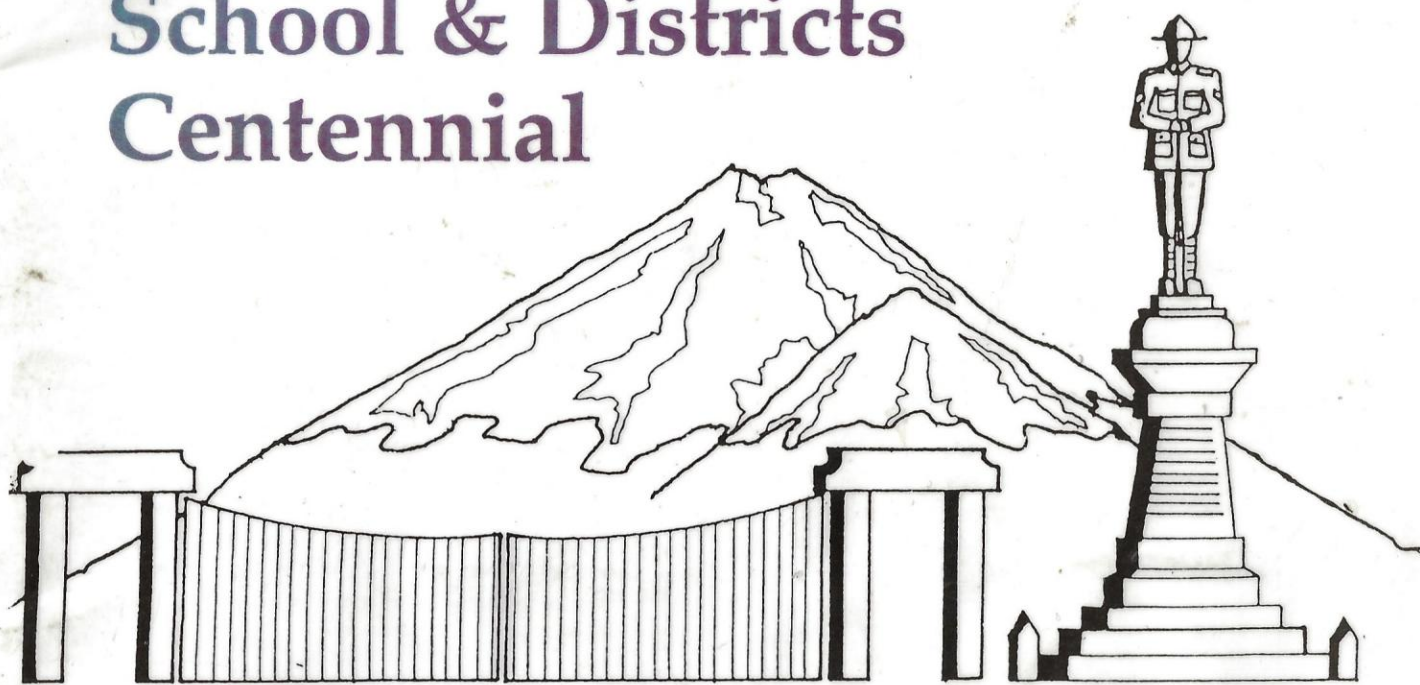


# AUROA

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1891 - 1991

## Centennial Committee Chairman's Message

On behalf of my very willing and hard working Committee, I extend to pupils, teachers and ex-residents, a warm welcome to our attainment of 100 years.

It has been nearly four years since our Steering Committee was formed. During this period a lot of sterling effort had been put in to ensure that one and all enjoy this celebration.

It is with regret that I record the passing away of one of our staunch Committee members, Alister Hooper, who died on May 25, 1989.

Many of you will remember much harder times than I can, but when you look at the area today you must think of how it was all worth while. Today's generation owes our

ancestors much in the development of this section of the Waimate Plains, which must be second to none in the country.

I remember in my school days the roll being about 130 of which approximately one third were Maoris. But changing times have altered all that and the roll is now about 80, steady, and with approximately nine Maori children.

As we congregate to celebrate this milestone in our history, I sincerely hope you enjoy your reminiscences amongst your friends, and take home treasured memories of your weekend with Auroa.

Your sincerely,

Fred J. Hughes, Chairman,

## Board of Trustees Report

Early in 1989 the Labour Government introduced Tomorrow's Schools. This saw major changes in the education system with the abolishment of school committees and the forming of a Board of Trustees to govern our school. Unlike previous school committees, the Board of Trustees have been given wide ranging responsibilities which include the management of all the school's financial accounts, repairs and maintenance, major capital works, employment of staff, and, in consultation with the community, to draw up the school charter, to mention but a few.

This new system has been in place 18 months and ap-

pears to be working well.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees it is my pleasant duty to welcome past pupils and staff as they come together with the community to renew acquaintances, share memories and events that influenced their early lives.

Past and present committees and voluntary helpers must look back with some sense of pride and achievement at the fruit of their labours which must give the Auroa School and district, educational and recreational facilities equal to, if not better than any school in a community of this size.

A. J. Dravitski, Chairman.



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## Principal's Report for Centennial

Firstly, I would like to congratulate the Auroa School and District on achieving their first 100 years.

Education in New Zealand has gone through a number of changes since its beginning, the latest of these being the advent of 'Tomorrow's Schools'. This has been largely an administrative change aimed at communities having a greater say in the running of their school. The Board of Trustees has shouldered much of the extra workload, with the PTA fulfilling a fundraising and liaison role.

The classroom has changed somewhat over time also, with new subjects entering the curriculum and teaching methods becoming less rigid. As well as the traditional subjects, schools now offer the children lessons on Maori language and pubertal change. Children are encouraged to speak up in the classroom and enjoy a much more relaxed relationship with their teachers. The strap has just recently been outlawed as a means of punishment. However, the 3 'Rs' or 'basics' still continue to be the mainstay of all classroom programmes.

