

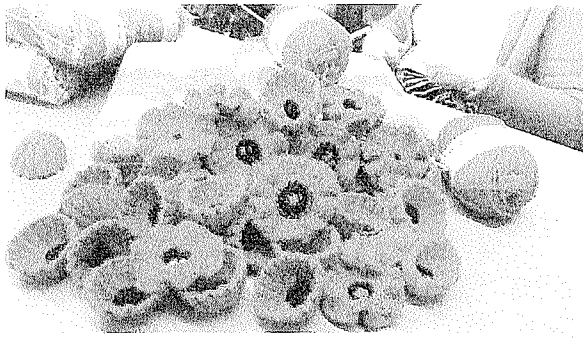
# Eureka Express

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***LEST WE FORGET***



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## ANZAC street art project blossoms again with 8,000 hand-crafted poppies

An ANZAC street art project is blossoming again with more than 8,000 poppies hand-crafted by community groups appearing on trees and walkways across the Waikato District.

More than 30 trees in 21 townships and communities across Waikato District will start to 'flower' with more than 6,000 red knitted poppies this weekend in time for ANZAC Day.

Nearly 2,000 more poppies, crafted from felt and yarn, will bloom along the northern stretch of Te Awa: Great New Zealand River Ride cycleway at Ngaruawahia and across the Perry Bridge over the Waikato River.

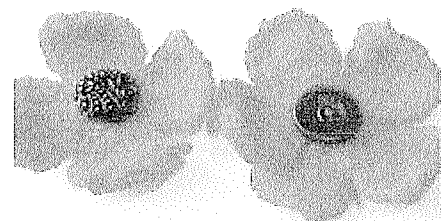
Community groups have taken up the challenge for a second year to hand-craft the poppies for a district-wide 'yarn bombing' street art project to commemorate ANZAC Day this year to mark the international First World War Centenary, WW100 New Zealand.

Knitters from school age to retirement age have taken up the idea put forward by the Waikato District Council Placemaking Team to join with community groups and local Community Houses to decorate prominent trees in each town for the month of April.

Mayor Sanson says, "Our grandmothers knitted garments to help to keep our ANZAC troops warm, and so we're bringing history into the present-day by following the latest international trend to use yarn to create community-friendly street art."

The effort has grown from nine communities last year to 20 communities this year, and will even spread to Waiouru where poppy-covered ANZAC blankets knitted on giant needles by children at five primary schools in Waikato district have been turned into 'camouflage nets' to decorate the Centurion and Scorpion tanks outside the National Army Museum on State Highway 1.

Groups in Eureka, Glen Massey, Glen Murray, Huntly, Mangatangi, Mangatawhiri, Maramarua, Matangi, Naike, Ngaruawahia, Pokeno, Port Waikato, Puketaha, Raglan, Tamahere, Taupiri, Tauwhare, Te Kauwhata, Tuakau, Waingaro, and Waitetuna, have been enthusiastically knitting for the past month and the first of many trees will start to 'blossom' from Saturday 14 April onwards. These will reflect the individual interpretations of each community. Last year, for example, there was a driftwood tree at Port Waikato, a red flowering cabbage tree in Raglan, and a giant oak tree at Matangi.



# EDITORIAL

As I sit down to write this Guest Editorial I have lit the fire for the first time this winter (Autumn). I was out last night in the rain and high wind to remove the umbrella from the outdoor table. The last strong wind we had I had to get up on the roof to get the umbrella down; luckily it did not go through the skylight.

I bought our property on Platt Road in 1990 as a single man coming from a farming background. I then had to convince my girlfriend who was a city girl that living in the country was a great lifestyle. I suppose after 24 years living here on Platt Road it wasn't a bad decision (my wife Karen looks at me sideways at this point -☺).

We have a small block of land too big to mow so we have done weight gain heifer grazing in the past. Not recommended for the faint hearted as you weigh them every month and panic if they have not put on their 1Kg per day. I was working as a Shift Electrician at the time, so Karen had to move stock when I was at work. This was a steep learning curve for her and some lessons were learnt, let's say not the easy way. On one occasion she was feeding out hay, bending over to split the bales when she managed to back into the electric fence, sometimes you struggle to see the funny side of life!

On another occasion the neighbour's herd of 300 cows plus a few bulls got onto the road and I sent Karen out onto the road to direct them into our property while I rounded up the stragglers. I must admit I was impressed with her effort as if you have ever been on the receiving end of a herd of full size cows and bulls you would know how small you feel. We now lease out our property to local farmers so that we have more of a "lifestyle" and can enjoy our view of the world.

We have 2 daughters who have grown up on Platt Road with the other country kids and gone through Newstead Model Country School. We have all enjoyed the Agricultural Day and marvelled at how well behaved the animals are on the day with the little training they received at home. We have had lambs as well as goats, but the goats are the most outrageous and given a chance will deal to the best flowers in the garden. They (that is our girls) went through Berkley Intermediate and then onto Hillcrest High and thoroughly enjoyed their time at school, making great friends. Our elder daughter is now a qualified nurse working in Wellington Hospital and her sister is studying at AUT on the North Shore half way to becoming a podiatrist.

So, life has turned full circle for us and we are now on our own again but still enjoying our view of the world from our dining room. The trees we planted when we first arrived have all matured and we have neighbours much closer (not so far to walk home from a neighbours BBQ but you still have to watch out for the driveway electric fence in the dark, eh Karen?!).

*Paul and Karen Zeeders*

## WEATHER FOR MARCH 2018

Rainfall total	51mm	
Rain Total for year	321mm	
Rainy days	6	
Most rainfall	12mm	24 March
Highest wind speed	43.5km/hr	24 March
Temp high	27.4 C	5 March
Temp low	7.5 C	31 March



## SNIPPETS

**WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS:** To Paul Marshall, eldest son of John and Sue Marshall of Eureka Road, who married Steph Williams at "The Boatshed" Karapiro, on 30<sup>th</sup> March. Steph is the daughter of Noel Williams of Hamilton. Very best wishes to you both.



