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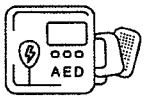
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Eureka Emergency Management Update

The Eureka Community Response Plan (CRP) has been updated to align with New Zealand's Emergency Management Act 2026, which came into effect on 2nd September 2026 and replaced the 24-year-old Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002.

The new Act retains the "4 Rs" (reduction, readiness, response, and recovery) across all hazards, both natural and man-made. It also explicitly integrates animal welfare into regional emergency planning and provides responders with specific powers to enter premises where animals require assistance.

I recently attended a training day at Council's Ngaruawahia Office alongside the other community response groups (CRG) from across the Waikato District. Our closest neighbouring CRGs are Tamahere and Gordonton. It was encouraging to hear that groups are at different stages of development, from Level 1 groups just getting started through to groups that have already activated their emergency centres at Level 3.

The Tuakau Community Response Group (CRG) has already had two interesting activation experiences, involving emergencies for a gas leak and, on another occasion, an Armed Defenders callout involving an armed person. Both incidents resulted in the evacuation of people from particular areas. The CRP operated until the areas were declared safe and enabled the group to implement systems, coordination and responses providing valuable real-life experience for their response team.

At this stage, our CRG is moving from Level 1, with our Community Response Plan now completed, towards Level 2, which focuses on resourcing and preparing our emergency centre. If required, this centre would be established at the Hall. Council will provide our group with $3,000 to assist with purchasing the resources needed to operate the centre effectively.

The Hall is currently Eureka's only public community facility, so if it were to be severely damaged by a natural disaster and become unusable, having an alternative facility available would be extremely valuable.

We are therefore very grateful to the One School Global Board members, who have kindly offered the use of their lovely new school buildings and facilities as an emergency community facility if the need arises. On behalf of the Eureka community, we sincerely thank One School Global for this very generous and thoughtful offer. Having access to a suitable facility in the event of a major emergency provides an important additional option for the community and strengthens our overall preparedness.

As members of the wider Eureka community, we would also be very happy to offer the school any emergency assistance or support that our Community Response Group may be able to provide should the need arise.

It is encouraging to see local organisations working together and supporting one another to help make Eureka a safer and more resilient community.

The Eureka Community Response Group needs new members!

Being part of the group is a great way to help look after our community and be prepared to support our neighbours in an emergency. If you're interested in getting involved, come along to the **Eureka Hall Committee AGM on 22nd October at 7pm** to find out more.

Kathryn Schicker

Bits and Pieces

Local Phone List:



It is time to up date the local phone list, if you would like to add any changes or add your cell phones to the listing, please email editor@eurekaexpress.co.nz the list will be available in the October edition, so please email those changes in asap

Donations



Thank you to the very generous donation from Kevin Deane. Thank you also to the kind people who leave donations in the donation box at Eureka Service Station. We really appreciate these donations as they help to keep our Express in print.

Community Library Books:



Thank you to, Marilyn Thomas who dropped me off two very generous bags of both children and adult books. I will continue to feed these in as the library empties. The children's books are well received . Thankyou also to the person or persons who noticed it was looking a bit sparse and kindly topped it up.

Please feel free to pop in swap a book or two, or just take one!

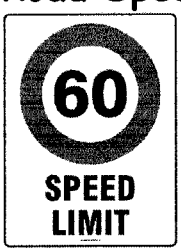
Eureka Express Deliveries



Thank you to the many people who reached out and offered to deliver the Eureka Road area. We had an awesome response, Thankyou. **Reminder:** If your letter box still has the last months Express still in it, we will leave one more after that we cancel unless they are cleared. **Also** if the letter box has a resident starling, we do not leave a copy.

Extra copies are available at the garage if you do not receive yours. Many Thanks.

Road Speed Signs



Be aware the new road speed signs are being erected in the area and some discrepancies are showing up, particularly in Tauwhare Road, Matangi Road and Platt Road where one way says 60km and coming the other says 80 or 100.

Potential garage sale (if enough interest)



At Eureka Hall in mid November Saturday 14 November, $10 per table , if people could contact Kathryn Schicker on 0274732014 to register

Hopkins road, no exit.

Hi everyone,

I guess most of us are aware that going down Holland road towards Hamilton, you get to Hopkins road. After crossing the railway track, turning left onto Hopkins road is the only option making your way through. To the right is a no exit bit of Hopkins road. It is fenced off and has a "private property no trespassing " sign.

Now since roughly 18 months I commute to work in Hamilton on my e-bike, and had been wondering if Hopkins road would be opening again at any stage, even if only for cyclists and pedestrians. Then I could cycle via Hopkins road onto Harakeke road, then cross Ruakura Road at the lights and make my way into town. A much safer option than the way I need to go now: crossing Ruakura road, making my way through two roundabouts, making sure drivers turning into the services station have seen me going straight ahead towards the traffic lights and give way, then onwards into Hamilton.