Auroa School is well-placed to take advantage of the new system, as it enjoys the support of such a positive-minded community. This can be seen in the many recent developments around the school, such as the installation of three computers.

I would now like to pay tribute to the work of the many teachers, past and present, who have taught at this school. Prominent among these is Barbara Poole, who has been giving the children of Auroa an excellent start to their education for 25 years.

The pupils of our school are our greatest ambassadors. Auroa children are friendly, lively, competitive, and generally a pleasure to teach. They take these skills out into the community and are usually a credit to their school and district.

Finally, I would like to wish the School and District well over their next 100 years.

C. B. Bloor, Principal.

## 75th Jubilee Chairman's Message

It gives me much pleasure to be associated once more with the School and District on the occasion of their centennial celebrations.

I bring greetings from those who served on committees and helped with the 75th Jubilee 25 years ago. I am sure they join with me in congratulating the local people who have once again proved that the community spirit in the

Auroa district is still alive and well.

On behalf of those who will attend these celebrations, we say thank you to the Chairman, his Committee and helpers and hope the celebrations will be highly successful.

With kindest regards,

Reg Duff.



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## 100th Jubilee Programme

### TARANAKI ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND

March 8, 9 and 10, 1991

Friday, March 8

- Activities at School for Pupils
- School open all day for Public
- 12.30 pm Jubilee Office at Dental Clinic opens
- 7 pm Social Evening and Jubilee Office in Marquee. Refreshments for sale with a complimentary supper.
- Judging of Beards.

Saturday, March 9

- 9.30 am Jubilee Office opens
- 10 am Decade photos starting with

earliest decades

- 12.30 Lunch
  - 1.30 pm Welcome, Cutting of Cake, complimentary tea or coffee
  - 6 pm to 7 pm Social hour in Marquee
  - 7.30 pm Dinner, Dance and Entertainment.
- Refreshments will be available during evening.

Sunday, March 10

- 10 am Laying of Wreath at Monument
- 10.30 am Church Service and Lunch
- 12 pm Lunch
- 1 pm Parade and Socialising



## A Short History of Ratanui and Auroa Schools

In the early 1800s, the land in and around Auroa was heavily timbered by giant ratas, rimu and totaras. In fact the district's early name of 'Ratanui' was a derivation of Rata (Rata - the tree - nui - big). So thick and heavy was the bush that it is little wonder that early residents frequently recall the vast swampy areas, where bush tracks became impassable, and unsuspecting riders and pack horses were bogged down and forced to wait until they could be rescued.

In 1949, when I was making my first visit to Auroa, a former early resident of the district could remember only two facts about the area - bullock carts and mud, mud, mud!

However, in spite of great difficulties and hardships, the early pioneers gradually began to clear the land, and burn the massive stumps.

Owing to the exceptionally heavy rainfall in this bush-clad country, it was no easy matter to get the logs to burn. However, once a fire was started the settlers were faced with an even greater problem - bush fires. These created quite a hazard, and whole families turned out to beat the flames. Eventually small clearings were made, which farmers grassed down hopefully. This, in its small way, was the start of the dairy farming in the district.

As the farmers acquired a few cows, their wives would spend tedious hours churning and making butter. This butter was used as a means of barter at the local stores - eg, so many pounds of flour were exchanged for a pound of butter. This form of exchange was in existence for quite a number of years.

Mr Sylvanus Davies remembers collecting fungus, which grew in large quantities in the bush, and exchanging bags of it for goods and groceries at the stores.

As the dairy industry became established, the need for this type of exchange ceased. With the growth of the dairy industry, the need for better roads became apparent. The Government offered employment to young men who were willing to build roads, and it wasn't long before a neat network of much needed roads appeared, to replace the former swampy tracks.

As the district grew the residents realised that a school was a necessity. A site on Mr Rowell's property, on the Skeet Road, was selected. The first task was to fell and clear the heavy bush. Mr J. Rowell then built a one roomed whare, measuring 10 feet by 12 feet. This school was first known as Rowell's whare, and later as Ratanui School. The first teacher was Mr Sargeant.

The following 19 pupils were enrolled and marked present on the opening day, May 18, 1891. Alice Bartlett, Bertie Batemann, Cecil Mellor, Gertrude Mellor, Eva Mellor, Hampton Mellor, John Wickham, William Wood, Albert Wood, Ethel Sutton, Milly Bateman, Blake Webber, Florence Webber, George Webber, William Blennerhassett, Vita Blennerhassett, Harry Sutton, William Sutton, Maude Sutton.

As the school numbers in the first 12 months outgrew the capacity of the building, the overflow were sent out to a big hollow rata tree, where classes were held until

the room could be enlarged. This building was condemned in 1892. In the same year a new school was started on Education Board land, on the corner of the Skeet and Auroa Roads. This was occupied in 1893 and inspected in April. By this time there were 32 pupils, the school having nearly doubled in two years.

By this time there were two other schools named Ratanui, so in 1898 the name was altered to that of Auroa.

With the increase in the number of people taking up farming, the roll increased at the school, so additions were made in the form of new rooms in both 1899 and 1903. Auroa School was transferred from the Wanganui Board to the Taranaki Education Board in 1916. By June 1918, the attendance had increased to 119 pupils, and the school was unable to accommodate the number. The hall was used as an additional classroom until an extra room was finished in February 1919.

On October 27, 1920, His Excellency, Viscount Jellicoe, Governor-General of the Dominion, unveiled the memorial which had been erected on the corner of the school grounds as a memorial to the Fallen.

An electric pump was provided in 1932 to replace the old windmill.

In December 1933, the school Drum and Fife Band formed by the head teacher, Mr L. M. Fairbrother, was asked to perform at Manaia, by the Manaia Town Board, at the Christmas Eve function. This was only one of several occasions that the band was invited to play outside their district.

