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goodbye Autumn - hello Winter

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#### **EDITORIAL**

Kia ora koutou, we hope this article finds you well and filled with joy.

As we thought about our time in Eureka, we realised that we have been part of this incredible community for over 20 years! Throughout this time, we have witnessed the growth and development of our neighbourhood, from the building of our own house to watching as more houses were constructed, and the school change from a small rural school to a large private campus.

Despite the changes, the beauty of our surroundings with an abundance of farmland remains, allowing us to appreciate the peacefulness of our area. We have also always cherished the presence of the trains passing by.

Over our time here we have been blessed with two beautiful children who, having grown up in this area, have also developed a deep love for animals, the natural environment, and also the trains that pass by. And being home schooled, the farm views sure beat any of those that a town school can offer!

It was a great pleasure that five years ago, Alison's parents decided to join our community, adding to the richness of our extended family here. They've become regulars at local events, actively participating in the hall committee, and readily lending a hand wherever needed.

We're particularly excited by the recent initiatives that have been introduced to uphold the spirit of our community. Events such as the ANZAC services that are a poignant reminder of the sacrifices made for our freedom, and the Eureka market have brought us together and forged stronger bonds among us all. We are excited about the future of the Eureka community.

Here's to another 20 years of shared memories and experiences together!

Alison and David Taylor

#### **WELCOME and FAREWELL**

The Hinton farm have farewelled Romeo, who has gone back to the Philippines after buying some land and starting up an oil business there. We welcomed Mike to the team - he is the brother of our other staff member Roy.

Leaving from the Gordon farm after 7 years is Claude & Jolene Piggot & family. They are moving together with worker Romy Singh to Scotsman Valley Road .

We would like to wish you all the best for your new ventures.

If anyone else has moved in the community or you know of someone who has left us, please let us know. Any new families we hope to see you at some of our community events.

#### JUSTICE OF THE PEACE FOR EUREKA

JP. Kevin Deane Please call or text to arrange an appointment. Kevin Deane JP m 021 970902, Kevin is located in Eureka.

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#### DONATIONS ACCEPTED.

We are all aware that the cost of everything is going up all the time. The printing of the Express is also costing more. If you would like to make a small donation, we would be very grateful. We will send you a receipt (which is not tax deductible as we are not registered as a Charitable Trust), for your donation so please put your name as a reference. Our bank account number is 03-1559-0042660-00. The name of the account is Eureka Express. We would also like to thank everyone who puts their loose change in the box at the Gull Station, all donations are gratefully received and help towards the rising costs. A huge thank you for the donations we have received.

#### A NOTE FROM THE EXPRESS COMMITTEE.

As you can see from the advertising pages, we have a few spaces to fill. The funds we get from our advertisers and from the donations we receive is what we need to keep producing the monthly edition. As you can imagine the costs are continually rising, and we are so grateful for the many volunteers who put each issue together, and of course our delivery volunteers. Not to mention how grateful we are for our major sponsor Waikato Sheds. So, if you have a business, and you would like to advertise please let us know. It \$10 per month for 10 issues a year for a small size advert.

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Don't forget also that we are getting closer to printing the phone list for this year. If you are not on it or have changed your number, please let us know. As mentioned before, this list is important if we had an emergency in the area.

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 710 H x 1230 wide
 Price \$750
 Stainless steel rubish bin with 2 compartments
 520 H x 280 W x 400 L
 Price \$30
 Contact Debbie Ng 027 247 9367

#### WHAT OUR LOCALS GET UP TO

Trinaka Kenny & two friends have been selected to race in The Red Bull (Can You Make It) Race from Barcelona to Berlin which started May 20<sup>th</sup>. Together with teams of three from around the world They have no money nor phones and have 7 days to reach their destination doing various challenges on the way. They are given 24 cans of Red Bull Energy Drink to barter with.

Information is scarce as final details are given when they reach Barcelona. The Race started Tuesday night 11 pm N Z time and finished 7 days later you can follow her crazy journey on Instagram or Facebook. We wish you all the best Trinaka on this amazing journey

See more on the website.

My name is Bridget Hill and I have been selected for The New Zealand U20 Women's Lacrosse team, which will travel to Hong Kong to play in the 2024 U20 Women's Lacrosse World Championship in August. I am 18 years old and a former Tauwhare primary School student. I am currently taking a gap year from my studies, working to help fund this campaign. I started playing in 2017 when I was in year 7 at Berkley Normal Middle School, and continued this at Hillcrest High school, also playing for several clubs during the club season.

I have represented the Waikato Region in all age group levels, U15, U18 and Senior Women's. Successfully winning a national title in each of these age group categories, I have also represented New Zealand in the U18 girls team playing in the Australian National Championship in 2022.

