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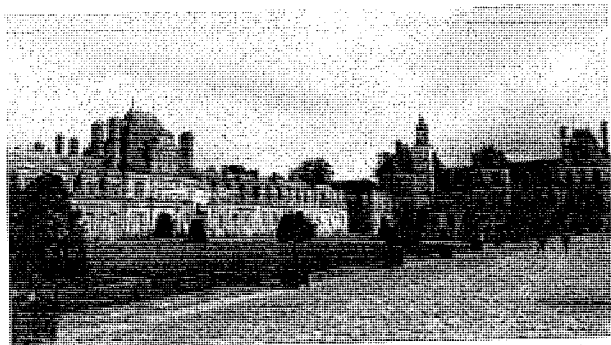
Daylight Saving Time

Sunday, 29 September

Road tripping through Europe

In May this year Jan and I travelled to Europe. We hadn't been back to the Netherlands to visit family and friends for 10 years. These days of course keeping in touch via the internet using Facebook, WhatsApp and Skype is very easy and convenient but it isn't the same as being there, being able to give a hug and enjoying a good old catch up with a group of friends at the local pub.

Besides visiting family and friends we had decided to do a road trip. We didn't book any accommodation, we just got in the car and started driving. First we made our way through Belgium into France where we visited our nephew who was finishing his business studies south east of Paris, near Fontainebleau. The beautiful old Chateau and the gardens are



impressive and we enjoyed walking around there on a nice, sunny but not too hot, spring morning. Later that day Jelco showed us around the university and he was very helpful when I explained how much trouble we had had accessing public wifi. We had expected to just use public wifi like we can here in New Zealand at any library, city centre business or motel, but this wasn't

the case. "Best buy a sim card here, pre-pay for data which you will then be able to use all over Europe." Well if only we had known that from the start of our road trip, that would have saved us 3 days of hassling for wifi! From Fontainebleau we made our way south, to Mirmande a gorgeous little historic village, off the beaten track, dating back to the 12th

Century.

We wandered around the old buildings for a while then got maps at the visitor centre and went for a 14 kilometre walk through the forest, just beautiful.

Over the following days we drove further south, and along the coast line into Italy. Beautiful but so very different. The beaches are small and very hard to reach because of all the houses between the road and the beach. Once at the beach there

are chairs and sun umbrellas for hire and drinks and bar meals available from canteen like little buildings. We do prefer our New Zealand stretched out, accessible beaches. From the coast we decided to make our way north to Aosta. We were struggling with wifi again and couldn't figure out what the problem was. We asked for advice at a Tabaco shop, where not only cigarettes and cigars are sold but also prepay phone tickets. They tried to sell me a top up, "you need to buy more data" I didn't think so. It was about 5 on a sunny and hot afternoon, we hadn't found a place to sleep yet and we couldn't get wifi going. We bought some fruit, (in a small grocery store where we politely tried to refuse a plastic bag for the bananas but the person at the checkout pointed to a sign behind him explaining that it was compulsory for him to pack them in a plastic bag??) and sat on a park bench and were



about to just drive away and stop at the first motel we came to when suddenly I had a light bulb moment and turned roaming on on my phone! It worked! (Duh) I was able to browse



for accommodation and found a motel about 5 km away that we liked the look of. We drove up to it and found this motel at 1740m above sea level. It was great, basically a place that is buzzing and fully booked in winter, ski season, but is nice and fairly quiet between that and summer holidays. We had timed it perfectly. Lovely people running the place, they cooked great food and the views were just awesome.

We stayed the night and a good part of the following day, we had to go for a good long walk to enjoy the scenery.

Over the next couple of days we drove further north via Switzerland to Germany. One night we stayed at a country motel which was run as a family business. The kitchen wasn't open that night so we got ourselves some food and a bottle of wine in town, brought it back to the motel and sat down outside on the terrace to enjoy the evening. Kids were playing under a tree and some men, who were "on the road" for work sat down with a beer. We struck up a conversation and had a great night. They thought of New Zealand as a great country, very similar to the man who we bought some cherries from at his road side stall in France. When he heard we live in New Zealand he hit his forehead with a flat hand saying something along the lines of "What the heck are you doing here? New Zealand is magnificent!"

Anyway the last city we visited before making our way back to family was Heidelberg in Germany. Heidelberg is a historic university town with many old buildings like the Gothic Heiliggeist Church and Heidelberg castle.

We visited the castle as well as the pharmacy museum in one of the wings of the castle. Very interesting.

We got back to our family after 12 days of road tripping and still had a week before flying back to New Zealand which was perfect. All in all we had a great holiday, must do it again sometime!



Jan van der Meulen and Gerrie Vissers.

SNIPPETS

FAREWELL TO EUREKA TO:

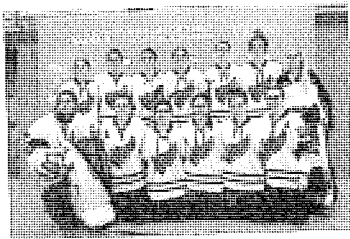
- Hannah Duncan and Simon Lynch and little Eoin are moving having sold their home on Eureka Road after three years. We wish them well for the future.
- And Duncan and Wi Stirling have sold their home on Tauwhare Road and are moving on also. Our very best wishes go with you too.