On August 26 and 27, 1941, at the 50th jubilee celebrations, a new open-air type of school was officially opened by the late Mr Wilkinson, MP. This is the school being used today, although a few alterations and additions were made at a later date.

A decision was made to build a small learners' swimming pool, and in April 1944 a working bee was held to excavate a site. Work then began on the baths, which were finally completed on February 13, 1946. As the need for a filter became obvious, the Committee decided to raise the money required by holding a massive school Gala Day in November 1963. Although the success of this day was largely due to the efforts of the School Committee and parents, no-one will ever forget the tremendous amount of work performed by the Headmaster, Mr N. Jones, and the local storekeeper, Mr D. Attrill. Taranaki weather ran true to form, and by the afternoon the rain was pouring down. However, this in no way daunted the people's spirits, or their spending ability, and by the end of the day 371 pounds 16 shillings and nine pence (approximately \$745) had been raised. Surely this was an example of the great community spirit of this little district. The filter plant was installed in 1964, and to mark the occasion Swimming Sports were held.

Although other changes were made over the years, nothing changed more than the mode of transport used by the pupils going to and from school. Shank's pony and riding ponies came first. There was a big paddock

by the school where the ponies were kept. It is interesting to note that the last pony to use the school horse paddock was ridden by Kaye West (now Mrs David Heal) in 1951. For several years Jim Davison took several families from the Rama Road to school in a pony and trap. Later, lorries belonging to the late Mr E. Sandford, were used to convey the children. These were also used for carting pigs! One ex-pupil remembers travelling to Manaia to woodwork in one of these trucks, which had a tarpaulin fitted over the frame. "It was a rush," he said, "to see who could get to the bottom end, where the air was freshest."

Sandford's buses provided fine transport for many

years, and these have only lately been replaced by a Departmental school bus. Bicycles complete with all the latest gadgets, are also popular.

And the future?

No matter how children in the future travel to Auroa School, be it by spacecraft, or hovercraft, may they strive to maintain the high level of attainment that has been a hallmark of pupils in the past.

May they also remember children of today must become our leaders of tomorrow, carrying out their duties with dignity and honour.

(from 75th Jubilee Booklet, by Mrs Pat Robbins (nee McMurtry) who was a teacher from September 1949 to May 1951 and then a resident for many years.)



OPENING DAY AUROA SCHOOL, MAY 18, 1891

Teacher: W. E. Sargeant.

Alice Barlett, Bertie Batemann, Cecil Mellow, Gertrude Mellow, Eve Mellow, Hampton Mellow, John Wickham, William Wood, Albert Wood, Ethel Sutton, Milly Bateman, Blake Webber, Florence Webber, George Webber, Maude Sutton, William Blennerhassett, Vita Blennerhassett, Harry Sutton, William Sutton.

RATANUI SCHOOL, MAY 4, 1897

Teacher: Mr J. Love.



John Love, born October 29, 1869, Green Island, Dunedin, attended Green Island Primary School. Taught at Green Island 1887-90 as a Pupil Teacher. Moved to Auroa 1896-1899. He remained a bachelor and died in Temuka 1918, aged 49. He was also an engineer and manufactured the 'Century Bicycle'.





**AUROA SCHOOL 1901**

Back Row: Ada Dawson, Minnie Hooper, Clara Mellow, —, Sarah Dawson, Lucy Dawson, Edith Hooper, Agnes Dunn, Gladys Harvey, Jessie Anderson, Cis Joyce, Ida Blennerhassett, Ethel Mudford, —, Madge Dawson, Elsie Blennerhassett, Minnie Hooper (cousin), Iris Mellow, Viva Mudford.

Boys, Back Row: Charlie Davis, Norman Blennerhassett, Len Mudford, —, Leo Castle, Dick Hooper, Archie Clare, —, Jim Mudford, Stewart Dawson, Roy Mudford, Herbert Mudford, Jim Dawson.

Four girls in front of teacher: Daisy Mudford, only one known.

Boys in Front Row: Clarence Davies, Bryan Blennerhassett, Leonard Mudofrd, —, Jim McLeod, Frank Ludlow, —, Marr Ludlow, Tom Blennerhassett.

Photo copied from Edith Hooper's photo.



**AUROA SCHOOL 1907**

Teachers: Mr and Mrs Robbie.

Back Row, left to right: Jessie Dunn, Dorothy Proffitt, Mary McNeil, Lizzie O'Dea, Isabel Dunn, Verlie Harrison, Lily Harrison, Millie Harcourt, Kate Kay, Eva Harvey, Elsie Catley, Mable Benny, Lily Tremain.

Second Row, fourth from left: Herbert Rudkin, Tom Day, —, Mudford, Fred Blennerhassett, —, Mudford, Harvey York Sherrin, Dick Hooper, Sid Hall, Oscar Benny.

Third Row: Willie Harvey, Wallace Benny, Jim Hooper, Dorothy Dunn, —, Lucy Benny, Myrtle Hall, Mamie Hooper, Alice Parks, Winnie Jerrow, Trilby Rawcliff, Walter Blennerhassett, Austin Catley.

## Music Teachers Over the Years

Mr and Mrs Bonnetti, Mrs Sylvia Voss, Mrs Felicity Spragg, and at present 1990, Mrs C. Cambie, Mrs Bev Perrett, Mrs Jill Hooper is also a dance teacher. We feel our children are very lucky to have such a variety of capable people in the area.

### AUROA SCHOOL CONCERT LARGEST CROWD FOR YEARS

The concert organised by Mr and Mrs Bonetti and given by their pupils in the Auroa hall on Friday night attracted the largest audience for several years.

The stage was decorated by palms, flowers and ferns and made the background for the brilliant colours of the large number of costumes worn by the performers.

