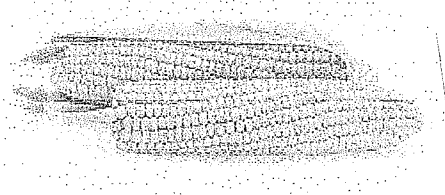
1 large red capsicum  
2 tbs parsley, coriander, chives  
3 eggs

2-3 fresh corn cobs, kernels  
oil for frying  
salt and pepper, to taste

### METHOD:

Cut the kernels off the cob. Chop up the capsicum into small dice. Heat 2 tbs oil in a pan, and add corn, stir for 2 mins. Add capsicum and stir for another 2 mins. Transfer into a bowl add herbs and mix. In another bowl beat eggs with salt and pepper. Gradually stir eggs into corn and capsicum mix. Drop large spoonful's of final mix into fry pan and cook 1-2 mins each side till golden brown. Serve with sour cream.

Serves 4



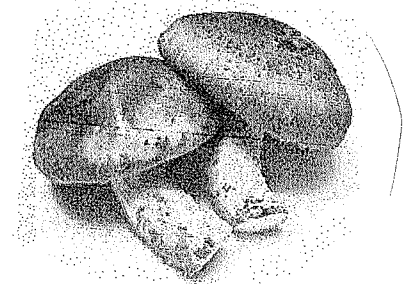
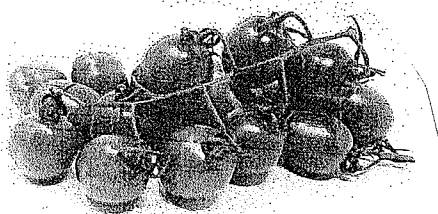
## MUSHROOM AND TOMATO TARTS

1 sheet ready rolled pastry  
2 tbs oil  
2 cloves of garlic  
4 cherry tomatoes

2 tbs soft cream cheese  
100g button mushrooms sliced  
½ tsp mixed herbs  
1 tbs grated parmesan cheese

### METHOD:

Preheat oven to a hot 240 C. Cover baking tray with tin foil. Cut pastry into quarters, fold edges over to make a 1cm boarder and press down firmly. Spread cream cheese over pastry. Heat oil in a pan and add mushrooms and herbs. Stir over medium heat till mushrooms softened and lightly golden. Drain on paper towels. Arrange mushrooms over cream cheese, top with tomato and sprinkle with cheese. Bake for approx. 20 mins till puffed and golden



## **Spectre/Meltdown - time to upgrade for old OS users**

If you're a regular bloke/lass and operate outside of technical computer circles, you might not have heard of a couple of terms currently haunting the computing world: "Spectre", a recently-discovered security flaw that affects most computer CPUs (Central Processing Units) and "Meltdown", another security flaw which only seems to affect Intel CPUs. Earlier last year, another flaw was detected called "Rowhammer".

While Rowhammer was relatively easy to mitigate, the difference between it and the newer flaws is that the fixes for the new problems cause significant performance problems, particularly on older computers. This is an issue currently impacting all areas of computing worldwide – as a 1-30% performance decrease (depending on the type of computer and it's assigned tasks) for almost all computers is bad news, not just for companies, but also for power grids and the environment.

So should you be worried? Probably not. Both Apple and Microsoft have issued security patches to address these issues, so while you may experience some small slowdown of your computer (testing has shown the impact is low for a typical home user), you should be safe security-wise. However if you're running an older operating system like Windows XP or Vista, and it's connected to the internet, you should upgrade, as patches will not be issued for it. If you need advice on how to do so, feel free to get in touch.

So why are these patches so necessary? Well, the security flaws basically allow hackers to take control of computers without the user even realising it, and they also leave no trace once the hackers are finished. They can (and will) be used in everything from industrial espionage to government manipulation, to stealing people's data including credit card details. Hopefully, given that the issue has been attacked so forthrightly by the IT community, the ability of hackers to exploit these hardware-level security issues will be significantly reduced.

As long as the majority of the world's computer are immune, the threat is relatively low. However in countries like China where at least 15% of all computers are still running Windows XP, it could be an issue. If you personally are still running XP or Vista and have been waiting for the right time to upgrade your computer, now is that time – unless it's a computer that doesn't connect to the internet. It's unlikely you'll be targeted, but why take that risk? Otherwise, just make sure your computer's operating system is receiving updates as it should, and there's no need to be afraid of Spectres or Meltdowns.

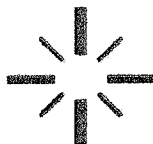
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# **Waikato Home PC Support**





## Installing your internal bullcrap detector

I didn't think I'd be returning to this issue so soon, but it's a problem that appears to be increasing. There are some new tactics from scammers, some of which rely on hacking and others on blind luck. Last year a young nz woman got a call from her husband's phone, telling her he was in custody at an airport and she needed to pay a large fine to get him out, which she did. How could she have known that the scammers had fooled the phone network into making it look like the call was from his phone? That her husband was fine and the whole thing was a setup?

