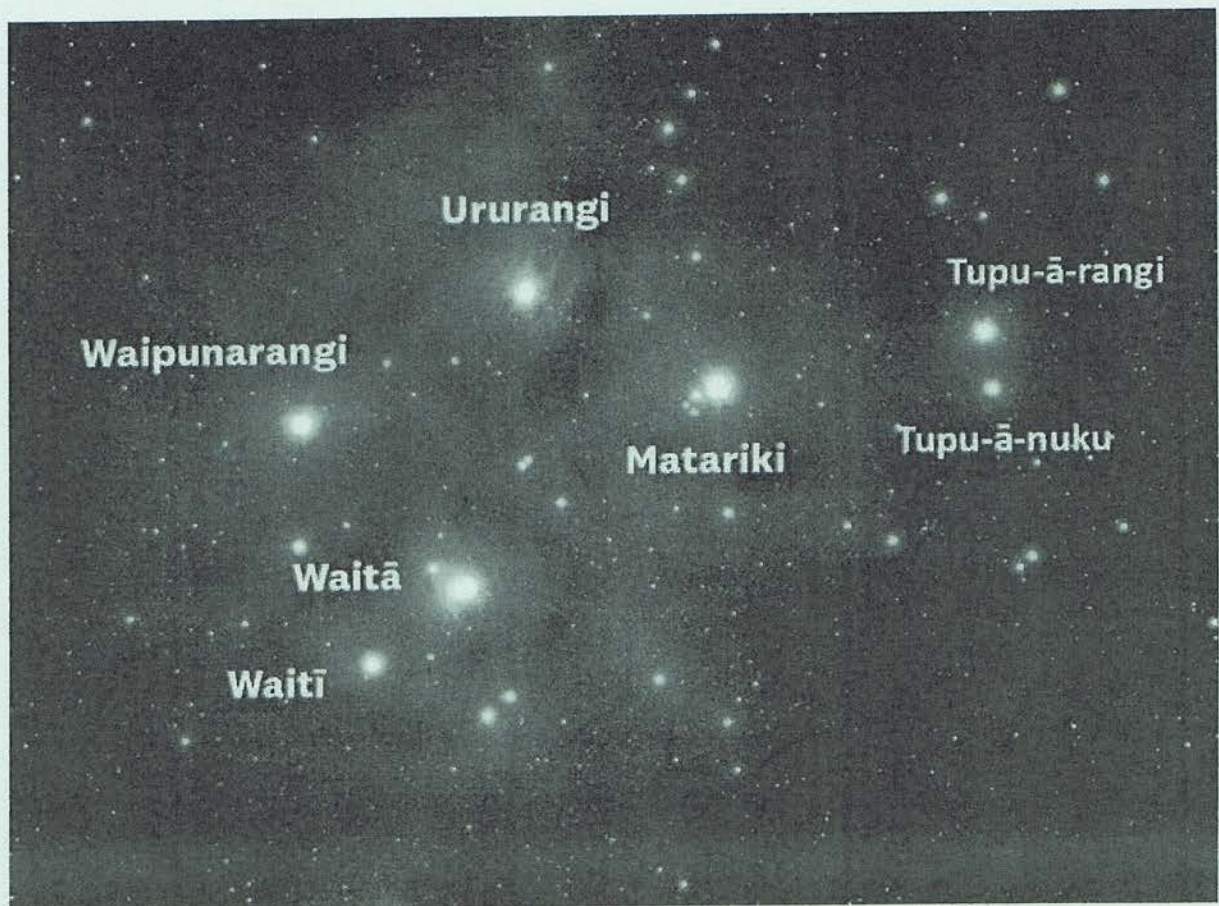


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Matariki – Maori New Year

EDITORIAL

Hi from Peter and Claire Warren.

In 2013 we moved from Kerikeri to our then rented lifestyle block at 1543 Tauwhare Road. Eventually buying the property a few years later.

Peter was born in the Waikato; initially living on a farm until moving with his family into Matamata. Peter initially trained as a residential builder but left this career path early to become a professional sailor. He had a long career (about 30yrs) in professional yacht racing competing in several America's Cups, the Whitbread round the World Race and innumerable international sailing events.

It was on one such race programme that Peter and I met. I was racing in the 1989/90 Whitbread Round the World on the yacht 'Maiden' the first all-female crew to compete in this race. We married shortly after the race finished moving briefly to Auckland in the early 90's before returning to live in Europe and Peter continued his sailing career mainly in the Northern Hemisphere. I slowly returned to my main profession as a Doctor over the next few years interspersing yachting with medicine. I specialised in Emergency Medicine in the UK. We moved back to NZ in 2001, we lived in the Bay of Islands bringing up our two children, Jessica and Leah. I became a rural GP and Peter had somewhat longer commutes to his work.

In 2013 we decided to move to the Waikato, both Peter and I were considering changing our careers and the girls were both involved in various sports and other activities that facilitated our decision.

Peter left professional yacht racing and steadily built up his business as an agricultural contractor to small farms and lifestyle blocks. This fulfils his need to be very busy, buy old machinery and monitor the weather at all times! I became a Fellow in Urgent Care medicine and work full time at Anglesea Urgent Care Centre in Hamilton. Our oldest child Jessica is in her 3rd year at Victoria University in Wellington and her sister Leah is on a 4-year Field Hockey scholarship at Ohio University USA.