The programme opened with an overture by the school orchestra, "Won't You Buy Me Pretty Flowers" and "Snowdrops", the personnel being Betty Everitt (piano) and Reg Duff, Jim Everitt, Ron Webby, Maurice Granville, F. Eliason, W. Hooper, D. Williamson, Joyce Lee and B. Harrison (violins); song, "Alice Blue Gown", Aileen Evans; violin solo, "First Waltz", F. Eliason song, "Tapu", Nancy Crompton; steel guitar duet, "Aloha", Madge Webby and Mr Bonetti; "Spring Frolics", Aileen Evans (Daisy), Betty Everitt (Violet), Beryl Hall (Rose), Nancy Trott (Jonquil) and Jean Hooper, Rita Brown, Laura and Emmaline Hartley, Margaret Williamson, Mavis and Ruth Rheerin, Rae Ord and Lois Haworth (chorus); violin solo, "Premiere Waltz", Jim Perritt; piano solo, "Woodpecker", Aileen Evans; song, "Annie Laurie", Jean Williamson; banjo solo, Harry Sanderson; drill item, Lois Haworth, Nancy Trott, Laura Hartley, M. Trott, Margaret Williamson, Ruth Sheerin, Hazel Moreland, Alice Davison, Rae Ord, Rita Brown and

Emmaline Hartley with music played by Misses Mary Lee and Annie O'Dea.

School orchestra, "John Peel" and "Cinderella"; Hawaiian orchestra, "Bluebird" and "Rose of Honolulu"; piano solo, "Elfin Dance", Mavis Sheerin; violin solo, "By The River", Reg Duff; dancing lesson, solo sung by Rae Ord and chorus by Alice Davison, Morva Trott, Margaret Williamson, Emmaline Hartley, Lois Haworth, Hazel Moreland, Mavis Sheerin and Ruth Sheerin; banjo solo, "Ookda", Jock Hosie; songs, "Swallows" and "Rive Flowing By", Miss M. Benton; piano solo, "Merry-Go-Round", Rita Brown; swing song, Jean Hooper and chorus; violin solo, "Hungarian Dance", Joyce Webby; piano solo, "La Fileuse", Netta Duff; steel guitar trio, "Sea Breezes" and "Troopers' March", Rita McNeil, Ray Swan and Mr Bonetti with violin accompaniment by Arthur Sargeson; piano duet, "Sleigh Bells", Jean and Percy Hooper; violin solo, "Minuet", Arthur Sargeson; songs with violin obligato, Mrs Bonetti.

The accompanists were Mrs Bonetti, Netta Duff, Betty Everitt, Rita Brown, Annie O'Dea, Mary Lee and Jean Williamson. Mr Percy Hooper was stage announcer.

Mr Bonetti presented a prize to Jim Everitt for having gained the highest marks in a music examination, gaining 142 marks out of a possible 150.

A competition for a box of chocolates was won by Charles Sturgeon.

Mr Duff, chairman of the school committee, thanked Mr and Mrs Bonetti for organising such an outstanding concert which not only revealed the rapid progress made by the pupils, but proved of educational value to



**AUROA SCHOOL 1909**

Teachers: Mr Robbie, Miss Malcolm.

Back Row, left to right: Isabel Linton, M. Hooper, B. Linton, W. Giraud, V. Harrison, E. Hall, D. Proffitt, J. Dunn, —, Myrtle Hall.

Second Row: M. Bradford, J. Bradford, R. Johnston, Jim Hooper, Dick Hooper, Sid Hall, Alf Poole, Arthur Poole, Arthur Dunn, Bill Bradford.

Third Row: Katee Bradford, Grace Harcourt, Trilby Rawcliffe, Murial Harrison, Alma Harrison, Dundas Bowman, —, Irene Johnston, Walter Evans,

Front Row: Charlie Bowman, John Hooper, —, Geof Clark, Tom Hooper, Stewart Rawcliffe, John Proffitt.



all the performers. Through their efforts the debt to the dental clinic would be cleared off and it was hoped that the school orchestra could be aided.

Misses Jean Williamson and Aileen Evans gave Mrs Bonetti a bouquet as an appreciation of what she had done.

Mr Duff thanked those who gave donations, Messrs Sanford, Walters, Gray, Duggard, Cave and Johns and

the parents who made the costumes and provided the supper.

An orchestra comprising Messrs Barleyman (piano), Mitchell (drums), Hawkins (trumpet), Koorey (saxophone) and Shepherd (violin) played for the dance, and extras were given by Misses West and Jean Hooper and Mr J. Hey.



Ponies ridden to school, 1911.



1924-1925

Grace Hayward, Bertha Bigham, Margaret Mowat, Jean Davison, Annie Tomlinson, Ellie Hartley, Kathleen Yates, Miss Heal, Dolly Julian, Muriel Blackstock, Molly Buxton, Isabelle Kilpatrick, Mary Mace, Gladys Bigham, Peggy Sturgeon, Zita Watkins, Rita Shaw, Flora Duff, Beatrice Ogle, Chrissie Mowat, Eunice Lyndon, Una West, Florrie Brown, Margaret Lilley.



STD 3, 1926

Back Row, left to right: Cecil Mellor, Bert Williams, Everitt Sheerin, Eric Austin, Ernie Derby, Bonnie Hughes, Martin Deegan, Sammy Nuku. Marjorie Tremain, Flora Duff, Eunice Mellow, Alice Deegan, Beatrice Ogle, Dolly Julian, Wally Kirk.



1930s ?

Les Muggeridge, Hugh Muggeridge, Parkinson -, Henry Yates, Bert Williams, Everett Sheerin, Douglas Dane. Eileen Mace, Winnie Cameron, Daisy Prout, Chrissie Mowat, Vera Herbert, Ann O'Dea, —, Myra Kirk, - Parkinson. Len Lyndon, Flora Cameron, Flo Whitcombe, Nola Hornby, Violet White, Phillis Borrie, Netta Duff. Albert Barlow, Eric Brown, Ray Julian, Henry Yates, Ian Borrie, Tom Blackstock, —, Fred Corey, Ross McKay.