On July 5th I attended the meeting with councillor Crystal Beavis and Mayor Aksel Bech at Eureka hall. After the main part of the meeting was finished and there was a cuppa and some nice afternoon tea served, I took the opportunity to have a word with Crystal Beavis. I asked if she knew about the no exit end of Hopkins road, the private property sign and if it was in the planning to open it up again at any point in time. She didn't have any information on it then and there but asked me to send her an email and she would follow up. I did and the follow up came about a month later:

"Our roading team has identified that land beneath the expressway that links Harakeke with Hopkins Rd actually belongs to KiwiRail. An approach has been made about your idea to grant cyclist/pedestrian access."

That same day I received a call from the council's roading manager who thinks it would be a great idea to open up the no exit road and connect it to Harakeke road for cyclists and pedestrians. We agreed that it's a shame that this wasn't considered when all the other roading plans for that area were made and executed.

So, at this stage the idea has been raised and there is a roading person also keen on it. Watch this space!

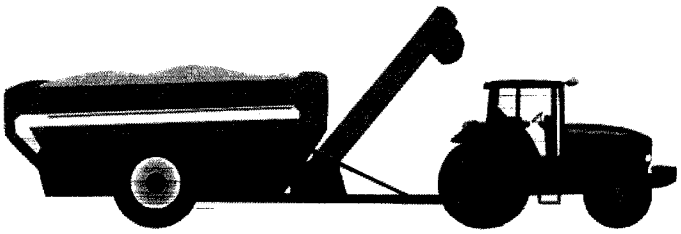


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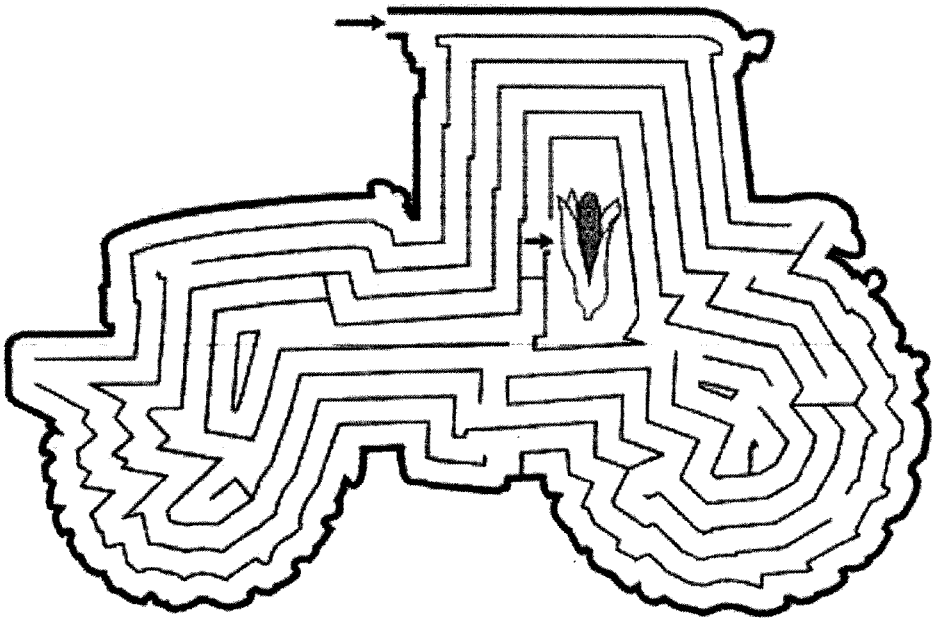
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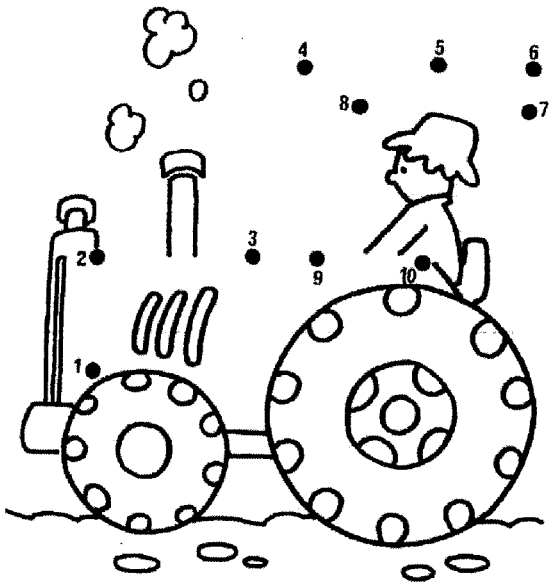
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Maize Maze

Plow through the maze to reach the "maize."





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TOP NEWS

Gala-xy of Fun

Our Year 5 & 6's did an incredible job planning, organising and delivering our annual Gala Day. They showed initiative, teamwork and leadership as they brought their ideas to life with a wonderful array of stalls for our whole school and community to enjoy. The school was buzzing, and the place was packed. Congratulations to our senior students for their efforts, and a massive thank you to the many parents who supported in the preparation, running stalls and helping throughout the day.

Cultivating Creativity

A group of students had a fantastic day at the Sculpture Park, joining schools from across the region for a special Enviroschools led learning day. Our students were fantastic ambassadors for our school, sharing their knowledge and asking thoughtful questions. Their knowledge of animals, native species and the environment was impressive even surprised some of the guest speakers. It was a great day of learning, connection and sharing.

