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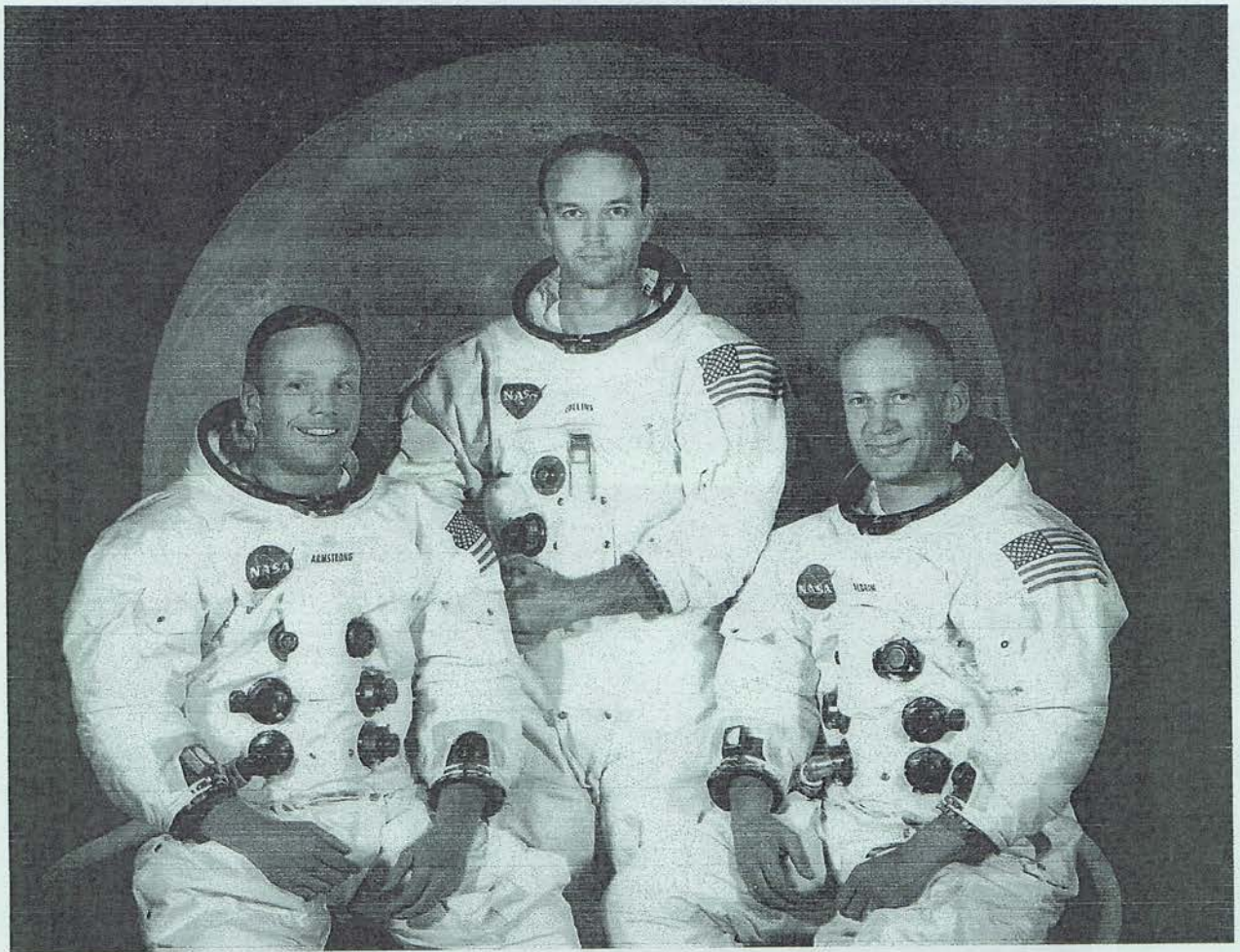
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Our Heroes!

Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Moon Landing



20th July 1969

EDITORIAL

The other day I looked outside and wondered, "what on earth is that in the pool, that doesn't look like a leaf?" On closer inspection, I discovered a little bedraggled mouse perched on top of the pool vacuum cleaner hose. It was crouching there shivering, no doubt wondering how on earth it was going to survive this predicament.

What an unusual sight it was! However, a mouse isn't the only unusual thing we have had in the pool over the years. A few months back we had a groom and his groomsmen repeatedly bombing into the pool; a pre-wedding performance for the photographer. And several years prior, bridesmaids in all their splendour leapt in, much to the delight of the onlookers, including a few of the young men, who leapt in after them. And on another occasion, a party goer, clothes and all, unreservedly leapt in after a book of music that fell off its stand. The crowd cheered at such heroics.

But back to our mouse. I felt quite sorry for it. Maybe this little guy had suffered enough and deserved to live, even though I have been quite diligent at setting and checking traps this year. Last year I forgot to do so, until one night in bed we heard tell-tale scratching and rustling sounds. I turned on the lamp and, to my horror, saw the mouse running up the bedside table beside me. Oh, heck no, that is way too close for my comfort. We spent the next twenty minutes chasing the mouse round and round our room until it eventually dashed out the door. I was hoping it would find my hastily set traps. I can confirm that peanut butter works a treat.

We discovered one day that chickens are partial to a bit of mouse, when we were cleaning up some vegetation down the back of the property. The chickens were staying close to us to snap up all the bugs and worms - as they do, when I uncovered a mouse nest complete with babies. Before I could exclaim my find, the babies were all gone, and then so were the hens, now dashing after the mother mouse, fleeing for her life. Turns out ruthless chickens are quite handy in the garden.

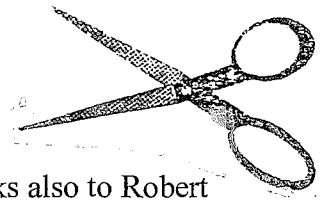
I've digressed again, and the little mouse is still shivering with the cold, stranded in the middle of the pool. So, I grabbed the leaf scooper and gently scooped him out and let him scurry away free. We have had to scoop other non-leafy things out of the pool. One spring morning a mother duck led about a dozen of her babies into the pool for a swimming lesson. That she hadn't thought her decision through properly was clear, for when the lesson was over, she could quite easily hop out, but her little babies could not. So out I went with the leaf scooper and reunited them with their frantic mother. It was a bit like trying to herd cats though.

