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Nic and Maria Stolwyk

Nic and Maria moved to the Waikato from Ruawai Northland, in 1987 with their 4 children, where they were farming on a 170 cow farm. They came to the Waikato to look for another dairy farm, because farming was what Nic knew. But after viewing several farms and not finding the right one, the agent showed Nic a poultry farm he knew about. With Maria in hospital with a sick child, Nic decided to purchase it right there and then.

Nic arrived at the hospital with the purchase agreement ready for Maria to sign, not the dairy farm she was expecting but a Poultry farm.

Although Nic and Maria knew little about poultry farming, they decided to give it their all.

The Poultry farm at Hooper Road consists of 4 sheds, 3 sheds for the laying hens and a slightly smaller one for the young chicks. In the beginning they sold eggs from the shop at the house as well as making deliveries to several places in Hamilton, Te Aroha, Paeroa and Morrinsville. They also sold some live, end of laying hens to those who asked for them.

A number of neighbours helped them out from time to time with the collecting of the eggs and looking after the farm when they went on holiday.

About 10 years ago they decided to give up the fresh eggs side of the business and started raising pullets for sale to the life style market. They raised 1000 chicks at a time and sold them anywhere between 1 day old through to point of laying (12 weeks). This happened 4 times a year. They supplied to customers from as far a field as Gisborne, Taumarunui and Taupo as well as to local customers.

A lot of their customers where Dutch and they loved coming to buy eggs as well as having a good chat with Nic in their native tongue, this time was greatly enjoyed by both parties.

Maria worked at a Newstead orchard part time for about 5 years, packing the fruit and serving the customers.

Nic played bowls at the Eureka Hall, joining in with the community before moving to the Tauwhare club when the Eureka one closed.

Nic and Maria never expected to live in Eureka for 38 years, their 2 girls still live in the Waikato area and the boys both live in Australia, so more holidays are on the agenda.



They have moved into Hilda Ross Retirement Village going from a 4-bedroom house to a 2-bedroom villa, a very big challenge. After 38 years there was a lot to sort through, farming equipment, household stuff, trailer to sell, and going down to one car. It is taking a lot of adjusting to but they are settling in very well and getting used to village life, even though they still have somethings to sort through.

We are sad to hear that Gail Hussey (Valerie Gail) aged 87, has passed away on the 10th of October 2025. She is a much loved mother of Carl and Shane, grandmother of Callum, Nicole and Bettine, and great-grandmother of Kauri. A celebration of Gail's life was held on Sunday 19th October at Woodlands Estate, Gordonton.

Our thoughts are with the family at this sad time.



Hospice Waikato delivers specialist community palliative care throughout the Waikato, caring for terminally ill patients where the GP or Hospital has requested the expertise of hospice. And whilst there is an 11-bed Inpatient Unit in Hamilton, 95% of hospice patients are cared for in their own homes.

I have had the pleasure of being a volunteer within the Hamilton inpatient unit, IPU, for a number of years now. I now also

coordinate some of the IPU volunteer teams including the Happy Hour Drinks Trolley service and the Evening Host volunteers.

Support for Hospice Waikato comes in many ways. Help is always appreciated to keep stocked the snack trolley for the pre-dinner patient & family happy hour within the IPU. Supermarket gift cards of any value as a one off or regular donation are very welcome. I can come and collect from you.

It is great that a number of our volunteers come from this area. Thank you to all of you who support this wonderful organisation.



Selwyn Cook, ssbc34@gmail.com 027-480-4569

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Please note: all advertisements are at the discretion of the committee and space available. While we do try to accommodate everyones needs with advertisements, we also need to keep the express up to date with articles of interest.

Country living

For two years now our family of four
Moved from city to country but weren't quite sure.
To leave the city we were keen,
But country folk? Would they be kind or would they be mean?

Our street has been awesome, respectful and kind,
Often, we reflect, what a great find!
Everyone lives the life they choose,
Friendships often are cherished, never abused.

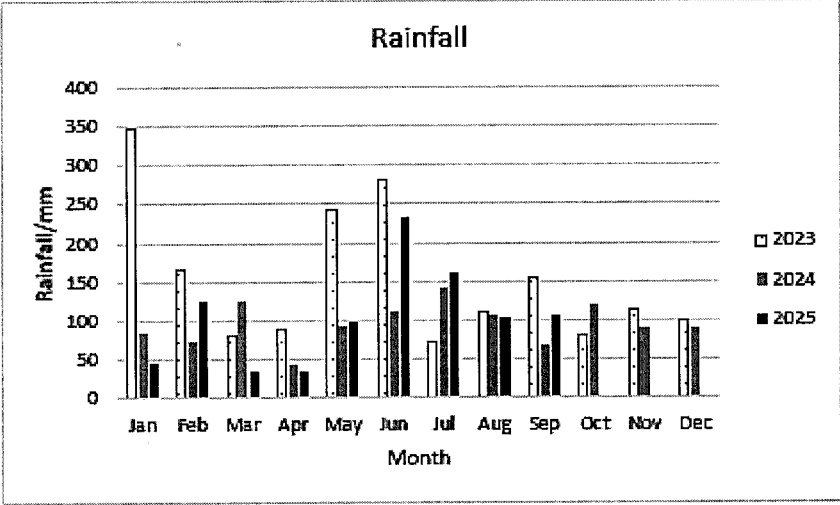
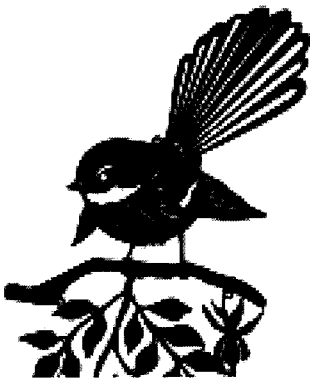
Fresh air and nature, more space to play
The short drive from the city, a compulsory wind down on a stressful day.
A myriad of smells and sounds envelop your senses
Yet all presented orderly amongst 7-wire fences.