SPORTING SUCCESSES;

- At a very recent Lacrosse National Championships in Auckland, 14-year-old Ashleigh Mayall captained the Waikato Gold U15 team to victory, and her sister, Renee, was a member of the Waikato U18 Red Team which finished 3rd in their division. This Thursday Ashleigh will travel to Adelaide with the Waikato Team to contest the ALA (Australia Lacrosse Assoc.) U15 boys and girls national tournament. Go well Waikato!

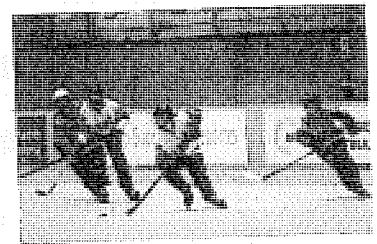
- **INLINE HOCKEY UPDATE:**

Hi, I'm Laura Thresher and I wanted like to extend my thanks to the Eureka locals who bought Honey from me a few months back as part of my fundraiser to go to Barcelona in July for the Inline Hockey World Championships with the National Women's team!



We were put in the strongest pool, so we definitely felt the heat. Although there was a strong effort from the kiwi side, we unfortunately didn't come away with a medal placing; however, being my first world championships, I came away having had a fantastic experience. It's not every day that you get the opportunity to play against teams at such a high level while traveling the world.

My next tournament is the Regional Championships, which is being held in Hamilton Dey Street rink from 25th – 28th October, where I'm playing for the Upper-North Island



Thanks again for this amazing opportunity! Laura

EUREKA PHONE LIST:

Please find enclosed your updated phone list with thanks to John and Sue Marshall for its compilation.

Please contact John and Sue, 8241 141, or Gail, 8241 758 (or 021 211 3348), if you notice any mistakes or omissions. Or if you have cancelled your landline, please make contact if you wish to have your mobile number listed in future. Unless you tell us, we have no way of knowing mobile numbers.

MARKETPLACE

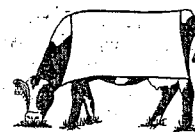
ATTENTION FARMERS:

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

WANTED:

25 Kg calf pellet bags. Any quantity. Please phone Nick 8241762



WANTED:

Pinex soft-board, old sheets, used or unused, any shape or size. Please phone Colin 8241847

FOR SALE:

Standing crop of grass silage sold KG/DM over scales available.

Also taking orders for standing maize silage for this season [grown on contract]. Locally grown in Eureka

Phone 824 1860 / 0274 754 983 Bernie Clarkin

BARBARISTA

Your local coffee and food trailer located at the Eureka Hall

Hours: Monday – Friday 6am – 2pm

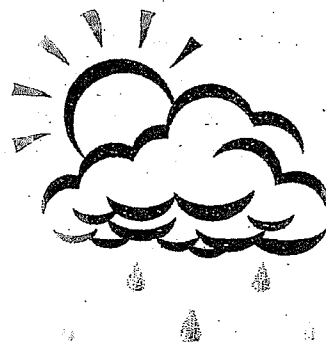
Eftpos & now CC facilities are available.

*In a hurry! Pre-order with Barb 021 241 3378

Please put a name on your order.

WEATHER

Weather for August 2019		
Rainfall total	104.8 mm	
Rain Total for year	431 mm	
Rainy days	24	
Most daily rainfall	15.4 mm	11 th August
Highest wind speed	45 km/hr	26 th August
Temp high	17.5 C	28 th August
Temp low	-0.9 C	1 st August



EUREKA COMMUNITY FACEBOOK PAGE



We now have a Eureka Community Facebook page for buy/sell/swap/fundraise/information etc.

The picture is what it looks like - feel free to join. You have to be a Eureka local or Tauwhare local to join.

Admins for the page are

- Rebecca Walling on 0274 934 476
OR
- Ros Chambers on 027 688 802

Eureka Community >

CLOSED GROUP · 78 MEMBERS



Watch parties Photos Events Files



Write something...

ULTRA FAST BROADBAND

There are parts of our area that do not get reasonable Internet, ie you could be too far away from the exchange for ADSL to work with reliability, unable to get wireless due to trees, 4G is limited by 120GB of data, demand etc.

With the increasing need for reliable internet for schooling, online services, TV movies, Sky sport , gaming etc we are being left behind by the lack of data and reasonable service to rural areas.

You may be aware that Fibre has been recently installed from Tamahere to Tauwhare, so these residents are now able to get the benefits of fibre. At this stage there appears to be no plans to place fibre in other areas.

I have been messaging ultrafast fibre on <https://www.facebook.com/messages/t/ultrafastfibre> and <https://www.facebook.com/ultrafastfibre/> <https://www.ultrafastfibre.co.nz/>

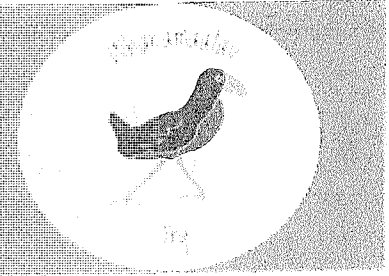
According to Ultrafast fibre we can add our details for consideration, so if we all register our interest, they may then decide to roll our fibre in our area.

