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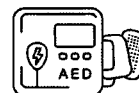
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EDITORIAL

Hello everyone! My wife Nicky and I made the move to Eureka in September with our feline family, and we're already loving our new community.

As for me, my name is Sue, and I have worked as a social worker for the past 25 years or so, assisting people as they navigate life's hurdles and helping them discover strength, hope, and connection. Throughout that time, mental health and wellbeing have become passions of mine, having seen both ends of the spectrum of mental health in my work.

What I have also noticed over this time, in our busy lives we often find ourselves rushing about, needing to get this done and that done as if our lives depended on it. And we forget to find the time to stop and see how we ourselves are tracking with our own mental health and wellbeing in the midst.

Amidst life's ups and downs, mental health can sometimes sneak up and take a silent hit—often showing up as tiredness, irritability, or a feeling of emptiness, rather than something big and dramatic. Work schedules, children, farm work, travelling, the cost of living – all of these things and more can add up and take a toll. In these times, caring for your mental health and wellbeing doesn't always require big changes or grand gestures. Sometimes, it starts with the little things: stopping to notice the aroma of your coffee in the morning, the chirping of birds outside your window, or the warmth of sunlight on your skin.

Finding happiness in the small stuff doesn't mean you're ignoring your struggles or pretending everything's okay. It's about carving out little moments of calm in the chaos. These fleeting instances can act as anchors, gently bringing us back to the here and now, reminding us that there's still beauty to be found, even when times are a bit of a struggle.

A quick walk in the sunshine – or the fog – depending on the time of year! Listening to your favourite music loudly, a message from a friend, a coffee date, or even noticing the dog faithfully at your side - these things aren't just minor details. When you stop and really notice them, appreciate them, they're small acts of defiance against despair. Over time, gathering these moments can help build resilience. They won't necessarily remove your struggles, but they can make them a bit easier to handle.

One of the things that has struck me since our move to Eureka is how often I am driving down the road and someone is out for a walk, or walking the dog, and there is invariably a wave and a smile, and as I smile and wave back I feel a sense of community and connection. This is one of my small joys I find as I live here in Eureka.

What are your small joys? What brings you small moments of happiness? Is it your dog when they come and wiggle about waiting for cuddles (or dinner), or is it your cat jumping up purring in your lap, the flickering of the fire in the fireplace? A laugh with your partner or children? Perhaps catching a sunset, relaxing on the deck after work? I encourage you to pause and think on what moments bring you small moments of happiness and be present with these moments as you can.

Putting mental health first means allowing yourself to notice and cherish these tiny joys. They might seem small, but together, they create a subtle yet strong thread of hope. And sometimes, that's all you need to keep moving forward.

If you are finding that you are struggling to manage experiences such as depression, anxiety, or think you could do with a little more support or someone to talk to about your mental health experience, please chat with your GP, as most are able to refer you to free short term counselling, or they can talk with you about other supports that could be helpful.

You can also call Lifeline on 0800 543354 or call/text 1737.

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TIME CAPSULE

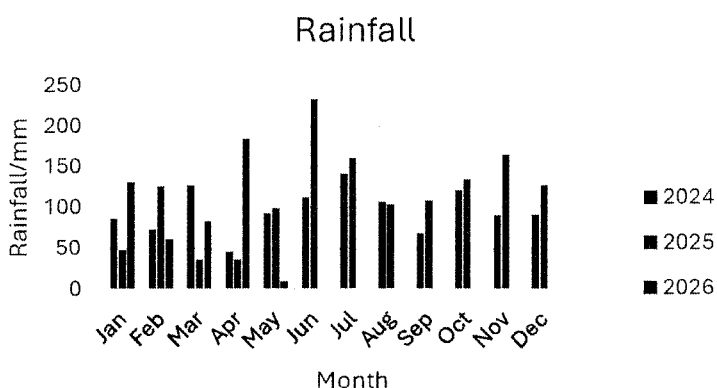
It was pointed out that we had a mistake in the notice about the Time Capsule last month. The email address was listed wrongly and should have been editor@eurekaexpress.co.nz



HALL HIREAGE

If you would like to hire the hall for your next party, meeting, hobby activity or group event please contact Kathryn Schicker on email eurekahallwaikato@gmail.com

Weather for May	2026	2025
Rainfall total	10 mm	99mm
Rain Total for year	469 mm	343.5mm
Rainy days	1	9
Most daily rainfall	10mm	31mm
Temp high	20.3°C	19.6°C
Temp low	0.6°C	-1.4°C





Nia Here ... in Matangi and Hamilton

Move Dance Joy

Come and join us!

