

EUREKA EXPRESS

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April 2019

*Let's do
Lunch!*

Our hall is turning 50!

**The Hall Committee invites you all to a celebratory
Community Luncheon**

Sunday 5th May 2019

11.30am at Eureka Hall

Pot-Luck Finger Food Lunch.

Tea, coffee and juice provided.



**You are all invited to come along and meet and greet your neighbours, both
new and long established.**

**All welcome, including children. Do come along and enjoy a convivial
afternoon in your hall.**

HALL UPDATE

By the time you read this Easter would have come and gone. I hope you all had a chance to get time to relax and have plenty of family time.

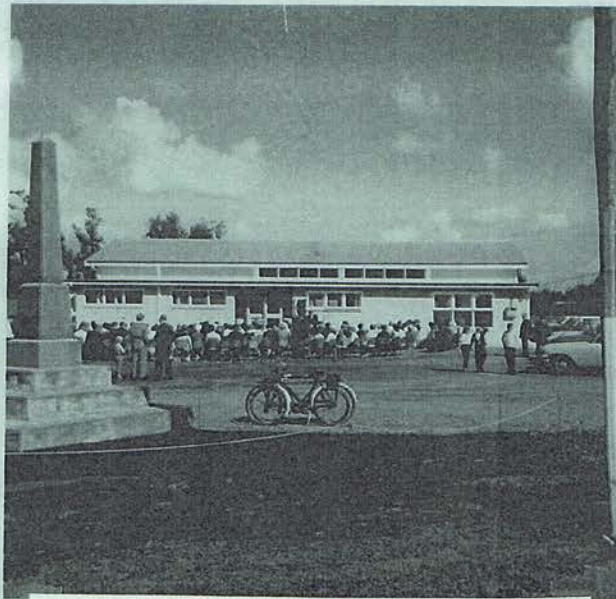
It was decided to hold an ANZAC day ceremony, and despite many services being cancelled this year, our one will still go ahead. As we are printing this edition on ANZAC day afternoon, I will report on the ceremony in the next edition.

The mural at the back of the stage is being repainted and looks really good. Make sure you get to see it. It has lightened up the stage area and is a subtle back drop. The whole image will go on all sides and the ceiling of the stage area. I will post photos in the next edition, as the mural is still not complete.

Bookings are still coming in for the hall, so good to see it being used more and more. Below are the prices for the hall for this year. If you would like to book a function, contact Gail Mayall 8241758.

Have a great month.

Usage	Residents	Non - Residents
Meeting Supper room	\$5	\$25
Meeting Hall	\$15	\$60
Social function	\$95	\$160
Weddings & Dance	\$115	\$250
Bond	\$400 Secretary's Discretion	\$400 Secretary's discretion



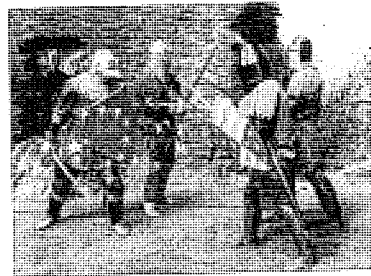
OPENING DAY 19 APRIL 1969

EDITORIAL

Roger and I (Liz) purchased one of the last sections available in the Park – and for about the same price as 700sq metres in town, really a bit of a no-brainer. It took us a couple of years to get a house up, but we got there. We brought up Roger's two boys – James and Nicholas here, with both of them escaping to the big city once they finished school. James is about to make us grandparents. (NO! – I'm too young!)

We are both computer technicians, me at the University, and Roger at Greenlea. Living here has been handy for him over the years, as he has worked in both Morrinsville and Hamilton, with us being close to smack bang in the middle.

He originally trained as an Electronics technician and has moved with the times. He has ended up more a Jack-of-all-trades, which is very handy with the medieval re-enactments that we do. He does all the wood and metal work we need – including his armour, some furniture etc while I make our clothing, and cook some medieval foods. We both do leather work and various other things as well. Nothing fancy, but it keeps us out of mischief.



Late last year, we went on holiday to Italy and Germany for 6 weeks with a lease car and a lot of what we did was based around our hobby – there was a lot of castles and museums visited, and a fair number of the usual tourist spots – a stopover in Singapore on the way, Pompeii, the Colosseum in Rome, Pisa, with frequent comments of not having enough time in any one particular location, as we would often find something else we would like to have done – not always medieval related, just as we were about to drive off to our next location. I would love to go back and spend more time in Austria and do more of Germany – holidays are just never long enough!

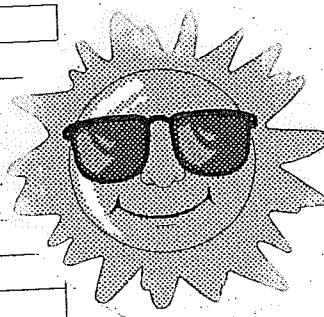
The most eye-opening thing on the trip for me was our trip to the Dachau Concentration Camp. It was horrifying to see what was done, the living conditions and to realise how much the world doesn't seem to have learnt from past lessons.

However, we are stuck at home again, saving up for our next fun holiday to somewhere overseas, I believe we have decided on England next time – hopefully Brexit will be sorted by then!