This is what they have said:

"What we can do is put you on our address list for consideration for 2020/2021. At the start of each year, our building team have a list that they revise and decide on locations for the year ahead dependent on numbers."

"if your neighbours could please pass onto us the following: Households address Customer names Contact details Could you please also pass on your full customer name and contact details to us also. They are welcome to pass their details to us through this private messaging option. Once I have all the information, I will pass this onto our team to put you all on the consideration list."

Please register your interest in fibre to Ultrafast fibre and encourage your neighbours to do the same.



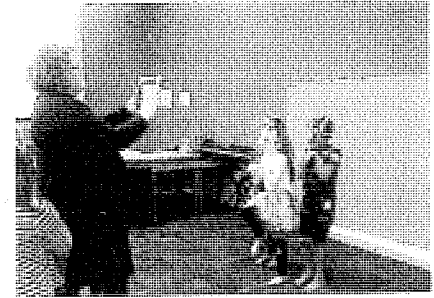
SPEECH COMPETITION

It was a privilege to listen to the humour, the passion and the information from our year 5 & 6 students. Our guest judge, Mrs Thilo Guvendar (Deputy Principal of Morrinsville High School), had a difficult task awarding the top 3 places. Congratulations to Harper Walton who came 1st, Tammy Hogarty 2nd and Elsa Greay 3rd.

SCIENCE/DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY



There is a wonderful buzz in the air throughout the school as our children & teachers embraced the new digital technology curriculum. Room 4 students presented and explained the processes used to complete their Keynote presentations to Room 1 students, using skills such as green-screening and animation and exporting to iMovie. The junior school is also representing stories using green screen technology.



Science Fair Our senior students presented their inquiries, experiments and explanations to parents and children.

REP TEAM SUCCESS

Congratulations to both of our Yr5 & Yr6 Rep teams who both have taken out the tournament this year held in Morrinsville over the last two Sunday's.

Day 2 (Sunday 8th September) was played in some terrible conditions and waterlogged fields and the play that both teams were able to execute was outstanding to watch and very impressive for 9 & 10yr olds.

Congratulations to Luke Bellamy, Wiremu Puru along with ex student Patrick Gordon.



Cross Country Runners



We were so proud of our team of runners on Friday at the City/Schools Cross Country. 9 schools sent their top runners to compete over a 2km course. There were approximately 45 runners in each event. Our children ran hard! Huge congratulations to Luke Bellamy who came 1st in the Year 5 boys, followed very closely by David Sinclair 2nd.

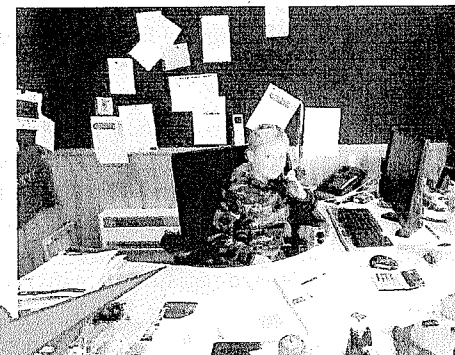
The following children came in the top 15 of their respective races: Micah Long 7th, Tyla Jackson 9th, Quinlan McCarthy 11th, Cate Barr 11th, Madix Knight 12th, Claudia West 12th, Tayla Kay 13th.

SIR PETER BLAKE LEADERSHIP AWARD

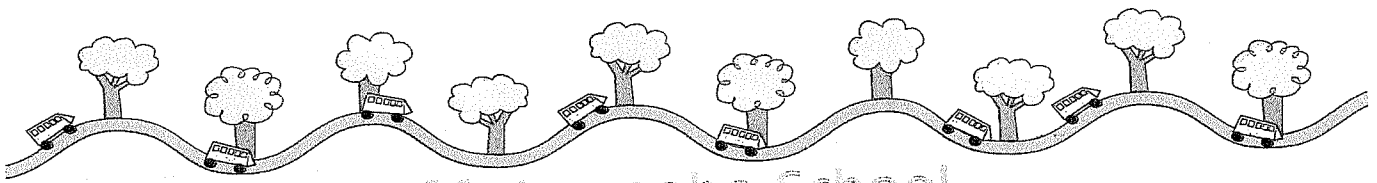
Helena Brown was awarded the Sir Peter Blake Leadership Award. Helena is a leader even when no one is looking. She has a high level of integrity and displays this in her actions and interactions with others. She knows how to have fun; she always gives 100% to every part of the school day and she encourages and supports her peers to do the same. Helena is always willing to lead a group but also knows how to let others step forward and be leaders. She shares her knowledge and skills with others in such a way that they feel empowered



to take risks in their own learning and is not afraid to share her own challenges so that others may support her too.



Liam Strawbridge was Principal for the Day. He was fantastic!!! He has a bright future ahead of him.



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Term 3 – September 2019

Soccer and Hockey Fun Day



Our seniors, Year 4 – 6, attended the Soccer and Hockey Fun day at the Morrinsville Recreation grounds a few weeks ago. We made a team with four members from Tauhei School. All the children mixed well together and played some good soccer and hockey. It was a pleasure to see our learners showing our 3R's throughout the entire day.