Tauwhare School www.tauwhare.school.nz

Please confirm any in zone enrolments for 2027

Out of zone applications for Term 1 2027 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 1 start are

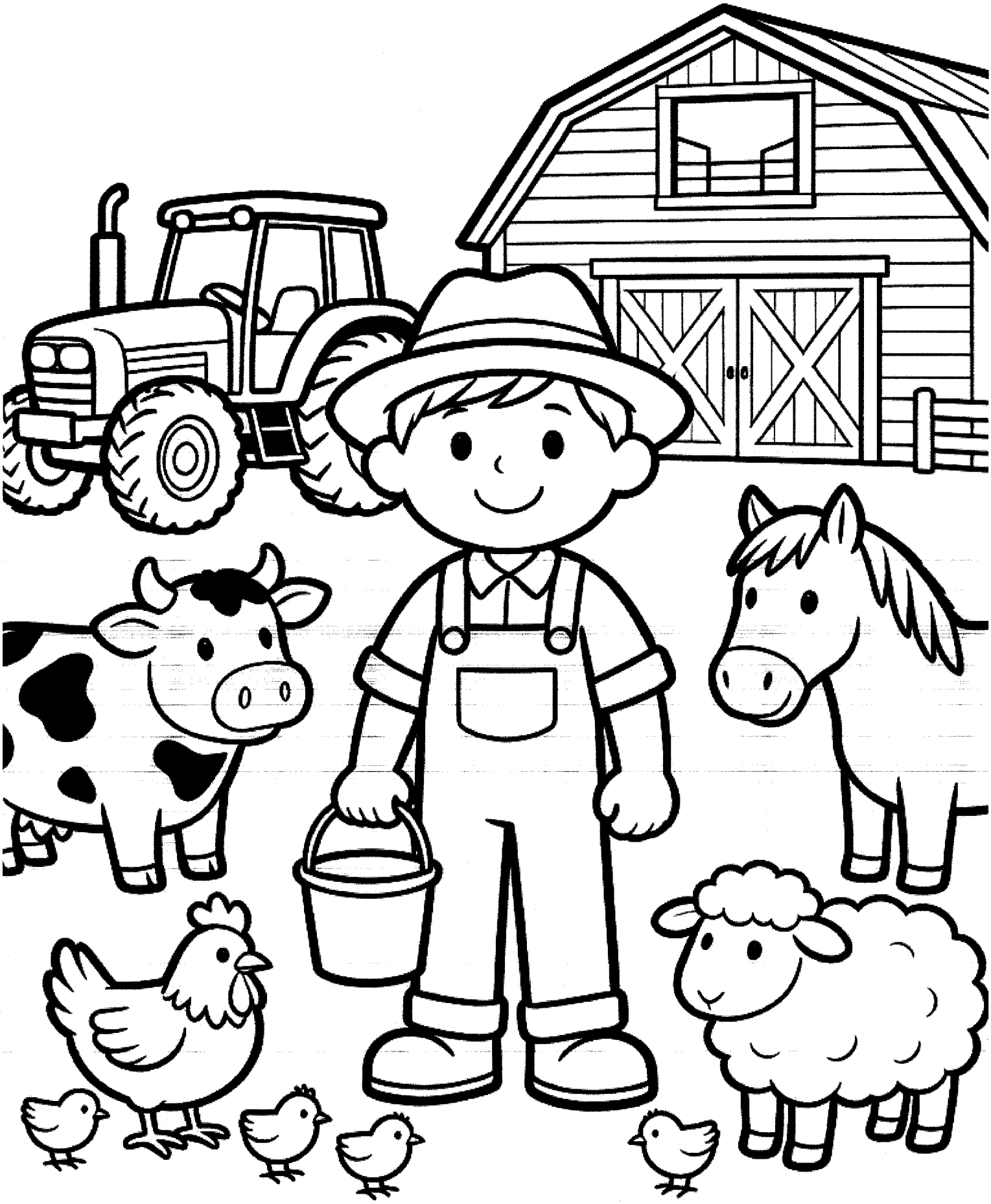
- **4 spaces in Year 1**
- **2 spaces each in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6**

Closing date for applications is Friday, 23rd October.
The ballot is drawn on Wednesday, 28th October.

Expressions of interest for Term 2 2027 start can also be submitted for the ballot draw in Term 1.



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



BOOTLEG BREWERY IN OCTOBER

What is a craft brewery?