Accompanied by tui, kingfishers, and 'Joey' our pet fantail
And all the other local birds that nest in our mail.
The change of pace is relaxing, good for the soul,
We own our own piece of land now, so tick off that goal.

It isn't any mansion, nor multi-million-dollar pad,
But it does offer safety and security on days we feel sad.
It's not everyone's cup of tea or first choice of home,
But that's ok, as they say, each to their own.

So thank you to all who have welcomed us here,
I thought it was important for us to share,
How much we appreciate you and this beautiful spot,
And a few things we love about this home that we've got.

-Andy, Colleen, Bella and Arlo – Hooper Rd



Weather	2025	2024
Rainfall total	108mm	68.5mm
Rain Total for year	948mm	852mm
Rainy days	14	10
Most daily rainfall	38mm	18mm
Highest wind speed	61.2 km/hr	55 km/hr
Temp high	20.1°C	20.3°C
Temp low	0.2°C	-0.2°C

Community Notices

Local Church Services:

St Andrews Tauwhare

Sunday 10.30, morning tea and catchup, Service at 11am

Sunday evenings 6.30pm

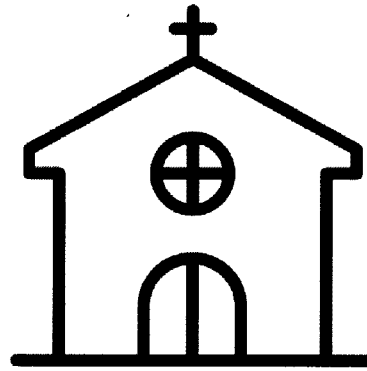
St Stephens Church Tamahere

Every Sunday 9.30

St Francis Mansell Ave Hillcrest

Chapel Sunday 8 -9am

Family Service 10 -11:15am



Congratulations



Congratulations to Crystal Beavis and Mike Keir, our Tamahere-Woodlands General Ward Councillors. Crystal has been an amazing help to us here in Eureka with community projects, especially our hall. She has a lot of knowledge on council matters which she is happy to use to guide us with our many questions. We look forward to working with you again over next three years.



Congratulations also to Liz Stolwyk, a past, long term resident of the Eureka district. Liz has been elected to the Waikato Regional Council as the Waipa King Country representative. Liz has a long history in politics and served as Deputy mayor for six years on the Waipa Council. We wish Liz all the very best for the next three years.



Hillcrest Library Update

Most of you will be aware of the fire which robbed the district of our Library. Our lovely librarians have been working out of Dinsdale library, where we have continued to have access to Grief Awareness and Knitting circles. Council are renovating the former Wintec building in gate 2, as a pop-up library sometime in November. While it has been great to utilise the great facilities at Dinsdale, we all look forward to having these new premises, until our library can be rebuilt, some time down the track. Keep a watch out for the opening date mid to end November for Hillcrest Library at Hamilton Gardens



BOOTLEG IN NOVEMBER

Bootleg Brewery is a project of passion, set up by a small group of friends who believed that Kiwis deserve the best craft beer in the world. Their first brew was in 2017, and in 2020, they committed to their talent by taking over a small space in the Old Dairy Factory in Matangi.

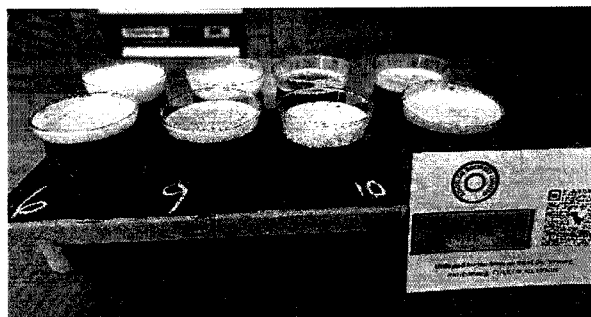
In true Kiwi fashion, they bought up everyone else's old gear and set up a brewery. Although this coincided with the onset of COVID, Bootleg is still brewing award winning beers, is still expanding, is still humble, is still staying true to their original values.

The Taproom (which is a showplace for putting their theories into practice) is unpretentious, relaxed, quirky, fun, and equally appealing to families with dogs, kids in prams, locals, businesspeople, tradies, and tourists who are hunting out the best breweries in N.Z.

The NZ Herald has listed Bootleg as one of the 12 top craft brewery beer gardens to visit in NZ. Bootleg is known for being experimental and progressive, making Belgian Beers, Stouts, as well as IPA's, Pale Ales, Lagers, Sours and soon, ciders. Of the 15 beers on tap, there is going to be a beer to suit everyone!