## A Glimpse at the Log

At one time it was the practice of the Head Teacher to keep a log book, in which he recorded school activities, in fact this practice is still in force today.

The earliest records available are dated June 29, 1907.

Following are extracts which we hope will be of interest today.

29.6.1907 — Arithmetic of Primer 1 is good as far as it goes.

2.8.1907 — Average roll for week 53.7 out of roll of 60.

22.7.1908 — Arbor Day was observed as follows: Flag was saluted and National Anthem sung. The head teacher addressed the children on the meaning of Arbor Day and told how a tree should be planted. The rest of the day was declared a holiday.

10.11.1909 — It was decided to ask the Board that the present time for opening the school at 9.30 am should be adhered to, as in a district like this where parents require the services of the children in the morning, it would be impossible for them to get there at 9 o'clock.

1.2.1910 — The two candidates from this school for the Board's Junior Scholarships, both secured a pass. Eva Clarke who came third on the list on order of merit, was awarded a Scholarship, and Jessie Dunn, whose position was 25th, won two years' free tuition at a Secondary School.

22.6.1911 — All the children were taken to Manaia for Coronation Celebrations. Before starting, a committee member (Mr Harcourt) addressed the children and distributed Coronation Medals. At Manaia, the children carrying the school banner and

small flags, joined in the procession to the Domain. The weather turned out fine and a day was spent which will be long remembered by the children.

15.3.1912 — Average attendance for week was 60.4 pupils. Roll number 73.

17.6.1913 — Holiday to enable children to go to New Plymouth to visit "HMS New Zealand".

18.6.1913 — Holiday granted by the committee as the children had a long day yesterday - 4 am to 11 pm.

28.8.1914 — In accordance with the Board's request this afternoon was devoted to Patriotic addresses, saluting the flag, and singing of the National Anthem.

22.8.1916 — School closed for measles from 22nd to 25th.

12.11.1918 — Official news of the signing of the Armistice by Germany received.

14.10.1918 — Today we had the largest number present that the school had ever had - 119 present, roll 123.

7.10.1920 — A gold medal, donated by Mr J. McCarty for the best player in the local football team, was presented to Roy Hill, who has represented Country Schools for two years, and also South Taranaki.

27.10.1921 — His Excellency, Vicount Jellicoe, Governor General of the Dominion, unveiled the memorial erected to Fallen Soldiers of Auroa by the residents of the District.

25.3.1922 — By defeating Manaia today the local school cricket team has finished the season without losing a game.

24.8.1923 — An acre of the school ground was stumped with the aid of bullocks.



SCHOOL PHOTO, 1913

Teachers: Miss Harria, Mr Baraclough.

Front Row, left to right: Bill Bradford 1, R. Hooper 5, S. Penny 8, Langdon Penny.

Second Row: K. Muir 1, Rene Johnson 2, K. Bradford 3, Elsie Baraclough 4, Nancy Proffit 5, Molly Slattery 6, G. Harcourt 7, Jessie Dunn 8, Rene McCarty 9, Essie Bradford 14, Sadie McNeil 15, Ada Evans 16, —, Maudie Hall 17, Harriet Duggan 19.

Third Row, third from right: Annie McBeth.

Fourth Row, from right by teacher: Maurie Ogle 2, Trilby Rawcliffe, —, Phyllis Clareburt, Ivan Anderson, — Muir, Mert Bradford, Charlie Baraclough, Jos McCarty, John Proffit, Wally Taite —, Tom Hooper, —, Doug Melville, John Hooper by lady teacher.

Back Row, from right: —, Bill Bradford, —, Walter Evans, Jack Bradford, — Muir.

26.6.1924 — From 2.30 to 3.30 all the school were entertained at a banquet in the hall, given by the local farmers.

5.6.1925 — A school fair was held. This netted 41 pounds, which will be used to make a small children's playing area, concrete paths, and to buy pictures.

12.3.1926 — School closed for annual picnic at the Ngaere Gardens.

3.3.1927 — Thirty-six pupils gained swimming certificates.

1.2.1928 — Pupils began going to Manaia for woodwork and cooking.

28.2.1931 — School picnic held at New Plymouth. They were conveyed by Sandford's lorries.

2.12.1931 — School closed for Elections.

15.2.1932 — A drum and fife band was formed by Mr L. Fairbrother.

22.9.1933 — Auroa School won the Challenge Shield for the most school points at the Kaponga Spring Flower Show.

4.5.1934 — The School Band was today invited to play at the Jubilee function of the Otakeho School. However, owing to heavy rain, the outing was cancelled.

6.5.1935 — The Headmaster, Mr L. M. Fairbrother, attended the King's Silver Jubilee Parade at New Plymouth, where he was decorated with the King's Silver Jubilee Medal.

4.4.1936 — School relay team won the Smith Trust Cup at Kaponga sports meeting.

7.2.1938 — School Milk: 99 bottles were delivered to the school for the first time.

6.4.1939 — Combined Auroa and Kapuni schools made a trip to Mt Egmont under the leadership of Mr R. Syme (agriculture instructor). The following reached the summit: J. Richardson, D. Williamson, P. White, B. Sheerin, D. Balsom, I. Hooper, M. Granville, E. Hartley, T. Day, R. Duff, B. Hall: and also Head Teacher, F. W. Kerr and Chairman of School Committee, Mr J. C. Duff.

26.3.1940 — Party of 30 pupils, accompanied by Mr F. W. Kerr and Miss J. Richardson, of school staff, and Mr J. C. Duff left for the Centennial Exhibition at Wellington.

26.8.1941 — The opening of the new school by Mr Wilkinson, MP, and Jubilee Celebrations of Auroa School held on 26th and 27th.

3.2.1942 — Regular swimming lessons held at Factory Race.

14.8.1943 — Cedric Hartley was chosen to represent Taranaki in the Football tournament at Palmerston North.

17.4.1944 — Working bee held in school grounds to excavate site for learners' baths.

15.11.1945 — A start has been made on school baths.

