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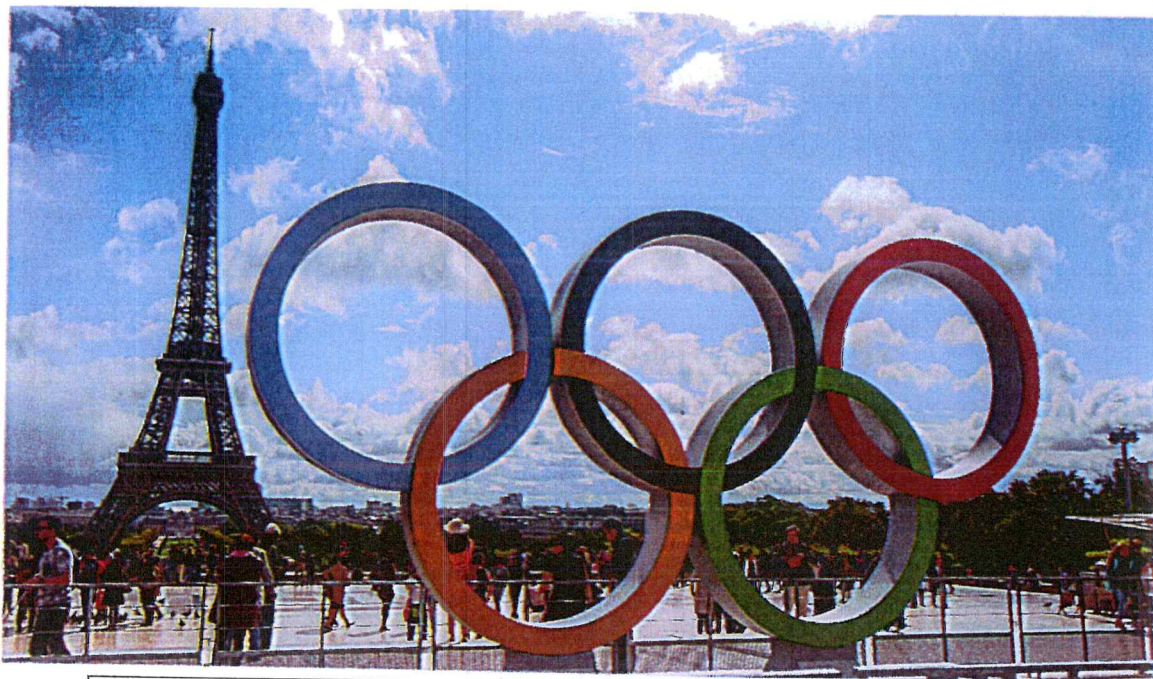
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EDITORIAL

Townies in the Countryside.

Moving from the city to the countryside in New Zealand requires a significant shift in mindset and behaviour to adapt to the unique lifestyle and community dynamics of rural areas. While city living is often associated with hustle and bustle, countryside living brings a different kind of environment and community etiquette.

First and foremost, new rural residents should recognize that the countryside can be surprisingly noisy. Unlike the constant drone of city traffic, rural areas have their own sources of noise such as agricultural machinery (diggers, quad bikes, and tractors), power tools (chainsaws, ride on mowers, and stump grinders), livestock, and natural sounds. Farmers often work early mornings and late nights, and their machinery can be quite loud. Neighbours who are not farmers who are developing their lifestyle blocks can often only work on the weekends. It's crucial for city dwellers to adjust their expectations and understand that these noises are part of rural life and essential for the well-being and livelihood of their neighbours.

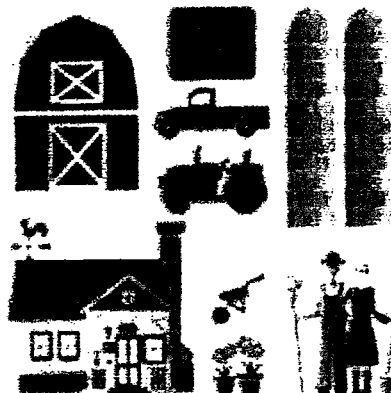
Secondly, flying drones is typically not acceptable in the countryside without proper consideration. Drones can disturb livestock, wildlife, and the privacy of neighbours. The Civil Aviation Authority of New Zealand has guidelines for drone usage, emphasizing respect for privacy and the importance of obtaining permission before flying over private property. It's courteous and respectful to avoid flying drones in areas where they may cause disruption or distress, particularly that drones in the country are now often the precursor to your property being stolen.

Effective communication with neighbours is paramount in rural settings. Unlike the anonymity of city living, countryside communities thrive on close-knit relationships and mutual support. If issues arise, it is always better to discuss concerns directly with neighbours before escalating them to authorities. This approach not only fosters good relationships but also resolves issues more amicably. For example, if a neighbour's power tool is causing a disturbance, speaking to them directly can often result in a quicker and more harmonious solution than involving Council noise control, particularly when a simple official information request to Council can quickly identify who has complained and what was said in detail.

In summary, city people moving to the countryside in New Zealand need to embrace the noise as part of rural life, exercise caution and respect when flying drones, and prioritize direct communication with neighbours. Adapting to these behavioural changes will help them integrate smoothly into their new community and enjoy the unique benefits of rural living.