Well, for starters, she could have called the airport directly to verify. She could've asked them to put him on the phone, or for a piece of information which only he could verify. Nowadays we have scammers targeting us over phone, email, on social media and dating apps. Some scams are dumb, some scams are smart, and some are targeted towards specific individuals (also known as "spear-phishing"). Amidst all of this it would be easy to just throw up your hands and say "it's all too much, how can I ever be safe, etc", retreat from the modern world and become a hermit, shut away in a cave until a nuclear apocalypse arrives.

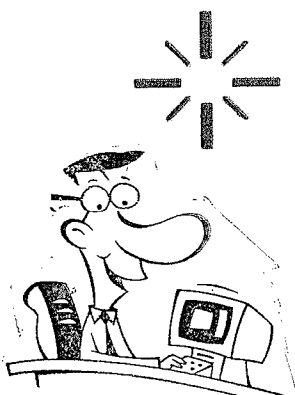
Look. The world's always been this way. There've always been pirates, con artists and scumbags, it's just that now, the pirates are in Somalia, the con artists are in India (and sometimes Russia and China) and the scumbags are in the Whitehouse. But they're not robbing you in the street and you are not defenceless. The best deterrent for any scam is a well-installed, fully-functional bullcrap-ometer. When someone calls you with a foreign accent and says there's something wrong with your computer, you should be asking "how did they find out?", "would it be legal for them to find out that way?" and "would a legitimate company act like this?".

Likewise if someone emails to say you've inherited half a million dollars, logically-speaking, the chances of that being true are half a million to one, so your bullcrap-ometer should be beeping. If something seems too good, too bad, or too implausible to be true, it probably isn't True. In other words, develop your critical faculties, your ability to critique situations instead of simply reacting with emotion. Critique at what I'm writing here: ask yourself, what does Matt have to gain by telling you all this stuff? Well, for starters hopefully I gain your trust, which may very well give me business, but also makes me feel good for having helped others.

But were I trying to scam you, I would tell you that there's some specific procedure or software package which will solve all your problems and make you entirely safe, which I can provide. There isn't such a thing, though there are plenty of things that help mitigate threats like antivirus programs, not sharing contact details on social media and not re-using passwords between websites. The Real solution is to use your head: educate yourself on the types of scams out there, install your bullcrap-ometer, and don't get caught out. Get smart instead.

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## Waikato Home PC Support

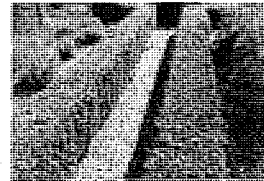
# IN MY GARDEN

Let's talk about the nursery industry. 40 years ago, my father was growing 180 thousand rose plants about 80 thousand fruit trees, shelter and hedge plants including 100,000 Phebalium hedge plants. Some people loved them others hated this hedge.



A little about how the above are grown. Cuttings are collected off an established hedge then taken back to the shed. Staff would sit around a fire in front of the shed, as it was the middle of winter and cut up cuttings about 15cm long. Late afternoon we healed these cuttings into rows of pumice dug out by spade. Each row was about was 3 meters long. When planted each row was trampled in firmly. Then the next row was dug out about 5cm apart and same is repeated. These cuttings would take about 2 weeks for maybe 6 people to produce and healed in. When cuttings had grown a good root system. The ground was prepared ready to plant. Approximately 100,000 were planted by hand. A trench was dug in straight rows with a mini plough pulled by a tractor. We then had plants laid out by 1 person down the row with someone following behind planting on their hands and knees up and down the rows. I said to my father *that we should buy a small feed planter machine*. As this only required one person on the tractor and another sitting on the planter loading the plants onto fingers that took the plants into the soil. Less labour. No tired staff. JOB DONE. But my father would not go ahead with the modern planter but continued planting by hand for several more years.

As you may all realise phebalium has now been replaced by Buxus, Griselinia etc



Rose growing which took two years to grow before harvesting also took a lot of work in the old days. We never used polythene to plant our rose root stock cuttings, they went straight into the soil. Weeds were a big problem. We would be hand hoeing down each side of these plants pulling weeds out amongst the plants and it would take about seven people four months of the year to do this job. We are now using polythene and have never used a hand hoe since. This is easier on staff and tidier paddocks

I now only grow about 40,000 roses, have 3 staff, more machinery and a small number of fruit tree, hedges and citrus

30 years ago, big rose plant producers and breeder overseas were growing one million plants per grower and are now only growing less than one hundred thousand each

The moral of the story is there is less gardening and more socialising. We are a busy nation so don't have time for gardening

*Happy gardening from Mike and staff*

# NEWS FROM YOUR WAIKATO DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

As I write this article it is another lovely autumn day. However, speaking as a farmer, we need rain; on the flip side the drier weather has slowed down the growth of my lawn which is a good thing!!