Liz Brodie

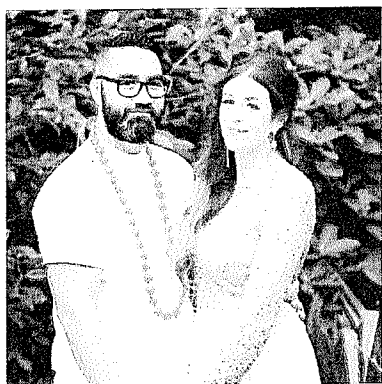
WEATHER

Weather for March 2019		
Rainfall total	24.6 mm	
Rain Total for year	66.6mm	
Rainy days	5	
Most daily rainfall	13.2 mm	8 th March
Highest wind speed	40.3 km/hr	8 th March
Temp high	28.1 C	17 th March
Temp low	6.8 C	3 rd March



SNIPPETS

WEDDINGS:



CONGRATULATIONS to Keirryn Hintz, daughter of Claire and Neil Hintz of Eureka Road, who married Brooke Barnes of Eureka on Saturday 30th March. Every best wish for your future happiness.



CONGRATULATIONS to Grace Lelieveld, daughter of Catherine and Paul Lelieveld of Hooper Road. Grace rode her horse to the ceremony and then with family, friends, and their children, married Hayden Warner on Saturday 16th March at Woodside Estate in



Matangi. They married in an old barn on the property with an old cart as their back drop with old saddles and farm tools and wood shavings on the floor. All very rustic. Best wishes for your future.



SWIMMING SUCCESS: Congratulations to local HHS students who did very well in their recent annual school swimming sports: Junior Girls Champion – Ashleigh Mayall

Senior Girls Champion – Taylah Buckley

Senior Boys Champion – Dylan Kenny

Great swimming all of you.

RECYCLING BIN: Left at end of Masters Road recently. No identifying markings
Phone 8241730 to claim.

EDITORIALS: If you haven't been phoned yet and would like to contribute, please phone Lin, 8241768 or 0274732378. She will be delighted to hear from you

Sincere Condolences

Are extended to the Billings family of Hunter Road, on the death of Kaye's mother, Mrs Joy Madgwick of Thames on April 2nd. To Kaye, Ivan, Cynthia, Nathan, Ryan, Elliot and Tiffany, and all the extended family, goes our sincere sympathy in your sad loss of a dear mother, Nana Joy, and Grand-Joy.

EUREKA HALL; 1969 – 2019

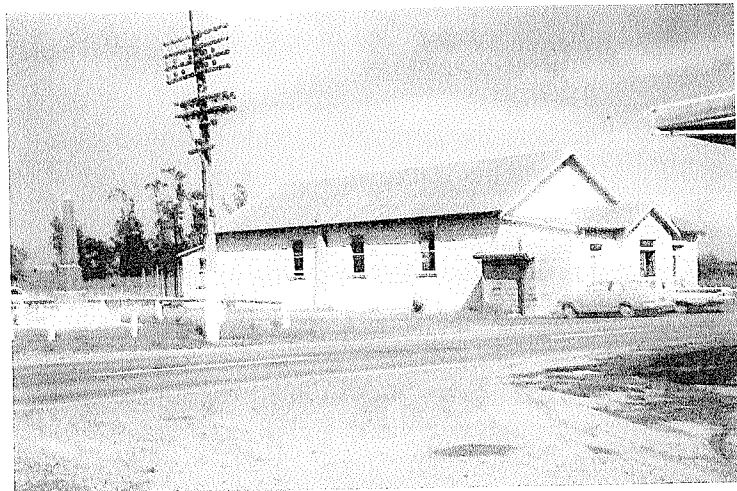
April 19th, 2019 saw the 50th Anniversary of the Opening of the New Eureka Hall. As the present Hall Committee makes plans to mark the occasion with this the 50th celebration of the opening – taking the form of a Pot –Luck lunch on Sunday 5th May 2019 – we felt a nostalgic look back 50 years and beyond would be in order.

As you will remember reading in our history book – Eureka 1874 – 1984, it was in 1914 that the community first decided they needed a hall. The Hall Committee's first meeting was held on March 11th in the school. Mr Joe Muir, a local resident, proposed that a hall should be built. The motion was immediately seconded and carried unanimously. A subscription list opened that night reached £101.9s. One of Eureka's pioneers, Mrs Murphy, donated the site for the hall – half an acre on the south side of the main highway.

Arrangements went ahead; the BNZ allowed an overdraft of £400 on a Joint and Several at 6%: by June 3rd Trustees had been appointed to make arrangements with an architect for the survey, plans and specifications. The architect was Mr Jack Chitty of Hamilton. Tenders were soon called for the construction and Mr D Andrews's price of £459 was accepted.

Contributions to the fund flowed in from the community and their friends outside Eureka. The subscription list closed with a total of £152.14s. Added to the first night's donations it totalled £254. As the work progressed it was obvious that the original tender had been exceeded. The cost was £529.11s.6d.

The hall was completed in August that year but the turmoil caused by the beginning of World War I delayed the opening. On December 18th, 1914 Mr R F Bollard opened the hall. Although, Eureka's settlers were already close-knit the opening of the hall had a tremendous



impact on the district. There were farewells for the Eureka lads off to war, card evenings, kitchen evenings, concerts, meetings and Church on Sundays. Dances could now be held at the hall instead of in barns. The first dance held when the hall opened was so good it was decided to hold another on the first new moon. And so things continued for nearly 50 years, with the Ladies Social Club having been formed and flourishing along with

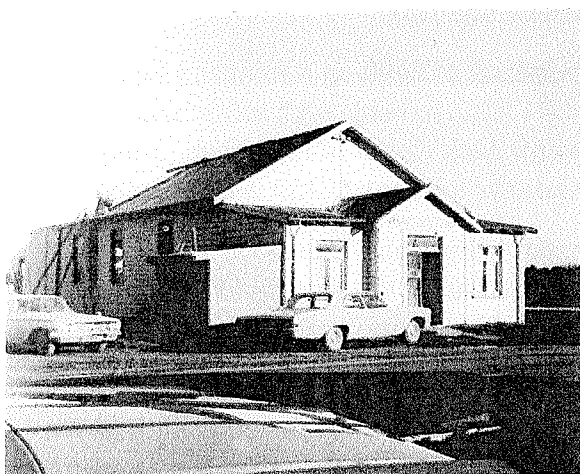
bowls and badminton in later years.