Mondays & Thursdays
6pm Classic Nia
Matangi Community Hall

Tuesdays 9.30am Classic Nia
Wesley Hall, Hamilton

Tuesdays 11am Move to Heal
(Gentle Nia with Deidre)
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EVERY-BODY welcome



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*Regularly Classes \$10-\$15 with pass \$20 Casual

BOOTLEG BREWERY

IN JULY



We're now past the winter solstice!

So now we can look for longer days, although the worst season is normally spring. Yes? After five years of toughening it out in the cold at Bootleg, there is now a log fire installed and going! So come in, sit inside and get your beer and bites from the ever-changing variety of food caravans.

To fit in with the fireplace, we've put on a fresh beer which will be appropriate.

A RAUCHBIER is a smokey lager. Made with toasted grain, there is a distinctly smokey – almost 'bacony' - flavour. Very good with a burger, and the colder weather! We brewed it last winter and even the more conservative drinkers enjoyed it. So we've made it again!

Other winter brews are the "Waikeria" Red Lager, a milk stout (channel the Snug at The Rover's Return!), a big Imperial Stout, an Irish Red Ale, and a couple of big India Pale Ales. So there is something for everyone's taste....

CATERERS COMING UP IN JULY

Thu 2 nd	Suzuya Japanese
Fri 3 rd	All Around The World
Sat 4 th	Sweet and Sassy Smokehouse
Sun 5 th	Kaliméra Pizzas
Thu 9 th	Suzuya Japanese
Fri 10 th	Kai On Wheels Big Burgers
Sat 11 th	Sweet and Sassy Smokehouse
Sun 12 th	Kaliméra Pizzas
Thu 16 th	Suzuya Japanese
Fri 17 th	All Around The World
Sat 18 th	Sweet and Sassy Smokehouse
Sun 19 th	Kaliméra Pizzas
Thu 23 rd	Suzuya Japanese
Fri 24 th	Sweet and Sassy Smokehouse
Sat 25 th	All Around The World
Sun 26 th	Kaliméra Pizzas
Thu 30 th	Suzuya Japanese
Fri 31 st	Sweet C Sassy Smokehouse
AUGUST	
Sat 1 st	Kai On Wheels Big Burgers
Sun 2 nd	Kaliméra Pizzas

And of course there are the Lager, Pilsner, Pale Ale, Fruity Hazy IPA, Apple Cider, and a German Style Lager which all suit the Steinlager, Waikato, and Speights drinkers. Craft beers don't have to be fruity, weird flavoured brews. Bootleg's are finely crafted 'real' beers made for people who like flavoursome, balanced and interesting brews that don't taste like swamp water!



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

In the Old Dairy Factory, 452 Matangi Road, MATANGI. Ph 022 463 1726



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TAUWHARE SCHOOL

Term 2 – JUNE 2026

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TOP NEWS

Cluster Choir Festival

Our school choir helped lift the roof off the TCC at Tamahere as they joined with other cluster schools for the 2026 Choir Festival. This special event, held every two years, was a brilliant opportunity for our Tauwhare children to come together, represent our school with pride, and demonstrate our 3 R values.



The children sang their hearts out, opening with our waiata 'Tauwhare e' and 'Found' from The Magician's Elephant. It was a fantastic celebration of music, teamwork, and confidence from our students.

Mathematics Teacher Only Day

It is rare to feature our teachers in newsletter articles, but I wanted to take a moment to recognise the incredible work happening at Tauwhare.



Recently, our Mathematics Teacher Only Day was spent unpacking and understanding the new National Curriculum and how we continue to support learning. At Tauwhare School, our focus remains firmly on the children in front of us today. Our dedicated kaiako continue to work collaboratively to ensure that learning remains our high priority



www.tauwhare.school.nz

VISITS WELCOME

Please confirm any in zone enrolments for 2027

Out of zone applications for Term 4 now open

Centrally located between Hamilton, Morrinsville, and Cambridge, Tauwhare School is a rural school that offers a vibrant, well resourced learning environment for Year 0–6 students.

Current Out of Zone vacancies for a Term 4 start are

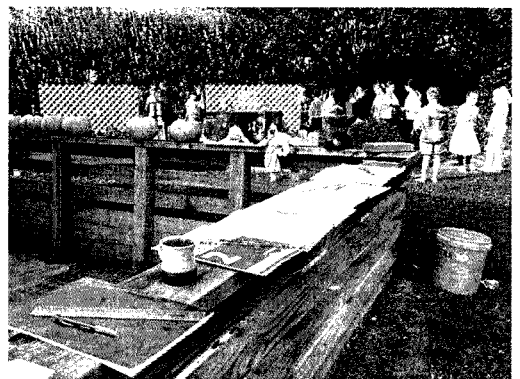
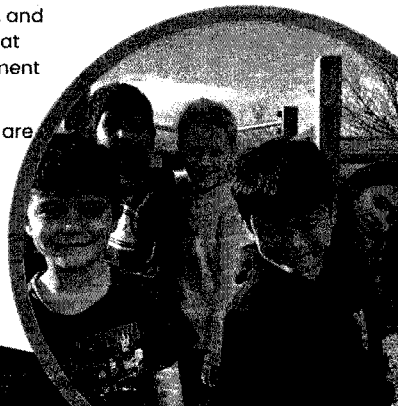
3 x Year 0 spaces, 4 x Year 4 spaces

Closing date for applications is Friday, 31st July.