CATERERS COMING UP IN NOVEMBER

Thu 30 th	Suzuya Japanese
Fri 31 st	ROAM Food Caravan
Sat 1 st	Sweet C Sassy
Sun 2 nd	Kaliméra Pizzas
Thu 6 th	Suzuya Japanese
Fri 7 th	All Around The World
Sat 8 th	Kai On Wheels
Sun 9 th	Kaliméra Pizzas
Thu 13 th	Suzuya Japanese
Fri 14 th	Sweet C Sassy Smokehouse
Sat 15 th	Sawadee Thai Food
Sun 16 th	Kaliméra Pizzas
Thu 20 th	Suzuya Japanese
Fri 21 st	All Around The World
Sat 22 nd	Suzuya Japanese
Sun 23 rd	Kaliméra Pizzas
Thu 27 th	Suzuya Japanese
Fri 28 th	Sweet C Sassy Smokehouse
Sat 29 th	Sweet C Sassy Smokehouse
Sun 30 th	Kaliméra Pizzas



The food caterers are happy to cater to anyone while the brewery is open, and the food can be packed for takeaways

Hall Update:

It's official. Eureka is the safest place in New Zealand. We in Eureka knew it was a great place to live and raise families and after Wednesday night's screening on TV1 of the documentary series "Counting the Beat" the rest of New Zealand now knows too. If you missed it you can view it on TVNZ+

You may recall that in January Rukus Productions filmed at the square dance evening plus they interviewed some members of the community. Lots of the serious stuff was edited out, while everyone now knows my husband makes butter when he whips cream.

The data shows that Eureka is safest from the perspective of crime and while no place has no risk of natural disasters, Eureka is relatively safe from that perspective too. What was interesting was the statistic that Hamilton has the highest crime rate per capita in NZ. This could account for the burglaries, (which do occasionally happen in Eureka) more than likely being perpetrated by those passing through.

Ironically this brings me to some not so good news. A month ago the 4 external heat pump units were removed from the rear of the hall. Nothing else was taken and the thieves did not enter the hall. An insurance claim will likely see us recover most of the cost of replacement units but we will need to pay for the units to be caged. In the meantime, the hall has no heating and cooling, which isn't such an issue in the shoulder seasons.

If you do see suspicious activity at the hall, please contact Police or one of the hall committee members, depending on what you see. If you do see any damages or thefts please let me know as you may be the first person to notice. My number is 0221238220.

Hall hire is managed by Kathryn Schicker. To make a booking please email eurekahallwaikato@gmail.com
Susan Rudolf



	Residents	Non-Residents
Hall per day	\$50	\$100
Social Function	\$100-300	\$250-\$500
Children's Party, before 5pm	\$30	\$75
Bond	\$400 at Committee discretion	\$500 + \$1000 at Committee Discretion

Iconic Waikato Destination Changes Hands

The Sculpture Park at Waitakaruru Arboretum moves on to its next stage. The charitable trust that manages the park has appointed a Park Manager to replace former owners, John and Dorothy Wakeling. This is part of the transition of the park which is now owned by a Foundation set up to ensure long-term stewardship of the park.

Antoinette Van der Weerden takes the reins at the park. Her background is in landscape architecture with considerable experience in horticulture. Her appointment will further enhance the park's legacy of promoting environmental care and inspiring creativity in the arts.



The park is a story of renewal -- a model of land rehabilitation--- showing that even the most damaged landscapes can be restored to life and purpose. Over the course of 34 years, this former 17.5 ha quarry has been transformed into a place of recreation and inspiration -- a landscape of art, nature, and community. Over 25,000 trees stand where bare rock once dominated, now a testament of regeneration and renewal.

The park continues to host sculpture exhibitions and run creative workshops. It is a place where people gather and reconnect for many different reasons. The arboretum invites visitors of all ages to connect with the environment, relax in its beauty, and take time out from the stresses of modern life.

Entry fees, grant organisations, sponsors and volunteers, support the Sculpture Park at Waitakaruru Arboretum to keep this endeavour available to the community.

Dorothy - Secretary
Art-in-Nature Arboretum Trust
The Sculpture Park at Waitakaruru Arboretum
www.sculpturepark.co.nz
Phone: 027 5670996

Donations

We wish to thank a long term Eureka resident for the very generous donation of \$150. We certainly appreciate this gesture in helping us to keep the Express alive. Many, many thanks.

Donations can be paid direct to our bank account 03-1559-0042660-00 or left at Eureka Service Station

PUBLISHED AT LAST by Sue Edmonds

About five years ago, while still being a farming writer and coping with my block at Eureka, I decided to try to write a book about it all.

It was not long or good enough to be accepted by the publisher I tried, and then a friend suggested I also write something about my complicated early life. So every now and then I wrote some more, but then didn't know what to do with it. The NZSA, of which I am a member, advised that a book had to be professionally edited. So when funds permitted I found one.

But then I moved into a village and things stalled again, until I met Venetia Sherson again, (she got my column started) and she mentioned that she had self-published two books with super assistance from a Hamilton outfit called Bee Creative. And they are marvellous. Asked all the right questions, sorted the format, the cover, the pictures and found the right printer, who made me 50 copies to begin with. It is 390 pages and I had the print made slightly bigger to make it easy to read for oldies.

I've sold a fair few, repaid long term debts to people with copies, and had a pile of complimentary emails and comments from those who have read it.