By 1961 Eureka's residents decided it was time to erect a more modern hall. They met in August to discuss ways of raising the money needed. By July 1966 they had decided the best way to raise the required £8000 was by way of a special rating scheme for the district. After some discussion with the Waikato County Council this method was chosen.

The Hall Committee from 1963 onwards into the 70s comprised Mr Tom Hinton (Chairman), Mr Frank Hinton (Secretary) and Messrs Joe stockman, Barry Mayall, Maurice Duncan, Albert Smith and Wesley Muir (who was replaced by Mr Bob Townsend in 1967 on Wes's departure north). Sadly, Tom, Frank, Maurice, Albert, Bob, Joe, and Wesley are all now deceased).

Tenders for the new hall were called for in March 1968 and that of Mr Tom Muir, a former Eureka resident, the construction in 8 inch concrete blocks for \$18355 was accepted. The Hall Committee also received from the Golden Kiwi Lottery Board a grant of \$1300 conditional on the hall being completed within 12 months.

On August 31st 1968 a special family evening was held at the old hall. Both young and old came to farewell the old building that had served them for 54 years. On Sunday September 8th Mr Ivan Pizzini started the demolition of the old hall – his accepted tender for the job -site



was being \$65. By October 1st, 1968 the cleared and one of the district's landmarks was gone forever.

After negotiation with the Presbyterian Church Trustees and the Waikato County the Hall committee purchased the adjoining church section of a quarter acre for the sum of \$400. This allowed the new hall to be placed at an approximately 45° angle cross both old and new sections.

A working bee was held during September to fence and drain the new section. In

November, T J Muir started the foundations of the new hall and by December had the steelwork, blockwork and roof finished – the building being closed in over the Christmas holiday break.

From Mid-January 1969 through to the end of February the committee made many visits to the new building and in consultation with T J Muir and his foreman, D Connor, changed various parts of the plan to improve the new hall.

On Thursday 30th January 1969 the Hall Committee held their first meeting in the new hall, this being made possible by fixing temporary leads to the builder's power pole. The Secretary reported that a 3,000 gallon concrete water tank had been installed at a cost of \$192.50 and also, through the courtesy of the Local Ward director of the New Zealand Co-Operative Dairy company, Bill Fulton, a Davies high pressure pump and pressure tank had been obtained at a considerable discount.

On February 14th the County Riding Member, Mr B Annals, and County Engineer, Mr R Howell, met the committee and agreed to do all within their power to form the grounds of the new hall.

On March 11th the County granted 250cu yards of metal supplied at quarry, use of a grader and roller with council staff, and a strip of sealing 60 feet x 6 feet.

On March 13th Neil Clarkin Installations started laying the floor tiles in the foyer, kitchen, passage and toilets and started sealing the floor.

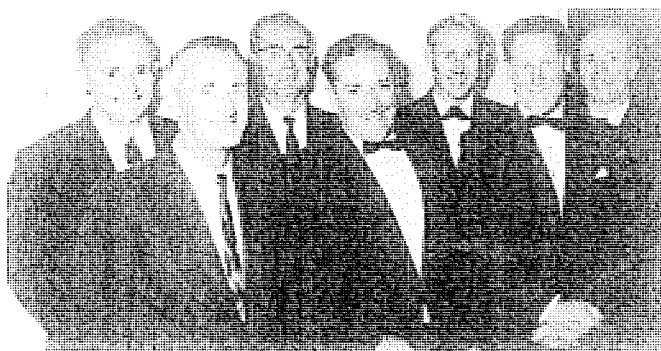
Meantime donations were coming in from local clubs and organisations. The Ladies Guild donated \$1587.61 to cover the cost of renovating the piano, curtains for the stage and supper room, 100 chairs, six tables, seven heaters and the 24' panel fold dividing door. The Cow Committee gave \$550 towards the cost of the hall and grounds. On March 23rd a working bee of approximately 50 residents puttied 29,700 nail holes in the floor taking approximately three hours for the work. Many yards of clay and sand were carted to level up the section. Eureka Transport then carted 225 yards of metal at a reduced rate (later donated free of charge).

On April 14th the Tauwhare Quarry donated 200 yards of 1/4" fine metal which was carted and spread by the County Council to provide a good surface to the car park for the official opening on April 19th.

On March 17th a meeting of all ladies clubs, sports bodies etc had agreed to have the opening on April 19th with a Ball to be held in the evening.

