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COVID COUNTDOWN – Roll on Level 1

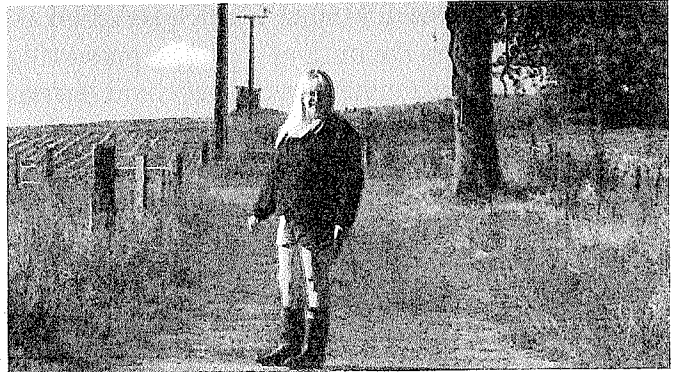
Well done New Zealand!!

EDITORIAL

My move to Eureka 4 years ago was an unexpected blessing. The property ticked all the boxes for what I wanted but I didn't realize I was buying into a community. I'm Julia Jones; I live with my 4 horses and 2 pet steers on State highway 26. I'm the Head of Analytics for NZX (New Zealand's stock exchange) and for the past 3.5 years have spent more time traveling away from Eureka for work than I have living in Eureka. My team are based around NZ and we analyse the dairy industry, wider food and Ag trends and any sectors that impact the wider capital markets. I'm passionate about Ag and work hard to have a positive influence on change. I really believe if we adapt we can maintain economic relevance, with economics will come strong social, environment and economic sustainability.

My 'farming' capability is average at best and I have had a baptism by fire owning land, I have learned through trial and error and YouTube - lots of great 'how to' videos on YouTube. I'm blessed with amazing neighbours all around, and friends down the road who are always looking out for me (Thank you Owen family). I'm terrible at asking for help so often others anticipate the need before I do and I'm so grateful of that.

Covid-19 has consumed much of my thinking over the last 3 months. I have analysed world markets, previous world crises to look for similarities, video conferenced wearing a hoody, stubbies and gumboot socks (and it was acceptable), had to learn loads of new skills at speed, hired someone new into my team through video conferencing, started baking and had all of this year's travel and speaking engagements across the country cancelled overnight. I worked more hours and harder than I ever have before and I'm grateful for the learning the challenges presented.



All this disruption will lead to fantastic opportunity post Covid-19. There will be commentators saying that this is the end for NZ, our economy is shot and it's going to be a grind from here on in. I'm a gal who sees the world through rainbows and I think all of this uncertainty provides a blank page for us to create the future we want to see. NZ produces more food per capita in the world than any other country, we have a globally trusted reputation, our main export earner is food followed by Tech both of these sectors have adapted at pace through this and will be the most likely leaders of an economic recovery.

If NZ business has the foresight to adapt, as many businesses have already shown, I can assure you NZ will come through this better for it. There will be some difficult bumps in the road, difficult decisions will need to be made but, the easy road leads nowhere worth going. At a community level it's worth thinking the following:

Supporting each other in the community - Anyone of us could be vulnerable at any stage there are no guarantees in life and absolutely no shame in needing help. If we understand who the vulnerable are we can help connect them someone who has the right skills to help. It could be helping someone create a new CV, connecting them with job opportunities, supplying produce or even just taking the time to listen. Make sure we use the Eureka Facebook page for exchange ideas, offer help, ask for help.

Buy local - Commerce should be an open market but it's good to check what's available if you want to buy or need a service on your own door step first. . Our Local businesses should work hard also to support the locals, give us the best service possible and be available to quote even if the jobs are only small. You never know who people are, who they know and what they might do next so treat EVERY customer like they are the best. Let's work hard to commercially keep our local economy strong. If you have a business get it on the Eureka Facebook page let us know what you have to offer and keep telling us.

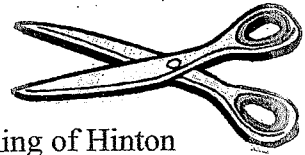
What do we want Eureka to be famous for? Is it worth us thinking about a community vision and strategy? Think about what we want our community to stand for? Environmentally, socially and economically? A guiding star that helps us make community and individual property decisions? Don't get me wrong, it's not about being a cult it's about aligning community values.

Thanks for reading this, I really value being part of our community and I have a goal post Covid-19 to be home more, engage more in the community and stop and appreciate what I have around me today. If anyone has had their employment displaced because of COVID-19 and you want some help with your CV job hunting ideas etc please do reach out, I would be happy to help.

Julia Jones



SNIPPETS



BIRTH: NEW BABY CONGRATULATIONS TO: James and Stephanie King of Hinton Road on the arrival of a third beautiful daughter, Bronte Belle, on April 13th. A dear little sister for Vivienne and Evelyn. Very best wishes to all.

NEW GRANDCHILD CONGRATULATIONS TO: Lynette and Tony Walker of Masters Road on the birth of a darling granddaughter, Mila Brooke Dixon, in Hamilton on April 27th. A lovely daughter for Chanelle and Aaron Dixon. Every best wish to you all.

FAREWELL TO EUREKA:

Gypsy Day has rolled around again, and it is farewell to several local farming families.

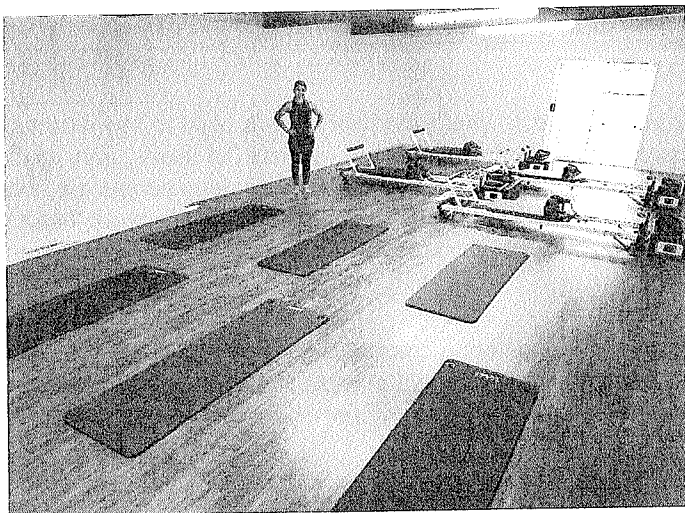
- Steve and Kim Garland are leaving Verryt's farm on Schollum Road and along with daughter, Laura, moving to a position at Ngarua. Our very best wishes go with you all.
- On Ross de la Rue's farm on SH 26 it is farewell to Kapil and Shalini Kumar and their little daughter, Myra. Best wishes on your move.
- And on Hunter Road, leaving Badger's farm is Megan Brocket and family. All the best to you all as well.

INTRODUCING

Hi !

I am Jaspreet (Jas). Along with my husband, Ronnie, and 2 kids, we moved to Eureka from Auckland in Jan 2019.

I am a Pilates teacher and I have recently started my own Pilates studio right here in Eureka - *The Pilates Shed*.



Pilates is a unique exercise system that was designed to work muscles evenly while being easy on the joints. Pilates helps strengthen the core, increases flexibility, improves posture and balance; and is also great for rehabilitation of injuries.

At The Pilates Shed, we offer private and duet sessions, as well as small group classes. There are Mat, Reformer and Barre classes to choose from.

Give me a call on 021904806 if you have any questions or check out the Facebook page - www.facebook.com/thepilatesshedhamilton. I look forward to meeting more locals and helping you with your fitness and/or rehabilitation goals.

HALL UPDATE

Hello to you all, I hope you have all come through lockdown safe and well. Moving forward may be a challenge for some us, but we are now in a new normal. I am still struggling to know what my old normal was. Under the current Alert level 2 regulations the Council have set out the regulations under which we manage the hall moving forward. We are now required to have a complete sanitise of the hall before and after use. A tracking register is in the entrance way and MUST be signed and completed when anyone enters the hall. Hand sanitiser is at the entrance. This way we are keeping users of the hall safe.