The ballot is drawn on Wednesday, 5th August.

Expressions of interest for Term 1 2027 start can also be submitted for the ballot draw in Term 4.

Contact us for a visit or an
Expression of Interest form on
07 824 0864 or admin@tauwhare.school.nz





Pukeko Preschool Newsletter June 2026

This month at Pukeko Preschool, we have been busy, busy, busy! Our tamariki have loved getting out and about in the community, making the most of every opportunity to explore, learn, and connect with the world around them.

Our weekly excursions to Tauwhare School have quickly become a highlight of the week. Jump Jam is always full of energy, laughter, and movement, while visits to the school library spark curiosity and a love of books. The tamariki look forward to these experiences each week and are building confidence as they become familiar faces within our local community.

Back at preschool, we have been embracing everything the Waikato weather has thrown at us. Rain, wind, mud, puddles, and the occasional burst of sunshine have all provided exciting opportunities for exploration and play. Our little learners certainly don't let a bit of weather stop them! Whether they're splashing in puddles, watching the clouds roll by, feeling the wind on their faces, or hunting for signs of nature after the rain, there is always learning to be found outdoors.

We know that some of the richest learning experiences happen when tamariki are given the freedom to explore their environment, take manageable risks, and connect with the natural world. It has been wonderful to see so much curiosity, resilience, and joy as our tamariki continue to learn through play, whatever the weather may bring.

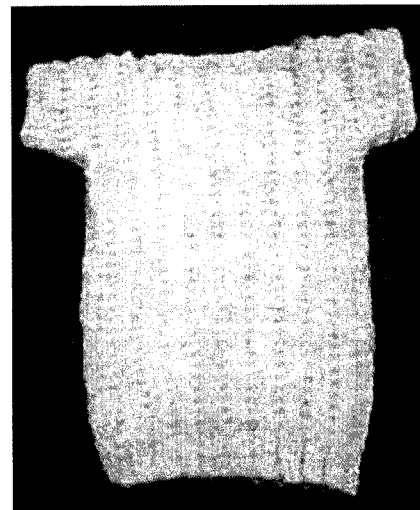
We can't wait to see what adventures next month has in store!

Nga mihi,
Alea Mosen
Centre Lead



BASIC PREM SINGLET

4 ply machine washable merino wool 1 x 50g ball (1ball will make about 2 ½ singlets depending on the brand of wool)
3.25mm needles
Front and Back worked in one piece



Front

Cast on 42sts loosely.

1st row (right side) K2, *p2,k2, repeat to end.

2nd row (wrong side) p2, *k2,p2, repeat to end

Continue until front measures 2cm from the beginning, ending with a wrong side row.

Next row: (right side) K2, *p2,k2, repeat to end.

Next row: Purl to end.

Repeat these two rows until front measures at least 16cm, ending on a purl row. (It is better to be 16cm or more, not less)

Shape sleeves

Continuing with the rib pattern, cast on 8 sts at beginning of the next 2 rows (58sts) and continue until the sleeves measure at least 5 cm from the beginning of the shaping, ending with a purl row.

Shape neck

Knit in rib next 18sts, place these 18sts onto a stitch holder, and continue working on remaining sts. Cast off next 22 sts and continue rib pattern to end of row (18sts).

On these 18sts, work 8 rows in rib, ending with a purl row.

Next join yarn and pick up the 18sts from the stitch holder, continue working on these 18sts for 8 rows, ending on a purl row.

Next, rib 18sts, cast on 22sts and rib to end of row (56sts), continue working on these 58sts until the sleeves section measures 12cm.

Cast off 8sts at beginning of next 2 rows (42sts)

Back

Continue in rib pattern until back section measures the same as the front section. Then knit a further 2cm as done at the start of the front until the back matches the front when folded. Cast off loosely.

To make up sew up side and sleeve seams.