Thus it was that at 1.30 pm on Saturday 19th April 1969 Mr Campbell Henderson, Waikato County Council Chairman, unveiled a bronze plaque on the outer entrance to the hall and declared the new Eureka Hall

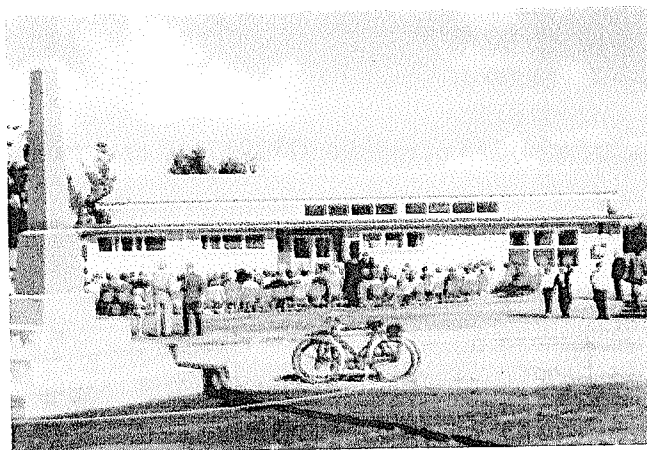
officially Open. Mr Jack Luxton, MP for Piako, made an opening address congratulating the residents of Eureka on the successful completion of their project. Two hundred residents and well-wishers attended the afternoon opening and after inspecting the new hall were served afternoon tea by the local ladies.



*Hall Committee at new Hall Opening Ball 19 April 1969.
L to R: Barry Mayall, Maurice Duncan, Bob Townsend, Tom Hinton
(Chairman), Joe Stockman, Frank Hinton (Secretary), Albert Smith*

A very successful Ball was held in the new hall on the Saturday night when 216 people celebrated to a very late hour. What a great achievement for all concerned.

And now the current Eureka Hall Committee invites you all to come along to a Pot Luck Luncheon on Saturday 5th May 2019 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of that Opening at which, hopefully, the one surviving member of the building committee, Barry Mayall, members of the interim committees, plus Tom Muir, the builder, will be present.



MARKETPLACE:

ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED: If anyone knows of any available accommodation for rent in the Gordonton/Puketaha/Eureka areas then we have a very good staff member who would be interested to know. Any enquiries please phone 0274160096. Robyn Badger, Telephone Road.

WORK WANTED: Hi, it's Ashleigh Mayall and I am looking for some baby sitting and pet sitting jobs! I am 14 years old and I live on Eureka Road. Phone: 0224671511

FIREWOOD FOR SALE; Quality firewood, \$90 sq. mtr. Can be delivered for \$10 locally. Mix of Tasmanian Blackwood, Oak and Ameilia – all hard wood, dry and shed stored. Phone Ace 02102889247

FOR SALE: HONEY!

To help with fundraising for her trip to Barcelona in July for the World Roller Games, Laura Thresher is selling two varieties of honey: Pasture honey and Rewarewa honey. Both are 1kg, and the price is only \$25 each! Alternatively, if you're part of a business, there is a raffle available for the chance to have your logo on their training jersey! Flick Laura a text message on 0278486014 or email her at laura.thresher@gmail.com if you're interested, and be sure to check out their Facebook page: "New Zealand Inline Ferns".

FOR SALE: OLIVE OIL

Olive oil. Extra virgin, spray free oil, this season's lovely taste, priced from \$9.99 for 250 mls to \$19 a litre for bulk. Not as cheap as in the supermarket but fresher and local. Phone Robert 0272089714

JOB VACANCY

Wanted casual help for olive pressing and harvesting. Suitable for teenager. Starting mid-May till July. Weekends and labour weekend. Must be able to lift 20 kg Must be numerate. Willing to work in noisy environment protective gear supplied Apply online hondamad@icloud.com (or 0272089714 after 18/5)

BEESWAX FOOD WRAPS FOR SALE:

A Beeswax wrap is a versatile food wrap system, which keeps food fresh longer without using plastic wrap. Using one piece of beeswax wrap for a year, you can replace about 75m pf plastic cling wrap. This means we care for our earth, our environment and our families. A beeswax wrap is healthy, reusable, antibacterial and easy care. Simply cover your food, wrap your sandwiches or cover left over vegetables such as pumpkin or avocado. Great for keeping cheese fresh. It really is the best choice for us and our families. I have different sizes and patterns to choose from 1 set (small + medium + large) \$20 or you can buy them individually.

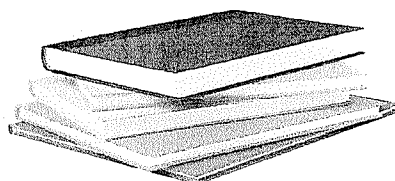
Small	\$5.00
Medium	\$8.00
Large	\$10.00

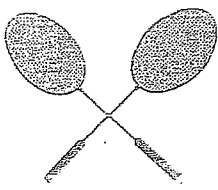
Contact Gayle Orr phone 07 8241713 or mobile 0272917150 or email: gorr@xtra.co.nz

WANTED TO BUY: One or Two weaner calves please phone Colin or Dacia 8241847

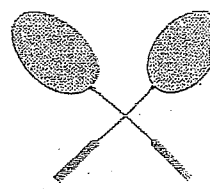
BOOK SALE:

**Eureka Hall,
Friday 31st May to Sunday 9th June,
9am – 6pm**





EUREKA BADMINTON CLUB



Junior Badminton will get underway for the season

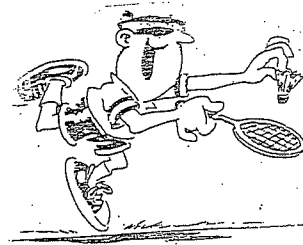
On Wednesday 1st May

at Matangi Hall 6 – 7.30 pm

New players welcome and racquets available

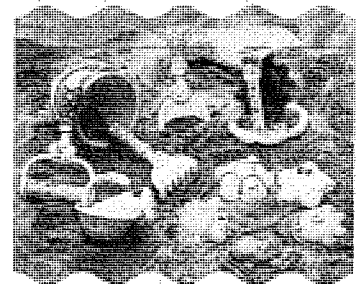
Come along and give it a try.