On other unfortunate yet frequent occasions, we find hedgehogs in the pool, swimming with their heads held high and tiny feet paddling furiously. Usually I scoop them out in time, but it doesn't always end well for them. After one trip away all we found was a tiny pile of perfectly white bones in the bottom of the skimmer. Another summer we were relaxing by the pool with friends while their children were bouncing up and down, desperately waiting for their parents to take them swimming. The pool cover had been on for a few days, so the water was nice and warm. As we sat there, we would get the occasional whiff of something rotten on the breeze. I was pretty sure I knew where that smell was coming from, but kept quiet, as I didn't want to be the one that had to deal with that particular bloated, spikey surprise. It takes four hours to completely filter the water according to the manual. I gave it an extra few days.

I wonder if my little rescue mouse survived his ordeal. I hope he doesn't come into the house to get warm. I have a few peanut butter surprises for him that will make a swim in an icy pool feel like a walk in the park.

Lynda Wilson

SNIPPETS



DONATIONS THANKS TO Ace and Vicki Dance, and sincere thanks also to Robert Macey who has donated his surplus pumpkins, via Gull Eureka, for donations to the Express.

BIRTHS. NEW BABY CONGRATUALATIONS TO:

- Jessica and Ross Wilson of Eureka Road who welcomed a darling son, Harvey James on July 9th. A dear little brother for Austin. Very best wishes to all.

WELCOME TO EUREKA TO:

- Frazer and Caroline Murray who are well settled on Appleton Lane (Manor Park) now with their two young children, Lachlan 3 years and Aidan 1 year. After more than eight years in the UK Frazer and Caroline are happy to be back in NZ leading busy lives as Vets. A belated but warm welcome to you all.
- And a warm but also belated welcome, sorry, to Phil Emerson and Gina de Nicolo and son, Fletcher, who bought Genders property on Tauwhare Road a few months ago – a word from Gina....

Howdy Neighbours,

My family and I moved to Tauwhare Road, Eureka, just before Christmas (quietly since Gail didn't find out for a while). I was raised in Tauwhare so I've more or less come home, bringing my young son (Fletcher) and old partner (Phil) with me to this beautiful part of the country. Fletcher is at Tauwhare school, and both Phil and I work in Hamilton. We love being back out in the country!

I would like to put myself out there for those lifestyle blockers with little or no animal experience. While I'm not a vet, I work in the animal health industry and have worked with animals all my life (although not deer so much). Neighbouring farmers are pretty good at helping out, but if you do have questions or need (lifestyle block advice, just email me: Gina.deNicolo@xtra.co.nz Please note though, I cannot administer vet-only products (antibiotics etc). Phone 0272580246

TELEPHONE SCAM CALLS

Over the last few weeks we have been receiving a lot of calls, with the caller being a recorded message or a person on the line saying they are from Spark. These calls have various numbers, some even overseas numbers. These scammers are trying to get you to log into a web service so they can install loggers to harvest all of your personal details, i.e. bank account details, passwords, email address etc. I got somewhat annoyed with them, so I contacted Spark direct to report them, and got advice on how to get them stopped.

Do not engage with them but record the date, time and phone number they are calling from - if you have caller ID you can get this information. Once you have about 7 days of information, then send it via email to Spark at cic@spark.co.nz with the subject header **SCAM CALLS**. They will then start blocking the numbers on the network.

Please share this information as it is important that we get them stopped. Some people are getting ripped off by these scammers and losing a lot of money.

Lionel Orr

EUREKA HALL UPDATE

Not much to report this month. I just want to remind you all about the Hall Committee AGM which is on Monday 12 August, at the hall, at 7.30 pm. The current committee would love to see some more members, with new ideas and enthusiasm. Many of us are getting older now and we need the young blood to keep the hall going. As I have said before, it is the only thing we have left now that can hold the community together and to keep the community spirit, which has been present for so many years. We only meet about 4 times a year, some discussions are held via email, so the commitment is not huge. We meet to organise events, to discuss and authorise maintenance, and the upkeep of the hall. It would be great to see new faces at the AGM. I know people see those letters, AGM and run and hide, but it really isn't that scary. We are a friendly lot, and you also get to learn so much history of the area and the hall. Always great when you learn about the place where you have chosen to live. Hope to see you there.

We are still open to ideas if you have any ideas for a community event or get together. When I have spoken to people at the events we have had recently, they are keen to have more, but we need to know what.

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 and stay warm.

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

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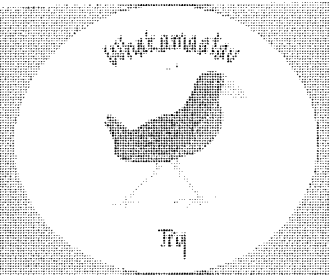
**The Annual General Meeting of the
EUREKA HALL COMMITTEE
Will be held on Monday 12th August 2019
At 7.45pm at the Eureka Hall.**

All Welcome

Secretary

Tauwhare School

100 Kaitake Road, Kaitake
 Auckland 1013
 09 274 1000



TRACTOR PULL – VICTORY!

Well done to our Tractor Pull Team who came away champions! The team of 20 Yr 4 – 6 children had to pull a 5 tonne tractor over a distance of 40mtrs in the fastest time against 4 other schools. After qualifying as the fastest team in the heats the pressure was on for the final pull against a very strong Hamilton East Team. Tauwhare proved too strong in the final coming away winners of the trophy sponsored by Giltrap Agrizone.

A huge thank you to Sam and Adam from Giltrap who supported Tauwhare with not only the trophy but also the tractor and rope for competition day.