Some people who come into Bootleg proudly say that they don't drink craft beer.
What's that about?
There are as many different types of breweries as there are brewers - because every brewer has a favourite type of beer that she - or he - likes to make. Darryl from Karamu brewery on the west side of Hamilton has just won champion brewery in NZ for 2026. He likes to make sour ales in the Belgian style. And he's one of the best people in the world at doing that. And his ales have a limited and appreciative market.
Then, there is a brewery like Bootleg which makes a wide range of beers. Most of them are beers that are like those in a regular bar or pub. But better. And more flavoursome, because they are handcrafted. It's a craft brewery...
The customer base suggests to me that there is something on tap for everyone, because the clientele includes families, work social groups, car groups, older motorcycle riders, classic car rallies, our tradies, and most of all, the locals.
The biggest selling beers on tap are the Lager, the Pilsner, the IPA's, The Belgian Blonde and the Milk Stout. Then there are Bootleg's specialities - The big stouts, the big Belgian brews, wheat beers and the sours.
Everyone has a different palate, and the choice of beer is never going to be the same in a group of mates.
The staff at Bootleg have been trained to explore customers' 'comfort zones' with samples from the choices of the 15 beers on tap. Go exploring. Often the customers are surprised by what they find that they like!

CATERERS COMING UP IN OCTOBER	
Thu 1st	Suzuya Japanese
Fri 2nd	Kaliméra Pizzas
Sat 3rd	Thai On The Fly
Sun 4th	Sweet and Sassy Smokehouse
Thu 8th	Sweet and Sassy Smokehouse
Fri 9th	Sawadee Thai
Sat 10th	Suzuya Japanese
Sun 11th	Kaliméra Pizzas
Thu 15th	Thai On The Fly
Fri 16th	Sweet and Sassy Smokehouse
Sat 17th	Kaliméra Pizzas
Sun 18th	Suzuya Japanese
Thu 22nd	Suzuya Japanese
Fri 23rd	Suzuya Japanese
Sat 24th	Thai On The Fly
Sun 25th	Pijjas Bae Pizzas
Mon 26th	Labour Day – *Mustang Convention* SMOKIN' OAK BARBECUE
Thu 29th	Suzuya Japanese
Fri 30th	Thai On The Fly
Sat 31st	Sweet and Sassy Smokehouse
NOVEMBER	
Sun 1st	Kaliméra Pizzas

In Bootleg Brewery's case, expect beers to be tasty and with a wide range of flavours and styles. Also expect to have more than one favourite!
Something must be getting done right - Bootleg has been in the top 8 breweries in NZ since it opened 6 years ago - out of 200 breweries.

Bootleg is open on Labour Day when there is a Mustang convention visiting, Smokin' Oak is cooking, and live music provided.

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

Easy Grandma Slippers

Yarn: Can be knitted in Double knitting, or triple knit or chunky, this will change size of slipper. Can also use one strand 4ply and one double knit. Have fun and experiment with yarns and needle sizes

Needles: 4mm, 4.5mm or 5mm

Instructions:

Cast on 29 (35 -41) using 1 or 2 strands of double knit,

Row 1: Knit across all stitches

Row 2: Knit 9 (11- 13) *Purl 1, K9 (11-13), repeat from *once more

Row 3: Knit across all stitches

Repeat rows 2 & 3 until there are 15 (17-19) ridges on right side ending with row 2

Shape toe:

Row 1: P1, *k1, P1, repeat from * across the row

Row 2: K1, *P1, K1 repeat from * across the row

Repeat these two rows until you have 12 rows (14-16) then work 1 more row, cut off yarn leaving about 8 Or 9 inches.

Thread needle through the stitches on the needle, pull yarn through and stitch tightly.

Fold slipper inside out and sew along the ribbed edges (this makes the toe part).

Sew the seam at the beginning of your knitting for the heel

Make 2 pom poms , sew to the top of foot (optional)



Ladies a Plate

Chocolate Chip Cookie

These are a universal cookie. You can replace chocolate chips with fruit or almost anything that takes your fancy.

115 g of melted butter

2 tablespoons of condensed milk

1/2 a cup of sugar

1 cup of flour

1 teaspoon of baking powder

One good handful of chocolate chips

Mix everything together. Roll into ball then flatten into cookies. Bake at 150 C for 12 to 14 minutes. Leave on tray to firm up.



Carrot Cake

1 ½ cups soya oil

2 cups raw sugar

Beat lightly 4 eggs, 1 teaspoon vanilla essence and

add to oil and sugar.

Mix in large bowl. 2 cups wholemeal flour,

1 ½ teaspoon cinnamon,

1 teaspoon salt, 3 cups grated carrots, ½ cup chopped walnuts, Mix altogether. Lastly add 2 teaspoon baking powder.

This is a moist cake. Bake 1 hour at 160



Hall Update

The Annual General Meeting of the Eureka Hall committee will be held on Thursday 22nd October at 7pm at the Eureka Hall. All residents are welcome at attend.

The hall committee has received the resignation of Heather Monehan who was the secretary. We thank Heather for her services. We are therefore looking for a secretary whose task is the write up the minutes. The hall committee meets on average 3 times a year. Other committee members are always welcome as always.

At the AGM we will also call for members for a Community Response Committee. The hall committee may become a subgroup of this committee. The hall committee is responsible for hall matters only and cannot represent Eureka residents nor apply for funding available only for community committees.

The committee is currently obtaining quotes to complete a submission for funds from the Rural Ward Fund. The ideas included beautifying the memorial cenotaph with a hedge along the frontage and improving the community amenity with a basketball hoop.