### **FAREWELL AND THANK YOU:**

To RD 7 Mailman, Gary Self, for his eight years of consistent, efficient, and friendly service. Gary has sold his run and is taking a well-earned retirement. All the best to Gary and his wife, Joni.

**A WARM WELCOME:** to our new RD 7 delivery person, Sophie Begman, who started the run at Easter. Do watch out for Sophie and give her a wave or say Hi. Put a notice in, or on, your box if you don't want all the circulars. It's a busy, challenging job. All the best, Sophie.

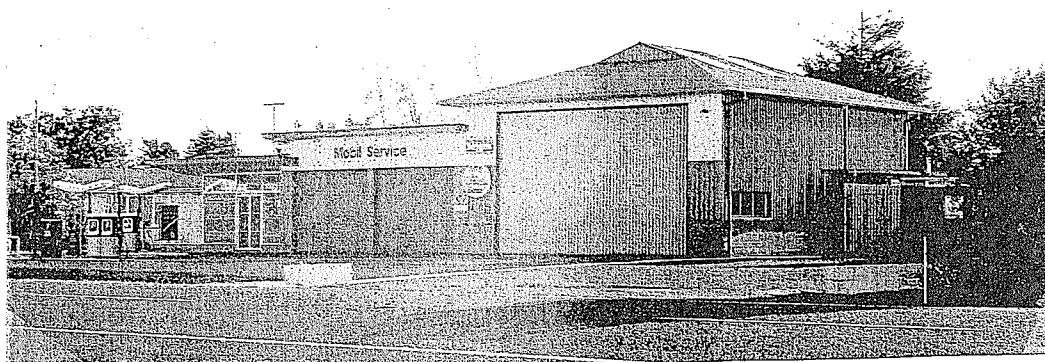
**COVER:** Did you notice our first ever cover in colour? Especially for Anzac Day.

**SAD NEWS** for us all. After 41 years of faithful, efficient, obliging and cheerful service by life-time Eureka local and Eureka Motors proprietor, Colin Duncan, it is time to say a very big thank you to him as he reluctantly takes the big step of closing his workshop.

Colin, your expertise with all manner of motors will be hugely missed, but we understand and respect your decision, and wish you all the very best with your health issues.

You are 'the best', Colin. Get well and enjoy some well-earned 'retirement'.

PS. Colin is not closing entirely. The shop will still be Open and, of course, 24 hour petrol available. Sadly, it will be farewell to Rose in another month. So do call in and wish her well in her move Tauranga way.



**ANZAC:** a big thankyou to all the local ladies, EExpress committee members and beyond, who knitted a total of 262 poppies which are now secured to a tree at the hall – best viewed from the hall carpark direction. See our cover. A big thankyou also to Barry and Cameron Mayall who cleaned the Cenotaph. Watch out for poppy trees all around the Waikato district.

The idea to knit poppies originated from a small project started by two Australian women that ballooned into a massive carpet of 300,000 red knitted poppies created by 50,000 volunteers for the Chelsea Flower Show in the UK in May 2016. That project then spawned a number of local Remembrance Day projects throughout the UK to decorate churches, trees and graveyards in November.

Working with the Ngaruawahia Community House, which is supporting the project district-wide, the Waikato District Council's Placemaking Team set the ball rolling as an ANZAC commemoration project last year and decided it was so popular it was worth repeating. They distributed starter packs of wool to groups taking part, and volunteers have contributed more wool to bring the concept together.

Council staff have also joined the fray to knit poppies to decorate a tree and create an art installation at the Council. They have been assisted by prisoners at Spring Hill Corrections Facility who have created plywood art cut-outs of a tank, ship and warplane representing the troops who served and died, together with other representations of those who remained at home.

**EUREKA EXPRESS WEBSITE.** A big thank you to Michelle Collingwood who has kindly taken over the Express website, and a big thank you also to Wendy Morch who set up and managed the site for years. Eureka's History is now easily accessible and clearly readable on the [www.eurekaexpress.co.nz](http://www.eurekaexpress.co.nz) website, which is great as the printed copy is a collector's item now, and of course, each issue of the Express is up there to read also.

**DUCK SHOOTING.** As the season is due to open on Sat 5<sup>th</sup> May please take care and observe all the safety rules as you enjoy your sport.

## EUREKA EXPRESS EASTER COLOURING COMPETITION RESULTS 2018

### PRE SCHOOL:

Charli Carroll (3yrs)                      Ava Thompson (2)

### JUNIORS:

1<sup>st</sup> Ruby Sampson (6yrs)                      2<sup>nd</sup> Shaun Mayall (7)  
3<sup>rd</sup> Caiden Barnes (5)

Highly commended: Stevie-Lee Noe (7)

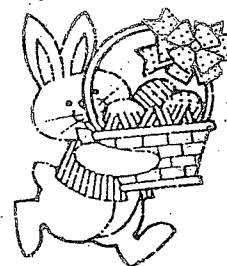
Commended: Scott Taylor, Charlotte Hinton, Joe Hinton, Ryan Hunter, RJ Carroll, Casey Clarke

### SENIORS:

1<sup>st</sup> Micaela Barnes (8yrs)                      2<sup>nd</sup> Lauren Pryor (10)  
3<sup>rd</sup> Noah Ellesmere (10)

Commended: Daniel Pryor, Bianca Ellesmere, Leon Davidson, Emma Hunter.

Cover: Letitia Taylor



## MARKET PLACE:

### WANTED:

Trees suitable for firewood. Please phone Brian 0274690295



### TAUWHARE FOOD AND FITNESS CLUB.

Tuesdays 7 – 8 pm at Tauwhare School. A weekly group to discuss/learn about different nutrition and exercise topics. There are no pills/potions/wacky diets just genuine, easy to understand information to apply to your everyday life. The content is realistic and aimed at people wanting to make improvements to their health and the way they feel without going to extreme measures. It is run in 6 week blocks for only \$72 total.