Sir Peter Blake Award

At our last assembly Kayla Healy received the Sir Peter Blake Award for showing leadership through being supportive of others and role modelling positive work habits. Congratulations Kayla.

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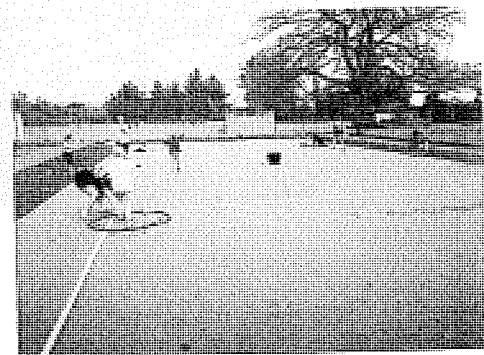
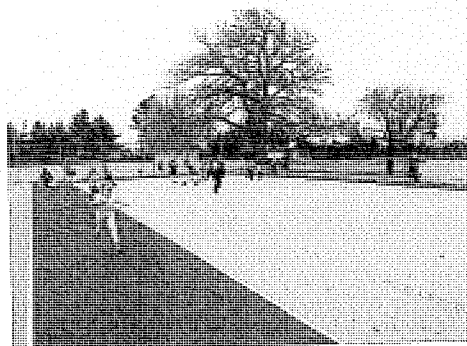
Inspiring environmental leadership



Lunchtime Fun

I often have positive conversations with our learners about our 3 R's of Respect, Responsibility and Resilience. It is humbling for me to enter the classrooms and see our learners living our values in the way they interact with each other. The learning environments created by all involved give our learners the opportunities to maximise and grow their learning capabilities.

Below is a classic example of our learners of all ages involving each other in a game during lunchtime. This example reinforces how our learners treat each other with respect through positive interactions and everybody who wanted to play was included. The game was organised by the children. I think this is very cool! *Mr Otto, Principal.*



PUKEKO

COUNTRY PRESCHOOL

We are so excited to announce that we are now in our lovely new building! Thanks so much to all the people who have worked so hard over the years to bring us to this point - the previous and current trust board members, preschool families and every member of the Tauwhare, Eureka and wider communities who have supported us in our quest to build a centre that meets the needs of our community and tamariki.

Our under two area is very special as we have chosen to have a maximum of 7 babies/toddlers to ensure that they are nurtured and they have all the cuddles they need. Our carefully chosen teachers provide a safe and calm environment in the beautiful room that is full of lovely resources and a wide verandah that is bathed in sun light that spills onto their outside area for those toddlers who love to run and explore.

In the over twos we offer lots of fantastic learning opportunities, tamariki have plenty of time to play, explore the expansive outdoors and discover themselves. All while making friends, building relationships and having fun. Our teachers are fully qualified and ensure that each day is literacy rich, culturally aware and physically active. We are grateful for our strong relationship with the school and still visit the school regularly as part of our transition to school program.

We are now open 7.30 to 5.30 Monday to Friday but we still offer shorter sessions to fit with families' needs.

Come and see us, we would love to meet you and your family.



20 Scotsman Valley Rd - Tauwhare

TAUWHARE INDOOR BOWLING CLUB

Welcome to September 2019 club newsletter.

Well the season is as good as over except for a few Christmas tournaments.

The Sattrup trophy was played on the 22nd August and the winners were Peter Stanaway and Kevin Williams.

The following week was our last point's night for the season. The night was won by Peter Stanaway, Jim Bargh and Karen McNally. The runner up team was Jack Hooper, Bronwyn McNally (welcome back Bronwyn), Grant Goodare and Bridget Stevens.

Then we had the President and Vice President evening. Jim Arnold, Kevin Williams and Grant Goodare were the winners with the runner up team being Jim Bargh and Karen McNally.

Matangi visited for the annual Erin Rosebowl Challenge. Although we put up a good fight Matangi were too good and comprehensively won the challenge.

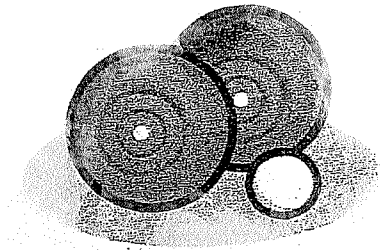
We only have the Patron's night and the AGM left for the season.

I am sure that all the Tauwhare bowlers have had a good season with lots of laughs and banter.

We look forward to hopefully seeing some new members next season so do keep it in mind over the summer if you would like to give bowls a try.

You can contact –

- Kevin Williams 07 824 0728
- Bev Meads 021 172 7822
- Jim & Rosalie Arnold 07 887 4832

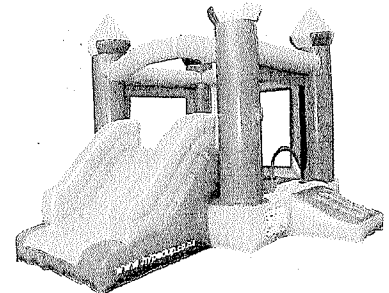


This will be the last newsletter for this year, but I will write one for February.