Kathryn Schicker, hall committee member, has attended an emergency management training day. The emergency management plan for the Eureka community will soon be signed off and the hall will receive a sum for emergency preparedness.

Bottled water will continue to be provided by Council until a solution is found. The Council has until November 2028 under The Drinking Water Services Act. The front runner solution at the moment is to connect to a header tank supplied by trickle feed town water.

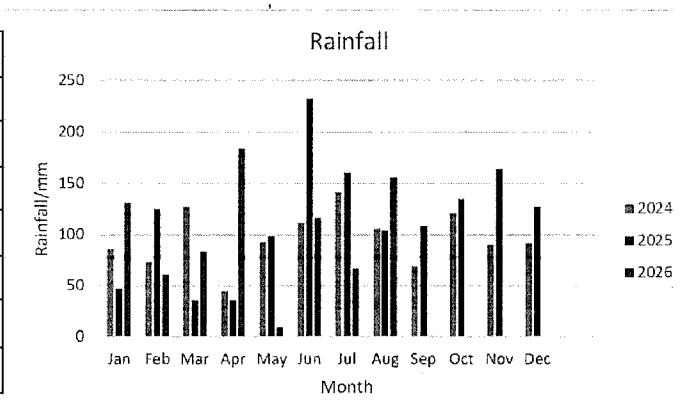
On the 18th October between 2 to 5 pm, Council is consulting with the community on the long term plan which is about where to spend money. It will be held at the Tamahere Community Hall.

I look forward to seeing some of you at the AGM.

As always you can contact me on 0221238220 and texts work best if I cannot answer. Non-urgent hall bookings are made via email to eurekahallwaikato@gmail.com

Regards Susan Rudolf
Chairperson
Phone 0221238220

Weather for August	2026	2025
Rainfall total	156 mm	103.5mm
Rain Total for year	807.5 mm	840 mm
Rainy days	8	11
Most daily rainfall	69 mm	20 mm
Temp high	20.5°C	18.9°C
Temp low	-3.8°C	-1.4°C



SPRING CHANGES AT THE PARK

Change is coming! Here at The Sculpture Park at Waitakaruru Arboretum we notice our park changing throughout the year. The weeks, months and seasons bring a continuing cycle of change within our beautiful environment. This cycle is never more evident than during Spring.



The biggest change experienced this Spring will be for John and Dorothy Wakeling. They have spent the last 34 years managing this exceptional, environmental project. John and Dorothy will now take a step back from Waitakaruru, moving off-site to enjoy well deserved time exploring other aspects of the Waikato community. The team at The Sculpture Park wish them well and will continue to develop their dream, working hard to push this project forward to a new and exciting future.

While John and Dorothy have been busy organising their big move, work in the gardens has also been full-steam ahead. Winter is a busy time for our arborists and gardeners.
Maintaining a site of this size requires careful management and we have been lucky to welcome the Wintec Arboriculture Students on site to help our team with pruning and planting.



It isn't just the gardens that need constant care. This Spring will see the opening of a new staircase leading down to the spectacular quarry pond. Existing access to this area needed attention. This new piece of infrastructure will allow visitors to pause and appreciate the vista across the pond, enhancing their experience of the park.

The rest of our team are working hard to realise our "Seeds of Renewal" event. This event occurs on the 10th and 11th of October and embraces renewal and rejuvenation. So, we encourage you to shake off your winter hibernation - come along to The Sculpture Park at Waitakaruru Arboretum as we celebrate change and celebrate Spring!

www.sculpturepark.co.nz

D Kelly – Pharos

Gardening Tips

September brings spring warmth back to the Waikato but lingering late frosts—especially inland around Hamilton —mean warm-season crops need protection or indoor starts. Soil temperatures are rising, making it prime time for root veg, hardy greens, and berry fruits.

Vegetables

Direct Sow Outdoors: Carrots, beetroot, parsnips, radishes, peas, spinach, silverbeet, and spring onions.

Plant Seedlings: Lettuce, cabbage, leeks, celery, and seed potatoes for Christmas harvests.

Sow Indoors or Under Cover: Heat-lovers like tomatoes, capsicums, chillies, eggplants, courgettes, and pumpkins. Hold off on planting these directly into the ground until October unless you use cloches.

Fruits & Berries: Strawberries, blueberries, rhubarb, feijoas, and passionfruit vines. September is also ideal for establishing new citrus trees.

Flowers & Ornamentals

Annual Seedlings: Alyssum, petunias, snapdragons, marigolds, lobelia, and cosmos.

Tubers & Bulbs: Plant dahlia tubers and gladioli corms for late-summer blooms.

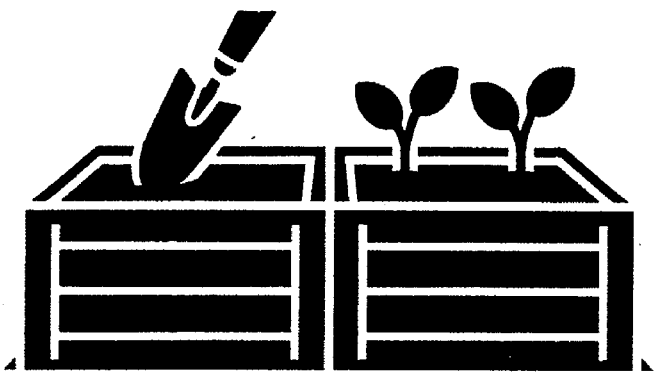
Shrubs & Trees: Camellias, rhododendrons, and general hedging plants.