If knitting for Charity you can drop off your completed garment at Knit World

CRAFT

PLASTIC BOTTLE PLANTER

You will need:

Empty plastic bottle
Potting Mix and Plant or seeds
Acrylic paint and paint brush
Garden gloves and mask

Newspaper
Utility knife
Glue
Decorations

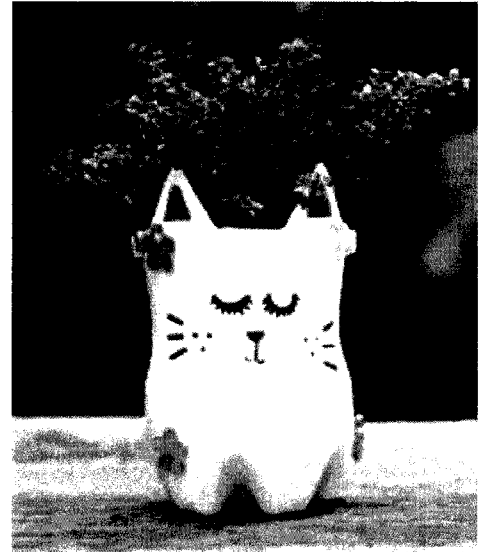
Steps:

Place some newspaper on the surface you will be using to keep things tidy.

With a utility knife cut the bottle in half. The bottom section will be the planter.

Paint the planter using your favourite colours. Wait for the paint to dry completely and then glue on your decorations.

Wearing your gloves and mask you can now fill with soil and your plant or seeds.



FUN WITH LEAVES

You will need:

Leaves
Googly Eyes
Coloured Card

Scissors
Glue
Black marker

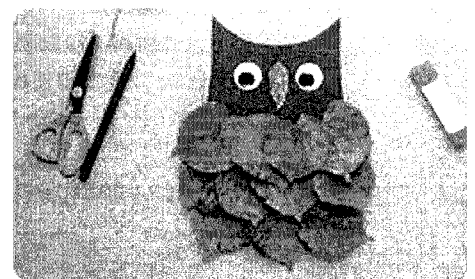
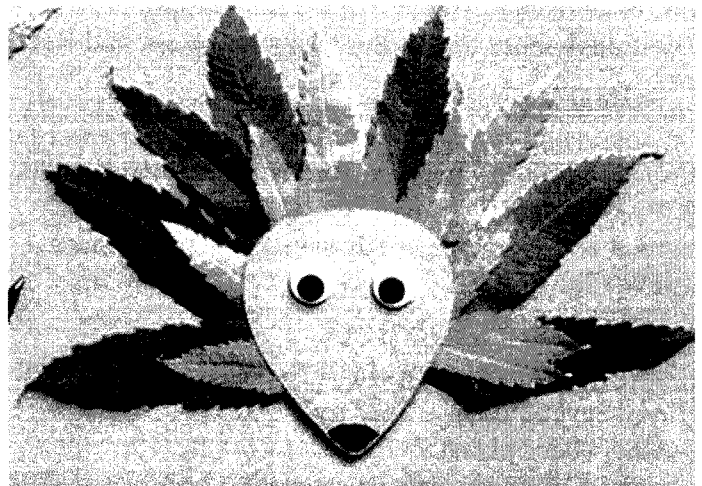
Steps:

Cut a tear drop shape out of coloured card using scissors. This will be the face.

On the wider side of the card, attach googly eyes using glue (or draw some).

On the smaller side of the card, using a black marker, draw on the nose.

Glue the leaves on the back of the card and this will be the hair.



Priority risks in rural Waikato-



Severe storms and flooding

The Waikato region can experience heavy rain, flooding, slips, and road closures.

Prepare by: Knowing multiple routes to town, school, work, and medical care.

Keeping vehicles fueled above half a tank.

Having enough supplies to stay home for at least a week if roads become impassable.

Clearing drains and waterways around your property.

Extended power outages

Rural areas often experience longer outages than cities.

Consider; Torches and headlamps for every household member.

Multiple power banks.

Battery-powered radio.

Alternative cooking methods (used safely and according to manufacturer instructions).

Backup water arrangements if you rely on electric pumps.

A plan for refrigerated medications or livestock-related needs.

Water preparedness

Many rural households depend on tanks, bores, or pumps

Ask yourself: Can you access water if power is out?

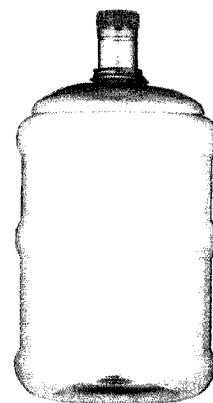
Do you have drinking water stored separately?

Could you purify available water if necessary?

A practical target is at least:

3 litres of drinking water per person per day

Additional water for cooking, hygiene, pets, and livestock.



Communications

Cell coverage can become unreliable during emergencies.

Useful options Battery-powered or hand-crank radio.

Written contact list.

Agreed check-in plans with family and neighbours.

Knowledge of nearby community gathering points.

Livestock and pets

Rural emergency planning often overlooks animals.

Have: Several days of feed available.

Backup water plans.

Transport arrangements if evacuation becomes necessary.

Halters, leads, carriers, and identification ready.