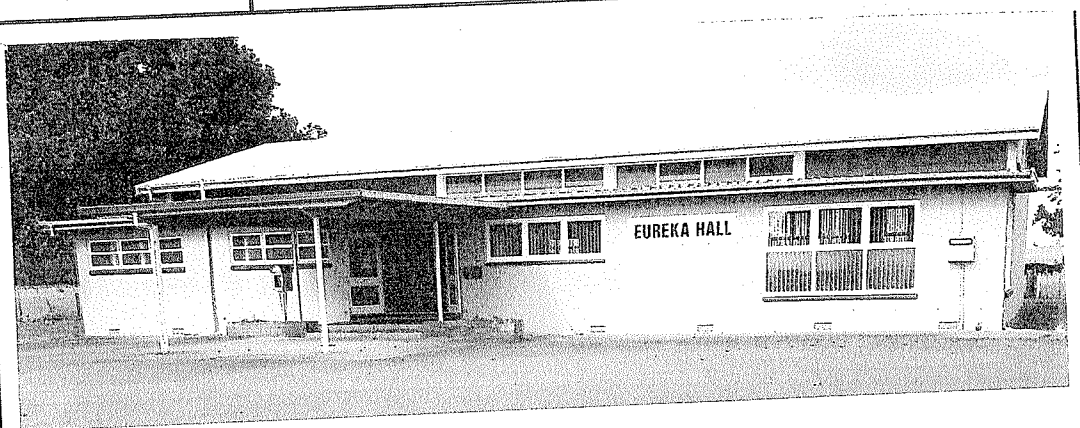
ANZAC day was a beautiful day weather wise, and we had our service as promised. It was lovely to see 24 people turn up to show respect. We were also joined by Sam Ware and Fiona Bradley, who both sang beautifully, our National Anthem and the Australian National anthem. The flag was lowered to the last post. People made their own wreaths and poppies and laid them on the Cenotaph. A short but meaningful service. Thank you to those who participated and joined us.

The hall is booked for most of June so come on down and support Trudi with her book fair. Remember the hall is for you all to use. If you have an event, a special celebration, a workshop, a group gathering of any kind. Think about using the hall. It gives you more room, plenty of parking, and saves the mess at your home.

If you use the little library, please do not swap books. A small group of us will keep it stacked up with books that have been sanitised. This is until further notice. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Below are the prices for the hall for this year. If you would like to book a function, contact Gail Mayall 8241758.

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



MARKETPLACE

WANTED A CLEANER FOR THE HALL

We need a cleaner for the hall who lives locally and will be available when required after bookings, but also on a regular basis to ensure the hall is always clean, tidy and presentable.

This could suit a student looking for a bit of cash, or a stay at home Mum or Dad.

If you think this might suit you, please contact Gayle Orr, 0272917150 for more information

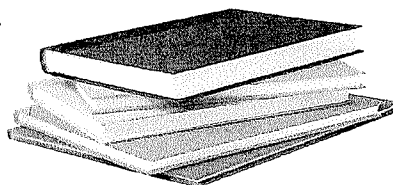
\$2 Book Fair

\$1 special on cooking, gardening, craft and interior decorating books.

Friday 28 May – Sunday 14 June

9am – 6pm

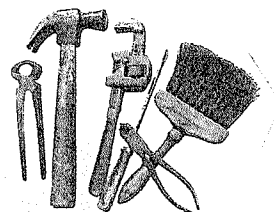
Eureka Hall



MOVING SALE

Eureka Hall

8am Sunday 21 June 2020



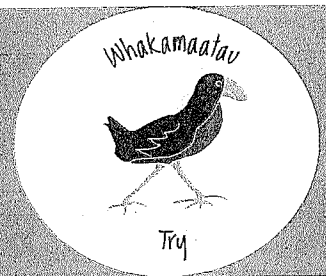
Camping supplies, tools, household too much to list.
Everything must go!

Enquiries to Richard, 8241716 or 0284171219

Ring Richard if you would like to share the hall for the Garage Sale

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Greetings from my bubble to yours 😊

My bubble has just grown to include some very lovely staff members who have returned to school to teach, and some of my students who are with us while Mum and Dad do important work to keep people safe, or to provide essential services.

I am so proud of our teachers who have worked hard over the past month to ensure every child went home with a pack of learning & books and are now embracing teaching and learning remotely. I am also very proud of how our children have embraced the online platform. This can be very daunting to some students, but with the support of their parents/caregivers and the encouragement from their teachers they have accomplished some great learning.

The most important thing at a time like this is communication and connectedness. Mostly, all our kids want is to see their teacher's face or to say hi to their classmates. We are trying to strike a balance by providing lots of learning options for those who want it, and flexibility for those who are learning in so many other ways. The learning we are providing is not compulsory and not all of it has to be completed.

Some examples of home learning around ANZAC:



ANZAC POEM

Anzac biscuits, red poppies, parades
that is what reminds me of Anzac day,
but then i think about the soldiers.
The soldiers marching over the hill
where the enemies are waiting for them.
Bang they start to shoot at each other.
The fear that speeds through their body as fast as lightning.
The nurses running as fast as they could trying to save the soldiers lives.
Nurses and soldiers sacrifice their lives
so we can have a better life.
The soldiers that live are so excited to see their family,
but there are people that don't make it
and on their grave are the red poppies.
The wall at the graveyards is a remembrance board
for the soldiers who didn't make it.
Lest we forget
Heath Yr 6

ANZAC

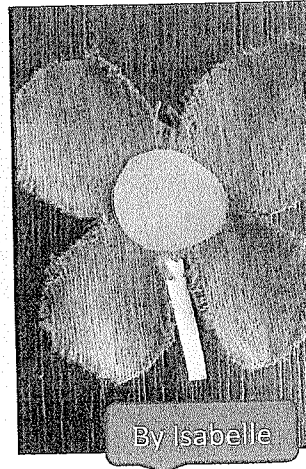
Bodies lay scattered around, the nauseous scent of blood drifting from them. Gunfire stings my ears, piercing and killing lives. I fumble with a bandage trying to wrap it around a soldier's weary head. I bundle him onto a mud caked stretcher and haul him up off the ground. My shoulders ache and I can barely see from the smoke that clouds in front of my eyes. I stumble towards the trenches, gripping the stretcher with my blistered hands. Trudging back to save more lives. *By Delta Yr 6*

By Clara



I was very proud to sing the National Anthem at the Eureka ANZAC commemorations. The whole service was extremely moving.