For Further Information please phone Bryce on 8240699



TAUWHARE PLAYGROUP

We have enjoyed Tauwhare School's sandpit and playground a lot over the warmer months and also enjoyed a trip to the Matangi Bus cafe. With the winter months upon us, visiting Tauwhare Playgroup is a great way to get out of the house on a Thursday morning. Over the next few months we will have a range of fun indoor activities for the kids to enjoy - and a nice warm drink for the caregivers.



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 the 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.

Follow us on Facebook at Tauwhare Playgroup or contact Katherine 021 403 969 for further information.



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Tamahere/Eureka Ward

Heritage Committee of the Waikato District Council

The WDC Heritage Strategy came out mid-year in 2014, and I have been the Eureka rep on our area committee since then.

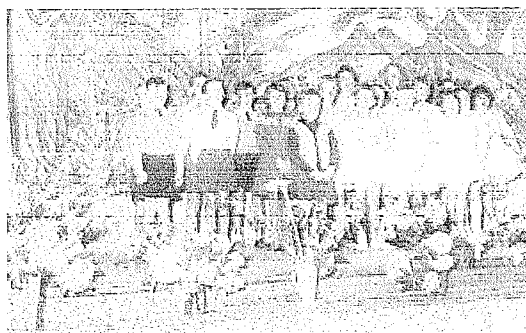
It has been an interesting five years. We've been putting together a website about our areas (Tamahere, Tauwhare, Matangi, Newstead, Eureka and Gordonton). During this time one of our fireproof safes, held in the Eureka Hall, was stolen, complete with contents. We eventually got it back via the Morrinsville Police and the Waitoa Council Workshops, but it had been opened on the side of a road during a rainstorm, and the whole lot had to be dried in my living room. We've also recently had a go at scanning some of the more valuable documents, so they can be added to our website. I've also written articles for both our website and the Council one on Heritage matters and hosted a few meetings.

There is now a Heritage Forum, consisting of all eight Heritage Committee reps, which meets several times a year, to exchange updates and continue to try and get a central appropriate site for the mass of stuff held all over the place, before it all disappears. While knowing that they have a legal responsibility, both to have a Strategy and put it into action, the Council haven't really put their heart and soul into Heritage, despite our part of the Waikato having a heap of history, and an ongoing battle to ensure that sites and buildings are conserved, as well as the no doubt numerous smaller artefacts scattered around the district. However, I guess such novel notions take time to embed!

I'm getting old (77 this year) and feel I've done my dash for this particular committee. Running my block single handed, and contributing to the affairs of both WDC and the Regional Council Catchment Committee, plus being involved in a few creative projects and groups, is proving enough for the stamina these days. So, I'm calling for a keen Eureka to step forward and take my place on the local group, which is chaired by our local Councillor Rob McGuire.

The job will only involve what that person can give to it. Responsibility for the stuff held at the Hall and taking over the two boxes I've also got at my place. Going to meetings which are about once a month and contributing a Eureka opinion on what should be done next, and how.

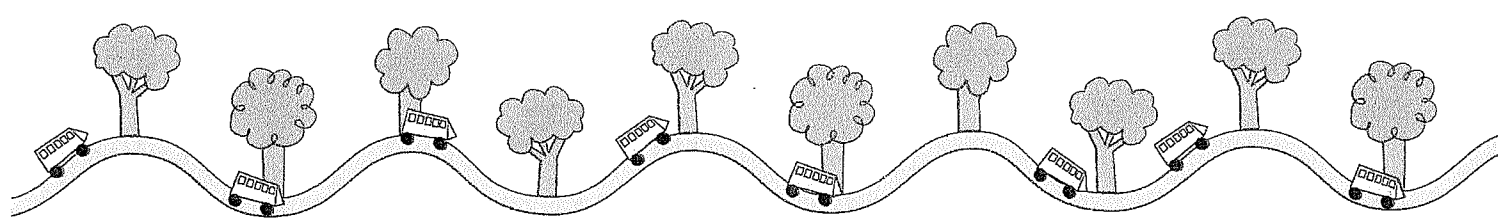
We started this process by being miles ahead of other groups, as we had already done our history, and updated it with the Jubilee booklet. We seem to have always been squirrels, and there is an awful lot of our history already collected up. Some of the committees are having huge problems saving buildings and getting signage for all their historic spots. Our lovely hall is about to celebrate its 50th anniversary, after being built by Tom Muir to replace the first wooden one.



Children entertain at the old Eureka Hall

So, we don't have too much to worry about, and it just needs someone to be the Eureka rep. **Any takers please ring me on 824 1944.**

Sue Edmonds



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Our Vision

Motumaoho School is a quality-learning environment where our learners are nurtured to reach their potential

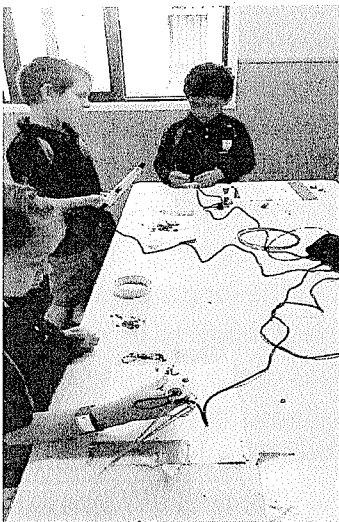
Our Values

Respect, Responsibility, Resilience (The 3R's)

Principal Message

I can't believe we have nearly reached the end of Term 1! Our learners have produced a fantastic term through their commitment in displaying our 3R's and the way they positively interact with each other. I am proud of all of your efforts and it's such a pleasure to see. As term one draws to an end I would like to take this opportunity to thank our hardworking staff and I appreciate the support shown by our parents and our community.