Hosted by a Nutritionist and Personal Trainer.

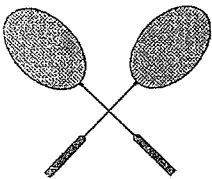
Contact Sheena at Fit 4 Consumption for more details and dates of the next 6 week intake. Ph 0211523262

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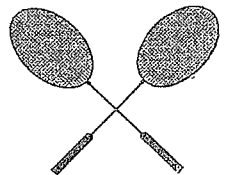
### HELP US PLEASE!

Do please keep us informed of any local news items or achievements that you would like to have included. We don't always know these things if you don't tell us. And we really appreciate your contributions and suggestions. Our district has grown, and continues to grow, so fast that it is a real challenge to keep up. We aim to print each issue of the EE on the last Thursday of each month (Feb to Nov/Dec) so please ring or email new articles or adverts by the Monday before this date if possible. Email to [editor@eurekaexpress.co.nz](mailto:editor@eurekaexpress.co.nz) or phone Gail 8241758 or any committee member – see the list in March issue after the AGM.

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# EUREKA BADMINTON CLUB



## JUNIOR NEWS

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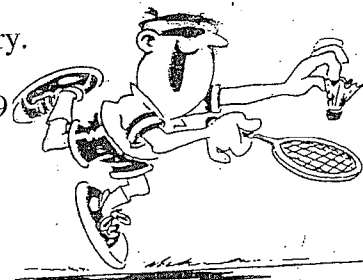
Junior Badminton will get underway at Matangi Hall

on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 6pm to 7.30pm.

New players welcome. Racquets available.

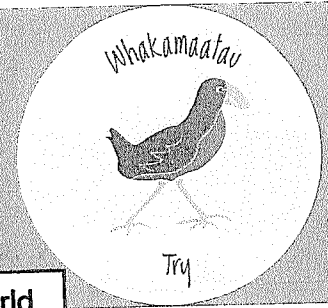
From about 8 years upwards. Come along and give it a try.

For further information please phone Bryce on 8240699



# Tauwhare School

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Accomplished Learners Striving for Success in Tomorrow's World

## Past Student Successes

We are very proud to hear that two of our former students have been recognised as leaders in their schools. **Mereruhia Wetini** has been selected as an Amokura at Hillcrest High School and **Samantha Bonnar** has been selected as Deputy Head Girl at Morrinsville College.

Congratulations to these two young women - we have no doubt that you will be outstanding representatives for your school and peers.

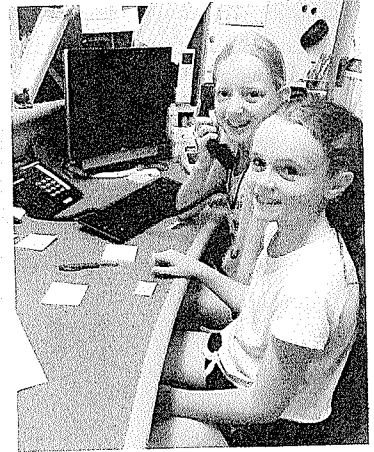
I love Monday assemblies! Children stand up and share their successes during the weekend in sport, dance, speed skating etc. New children are introduced to staff and students and it is a great start to our week. Congratulations to Liam West who came third in the recent Karapiro Schools Triathlon.

## PRINCIPAL'S ASSISTANTS

If you ring or pop into the office you may find Olivia and Emma waiting to assist you. This is a huge help in the mornings and these girls are doing a fabulous job.

## SCHOOL AMBASSADORS

Our 7 wonderful school ambassadors are the first people visitors meet when arriving at our school. The ambassadors also run assemblies on Fridays, giving out certificates and running House competitions.



## Room 1's Overnight Camp

There was huge excitement as the year 6's in Room 1 prepared their tents for their overnight camp last week. Miss Ross and Mrs McLeay came armed with soft bedding, but the children far outdid them in the comfort stakes. There were

mattresses and camp stretchers and even a blown up arm chair that turned into a bed and took up the whole tent!! But a great time was had by all. Thank you so much to the teachers and to the parents who bravely stayed the night to help.

Do you know my mum?  
My mum has golden hair.

My mum smells like all sorts of flowers smooshed up.

When she hugs me she feels like a deer's coat.

When she smiles at me I feel like I'm riding on a giraffe.

*By Griffin Hopkins 6 Yrs Old*

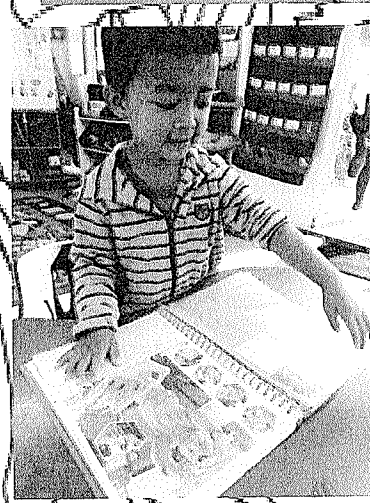
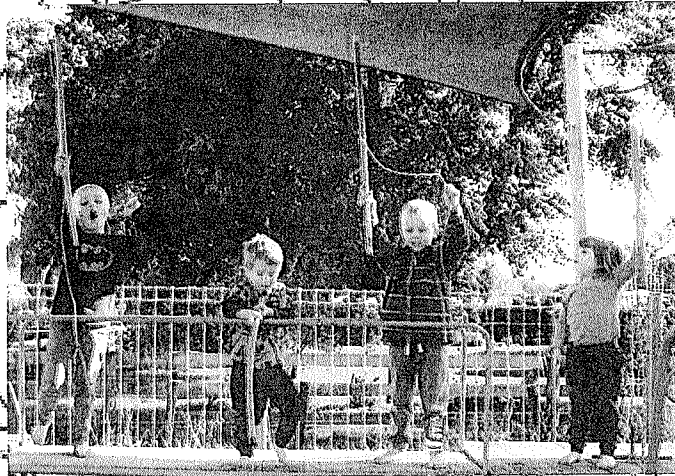


# Pukeko Country Preschool

The days might be getting shorter but we have just as much time to squeeze lots of learning and fun.