Steve Wood IP

43a Platt Road.



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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REQUEST

We live on Appleton Lane. If any (of the three cats) belong to anyone if they just want to text me so I know they do have a home and get fed somewhere.

Thanks Denise 0277832712



HALL UPDATE

Hello to you all.

I read recently that there is only 27 Fridays left until Christmas. A scary thought, we are on the downhill slide now to the end of the year, but also getting closer to warmer days. If you are planning a Christmas function or a large family gathering for Christmas day. Have you considered the hall?

Don't forget to put the 8th September in your diary and come along to the Community Pot luck luncheon. Hopefully our District Councillor will be there so you can have a chat and find out what is happening in the ward.

Bookings are coming in quite fast now, so if you are thinking about booking get in early. You don't have to pay until closer to the event, but at least you are booked.

Keep warm and keep safe.

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

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PHONE LIST

This is the last chance you have to get your phone number on the list or make any amendments to your number. The new phone list will be published with the August Eureka Edition.

Which computers can't be upgraded to Windows 11?

By now some of you may've received a notice from Microsoft stating that your computer is not compatible with Windows 11, and that you have until October 2025 to upgrade to a newer machine. This is poppycock. Most computers are compatible with Windows 11, and to date, out of the hundreds I have upgraded, only 3 have failed. This includes computers made 10 years ago, as well as some made recently. I have seen a tendency for machines older than 11 years to have more issues, but to be honest those machines are reaching their use-by date and should probably be replaced.

Microsoft imposed an artificial limitation on which computers can upgrade, but it is easily bypassed. The range of opinions as to why they chose to do so is vast. On the cynical side one can speculate that they're in bed with the hardware manufacturers (true) and that this is a scheme to boost hardware sales (entirely possible). In the middle is the idea that most laptops older than 6 years and most desktops older than 11 years tend to present with some hardware issues, and they don't want to be on the receiving end of tech support for those machines. Also, possible. But their stated reasoning is that the TPM2 chip which exists in PC's built later than 2017 is the only real way to achieve good computer security, which makes no sense. The chip in question has known vulnerabilities, and there are more pertinent areas which Microsoft should be addressing to prevent harm, such as the legacy software embedded in Windows. The real result of their action is that a vast number of computers around the world will stop receiving security updates after October 2025 because they weren't upgraded to Windows 11. Hardly an act of security-minded altruism.

Regardless of their actual reasons, most anyone can upgrade to 11, and should do so before Oct '25. If you've got a computer older than 2018, you'll need a hand from someone like me, otherwise the upgrade will be offered to you directly by Microsoft at some point. Likewise, if you want to make Windows 11 look and act more like Windows 10, you'll need my help or another professional's.

Pleased to say that 11 is getting better, gradually: performance is starting to get a little faster as of the most recent release, and some of the useful things which they initially disallowed have been put back in. If only they'd done that in the first place, rather than vomiting it onto the marketplace in its prior unpolished state, its reputation as a "have-to, but don't wanna" operating system upgrade would not be fixed so firmly in people's heads.



Bentley Home PC Support

All previous articles can be viewed online [here](#).

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TAUWHARE INDOOR BOWLS NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the July newsletter from the Tauwhare Indoor Bowling Club. It is never too late in the season to come along to the Tauwhare indoor bowling club and try the game of bowls. If you are new to the area and have played bowls before or have never played bowls but would like to give it a try, then come along to the Tauwhare Hall on a Thursday evening. Our numbers have been very low the last few weeks but hoping they will pick up again. 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.

The members that went to the Indoor bowls nationals in Whangarei had a great time with some pleasing results. Even though we had to contend with a fire alarm, so evacuation needed (thank goodness it was a fine day!!) and a power cut due to pylon falling we all had an enjoyable week.

Recent Results:-

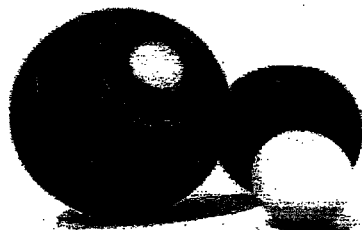
- 20.06.24 Pairs Championship
Winning team – Bev Meads and Adam McNickle
Runner up team – John Neal and Alison Neal
- 27.06.24 Progressive night of bowls with the Matangi and Tamahere clubs.
Adam Mc Nickle was the lead that took the prize for the most points.
- 04.07.24 Club Night
Due to there being only 5 members turn up we had 1 game then went home.
- 08.07.24 Brown Bowl challenge against St Pauls – we won the challenge after some remarkably close games.
- 11.07.04 Club Night
Winning team – John Neal and Darron Cutler
Runner up team – Lockie Verner, Glenda Goodare and Eli
- 18.07.24 Championship Singles
Winner – Bev Meads
Runner Up – Darron Cutler

Programme for the next few weeks:-

- 22.07.24 Progressive Night at Tamahere
- 25.07.24 Club Night
- 01.08.24 Esme Pope memorial – handicap singles
- 08.08.24 Club Night
- 13.08.24 Erin Rosebowl at Matangi
- 15.08.24 Club Night
- 22.08.24 Club Night
- 29.08.24 Final Points Night

Our aim going forward is to make bowls a fun social evening so come along and let's make that happen.