Currently I coach the Hillcrest High school team and am an active Lacrosse umpire, umpiring the 2023 New Zealand Secondary schools Girls finals.

New Zealand is ranked 6th out of the 20 countries playing at this year's U20 Women's World Championship. As a minority sport, even though it is being included in the 2028 Olympic games, funding is non-existent, therefore I am running a raffle to help fundraise for the campaign. This advertisement is for a fundraising raffle. People can donate money through purchasing tickets, as well as donating an actual prize which could be added to the raffle prizes. The raffle is a multi-prize raffle including wine packs, one night accommodation at an Air BNB, etc. Please contact Bridget at <a href="https://hill.bridget.05@gmail.com">hill.bridget.05@gmail.com</a> advising how many tickets you would like in the raffle, with your details.

Then using your name as a reference deposit, the amount into my fundraising account. 12-3152-0209552-53 Once received I will email you back your entry tickets. Tickets are \$20 each or 3 for \$50. Thank you to my sponsors for your support and good luck.

Here is a link to the event <a href="https://worldlacrosse.sport/events/world-championships/2024-world-lacrosse-womens-u20-championship/">https://worldlacrosse.sport/events/world-championships/2024-world-lacrosse-womens-u20-championship/</a>

#### What the people in our Community get up to.

Takahiro Hataji won the New Zealand Golf Open Championship this year, I know because I was there ticking off a bucket list item. Hi, I'm Simon and I'm a golfer, I have been a member at Ngaruawahia since 1993 and have played golf up and down the country plus a couple of trips to Melbourne and the Gold and Sunshine Coasts. I was looking at the 2023 open results online when I saw that amateur golfers who have a registered handicap could apply for a spot in the ProAm field at the NZ Open. (that's where a professional golfer and an amateur player team up and their best score on each hole is counted). So, I paid my deposit and entered my name into the 2024 amateur player pool. There must be a selection process they go thru and a 18 handicap player from NGA can't rate too highly up the list, however the Gods smiled and I received an email back in early December 23, that I had been selected, which included an invoice to cover the rest of the 20K, yes that's \$20,000.00 , plus GST entry fee. True it's a lot of money for a minimum 3 rounds of golf but what bucket list item comes cheap, that's why bucket lists exist. Karen my partner and I drove down to Invercargill in late February, so she could stay with family, while I drove up to Queenstown. She's been a golf widow for 30 years and had no wish to spend all week with another bunch of golfers plus TV cameras. I reported in at Millbrook Golf Resort for the 2024 NZ Open. This was the start of the goodie packs and NZ Open merchandise that was given out to the amateurs. I ended up with 3 wet and windy logoed jackets, 2 shirts, 2 hats, a putt cover and a pile of balls, tees, pitch repairer's etc, at least I would have something to show off for my money.

I was able to play 3 practice rounds, Monday - Wednesday, before for meeting Charlie Lindh, my professional playing partner on Thursday and playing our 1st round on the Remarkable Course. Charlie is a 27-year-old Swedish professional, who is trying to get onto the DP World Challenge tour, the second-tier golf tour in Europe. He is based in Indonesia and plays wherever he can across Aisa and Australia to earn enough points, that will let him qualify for higher paying golf tournaments. With some good results he will a chance to get a player's ticket for the DP Challenge tour. It's no easy life being a Pro golf player, just to get a chance to play takes skill and opportunity and even then, only half the players make the cut and get paid. "The Cut" -; a harsh term. most golf tournaments are held over 4 days, start on a Thursday and after play ends on the Friday, the top 60 players out of 150 odd who started make the cut, and get to play the weekend and win some prize money. The rest head home with nothing the Caddy - you must have a caddy in the NZ Open, (they carry your bag, show you where and how far your next shot should go), Ben was great, I had never had a real caddy before and after a couple of holes on Monday's practice round he had me figured out and we work well together. He would tell me which club to hit and where he wanted me to play too and didn't laugh too hard when I didn't follow his directions. The difference it makes to your game on an unknown course is amazing, He could direct me into the best spot to play into the greens and read the putting line like a wizard, it was like having that green line you see on Sky TV coverage when lining up to putt. Anyway, back to the tournament, Charlie and I were 8 under on Thursday, even with a double bogie on the 18th. The 18th is the televised par three hole and is the feature hole on the course. Charlie's tee shot caught the edge of the water that surround the green, talk about pressure as now it was my turn. I stood up and shanked my 9-iron hard right, across the 17th fairway and into the stream, took a drop and just missed getting my wedge over the trees and onto the green, bet you none of that coverage made it onto air. Charlie had an ugly day on Friday, the rub of the green was never on his side, some of the bounces he got were just mean and cruel and unfortunately for him he went from 2 under on Thursday to 1 over and missed the cut. And with me hitting big slices from the tee, we had a 4 under round and missed the ProAm cut by 2 shots. I did manage to have a nett eagle on each day and was happy with how I helped the team scoring, it just wasn't enough.