We are excited to announce we have earned the Gold Healthy Heart Award from the Heart Foundation. We're looking forward to receiving our certificate this month.

Our community preschool embraces 'manaakitanga'; the care and hospitality of those around us. Manaakitanga underpins our philosophy and sees that children are cared for with utmost respect. In turn, children learn to care for people, the community, the environment – the world.



This month we are going to join the school on a trip to Waimakariri Marae.

The children enjoyed the bike days and other activities of the holiday programme.

This term we are looking at recycled art. If you have any small bits and bobs like buttons please feel free to bring them into preschool.

## **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

Easter played a big part of our arts and craft activities late last month. The children had the opportunity to enter a colouring competition run by Matangi Four Square, with one of our own winning the prize for the best picture entered for Under 5's.

The weather co-operated with us on our outing to The Factory Bus Café in Matangi. The kids enjoyed a play on the equipment there, as well as some morning tea and a fluffy. A great place for entertaining the children and great coffee too!

Playgroup has taken a break over the school holidays. We will be back up and running next term returning on May 3rd where we will be starting on some Mothers' Day cards and handmade presents for all those deserving Mums and Dads out there!

Keep up to date with what we are up to via our Facebook page as this is updated weekly with proposed activities or outings.

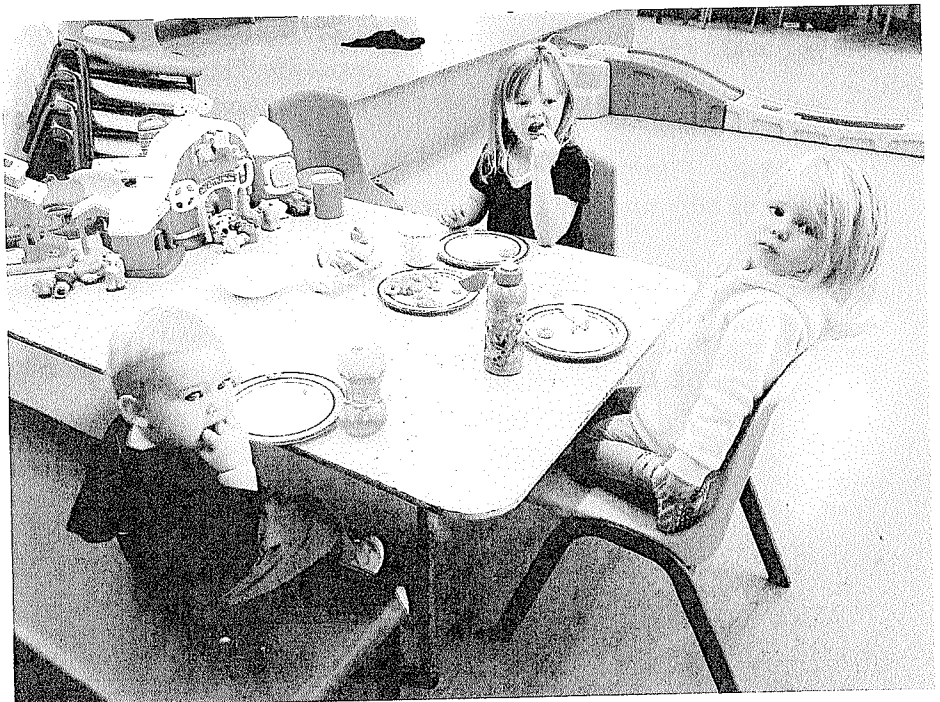
We hope you can come and join us each Thursday, even if it is only for half an hour or so, to say 'hi' and have a play. We would love to see you.

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.



# TAUWHARE INDOOR BOWLING CLUB

Welcome to April club news.

We are now a few weeks into the 2018 bowling season. Reasonable numbers most nights but it is never too late to come along and give bowls a try.

If you are keen, then come along to the Tauwhare hall on a Thursday evening – 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

The people that used to play bowls, dig out those bowling shoes, dust them off and get rid of the spiders that may have made your shoes their home, as we would love to see you back at bowls.

The Mulholland Trophy was played on the 05.04.18 and the winners of the trophy this year were Rosalie Arnold and Glenda Goodare and the runners up were Jim Arnold and George Singers.

The triples have also been played and the winners were Bev Meads, Robyn Bargh and Glenda Goodare and the runners up were Jack Hooper, Peter Stanaway and Grant Goodare.

Bev Meads was selected as one the top 12 Waikato ladies to play for the Bettridge Shield. This challenge was against Bay of Plenty, Tauranga and Thames Valley. Waikato are the winners after a very long day of bowls.

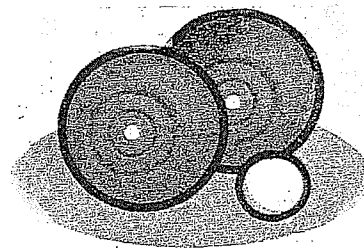
Some of our players visited Matangi for the Erin Rosebowl challenge. Even though Tauwhare put up a reasonable fight the trophy stays with Matangi.

Our first open tournament was held on the 19.04.18 with two teams coming through with 4 wins. After a 2 end play off the winners were Linda Mills, Julie Logan and Angela Jones from Matangi and the runners up were Bev Meads, Lockie Verner and Glenda Goodare from Tauwhare.