For more information please contact - Bev Meads 021 172 7822 or Jim & Rosalie Arnold 07 887 4832 or John Cottle 07 824 0992 or 027 524 0992



Kiwi Cabins

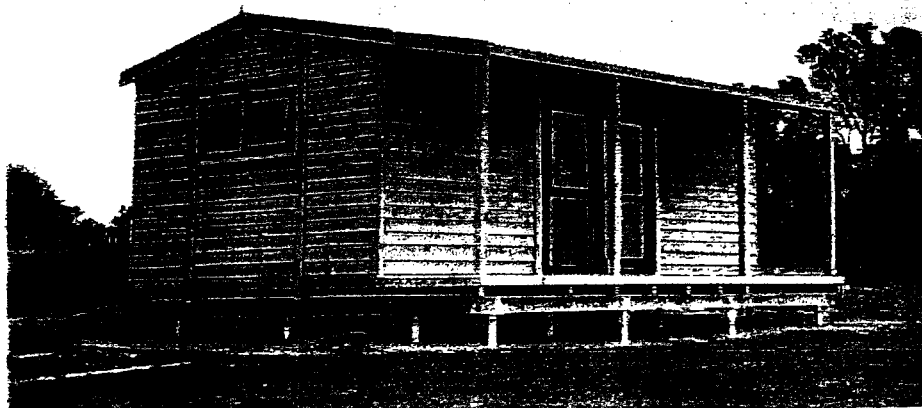
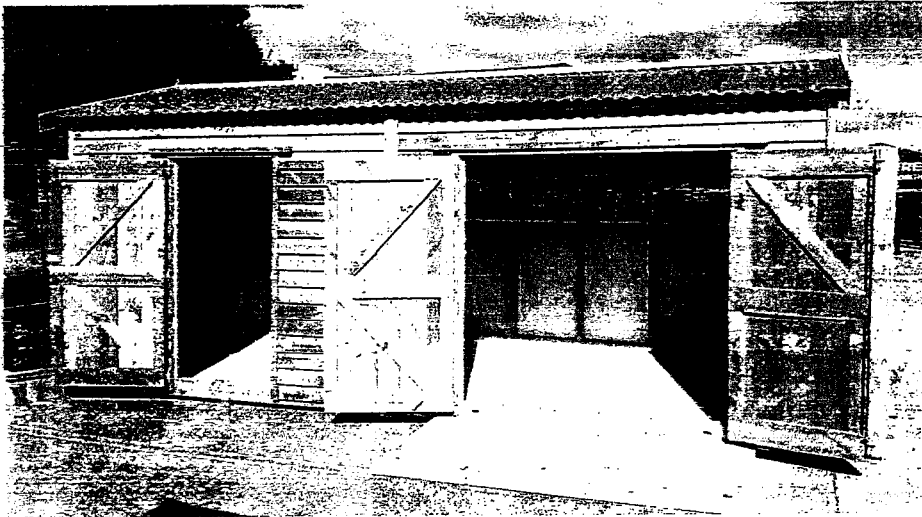
Kiwi Cabins. Building a family business

The Williams family purchased the business Kiwi Cabins. in 2023. Sited within the Historic Matangi Dairy Factory Village on Tauwhare Road. We have a full-service manufacturing workshop and display area for our customers to view. Whether it's a cabin, sleepout, studio, workshop, storage shed, or playhouse we can make it!

All are made in the Matangi factory using Kiwi-sourced materials. A quick look at the products shows a beautiful timber finish, solid and made with love by the Kiwi Cabins team. They can either be off the plans or custom-built. Delivery and assembly are free within a 30km range of the factory. Over the last year, we've learnt so much. The result of this is that we've refined the product range and started developing some new products. We've found that there's a growing demand for larger sleepouts, fully self-contained. And with the new regulations coming in, we're getting ready! So, stand by for the launch of Cottage Life. We gave a teaser at Fieldays and people loved it! We would love you to come and see us!

Kiwi Cabins is based at the Matangi Dairy Factory site.

www.kiwicabins.co.nz



Newstead Orchard 110 YEARS OLD.

By Jean Derby

W J McMiken was first established in 1914 when William Jeffrey McMiken was 16 years old and was attending the Ruakura Institute of Farm Instruction. His father, John McMiken bought nineteen acres of pastoral land in Silverdale Road and gave ten of those acres to his son. "I believe the position is ideal for fruit growing, but the rest is up to you" he told him. Thus "Sunnyside Orchard" began with planting of pip and stone fruit trees and the building of a small bach and lean to shed. His parents lived with Jeff and helped on the orchard, together with a cow, chickens etc for food. More adjoining land was purchased in 1921 and 1941. The orchard thrived, but it's site was then far from the centre of Hamilton so gate sales were slow. Deliveries were made to Hamilton customers and to the railway station for those further away. His mother died young from an accident with a horse, so his eldest sister Grace McMiken looked after the family and never married.

Jeff married Lillian Irvine and together they had four daughters – Betty, Peggy, Helen and Heather between 1924 and 1932. Jeff ran the orchard with a few men until Peggy, who had married Harold Woolford, decided to come back to Hamilton from Auckland with their baby son John and live in Silverdale. So, Jeff (with no sons of his own) invited Harold to become an orchardist at the age of 29. (He's still living at Newstead aged 99.)