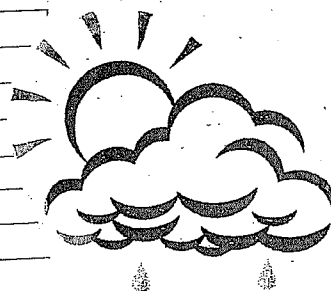
We love living in the Waikato on our lifestyle block (now we are used to the winter frosts) we have fantastic neighbours and Peter is starting to refit our old family yacht so we can return to the water to be hobby yachties when we get time off.

Regards

Peter and Claire Warren

WEATHER

Weather for April 2019		
Rainfall total	85.6 mm	
Rain Total for year	152.2 mm	
Rainy days	11	
Most daily rainfall	29.2 mm	22nd April
Highest wind speed	32.0 km/hr	11 th April
Temp high	23.8 C	3 rd April
Temp low	2.3 C	20 th April



SNIPPETS

DONATION THANKS TO: Bev and Robert Kimber and also to all the kind people who contributed through our Gull Eureka donation box. All very much appreciated.

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS TO:



Jared Wilson, only son of Ross and Lynda Wilson of Eureka Road, who wed Hannah Rout of Whangarei on April 7th at the Red Barn, Karapiro.

Our very best wishes to you both for the future.

YEAR 10 EXPERIENCE: Best Wishes to local girls, Trinaka Kenny, Ashleigh Mayall and Milla Ware who are off to Great Barrier Island this weekend for the HHS five week Outdoor Education Programme. Enjoy this great experience girls.

Sincere Condolences

Sincere condolences are extended to Dora van Woerden and family on the recent death of Hugo on April 23rd in Waihi. Hugo and Dora came to Eureka some 60 years ago to share milk for the White family before buying their block of land on 'The Avenue' (SH 26) in 1964 and then purchasing an adjoining block in 1973. Their sons, John and Wayne were educated at Eureka School and Hugo and Dora played an active role in the school and district, Hugo being secretary of the local branch of Federated Farmer for many years. In 1982 they moved to Waikino to farm and employed a sharemilker to run their Eureka farm which they still own to this day.

Our thoughts and sympathy are with Dora and family and also with Sarah Elliot and William Prosser who have farmed the Eureka farm for many years.



Deepest Sympathy is also extended to Barry and Christine Whiteley and family of Eureka Road on the death of Barry's mother, Mrs Joan Whiteley, aged 95 years, in Plymouth, England, on May 11. Joan has been a regular visitor to Eureka over the years and will be sadly missed by her family and friends.

FAREWELLS

Another year has flown by and sadly it is that time of year again when we must bid farewell to farming folk who are moving onward and upward with their lives and careers. Our best wishes go with you all.

- On Eureka Road, on the Hinton farm, it is goodbye to Derek Mendoza who is moving to Ohaupo. All the best Derek.
- And Nick Menace, Donna and family are off to Ngatea, from the Scatchard farm. Every best wish to them all.
- Leaving the Basi farm on Hooper Road are Jonathan and Rachel Roessen and family. All the best to you too.
- Departing Verryt's farm on Schollum Road is Bevan Tobin and his partner Ashleigh Stoupe who are heading to Te Kowhai. Go well.
- It is farewell to Raymond, Raewyn and Kevin Fletcher who are leaving the de la Rue farm and going north to Wellsford. All the best to you.
- And also on the move having sold their lifestyle block on Hunter Road, are Aaron Parker and Ange Makara and family. They are moving to a new property in Ho-o-Tainui. Our very best wishes go with you all.

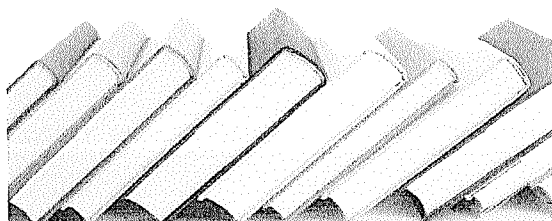
\$2 Book Fair

Friday 31st May – Sunday 9th June

9am – 6pm

Eureka Hall

The big long book fair



EUREKA EXPRESS EASTER COMPETION 2019

Pre School

- 1st Beau Thomas
- 2nd Charli Carroll
- 3rd Vivienne King

Juniors

- 1st Leon Morris (6)
- 2nd Gracy Orr (5)
- 3rd Holly Steffert (7)
- 4th Colin Lockley (7)
- 5th Maisie Thomas (6)

Commended:

Zoe Elworthy (6), Ruby Sampson (7),
Ryan Hunter (6), Laura Garland (5),
Phoebe Berry-Cope (7), Sarah Newman
(5), RJ Carroll (6)