**26.04.18 - Family Night is a fun night. Mum's, Dad's, Grandparents, Grandchildren and Friends why not come along and enjoy a night of bowls.**

## Up Coming Events for May:-

03.05.18 Rinks Championship  
10.05.18 Pairs Championship  
17.05.18 Club Night  
24.05.18 Open Triples Tournament  
31.05.18 Club Night



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

# WAIKATO CAVY CLUB

Firstly, a Cavy is a Guinea Pig, from the Latin *Cavia Porcellus*, & yep, I know they eat them in Peru, thanks! The Cavy Fancy in New Zealand focus on pedigree purebred animals, showing them to a high standard, equivalent to the competitive cat/dog/horse/livestock showing fancies. It is huge in the UK & Europe, & used to be very popular in NZ, but has struggled over the past decade or two, in part due to the pace of modern life, but the small clubs remaining are thriving & keen to grow. The Waikato Club has recently been revived and has been holding shows in the Matangi / Tauwhare / Eureka areas for the past few years.

The club president is me, Tahlia Hopkins, a Eureka local. Our next show is at the Eureka Hall on the 12<sup>th</sup> May, email [waikatocavyclub@gmail.com](mailto:waikatocavyclub@gmail.com) for more info, FB Waikato Cavy Club, or [www.waikatocavyclub.org.nz](http://www.waikatocavyclub.org.nz)

Shows have two components, Main show-Purebred animals, & Pet Show-Pet guinea's of any kind. The main show is judged to strict standards, whereas the Pet show is mostly fun classes like Miss/Mr Waikato, Fastest eater and Fancy Dress! Anyone is welcome to enter the Pet Show on the Day, or they can become a member, for the benefit of regular newsletters, more class options = more prizes! & point accumulation to achieve Champion & Grand Champion Pet status. Shows are a great place to learn, meet likeminded people, & have some friendly competitive fun!

Exhibitors are generous with their time & advice, showing Cavies is an easily accessible, interesting social option for people who care for animals, or who have an interest in genetics & animal husbandry on a small scale. Modern living is limiting for animal fancies these days sadly, with costs & space being an issue, so Cavies are a relatively affordable option compared to breeding and showing larger animals. Clubs regularly bring international judges over, from Australia, Sweden & the UK. There is a national show every year, this year it is in Waiuku on the 2<sup>nd</sup> June, with 2 British Judges!



The New Zealand Cavy Council is the governing body, of clubs across New Zealand. The NZCC produce the standards that animals are bred & Judged by, there is a stud register and points system. They maintain a high standard with a focus on animal health & welfare.

Purebred Cavies fall into 7 groups in NZ:

**SELF-** solid coloured animals judged on their colour & conformation (type), there are 10 different colours, White, Cream, Buff, Saffron, Golden, Lilac, Beige, Red, Chocolate & Black.

**TICKED-** the hair shaft has a base colour with a different coloured 'tick' on the end. These are called Agouti or Argente and have specific colour combinations. Judged on ticking and type.

**MARKED-** Dutch, Tortoise & White, Tricolour, Dalmatian, Roan, Himalayan & Panda. These animals have specific markings in a vast range of colours. Judged on marking and type.

**CRESTED-** Either English crested, which are a solid colour with a crest (rosette) on the forehead, or American crested which have a contrasting colour within the crest. Judged on crest positioning, shape & depth, & type.

**Satin-** can be any colour. The breed has a gene which creates a hollow hair shaft, giving the animal a very shiny appearance. Judged on the uniformity of the satinisation, & type.

**Rough-** Rex and Abyssinian. Rex have a crimped hair shaft, judged on coarseness & density of coat, they are a large bulky breed, can be any colour. Abyssinian are covered in rosettes, which must be perfectly placed in a certain order across the body, which they are judged on, can be any colour.

**Long-** Longhaired animals who are judged on length of coat & presentation. They can be any colour and come in smooth & rexoid coat types.

# TASTE BUDS

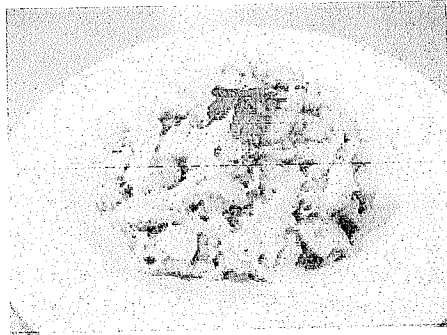
## SALMON AND PASTA MORNAY

400g small shell pasta  
30g butter  
6 spring onions, chopped  
2 cloves of garlic, crushed  
1 tbs plain flour

1 cup milk  
1 cup sour cream  
1 tbs lemon juice  
425gm can of salmon, drained, flaked  
½ cup chopped parsley

### METHOD:

Add pasta to a large pot of boiling water and cook until just tender. While pasta is cooking add butter to a pan and add onion and garlic, stir over a mild heat for 3-4 mins until tender. Add flour and stir for one minute. Combine milk, cream and lemon juice in a jug and add very slowly to onion mix stirring constantly until mixture thickens and boils. Add the salmon and parsley and stir until heated through. Drain pasta and add to salmon mix. Turn off heat and stir gently together. Season with salt and pepper before serving.  
Serves 4.



## CHICKEN WITH MUSTARD AND CHEESE

4 chicken breasts  
1 tbs Dijon mustard  
½ cup breadcrumbs  
Flour for dusting

4 slices of leg ham  
¼ cup finely grated tasty cheese  
1 egg, lightly beaten  
¼ cup oil

### METHOD:

Preheat oven to 180 C. *(The chicken is eventually going to be folded)*  
Place chicken underside up and flatten to an even thickness. Top the chicken with the ham trimmed to fit. Spread with some mustard, then fold the chicken to enclose the ham. Combine the cheese and breadcrumbs. Dust the chicken lightly in the flour and shake off excess. Dip chicken in egg and coat in breadcrumb and cheese mixture, pressing on firmly. Brown lightly on each side and then pop in the oven and cook until beautiful.  
Serves 4.