There were only a few orchards around the east side of Hamilton for a long time, this one being around 25 acres and RD4 Silverdale Road. Jeff always had fruit and baskets of fruit on display at the Waikato Winter Show, winning many 'First Prize' cards. In those days the Show was a big event for Hamilton with exhibitions and entertainment.

The orchard at Silverdale Road came on in leaps and bounds as it became more popular, and people had cars. Silverdale Road was no longer rural RD4, the road was sealed and the University above us was being built all through the sixties. Eventually we had Saturday trading and opened from 8-1 o'clock. Cars lined the long driveway to park around the packing shed. The season seemed to go on all year. In those days the orchard would be frosted until midday in winter – something you don't see now!

In 1963 the current Newstead Orchard was bought as farmland and then slowly turned into 30 acres of orchard. We employed a lot more staff of course, with two orchards running through the 70's and 80's. Jeff McMiken died in 1976 at the age of 78, so Harold, Peggy and John took over running everything.

In 1980 Peggy and Harold built their house at Newstead and moved here with their two daughters (Jean and Margaret). John stayed on at Silverdale with his family until the University took it over completely (mid to late 80's). So, then everything was based at Newstead Orchard.

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Exporting apples was another venture, with a new packhouse built in 1984, but eventually by 1994-ish it was stopped. We couldn't make enough money out of it! However, without the exports we found we had far too much fruit, and by 1997 we had the idea to make it into juice. We found a juicer at Te Kauwhata which worked well as they were only 40 minutes' drive away. Initially sold in two litre glass bottles, later in plastic, this became very popular and continued for about twenty years until the juicer shut up shop in 2017.

We were open 7 days a week at one stage, then 6 days for years until this last year only open 5 days. We are all getting older and it's not easy to sell fruit with the supermarkets having taken over the main growers in Hawkes Bay, and people now finding it easier to buy there when shopping.

We now have barely 10 acres of orchard left, so not a lot of fruit these days. The climate has changed over the years and a lot of varieties are not producing the same amount, so this season is our last as WJ McMiken after 110 years in production.

We may still sell fruit as Newstead Orchard over the next few years at the weekend markets or at the shop here, but not to the same extent as before.

Thank you to all those who have patronised us over the years, we are very grateful and have enjoyed serving you in the shop.



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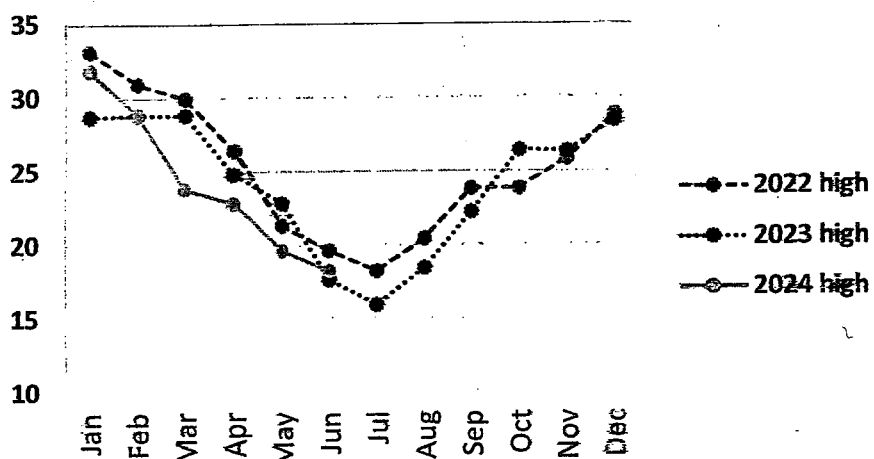
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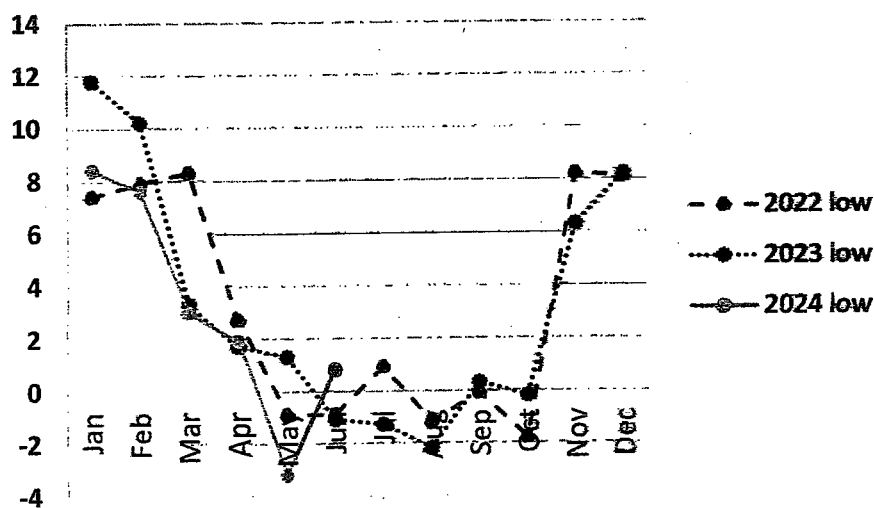
LATEST WEATHER DATA

Weather for June	2024	2023
Rainfall total	112 mm	281mm
Rain Total for year	536 mm	1206mm
Rainy days	10	15
Most daily rainfall	28 mm	170mm
Highest wind speed	30.6 km/hr	38.5 km/hr
Temp high	18.2°C	17.6 °C
Temp low	0.8°C	-1.1 °C

Maximum monthly temperature/°C



Minimum monthly temperature/°C



TAMAHERE-WOODLANDS COUNCILLORS' UPDATE JULY 2024

Let's talk about dogs!