TAUWHARE PLAYGROUP

Term 3 is always a busy term.

Playgroup has seen lots of families escaping the cold and enjoying some indoor fun. The children loved having Hyped Up bring in a bouncy castle again - this was a great way to burn some energy off on a cold wet day. The kids enjoyed painting their hands and making handprints to put in cards for Father's Day.



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.

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

Eureka Badminton Club

Come down for a game, all levels welcome! We have novices through to A Grade.



Wednesdays: 7:30pm onwards at the Matangi Hall

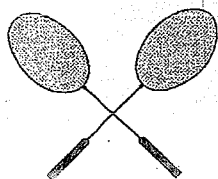
Only \$5 Per Person payable on the night, Adults 16+

Bring a Racket if you have one, if not the club has some spare rackets.
Please wear indoor non marking shoes.

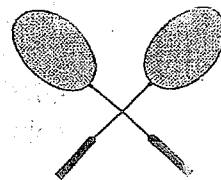
It will be pay to play until we get consistent numbers up then will look into club fees for a fixed term.

Hope to see everyone there!

Will run until end November 2019.



EUREKA BADMINTON CLUB

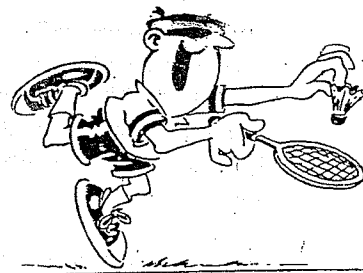


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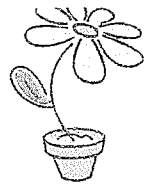
Closing Night for the season was held on Wednesday 25th Sept.

Championship Results:

- Jr Girls singles: Winner: Kate Silvester
Runner-up: Kersten Tau
- Jr Boys Singles: Winner: Madix Knight
Runner-up Ben Tau
- Sr Boys Singles: Winner: Kayden Jackson
- Girls Doubles Winners: Kersten Tau and Summa Campbell



Congratulations to you all.



MATANGI GARDEN CLUB ANNUAL PLANT SALE

SATURDAY 5TH OCTOBER
9AM TO 12 MIDDAY
TREES, SHRUBS AND PERENNIALS
CAKES, PRODUCE, RAFFLES.
FABULOUS MORNING TEAS.

MATANGI HALL
TAUWHARE ROAD. MATANGI
EFTPOS AVAILABLE

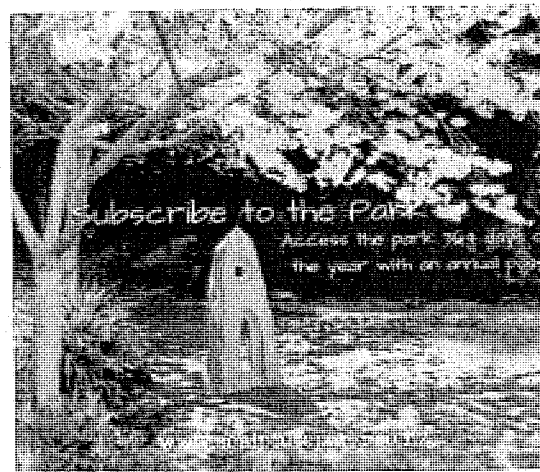
THE SCULPTURE PARK
@ WAITAKARURU
ARBORETUM

Being consistently open every Sunday is working well with more than 180 visitors enjoying Spring at the park in recent weeks. It is good to see how many people are renewing their interest in the park and introducing others to it.

Local people will have noticed the pine harvesting along Scotsman Valley Road including the trees coming down in the upper reaches of the park. The pine harvesting next to us has provided a unique opportunity to harvest our 27-year-old pines, before they become unstable and without destroying the fabric of the arboretum.

The park is protected as a Permanent Forest Sink, under the government's Emissions Trading Scheme. The management of the forest in the agreement recognizes some trees will need to be cut down over time. Re-planting of a mixed forest will start in the planting season from May 2020. We are committed to planting thousands more trees in the next few years.

We want the park to be more accessible. Together with our Sunday openings and special events, the option to subscribe for access to the park is taking off. The annual passes provide for pass-holders to come into the park from dawn to dusk 364 days of the year.



John & Dorothy Wakeling

Organising your computer, Organising your life

It surprises me how people with very tidy homes can often have quite disorganised computers. One would think that the same principle would apply to both situations, but some people are, I think, less experienced at organising their digital lives than their real ones. However organisation inside a computer has the same benefits as organisation in a home or business:

1. You know where old things are
2. You know where to put new things
3. You know how to get things back if something goes wrong

Backing up your data is one essential part of computer organisation. Think of it like house keys. You keep a spare key somewhere in case something goes wrong or you lose the original key. Correct? Humans are fallible (so I've been told). By that small action, you save yourself an enormous amount of time/energy in the inevitable likelihood of human error. Likewise by keeping a backup of your data, you save yourself huge amounts of time and money if your hard drive fails, you get burgled or a lightning strike wipes out your computer (another good reason not to leave your backup drive plugged in at all times, by the way).