## Your hard drive is (basically) spinning rust

As I write this on my 10" laptop, my desktop computer is currently packing a sad. The hard drive suddenly failed to write a few things to disk, and as it rebooted I saw the all-too-familiar screed of errors indicating imminent failure or data loss. I immediately stopped and took time to backup my existing data to an external drive before more damage occurred, but it was too late for some of it. The fact that I didn't have *all* of my data regularly backed-up speaks volumes; I regularly prompt clients to back up their data. Why? Because hard drives have lifespans and you don't know how long they are.

Sometimes referred to in the tech industry as 'spinning rust' hard drives, magnetic hard drives have been the main storage devices inside modern computers for 3 decades. They work well, last a reasonably long time and are relatively reliable. But even so, 10% of all hard drives fail within the first 3 years of use, 20% within the first 4 years, while most fail after 6 years of use (source: Backblaze, an online data warehouse). For some it seems inconceivable that these devices which we rely upon so much could spontaneously decide to die.

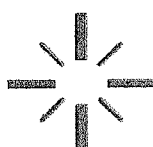
But they do, and so you need to have your data in more than one place, ideally at all times. When I say data, I mean whatever documents, photos, etcetera that you have which are not stored online in some form, and that you would be at a loss without. The simplest solution is to buy an external drive (either a USB thumb drive or something a little larger depending on how much data you've got) and copy your important data to that. You can do that manually, or most operating systems (eg. Windows or MacOS) have built-in backup solutions which work pretty effectively.

You might think that a new storage mechanism will come along and solve this problem indefinitely. Unfortunately not: solid state hard drives, for example, are quicker but less reliable. The closest we've come to that goal is tape, but tape drives are expensive, and uncommon as a result. An external drive that is not plugged into the computer for most of the time will have a pretty good lifespan, provided you don't drop it or decide to feed it icecream someday. I have hard drives which're still going after 10 years - but they are the minority.

There's also some concept that with the internet 'your data is forever' and so we can stop worrying about losing things. That's not really true; the lifetime of your data online is the lifetime of the company which stores it. And if there's anything which the early 2000's dot-com crash taught us it's that no online company is insoluble. So don't rely on Facebook being around in 15 years time (even though it probably will be) to store your photos.

If there's something important to you, in the physical world as well as the virtual world, you need to take care of it. The procedure for doing that in the virtual world is to create copies. I'm not sure how well that works in the physical world, but I'll get back to you once the prototype cloning machine in my shed gets council permission.

- *Matt Bentley is a computer repair expert with Waikato Home PC Support.*  
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# Waikato Home PC Support



# WAIKATO DISTRICT COUNCIL – INORGANIC RUBBISH COLLECTION 2018

Waikato District Council's annual inorganic rubbish collection will begin in May 2018. Inorganic rubbish such as furniture, lawnmowers and stoves will be collected from the kerb outside properties. Residents also need to make sure that their pile of inorganic rubbish is of a **maximum size of two metres long and no more than one metre wide**. Anything over this amount will be left behind – it is then the resident's responsibility to remove the remainder.

It is also important to remember that rubbish for inorganic collection should not be put out on the kerb until the day before the week of inorganic collection. Council are asking residents to be considerate and take pride in the place they live in by not placing rubbish out days before they should. By putting it out the day before the week your collection is due to take place, it **minimises** the amount of time that piles of rubbish will be sitting on the kerb.

## WHAT CAN BE COLLECTED:

Furniture – e.g. chairs, tables, cabinets, lawnmowers and bikes, carpet, metal items from renovations – e.g. corrugated iron, pipes up to two meters long, washing machines and stoves

## WHAT CAN'T BE COLLECTED:

Any standard bagged rubbish, glass windows and windscreens, garden waste, commercial and farm waste, bricks and broken concrete, oil, paint and chemicals, fibrolite or asbestos, car bodies or car engines, builder's waste and timber, televisions/e-waste, batteries and gas cylinders. wire. tyres. fridges and freezers

Collection dates for communities living in the central and south areas of Waikato District Council area are as follows:

**Inorganic Rubbish Collection 2018**  
These dates are for the **central/southern areas** of Waikato District Council.  
Those who receive stickered-bag kerbside collection are eligible for the service.

If your rubbish is collected on a... <b>MONDAY</b>	Place your inorganic rubbish on the kerb on Monday	<b>Sunday 29 April</b> for collection 30 April – 4 May
If your rubbish is collected on a... <b>TUESDAY</b>	Place your inorganic rubbish on the kerb on Tuesday	<b>Sunday 6 May</b> for collection 7 May – 11 May
If your rubbish is collected on a... <b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Place your inorganic rubbish on the kerb on Wednesday	<b>Sunday 13 May</b> for collection 14 May – 25 May
If your rubbish is collected on a... <b>THURSDAY</b>	Place your inorganic rubbish on the kerb on Thursday	<b>Sunday 17 May</b> for collection 28 May – 31 May
If your rubbish is collected on a... <b>FRIDAY</b>	Place your inorganic rubbish on the kerb on Friday	<b>Monday 4 June</b> for collection 5 June – 8 June

**Get a question?**  
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More information, including more information on what can and cannot be put out for inorganic rubbish collection is available at [www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/inorganic](http://www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/inorganic)

## CO comment for Eureka Express

As the season is nearing a close, most people are winding down with it to meet setup targets for next season. 2200kgDM/ha pasture cover with cow BCS at 4.5 or higher is the target for most spring calving systems at 1<sup>st</sup> June. This will set the farm up well for calving and be in the best position to reach peak lactation when the grass takes off.

Growth rates for the Waikato are sitting around 30-40kgDM/ha, but this will drop again as soil temperatures decline. Current growth rates are enough to sustain cow maintenance but BCS gain & milk production require supplementary feeding. Further supplements are required to continue extending the rotation length out to the target of 90-100 days too.

A staggered dry off of lighter &/or early calving &/or high SCC &/or low producers is the most common approach. Percentage of herd still in milk has varied widely over this month dependant on feed supply, but most sit around 50-80%. The drying off method is a big topic of conversation as we look to 2020, when the use of blanket (whole herd) dry cow treatment no longer being allowed.