Our learners in action in Term One!



OMG Technology workshop
at Tauwhare Marae



Triathlon Training

Team Energise Leadership Day

Up Coming dates for Term 2

- 29th April – First Day of Term 2
- 3rd May – Science Roadshow (Whole School)
- 7th, 8th May – Teacher Reading Professional Development
- 14th May – National Young Leaders Day (Years 5 & 6)
- 15th May – Ruben the Road Safety Bear/Learning Curves Daycare Visit
- 21st May – Fun Sport Day
- 27th, 28th May – Teacher Reading Professional Development
- 29th May – Firewise Programme at School
- 31st May – Fire Station Visit (Whole School)
- 3rd June – Queens Birthday
- 17th, 18th June – Teacher Reading Professional Development
- 1st July – Teacher Only Day – Nathan Wallis Workshop

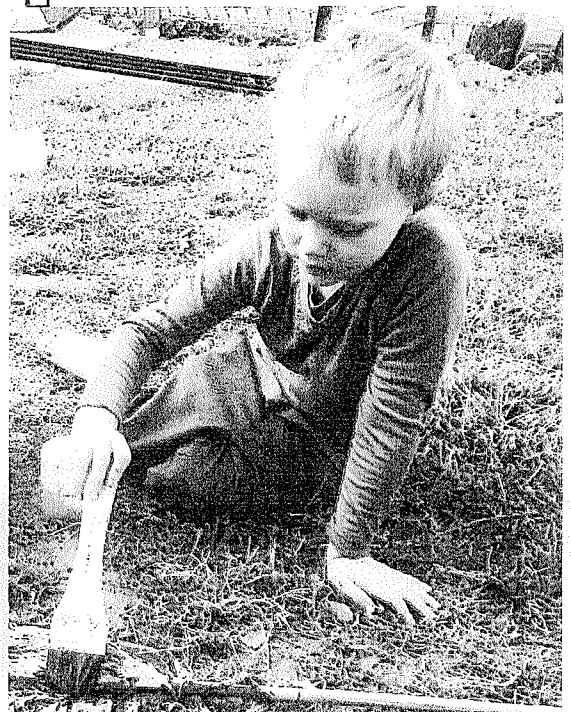
We are all looking forward to another exciting term!

Pukeko Country

Preschool

The days might be getting shorter but we are able to squeeze lots of learning and fun into our days. At the moment we are celebrating Autumn as we focus on 'Escape into Nature'. The holiday program went well and the children enjoyed the lovely warm autumnal days on their bikes, baking hot cross buns and Anzac remembrance / celebrations.

We hope you all had a fantastic Easter and were able to relax a little with friends and family.



We know from all the enrolments that many of you are as excited about the new build as we are and can't wait to enjoy all that the new building and grounds have to offer, but we are going to have to ask you to be patient with us a little longer as we wait for the last few things to be done and the formalities of the licensing to take their course. Please like our facebook page if you haven't already so we can keep you up to date with this wonderful adventure.

Come and join us and have some fun at our working bee on the weekend of the 18th and 19th May, from 9.30 till 1 each day. We'll be painting, planting, setting up furniture and cleaning.

Morning tea provided ☺

About Pukeko Preschool

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

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

Our new centre will be open from 7.30am to 5.30pm and will be licensed for seven under-2s and twenty-three over-2s. If you are interested in enrolling please contact us to fill out an enrolment form and secure your place. We will update you as soon as we have a definite opening date.

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.

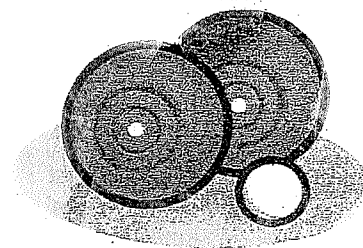
If you are keen, then come along to the Tauwhare hall on a Thursday evening – start time is 7.30pm and names in by 7.20pm. There are plenty of club members willing to help new players. All that is required is that you wear shoes that have a flat sole.

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 were 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. Mums, Dads, Grandparents, Grandchildren and Friends - why not come along and enjoy a night of bowls.

Up Coming Events for May:-

03.05.18 Rinks Championship

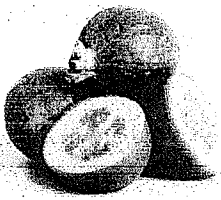
10.05.18 Pairs Championship

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



TASTE BUDS

FEIJOA SALSA

Serve with steak, chicken or fish, or use the salsa as a dip.

3 Feijoas

1 Red onion, finely chopped

1 Tbsp Brown sugar

1 pinch Freshly ground black pepper

1 Tbsp Chopped fresh coriander

Chop the feijoas and onion into small pieces and together with the sugar and pepper.



mix

Add a tablespoon of chopped fresh coriander for a different flavour twist.

FEIJOA MUFFINS

1 cup Feijoa flesh

½ cup Caster sugar

75 g Butter, melted

2 Eggs, lightly beaten

½ cup Sour cream

1 Orange, grated zest and juice (or use 1 lemon)

2 cups Flour

2 tsp Baking powder

½ tsp Cinnamon

125 g Cream cheese, cut in cubes

Heat oven to 200C and grease a 12-hole muffin pan.

Combine the feijoas, sugar and butter in a bowl.

Stir in the eggs, sour cream and orange or lemon zest and juice.

Sift in the flour, baking powder and cinnamon and stir until just combined.

Spoon mixture into prepared pan, gently pushing in pieces of cream cheese as you go, leaving 12 pieces to push into the top of each muffin.

Bake for 20 minutes until firm and golden.