For those who might have wondered how I turned out as I did, my childhood as an only child born in WWII, has seen me live in a large number of different places, both in England and NZ, and tackled a bewildering number of projects which people have handed to me, particularly in the last 50 years. I've always been a country girl at heart, so spending 26 years in Eureka coping with cows, donkeys and goats (plus multiple rescued cats) seemed quite logical until I got to 81 and found feeding out twice a day in winter was maybe something I didn't need.

But I adored my Good Life columns and the farming and science writing which followed them, running a couple of businesses, and sitting on numerous Council committees. I did bring the last cat to the village and she loves it.

Thus, picking a title for my book was easy. It is called *A Thursday's Child*, because having been born on that day I have indeed found life *far to go*.

I'm selling them myself, but there are also copies for sale in Penny's at Chartwell and Paper Plus in Cambridge. If you can't spot one there, just ask.

I have previously published my first collection of poems called *A Full Life* but there are no more copies left.

So read about a female version of the last few years at Eureka, and laugh at how many mistakes she made, and those who rescued her.

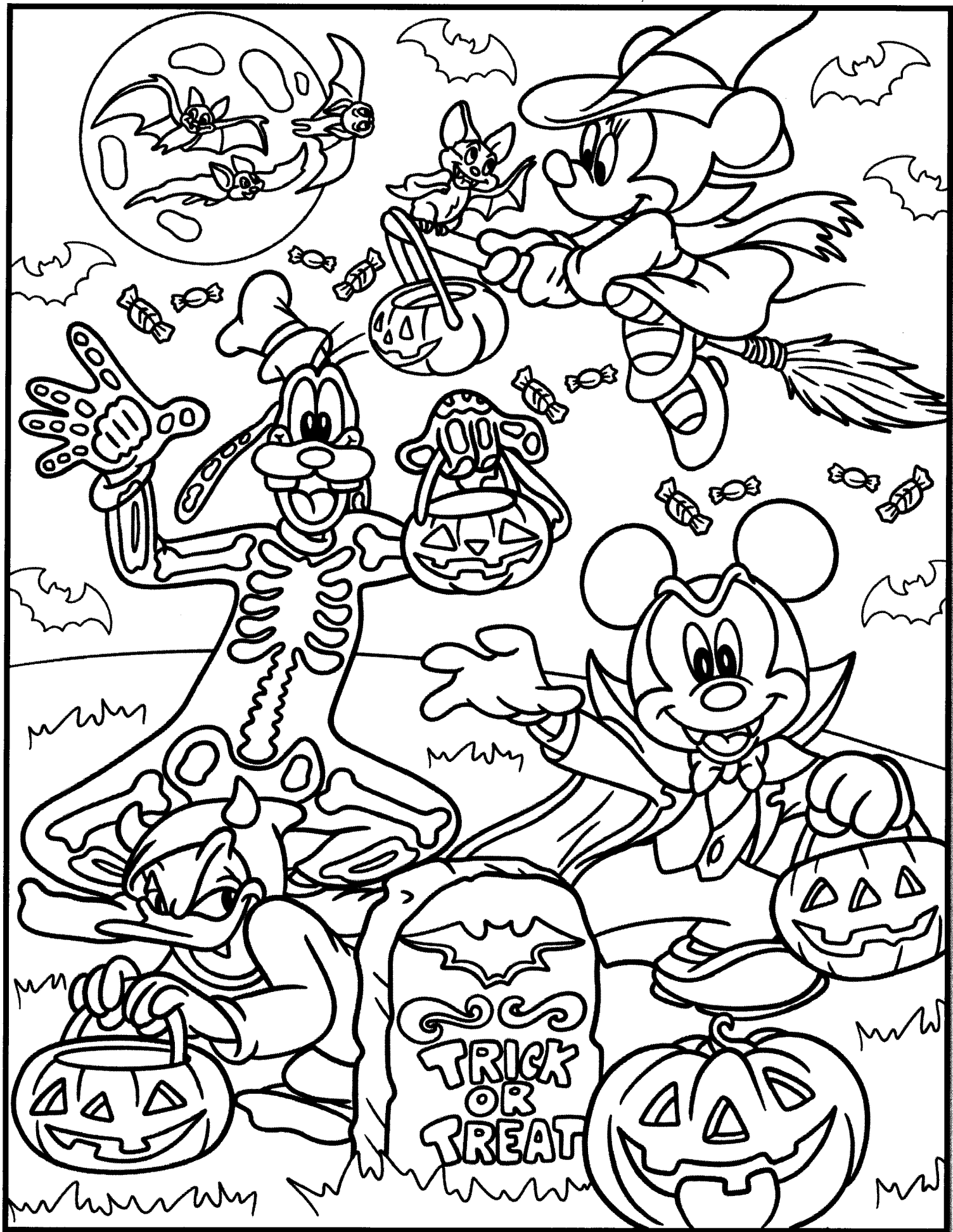


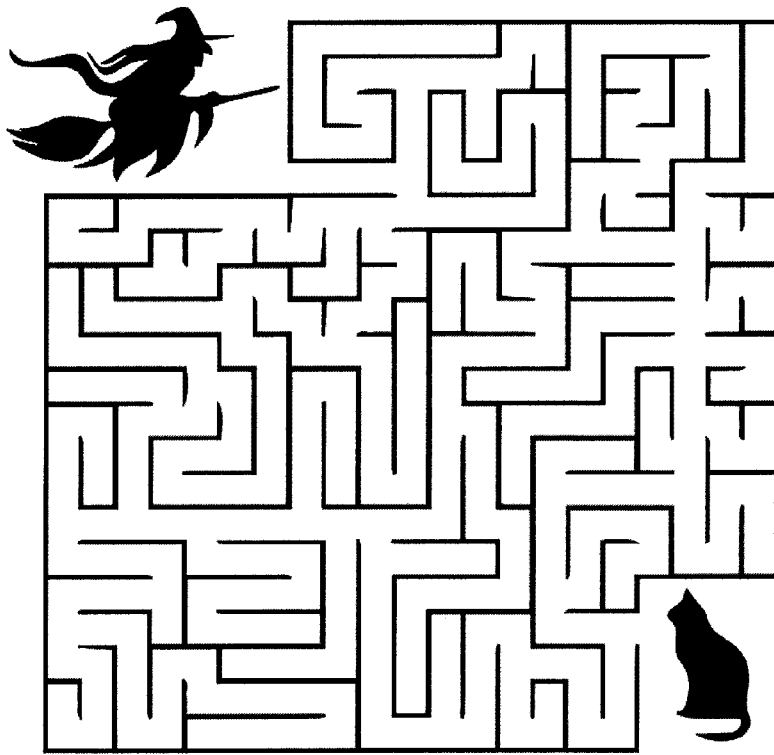


Xmas Market Days

The silly season is almost among us and the shops will be putting out their Christmas wares. We hope this list will assist you with your shopping. Some areas have not listed their days as yet, so hope to follow up with this next month. Where dates available I have added christmas parades.

St Andrews Church Craft Fair Labour Day, 24 Monday October 9am to 2pm	Waikato Xmas Market The Barn Claudelands Saturday 29 th November 9am to 4pm
St Andrews Church Christmas, Antique & Craft Fair Church Grounds Hamilton Road Saturday 29 th November 9am to 2pm	Tamahere Christmas Twilight Market Saturday 6 th December 4pm to 8pm