Consolation prize for the amateur player missing the cut was a round at Micheal Hill's course, another magnificent place to play golf with huge sculptures scattered around the place. There are two full sized

Clydesdales horses on the 7<sup>th</sup> fairway that are just stunning and make you feel small. His club house is not visible from the course due to its grass roof which even has a robot mower doing the lawn. Made me feel a long way from Eureka seeing that at work, it's just a different world.

Value for money? I can't answer that. But my game has improved, and I won the April monthly medal round. Would I do it again? Probably not, 25K is 25K, happy to do it once, but can't see me parting with it again but if the Lotto gods smiled, I would apply in a shot. Playing inside the ropes Fantastic! just seeing up close how the big boys play the game was worth the trip, the effort they put into shot selection is unbelievable, range and placement of the ball, relative to the pin is just worlds away from how amateurs play the game. And yes, they are just that good at hitting the ball, sure they still make mistakes, but they really are just that good at hitting a golf ball.

May your tee shots find fairways and the putts drop.

**Cheers Simon** 

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#### **TAUWHARE INDOOR BOWLS NEWSLETTER**

Welcome to the May newsletter from the Tauwhare Indoor Bowling Club. If you are new to the area or have never played bowls before but would like to give bowls a try then come along to the Tauwhare Hall on a Thursday evening. We have members within the club that are happy to introduce you to the game. We are a friendly, sociable club and there is always lots of laughter and banter. We need new members in the hope that our club will survive. You do not need to bring anything along – just wear flat soled shoes. The evening usually finishes between 9.30 and 10pm. We would appreciate you being there by 7.20pm ready for a 7.30pm start.

#### **Recent Results:-**

18.0424	Burnside challenge against Matangi.
	Matangi continue to hold that trophy.
25.04.24	As it was ANZAC day we chose not to have bowls
02.0524	Championship Triples
	Winner – Bev Meads, Karen McNally and Darron Cutler
	Runner Up – John Neal, John Cottle and Ana Duncan
09.05.04	Brown Bowl challenge against Matangi
	Tauwhare were successful with this challenge and the next challenge is against Puketaha
16.0524	Open Triples Tournament
	Winner – A team from Matangi skipped by Alex Jones
	Runner Up – A team from St Pauls skipped by Selwyn Gay

Some of our club members have entered the Eastern Championships. Even though they were not winner or runner up they played well and can be proud of their effort. It is great to have them represent Tauwhare.

Programme for the next few weeks:-23.05.24 Club Night

30.05.24 Club Night 06.06.24 Club Night

13.06.24 Championship Pairs

20.06.24 Club Night

27.06.24 Progressive Night with Matangi and Tamahere

Our aim going forward is to make bowls a fun social evening. If you would like more information please do not hesitate to contact one of the following people:-

Bev Meads 021 172 7822 Jim & Rosalie Arnold 07 887 4832

John Cottle 07 824 0992 or 027 524 0992

#### NINETY-NINE NOT OUT. By Sue Edmonds

Nineteen years ago, I wrote an article for the Waikato Farmer which celebrated Harold Woolford's fifty years in the orchard business as he turned 80. When he turned 90, I wrote him a poem. In June this year he will reach 99, so I was asked to meet up and write about him again, just in case!

In 1955 Harold gave up being a printer on the Northern Advocate and moved to Hamilton to take up fruit growing. Before that he'd been a would-be carpenter who spent his days rounding off the corners of the base pieces of kahikatea butter boxes, so the wharfies wouldn't hurt their hands when they lifted them.

Harold went to work for Mr McMiken, who had originally bought 18 acres of land on Silverdale Road below the junction with Hillcrest Road. Mr McMiken had gradually bought more land and it was all planted in fruit trees, mainly apples with some stone fruit. The crop was all sold from a shop on the property, with any excess sent to auction. For many years there were only four significant orchards around Hamilton, and they all grew for local supply. McMiken's became known as Sunnyside Orchard, and its produce was all sold locally until 1976, when they first supplied Granny Smith apples through the Apple & Pear Board for the export market, followed later by both Red and Golden Delicious, the only export varieties available then. Other varieties, such as Sturmer were tried as exports, but some didn't last the trip when packed in wooden boxes. Harold gleefully recalled tales of square Sturmers being unloaded in the UK, no longer quite apple shaped!

Mr McMiken had four daughters and no sons, so when Harold married Peggy, the second eldest, it kept the business in the family, although the McMiken name has been carried on for the business title.