- The **Dirty Dog Challenge** is on this Saturday 27 July, so register now if you want to take part. This popular event is held annually at the Ngaaruwaaia Christian Youth Camp. All proceeds go towards dog desexing programmes in the community. For more information go to the Council's website at www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/dirtydog.

- **Dog registrations due now** – A friendly reminder that annual dog registrations are now due and are discounted if paid by 31 July.

The Council recommends that dogs be desexed if they're not intended for breeding, and you can get one year's free registration when you desex your dog as long as:

- you provide written proof from a certified vet, and
- desexing was not a requirement of your dog being classified dangerous under the Dog Control Amendment Act.

Financial assistance with desexing is available if you have a community services or gold card, or can show financial hardship – contact the Council on 0800 492 452.

To keep registration costs down you can apply for a select dog owner classification if you meet the criteria, including a fenced dog-proof section or area of your premises.

- **Adopt a dog** - It's a big decision, and dogs are adopted out to responsible new owners only. But if you are interested, have a chat with one of our Animal Control Officers by phoning 0800 492 452 and check the Waikato Pound Pups Facebook page www.facebook.com/waikatopoundpups to see what dogs are available for adoption from the pound. The Pound Pups page currently advertises dog adoption fees as \$300, which include a first parvo vaccination, flea and worm treatment, desexing, microchipping and Council registration.
- **For further info about dogs** – including registration, de-sexing, adoption and reporting a dog issue, go to www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/dogs.



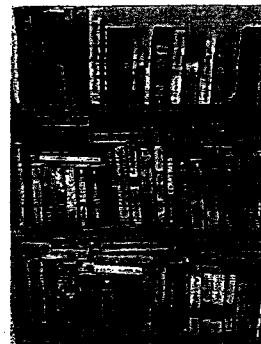
Policy and bylaw consultations closing on 29 July

- The **Keeping of Animals Bylaw** sets rules around keeping animals such as poultry, cows and pigs to minimise nuisance and reduce health and safety risks. (Dog control is covered by a separate bylaw.) Following early engagement on this bylaw the key proposed changes are:
 - Amend the definition of rural, lifestyle and urban areas to match the Proposed District Plan zones and classify all properties at or below 1,500 sq m (0.15 hectares) as urban.
 - No further rules for cats – cats are not required to be confined to owners' properties.
 - Remove the rule requiring poultry houses to be 10m from any dwelling or building.
 - Reduce beehive setbacks for lifestyle and rural areas.
- Submissions close on 29 July on the new Bylaw as well as on new draft policies on **Gambling Venues** and **Road Closures for Motor Sports Events**.
- To have your say, go to the Council's website at www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/say-it.



Library services

- **Library membership is free** for anyone living in Waikato District and it provides more services than you might realise. You can join online or through any Waikato District library, including the Tamahere Hub which offers a book pick-up and drop-off service. Library membership gives access to all sorts of online resources including eBooks and eNewspapers, movie and documentary streaming, online learning and more. The Council library service also hosts a Seed Library, holds collections of DVDs, and a range of kits for borrowing from music kits to tool kits.
- **Free access to City and regional libraries** - Waikato district residents and ratepayers have free access to libraries in Waipa (Cambridge and Te Awamutu) and Hauraki (Ngaatea, Paeroa and Waihi). Also, under an agreement with Hamilton City Council, Waikato district residents living near Hamilton City can join Hamilton City libraries for free by taking personal ID and proof of address to any city library. The area covered by this agreement includes all parts of Tamahere-Woodlands Ward sitting to the south and east of Hamilton, including Fureka, Gordonton, Matangi, Newstead, Puketaha, Tamahere, Tauwhare and Tauwhare Pa.
- **Further info** - Go to www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/libraries.



Help reduce waste

Your Councillors recently visited the Green Gorilla recycling facility in Huntly where recycling from most of the southern parts of Waikato District, including the Tamahere-Woodlands Ward, is taken for sorting. Green Gorilla provides both the kerbside rubbish and recycling services for this area and is the district's largest waste contractor providing 1.8 million kerbside collections per year, or 36,000+ service pick-ups weekly.

- **Hand sorting for saleability** - Your Council is a very small player in a global recycling market so we have to work hard to keep these materials out of our landfills. Only bales of single recyclable materials with very low (under 4%) contamination can be sent overseas for processing, so Green Gorilla staff sort recyclables on a conveyor belt by hand to maintain the quality necessary.
- **You can help the effort** - Please keep to the recycling guidelines:
 - Wash all items and remove all lids (these are often different plastic material to the bottle/jar and can get stuck in the recycling processing machinery)
 - Put glass in one crate, and tins, cans and plastics (labelled 1,2 and 5 only) in the other
 - Keep cardboard and paper no larger than 50cm all round and place it **outside** your crate.
- **Illegal dumping** - This is a huge problem, averaging two complaints a day, costing money and ruining our environment. Please keep reporting it so that we know to clean it up. Use the Council website www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/report-it or use the Antenna app on your cellphone.
- **Further info** - Go to www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/rubbish.