Seniors

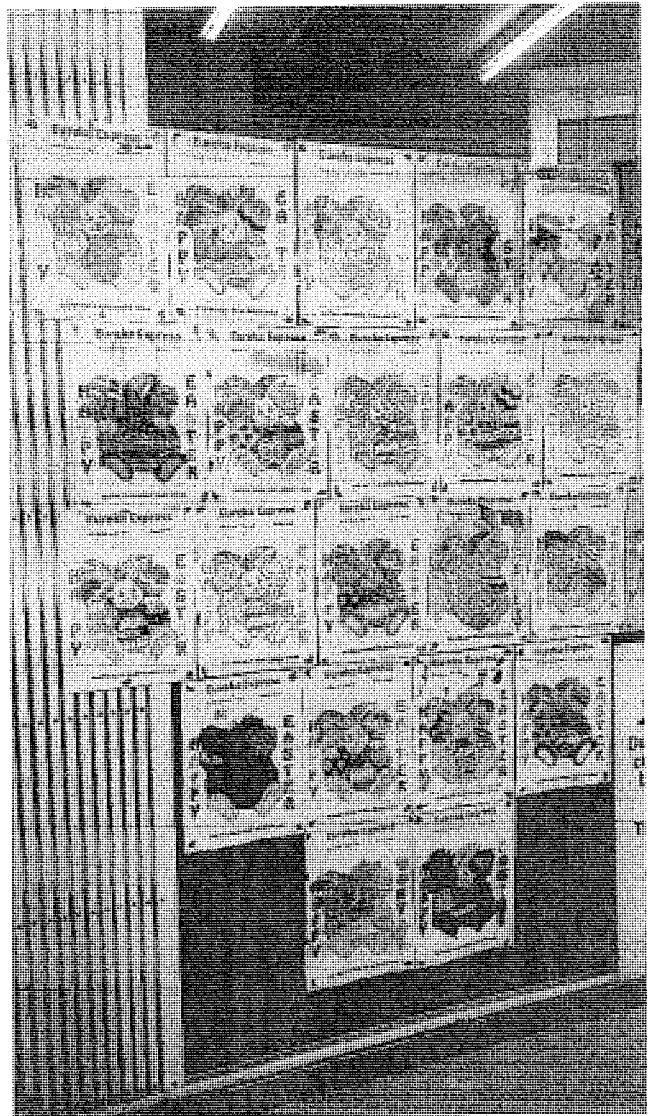
- 1st Lauren Pryor (11)
- 2nd Elina Morris (8)
- 3rd Daniel Pryor (9)
- 4th Shaun Mayall (8)
- 5th= Sophie Paul (8)
Emma Hunter (9)

Commended:

Emily Dunn (8), Leo Steffert (10), Dylan
Paul (8), Jon Newman (11), Tianna
Lockley, Ben Newman

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Zoe Buckley



THOUGHT FOR TODAY

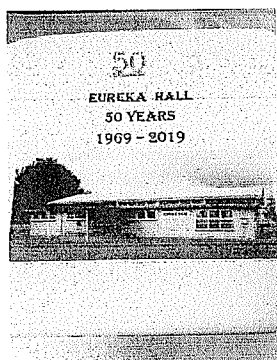
Even though there are days I wish I could change some things that happened in the past, there's a reason the rear view mirror is so small and the windscreen is so big. Where you are headed is much more important than what you've left behind.

HALL UPDATE

Our Anzac Day the service, which was organised by Lionel Orr, was a success. About 37 people attended including our police protection officer. The Council provided a lovely wreath and of course we had our knitted poppies. Many of you may have also noticed we had a flag. The service was short, but it was lovely to remember our local men who sacrificed their lives. After the service we all went into the hall and had a cuppa and a homemade Anzac biscuit, made by the lovely ladies of the committees. Thank you for your contribution. Let's hope next years' service is bigger.



The celebration of 50 years of the building of the hall was a great day. Approx. 100 people attended, some past residents and quite a few of our new residents. It was lovely to meet everyone, and it was a great opportunity to catch up with friends from far and wide. One of our invited guests was Mr Tom Muir and his lovely wife Shirley. Tom (now aged 95) was the person who built the hall 50 years ago. I had a good chat with him and he said that the floors are matai wood and he had to push the point to get the committee to put them in, but they have certainly stood the test of time, and were a great investment. They still look great.



The official part of the afternoon was to cut the cake, Tom Muir and Barry Mayall had this honour. Barry is the only surviving member of the original hall committee who were responsible for the build. The cake was delicious, a big thank you to Lin Buckley for making it and to Gail Mayall for decorating it. Great job ladies.



Brian Gordon gave a tribute to Colin Duncan, thanking him for his service and dedication to the community. Colin has sailed off for a few months to warmer weather and for rest and relaxation. Very much deserved I must say.

It was also suggested by a few people that we have a few more community get togethers, as it is really good to catch up and meet new people. The committees are always open to suggestions and of course help in organising events.

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

TOM MUIR

'Some history of Tom the builder for those who met him at the recent Hall 50th.....

A well-known Eureka. Well he grew up here and thought he'd be a farmer. But WWII took him overseas, and when he came back the authorities had other ideas for him. He came back and built the second hall in 1968, but Tom Muir's real exploits were created in Hamilton.

Now 95, Tom is living a high-up life in one of the penthouse apartments on top of The Cascades, which itself is sited on top of one of the highest hills in Hamilton. His wife Shirley was, until recently, a fellow apartment dweller, but now needs more care and has moved down a floor or two to the resthome area.

Tom has long been a mine of information about the early development of Eureka, the creation of his father's farm there, and how his farming aspirations were dashed, and turned him into becoming a builder of significant edifices and many houses in Hamilton and surrounding towns. And his continued interest in local history, plus squirrel-like tendencies with paper records have supplied the Hamilton Library Archive unit with a treasure trove of documents.

Tom's father Jack moved to Eureka from the King Country in 1919, having survived 3 years in France with a unit hauling explosives up to the front lines. His brother Joe had been farming here since 1914 and had married Violet Hunter. Jack 'took on' a 50ha block of scrub and peat which ran from the 'sandy drain' on Schollum Road down to the railway line. Joe farmed the adjoining block until he moved to set up the Shell Petrol Station in Thames Street Morrinsville around 1920.

Initially there were no boundary fences and Jack split blue gum posts at nearby Hunters Bush – 3 per chain (22 yards) for 80 chains (1 mile), a total of 240 posts. At first he built himself a whare, where he was joined by his fiancée, later wife Muriel. To quote Tom's speech at his 90th birthday party "On her engagement Mum took a train from Auckland to Hamilton and stayed at the Amadale Hotel in Alma Street. She then took a train to Eureka Station, from where she walked for 600 metres on a stony road to the Big Drain, where she turned left and walked another mile to Dad's whare at Lot 2."