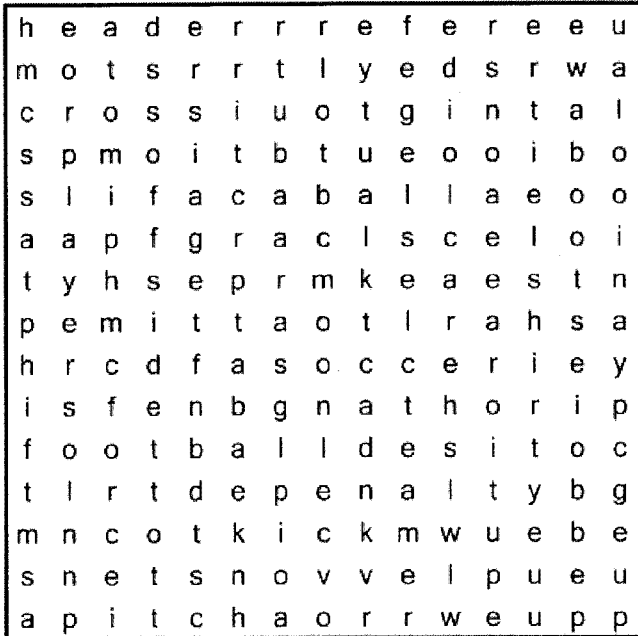


A realistic rural Waikato emergency kit

For each household member:

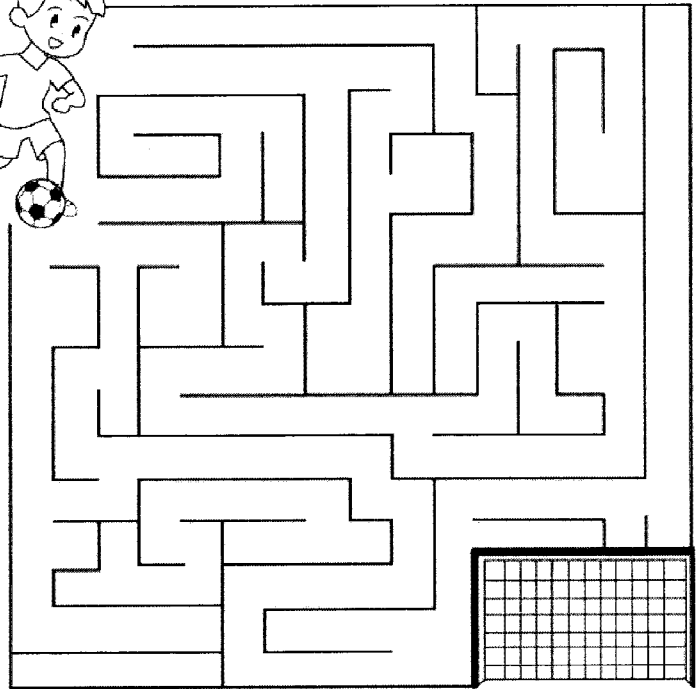
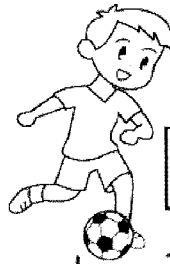
- Water and food for 7 days.
- Prescription medications.
- First-aid kit.
- Torch/headlamp.
- Warm clothing and rain gear.
- Portable phone charger.
- Cash.
- Copies of important documents.





Soccer Maze

Find the path through the maze to score a goal.



Soccer	Football
Goal	Kick
Header	Penalty
Referee	Tackle
Dribble	Pitch
Offside	Team
Players	Cross
Boots	Net
Ball	Shirt

UNSCRAMBLE THE WORDS

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

Can you find the 5 differences in the scenes below?



Circle changes to a heart, earring,
watch, number, plaster on leg

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Football, scarf, goal, trophy,
whistle, footballer, shirt, boots,
goalkeeper, referee

WORLD CUP 2026

— COLOUR ME IN —



Recipes

Microwave Lemon Curd

3 large eggs
150 g (¾ cup) caster/superfine sugar
1 tbsp finely grated lemon zest
85 g unsalted butter, melted
120 ml (½ cup) fresh lemon juice (about 2–3 lemons)

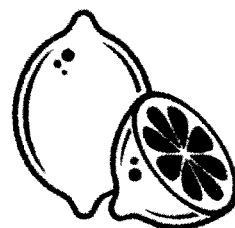
Method

In a large microwave-safe bowl, whisk the eggs and sugar until well combined. Whisk in the lemon juice, zest, and melted butter. Microwave on **medium-high power (about 70–80%)** for **1 minute**. Remove and whisk thoroughly, paying attention to the edges. Continue microwaving in **30-second bursts**, whisking well after each burst. After about **3–5 minutes total cooking time**, the curd should noticeably thicken and coat the back of a spoon. If you prefer an extra-smooth curd, strain it through a fine sieve. Transfer to a clean jar and seal. It will thicken further as it cools. About 300 ml (roughly 1¼ cups). Refrigerate for up to **2 weeks** in a sealed container. For longer storage, freeze for up to **3 months**.