Thank you also to Chris Savage and Bryce Silvester who brought their tractors to school for practices. Mrs Brown and Mrs G were fabulous coaches. They researched and strategized and coaxed and cheered! And lured in Ray Jackson to help with the coaching. A great result!

TAUWHARE'S GOT TALENT

A fabulous way to end the term!!! Our guest judge was Mr Jason Wade, Manager of Clarence St Theatre. We had a wonderful variety of acts; singing, dancing, piano, magic, gymnastics, skits and comedy. Congratulations to the winner, Cassie Keyser who sang the Cups song.

PLAY BASED LEARNING



I love that our New Entrant/Year 1 teacher, Mrs Pickett, has embraced the play based learning philosophy but, with the help of a fulltime teacher aide, has combined it with specific teaching of the basic skills children need to learn to be successful in reading, writing and maths. I try to visit her room every week. I tell her it is so I can get to know the children but it is also so I can play with the new stations and provocations she has set up



Enrolment Zone Open

Our Board of Trustees has opened our school zone for enrolments for the rest of 2019 and Term 1 of 2020. Please ring the school for enrolment details. Ph 07 8240864 or email principal@tauwhare.school.nz



My recorder group

TAUWHARE PLAYGROUP

Welcome to term 3.

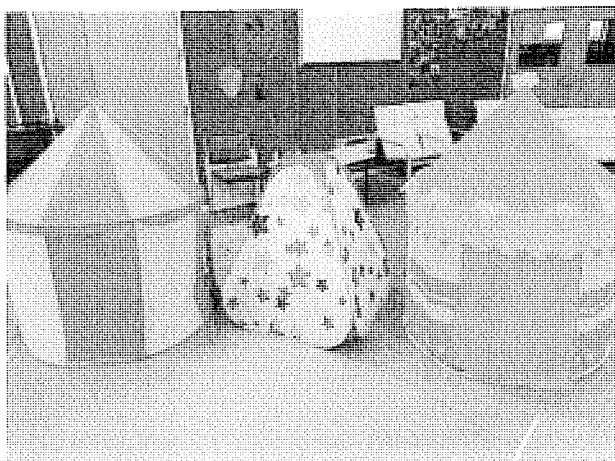
Tauwhare playgroup is a friendly and fun group, where parents, grandparents, caregivers, children and babies meet together in a relaxed environment. Everyone is welcome.

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 021403969.



Tauwhare School Board of Trustees Election 2019 Declaration of Parent and Staff Election Results

Parent representatives - votes:

Name	Votes
BEVERIDGE, Stacey	35
GARNETT, Aileen	26
NOE, Ripeka	43
RAUPITA, Ruth	31
SAVAGE, Chris	36
SHEPHERD, Alister	31
Invalid Votes	nil

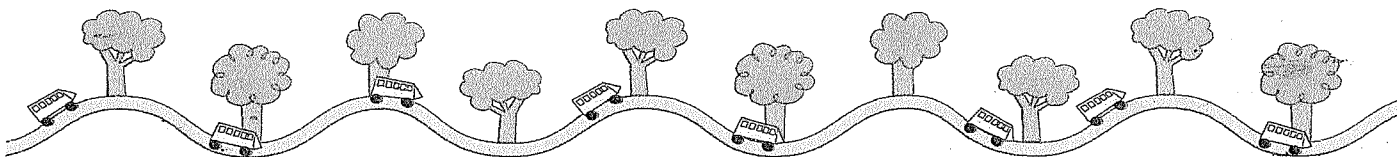
I hereby declare the following duly elected:

BEVERIDGE, Stacey, NOE, Ripeka, RAUPITA, Ruth, SAVAGE, Chris, SHEPHERD, Alister

Staff Election

At the close of nominations, as there was only one valid nomination received, I hereby declare the following duly elected: Quinn, Sharon

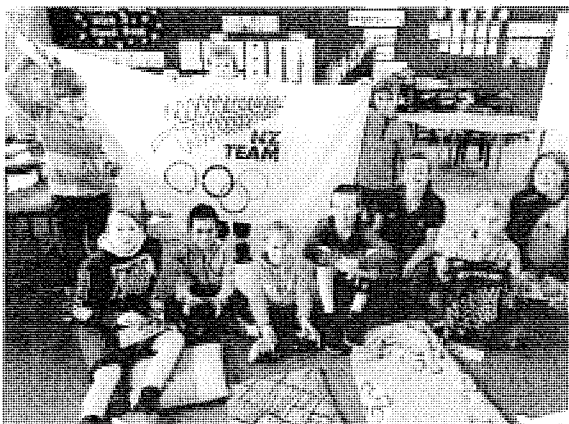
Paula Brown
Returning Officer



Motumaoho School

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Term 2

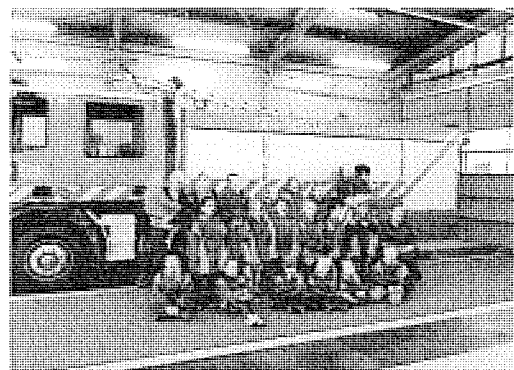


Olympian Visits

Olympic and Commonwealth athlete (middle distance runner), Nikki Hamblin came to talk to Room 1 about the Olympic values of Friendship, Respect and Excellence. She spoke to the learners about the ways she's needed to use these values on her journey as an athlete and how we can use them in our everyday lives as contributing members of society. She showed the learners her medals, Olympic jacket and the flag. It was an informative and interesting insight into the life of an athlete. We made the connections between the Olympic values and our School values The Three R's - Respect, Resilience and Responsibility.