Extravaganza in the Park Christmas Market Elliot Park, Saturday 6 th December 9am to 2pm	Morrinsville Xmas Market Canada Street Saturday, 6 th December
Hamilton Sky City Tree Lighting Festival Garden Place  Saturday 29 th November 5pm -9pm Lots of entertainment and fun	 Hamilton Christmas Parade Angelsea Street Sunday 7 th December 2pm Pre Parade Fun 1:15 to 2pm Clowns, colourful Characters handing out lollies
 Cambridge Christmas Parade Victoria Street Sunday 7 th December 2pm	 Morrinsville Christmas Parade tuesday 13 th December 1:30 to 3pm
 Paeroa Christmas Parade & Carols in the Park Friday 9 th December 6pm	 Te Aroha Market & Christmas Parade Sunday 1 st December Markets 10am Parade 11am
Tamahere Lions Best Artisan Market Tamahere Community Hall Saturday 13 December 9am to 1pm	Paeroa Christmas Lights Show Maritime Park Date to be confirmed





WORD SEARCH

T K E S D E O W T R T A
 M C R Y S T A L W T O O
 A A A D S P O O K Y V M
 S F B N R A C O T I F X
 K V O O D O U R M G J Z
 W P H G O Y A W F Q E Y
 N S U O O P P Z U X J H
 B J I R U R J F N M C Z
 U A Y Y P S A H A U M B
 T C T P Q L E N U T M H
 V P D T J A E P G F W X
 F D G Z I I X U Q E P P

HOUSE
ORANGE
BAT

CANDY
CRYSTAL
PURPLE

MASK
BOO
FOG

FUN
SPOOKY
PARTY

Word Scramble

1. okypos
2. pkpinum
3. treta
4. oghst
5. ydanc
6. rpivame
7. keonstel
8. luhgo
9. pecyre
10. tomcuse
11. nthua
12. owaercres
13. iyderah
14. oblod
15. labck act
16. ogbiln
17. mymmu
18. rasyc
19. piserd
20. sremca

Spot 5 differences.



Vine curl changed, right star gone, nose turned,
left bottom leaf turned, rock missing

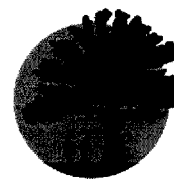
RIDDLE

My first is in demon and also in dread,
 My second is in Hades and is also in head
 My third is in river and also in dive
 My fourth is in fifteen and also in five
 My fifth is in bluster and also in talk
 My whole has horns and carries a pitchfork.
 What am I?

devil

spooky,pumpkin,treat,ghost,candy,vampire,
 skeleton,ghoul,creepy,costume,haunt,scare
 crow,hayride,blood,black,goblin,
 mummy,scary,spider,scream

Motumaoho School



Motumaoho School
Growing Together

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Welcome to Dan Piper, our new Principal.