By November 1923, when Tom was born, Jack had built all the farm buildings, including a house, using *Pinus radiata* from Casey's Hill near the Hunter Road junction. Muriel's share included providing oak furniture for the house. Electricity arrived after Tom was born.

The Muir children all attended Eureka School, Tom starting in 1929, Valerie in 1930, Wesley in 1933 and Gladys in 1935.

After leaving school Tom worked on the farm until WWII saw him registered as a Naval Reserve in December 1941. He was shipped to England and spent the rest of the war overseas.

When he returned to New Zealand and was demobbed in 1946, he hoped that he had sufficient farming experience to be given a rehab loan for land. However, the powers that be were allocating on the basis of how much fighting men had done in the desert, and Tom was turned down, having been in the Navy. Instead he was offered a place on a course doing carpentry around 1947. He obviously found his niche in building, because by 1950 he was not only certified, but had also done extra courses which had allowed him first to become a Leading Hand, and then as an Assistant Instructor on the construction of State houses. He was given membership of the Master Builders Association in 1955.

One of his major works with his own company was building the first part of Wintec, including all the services – a job he was proud of as it was finished 'on time and under budget' in 1968. He completed over 120 large contracts in Hamilton, remodelled a fair section of Victoria Street, and also put up the first commercial building on Te Rapa Straight, on the site where Bunnings is now.

But to return to Eureka, when the first hall at the crossroads of SH26 and Hunter/Eureka Roads was taken down after 54 years, Tom built the second one, which still faithfully serves clubs and events which are held in Eureka.

We all turned out recently to celebrate that second hall's 50-year birthday, and a remarkable number of long-term residents had a memorable get together, including a number who grew up and went to school here, but are now living elsewhere. These included Tom, his wife Shirley and one of their daughters, which made the occasion extra special.

Sue Edmonds
30/5/19

TAUWHARE INDOOR BOWLING CLUB

Welcome to May's 2019 club newsletter.

The bowling season is now well underway. Club night numbers are similar to last year. We would still love to see some new members or past members that are thinking about returning to the game.

Bowls is a game where you can be as serious as you like, or you can just come along on club night for a social evening.

If you have not played bowls before but would love to give the game a go, then come along to the Tauwhare hall on a Thursday evening. We have plenty of people within the club that can explain how the game is played. We start at 7.30pm but names need to be in by 7.25pm

Some of our club members have visited other clubs supporting their tournaments.

The beginning of May saw our championship rinks being played. Bev Meads, Amber McNally, Lockie Verner and Glenda Goodare were the winning team.

The championship pairs have also been played - the winning team was Jim Arnold and John Cottle.

Club nights are still being relatively well attended but there is plenty of room in the hall more people.

Amber McNally was selected as a Waikato player to play in the Probyn Shield challenge in the Taranaki. Congratulations Amber on your selection. Even though Taranaki won I am sure Amber that you played well.

Four Tauwhare members entered into the Eastern sub centre championship singles. Two Tauwhare members were lucky enough to be the winner and runner up – Bev Meads and Amber McNally.

If you would like more information, then do not hesitate to contact one of the following people:-

Jim and Rosalie Arnold 07 887 4832

Bev Meads 021 172 7822

Kevin Williams 07 824 0728

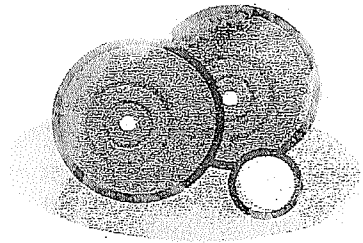
Upcoming events for June:-

6th – Esme Pope Memorial (Handicap Singles)

13th – Club Night

20th – Mid Winter Dinner

27th – Singles Championship



Come along and give bowls a go. Another fun season of indoor bowls has started.

HOUSE ART PANELS

These panels are the culmination of one year's work by the children and teachers. Each panel represents one house and celebrates an aspect of our school community – Takahe (Red House) celebrates our bi-cultural culture, Tui (Blue House) celebrates our rural values, Kiwi (Yellow House) celebrates New Zealand, Kakapo (Green House) celebrates our learning.

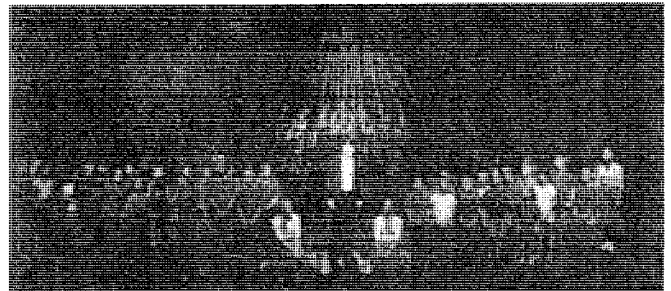
Thank you to Mrs Keyser for her work on this project. How wonderful to have Mrs McLeay return for the 'unveiling' of our beautiful house panels. We are very grateful to Wayne Brown for donating the high-quality paint. We really appreciate your support Wayne.

We have videoed the children's presentation. The photos and **video are on our website** .

CHOIR

It was so exciting to have our children as part of the Clarence St production of Superstars. Here is an excerpt from the reviewer which pretty much says it all...

'The entry of children from Tamahere Model Country School and Tauwhare School was delightfully unexpected. The charming and encouraging interaction by Alex Pelham-Waerea and the four versatile dancers with the youngsters was wonderful, and any first night nerves the children had soon gave way to big smiles and enthusiastic participation.'