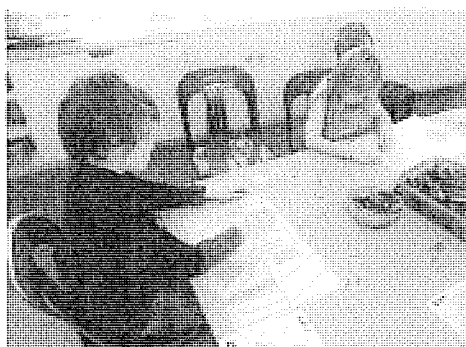
Fire Station Visit

On Friday the 31st of May our whole school visited the Morrinsville Fire Station. We were hosted by Michelle Hinton who has been a firefighter for 13 years. Michelle gave us a tour of the fire station and she showed us what a firefighter wears and uses to put out fires. We are very lucky to have such hardworking people like Michelle in our community helping us keep safe. We would like to thank the Morrinsville Fire station for hosting us. The sound of the fire truck siren and seeing the lights flashing was really fun.



Term 3 - Art and Music

Our learners in action learning the recorder and working on their art skills.



Term 3 - Big Idea Learning

Our teachers and learners have made a start with the 'where in the world' countries unit. With a number of sporting world cups that have just taken place and with another one coming up soon, our learners have the opportunity to learn about where our country is in relation to the rest of the world and learn about other countries.

Sophie from Team Energise will start the healthy eating and drinking lessons in week 2. The themes that are covered sugary drinks, breakfast and the four food groups. These sessions will be of great benefit and will help our school support our learners with their health and well-being.

TAUWHARE INDOOR BOWLING CLUB

Welcome to the July 2019 club newsletter.

The bowling season is now well over halfway through for 2019.

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. It is never too late to come along.

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

Amber McNally has been selected as the reserve player for the Waikato team for the Paterson Cup which is to be played in the Hawkes Bay.

Waikato has teamed up with King Country to play against the South Island team. Amber has also been selected to play in the pair's team for this challenge. Results in next month's newsletter about how she got on.

We had a tough challenge against Matangi for the Brown Bowl and managed to release it from their grasp by 2 points.

The Champion of Champion Rinks and the Triples have been played and, on both occasions,, we were runners up to Matangi. All the games were close and could have gone either way. Congratulations to the players that made it to those events.

Our club championship pairs have been played and Jim Arnold and John Cottle were the winners.

The singles have also been played and Jim Bargh was the winner.

Four Tauwhare players have been selected to play in the Eastern Moore Cup Blue team.

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 August:-

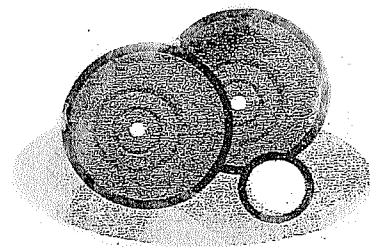
1st – Skips & Threes and Twos & Leads

8th – Club Night / Family Night

15th – Tamahere Visit

22th – Sattrup Trophy

29th – Club Night – Final Points Night



Come along and give bowls a go.

MARKETPLACE

ATTENTION FARMERS

I'm looking for farmers that are willing to be involved in studies for sheep and cattle internal and external parasites (worms, ticks, lice, fleas). At various times of the year, I need natural infections/infestations on-farm to test the efficacy of animal health products (drenches, dips etc). In summer, I will also be looking for the maggots from fly-struck sheep, especially back-strike as I'm trying to find the Australian Green Blowfly.

If you are interested, please email details to: Gina.deNicolo@xtra.co.nz

RELIEF MILKER AVAILABLE: 32 years' experience. Eureka area preferred.
Phone Les 021701679

WANTED: Sweeper boy. General sweeping and putting tools away. One hour per day around 4 to 5 pm @ 33 Platt Road. Please phone Ron 8241890

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

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

TASTE BUDS

MANDERIN AND FENNEL SALAD

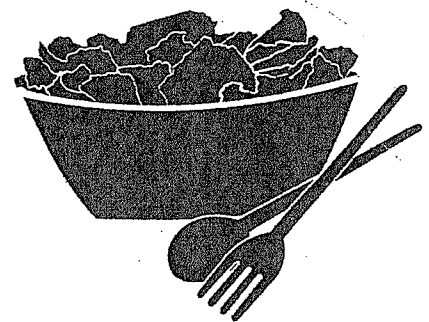
- 3 sweet mandarins
- 4 cups masculine salad leaves
- 1 fennel bulb, cleaned well and thinly sliced
- 1/2 red onion, sliced very thin
- 1/4 cup olive oil cured olives, roughly chopped
- 1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil
- Juice of 1 lemon
- Maldon salt and freshly ground black pepper
- Top with 1/2 pomegranate seeds

Directions

Zest the mandarin and reserve for garnish.

Place mandarin, fennel, chopped red onions

and olives in a large bowl and toss. Toss with the olive oil and lemon juice right before serving. Season the salad with just a touch of salt and pepper. Use the reserved strips of orange zest to garnish the plate.



IN THE GARDEN

I hope all of you are enjoying the frosty weather, it does at least bring a nice day. The negatives with frost are grass damage, cold breezes and no grass or plant growth. Small block owners should remember not to drive on heavy frosted grass paddocks as it will leave burn marks after a vehicle has driven over it.

In the garden, pruning should start with roses, fruit trees etc cut back to a bud or node; roses can be pruned to ½ their original size.

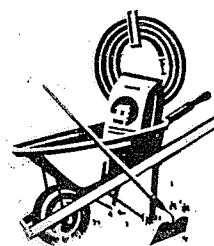
Fruit trees need cutting back leaving less branches in the centre of the tree to allow more sunlight when fruiting. Most fruiting trees have most fruit on new seasons wood grown after pruning. A fruit tree that has missed pruning for a few years will need to be pruned hard to establish a tree you can pick from ground level. If you prune a tree after not being pruned for a few years, fruit production will be small the following season. Pruning every year will bring you good crops on any fruit trees for many years to come.

Hedge plants can be cut anytime of the year, the exception is not when it is flowering.