Stay safe in your bubbles 😊

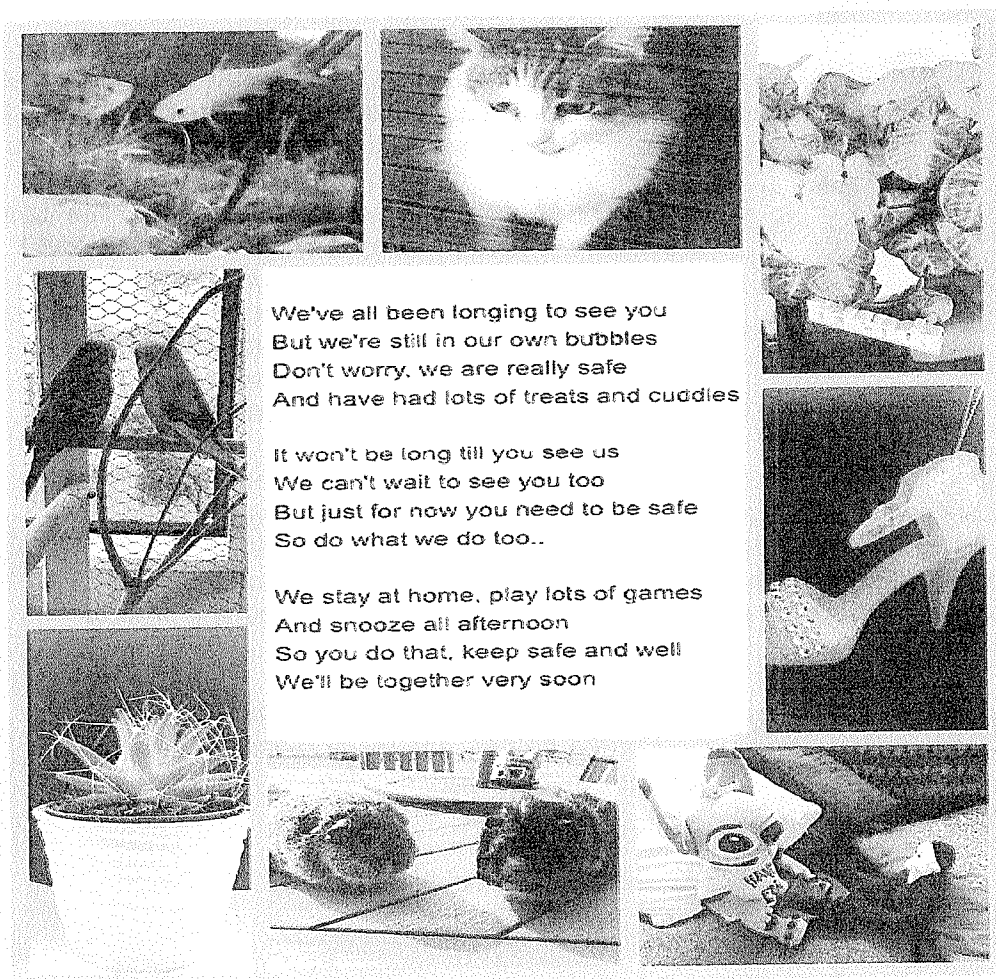


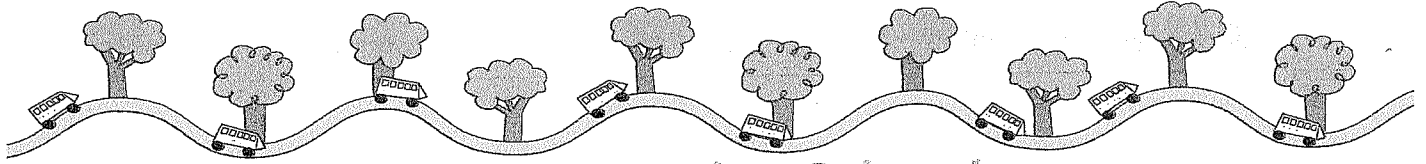
By Isabelle

Congratulations to all the parents and caregivers for the wonderful way you have worked with your children over the past 8 weeks. You all deserve a Principal's award!!

Through Google Meet, Zoom, Dojo and FaceBook the teachers discovered all the amazing learning which was going on in your homes and we would like to share with you some photos of these home learning activities taking place around Tauwhare and Eureka. Lots of baking, making ANZAC memorials, playing board games, solving jigsaw puzzles, making LEGO creations, cycling, walking, arts and crafts and so many more.

Take care and thank you all for your wonderful support of your children, the teachers and the school.





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Term 2 – May 2020

Kia ora koutau katoa,

To our learners and our families, we would like to acknowledge a great start back at school under Alert Level 2. It has been wonderful seeing everyone return to school with enthusiasm and resilience after such an unusual time. Thank you to our parents and caregivers who did an amazing job supporting your children through Distance Learning and to our teachers who worked hard in guiding and supporting our learners at home. We have had positive feedback from you all regarding our new procedures that we must adhere to and everyone has been doing a wonderful job following these.

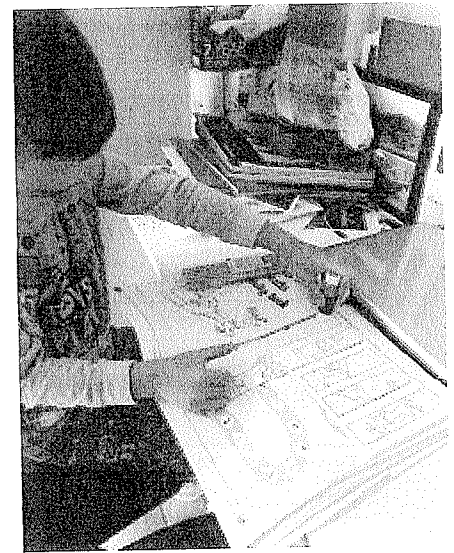
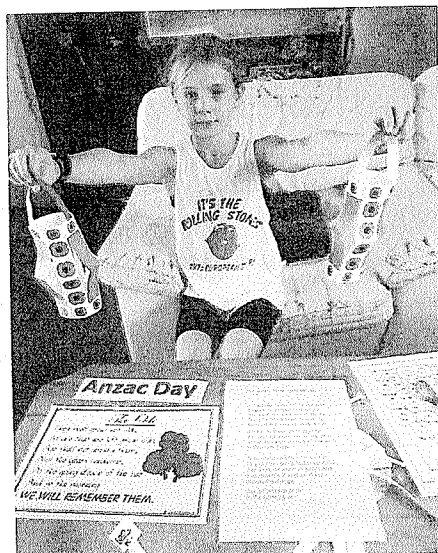
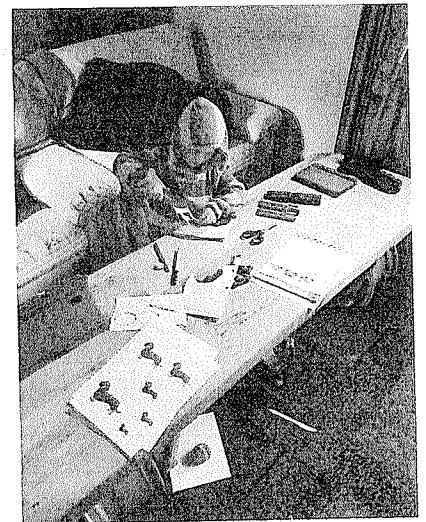
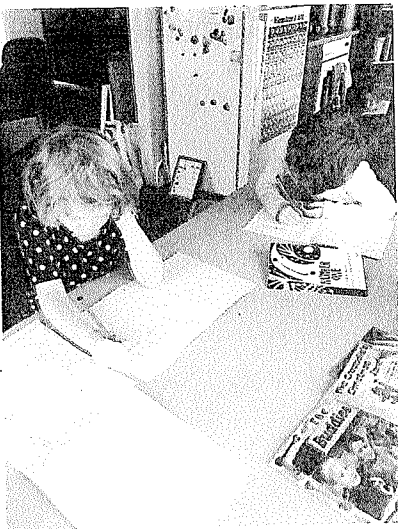
Thank you to ALL of you who have helped make the transition back to school so easy for your children. I have enjoyed greeting everyone at the front gate!

We have spaces available at Motumaoho School. If you have a child turning five soon or have a school aged child up to Year 6 or know of any family who does and are moving into the area, please feel free to contact me for information about our school. I would be happy to help you make an informed decision.

Nga mihi
Phillip Otto, Principal.

Learning in Lockdown!

Here are some photos of Distance Learning at home.



TAUWHARE INDOOR BOWLING CLUB

Welcome to April's club newsletter.

Unfortunately this will be another fairly short newsletter.

Due to Covid19 that we are all dealing with at present there is still no bowls. Hopefully it will not be too many more weeks until we get back to playing bowls and socialising.

When we get back to some sort of normality we would love to see last year's member's return and hopefully some new members. Past members, we would also love to have you back playing for Tauwhare.

If you have not played bowls before but would love to give it a go then come along to the Tauwhare hall on a Thursday evening. We have 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

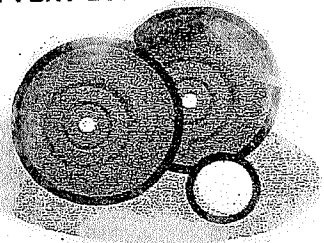
If you would like more information then do not hesitate to contact one of the following people:-

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

Look forward to seeing you very soon for a fun season (or what's left of it) of indoor bowls.

Hopefully I will have a more positive newsletter next month.

WHILE THE RECENT COVID NUMBERS ARE ENCOURAGING WE STILL NEED TO KEEP SAFE, TAKE CARE OF EACH OTHER AND YOUR FAMILIES. KEEP IN TOUCH AS THIS HAS BEEN AND STILL IS A VERY LONELY AND WORRYING TIME FOR SOME.