Computing Sustainably

There are few things more harmful to the environment than computing. That may come as a surprise, but the amount of raw materials that need to be extracted from the earth in order to construct a small computer, is the size of a small car. So if we're using then replacing these devices every 3-4 years, we're actually having an awful impact on the planet. So what can you do?

To start with, throw out that old notion of 'oh, it's getting slow, I might as well replace it'. Ignoring the fact that transferring all your programs, data and settings to a new computer is a time-consuming and difficult process, the fact is that computers are not increasing in speed at the same rate as they were 20 years ago. In the 1990's it was not uncommon for the processing speed of computers to double from year to year. Now you're lucky if you get a 5-10% performance increase from year to year.

What that means is that the benefit of replacing a computer on the basis of speed is negligible, unless it's more than 8 years old. Of course, if something breaks in it that can't be replaced, then of course you need to replace it. But the vast majority of the time some components can be replaced with better ones, and you may find the computer speeds up quite a bit as a result (for example, from putting in an SSD drive to replace your old hard drive).

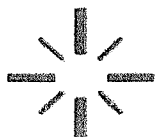
The other result of the decrease in the acceleration of computer speed is that you might want to look at using better programs instead of replacing hardware. A lot of windows programs, particularly Microsoft's ones, tend to be slower than other free, open-source solutions. For example, Media Player Classic is a much faster replacement for Microsoft's own built-in media players. For any given piece of software, it's guaranteed that there are at least four freeware programs that do the job better.

Next year Windows 7 gets made obsolete by Microsoft, who will stop issuing security patches for it, making it unsafe to use on the internet. So you might be tempted to chuck out that old computer and just get a new one with Windows 10 on it, but actually it's relatively easy to upgrade Windows 7 to Windows 10 for free, despite the fact that the 'official' free-update period has passed. I've even updated a computer from 2001 from Windows 7 to Windows 10 without issue.

Lastly, rather than throwing the machine on the landfill if you do decide to replace it, consider donating it to a charity or giving it to one of the many computer recycling outfits in your area. In the best case, they will take the machine and re-purpose or on-sell it, and in the worst case, it will end up going to a metal recycler. Just google "IT recycling" and the name of your town in your web browser.

Computers may be cheap, but the cost to the environment isn't free. Choose wisely, buy sensibly, dispose of responsibly.

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NEWS FROM YOUR WAIKATO DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

April was a quiet month in Council with only our monthly Council meeting to attend. However I was still busy with community meetings and events that included the monthly Eureka/Tamahere Heritage Committee meeting, with the Committee also visiting Woodlands to learn about the history of the estate and get an update on their plans for the future and a visit to Raglan with the Heritage Funding Committee to hear submissions from several local groups for funding. Also in Raglan we had an opportunity to visit the sites of innovative signs placed next to sites of historical significance. I will also represent Council at the ANZAC service at Eureka Cenotaph on 25th April.

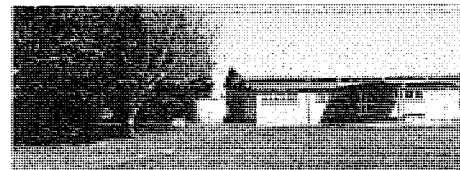


Waikato District Council is again combining with Hamilton City Council to run a **Dirty Dog Challenge**. Dogs and their owners will navigate their way through a mud-filled obstacle

course. The challenge will be held at the Ngaruawahia Christian Youth Camp, 48 Waingaro Road, on Saturday 15th June from 10am. There is a 2.5km or 6km event – cost for one person and one dog is \$40. For more details and to register for the event go to www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/services-facilities/animal-control/dirty-dog-challenge

Have you visited the **Eureka Little Library** yet? This is situated next to Eureka Hall using a 'swap a book' system and the Hall Committee also regularly changes the books – well worth a visit if you are short of reading material.

I am looking forward to attending the **50th anniversary celebrations for Eureka Hall on 5th May**. Past members of the Hall Committee and former residents are being invited and the Hall Committee hope there will be a good turnout of present day Eureka residents. If you know of any former residents who may like to attend contact Gail Mayall and she can then email them an invitation.



I have previously mentioned the **Proposed Waikato District Plan**. The Summary of Submissions for Stage 1 of the District Plan Review has been prepared by the Resource Management Policy team and will be published on Monday 29 April with further submissions closing on Monday 27 May at 9am. The summary documents and original submissions will be available for viewing from the 29th at Council offices and libraries and also available electronically via the consultation page on our website.

Stage 2 is currently in progress with our policy team finalising the relevant policy frameworks. A draft for public feedback will be released in mid-2019. To read the review see on line at www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/your-council/plans-policies-and-bylaws/plans/district-plan-review

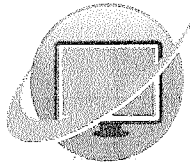
Unfortunately, **Council will not be running an inorganic waste service this year, 2019**. The service was not included in your 2018/19 refuse and recycling targeted rate. The long-term future of the inorganic collection will be part of a solid waste review starting this year and will take into consideration central governments direction to us to reduce waste to landfill – currently all items collected through inorganic collections goes to landfill. Waikato residents will have an opportunity to have their say on how waste is collected through this year's review. You are also welcome to email me your feedback.

The **Expressway** team have been taking advantage of the long dry summer and spring to keep the works on track. There is a milestone this week on the Longswamp section when traffic begins switching onto sections of the new lanes. On the Hamilton section; in June, after the Fieldays, traffic will be switched from Cambridge Road onto two new lanes at Tamahere. The section of Cambridge Road north of Cherry Lane will then close so the expressway route can be excavated through the old highway. Users of Cherry Lane and Bollard Road will be provided with a sealed temporary access onto the new highway lanes.