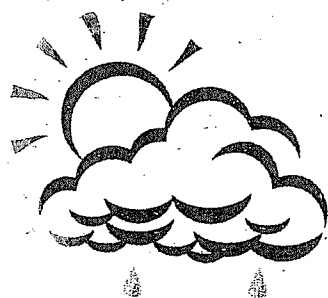
At Roaches we have a good number of deciduous trees, flowering cherries, fruit trees including citrus. Trees are all top quality and prices are reduced. A great time to plant most plants is now. We also have vege plants, rose plants and much more at 150 Schollum Rd. Compost always available weed free – no bark. This compost is light to shovel and veges can be grown straight into compost producing lush green veges and no weeds. We also stock plentiful amounts of organic rhubarb which is ready to eat now and free-range eggs.

We are looking for a person to work part or full time at hours to suit them. Please phone Mike on 0274 955185. Happy Gardening from Mike and the team at Roaches – Growers since 1924. 8am to 4pm week days, for weekends Ph (07) 824 1725 for a time to suit you.

Mike Roach



WEATHER



Weather for June 2019		
Rainfall total	47 mm	
Rain Total for year	255 mm	
Rainy days	19	
Most daily rainfall	19.0mm	5 th June
Highest wind speed	48.2 km/hr	1 st June
Temp high	16.8 C	21 st June
Temp low	-3.2 C	30 th June

What's a good email program?

What constitutes a good email program? Well, partially that it's not made by Microsoft, for starters. I know a lot of people use Outlook, and I'm not against it, necessarily, but there are so many problems associated with that program I'd need an entire chapter of a book just to explain them. Let's just say it has some technical issues and each version introduces more features and faults. But other than that caveat, how do you even judge this? Well, inter-operating system compatibility (ie. being able to use the same program on different computers) is a big thing. Cause your computer is going to die.

I mean, maybe not today, maybe not tomorrow, but at some point. Then you're going to need to get all those address book details and folders you made of emails onto another computer. Guess what! The built-in mail programs that Microsoft provides with it's operating systems don't do that. You can't use Vista's "Windows Mail" on Windows 7, and Microsoft are trying to stop you using "Windows Live Mail" on Windows 10 (it is still possible to do so). It's not quite so bad on Mac, as in most cases you can transfer your mail data from one computer to another without a lot of hassle, provided the old computer isn't too out of date.

All of this doesn't matter so much if you're using IMAP. What is IMAP? Well, there's two main email standards, POP and IMAP. I'd explain to you what the acronyms mean, but let's face it, you don't care and neither do I! The central thing to remember is that IMAP is a reflection of what's stored on your email server, whereas POP downloads your emails to your computer and then (in most cases) deletes them from the email server. So if you're using a POP account (as most xtra email addresses do) and your computer dies, and you haven't backed up, you lose those emails permanently.

If you use IMAP (like all Gmail email addresses do) and your computer dies, it's no big loss as all your emails are still on the server and you can access them on another computer; no sweat! Most people use IMAP nowadays as it's easier to work with across multiple devices, but POP can be more handy in other respects. So if you're using POP, make sure your backup routine (whatever it is) also backs up your email data, in case your computer goes down at some point in the future. But returning to the topic, backing up your email data won't help if you can't get the same email program on a new computer.

That's why I recommend Thunderbird. Thunderbird is an open-source and free email program which is very stable and compatible across a wide range of operating systems, including Mac, Linux and Windows. That means you can transfer your data not only between computers, but between different types of computers as well. Of course, a lot of people check their email on their phone too nowadays (not me) and Thunderbird doesn't exist on any mobile platform. But for desktop or laptop computers it's very good.

Email is a very old, stable technology now, it's finished evolving, so there's not really much any new things that an email program can do. It's all pretty basic stuff. But you want to make sure you've got access to it in all scenarios, because like most things, you don't know what you've got till it's gone.

Email Matt on info@homepcsupport.co.nz or phone **0211348576**. \$60 per hour or \$50 for Grey Power cardholders, with no callout fee.



Bentley Home PC Support





NEW POLICE NON EMERGENCY NUMBER

You may have heard about the recently launched New Zealand Police non-emergency phone number **105**.

105 is a national non-emergency number that will be answered 24/7 by highly trained police staff. It is free to call from all landline and mobile phones.

Neighbourhood Support household members in Hamilton city and members of the public routinely call Hamilton Central Police Station (858 6200) or dial 111 if they want to contact police in an emergency.

You are now also encouraged to call **105** to report non-emergency situations. For example, if your car has been stolen, your property has been damaged, or you want to give police information about crime in your neighbourhood.

111 should still be called immediately if a crime is taking place or there's a threat to life or property. It's the number to use to connect with Police, Fire and Emergency, and the ambulance services.

As well as by phone, people can go online to the **105** website to report certain non-emergency situations, and get updates on or add more information to their existing reports. Currently, lost property, intentional property damage, shoplifting, general theft, and theft from a car can be reported on line at **[105.police.govt.nz](https://www.police.govt.nz)**

Call 105 or use **[105.police.govt.nz](https://www.police.govt.nz)** to report:

- Theft in a public place
- Theft from a car
- Intentional property damage
- Shoplifting
- Lost property
- Or to get an update on a report already made or add to an existing report

Call 111 when:

- **A crime is happening now – and the offenders are still there or just left**
- **Someone's in danger or badly injured**
- **There's a serious risk to human life or property**
- **You see a major public hazard, like trees blocking a road**
- **Any of these things are happening now or have just happened**

More information, frequently asked questions about the number and the 105 jingle can be found on the Police website **<https://www.police.govt.nz/news/release/police-announces-non-emergency-number--105>** or their Facebook page **<https://www.facebook.com/NZPolice/>**



Neighbourhood Support Hamilton City is bringing a fresh look to Hamilton streets with the launch of a new logo

An iconic part of our streets and neighbourhoods for the past two decades, Neighbourhood Support is ushering in a new chapter with the launch of a fresh logo this month.