Children's writing

Crunchy crackling curly leaves of gold falling slowly and fast off the trees swishing swooshing through the air.
 Red, orange, yellow lots of different colours.
 Yellow, orange, red leaves trying to find a place to land on the ground.
 Leaves slowly falling or they fall fast.
 Crackling crunching curled leaves that smell like damp earth rising from the ground.

Elliot Rm 5

Celebrating Grandparents

June the 19th 9:00am – 11:00am

As part of our focus on books and literacy for Book Week, each class will be presenting a short performance. We would like to invite our Grandparents and whanau to enjoy our performances and celebrate books with us.

Performances will be from 9.00-10.00 in the Multi-Purpose Room.

After the performance, Grandparents are invited to visit their grandchild's classroom and also accompany them to the Book Fair.

This will be followed by Morning Tea in the Multi- Purpose Room at 11:00 – 11:30.

All the staff are looking forward to sharing this day with the grandparents and whanau.

Pukeko Country Preschool

The work happening next door has led to a lot of building-related play, and the children have been taking on the role of inspectors, making sure our new building will be perfect.

We have a busy term ahead of us with Step in, Prince and Princess day and Matariki.

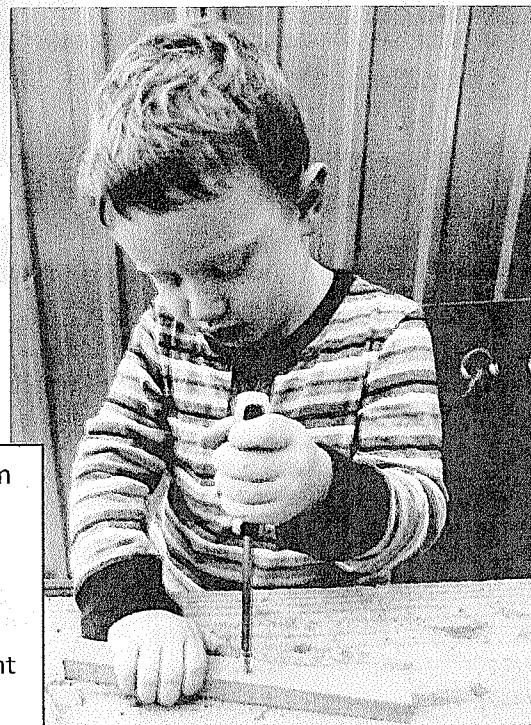
Thank you to everyone who came to our working bee. We so appreciate our wonderful community. Everyone worked so hard inside and out. Our huge bike track is going to be amazing!

Update on the new building

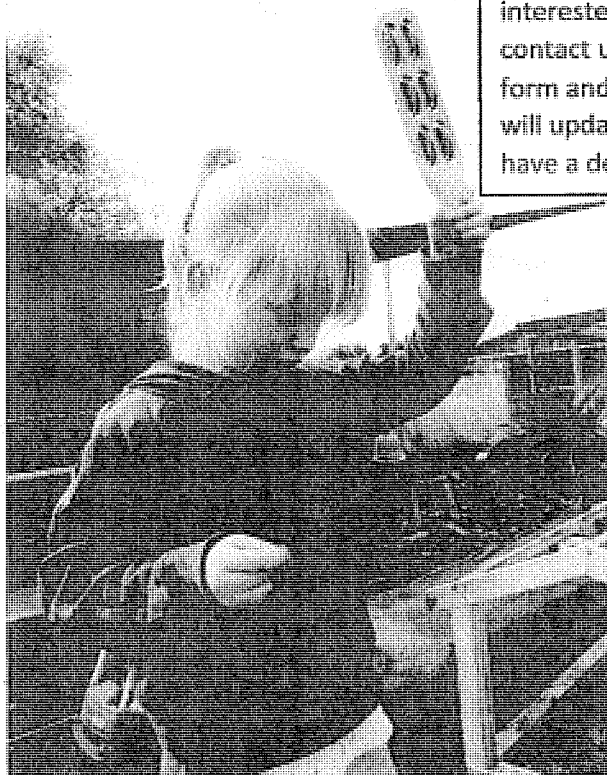
We have power!!! The concrete has been poured in the playground and on the driveway. The gravel is down and we are waiting for council sign-off.

The health department have done their checks and we now move to the licencing process, which will take a few weeks.

We have hired some wonderful new teachers with lots of experience, and we are all looking forward to working together as a team.



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.



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'.

TAUWHARE PLAYGROUP

Tauwhare playgroup has been busy this term with a range of different activities.

Hyped Up brought in a bouncy castle and the kids loved it, what a great morning we all had. We have also enjoyed a trip to the Matangi Bus Cafe. The children enjoyed a bike circuit we set up for them and the roller coaster continues to deliver entertainment every week.



New to Tauwhare?

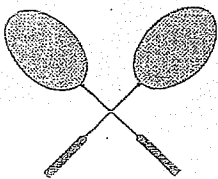
Tauwhare playgroup is a friendly and fun group, where parents, grandparents, caregivers, children and babies meet together in a relaxed environment. Everyone is welcome.

Our playgroup is free to attend, and our activities include: Music and singing, Imaginative play, Outdoor and free play, Art and craft activities, Trips to interesting places.

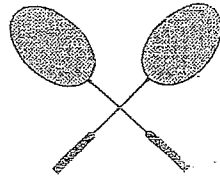
We meet at the Multipurpose Room at Tauwhare School between 9am-12 noon every Thursday during school term time. We are happy if people want to drop in for just a short while between naps or after school drop off. You don't have to stay all morning.