Gardening Tips

Watch Late Frosts: Protect tender shoots with frost cloth or cloches if a cold spell hits.

Prep the Soil: Dig in rich compost and sheep pellets to boost drainage in heavier Waikato clay soils.

Pest Patrol: Warmer spring days trigger slugs and snails, so apply pet-safe bait



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We are loving welcoming the start of spring here at Pukeko's! The warmer days have us spending more time outdoors, enjoying the sunshine and watching our gardens come to life. Our tamariki have been getting busy planting, watering, digging and discovering all the little changes happening around us. Spring also brings plenty of opportunities to slow down, connect and enjoy each other's company. We have been making the most of our outdoor spaces, sharing lots of laughs, conversations and adventures together. It is a lovely time of year at Pukeko's, with our gardens growing, our children learning and our sense of whānau continuing to flourish.











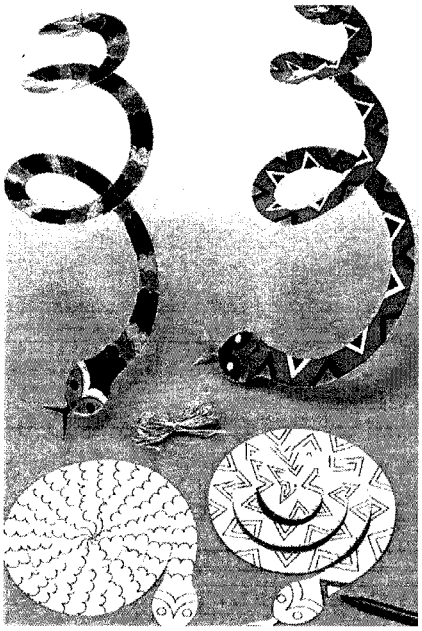
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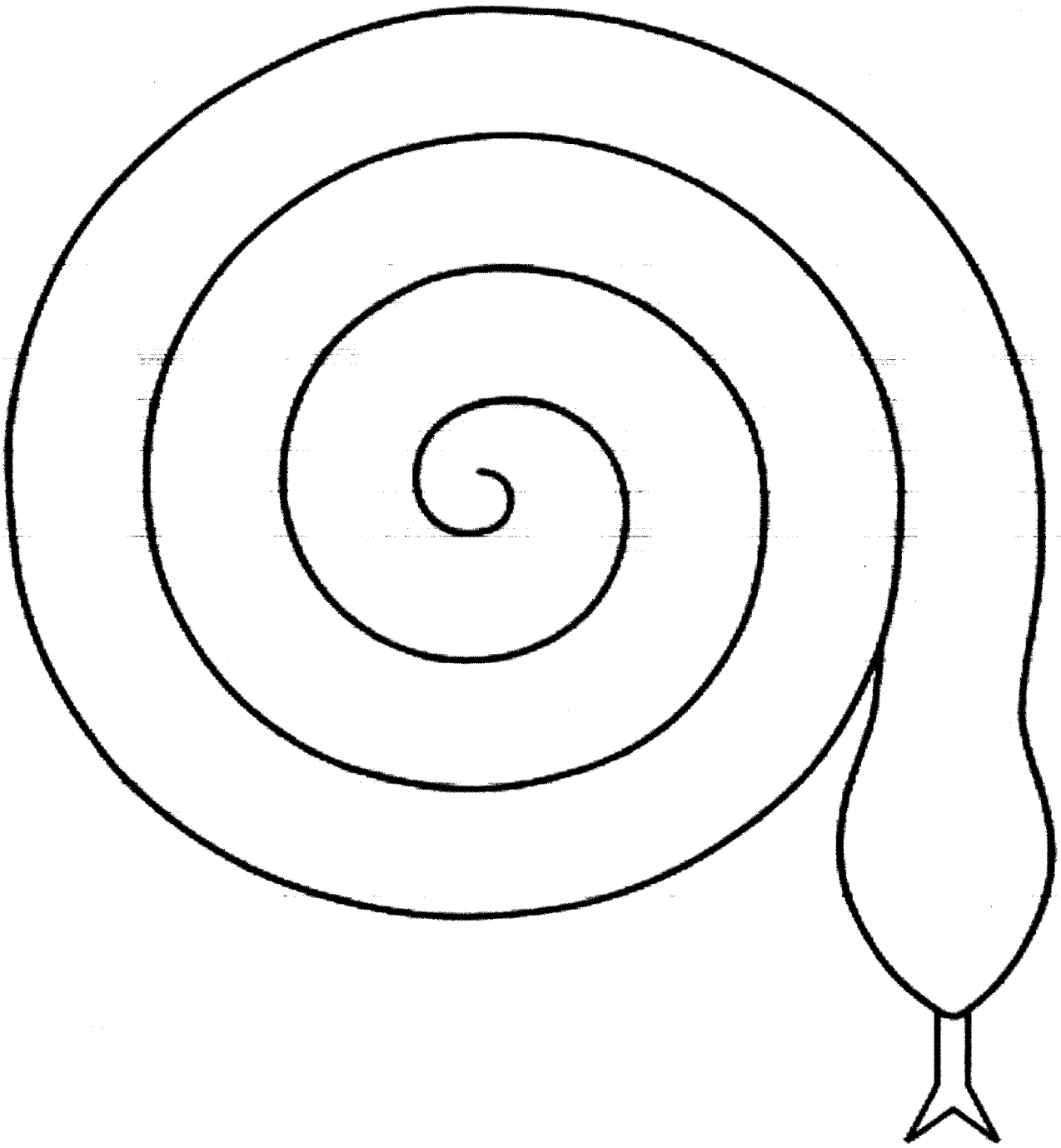
Hanging Twirly Snake