Contact your Tamahere-Woodlands Councillors:



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Gardening Tips

Seeds to Sow- Broad beans, Bok Choy, cabbages, silverbeet,

-alyssum calendula, cornflower, lupin, nemesia, stock.

Punnets/Seedlings to Plant indoors in trays- Brassicas, Shallots, Chillies, kohlrabi, lettuces, Onions and Tomatoes.

-cyclamen, calenda, polyanthus, flowering kale, primula, pansies, violas, poppies, snapdragons, wildflowers, winter roses.

Prepare and Plant- Like building a house a good foundation is the key to success in your garden. The better the soil, the better your plants will grow. If you are starting with an existing garden bed dig in organic matter like sheep pallets and compost to your soil. Then you can add a layer of vegetable mix.

The best times to plant are early in the morning or late in the day, so the plants aren't exposed to the sun straight away. Always water plants well before and after planting.

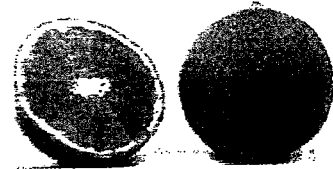
Find a full sun, sheltered position to plant and space at least 20-25 cm apart, to ensure the crops can fully mature and are not fighting for space, fertiliser and water. If you planted bok Choy or a certain variety of brassica last year don't grow them in the same spot as pests and diseases can be lingering in the soil.

Planting in garden beds

- Water plants thoroughly before planting and allow to drain
- Dig a hole approx twice the depth and width of the root ball
- Gently loosen the root ball of your plant and position the plant in the centre of the hole
- Press soil gently around the base of the plant
- Water your plant well

Ladies a Plate

Orange Cake



All the ingredients are thrown together into one bowl and beaten. The result is a light, buttery citrus cake.

The oranges can be replaced with lemons to make a lemon cake.

125g butter

1 1/2 cups self-rising flour

2 eggs

¾ cup caster sugar

¼ cup milk

¼ cup orange juice

1 tbsp orange zest

Method

- Preheat oven to 180C and grease and line a loaf tin
- Place all the cake ingredients into a large mixing bowl and beat until light and fluffy, approx 3 minutes
- Pour the mixture into the prepared tin and bake for 30-40 min or until a skewer inserted in the centre comes out clean.
- When cold, ice with orange icing. To make the icing, place all the icing ingredients in a small bowl and mix until well combined