If you are part of a group that would like a presentation about the Expressway project, book or find more information by emailing info@cityedgealliance.co.nz or phoning 0800 322 044.



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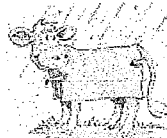
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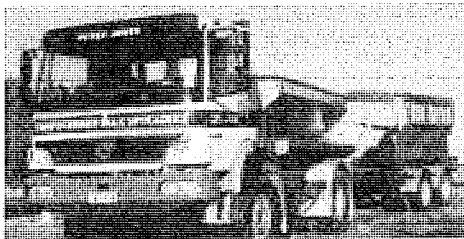
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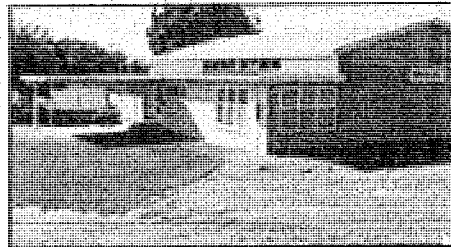
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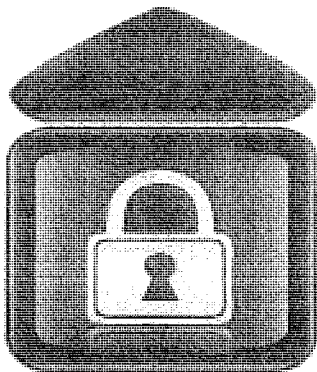
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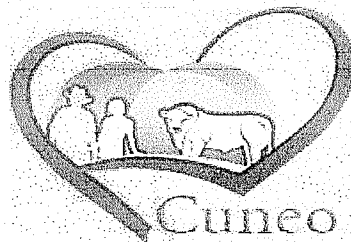
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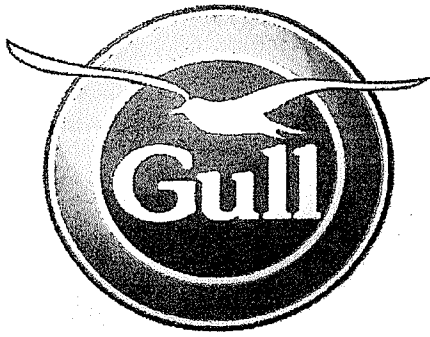
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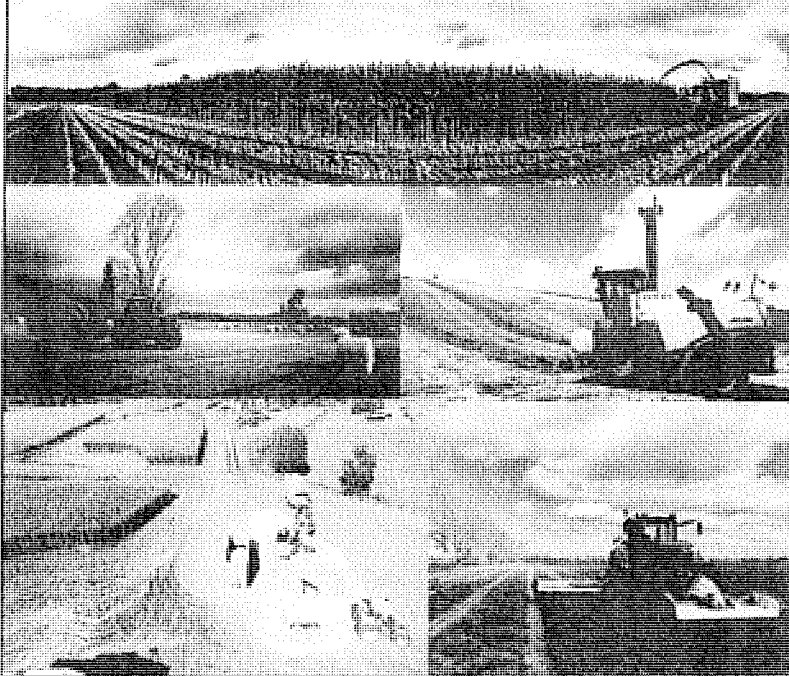
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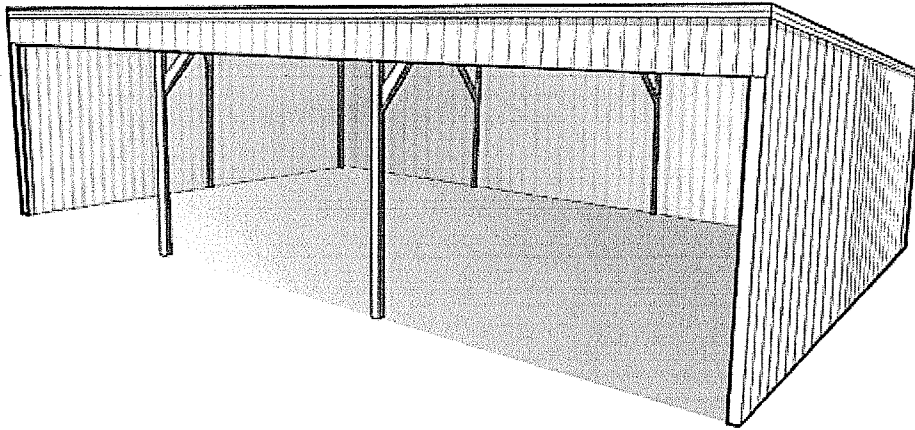
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