Materials:

Paper, Light card or small paper plate, light cord, markers or paints. Use template below and draw on light card or paper plate.

Create your own design and colour cut around the lines, attach a light cord and hang up near breeze.





Tamahere-Woodlands Councillors' update September 2026

Waikato District Long Term Plan informal consultation

The Council is holding informal discussions with the community on its next Long Term Plan (LTP) this month – and invite Eureka residents and ratepayers to a drop-in session at the Tamahere Community Centre in Devine Rd on Sunday 18 October, 2-5pm. We're seeking community perspectives on key topics to help shape the plan, and we invite your thoughts about what matters for you and for your community. This is the best opportunity for meaningful input to help guide development of a formal draft LTP. Formal consultation is expected to be held in March next year once there is a formal draft plan to share, but with less opportunity to effect change. The LTP will need to allow for the incoming rates cap as well as for upcoming Council amalgamation. A recent "high-level" Council LTP assets workshop identified more work is required to stretch stormwater OPEX to cover additional regulatory and consenting requirements (imposed by the Government regulator), and the roading budget is so far allowing for 3% roading renewals whereas 6-8% is needed for long-term sustainable management.

Last call for applications for the Rural Ward Fund

The Rural Ward fund is now open for applications and closes 30 September. There is about $30,000 available for distribution to not-for-profit organisations in the District who are located outside a Community Board area. (This means organisations in Tamahere-Woodlands are eligible.) Applicants must show how the project will benefit the rural area they serve. As the funding is limited, smaller applications are encouraged. Go to www.waikatodistrict.co.nz/funding to find out more.

Ngaati Hauaa taonga in a major new exhibition

Ngaati Hauaa taonga from collections across Aotearoa have been brought together for the first time in a major new exhibition now open at Te Whare Taonga o Waikato Museum & Gallery. The exhibition "Whakahokia! Ngaati Haua, our taonga, whakapapa and koorero" brings together treasured objects from local and national collections and follows a national survey of Ngaati Hauaa taonga. It shares the history of Ngaati Hauaa from their own perspective, in a celebration of whakapapa, resilience and ongoing strength. Entry is free and the exhibition will run until 6 Feburary 2028.

Ngaati Hauaa have a rich history in the Waikato. Ngaati Hauaa chief Tarapipipi Te Waharoa, or Wiremu Tamihana, was known as the Kingmaker for his role in establishing the Kiingitanga. He was also known as a peacemaker. A carved pou at 649 Bruntwood Rd, Tamahere, commemorates Te Maungaarongo, the Covenant of Peace, signed between Wiremu Tamihana and General Carey in May 1865, ending the land war in the Waikato.

New rules for councils

On 15 September Parliament passed the Local Government (System Improvements) Amendment Act. It takes councils back to a focus on core services (including roads, water, rubbish, libraries and parks), requires more regular reporting to ratepayers on performance and spending, gives councillors a clearer legal right to the information they need to do their job, and, from next year, means only elected members (not appointed members) can vote on council committees. It also lets councils recover growth costs from developments approved under the Government's Fast Track process, which matters to us more than most: 16 projects have been listed or referred for fast track consideration in our district, and nearly half of them are in the Tamahere-Woodlands ward.

Building Amendment Bill

The Government is seeking feedback on a wide-ranging package of building system reforms aimed at reducing costs and delays, including changes to liability, professional indemnity insurance, building warranties, solar energy approvals, and granny flat regulations. This is a significant opportunity for communities, homeowners, and the building sector to influence proposed changes, with submissions closing after the elections in November 2026. For more info visit https://bills.parliament.nz/