"There has been a lot of change since we first established ourselves as a not-for-profit in the 90s. Our members felt it was time to ensure the 'face' of Neighbourhood Support kept up with where we are headed as an organisation," says Louise Grevel, Chair for Neighbourhood Support New Zealand.

The new logo is a colourful update of the existing design. The latest design features a nod to our country's emergency service partners, as well as a better representation of the neighbours, members and supporters who make up the growing organisation.

The updated logo also features a koru pattern which reflects the important place of taha Maori in Aotearoa New Zealand. The colours chosen symbolise Neighbourhood Support's vision of inclusive communities, where everyone is welcome and belongs while the blue colour represents their on going partnership with New Zealand Police.

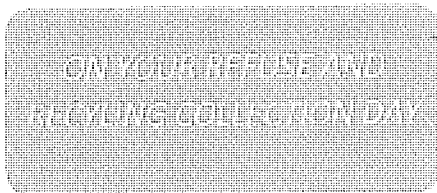
"The bright colours reflect the positivity and energy that is created when people work together to create safer, caring and more connected communities," says Tess Casey, Neighbourhood Support NZ CEO.

"The rebrand is an exciting opportunity to better reflect the increasing number of people we support. Our feedback shows that New Zealanders want to be part of neighbourhoods where people know and support each other. Increasing numbers of people are reporting that they feel isolated or lonely, so knowing that you are a part of a neighbourhood that looks out for each other helps people feel safer and more connected."

The official unveiling of the new logo took place at the Neighbourhood Support New Zealand's inaugural national conference held in Wellington on the 1st and 2nd of July.

Neighbourhood Support Hamilton will be gradually introducing it around the city, and incorporating it into our website, from now on.

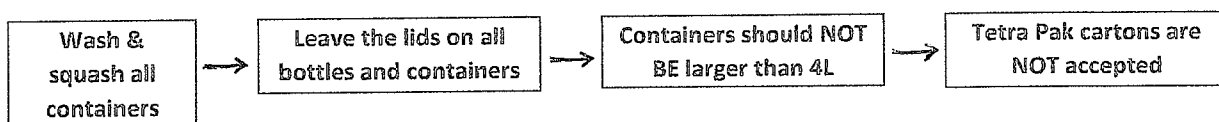
To learn more about creating safer, more caring and connected streets in your area of Hamilton City, visit the [Hamilton City Neighbourhood Support website](http://HamiltonCityNeighbourhoodSupport.org.nz)



- Leave your bin or bag as close as you can to the roadside and clear of the letter box
- Place your bin or bag away from signs, power poles and trees. Make sure your bag is not overfull and that your bag is safe to carry
- Place your bag or bin out by 7:30am on your usual collection day. Remember to check www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz for public holiday changes.
- Remember if you don't put your refuse or recycling out right, it may not be collected.
- Wrap any broken glass or sharp objects thoroughly before putting them in the refuse bag
- Place a pre-paid sticker on each refuse bag – available from supermarkets or Gull Eureka

Frequently asked Questions

- 1. Is there a limit to the number of refuse bags I can have collected?**
There is no limit as long as each bag has its own clearly displayed pre-paid sticker. 20kg is the maximum bag weight and 60 litres in size. Any bag can be used e.g. calf meal sack, a dog biscuit bag, a black sack from the supermarket or a reusable plastic bag.
- 2. What can I put in the recycling crates?**
You can put rinsed glass, plastic 1, 2 and 5, aluminium and cans. Cardboard and paper must be contained in a bag or a box or tied up with string and placed beside or under your crate.
- 3. Are pizza boxes recyclable?**
If they are empty with no left-over pizza or crust, they can be put out for recycling.
- 4. What happens if I put something in my recycling that is not recyclable?**
It will be left in your recycling crate (for you to put in your refuse bag) with a sticker attached and the reason for non-collection.
- 5. Can I put my cardboard out without a bag for collection?**
We recommend putting it in a box, bag or tying it with string. Keeping it contained means it doesn't get blown around the road. (Supermarkets are good places to get boxes.)
- 6. What if refuse is dumped on the kerbside in front of my property?**
Contact us on 07 824 8633 or 0800 492 452 and report any details you may have such as vehicle registration plate details, descriptions or photographs and we will take it from there. Do not attempt to remove it.
- 7. Why should I squash plastic containers?**
Squashed plastic bottles are less likely to blow around in the wind and create more space in your crate.
- 8. Do I need to remove the lids from bottles?**
At this stage there is no need to remove lids.
- 9. Where can I recycle soft plastics i.e. bread bags, biscuits wraps, frozen vege bags etc**
Until late 2018 supermarkets were providing a bin for recycling soft plastics. Unfortunately, this scheme has been discontinued. It has started up again in Auckland, but there are no plans yet to roll it out in the regions.



NEWS FROM YOUR WAIKATO DISTRICT COUNCILLOR



You may recall I have previously mentioned that talks between Waikato District Council and Hamilton City Council (HCC) re a shared library services agreement had stalled. District residents who were existing library members were issued a voucher to cover one year's library subscription until we could achieve a new agreement with Hamilton City.

Council, in consultation with the three Councillors of Wards in the Southern part of the District, have been working on an agreement and I am delighted that HCC, at a meeting on 27th June, unanimously approved our proposal and all residents in the immediate areas around Hamilton will now have open access to Hamilton's libraries. I will ask the Eureka Express Committee if they can include the full media release re this agreement (which has website link details to view the roads and library catchment area that will qualify for this access) in the July *Express*. (NB all districts in Eureka Ward qualify).

You can register your dog/s online <https://www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/services-facilities/animal-control/dog-registrations> All dogs are now required by law to be microchipped and registered with their local council from the month that the dog turns three months old, or arrives in New Zealand. Last financial year 14,812 dogs were registered in the Waikato District so a lot of paperwork can be saved if you register online.

To apply online, your pet needs to be microchipped and the microchip number must be included on your application form. To complete the application form, you need to have the following details available:

- Dog details
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- Desexing certificate.