In 1963, with the commencement of the development of the University, Harold bought 20 acres on the Morrinsville Road at Newstead, and this was planted up over the next 3 years and pruned using a four-leader system and dwarfing rootstock. Later a further 10 acres was acquired, and this was planted and trained on a three-wire espalier system, which was very successful for early cropping. Fruit from Newstead was sold through the Silverdale Road shop until the University finally needed that land in the 1980s for its Management School and student housing, when all operations were shifted to Newstead.

The development of so many new varieties over the years has meant that new plantings, to replace those become unfashionable, has been regularly needed. However, to my delight Harold has kept the odd tree of such old favourites as Cox's Orange, Sturmer, and Gravenstein. They sell several different varieties of plums, and the Golden Queen peach crop is still eagerly pre-ordered by those whose summer chores include bottling peaches for winter desserts.

The lowering profitability of the apple export market saw Newstead Orchards revert to selling all their crop from the orchard shop. They employ few outside pickers, and until a few years ago Harold still sallied forth with his picking apron on each morning to gather the latest crop with swift hands.

These days Harold's mind is still active, he reads a lot, but the legs and arms are tired. He doesn't go out much but is well looked after by Jean and David. We swapped 'old age' stories, but Harold commented that he still felt that changing direction to orcharding was the best decision he'd ever made, and a good way to raise a family.

As I bought my apples over the years, we always made time to swap stories of funny farming or orcharding incidents. My favourite remains the one about the dog which stole the possum caught in a yellow Timms trap and buried both. The remains were not discovered for years, until an area was being replanted and one tree hole was found to be already fully occupied!

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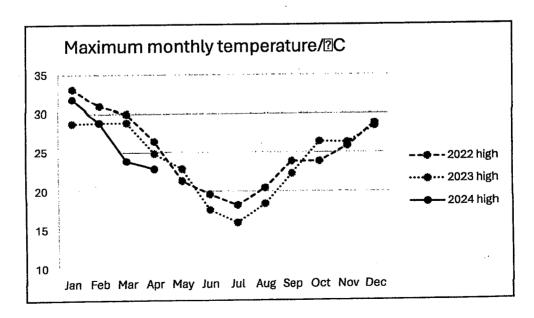
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#### LATEST WEATHER INFORMATION.

Weather	April 2024	April 2023
Rainfall total	45mm	88.5mm
Rain Total for year	331mm	683.5 mm
Rainy days	9	11
Most daily rainfall	12mm	36mm
Highest wind speed	45km/hr	37.1km/hr
Temp high	22.8°C	24.8°C
Temp low	1.9°C	1.7°C



#### HALL UPDATE

Hello to you all.

The ANZAC service was another success. The crowd wasn't as big as other years, but the weather was fine, and the service was short but enjoyable. It was nice to have a chat with people over a cuppa afterwards. A huge thank you to Lionel Orr for organising the service, with the help of Stephen Carroll attending to the flag. Also, to Sam Ware and Fiona Bradley for their beautiful singing of the National Anthems. We also very pleased to have had Councillor Crystal Beavis attend and lay a wreath on behalf of the Waikato District Council.

The next meeting of the hall committee will be on June 11<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm at the hall. Please come along and meet the committee and show your support. The hall is our community asset, and is enjoyed by many, but it does take a lot of work and time to keep it maintained. We are always open for suggestions or offers of help.

Contact Gayle Orr for any bookings or any other enquiries. 0272917150

Usage	Residents	Non - Residents	
Hall per day	\$ 50	\$100	
Social function	\$150 - \$300	\$250 - \$500	
Children's party	\$30	\$75	
Bond	\$400 Secretary's	\$500 Secretary's	
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# How to locate a stolen/missing device – and what to do if you can't

Most devices, be they desktop, laptop computers or smartphones/tablets, have some kind of 'Find My Device' functionality built into them. For Windows devices you need a Microsoft account, and the device needs to be turned on and connected to the internet for this to work. For Apple devices, it's the same but with an Apple ID account, and for Android devices, a Google account. Some antivirus packages also provide such functionality, generally redundant on top of the built-in stuff, but which can sometimes provide additional features such as taking photos using the device's built-in camera, and transmitting them to you over the internet.

To access this functionality when a device is lost or stolen, google "find my device" and the type of account (Apple/Microsoft/Google) associated with it, and you should find the appropriate website. What you can do from this point depends on the type of account, but things you can do typically include: tracking the device's location (based upon the last time it connected to the internet, or cellular network), disabling it so others cannot access it, making it display a message from you with your contact details, or emitting a loud beeping noise thereby making it easier to find. The latter would've been useful to know with the phone I lost in central Wellington, as I had it set to 'Do Not Disturb', which meant calling it was pointless. But 'Find My Device' options bypass these types of controls, including having turned the sound off or volume down.