WEATHER

Weather for March 2019		
Rainfall total	59 mm	
Rain Total for year	69 mm.	
Rainy days	13	
Most daily rainfall	30.4 mm	23 rd March
Temp high	28.1 C	8 th March
Temp low	4.6 C	18 th March

Weather for April 2020		
Rainfall total	29.8 mm	
Rain Total for year	98.8 mm	
Rainy days	10	
Most daily rainfall	9.0 mm	April 8 th
Highest wind speed	41.8 km/hr	April 13 th -14 th
Temp high	25.9 C	April 1 st
Temp low	3.5 C	April 10 th

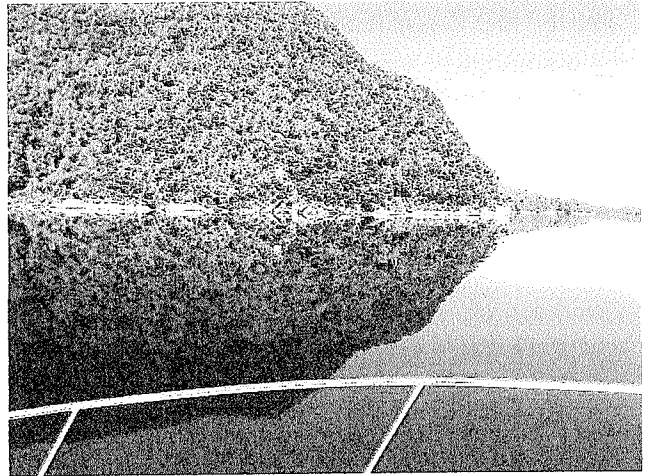


FIORDLAND JOURNAL

Fiordland Reflections >>

After postponing a boat trip to Fiordland in 2017 we rescheduled and planned for the summer of 2020. We had a wonderful 3 weeks of 'summer' in the Bay of Islands in January with family and friends.

I had arranged for two friends to crew with me from Bay of Islands to Milford Sounds, a passage of 200 nm to North Cape and then 620nm direct to Milford on the West Coast. Jon and Murray arrived in Opuia and Sheryll would drive their vehicle home. We had 3850L diesel and about \$2000 of stores. The freezer was full.



Our boat is 'Waverley', a 14 m launch that we have owned for 24 years. This will be our home for the next 3 months.

We took two easy days to get to Matai Bay then North Cape as overnight anchorages as we waited for weather to pass to give us a reasonable passage down the West Coast.

We would have a reasonably rough 1st night followed by improving weather as we went south. A full four days later we steamed into Milford Sound on a calm sunny early morning. The trip down was uneventful with no fish caught trolling. We were 180nm out to sea from Raglan on this passage.

Unknown to us, Milford Sound had had 1.7m of rain in three days during the week before we arrived. The road washed out and no Tourists! We had Milford to ourselves, all tourist boats tied up and the cray fishermen had stopped fishing due to China stopping buying the delicacy. Milford Sound is spectacular on a sunny warm day with waterfalls in full glory from the previous rain. After a night in Milford, where we were all able to watch the Chiefs beat Crusaders on another boat, we went and had two nights in Anita Bay in the Outer Sound. To our surprise, the first fish we caught was a good-sized Gurnard, then Terakihi before we caught a Blue Cod.

This afternoon the Pilot Boat Captain picked three of us and took us with him while he went out to pick up the Pilot off a cruise ship leaving NZ for Australia. The ship was not allowed into Milford due to storm debris, logs etc. What an experience this was, to go out 20miles in 3 meter seas with 20 kts of wind, pull into the side of 'Ovation of the Seas' and transfer the Pilot onto the much smaller pilot boat and back into Milford.

A bit of maintenance on Waverley and change from passage making to cruise mode. On the 4-day passage we had a satellite phone for communications with family and Maritime Radio for safety position reports twice daily, and weather information. No cell phone for the next 3 months!

We caught crayfish, cod, Terakihi and Gurnard around Anita Bay so had a good stockpile of fresh food.

As we left Milford heading south, we briefly went into Sutherland Sound and Poison Sound and into Bligh Sound for our overnight anchorage. We had a Mana Yacht Club Cruising Guide to help choose the best overnight anchorages.

Bligh Sound we had our first experience with swarms of the famous local sandflies. Wow! Do they attack with great enthusiasm. While exploring here in the dingy we watched a seal eat his breakfast – a large fish being thrown about as he killed it and then proceeded to throw it and tear off pieces to digest. We moved to George Sound. Did a dingy ride and walk up the George River at high tide. Next morning we walked up to Lake Alice via the Alice falls. A kayak has been left there so we went in pairs for a paddle on the lake. Amazing reflections in the Tannin coloured water.

Brian & Nicole with Fiordland Crayfish>>

I had three dives by this time in the trip and the abundance of crayfish amazed me. It was really a matter of saying 'how many do we want'. Truly amazing to see 200 crayfish in a dive. We went into Caswell sound then onto Doubtful Sound. This is a big Sound with many arms to explore. Very deep water up to 300m and high sides often 500m straight up from the water. We dropped off two crew and picked up Sheryll and Marg, Murray's wife for a 10-day time with us. We went back up to Charles and Nancy Sounds which we had passed by earlier.

Our menu often consisted of mussel fritters, crayfish, in varying ways and of course fresh fish. Sheryll and Marg brought in new supplies, mainly bread, fruit and vege and some more warm clothes for me.

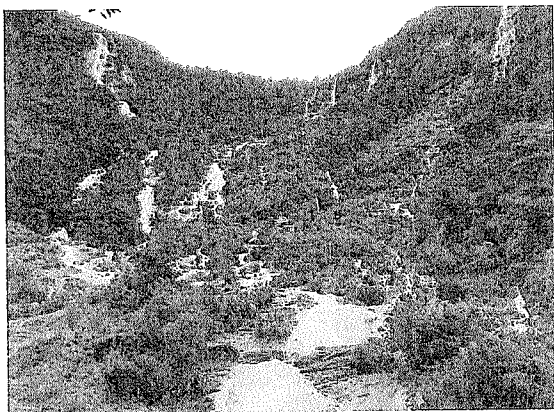
The local Tourist Boats were busy with 700 people per day visiting Doubtful Sound as Milford was still closed. Most of these were day trippers from Te Anau with boat trips across Lake Manapouri then a bus ride over the Wilmot Pass to Doubtful Sound. Helena Falls at Deep Cove were spectacular and very noisy. I did a walk up Huntly Falls also at Deep Cove after rain that was amazing. At Crooked Arm we could do a 1hr walk over to Dagg Sound. Amazing how close these Sounds are to each other. Usually 6-8 miles at sea but inland sometimes only 2-3 miles.

Over the trip we had 3 hunters on board, but no deer were seen when we had rifles. Later at Stewart Island, Sheryll and I saw white tail deer regularly on the beach in the evenings.



First Arm Doubtful Sound >>

We had two kayaks on board, and these were all used to explore coastline close up and travel up streams of which there were many. A wonderful pastime and keeps you fit. My favourite Arm was First Arm in Doubtful Sound where cliffs were 900m high and the water 400m deep. Great waterfalls after the frequent rain.



<< Huntly Falls Deep Cove

Murray and Marg flew out of Doubtful Sound by helicopter and three days later we picked up Brett, Rachael and their four children. A busy 8 days followed diving fishing walking. Wonderful to share this unique area with the Grandchildren who had not been to the South Island. The four Gordon divers achieved goals, Brett got his biggest crayfish while Rachael, Danielle and Amy all caught their first crayfish. At Deep Cove there is a hostel for School camps and a Tourist Hostel also.

One Manager and Two Staff are permanent here. The rest come and go each day back to Te Anau. They have a small hydro scheme in the hills to provide power – plenty of water here always! We took the Gordons to Breaksea Sound as we continued south. They flew out of Supper Cove and the Coxon family of four arrived on the same helicopter again with fresh supplies! And news. We did not have shops since leaving Opua on February 1 until Stewart Island on April 11. Similarly, no cellphone coverage until Stewart Island and even then it was patchy.

The Coxons only had a busy 4 days with us, cut short by pending bad weather to fly out. Sheryll and I were on our own now until Stewart Island. About now we were starting to hear a little about the Virus! We moved down to Preservation Inlet with all its colourful history of early sealers, Gold miners, Coppermines, Coalmines and Settlements. A very interesting place with large sheltered waterways in the bottom SW corner of NZ.