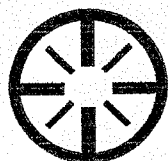
Another part of computer organisation is having a system that works *for you* in terms of organising your files. Generally I advise people to group related documents into named folders, because creating and using folders is basic computer knowledge and easy to do. Other options exist such as tagging documents (on Mac you can do this by default, on PC you can do it via the freeware app "filemarker.net"), however these approaches can be harder to manage once you've got a large amount of files.

The last integral part of computer organisation is cutting down on the number of documents/pictures/etc you have. Do you have 50GB of photos sitting on your hard drive? That's fine, but how are you going to find that one photo you want if you've got 40GB of photos you don't want? Consider going through your new files when you get them off your phone and removing the ones you don't want, or doing a 'spring clean' on your computer each year to cull the herd. That'll make it easier to find what you want at a later point.

Some programs exist for automatically sorting and organising certain types of files. For pictures, there's Picasa, which, though now officially unsupported by Google, still works well as a way to automatically sort your photos based on age, and it can even automatically spot the faces of friends and family for you. For music there are various free programs like Mediamonkey which can sort your tunes based on various factors like album title, genre or artist. Kodi is a program that does much the same for video.

Ultimately there is no substitute for doing your own organisation, having a system for where to put things and thereby knowing where they are. From what I've seen when left to their own devices people tend to end up with multiple backup drives, files for different businesses strewn across multiple folders and computers. In other words, a mess! A tidy home is a tidy mind, or so they say, but the same applies to computers. Don't make your mind messy.

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

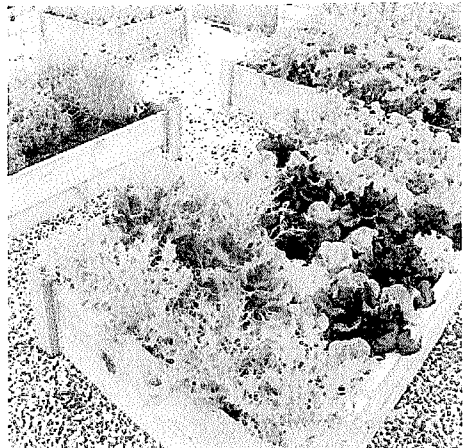


IN THE GARDEN

Spring is here, Hi from Mike Roach.

Have you got tomatoes, cucumber, courgettes planted? Too early you say. If you have no hot house, and still getting frosts, then maybe put your plants in larger pots and put on the warmest side of the house or shed - this is usually the north. If the temperature is below 3 degrees put the pots into the garage or shed overnight.

If you want to have a raised garden, why not as they save a lot of bending and weeding. First build walls at the height that you feel is suitable to you - normally 80 to 1 metre is ideal. Fill the bottom of the bin with wire, rocks, tin etc which will give you good drainage. Next fill with soil to just cover half. Next fill to near top with compost. Our mushroom compost is well recommended for this job. Weed free and NO BARK. Next add a bag of good quality potting mix. Most vege plants have very fine roots hence the potting mix to start them off. Tomatoes can be planted deeper than normal as they have hair roots up their stems, therefore it is a good idea to plant them deeper.



Time is getting on for planting trees, shrubs, roses and fruit trees. All the above will transplant with no loss if we follow these simple rules. Remove pot or bag, if roots have gone around inside the pot or bag this is called root bound. Use a sharp knife slicing the roots downwards 3 or 4 times around the roots. Dig a hole larger than the pot or bag, then shovel well-rotted compost into the hole. Add the plant and more compost. Then add soil and tramp firmly around the plant, water in if dry. Stake tall trees using old stocking or cloth. Do not use cable ties, wire as these will cut into your plants.

All pruning should now be done; if not, you can prune lightly and summer prune roses regularly rather than dead heading. This will give you more flowers on longer stems. Fruit trees always fruit on new growth so pruning every year is ideal.

Any question phone Roaches - remember our compost is available in bags and trailer loads. I am available weekends just phone (07) 824-1725

Sales 50% off all deciduous trees and fruit trees. Now only \$17.50 each. 2 & 3 years old

Happy Gardening from Mike and the team at Roachs

TASTE BUDS

Slow Cooked Lemon Chicken

4 chicken breasts
1 tbs lemon pepper
1 tsp crushed rosemary

500 gms fresh chopped vegetables
300ml can Cream of Chicken Soup
½ soup tin of water

Coat chicken breasts with lemon pepper, brown them on both sides. Place in slow cooker, add vegetables.

Mix soup, water and rosemary, add to slow cooker and cook 8 hours on low or 4 hours on high. Lovely served with Mexican Tortillas.



Smoked Fish with Middle Eastern chickpea salad & green olive dressing

Green olive dressing

¼ cup large green pitted olives
1 small clove garlic, crushed into a paste
1/3 cup flat-leafed parsley leaves

Juice of 1 lemon
¼ cup olive oil

Make sure there are no stones left in the olives, then put in a food processor with the garlic, parsley and lemon juice. Process to form a paste then, with the motor running, slowly drizzle in the oil until the dressing thickens and emulsifies. Reserve.