Now we'll go over what you can do if you can't recover the device. As noted you can generally lock it down using the above functionality, but if you can't connect to your device there's little chance of getting it back unless whoever finds it (if it's found) is honest. If they're not, and it's a phone or cellular-network-connected tablet, you can ask your network provider to lock the phone down using it's IMEI number. If you don't have that number they can usually look it up for you. What this means is the specific device will be banned across multiple cell networks, so someone can still use it as a smartphone, but not as a regular phone.

Whatever device you have, I wouldn't worry too much about somebody stealing your data and passwords, though that is a possibility. It's more likely they'll simply wipe the device to remove any incriminating evidence and then resell or use it themselves. In that case, it's time to get a new device, though of course you should take precautions such as changing passwords for all major online services, as most of these are viewable within your computer's web browser, and may be viewable on your phone.

Lastly, reporting the lost device to the police is important as an honest citizen will likely drop it into them, and you can ask around on local Facebook groups to see if anyone's found it. If you record the serial number of the device, as well as the make and model, this can be used to prove ownership. These things happen, and it's difficult to avoid sometimes, but it's nice to know there are advanced ways of getting your stuff back, nowadays.



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#### **Gardening Tips**

#### Home harvests

From March to May apple trees all around the country are laden with colourful ripening fruit. Meanwhile it's time to get planning and planting. The fresher the fruit, the crunchier sweeter and more nutritious it is.

Taking the time to decide which apple trees to plant in a home garden is well worth the effort as trees will ideally grace your garden for decades. Consider which traits you care about. Flavour? Disease resistance? Fruit Size? Harvest time? Yield? Do you want apples for mainly cooking or eating fresh or both? If a long storage life is important, the late harvest apples generally have good keeping qualities. How tall do you want your tree to grow? Very dwarf threes can be harvested without a ladder. While some varieties are naturally compact growing, the potential height of any apple tree is influenced by the rootstock it is grafted onto.

Pollination is another important thing to check, when deciding which apple varieties to plant, especially if you only want one or two trees. Some popular varieties including Royal Gala, Golden Delicious, Bramley's, and Granny Smith are self fertile but most are not. For trees that need cross pollination, failure to fruit happens if there is not a compatible pollinator tree within bees flying distance. The wide range of pollinator options and other useful information on the Waimea nurseries website <a href="www.waimeanurseries.co.nz">www.waimeanurseries.co.nz</a> Plant your apple tree where there is plenty of sun and good well-draining soil. Avoid areas where water puddles and don't plant to close to big trees.

#### Winter Star - Plant nutritious Kale

Traditionally used in peasant dishes, kale is now highly desirable ingredients in all matter of dishes, from salads and fritters to smoothies. Kale is tolerant of both cold and heat, can be grow all year in most parts of the country but it flavour is best when temperatures are cooler

Rake up any remaining autumn leaves and add them to your compost. Left to cover lawns, they block sunlight, prevent-air-circulation as well as water evaporation, all of which can kill grass.

#### Ladies a Plate

#### **Broccoli Soup**

2 potatoes

2 heads broccoli

2 green apples

2 sticks celery

2 onions

2 cups chicken stock

1 tsp curry powder

salt and pepper

Simmer all together until cooked. Puree in food processor. Add a good handful of grated tasty cheese in each plate before serving.

#### **Goof Proof Meatballs**

400g lean mince

1 cup uncooked rice

2 tbsp of onion soup mix

1 cup water

425g tin of concentrated tomato soup

Mix the mince rice and soup mix and shape into meatballs the size of a golf ball. Place in a single layer in a baking dish (large enough for the meatballs to increase in size as the rice cooks) Mix concentrated soup and water and pour over the meatballs. Cover and bake at  $180 \text{ for } 1 \frac{1}{2} \text{ hours}$ 

For a flavour variation, add 2-3 cloves of chopped garlic to the tomato soup.



# TAMAHERE-WOODLANDS COUNCILLORS' UPDATE MAY 2024

#### **District News**

#### **WDC Annual Plan hearings**

Thank you to all who made submission on the Council's draft 2024/25 Enhanced Annual Plan. You've told us to keep to essential spending and to keep rates down.

We received 227 submissions on the draft 2024/25 Enhanced Annual Plan and 50 submitters requested in-person hearings. The affordability of a 13.75% rate rise was a real concern for 149

submitters, but there was also dissatisfaction expressed with services being provided. A smaller number supported the proposed rates increase with comments that indicated an understanding of the reasons behind it and a desire not to further delay infrastructure maintenance and renewals.

Your Council will review and discuss these submissions when we deliberate on the Annual Plan from 4 to 6 June. The final plan is due to be adopted by the end of June and will come into effect on 1 July 2024.