This is the start of Lockdown! We were moored at a crayfishermans base and met a charter boat from Bluff. He was about to start 6 weeks of charters in the area and was fueled up with 16000L and plenty of stores, He said about \$20k worth. All trips were cancelled due to lockdown. We had a good night with these people and the next day bought fuel and some supplies. This meant that we did not have to go to Bluff to fuel up.

We visited the site of an old Smelter from the gold and silver days. A brick chimney up a bank to create draft to create extreme heat needed. What an amazing structure.

Kisbee Lodge is a private lodge in Preservation Inlet which we visited only the Caretaker was there as this was Lockdown'. This site was the town of 'Gromerty' with 15 houses, school, timber mill and Hotel from the 19th Century. Very little remains. The Lodge which was built in the 1990s is lovely and very well looked after. We visited Pusyagar Light house, a lovely walk to the SW corner of NZ.

At this time other boats left for Stewart Is. We decided to stay a little longer to visit the Inlet properly. This was a good call as the weather was great. We got to the waterfall at the end of Long Sound, which is 15mls long. We then had a calm trip around Pusyagar Point to Stewart Is.

The phone started ringing on the way and lots of texts came in. Back to civilization!! The great weather lasted three more days then the next three weeks were cold, wet and windy. We walked from Port William with its lovely golden sand beaches. Stewart Is so close to Fiordland, but so very different. Low lying land contour, mainly regenerating native forest after past milling. The water is generally shallow after the deep waters of Fiordland. The great advantage of great holding for boat anchoring. Paterson Inlet is a large natural sheltered harbor with plenty of good shelter from the often foul weather. We also visited Port Adventure.

Our plan was for Sheryll to fly home from Stewart Is and Murray to return to help me take 'Waverley' home to Tauranga. This could not happen under Lockdown so Sheryll reluctantly agreed to crew home. (She had no choice really). We had a scruffy sea as we left Stewart Is through Foveaux Strait then up the East Coast to Akaroa, 36 hours of steaming. We had four wonderful days in the sun, from the wettest place in NZ to nearly the driest! Great walks here too. We put on enough fuel to get us to Tauranga and depart as the weather forecast was good for us to get to Mahia Peninsula, 42 Hours away. We were nearly home, just 3 more days of steaming with overnight stops at Tolaga Bay and Waihou Bay and back into our Tauranga Marina berth.

A great trip to a beautiful part of NZ

Statistics - 400 engine hours, 6600L diesel, 3300 nautical miles (approx.)

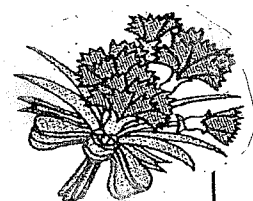
Brian and Sheryll Gordon

TAUWHARE GARDEN CLUB

[launched in late 2019]

Monthly meetings, garden visits, guest speakers and more.
Find us on Facebook – search for 'Tauwhare Garden Club' or contact Pippa on

0272935184 for details



IN MY GARDEN

Welcome everyone, Well what a long-forced break. We have nearly won the battle with Covid-19. For all of you farming milking horticulturalist etc, we could all maintain our land and stay in our bubble. Being a single man, things were easier for me to look after the nurseries but very frustrating not to be able to venture to far from home. for all of us we have had a very serious drought then rain now after many weeks we will hopefully get some more rain.

At Roachs Nurseries we are now looking forward to a busy season lifting and selling our roses, fruit trees, seedlings etc. Our organic compost is moving rapidly by the bag and trailer load, We also deliver 2meters or more to your place for a small cost.

As some of you know vege seedlings have been a sought after product for your garden. The gardening industry is very busy now with plant sales etc online, a good lift for our industry.

On the other side of this pandemic are people who have lost jobs, tourism collapsing, travel by plane not happening etc. Now at least we can dine and have a beer with friends and family at your favourite eating place.



At Roachs we have vege and flowering seedlings, citrus ready now. Other plants including rose plants ready mid-June. Please inquire or order on line at roachs@xtra.co.nz

If you are looking for a job harvesting plants, potting etc. Farming, horticultural knowledge could be an advantage. You can work hours to suit 8.30am - 2.30pm Monday to Friday. Please phone Mike Roach 0274 955 183.

Happy gardening one and all from Mike and the team at Roachs

PS. Phone if you want compost in weekends just phone me as I am home most days

Keep your head up and look for others needing help

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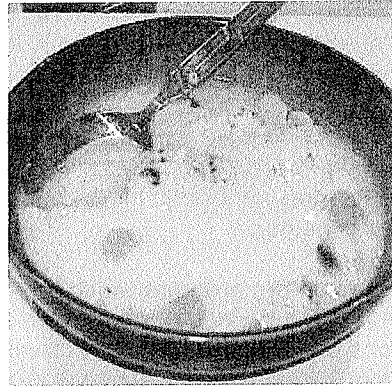
4 cloves garlic, crushed

1 free range egg

1 lemon, juiced

METHOD

Bring the stock to the boil, add the garlic, turn off the heat.



In a bowl, beat the egg vigorously and slowly add the lemon juice, beating continually to stop the egg curdling. Continue beating and add one ladle of the stock to the egg mix. Then add the egg mix very slowly to the soup mix. Reheat but do not stop stirring. This soup is very therapeutic.

FEIJOA MUFFINS

75g melted butter

$\frac{3}{4}$ cup sugar

1 cup finely chopped Feijoa flesh

2 cups self-raising flour

2 eggs

1 tsp cinnamon

Finely grated rind and juice of an orange

1 tsp sugar

METHOD

Skin the feijoa's and scoop out the soft centres, and mash. Melt the butter in a large bowl.

Mix into butter. Add the eggs, orange rind and juice. Mix.

Sprinkle the sugar and flour over the mix in the bowl, and fold in.

Divide the mix into a 12-muffin pan. Mix the cinnamon and sugar and sprinkle over the muffin tops.

Bake at 210 C for 10 – 15 mins.



Heat your room using your desktop computer – for science!

It may come as a surprise to some that heating your room with a computer is as efficient, energy-wise, as heating it with a regular heater – that is to say, watt-for-watt, the computer delivers equivalent performance in terms of generating heat. Aside from the energy used to produce light on the screen, or sound from the speakers of course. The laws of thermodynamics ensure this, even if multiple tests had not already been done to prove it. However, getting your computer to make enough heat to heat your room, might be a challenge, typically.

Don't get me wrong. Heat pumps are still the most efficient heating solution for the majority of homes and should be used where possible. But if you *have* to heat a room with a regular heater, but you also have a desktop computer in the same room, consider the following, either instead-of, or as-well-as, your regular heater.

Folding@home is a program which runs on Windows, Mac and Linux, taking the unused CPU or GPU cycles and using them to perform what are known as 'folding' simulations on protein models. These simulations provide researchers with valuable insights into the origins, and prevention of, numerous diseases including Cancer, Alzheimers, and more recently, Covid-19 (also known as coronavirus).

By default the program only uses your computer when you're not using it and therefore will not slow down your use of it. But it *will* cause your computer to be far more active when you're not using it, and generate a lot more heat than usual. I don't recommend running it on a laptop for this reason, as they're not really designed for dealing with large quantities of heat. But a desktop computer will dissipate it easily, which in turn helps to heat your room as the winter months become closer and the thermostat moves downward.

And as an added bonus, you get to aid in disease prevention and the creation of drugs to treat serious illnesses. Google "folding@home" if interested, and look at the results they have achieved on their website. Then download and run the installer, doing an 'Express install' which will run the program upon startup of your computer, and then only utilise the computer when you're idle. You may also want to adjust the power settings on your computer so that it does not go into sleep mode when not being used for a period of time.

There are other programs which do similar yet complimentary work, such as BOINC, which tackles disease-related protein issues from another angle, and the now-defunct SETI@home – the oldest of these networks, which was used to try and discover intelligent life on other planets by analysing data from satellite networks around the globe (note: no intelligent life was discovered, unfortunately). But folding@home is the most popular and easiest to use of these projects.

You will of course experience a slight increase in your electricity bill from running it, but as mentioned, no more than you would from using a regular heater to produce the same amount of heat. And the bright side of that is you can, if not for tax purposes than at least morally, consider your power bill a charitable donation to science. Don't throw away your heatpump just yet though.