Tips

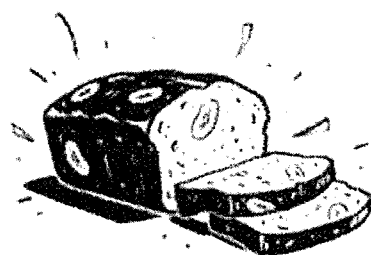
Use fresh lemon juice for the best flavor. If your microwave is particularly powerful (1000 W+), reduce the cooking intervals to 20 seconds near the end. Stop cooking as soon as the curd thickens; overheating can cause the eggs to scramble.

For a richer, more traditional-style curd, increase the butter to 115 g (½ cup). For a sharper lemon flavour, add an extra teaspoon of zest.



Fruit loaf makes four loaves.

8 Weet-Bix crushed, 2 cups of all bran,
12 tablespoons of butter (approx)
4 cups of sugar
4 tablespoons of baking soda
4 cups of mixed fruit
4 tablespoons of vanilla
4 tablespoons of mixed spice.



Mix all this together. Pour over four cups of boiling water. Stand for five minutes to cool. Then add four beaten eggs, four cups of self-rising flour, or four cups of plain flour with four teaspoons of baking powder.

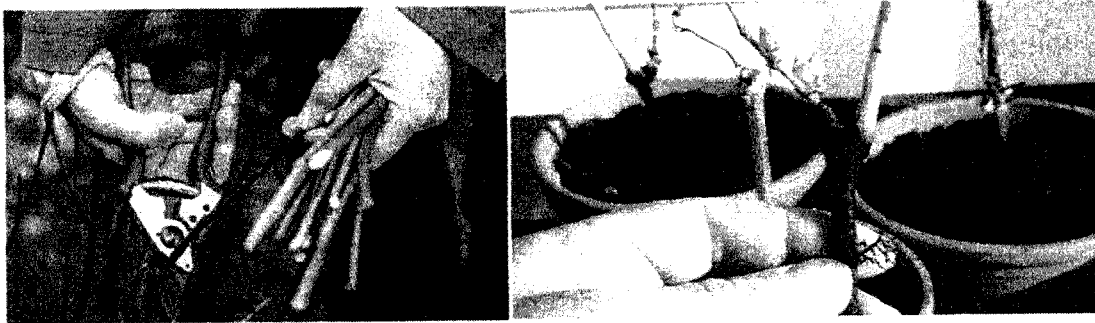
Mix well. Bake in moderate oven at 195 degrees to 190 degrees for one hour.
Freezes well. Delicious.

If you have any tried and true favourite recipes you would like to share then please email them to the editor.

Gardening Tips

Here how to grow your plant collection for next to nothing

Taking cuttings is one of the simplest ways to cultivate more plants from what you (or your friends or neighbours) already have. When the weather cools, deciduous plants like hydrangeas, roses, wisteria and grape vines go dormant – this is the perfect time for taking “hardwood cuttings” which uses mature, woody stems as propagation material



Choose a healthy, disease-free stem from the current year's growth.
Cut a section about 15–30 cm (6–12 inches) long and roughly pencil-thick.
Make the bottom cut just below a bud and the top cut just above a bud.
Remove any remaining leaves or side shoots.
Dip the lower end in rooting hormone (optional but often helpful).
Insert the cutting into a pot making a hole first to put the cutting in –this helps avoid damaging the stem or rubbing of the hormone. Well-draining propagation mix or directly into potted garden soil, leaving only the top few buds exposed. You can plant several cutting in the same pot –space them out so they don't touch
Keep the soil slightly moist but not waterlogged (mist with a spray bottle works well)
After a few months-or sometimes longer –new growth should appear on the stems, which is a good sign roots are forming

Tips for Success

- Use clean, sharp pruners.
- Keep the cuttings moist but not soggy.
- Label varieties if taking multiple cuttings.
- Take several cuttings because not all will root.
- Avoid direct hot sun until roots are established.