Orange icing

25g butter, melted

1 ½ cups icing sugar

2 tbsp orange juice

1 tsp orange zest

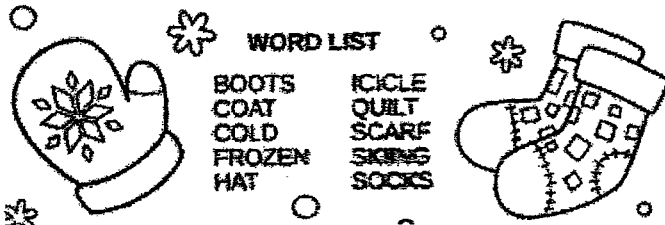


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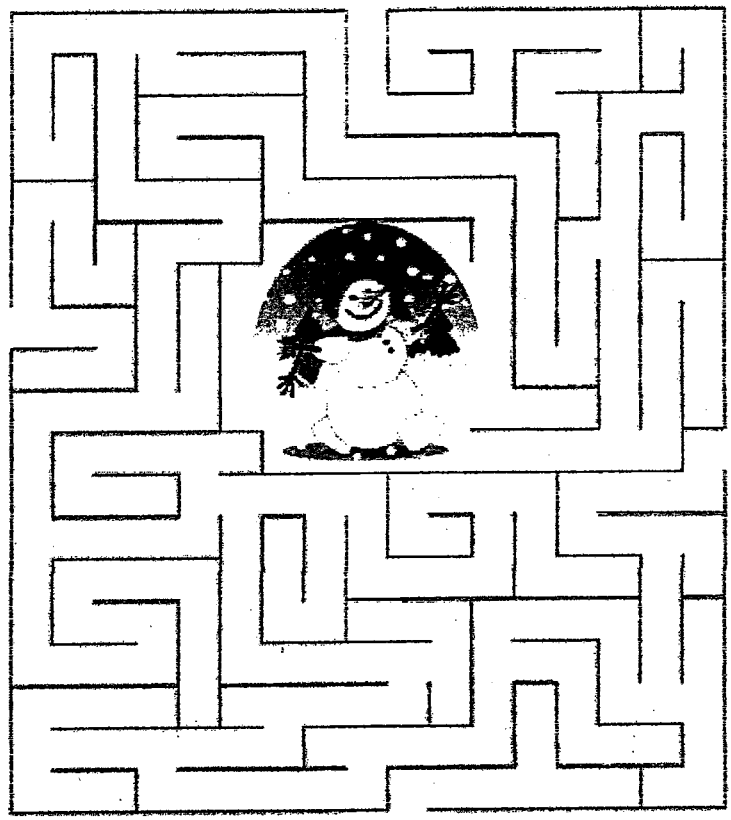
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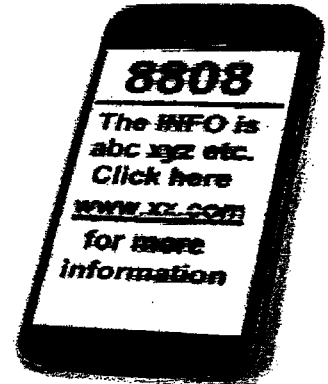
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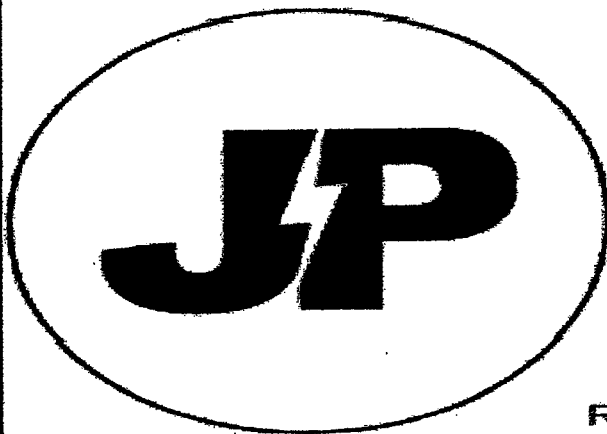
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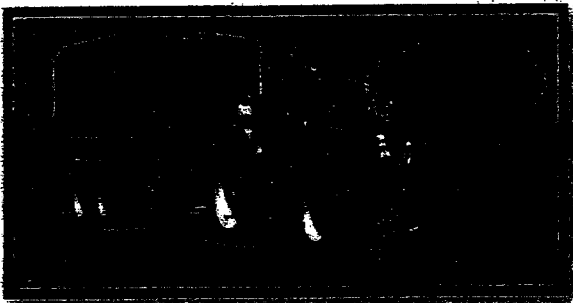
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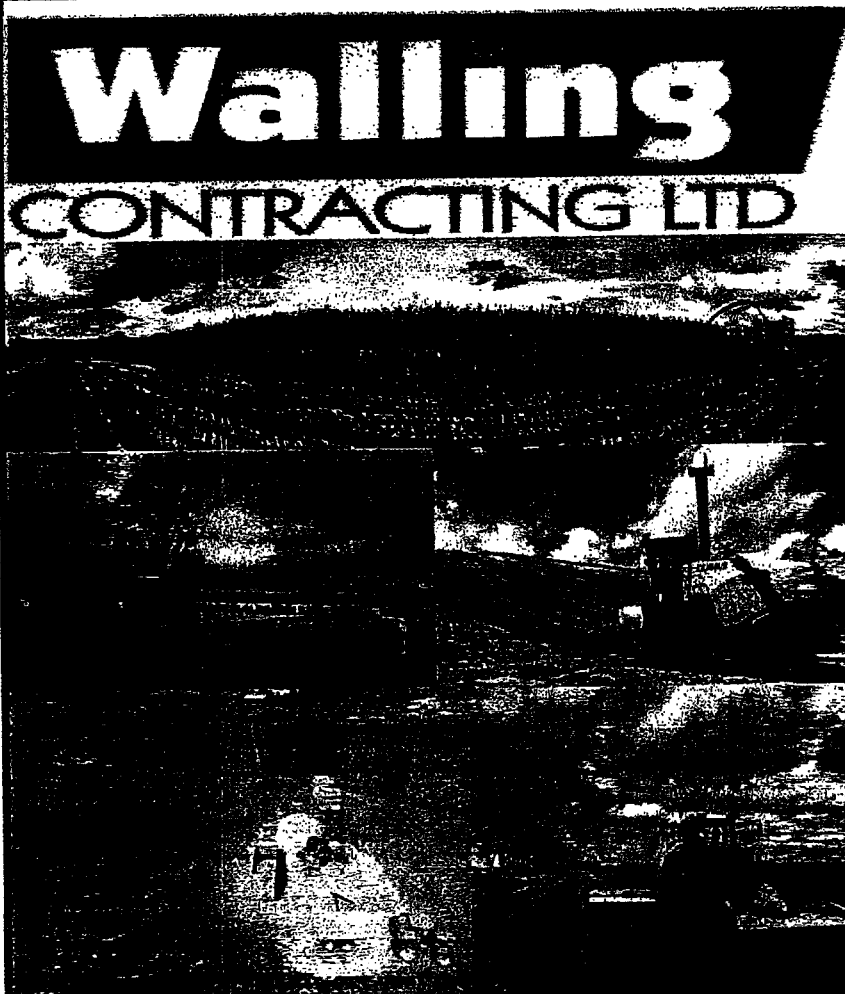
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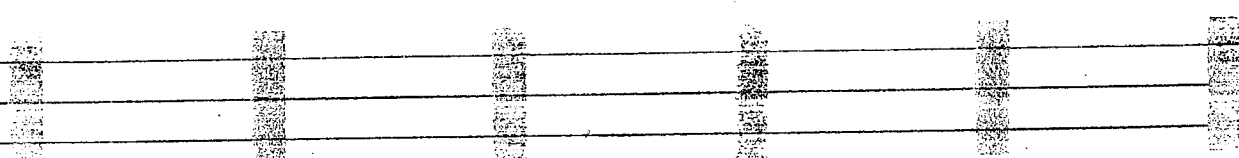
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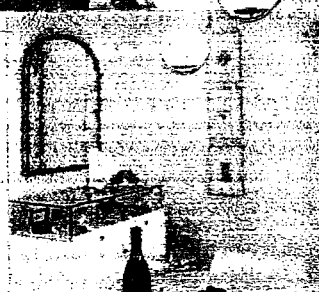
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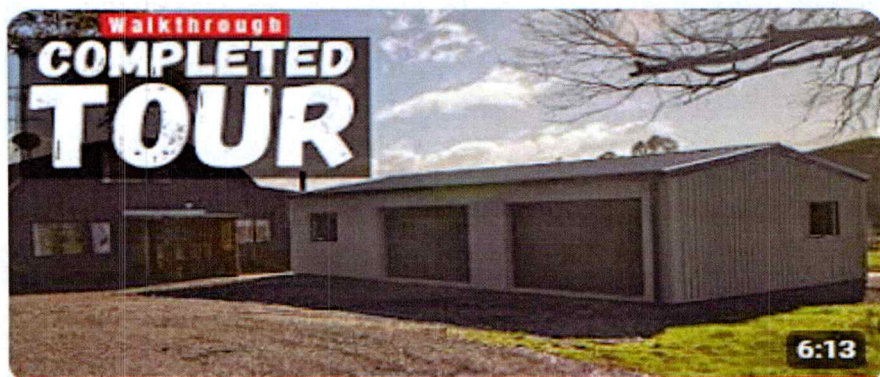
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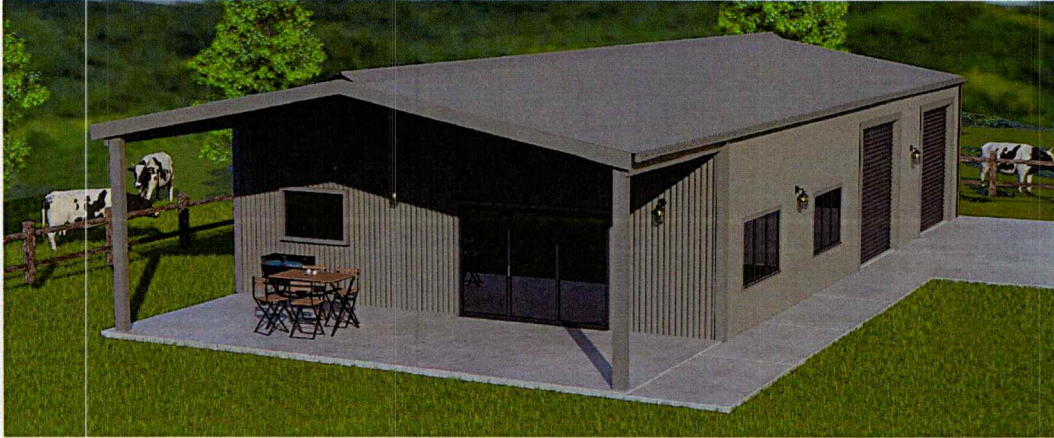