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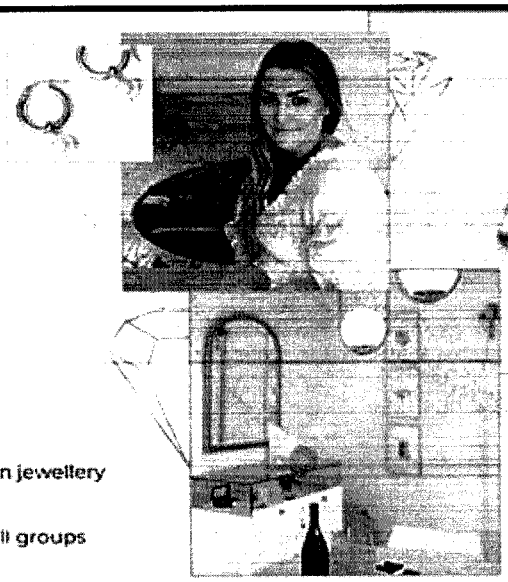
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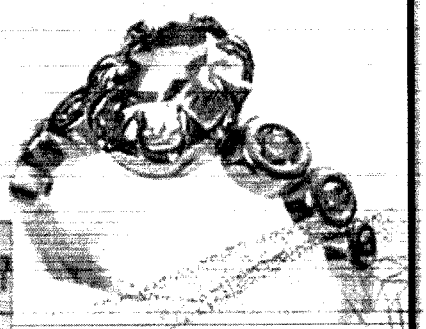
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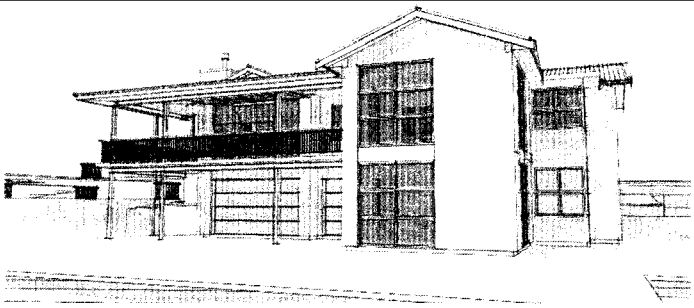
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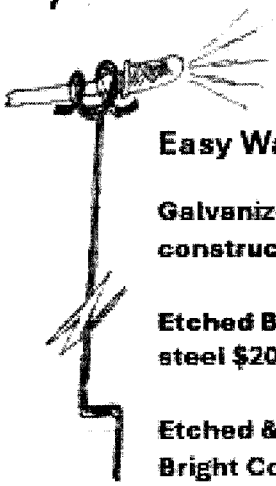
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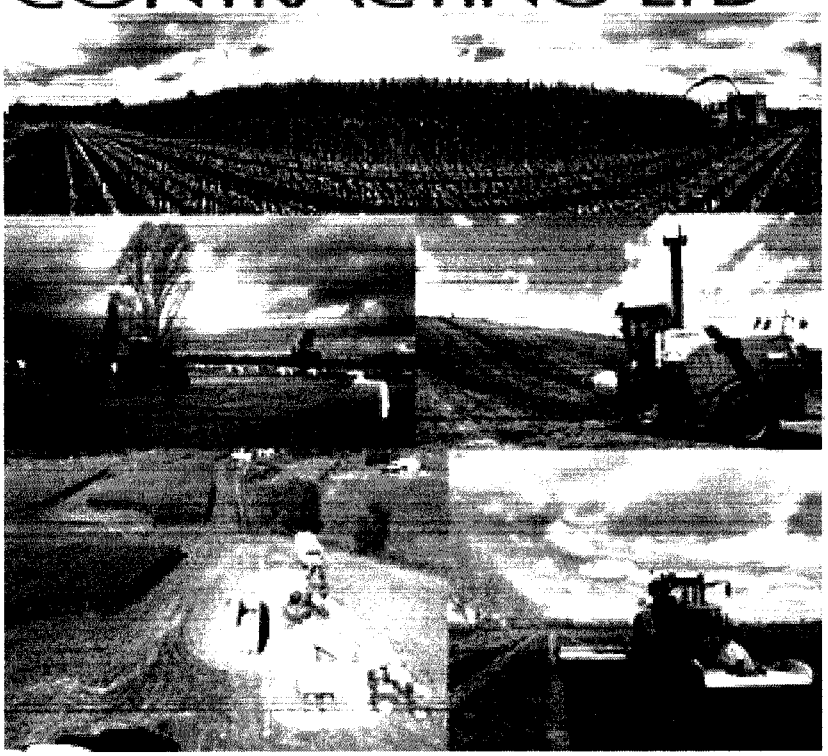
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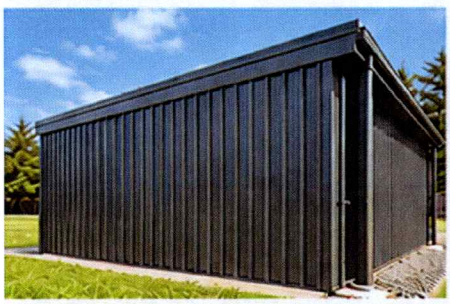
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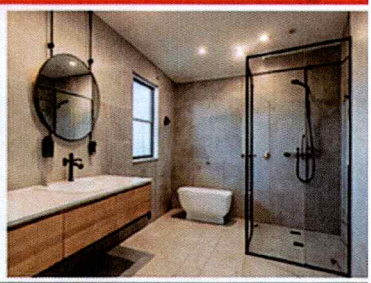
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