Once growth is well underway, your new plants can be carefully potted on into larger containers filled with potting mix

FIFA Soccer



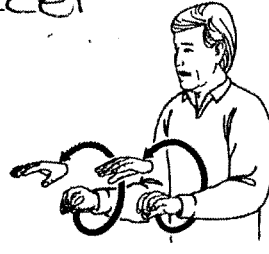
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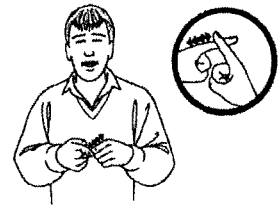
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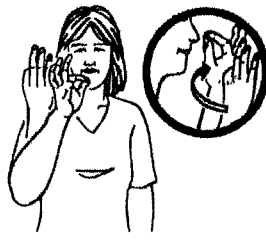


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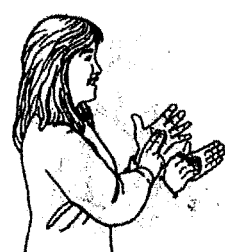
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Tamahere-Woodlands Councillors' update June 2026

Council merger proposals

You are likely to be voting for a different, much larger, unitary council at the next local body elections in 2028. The Government has signalled major changes to local government and has invited councils to help shape what comes next through a voluntary process called "Head Start".

Meet the Mayor at 2pm, Sunday 5 July, at the Eureka Hall to hear more about the proposals being considered and provide your feedback by 10 July. Mayor Aksel Bech and your ward councillors will be there to answer your questions. The proposals – which are still subject to change - include a:

- Waikato regional approach combining all, or a majority of councils in the Waikato region
- Hamilton-Waikato-Waipā grouping, based on the original Future Proof group of councils
- Hamilton 'metro' approach providing a growth area for Hamilton, with the rural Waikato in a different council
- 'Do nothing' option, and let the Government decide for us under its "Simplifying Local Government" programme.

Both Hamilton City and Waipā District are proposing a similar range of options including a region-wide council, a smaller one made up of varying combinations of Hamilton City, Waikato, Waipā and Matamata-Piako Districts, or wider groupings within the region based either on the new Waters CCO areas or based on the catchments of the Waikato-Waipā rivers and the Piako-Waitoa rivers.

The Government wants proposals that are deliverable, support the planning system replacing the RMA, simplify local government (combining the regional and district councils), provide economies of scale and maintain local voice. **We need your feedback by 10 July** to help shape a final proposal to be made to Government by 9 August. Go to www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/say-it.

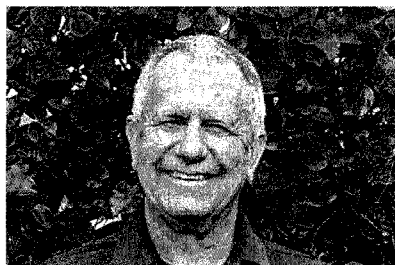
If you can't attend the Eureka meeting on 5 July then other local meetings coming up include:

- Newstead – Sunday 28 June, 11-12noon at the Hamilton Car Club, 116 Vaile Rd
- Tauwhare – Wednesday 1 July, 7.30-8.30pm, Tauwhare Hall, 1153 Tauwhare Rd
- Gordonton – Thursday 2 July, 7-8pm, Gordonton Hall, 1024 Gordonton Rd.

Also coming up:

- **Dog registration due by 31 July** - Waikato District Council will issue lifetime metal dog registration tags from 1 July this year and move to a paperless system to record payment of your annual registration fees, making dog registration easier and more efficient. Dog registrations can now be paid through Afterpay at a Council office or library providing a practical alternative for customers who cannot pay upfront. If you submit a recent dog desexing certificate when renewing your dog's registration you are eligible for one free year of registration. Owners with a community services or gold card can apply to the Council's PUP fund programme to limit the cost of desexing to \$80. Penalty dog registration fees apply after 31 July.
- **Annual Plan adopted** – Council adopted its Annual Plan this month confirming a general rates rise of 2.8% and an average rates increase of 3.79% for 2026/27 (depending on the services you get.)
- **IAWAI** – From 1 July the new Waters CCO jointly owned by Waikato District and Hamilton City will be responsible for delivering drinking water and wastewater services. Water charges will be itemised separately alongside your council rates and you will continue to get water meter bills twice a year. You can continue to use the same payment options and can contact the Council if you have any water issues.

