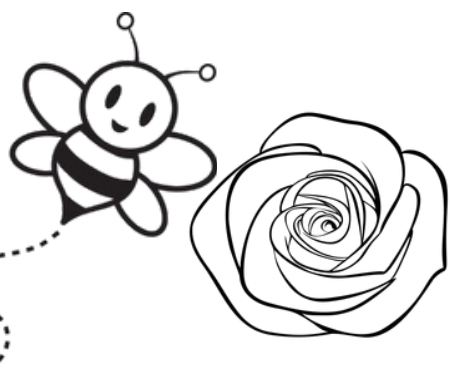
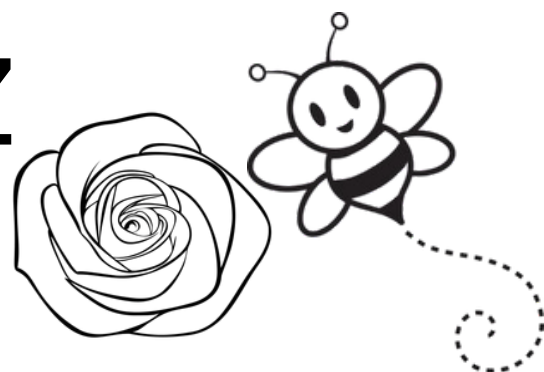




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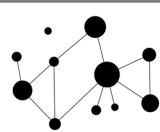
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What's the Buzz... what's been happening

The Great Te Awamutu Bake Off

On 18 July, Rotary held its successful community event, The Great Te Awamutu Bake Off, now in its third year. Some fabulous cakes were on display! Prizes kindly sponsored by Te Awamutu Pak 'n' Save. Congratulations to overall winner, Melting Moment.

Cake Auction for "Operation Christmas Hampers"

"Operation Christmas Hampers" Cake Auction was held on 25 July, with over 10 stunning cakes presented by our district's keen bakers, the auction raised \$450. The winning cake was beautifully created by Mountain Folk Cafe Pirongia. The runner up was cleverly decorated to represent our town's key features, and attracted the highest bid. Local Life Coach Tracey Hancock won the auction but promptly donated the cake to volunteers at the Info Centre! Thank you bakers for your creativity and generosity, and to everyone who purchased, for your support of a great community cause.

Stars and sausages for Matariki in Kihikihi

Kihikihi Police House and Temple Cottage marked Matariki on 5 July with a sausage sizzle, and star-shaped biscuits to decorate. Thank you Fresh Choice for kindly donating a gift basket to raffle. Events like this around the motu celebrated the spirit of Matariki - a time to remember, pay tribute, connect with each other and reset our course for the future.

Spotlight on the Buzz...

This month we start a series focusing on community groups that might not have a big shiny profile but quietly and constantly take action that makes our district a better place to live. We celebrate the leaders and volunteers who serve our community with heart and dedication. Let's start with these two...

Te Awamutu Te Rōpū Wāhine Māori Toko i te Ora (Māori Women's Welfare League)

Wāhine from different generations and walks of life, work to improve the health, wellbeing, education and cultural strength of Māori whānau. Members share their skills and experience in law, accounting, health, education, business and public service to advocate for the aspirations of wāhine and their whānau. The vision that guides the League is "every member has a place and every voice matters". Find out more at www.mwwl.org.nz or 07 871 4971.

Grey Power Te Awamutu

Grey Power is an active and friendly group, part of a national federation but not aligned with any political party. Their mission is to make Aotearoa New Zealand the best country in the world to retire, where seniors live in dignity and enjoy a comfortable and sustainable quality of life. Contact michael.cullen@greypower.org.nz for more information.

Interested in volunteering?

If you're thinking about volunteering, we'd love to hear from you! You might have a few hours to spare each week, or just want to explore opportunities to get a bit more involved. The Information Centre can help connect you with volunteer roles that gel with your interests. Pop in and have a chat with our team!

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The ever-popular Rotary Book Fair is here!

6th to 9th August at 355 Rickit Rd, Te Awamutu. Books in the donation crate in the entrance of Mitre 10 Te Awamutu by **Friday 31 July**. teawamuturotary@gmail.com for details.

Rotary Te Awamutu Quiz Night at Stallions

Gather your crew (max. 6) for Rotary's lively Quiz Night at Stallions on Friday 28 August. Entry fee \$25 per team. Food, drinks and raffle tickets available for purchase on the night. To register your team (or if you're a local business wishing to donate an item as a raffle) please email Gill or Ainsley at teawamuturotary@gmail.com.

Rosetown Choristers to welcome spring

An early notice for your calendar... the Rosetown Choristers will hold their Spring Concert titled "Journeys" at the Methodist Church on Bank St, Te Awamutu on Sunday 13 September at 2pm. Afternoon tea to follow. Contact David on 027 270 7566 for more details.

Home Composting Workshops this August

Come along to a free Home Composting Workshop this August and learn simple, practical ways to compost your food scraps at home.

Hosted by the Waste Minimisation team at Waipā District Council and funded through the Central Government's Waste Disposal Levy, these workshops will introduce you to a range of home composting methods. Plus, everyone who attends will receive a \$50 Mitre10 discount voucher to put towards an eligible model of compost bin, worm farm or Bokashi kit to help you get started at home.

Te Awamutu workshops - Burchell Pavilion, 1 Gorst Avenue

Workshop one: Saturday 15 August, 10.00am

Workshop two: Wednesday 19 August, 6.30pm

Spaces are limited. Registrations close Saturday, 8 August.

Register at waipadc.govt.nz/wasteminevents

Te Awamutu Continuing Education Group - August speakers

1st and 3rd Wednesday every month at Waipā Workingmen's Club. Tea/coffee available from 9.30am, programme begins at 10am. \$4 per person on arrival to cover expenses.

Wed 5 August: Glen Murphy, *World of change: Thames to the University of California to multinational business*

Wed 19 August: Ross Ormsby, *Ability with disability: Life does not stop at a wheelchair!*

Senior Expo on 1st October

Save the date! The **Senior Expo** is on 1st October, 10am to 4pm. Connect with local health, legal, support & community services, all in one place. Free entry, everyone welcome!

Our Local Markets

Council Car Park, Saturdays 8am

Every Saturday, 101 Bank Street. Pam Chitty 021 182 5787

Rosetown Monthly Fair, Saturday 22nd August

4th Saturday every month, 10am to 2pm, at Selwyn Park, Gorst Ave. Te Awamutu's local Craft Market, with 80+ stalls, food trucks & entertainment, a fun family-friendly event

Kihikihi Monthly Market, Sunday 1st August

1st Sunday every month, in collaboration with the Kihikihi Police House and Temple Cottage, Māori Women's Welfare League hold the Kihikihi Market on the Turata reserve

Pirongia Craft Market, Sunday 30th August

Last Sunday of every month, 9am to 1pm, at Pirongia Memorial Hall, 574 Crozier Street

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