Our Annual Plan 2019-20 was recently completed. The June issue of Council's newsletter, *Link*, gives a snapshot of *What Council Does*. I have requested a copy of the full document – contact me if would like to borrow it. Waikato District Council maintains 1,836 of sealed roads and 241 km of footpaths. A lot of contact I have with ratepayers concerns road maintenance and requests for new footpaths and cycle ways. I contact the appropriate department re all maintenance and new infrastructure but maintaining existing infrastructure is a major part of a very stretched budget and our budget for new works is equally stretched as the district's rural population continues to grow very rapidly. We also have 600 km of unsealed roads, so Eureka Ward is very fortunate that 99% of the roads in the Ward are sealed. When the Expressway is completed many roads e.g. SH1b between Taupiri and Cambridge, will revert to B (local) roads and will be returned to Council to be maintained.

I was recently approached by a family in Puketaha who undertook a school holiday project with their family to remove rubbish from road reserves in Puketaha. They did a great job and I was able to get them some complimentary rubbish stickers to cover the cost of rubbish removal.

This could be a good project for other community groups but Council's Waste Minimisation Officer, Pat, had some concerns about safety issues when clearing rubbish from road reserves, particularly on busy main roads. She commented - *a community wish to keep their community litter free and would like support from Council to run a similar initiative, we need to know well ahead of time to ensure that all planned work can be carried out in a safe manner. Giving Council due notice also provides us the opportunity to get traffic management in place if that is appropriate for the area. Sufficient planning ensures we can all have a positive experience. Additionally, some resources to help plan for events like these – great learning resources too.* <https://www.knzb.org.nz/clean-up-week-2019/>

Pat also asked residents to remember that any glass collected should be put into a recycling crate and not in the general rubbish. She also gave me some interesting facts on the wider world of waste management.

Central Government is presently working on or considering:

- Product stewardship for waste and tyres
- Reviewing the waste levy - the \$10 per tonne is likely to increase
- A container deposit legislation – remember when you got a refund on your bottles?

I noticed on Council's website that you can choose to receive your rates invoices by email – go to <https://www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/services-facilities/rates/sign-up-to-receive-your-rates-invoice-by-email> - you just have to answer a few questions and Council will organise the change.

Contact me any time

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28 June 2019

Library agreement reflects Councils' collaboration

Shared library services for Hamilton and Waikato District residents in the immediate areas around Hamilton will resume next month after an agreement between the two councils was approved yesterday.

Hamilton City Council approved the agreement at its 27 June 2019 meeting as part of wider discussions about growth issues and collaboration between local councils.

Waikato District Mayor Allan Sanson said he was pleased with the decision by Hamilton City Council, saying that it represented a fair deal.

"Our residents living near to Hamilton City will again be able to have open access to Hamilton's libraries. This is an example of one of the many things our two Councils are working through for the benefit of our collective population," Mayor Sanson says.

Hamilton Mayor Andrew King says growth in Hamilton and the wider region is exciting and is producing economic and social benefits. Closer collaboration between the Councils is a key factor in ensuring quality, sustainable growth in coming decades, he said.

"This libraries agreement is a tangible example of how closer relationships between councils can provide benefits for the people we serve. We recognise our people live, work and socialise in their communities of interest, regardless of territorial boundaries. I've been very appreciative of the way staff and elected members between our councils have been able to work through this agreement in a way which puts our residents first," Mayor King says.

The library services agreement runs for three years from 1 July 2019 and Waikato District Council is contributing \$199,235 plus GST annually for the service. The agreement covers approximately 8000 Waikato District households in the southern area of Waikato District, a total of around 23,000 people.

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To see the links that show a map of the catchment area and a list of the roads that qualify for the agreement look on Council's media website at:

<https://www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/news/media-releases/article/2019/06/28/library-agreement-reflects-councils'-collaboration>

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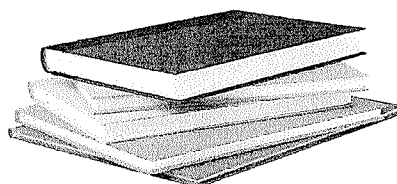
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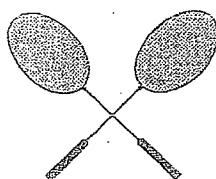
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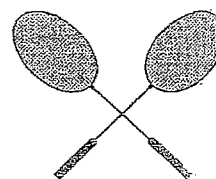
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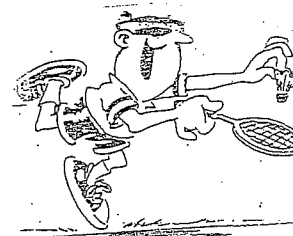
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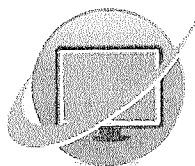
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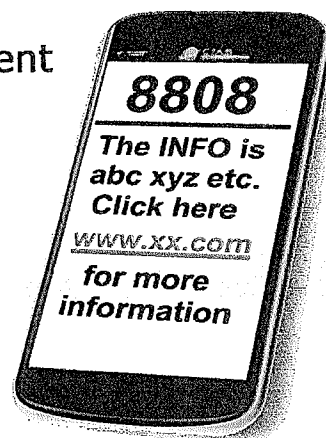