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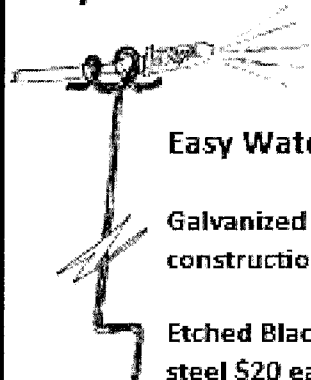
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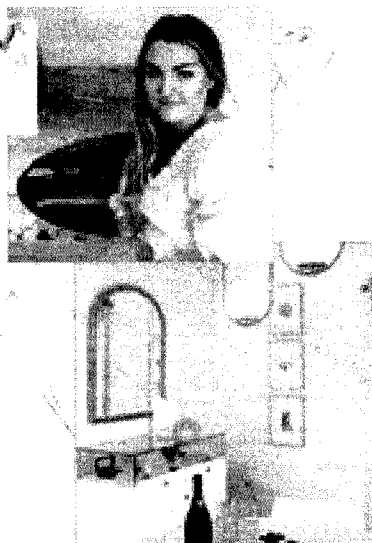
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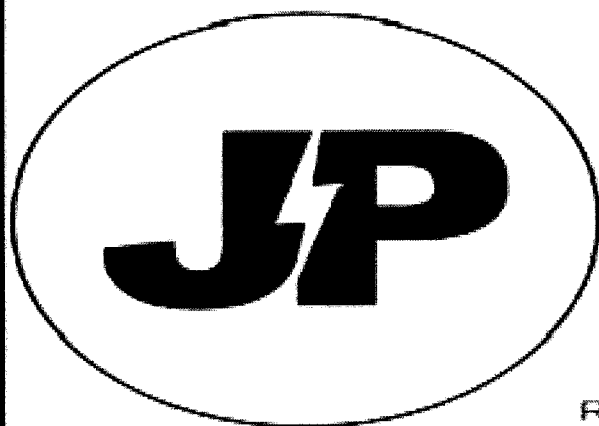
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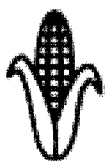
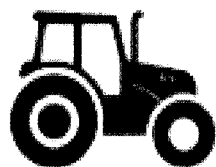
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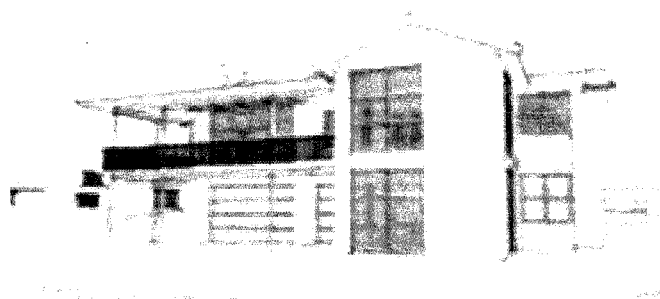
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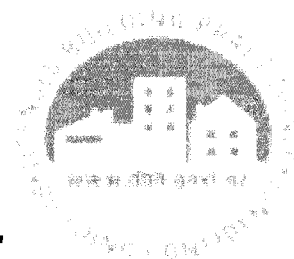
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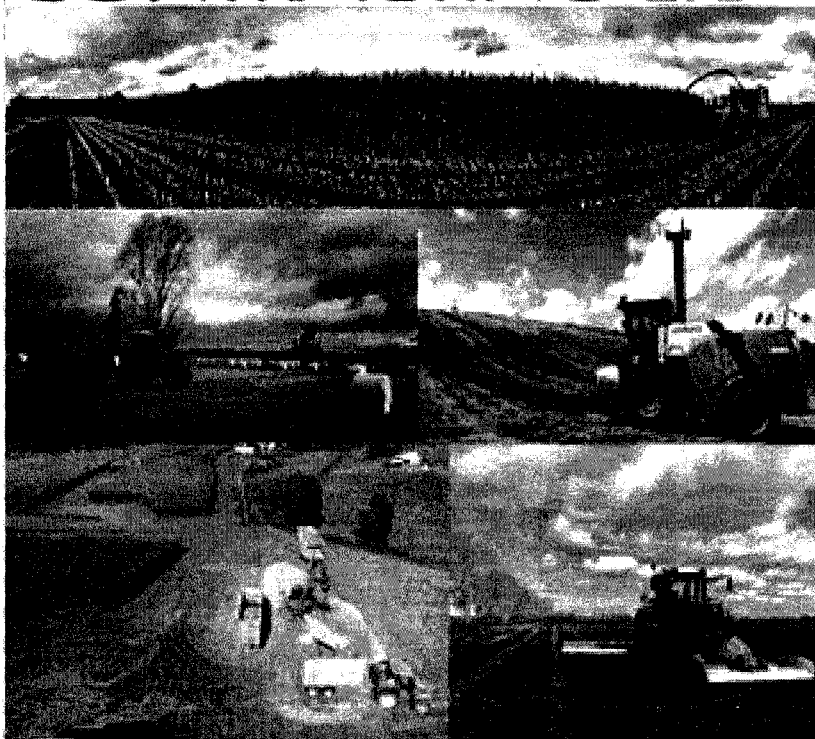
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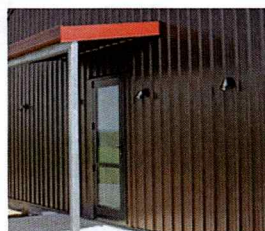
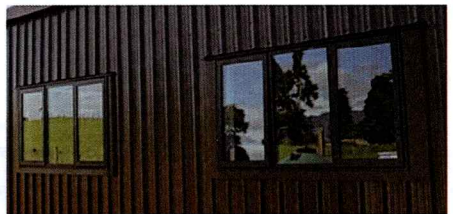
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