For the salad

2 x 400g cans chickpeas, drained and rinsed
1 tsp cumin seeds, toasted, ground
1 tsp coriander seeds, toasted, ground
1 small orange, peeled, cut into segments
¼ cup thinly sliced spring onions (green & white parts)
¼ cup loosely packed, thinly sliced mint leaves
¼ cup loosely packed, thinly sliced flat-leafed parsley
50ml sherry vinegar
Zest of 1 lemon
Pinch of cayenne pepper
60ml unsweetened natural yoghurt
40ml extra virgin olive oil
1 cup baby micro greens or small rocket leaves
500g skinned and boned smoked fish

Put the chickpeas in a bowl, then sprinkle with the ground cumin and coriander. Add the orange segments, spring onions and herbs and toss gently to combine.

Whisk together the vinegar, lemon zest, cayenne pepper, yoghurt and oil. Season well with salt and freshly ground pepper then add to the chickpeas and stir to combine.

Layer the chickpea mix, greens and smoked fish on serving plates, then drizzle on the green olive dressing just before serving.

NEWS FROM YOUR WAIKATO DISTRICT COUNCILLOR
– 25 SEPTEMBER 2019



In 2018 Council rolled out an initiative termed “Blueprint or Local Area Blueprint” a term we use for master planning. This initiative will enable Council to move towards our new vision of “Liveable, Thriving and Connected Communities” which has been underpinned through the Proposed District Plan objectives and policies and the Long-Term Plan. The Blueprint is one of the next stages.

In 2018 the first stage saw residents in 15 towns/districts in Waikato District (including Matangi in Eureka Ward) consulted so Council could hear what was important to residents and what they wanted to see in their community in the future. Their ideas were then used to create a Blueprint for each town/district and in early 2019 residents were then asked for feedback on their top three priorities for their town, along with their priorities for the district. These priorities were then used by Council to help make their decisions on the final Blueprints. In June 2019 the Blueprint was approved.

Council has now identified three more areas to get Local Area Blueprints – Newstead/Eureka, Gordonton and Port Waikato. This work is scheduled to begin in late 2019.

Reminder that The Sculpture Park, *Waitakaruru*, in Scotsman Valley Road are celebrating spring by being open every day from Friday 20th September to Sunday 29th September: 10am – 5pm daily. The park will then continue to open every Sunday 10am – 5pm and you now have the option to pay an annual subscription. Check out their website to learn more about the Park www.sculpturepark.co.nz. John and Dorothy the owners commented in their latest update - *that together with our Sunday openings and special events, the option to subscribe for access to the park is taking off. The annual passes provide for pass-holders to come into the park from dawn to dusk 364 days of the year. Email for a form to sculpturepark1@gmail.com*

If you belong to a community group or sporting club who are fundraising for a capital project or event Council may be able to assist. We have a number of funding streams available that may suit your project. Get in touch with me with details of your project and I can direct you to the appropriate person in Council who can help with information.

Waikato District Council is making progress with the Proposed District Plan, with hearings for Stage 1 due to start later this month.

From Council’s website - *Further submissions closed on 16 July and the next step in the process are the hearings, which start on 30 September 2019 with the first week occupied by opening submissions, legal submissions and an overview of key submissions. Hearings give submitters an opportunity to voice their submission to the independent hearing panel, present supporting evidence and respond to any questions. All the latest information, including details around the hearing process and timelines, can be found on Council’s website at www.waikato-district.govt.nz/pdp. The hearings panel will not make a decision until they have heard from all submitters who wish to be heard. They will also consider evidence including the recommendations from Council staff. Hearings are open to the public but only submitters who indicated that they wish to be heard can speak. It is up to the Hearings Panel to run the hearing how they wish, but the hearing process must be fair and transparent.*

On 31st August the Minister of Tourism announced a commitment from the Responsible Camping Fund of \$370,000 to Waikato District Council. Details are still to follow but could assist council to increase servicing of our septic drainage and rubbish collection in popular camping spots, improve communication around freedom camping and how to engage with campers around this and perhaps employ camping ambassadors (using a similar model to Queenstown Lakes) - we will explore partnership opportunities to work collaboratively with local community organisations on the delivery of an ‘camping ambassador’ programme. We can only use this funding for operational support and not capital projects. We are also expecting updates in the next few months about how the Government intends to distribute the proceeds of the new International Visitor Levy. Council will discuss the new funding at a workshop next financial year.

Contact me any time

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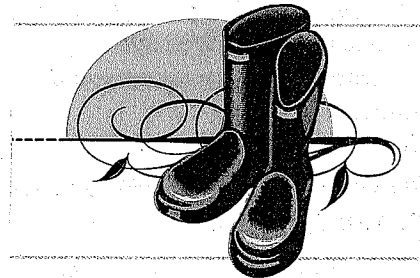
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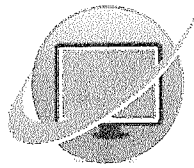


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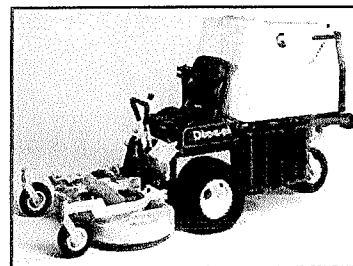