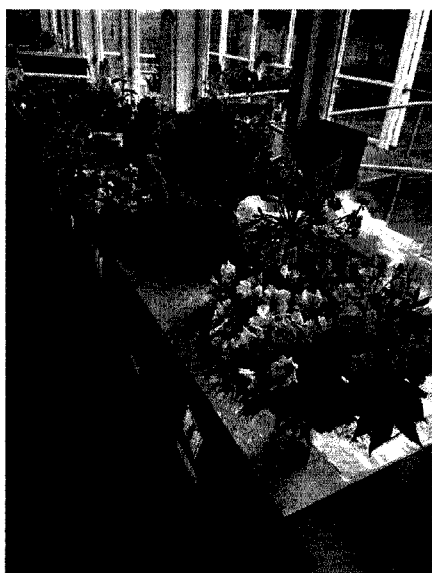
Tena Koutou Katoa,

Thank you all for your warm welcome during my first week. It was a special time for me to be able to start my career as a Principal in such a cool community. Meeting you all has been a real joy. Motumaoho School is a great place, with staff that care deeply for the needs of their students, and a parent community that is invested in the life of the school. As a parent of three myself, I know what a special thing it is to be able to drop your kids off to a school where there is a genuine culture of care and support. To find that culture here amongst our staff has been really encouraging, and a testament to everybody working here at Motumaoho.



Community Ag Day

What a wonderful morning we had early in the term. Many thanks to all our community for coming!



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Recipes

Pickled red cabbage

Red cabbage min 1 cup
1/2 tsp salt
3/4 cup cider or white wine vinegar
1 tbsp sugar
Black peppercorns

Slice cabbage thinly and place in a calendar – pour over a jug of boiling water moving cabbage with tongs so it all softens slightly. Cool slightly by using cold water. In a jar combine all other ingredients and shake to dissolve sugar and salt – add cabbage then let cool before refrigerating. Keeps for ages

Pickled Red Onion

1 large or 2 small red onions
3/4 cup Vinegar red wine or apple cider
Black peppercorns
1 tsp salt
1-2 tbsp sugar
1/4 water

Combine vinegar, sugar, salt, water and peppercorns bring to a simmer Place onions in a jar and cover with brine. Ready in 30 minutes and keeps well in the refrigerator



Oil free vinaigrette dressing

3 tbsp white wine or cider vinegar
1 tbsp lemon juice
1/2 tsp salt
1/2 tsp French mustard
1/2 tsp black pepper
1 tsp sugar

Chopped herbs- thyme, marjoram or parsley

Mix all ingredients together. Place in a sealed container and shake well. Taste and add more salt or sugar as desired

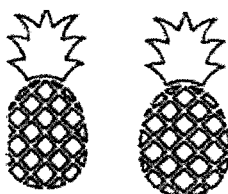
Recipes compliments of Eureka resident

Pickled Pineapple

Garnish and serve with ham, pork, sausages or fried fish. Or add some to chicken salad.

3 x 450g cans pineapple slices
1/2 cup cider vinegar
1 cinnamon stick
1/2 teaspoon ground mixed spice
1 cup pineapple syrup
1 cup sugar
2 teaspoons whole cloves

Drain the pineapple slices, reserving the syrup. In a saucepan combine 1 cup pineapple syrup with the vinegar, sugar, cloves and cinnamon. Bring to the boil and boil for 5 minutes. Add the drained pineapple slices and cook gently, uncovered, for 30 minutes, until transparent. Pack the pineapple into hot, clean Jars, add a few of the cloves pour the strained liquid over and seal. Makes 1 litre



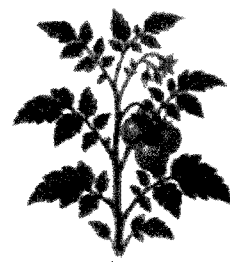


Gardening Tips

As the days lengthen and the soil warms its time to dig out your garden gloves and get busy in the garden.

Around Labour weekend (after the frosts) is traditional planting time for tomatoes – get yours in for a bumper crop of flavoursome tomatoes in summer

- Pick your variety –tomatoes come in many sizes, colours and flavours. Choose varieties that suit your space, taste preferences and cooking style
- Choose the right spot- tomatoes thrive in full sun and warm, well drained soil. Plant in the garden or pots.
- Feed regularly : as tomatoes are hungry plants, regular feeding is essential for strong, healthy growth
- Stake and water: Support plants early and water deeply for continuous growth and to prevent fruit splitting in summer.
- Removing tomato laterals (side shoots) helps your plant focus on energy on producing bigger tastier fruit. In the nook between the stem and the branch are shoots these are called laterals. Carefully pinch them out. Do this on a sunny dry day as on a humid day it can cause diseases.

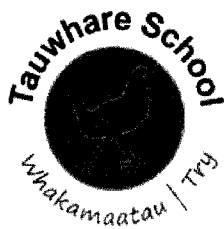


Slugs and snails will be looking for food, and they love your leafy spring salad greens and brassicas. Look out for aphids and white cabbage butterfly caterpillar as they will be actively looking for food.

Try growing a few different things this season – plant vibrant blooms in the vege patch to brighten things up. Flowers in the vege garden also encourage bees, helping pollinate vegetables like tomatoes and beans

Prune back camellias, magnolias and azaleas as soon as they finish flowering to encourage new growth for next season's flowers.