With the start of the season may come new staff. We ran a People Expo event a week ago where one of the sessions was based around an employees hours of work. As a dairy industry we want to attract high-end staff which means we need to offer flexibility within our businesses. This does involve thinking about how we can do things differently. Matt, the Fonterra Manager of Social Responsibility approached it from a different angle saying, "instead of thinking, how many people does it take to run my farm, think, how many hours are required to run my farm? This then provides the framework to assign hours that are workable with each employee.

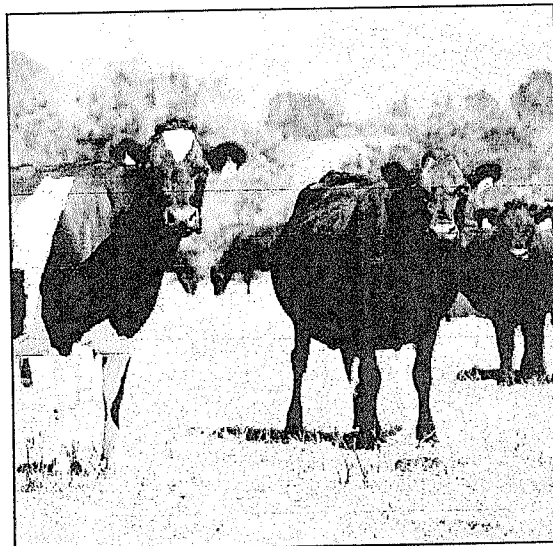
If you need some help in setting up feed budgets going forward or a spring rotation planner for next season, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Until next month...

**Jaimee Morgan –**

DairyNZ Consulting Officer Hamilton North

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## THE ALL IMPORTANT DRY-OFF

There's much to do before those cows have their winter break. Having a robust, adaptable dry-off plan in place now mean those jobs should get done on time. Here are a few tips to keep on track with those dry off plans:

**1. Cow condition** – is essential for reproductive success next year. Body condition score (BCS) your whole herd for certainty of your cows' current condition and so you can action your dry-off plan to meet BCS target of 5 at calving ( 5.5 for 2 & 3 year olds).

**Call the clinic to have us score your cows.**

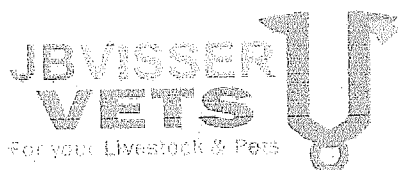
**2. Use the expected calvings report** – use this report in conjunction with individual BCS information to determine dry-off dates for your girls. Thinner, early calvers should be dried off earlier than your well-conditioned late calvers, so you may need to stagger dry-off over weeks.

**3. Involve your grazier** – if you're grazing off for winter then make sure your grazier knows the parts of the dry-off plan that apply to them. Touch base on arrival dates for mobs, why the mobs are split the way they are, and the current feed situation at grazing. Reach agreement on expectations for the coming winter.

**4. Be flexible, have contingency plans** – the dry-off plan may be a great one but sometimes the unforeseeable happens. Conditions and feed supplies can change at home and on grazing blocks, so have a contingency plan and communicate intentions early.

**5. Use your advisors** – get the ball rolling in your seasonal reproduction review; it's all connected. Discuss how scanning and herd test results may impact things like dry-off and culling decisions. Then, along with BCS results, the dry-off plan can be made.

**6. All aboard!** – get your staff on board with dry-off too. Explain to them what you are trying to achieve over the next few months and why. This way they'll know what's on the horizon. Don't forget to keep any new staff in the loop too!



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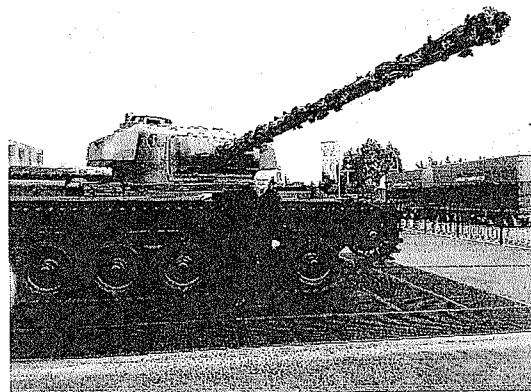


# NEWS FROM YOUR WAIKATO DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Last month I mentioned that the Eureka Express Committee members were knitting poppies to create a display for ANZAC commemorations. The cover of this issue of the Express features these poppies. This display is part of a massive effort throughout NZ to recognise the sacrifice made by New Zealanders in WW1 and other conflicts.

WDC staff members Leanne and Betty have been driving this huge project in our district with an estimated 8000-9000 poppies being displayed in Waikato District on 30 trees in 21 townships, with 2000 more poppies displayed along the northern stretch of the Te Awa River Ride.

The Waiouru War Museum invited our district to decorate (yarn bomb) two tanks in the forecourt of the museum and last week Mayor Alan and his wife Trish took Lianne and Betty down to Waiouru to do this.



*(Lianne & Betty with the 'yarn bombed' Scorpion tank)*



Jill and I were travelling to Wellington that day to attend a family wedding so took the opportunity to see the display on our way through Waiouru and have a coffee with the WDC crew.

*(Rob next to the Centurion tank with its 'yarn bombed' barrel)*

I have previously mentioned the 'little libraries' being constructed at the Springhill Correction Facility for use in our rural communities. The libraries are now completed and an artist has been commissioned to decorate them. The rural District Councillors will be travelling to Springhill sometime soon where the project will be launched before the libraries are distributed around the district.

Waikato District Council has been reviewing its **Waste Management Policy** for the five years. We are seeking feedback on the Draft Waste Management And Minimisation Plan and submissions close on 23 May 2018.