This year we took advantage of central Government's one-off option to delay our 2024-34 Long Term Plan as

part of the "Local Water Done Well" legislation and prepare an enhanced Annual Plan for the year ahead. This means we will consult with you again over the next year as we prepare a nine-year 2025-34 Long Term Plan for adoption next year.

#### QV revaluations delayed until early June

The release of the latest rating revaluation data from QV for all Waikato district properties has been delayed as the Office of the Valuer-General has asked QV to do more work on our district valuations as part of an independent audit. This is outside WDC's control. We anticipate the new rating valuation data will be available from 5 June and ratepayers can expect to receive new rating valuation letters in the post starting from 12 June 2024. These will be used to calculate rates from 1 July. Property owners have 40 days to object to QV from the date of the valuation letter.

#### Maaori Wards

Your Council has unanimously endorsed the decision to introduce Maaori Wards during the 2021 Representation Review and issued a media release with its reasons earlier this month. The Council is strongly opposed to the Government's proposal to repeal legislation allowing the introduction of Maaori Wards without a binding poll, and intends to submit to the Select Committee now that the proposed Bill has been introduced. Reasons include valuing the voice of our Treaty partners, recognising local democracy, the legitimacy of the 2021 Representation Review, and the cost of the expected requirements either to run a referendum or make changes that will require another Representation Review.

Waikato District Council currently has 11 General Ward Councillors and 2 Maaori Ward Councillors, elected in 2022. The Maaori Ward covering the southern half of our district, including Tamahere-Woodlands, is Tai Runga Takiwaa and the elected Councillor for that Ward is Tilly Turner.

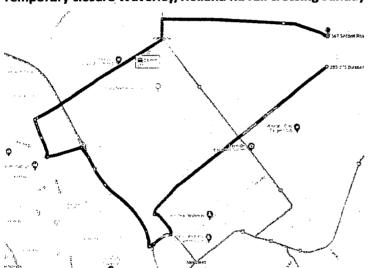
#### **Expect Airport Rd traffic restrictions for Fieldays 12-14 June**

To ease peak morning Fieldays traffic congestion on the weekdays 12 – 14 June, Airport Rd is likely to be one-way only heading west to Fieldays from 7am until 11am, with restrictions finishing earlier if traffic conditions allow.

- Discussions underway may allow local businesses or residents with recognised passes (from Fieldays) to travel east on Airport Rd from Raynes Rd to the Waikato Expressway northern on-ramp, but there will be no right turn from Pencarrow Rd onto Airport Rd during this time.
- The expected one-way plan means the Expressway underpass will be closed to east-bound traffic during this time.
- Traffic exiting Tamahere Dr may be able to travel north on the Expressway, but an alternative route is recommended due to traffic congestion.
- Tamahere School will work with parents to create walking school buses as required.

For more info on traffic management go to 'Attend Fieldays' on the Fieldays website or email <a href="mailto:info@nznfs.co.nz">info@nznfs.co.nz</a>.

#### Temporary closure Waverley/Holland Rd rail crossing Sunday 9 June



KiwiRail and Higgins contractors will be closing the Waverley/Holland Rd rail crossing on **Sunday 9 June** to do maintenance work on the crossing.

The road will be closed from the Waverley/Seddon Rd intersection through to the Eureka/Holland Rd intersection between 72m and 7pm.

Detours will be put in place for motorists to transit around the closure.

#### **Keeping of Animals Bylaw**

Thanks to all who provided early feedback on updating our Keeping of Animals Bylaw. We received 306 submissions, with 12 organisations among the submitters. Your feedback is being collated and is being used to inform how we draft our proposed new Bylaw. You will have an opportunity to have your say on the proposed new Bylaw when formal consultation takes place in June-July 2024.

#### **Contact your Tamahere-Woodlands Councillors:**





Crystal Beavis, mob 0275 957 927, email <a href="mailto:crystal.beavis@waidc.govt.nz">crystal.beavis@waidc.govt.nz</a> Mike Keir, mob 027 449 3012, email <a href="mailto:mike.keir@waidc.govt.nz">mike.keir@waidc.govt.nz</a>



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# TAUWHARE SCHOOL

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# TOP NEWS <u>Childrens Day - Thursday</u> 30th of May

Our ambassadors are busy planning for an afternoon of learning and activities to support their Children's day cause. Their idea is to encourage children to bring old and unused coats to school to be able to donate to children who need something warm to wear. This will be in the afternoon after Grandparents Day.



Please have a look for any old or unused coats and they can be brought to school any time between now and Grandparents Day. Our ambassadors will put them together to donate them to children in need of a warm jacket this winter.