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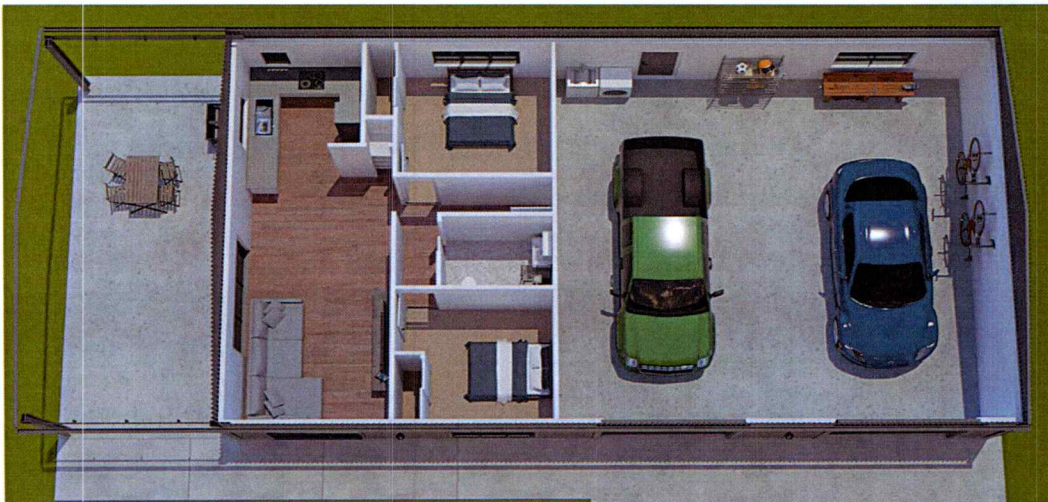


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