Please bring along a small plate of food for the children's shared morning tea, and we provide hot drinks for parents and caregivers.

For more information, like us on Facebook to keep up to date with what is happening. Or contact Katherine on 021 403 969.



EUREKA BADMINTON CLUB



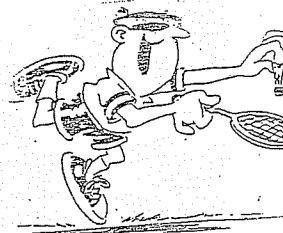
JUNIOR BADMINTON

Junior Badminton is underway for the season

**Wednesday nights 6 – 7.30 pm
at Matangi Hall 6 – 7.30 pm
New players always welcome**

Racquets available

For Further Information please phone Bryce on 8240699



IN THE GARDEN

Winter is upon us. Fog and more fog. A few showers of rain now and then which is great after the long-winded drought that went on and on.

Trees, shrubs, roses and most plants should be planted now as most plants have shed their leaves. When planting any plants do not tease or disturb the roots as this lessens the chances of survival. Remove the bag or pot, dig a bigger hole than needed. If a plant has roots wrapped around the ball of soil still don't disturb, use a sharp knife and cut in a downward movement 3 or 4 times around the root ball. Before planting into the hole put a large amount of well rooted compost into the hole then place the plant in. Add soil and tramp firmly. There is a saying "don't disturb and you won't lose". All man made fert i.e. white fert should be put on top of the ground around the drip line of the plant. Mushroom compost is the best for putting in the hole before planting. It is weed and bark free and is suitable for any plants. This compost is excellent for growing veges in. No weeds, no disease and lush green veges are the result.

We have been selling the above for over 20 years and once you have used this compost you will never change. You may not know that this compost is first produced from a shed full of chickens, then after about four weeks the chickens are taken out, the shed cleaned out and the compost taken to mushroom farms for about 3 months - that's when we get this dry light, easy to handle compost, weed free and bark free.

I hope the above has helped; if you need to know more please ring. Happy gardening to one and all from Mike and the team at Roachs.

Compost, roses, fruit trees and more available from Roachs, 150 Schollum Road, Morrinsville. 0274 955183 or 07 824 1724

Mike Roach



TASTE BUDS

BACON HASSELBACK POTATOES

4 slices thick-cut bacon, cut crosswise into 9 pieces
Sea salt & freshly ground pepper
1 medium potato per person, peeled
10 tbsp butter
2 scallions (spring onions), finely chopped
2 tablespoons finely chopped fresh parsley
1 clove garlic, finely chopped



Method

Lay the bacon pieces on a baking sheet and freeze until hard, about 30 minutes.

Meanwhile preheat the oven to 350 degrees F (175 C). Bring a large pot of salted water to boil.

Make crosswise cuts in each potato, about 1/8th inch apart stopping about 1/4 inch from each end.

Add the potatoes to the boiling water and cook for four minutes. Remove with a slotted spoon and carefully transfer to a baking sheet, let cool slightly. Pat the potatoes dry, then insert 3 pieces of the frozen bacon into the cuts of each potato, spacing the bacon evenly and letting it poke out of the top. Melt 5 tablespoons of the butter and brush generously over the potatoes and in the cuts. Reserve any excess butter for basting. Season the potatoes with salt and pepper.

Transfer the potatoes to the oven and bake until the outsides are browned and crisp, about 2 hours, basting halfway through with the melted butter.

When the potatoes are almost done, melt the remaining three tablespoons of butter and mix with the scallions, parsley and garlic. Spoon over the potatoes and roast five more minutes. Transfer to a platter and season with salt and pepper if required.

ROMANIAN SAUSAGES (MITITEI)

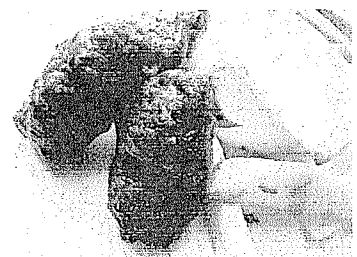
5 cloves of garlic peeled
1/4 cup water
500gms ground chuck steak
500gms coarsely ground pork
1 tablespoon baking soda
1 1/2 teaspoons salt
1 tablespoon black pepper
1/2 teaspoon dried thyme
1/2 teaspoon dried basil
1/2 cup beef stock

OR

1kg ground chuck steak
2 tablespoons olive oil
2 tablespoons water
3 finely chopped garlic cloves
1/2 teaspoon thyme
1 tsp chilli
1 teaspoon paprika
2 teaspoons caraway seeds, ground
2 teaspoons salt
1 teaspoon freshly ground pepper

Method

- Crush the garlic well in the water, using a fork
- Stir the meat, baking soda, seasonings and garlic puree together
- Add beef stock and mix well
- For each sausage, take 1/3rd cup of the meat mixture and roll between the palms of your hands into a sausage shape about 10cm long.
- Place sausages side by side in a container and cover
- Refrigerate overnight so that the flavours can blend.
- Then grill, bake or broil



Hint: When hand rolling sausages or meatballs of any kind, keep a small bowl of water near you so that you can keep your hands a bit wet. This way the meat will not stick to your hands.

What's in a name?

Recently I've renamed my business to 'Bentley Home PC Support' (from 'Waikato Home PC Support'), in part because it's my name, but also because that name carries connotations of esteem, riches, money, fame etc. None of which I actually have of course, but it's always nice if people think I do! Similarly, some of you may have noticed that Windows 7 is expiring in January 2020; the only option is to upgrade to Windows 10, if you want to stay on that platform. So what's in a name? What's better/worse about Windows 10?