#### Pause Breathe Smile

We are an accredited Pause Breathe Smile School. We have prioritised well-being as part of learning this year and ensure we build the skills of looking after yourself. "Mr May the paper is still on the front of the sign," says our house leaders Clara and Izzy. Our house leaders are choosing where in the school our new sign will hang then we will put it up for everyone to see. Then they can finally take the paper off the sign.



Each morning our Breakfast Club Team is ready in Te Manawa for anyone needing breakfast. Every day or just once in a while, everyone is welcome to come to have some breakfast. Tegan and Elizabeth are helping this young lad in the photo above after a busy morning and not having the time for some breakfast.

Tauwhare 2025 Enrolments are now open — Enquire at the school office or admin@tauwahre.school.nz





#### Motumapho School

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#### May, Term 2 - 2024



#### First Aid

Early this term, all of our students were involved with a first aid course presented by St John. This learning formed part of last term's 'Care and Beware' inquiry. Our students showed that they have remembered many of the aspects taught by Constable Tash last term. This included dialling 111 in an emergency. Knowing phone numbers and addresses off by heart, remains a focus.









#### **Keeping Ourselves Safe**

We have completed our learning as part of the Keeping Ourselves Safe programme. We had many opportunities to learn about who we can turn to for help e.g. parents, shopkeeper, police and teachers and to be confident to say no. Our strategy is to "Stop, Walk, Talk". Ruma Tui will continue to learn about cyber safety this term.

Ruma Piwakawaka also had visits from Constable Tash. They were also learning to be confident, recognise their feelings and who they can trust to help them in difficult situations.

Both classes had the opportunity to try on some of the uniform items, tearn about all the tools Constable Tash has on her vest as well as try on some of the handcuffs!