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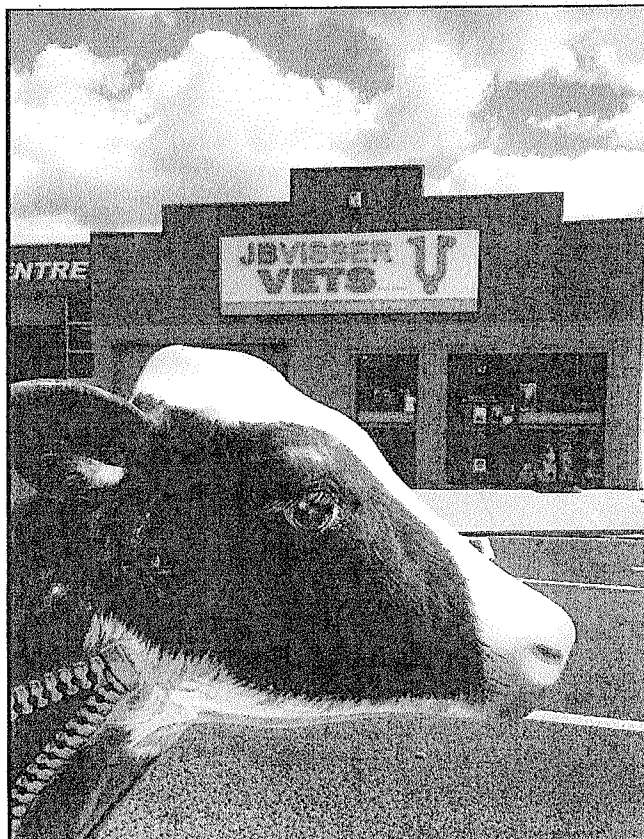
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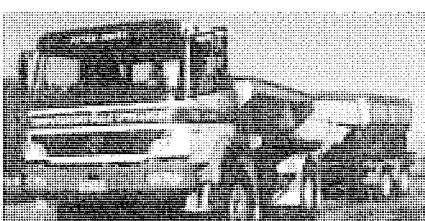
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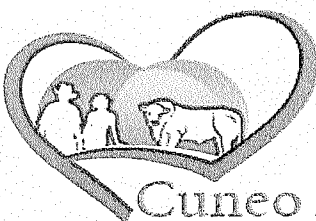
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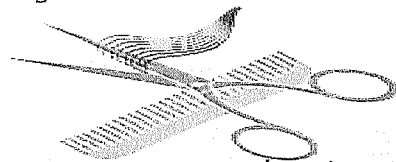
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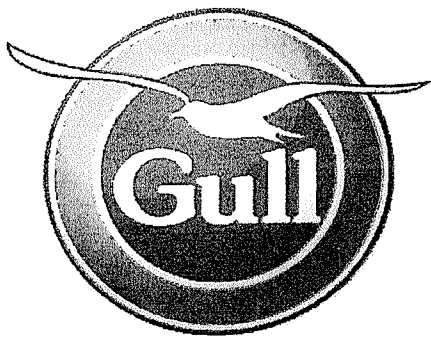
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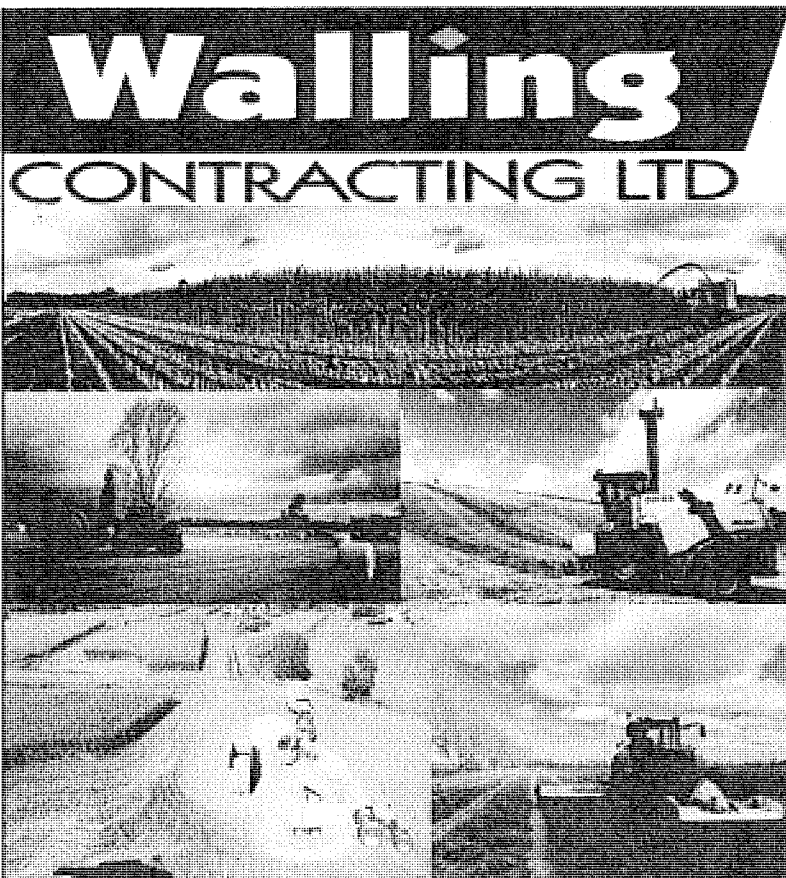
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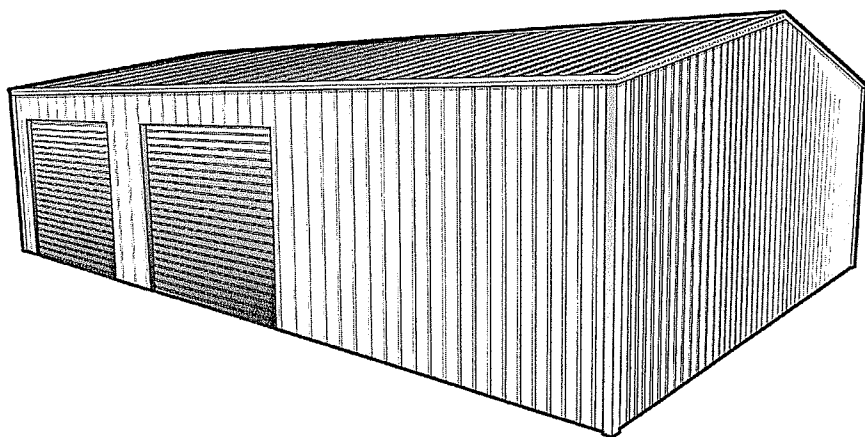
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