12.4.1946 — Teams of boys and girls taken to the Dixon Banner Sports in Hawera. Com-



INFANTS, AUROA SCHOOL 1932

Tom Day, George Ogle, Rae Ord, Doreen King, Lorna Ewans, Jack Brock, Vernard Alchin.

Miss Scott, Ora Taylor, Pat Bowie, Bruce Sheerin, Bill Horgan, Ivan Hooper, Ron Mischesfiski, Dave Williamson, Nancy Trott.

Molly Day, Beryl Hall, P. Waller, Dorothy Fasham, Betty Paton, Betty Hartley, Dorothy Freakley, Betty Everitt.

Stuart Caldwell, Lance Catley, John and Leonard Maginley, Ron Langlands, Wally Cameron, Maurice Day, Jack Joyce, Colin Barton, Clarence Brown.



peting against the larger schools the children did very well to be 4th.

7.2.1952 — Death of King George VI. School closed.

9.9.1953 — Received three cartons of books from the Country Library Service.

29.3.1955 — Visit of mobile X-ray unit. Staff and some children had chest X-rays.

17.10.1956 — Visit of Mr G. Scholes, traffic officer, who showed a film.

23.9.1957 — Twenty pupils absent in S4 - Form 2, with Asian 'flu.

26.5.1958 — Twenty-two pupils were transferred to Otakeho School.

17.8.1959 — Mr McMurray left at 8.30 am with his pupils on a social studies trip to New Plymouth, the aerodrome, 2XP, and the harbour.

25.2.1960 — School swimming sports and demonstration of water skills held.

6.2.1961 — Ceremony of Saluting the Flag for Waitangi Day.

9.11.1963 — School Gala held in torrential rain. Grand sum of 375 pounds gross, purpose of Gala - Installatoin of Filtration plant.

22.11.1963 — World informed of assassination of President Kennedy.

4.2.1964 — Eleven new pupils enrolled. Roll stands at 120.

11.2.1964 — Official opening of new Filter system and baths.

6.10.1964 — School group left for trip to Christchurch, returned 8th.

3.2.1965 — Foundation of new toilets.

22.2.1965 — First initial meeting of 75th Jubilee Committee. Thirty-five people attended.

29.2.1965 — Mr Epile Waga (Fiji) began two weeks teaching and observation at school. He is in New Zealand under Commonwealth Bursary scheme.

29.7.1965 — New toilets now in use.

9.9.1965 — Children saw performance of Children's Art Theatre "The Magic Circle" in Auroa Hall.

6.5.1966 — Children's Jubilee day. School closed but Jubilee Celebrations continue until Monday evening.

10.5.1966 — Jubilee Celebrations held in perfect conditions. Sun, no wind. Saturday's parade of 40 floats drew upwards of 4000 spectators. Almost 500 persons enrolled, 50 late Saturday morning. Jubilee dinner, 520 people.

5.9.1966 — Mr and Mrs J. B. McArthur commenced duties. Roll end of term 64 boys, 69 girls (133).



AUROA SCHOOL JUNIORS 1932

Percy Hooper, Tom Horgan, Jack Langlands, Jack Schweiters, Syd Collins, Norm Johnston, Wilson Hooper, Les Catley, Tom Haworth, Ken Woods, M. Williamson, E. Mischefski, Dorothy Woller, Eileen Bowie, Betty Blackstock, I. Richards, Mavix Sheerin, Noeline Cameron, Lois Haworth, Miss Harkness, Myrtle Woller, Enid Ogle, Em Hartley, Joyce Thomas, Ali Davidson, Ella Tamy, Mary Bowie, Ida Cave, Ruth Sheerin. Morva Trott, Freda Engleberger, Laura Hartley, Elsie Thomas, Jean Mellow, Faye Fairbrother, Merc Bailey, D. Engleberger, Rita Brown, Doreen Fairbrother, Jack Haworth, Reg Duff, Maurice Grandville, Jim Everitt, Don Caldwell, Des Cameron, Campbell Langlands, Trevor Richards, Ron Webby, Tim Horgan.

12.12.1967 — Mad Hatters Party with Folk Dancing by children held in hall. Large attendance of parents.

13.8.1968 — Auroa won MacLeod Shield against Norfolk Road, 12-8.

16.8.1968 — Davis Cup tournament at Kaponga School. A Basketball team won Challenge Cup.

5.3.1969 — Bible in School's lessons commenced today.

24.9.1969 — Visit of Kaponga Fire Brigade, an engine and crew. Display of equipment and use of hoses.

20.3.1970 — Visit to Taranaki of Queen and Duke. School closed.

25.9.1970 — Visit to Kapuni to join Otakeho and Kapuni schools at a performance of "The Magic Circle" by Children's Art Theatre.

20.11.1970 — School closed for Hawera Show.

2.8.1971 — Gary Sandford selected to play in South Taranaki School Boy Rugby team from the North-South game at Inglewood, a Taranaki team to be selected.

1.10.1971 — Children visited Kapuni for presentation of Children's Art Theatre Performance "The Blue Bird". During Christmas vacation, concrete area. Painters at the school for repaint of

outside of all buildings. Work commenced mid January.

5.5.1972 — School closed for May vacation. Committee laid concrete surround for sand-pit, 9.5.1972.

22.6.1972 — Mr W. Williams, Royal Life Saving Society NZ visited school. Std 3 - Form 2 instructed in Resuscitation for Certificate.

10.4.1973 — Children's Art Theatre at Kapuni. Auroa, Otakeho and Kapuni schools attending for Combined Performance "The Time Balloon". All children pr. 1 to Form 2.

28.5.1973 — Ramp for wheelchair completed by Education Maintenance staff.

12.6.1973 — Mrs J. Duff and pupils of Std 1 and 2 plus four parents visited Hawera Milk Treatment Station and Fire Station.

10.4.1974 — School attended production "The Pipes of Pari" by Children's Art Theatre. Kapuni and Otakeho at Kapuni Hall.