We have been advised by the Regional Council that the Rabbit biocontrol virus was released on 23<sup>rd</sup> April in Hamilton and Cambridge/Karapiro. (Please note, signs of the virus can take 3-6 weeks to occur.) If you require information on the virus the link to the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on the Landcare research website is <https://www.landcareresearch.co.nz/science/plants-animals-fungi/animals/vertebrate-pests/biological-control-of-rabbits/faq> The FAQs include what is the virus and how will it work best, is it safe, does it affect other animals, vaccines for pet rabbits, cost etc. Or you can phone the Regional Council 0800 800 401 for more information.

Work on the Hamilton Section of the **Expressway** is now well underway – A haul road crossing has been opened on Puketaha Road, dumptrucks are using the Ruakura/Ryburn Road bridge to haul sand north, The haul road now extends under the Morrinsville Road towards Matangi Road (low noise asphalt is now on the bridge), traffic lights control a one way section on the Matangi Road diversion and Ruakura Road reconstruction continues with the construction team hoping to reopen Ruakura Road to two-way traffic by the end of April on an unsealed surface. Get up to date news on all the Expressway sections on [www.nzta.govt.nz/waikato-expressway](http://www.nzta.govt.nz/waikato-expressway)

If you are building a new home or renovating your present home there is a useful article in this month's *Link* on the **building consent process**. There are rules and regulations around any building project, large or small and even if your project doesn't require consent it must meet the requirements of the building code – infringements can affect any insurance claims. If you can't find the information you require you can phone one of our building inspectors for advice on 0800 492 452



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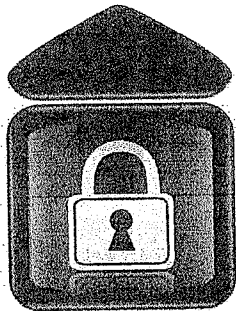




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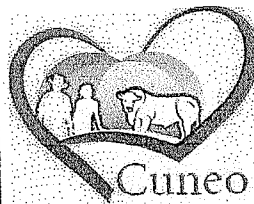
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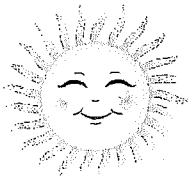


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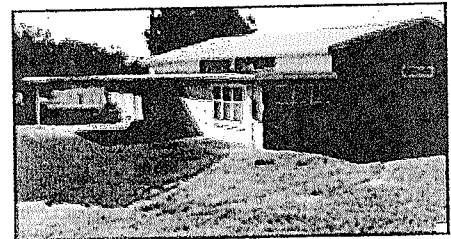


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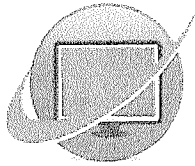
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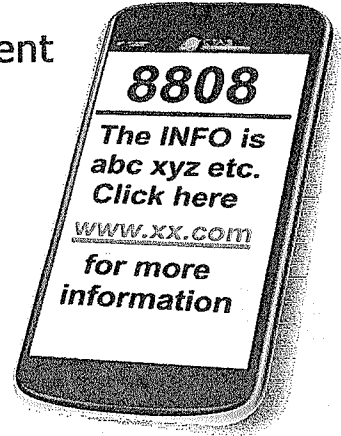


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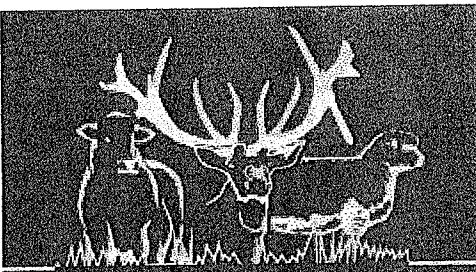


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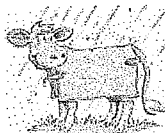
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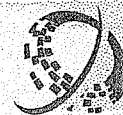
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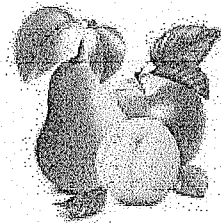


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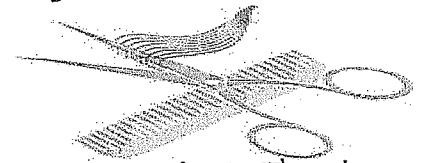
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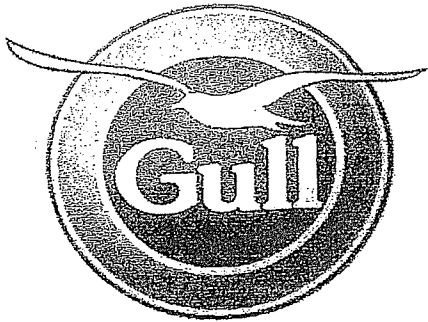
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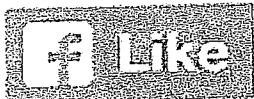
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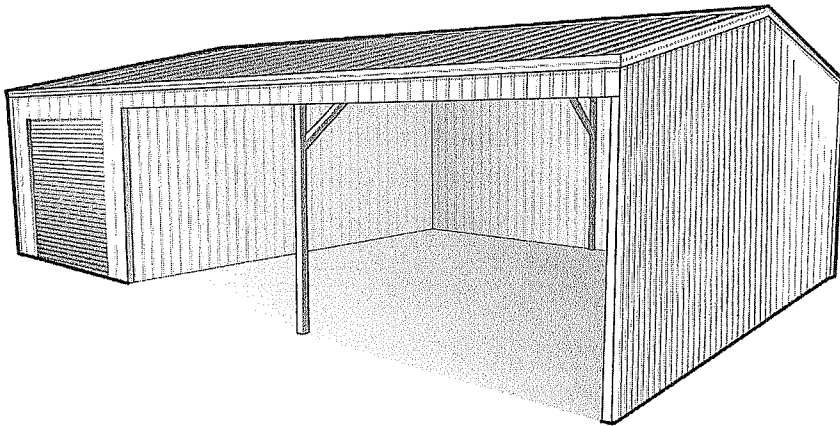
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The aim is to make the whole process as simple as possible.

**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