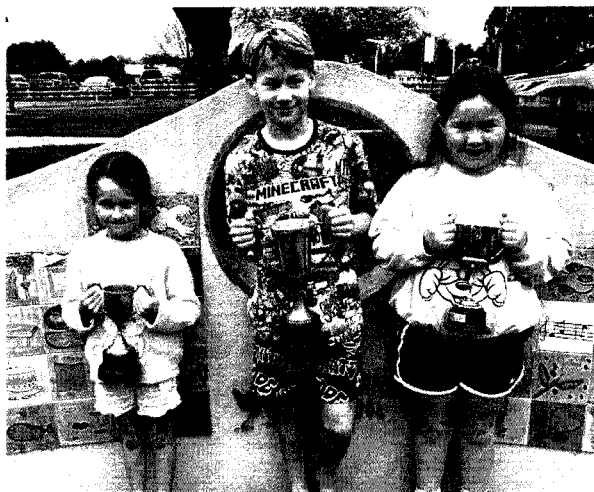


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TAUWHARE SCHOOL

Term 4 – OCTOBER 2025

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TOP NEWS

Calf Club and Group Day

This year, as in previous years, we held our annual Calf Club for Tauwhare School. With nearly half the school entering animals, it was a great day with plenty of incredible trophies presented to deserving winners. The history alone in our trophies, some dating back into the 1950's, was so heartwarming. Our community and rural traditions continue to be as strong as ever. Students also attended GROUP DAY the following week at Newstead School.

Congratulations to all children who entered on one or both days. All the hard work and time really paid off and it was a treat to see so many ribbons and trophies handed out. In the photo from left to right, Isobel Champion Lamb, Colton Champion Calf and Piper Champion Kid.

A special thank you to all the adults who supported with animals and helped in the lead up to, and on the day for your incredible love and support.



Tauwhare Preschool Group

Our Tauwhare Preschool Group meets every Thursday morning here at school. It's a wonderful opportunity for parents, caregivers, and tamariki under five to connect, play, and learn together. These sessions help build strong connections within our community and create a warm, welcoming start for our future Tauwhare learners. Everyone is welcome, please come along come along and join the fun.

**Tauwhare
Playgroup**
Thursday's 9am – 12pm

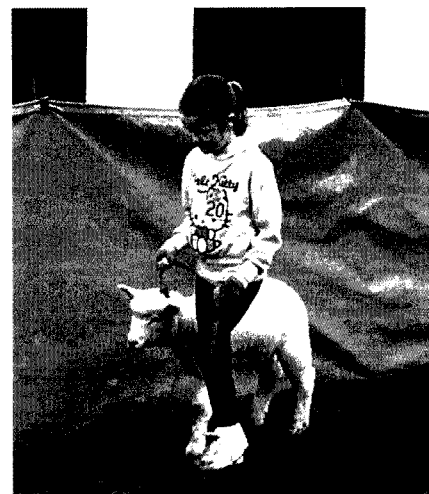


Tauwhare School

Tauwhare is a well resourced, rural primary school for Year 0-6. We have spaces for Out of Zone Enrolments at some year levels. Applications reviewed by the Board of Trustees monthly.

VISITS WELCOME

Visit Our Website www.tauwhare.school.nz
Contact us on – admin@tauwhare.school.nz or 07 824 0864



Tamahere-Woodlands Councillors' update October 2025

Election results 2025

Your two Ward Councillors, Mike Keir and Crystal Beavis, wish to thank you all for your votes and for the confidence you have once again placed in us to represent you on the Council. We will continue to attend the Eureka Hall Committee meetings regularly to hear what the community is saying, and to keep you updated on Council matters via the Eureka Express.

We both look forward to working under the leadership of our new Mayor Aksel Bech, a former Tamahere Ward Councillor for six years and former Deputy Mayor (working with former Mayor Allan Sanson) for three years.

The new Council will be sworn in on Tues 28 October and, at its first Council meeting on Mon 10 November, will adopt the governance structure under which it will work for the next three years. In line with the election results there is an expectation that the new Mayor will bring some changes to the way the council conducts business.

Reserves and Beaches Bylaw review – opportunity for early feedback

You are invited to provide early input to help shape consideration and preparation for a review of the Reserves and Beaches Bylaw. The Council wants your feedback on the way beaches and reserves are used – particularly about vehicle/motorbike access and horse-riding. These are popular activities but can also cause damage or safety issues – so your thoughts on how and where these activities should be allowed or restricted is important. The purpose of this Bylaw is to ensure public natural spaces, such as reserves, parks and coastal areas remain safe and enjoyable for everyone. Please find out more, and make your views known, at www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/say-it before *consultation closes on Friday 14 November*.

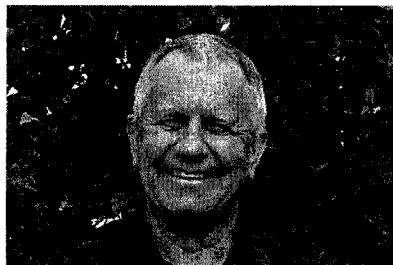
NZ Transport Agency - SH26A Morrinsville Rd speed review

NZTA invites your views on a proposal to change the speed limit on a short section of SH26A (formerly SH26), Morrinsville Rd, from the Matangi/Silverdale/Morrinsville Rd intersection to the Ruakura Rd roundabout (LIC corner). The changes are planned to support the “revocation” process to change this section into a “local road” and transfer ownership to Hamilton City and Waikato District. (As part of this process, construction is expected to begin in 2026 on a “peanut-shaped” roundabout at the Silverdale/Matangi Rd intersection.) NZTA plan to extend the 50kph zone from the current city limit through the new roundabout to 170m northeast of Silverdale Rd, and to reduce the 80kph zone that currently extends from there to the LIC corner down to 70kph. Please find out more, and make your views known, on NZTA’s website www.nzta.govt.nz. On the website search for “speed reviews under the 2024 rule”, click on that page and then scroll down to “SH26A Morrinsville Road speed review”. Consultation closes at 5pm on Friday 28 November.