You should have received the *Long Term Plan (LTP) 2018-28 consultation document* (which includes a submission form) in your mailbox during the last week. It was mailed to each householder, not part of the 'junk mail'. We are holding information sessions about the LTP - **the Eureka Ward session will be held at Matangi Hall on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April, 6:30 – 8pm.** Hope to see you there.

Waikato District has given formal feedback on our preferred funding option for the Waikato Regional Theatre (replacing the Founders Theatre). The Regional Council's preferred option states *that of their proposed \$5m contribution towards capital costs, \$4.5m would come from the three primary beneficiaries outside Hamilton – Waikato, Waipa and Matamata Piako Districts with the remaining \$0.5m coming from the wider region.* Waikato Regional Council (WRC) have outlined a summary of the options in their Long-Term Plan which is now open for consultation. If you would like to make a submission about the theatre funding, details can be found on the WRC website. The public consultation period will be open from 16 March and close on 16 April.

**The Eureka Express Committee** has joined other groups in the Waikato district to create poppies to commemorate ANZAC Day. Knitting and crochet needles in homes in Eureka (including mine) are busy as poppies are created for a display planned for Eureka.

The idea to knit poppies began as a small project in Australia and has grown from there. The Waikato District initiative began last year when our *Placemaking* Team joined with local community houses to knit or crochet poppies to cover the trunk of at least one tree in town centres for the month of April. This year the project has grown with Council buying enough wool for the first 3,000 poppies and volunteers donating the rest. All the trees will be decorated by Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April and the **Eureka group hope to put up their poppies at the Eureka Hall, near the Cenotaph, on or about 9<sup>th</sup> April.** There is also a project to create a 1,200 poppy trail down the Te Awa Cycle Way.

**Matangi Village** joined the project last year with a tree installation in the Jack Foster Reserve and will be erecting their display again this year with the addition of more poppies being provided by their community. The Matangi Community Committee has also applied to the Heritage Fund for funds to go towards installing a World War 1 Roll of Honour to join the WW2 Roll of Honour in the Hall.

**In Tauwhare**, the Tauwhare Community Committee and residents are working with Council to combine an iconic sculpture with the development of a picnic/resting area. This week I met with the Community Committee, Council staff and local Iwi to discuss the final design for the sculpture. It was agreed to obtain the resource consent, so the project can proceed.

Every country is grappling with the problem of plastic waste. There is an excellent article in the February issue of the Waikato District Council Publication *Link* (see at [www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz](http://www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz)) which outlines what this could mean for NZ. All our plastics go offshore for processing - China has changed its regulations about receiving waste from other countries and this could have a huge impact on our recycling systems. So, we have to be smarter with our use of plastics. The article featured these helpful hints.

1. *Avoid plastic when you can – a tough ask, but not impossible. There are plenty of amazing Kiwis that are doing this with no major upheaval to their everyday lives, except the conscious decisions they choose to make. If you want examples of this check out [therubbishtrip.co.nz](http://therubbishtrip.co.nz), [1yearnoplastic.blogspot.co.nz](http://1yearnoplastic.blogspot.co.nz) or singer Jack Johnson's website [www.allatonce.org](http://www.allatonce.org)*
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It is good to see that NZ supermarkets are moving away from the use of plastic shopping bags and packing meat in recyclable trays. However, we must reduce our dependency on plastic sooner rather than later.

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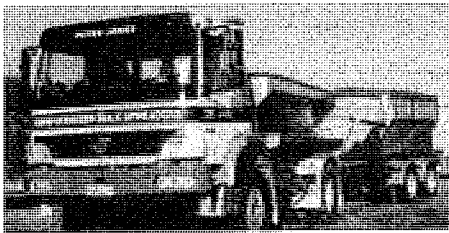
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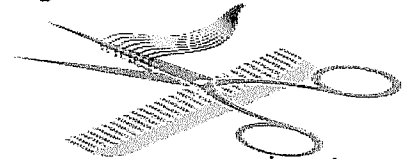
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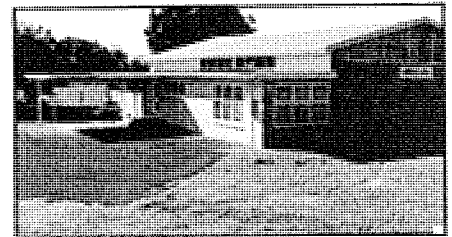