25.6.1974 — All pupils and 53 parents on visit to Taumarunui by railcar. Left Stratford at 9.10 am, arrived 12.30 pm, return to Stratford 3 pm, arriving at 6.30 pm.

5.7.1974 — Std 1-4 visit to Snowline Dawson Falls. Parents supplied transport.

8.7.1974 — Std 1 and 2 rock hunting at Kaupokonui Beach. Parents transported children.



SENIORS, AUROA SCHOOL 1932

H. Muggeridge, James, J. Deegan, E. Brown, D. Hooper, Williamson, F. Corey. E. Brown, G. Cauldwell, E. Freakley, J. Williamson, K. Crompton, E. Sheerin, E. Crompton. J. Bailey, N. Woods, E. West, E. Grandville, P. Catley, J. Lee, I. James, E. Whiting, A. O'Dea, Mr L. E. Fairbrother. Elsie Catley, G. Thomas, Jo Bailey, M. Corrie, T. Engleberger, R. Engleberger, J. Hooper, C. Day, N. Waller. C. McLean, James Langlands, D. Caldwell, C. Sturgeon, W. Duff, L. Webby.



12.8.1974 — Davis Cup at Kaponga. Kaponga District Schools' Tournament. Girls won cup for district. This team has not lost a game all winter.

10.9.1974 — Bandaflex copier purchased by School Committee. Home and School to provide Overhead Projector and two cassette recorders.

11.9.1974 — Visit to Manaia of Governor General. All schools assembled at 10 am for Civic reception, bus and car transport.

13.9.1974 — School closed for holiday by Governor General Sir Dennis Blundell.

19.9.1974 — Visit to Kapuni to attend production of "Energy Theatre" combined with Otakeho and Kapuni.

29.10.1974 — Calf and Lamb Day, 19 junior calves, 20 senior calves. Lambs and pets judged, bring and buy, auction stalls.

10.4.1975 — CAT Theatre Production at Kapuni. 9.30 am.

4.6.1975 — Netball and Rugby trials at Kaponga. Two boys, Ross Muggeridge and Ross Gilbert and one girl, Sheryl Bennett chosen.

28.10.1975 — Painters commenced work on repainting outside of Schoolhouse.

30.6.1976 — Visit to Kapuni Hall for presentation of "The Magic Circle" by Children's Art Theatre.

25.2.1977 — School closed - visit of Queen Elizabeth to New Plymouth.

29.3.1977 — Visit to Kapuni Hall of all children to performance of "Robbs" and "Tuff" by Children's Theatre.

24.4.1978 — Trees removed from Road frontage and new fence erected.

26.9.1977 — Cross country run held at Kaponga. Children from Std 1 - Form 2 took part. Thirteen runners placed for team to compete against Opunake.

1979 — Pupils attended for first day. Roll 83.

21.5.1979 — Adventure playground commenced during May holidays.

18.7.1979 — Paul Harrop selected to play in Taranaki Primary School Rugby team.

11.10.1979 — Std 1 and 2 with class teacher Mrs Ramsay, visited New Plymouth to Museum, Aquarium and Richmond Cottage.

17.10.1979 — Coastal Districts finals in Cross Country Championships. 12 yrs and over, Boys, David Taylor 1st, Colin Sandford 8th. 10 yrs, Girls, Tania Murphy 7th.

1980 — Roll 89 at beginning of year.

1.6.1980 — Forms 1 and 2, Std 3 and 4 assembled at Auroa Hall for trip to Rotorua. 21 parent helpers agreed to travel with party. Left Auroa at 10 am, visited Kiwi House and Deer Park at Otorohanga. Arrived at Waitapu Forest School Camp 6.15 pm.

Very interesting trip, visits to all popular places. Swim at Blue Baths.

15.10.1980 — Cross country run for Taranaki Schools final. David Taylor 1st, Andrew Davis 2nd.

19.11.1980 — Received Polaroid Camera for use in School and on visits to record items of interest.

18.8.1981 — "Wild New Zealand" book donated to school by Mr A. J. Muir, Manager Awatuna Dairy Co. Store.

18.6.1982 — Two teachers, 22 parents and 42 pupils, Std 3 and 4, Frm 1 and 2 educational visit to Auckland. Stayed at Moki Moana Scout Camp, corner of Portage Road and Connaught Street, Green Bay.

28.10.1982 — Agricultural Field Day held, clear and warm. Calves, 9 senior, 12 junior, 8 pets. Successful day.

2.11.1982 — New filter for swimming pool.

31.10.1983 — T-shirts, first order received and further orders to be taken.

16.12.1983 — Last day for Mr McArthur.

1984 — School roll 77, 42 boys, 35 girls.

27.3.1984 — Arrangements made for trip to Hawkes Bay, June 10-15.

7.6.1986 — School and District had afternoon tea at Auroa Hall to celebrate Mrs Barbara Poole's 21 years of teaching at Auroa.

24.6.1986 — School went to Otakeho to see Maori

Culture performance, enjoyed by all.

6.8.1986 — Music Festival at Kaponga.

9.11.1986 — School used for Civil Defence exercise. 10-14.

11.1986 — Senior Room went to Presbyterian Camp site at Eltham. Activities such as canoeing, archery and bush walks etc.

5.12.1986 — Children completed painting of mural on the bottom of the swimming pool. Designed by Heather Sharpe.

2.2.1987 — Starting roll 61.

May 1987 — Trees along boundary cut, swamp cleared and a new shelter belt being planted on East boundary.

30.6.1987 — A Steering Committee formed to begin making plans for Centennial March 1991.

23.7.1987 — A major working bee to plant shrubs etc. Gardens by bike shed, trees and shrubs, Skeet Road end of Dell.

25.9.1987 — School performed "Alice in Wonderland" for parents and relatives. Well attended.

1.2.1988 — School opened with roll of 65.