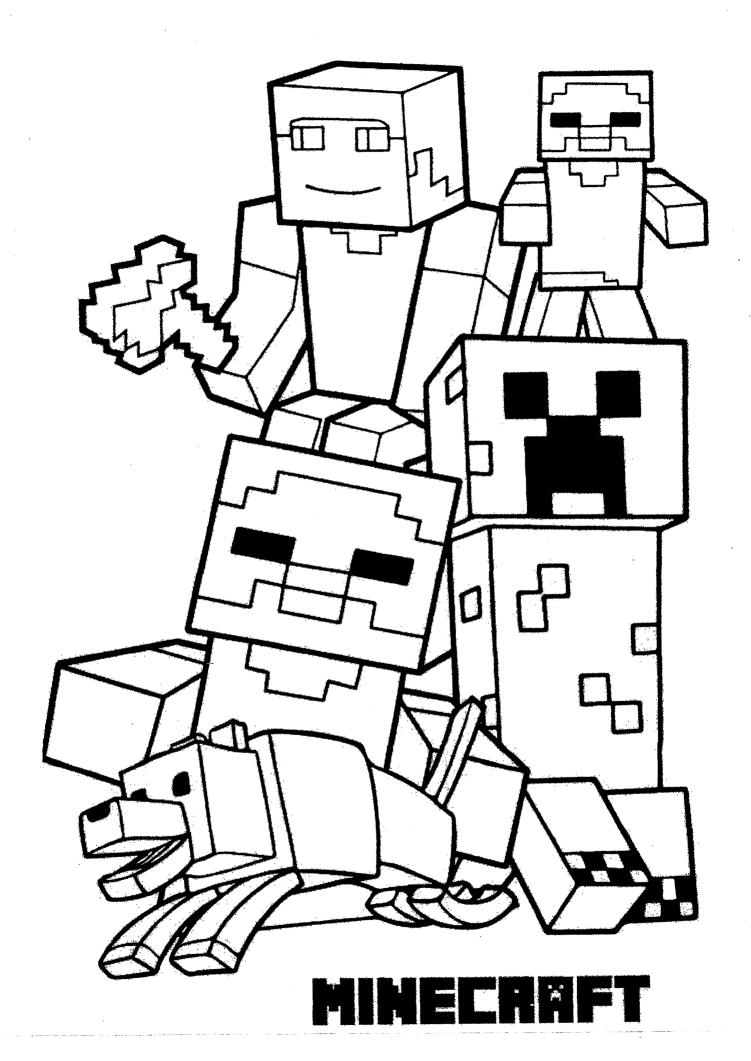












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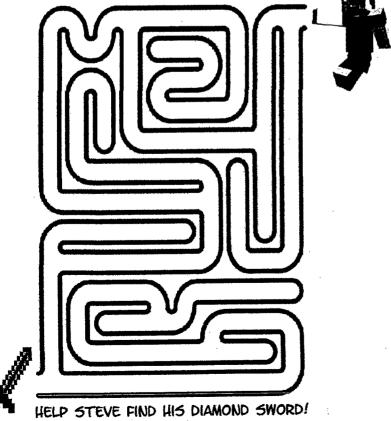
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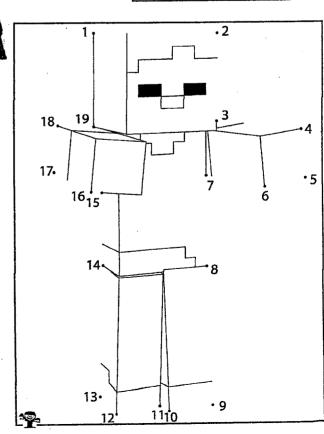
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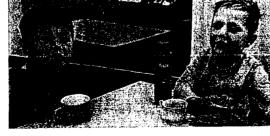




#### Pukeko Preschool Newsletter May 2024

Our Mother's Day Cafe was everything we hoped it would be 😯
It was such an honour to be able to celebrate all our mana wahine.
Such a strong sense of community and joy was felt, and it was awesome to see our mama's all take a load off for a moment and relax and enjoy each other's company. I think this could become our new Mother's Day tradition??







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#### Get involved in local democracy

One of the things that I have wanted to champion is that here at the Waikato District Council, we're all about transparency and community involvement.

That's why we've made it super easy for you to participate in local decision-making.

We're livestreaming all our council meetings, including committee meetings, so that you can tune in and find out about the key decisions and important debates as they happen.

They're all recorded too, so you can watch them here at your leisure if you're busy when the meetings take place. We'll also be livestreaming our regular council workshops from June 10.

Workshops are not decision-making forums but are intended to enable staff to receive appropriate support, input and direction from councillors when developing things like consultation documents or undertaking bylaw and policy reviews.

The fact that all the above can be viewed by anyone in the public as they happen is important to us as part of our commitment to you.

It demonstrates transparency and accountability, in that our communities can see how decisions are made and they can see the level of discussion and debate that is undertaken to make important decisions that affect all of us who live in the Waikato district.

It is also a way for you to get to know us better. By viewing how we interact with each other as the elected members and how we interact with staff - it gives you a better idea of how we do things around here.

Basically, it provides the human factor behind a decision that is often seen written on Council minutes, or not seen at all.

If you tune in, you will see that decisions are not taken likely, you will see how difficult it can be to make the tough decisions, you will see we are human after all and we do care about the people we have been elected to serve. This opportunity has always been available in some form. Anyone has always been welcomed in the Council Chambers, except when items of discussion are labelled public excluded.

But that costs time and money to make the trip into Ngaaruawaahia to sit in and watch and listen what goes on. It sometimes may also feel like a wasted trip when, for whatever reason, the item you're interested in is behind schedule or only takes a minute to cover.

Now you can either watch them live from the comfort of your own home or office or watch when you're back from work.

Join us online, stay informed, and be part of shaping the Waikato district!
Remember, democracy is for everyone, and your voice matters!
So I do encourage you to go to our website <a href="here">here</a> – and simply click on the video camera icon.
Contrary to popular belief, you may even find it interesting.

-	Waikato District Mayor Jacqui Church	
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Just to let you all know that the **Eureka Community Response Plan** has now progressed and is being worked on. It is quite a big job and does require input from all of us. You may get someone from the small committee who are working on this contacting you to see if we can use your details as contact or assistance in an emergency. I.E Plumber, Electrician, has heavy machinery, etc. As it progresses more, we will keep you informed and then we will work out how we can distribute a copy to you all.



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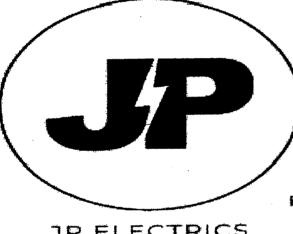
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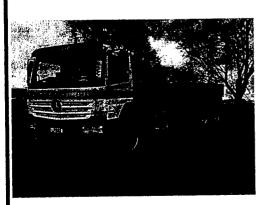
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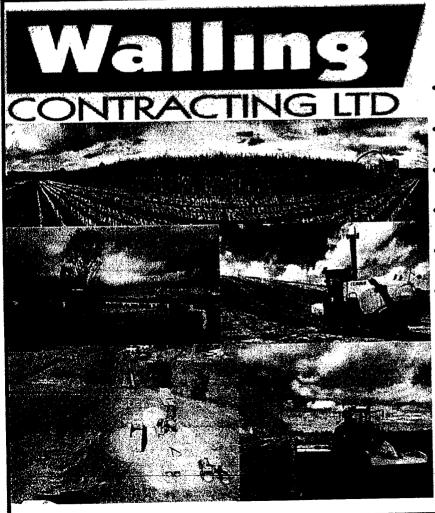
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