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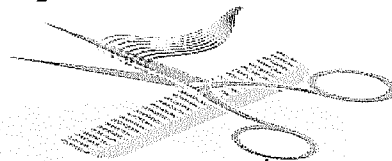
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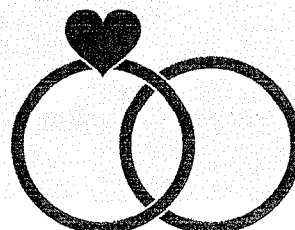
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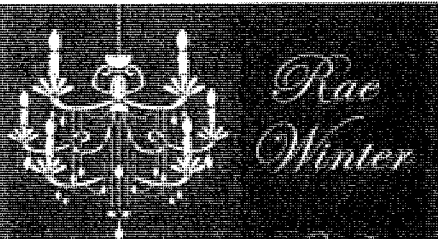


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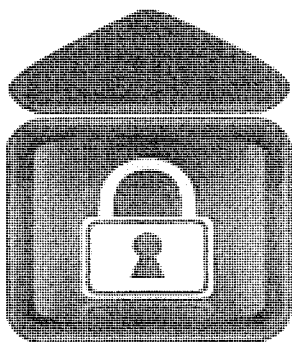
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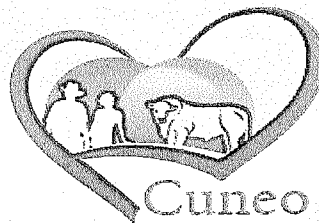


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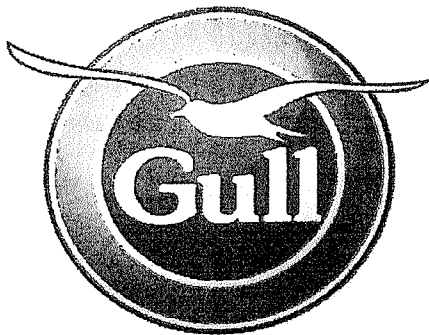
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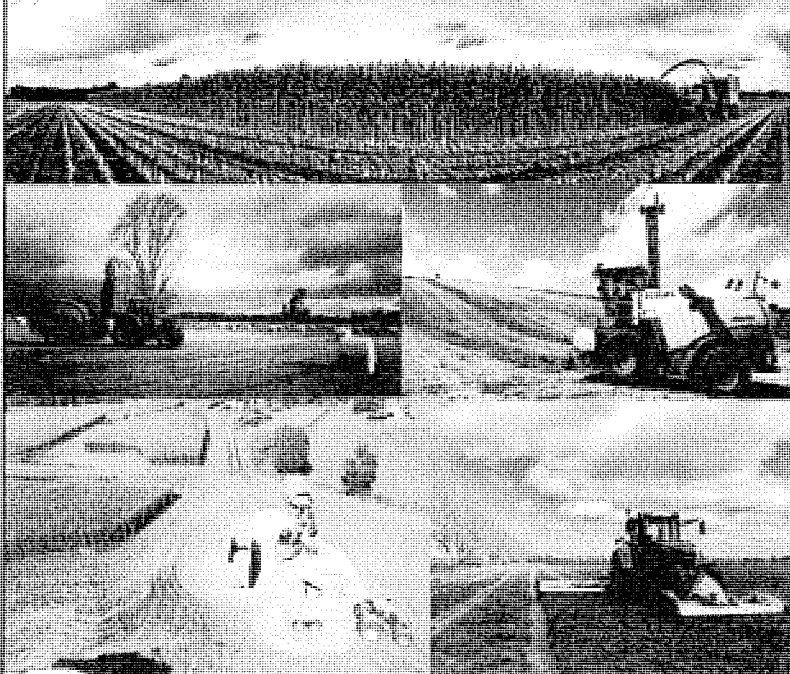
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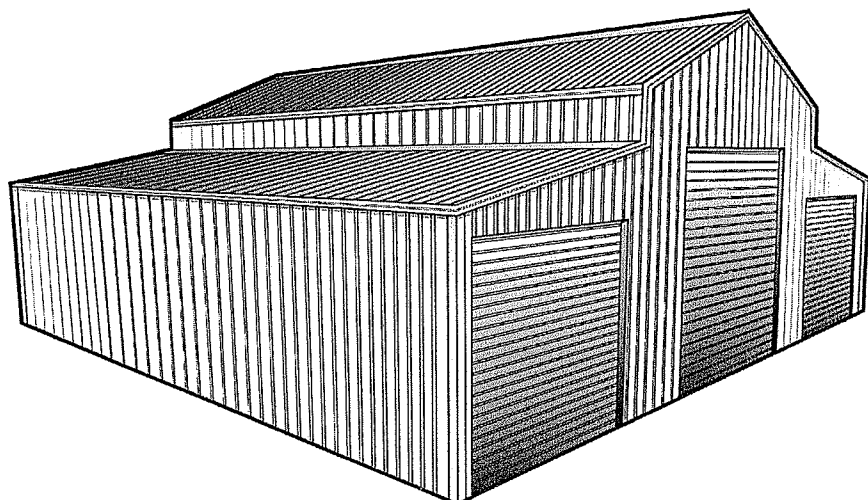
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