Tamahere-Woodlands Heritage Group

Members of this group met recently at Cambridge Museum to find out more about website and software solutions for storing historic photos, documents and narratives in an accessible way. The group has some heritage information about villages in the Ward - Eureka, Gordonton, Matangi, Newstead, Puketaha, Tamahere and Tauwhare and would welcome help with building on what they have. Crystal can put you in touch with the group if you’re interested to find out more.

Contact your Tamahere-Woodlands Councillors:



Crystal Beavis, mob 0275 957 927, email crystal.beavis@waidc.govt.nz

Mike Keir, mob 027 449 3012, email mike.keir@waidc.govt.nz

When your internet goes down

What to do? You were going to waste time on youtube, I mean, get some important work done and all of a sudden there's nothing coming back from the internet? How infuriating. Okay, things to do

1. Check it on another device. Is that working? If so, turn your non-functioning device off, wait for 5 minutes, then turn it back on and wait 1 minute. Also make sure there's not some other device in the house hogging all the bandwidth: if two of the kids are watching different netflix shows, and you're trying to watch TVNZ, depending on your connection you could be hitting your peak bandwidth. Still no luck?
2. Turn it all off then back on again: specifically, turn off all devices connected to the internet, then the modem, then (if you have one) the Fibre 'ONT' unit. Then, allowing 1 minutes time between each device, turn them all back on - ONT first (if present), followed by the modem, followed by the devices you're trying to connect to the internet. Wait for 5 minutes. Still no luck?
3. Is your internet connection a 4G (cell network) one? Use your phone to find the best spots for reception in the house (typically next to windows) and relocate the modem to there. Still no luck?
4. Call your internet service provider: eg. Spark or One or Starlink, etcetera. Check if there's a problem in your local area, and failing that, get them to run a line test to your house. Failing that, check that your bills to them are all paid. Still no luck?
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6. Wait till the next day: it's pretty common for these things to be temporary, and sometimes an overnight fault with your service provider doesn't get recognised or acknowledged till later on. If you still can't reach me, call someone else.

Final note: at certain times of the day (typically when most people are using it) the internet does tend to slow down. Peak times tend to be around 8-9am and 6-8pm respectively - when people are starting up for the day and checking emails, and when they're watching TV at night.



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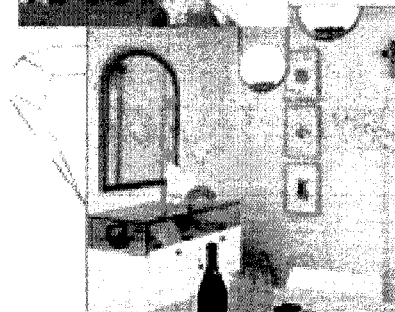
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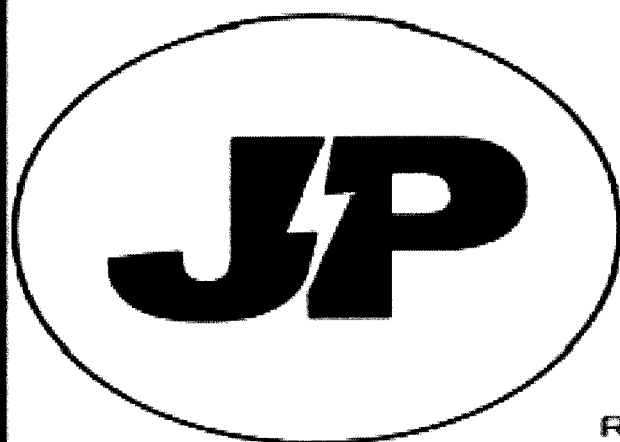
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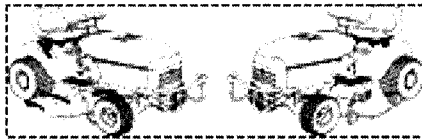
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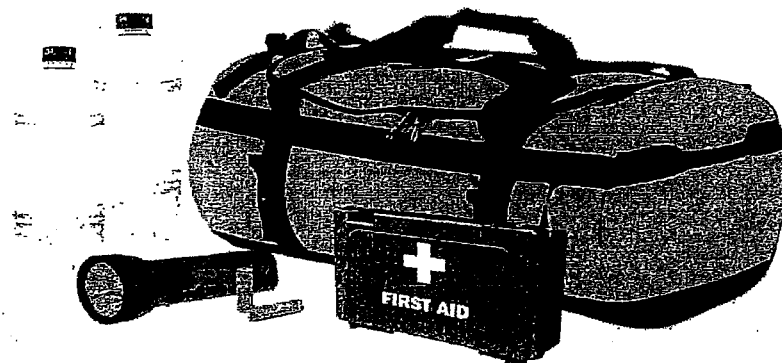
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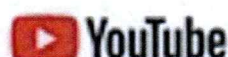
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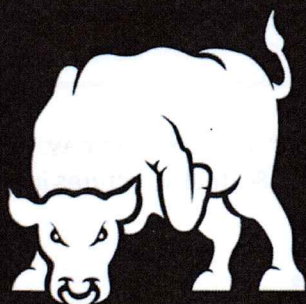
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