The pros:

- Longevity. It is meant to be Microsoft's ongoing operating system, meaning it will receive feature updates, but not actually change to a new version. In practical day-to-day terms this doesn't mean much, but may result in more software compatibility long-term.
- Security. It is more secure than Windows 7, which is a good thing going forward, as the internet takes over more aspects of our day-to-day lives.
- Hardware Support. This is one great thing Win10 has going for it. I've installed it on systems that are 17 years old, and it works just fine.

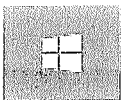
The cons:

- Updates. Win10 has a history of updates accidentally knocking out wifi and various other issues. Most users are not affected, but there simply isn't the quality control we've seen in previous versions of Windows.
- Performance. By default it enables a lot of unnecessary applications and background processes, which consume memory and processing power.
- Look and feel. For anyone used to previous versions of Windows, the default experience can be rather befuddling. The 'flat look', as it is now called, gives little indication to users about *which* things do *what* actions.
- Telemetry ie. spying. Microsoft, following in the footsteps of Google and Facebook, now gathers data about user activities (supposedly anonymously) on a hitherto unprecedented scale.

Luckily all the 'cons' above are fixable. I've written in previous articles about how to disable telemetry and improve the look and feel of Windows 10. But there are a lot of ways to improve the performance, and you can delay updates so that you only get them once they've been more thoroughly tested. The latter is a bit technical and beyond the scope of this article, but it's doable. I've just created a package deal where I will upgrade any Windows 7 computer to Windows 10 and fix the cons above in the process. If interested check out the services page on my new website (homepcsupport.co.nz/services.htm). If you don't want Windows 10 though, what're your options?

If all you do day-to-day is browse the internet, check your email and send the occasional photo someone's way, cross-grading to Linux is a good solution (and I have a package for this also). Linux doesn't have any of the cons listed above and is very stable. Once you start getting into more specific software such as Microsoft Office however, the Linux-based equivalents may or may not meet your needs. Also some of your hardware and printers may not be supported. Feel free to call and ask me.

And how do you know what version of Windows you have? Have a look in the bottom left corner of the screen:



10 (fine)



8 (expires 2023)



7 (expires 2020)



Vista (expired 2017)



XP (expired 2014)

Microsoft, for some reason, skipped a version 9 of Windows. Yes, all this stuff is confusing. But Microsoft – as perplexing as they are – are just trying to make a buck like everyone else. I do wish it wasn't so often at the consumer's expense, however.

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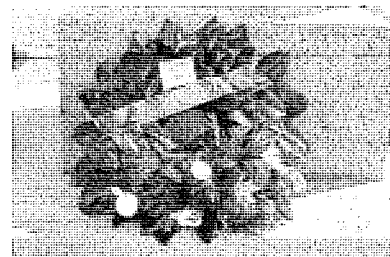


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23 MAY 2019

It was a privilege to attend the ANZAC commemorations at Eureka Hall and to lay a wreath on behalf of the Waikato District Mayor and Councillors. Around 35 attended from Eureka and surrounding areas – congratulations to Lionel and Gayle Orr for initiating and organising this very moving event which I hope will continue to attract larger numbers in years to come. Eureka is one of the few small communities to have a cenotaph, so it is fitting that our war dead and returned servicemen and women from all the wars are remembered each year.



Jill & I also attended the Eureka Hall 50th anniversary luncheon – a very enjoyable occasion catching up with friends, former and present-day residents. Thank you to the Hall Committee for organising the event.



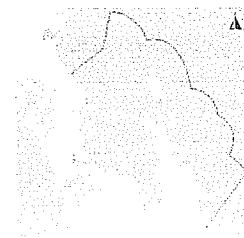
If you are an artist or writer, you may like to enter the WDC Matariki competition which opened on 13th May. To enter you write a poem or create a picture about Matariki (the Maaori name for the cluster of stars known as the Pleiades which rise in late May or early June and for many Maaori heralds the start of a new year).

For more details go to www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/services-facilities/libraries/matariki-competition-2019. You can pick up an entry form at any of our offices or libraries or download an entry form on www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/matariki. Entries must be received by 14 June.

Reminder about the **Dirty Dog Challenge on 15th June**. For more details and to register for the event go to www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/services-facilities/animal-control/dirty-dog-challenge

As mentioned last month the **Proposed District Plan** is now open for further submission (The District Plan sets the rules for how the district's land can be used, developed and subdivided and is reviewed every 10 years). We have now launched our **online map tool** to help our residents find out whether changes requested to zoning and other district plan features will have an impact on their land or on any location they are interested in. You can find this tool at www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/pdp-map-tool - it enables you to select a property or area to find out whether it is subject to an original submission that seeks a change of zoning etc, allows you to support, oppose other people's submissions or comment on how a submission may impact you; submit online through our website or on a submission form available at WDC offices or libraries or by phoning 0800 492 452.

I represent Waikato District on the **Hauraki Gulf Forum** – the Forum is made up of Council representatives from Auckland City and Hauraki, Thames/Coromandel and Waikato District Councils, Community Boards in the Gulf and Tangata Whenua representatives. On 20th May the Forum, a statutory body tasked with progressing integrated management of the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park, recommended two significant goals for this important marine park. Consistent with its strategic issues the forum voted to recommend two aspirational long-term goals for the 12,000-square km marine park – that at least 20% of the waters to be protected and that restoration efforts establish 1000 km² of shellfish-beds and reefs.