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Web Browsing Tips

I figure you folk are doing a lot of web browsing at the moment. Web browsing, skype/messenger conversations, and gardening. That seems to be the order of the day. Still, things could be worse. It's hard to see how, but I've been assured by people who know what they're talking about, that this is the case. So, to lighten your day I thought I'd present a few ways to make your web browsing experience better.

To start with, you'll need Firefox as your web browser. There's nothing wrong with Microsoft Edge or Google Chrome (aside from the fact that they report your entire web browsing and search history back to their parent companies) but they're just not very configurable. Once you've got Firefox installed, there's a few things I like to do. First, start Firefox and go into options (via the drop down menu from the three-lined 'sandwich' button in the top right-hand corner).

Search for 'notifications', and go into Settings for Notifications (which will be highlighted in yellow). Tick the box next to "Block new requests to allow notifications" then click on "Save Changes". This will stop websites from asking to 'notify' you about stuff every time you visit them. Frankly this should be on by default.

Next, staying in options, click on 'Extensions and Themes' in the bottom left. In the search box that appears top-right, search for "ublock origin", without quote marks. Once the page comes up for Ublock Origin, click on the 'Install' button and say yes when Firefox asks if you really want to install it. This little addon blocks the majority of ads across all websites, without compromising your browser experience or screwing up websites. You're also a lot less likely to click on something bad if you have this installed.

Next, go back to the 'Add-ons Manager' tab at the top and click on it, then do a second search for "Shut up". You should be able to find a nice little comment blocker called "Shut-up", which disables all comments across all websites (with the exception of Facebook I believe). This stops you from inevitably glancing at the roiling cloud of obnoxious emotions which inhabit most youtube, reddit or stuff.co.nz comment sections. You can turn it back on for any given website by clicking the little speech bubble icon which the addon installs on the Firefox toolbar.

I think that's enough to get you started. There's Firefox extensions (also known as addons) for all sorts of things, like customising youtube, pointing out spelling errors, and converting all website text into gibberish based on the swedish chef from the Muppet Show (yes, that is a real addon). The sky's the limit, or as the swedish chef would say, "der skee is der burky-durky". Have fun out there, or in there, I should say.

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Delivery of Trees!

Preparations for planting the area of harvested pines got underway throughout the lengthy spell of dry weather. We had planned to take the native trees up to the planting area before it rained, now that we have a better pathway up the hill. Having planned to take them up this Monday, the rain fell even earlier than forecast, on Sunday night, so it was too slippery to drive a ute up the hill. The contractors had to take them up by hand, 20 plants at a time, all 2400 of them. Planting will start in a few weeks when the ground is soaked more. This area, to be planted in natives, is the slope visible from Scotsman Valley Road. The crest of the hill has panoramic views over through to Pirongia, Kakapoku, and Karioi. Eventually it will be part of a longer, optional loop walk to take within the park.



Visits to the Park

At Level 2 we have had more locals join as annual pass holders. It's been great to see extended bubbles of friends and relatives coming out by appointment -- some groups making dens and rafts with their families. There seems to be a different mood of appreciating time together in the outdoors. If you want to come, just email us at sculpturepark1@gmail.com for details on how you get in - we won't be opening our gates on Sundays just yet.

John & Dorothy Wakeling

Five Eco Friendly habits to keep up after Lockdown



Lockdown in NZ has been an unexpected and challenging time, and I hope all the readers are coped ok during it. And slowly adjusting to the 'new normal' life is an interesting process too, as we have to unlearn some of the behaviours we suddenly had to adopt.

However, there are lots of habits and behaviours that became more popular during the strict lockdown levels that are very environmentally friendly. We could benefit from keeping up with many new found or rediscovered habits, even when we go back to normal lives.

Of course, I realise that many of our activities in lockdown could happen because we had the luxury of more time at home (those that weren't busting themselves trying to juggle working from home, with looking after and schooling children or caring for other family members, along with other commitments).

But some great eco-friendly lockdown habits that could be carried on in ways that fit in with 'post lockdown life' include:

1. Home baking

In our house, baking became a big thing! I've always enjoyed baking at home, as you get to enjoy delicious (hopefully!) food, can spend time teaching children how to bake, which involves many useful skills as well as numeracy lessons, and you may be able to reduce the amount of packaged shop bought items that come into your house. Flour, sugar, butter and eggs can all be bought in paper or cardboard packaging, which can be recycled, composted or burnt in a wood burner.

2. Buying groceries online, then picking them up or getting them delivered

I have ordered my groceries online for a few years now, either getting them delivered or picking them up in store. However I had started occasionally doing a grocery shop in the store, which always led to impulse buys and budget blow-outs! During Lockdown, I realised that doing only online shopping is incredibly convenient, helps you stick to a budget, uses less of your time, and uses less petrol when you have them delivered. It is more environmentally friendly to have one delivery truck take groceries to a whole area at the same time, compared to many individual cars driving to town to pick up shopping, particularly for rural dwellers. I'm aiming to stick to online grocery shopping and delivery from now on.

3. Buying in bulk

Some grocery items were not available in the first few weeks of lockdown, particularly baking items. I bought flour and yeast in bulk, which resulted in less overall packaging compared to buying them in smaller amounts. I will have to make sure I use the bulk items before they reach the end of their lives, as I don't want to waste food – that is a potential downside to buying in bulk.

Pre lockdown, I have also bought household items such as toilet rolls in bulk from companies like Green Cane or Smart Ass. They are plastic free too, just wrapped in paper or nothing at all!

4. Working from home more – less commuting

I always work from home, as a freelancer and blogger. However this was all new to my husband, who worked his usual 40 hour week at home during lockdown. It does have its challenges, particularly when the children were at home too, but overall it saved hours in commuting time, petrol use, and wear and tear on the car.

It seems that staff from many businesses were as productive as usual (and maybe more so!).

I am hopeful that companies will consider some form of working from home arrangements after lockdown, even if it's just a day a week, there will still be environmental benefits from fewer cars on the roads.

5. Spending more time walking, running, being outside in nature

During Lockdown, my family spent more time walking and biking around our neighbourhood. We exercised more, exercised together, and got a lot more fresh air! I'd like to carry this habit on after Lockdown, as it was so good for our physical and mental health.

Being outside in nature everyday makes you appreciate the beauty of our environment, and reminds us how incredibly lucky we are to live in such a wonderful country, especially when you live in the countryside.

Wishing you well for as we ease out of the Lockdown restrictions, and hope you can carry on with these eco-friendly habits.

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NEWS FROM YOUR WAIKATO DISTRICT COUNCILLOR – 26th May 2020



As I write this, we are transitioning into New Zealand's "new normal" at Level 2 and government have just announced an easing of group number restrictions. During lockdown community halls were closed. Hall committees have now been advised that they can reopen but with very prescriptive requirements around health and safety and distancing under Government Covid-19 rules. Individual Hall Committees can decide when to reopen so if you want to book your local hall phone the booking secretary to find out if they have reopened. Their contact details are on the District Council website <https://www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/recreation/community-halls>

Under Level 2 all the main Council facilities have reopened except the Huntly Aquatic Centre and the Hakarimata Track. For a full update of *Waikato District Council operating under Level 2* go to our Covid-19 link <https://www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/your-council/covid-19>

During Levels 4 and 3 lockdown our North Waikato Combined Emergency Operations Centre (NWCEOC) was based at the Ngaruawahia office using the Council Chamber and Committee Rooms. All Civil Defense operations are now relocating to offices in Hamilton City.

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Council meetings are now back in full swing, albeit still meeting remotely via Zoom for Waikato District Council meetings and workshops and, in the case of the Hauraki Gulf Forum, via Skype for Business. We are all much more online savvy now we are negotiating our way around online meetings. 39 participated in an online *Representative Review* meeting this morning – Councillors, Community Board Chairs, staff etc. One of the biggest challenges for staff and Councillors during lockdown was dealing with technology issues. We are all incredibly grateful to our IT staff for sorting technical issues to allow us to work and meet from home. I am very grateful that our family have access to a fast wireless connection in our home and that Council made the decision approximately six years ago to move away from paper agendas and reports to fully online communications and to provide us with an iPad and technical assistance.