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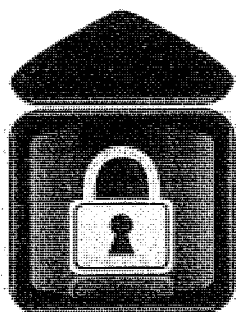
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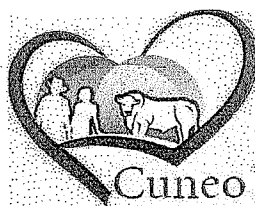
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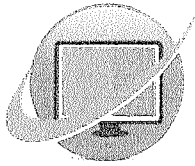
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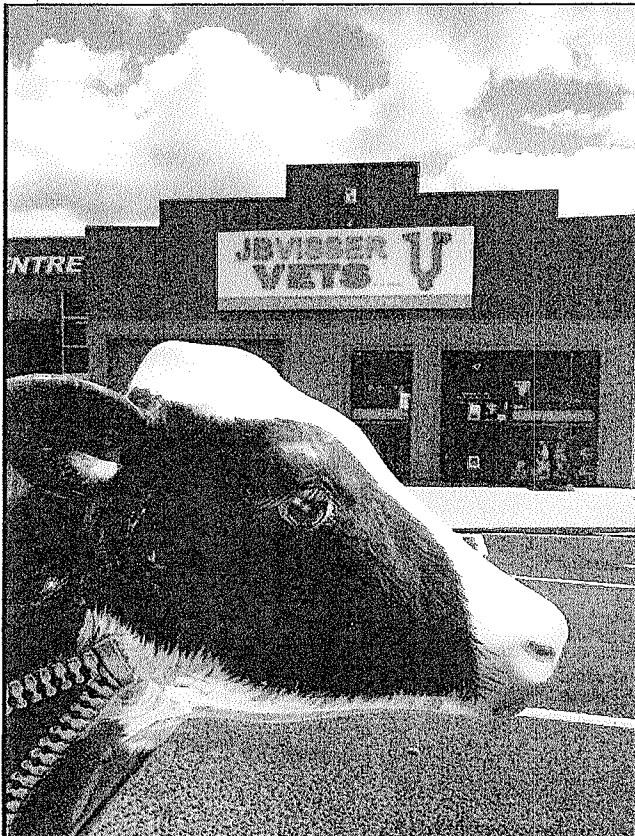
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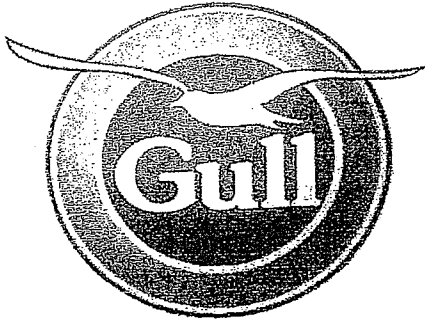


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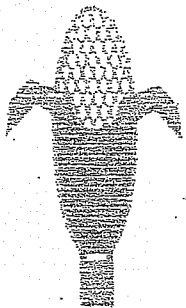
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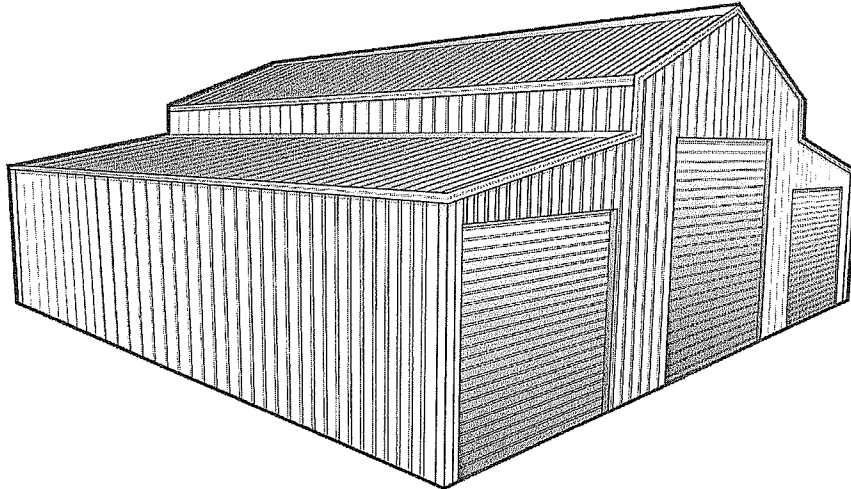




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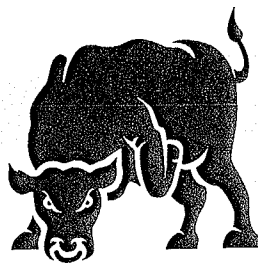
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