Our Forum Chair John Meeuwsen stated in a press release *"that bold action is required to stem continued ecological decline below the waterline and that protection could take many forms including no-take marine reserves, restriction on fishing methods and rahui among others. The forum is not an implementing body, and while our recommendations are not binding, they do carry political weight. It will be up to the forum's members, and other stakeholders, to act on the recommendations and implement them."*

At its next meeting in August the forum will consider a paper regarding further elaboration of those aspirational goals and the next steps involved in achieving them. **The Hauraki Gulf Forum's 2019 conference will be held on 27 August at Auckland's War Memorial Museum** and will focus on the two goals recommended at this month's meeting.



Contact me anytime -

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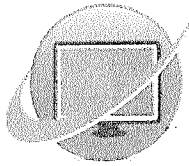


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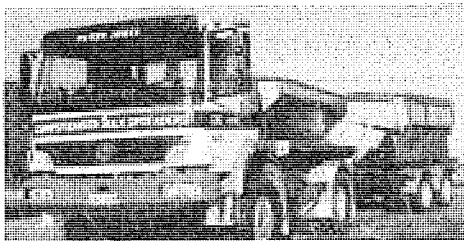
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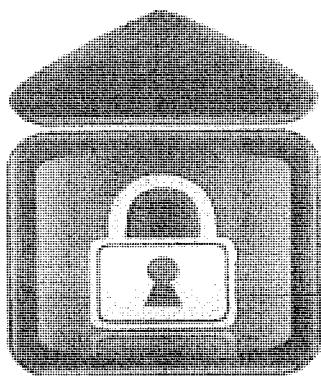
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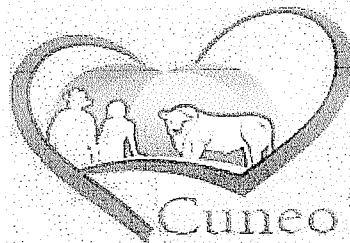
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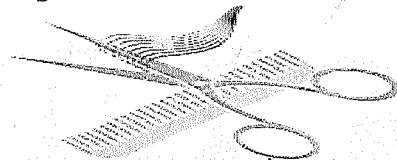
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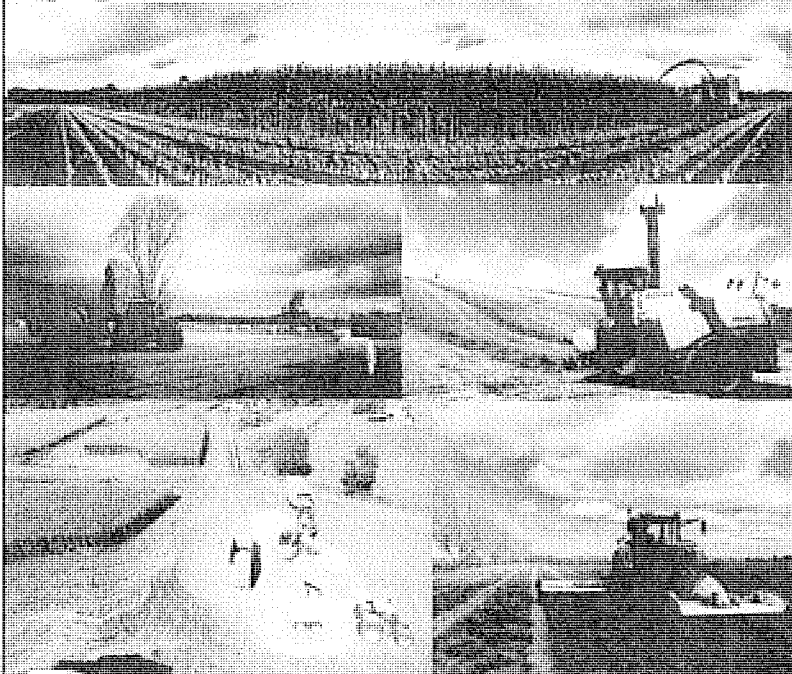
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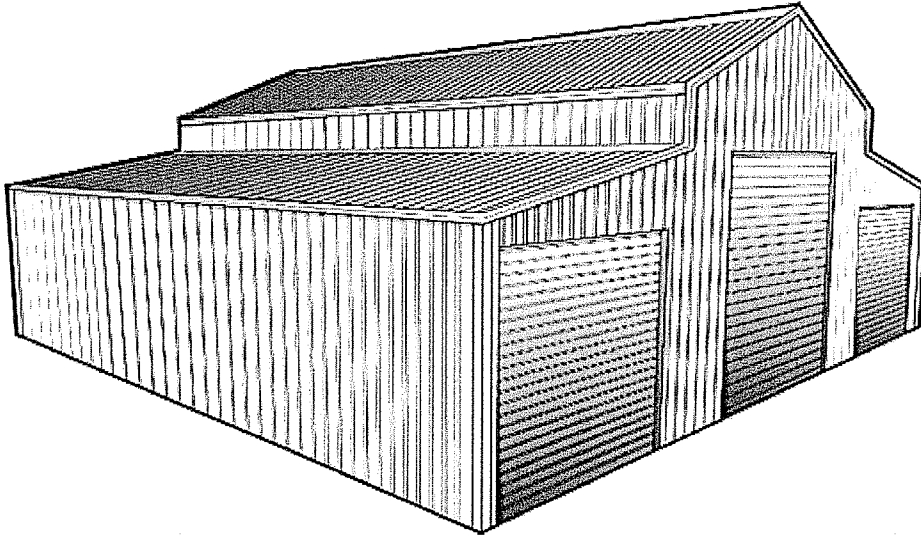


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