During lockdown our offices have been closed with most of our staff working from home. This week the staff started transitioning back to our various hubs. At the moment the Ngaruawahia office has been split into two Zones and two shifts with staff rotating between work and home working. When you visit a District Council office you are signed in electronically before you move to the front desk to conduct your business.

Our **Planning and Consents Team** worked from home during lockdown, processing building and resource consents etc. Other than being unable to do site visits under Level 4, it was business as usual and the capital value of consented activity continues to rise which is good news for the building and development sector.

Work on the **Waikato Expressway** halted during Level 4, but the teams are now back at work making the most of our unseasonably warm weather before winter sets in. Construction resumed after ANZAC weekend and the contractors will be making a final push to complete bulk earthworks and bridge construction this year. The teams need to work through winter as weather allows to make up for time lost during March/April lockdown. Read their newsletter online to see a full *Project Update of work completed since February*. www.nzta.govt.nz/hamilton

The Waikato Region (that includes Hamilton City), through the Waikato Mayoral Forum, submitted a joint proposal to Government detailing *Shovel Ready Projects* to secure government economic stimulus money to assist the Waikato Region to recover from the grim economic outlook NZ is facing. Last week our Regional leaders were advised that 18 of our 23 projects had made the first cut and had been sent to the Minister of Economic Development for further assessment. Our Mayor said in a press release "Let's be clear, there is still a long way to go. But the region looks to be well ahead of the national strike rate compared to other parts of the country. That's a reflection of the very good planning work around the Auckland to Hamilton corridor and reflects that spatial planning for our region is very well regarded in Wellington".

All the Waikato Mayors are aware that other parts of the country are also making a strong case for government stimulus funding but will keep up the momentum to make sure some of the stimulus money ends up in Waikato and Hamilton. Decisions around what projects will be supported are not expected for a number of weeks.

I have continued to answer emails and phone calls during lockdown and can be contacted at any time via phone, txt or email.

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NEWS FROM YOUR WAIKATO DISTRICT COUNCILLOR - 28th APRIL 2020



Hello – as I write this, we are on Day 1 of Level 3. In the McGuire bubble it has been a chance to catch up on jobs around our property but still a lot to do. Council continues to meet remotely via Zoom with weekly catchups, and an LTP workshop.

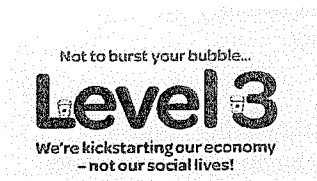
I mentioned in my last newsletter that, by law, elected members must be physically present in a meeting in order for a quorum to be achieved. When the Government's Alert Level was raised to 3, moving to 4, a decision was made for most Councillors to work from home with an Emergency Committee being formed with authority to make urgent decisions if required.

However, during the last week of the House sitting before Level 4 lockdown this law was changed so **Council can now meet online with full voting rights**. Our first full Council meeting under this system will be held on 6th May. When the Government moves us into Level 2 Council will again address our ongoing strategies for meetings and Councillors may decide to meet remotely for some meetings e.g. workshops and, if social distancing can be achieved, attend meetings in Ngaruawahia.

After a nationwide state of national emergency was declared at 12.21pm on Wednesday 25 March due to COVID-19, the Waikato District Council Emergency Management Centre (EOC) was activated,

The pandemic required a significant and coordinated response by and across central and local government. A significant number of WDC Council staff were redeployed to respond to the non-health consequences of COVID-19, across the Waikato district, in partnership with Hamilton City Council and supporting the District Health Boards through Covid-19 Community Based Assessment Centres in various towns in the District.

Councillors receive a very comprehensive Elected Members Update each week from our CEO with details of Customer Support, Service Delivery, Finance etc. The- EOC team also send us regular situation reports. Waikato Civil Defence have a welfare help line – they can assist with emergency housing, food parcels, etc and are still able to help under Level 3. If you or friends or family need help phone their Welfare Helpline 0800 800 405.



As we were moving into Level 3, Paul Blewman, one of four controllers of the North Waikato Combined Emergency Operations Centre (NWCEOC), issued an important message around does and don'ts when getting outside for exercise and relaxation. Read his message at <https://www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/news/media-releases/article/2020/04/27/use-your-brain-we-don-t-want-to-lose-the-gains>

Many of our staff members are working remotely so some issues may take a little longer to deal with. Under all alert levels we will continue to provide essential services to our communities.

All Council offices, sites and community facilities, including community halls, pools, playgrounds and libraries remain closed. Huntly and Raglan campgrounds are also closed. However as we move through the Alert levels you can find an up to date report on available services on our website at <https://www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/your-council/covid-19/>

The Mayor recently sent a message to our residents as follows:

Hello everyone, I hope you and your loved ones are doing okay in these challenging times. Everyone has been affected differently by the COVID-19 lockdown. For some it has been tough, losing jobs, being isolated from friends, or simply being disconnected from their normal lives. For others it has meant different ways of working and communicating. Hopefully we can learn from these and grow and adapt as we get back to life as "normal".

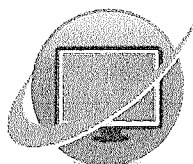
My councilors and I have had to get our heads around video conferencing – this has been useful and means we are now better placed to work from home in the future when needed. This new e-newsletter is also a result of the COVID-19 effect. In this environment news changes rapidly and we need different channels to communicate with customers and residents. I ask that you share this e-newsletter with your networks. We will continue to use Waikato District News as a primary channel for sharing information with you. Cheers, Mayor Allan.

If you would like to receive the e-newsletter sign-up now at <https://www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/subscribe-to-waikato-district-news/>

Please take care; follow the Government guidelines. We all know that life as we knew it will not return until we get a vaccine, but we want to be able to return to some normality and we need to all do our part to ensure that this happens sooner rather than later. **Contact me anytime -**

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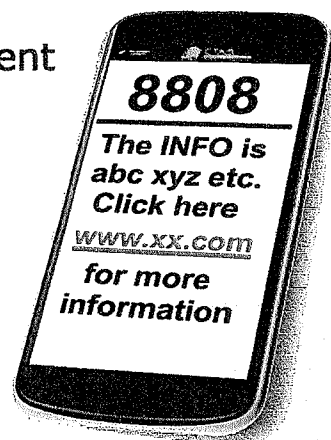


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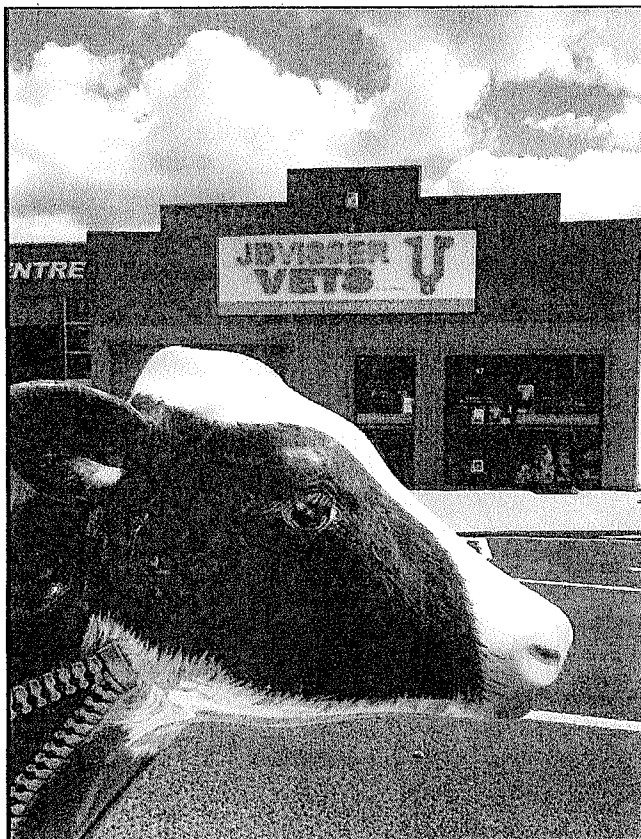
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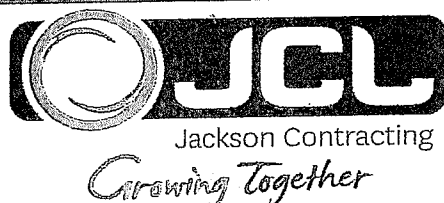
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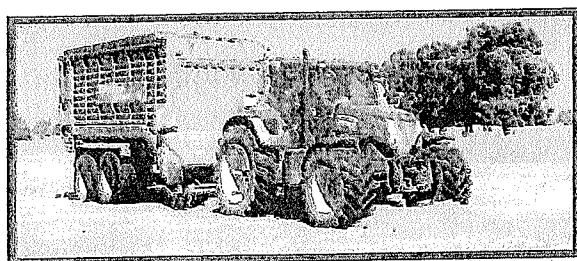
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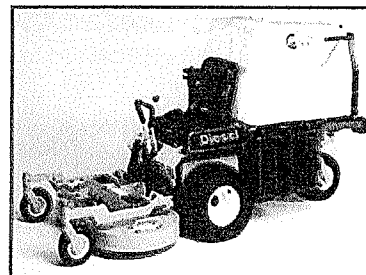


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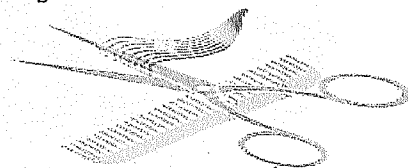
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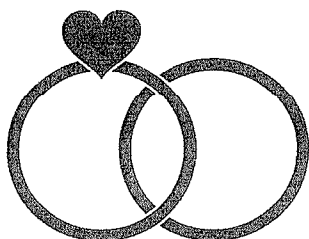
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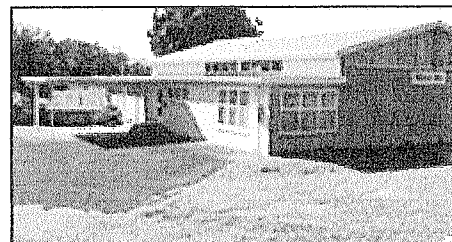
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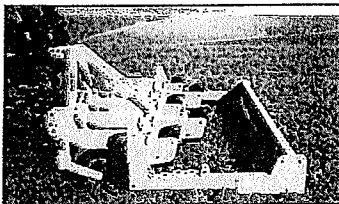
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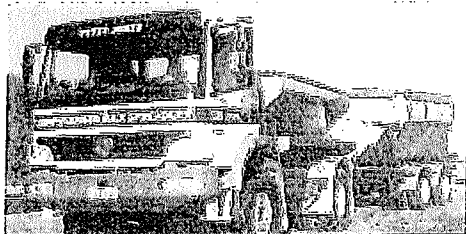
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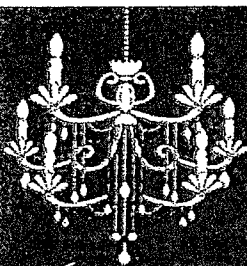
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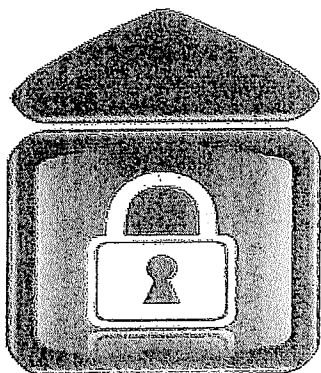
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100% satisfaction guaranteed

Ministry of Health recommend annual servicing of your collection tanks

When were yours last cleaned?

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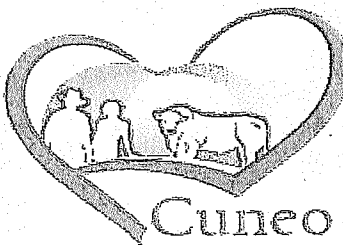


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Many options from 9m2 - 307m2

Short term + long term

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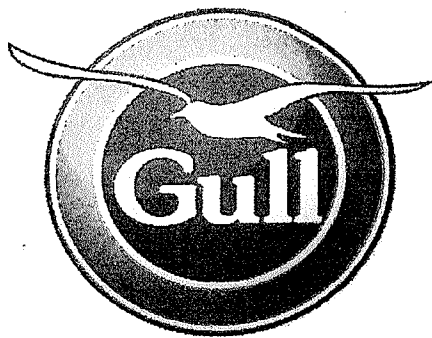
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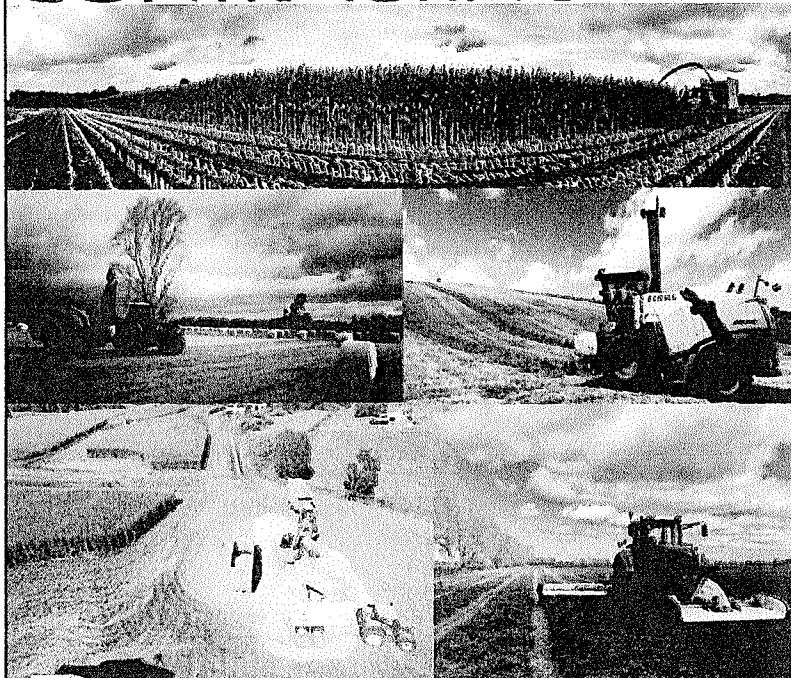
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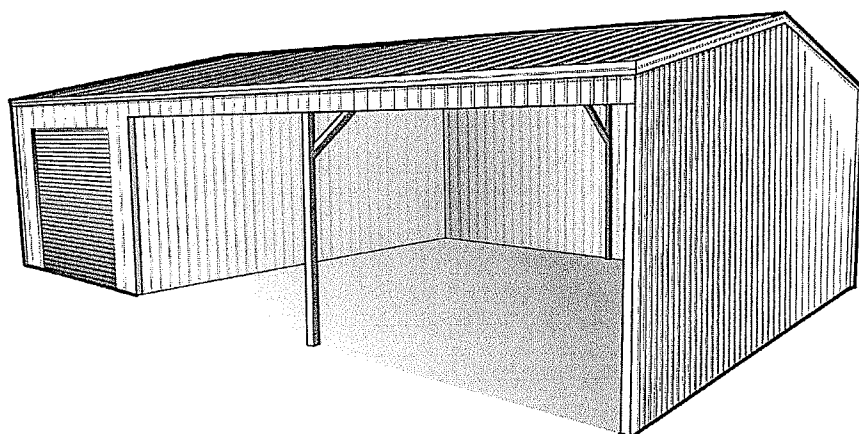
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7 x 12 x 3 (2.4h x 3.0w Roller Door)	\$15,975 +gst \$18,371 incl	\$17,380 +gst \$19,987 incl
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9 x 18 x 4 (3.1h x 3.0w Roller Door)	\$26,950 +gst \$30,993 incl	\$29,385 +gst \$33,793 incl
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NO BULL SHEDS was created by the **Waikato Shed Company**✓✓ who have been supplying and building sheds around the greater Waikato and beyond since 2005.

Every shed built by Waikato Sheds has been custom designed with some containing quality extras like Aluminium Joinery, Vermin Flashings, Bird Brushes etc. and to date the same shed design has not been repeated.

NO BULL SHEDS has been developed with the help of the Waikato Sheds Team, who are passionate about good quality sheds, to provide the same quality base components and design capability with a No Frills approach.

Now, customers can get top quality shed pack systems at the lowest possible prices without cutting corners.

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NO BULL SHEDS Provides

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- Price examples for shed packs with 2 - 3 sizes for each style
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