18.3.1988 — Mrs Beisel took Std 2 and 3 classes to Tawhiti Museum, enjoyed by all.

19.6.1988 — Room 1 went to Wellington for visit; 21 pupils, 17 parents, 1 teacher. Visits to Coca Cola, Planetarium, Wellington Newspapers, High Court, Dunlop Tyre



AUROA SCHOOL, 1936, STDs 4-5-6

B. Sheerin, D. Williamson, L. Catley, F. Davidson, D. Eynon, R. Webby.  
M. Day, J. Longstaff, E. Horo, L. Haworth, H. Moreland, J. Thomas, R. Ord, E. Bowie, M. Bailey, B. Hall.  
L. Hartley, A. Davison, M. Williamson, M. Trott, R. Sheerin, F. W. Kerr, E. Hartley, R. Brown, N. Trott, E. Thomas.  
J. Everitt, M. Grandville, T. Horgan, J. Schweiters, W. Hooper, R. Duff, D. Cameron.



STD 1-2-3, 1937

D. Muggeridge, M. Day, F. Eliason, D. Gilbert, A. Hartley.  
G. Eynon, J. Joyce, R. Hooper, K. Thomas, L. Catley.  
B. Paton, N. Joyce, G. Hooper, J. Ross, J. Paton, A. Bloor, N. Horgan.  
A. Thomas, M. Davidson, A. Hooper, B. Sandford.



Factory and Dulux NZ Ltd. Stayed at Hutt Motor Camp.

11.9.1988 — Children from Room 1 and 2 participated in Kaponga Music Festival under the direction of Mrs Beisel. A polished performance.

2.11.1988 — A new Apple Computer installed, should be well used in years to come.

3.11.1988 — The school went to Manaia for the visit of the Governor General Sir Paul Reeves.

9.11.1988 — Children went to Pihama to see performance of "Kids up the Road" by Crippled Children's Society Puppet Society, very good. Later children went to Te Kiri to see "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" performed by the Te Kiri school children. Enjoyed by all.

28.11.1988 — School Dental Rooms to close.

2.12.1988 — A working bee to complete new fence around swimming pool.

## Ascent of Egmont



—, Cyril Moreland, Dave Williamson, George Ogle, Beryl Hall, Em Hartley, Bill Horgan, —, Jo Richardson, Ivan Hooper, Mr Duff, Mr Kerr, —, Peter White, Reg Duff, Bruce Sheerin, Tom Day.

### SCHOOLCHILDREN'S TRIP, APRIL 6, 1939 MANY REACH SUMMIT

A number of Auroa School children and 18 Kapuni School children were conveyed to Dawson Falls Hostel last week by Mr E. F. Sandford's school bus, leaving Kapuni at 6.30 am. The children were accompanied by Mr R. Syme, Mr Gilbert, Mr Kerr, Miss Maester and Mr Duff.

Preparations were made for climbing, and when the tussock slopes were reached it was decided to leave a few of the smaller children under the care of Pauline Gilbert. At Syme Hut the others had a welcome rest and lunch. A number of senior pupils, under the leadership

of Mr Syme, Mr Kerr and Mr Duff, reached the summit at 1.25 pm. Those who reached the top were Emmaline Hartley and Beryl Hall (Auroa) and L. Scott (Kapuni), B. Horgan, G. Ogle, J. Richardson, D. Williamson, D. Boulton, C. Moreland, M. Granville, T. Day, I. Hooper, P. White, B. Sheerin and R. Duff (Auroa).

They climbed to the highest peak, and after spending a short time around the crater, started down again and reached the hostel at 4.45 pm. The children under the care of Mr Gilbert inspected the bush and with the aid of a book lent by Mr Syme, obtained a great deal of information for their school nature study work.

All returned home safely, tired but thrilled with the interesting days outing.



Kapuni Auroa School children, Mountain trip, April 6, 1939.



STD 3-4-5-6, 1940

A. Bloor, M. Nuku, J. Paton, N. Joyce, G. Julian, P. Miscefski, U. Muggeridge, G. Hooper, M. Hooper, H. Crompton, D. Muggeridge, F. Elliason, R. Hooper, K. Thomas, B. Eynon, J. Joyce, C. Richardson, M. Poole, Jean Paton, P. Sandford, B. Collins, J. Ross, P. Matahaere, D. Balsom, N. Horgan, Betty Paton, B. Day, C. Eliason, A. Christie, C. Hall, B. Sandford, A. Hooper, A. Hartley, D. Gilbert, M. Davidson, A. Thomas, Ernie Hooper.



## 50th Jubilee Auroa School

The 50th Jubilee of the Auroa School held on August 26 and 27, 1941 was very successful with the Ball held to conclude celebrations. The hall was decorated in school colours of maroon and gold, and at the back of the stage 'Auroa School Jubilee 1891-1941' was lettered in gold on maroon background. A Grand March which opened the proceedings was led by Mrs Kenyon of Tauranga and Mr L. G. Mudford of Otakeho, two old pupils.

"A most unsuitable building" was how the inspector in Mr Sargent's day described the first school. "The school is held in a small private building which is seated with long desks and has a bush chimney, the accommodation being rather limited," said Mr N. H. Verker Bendon, M.A. reporting on the first inspection of the school made by him on July 15, 1891. The 'private building' was a small house on the property of Mr John Rowell, Skeet Road, and portions of it are still standing on the property of Mr H. Hartley at Auroa. The new school building was opened

by Mr Wilkinson, MP as part of the Jubilee celebrations.

(Taken from newspaper cuttings of the Jubilee and Hartley's farm is now owned by Peter and Win Scott).

### PUBLIC NOTICES.

AUROA! AUROA! AUROA! AUROA!

1891 — AUROA SCHOOL JUBILEE — 1941

TUESDAY, AUGUST 26.

11 A.M.: Official Opening of New School by the Hon. Minister of Education.

12 NOON: Re-Union Luncheon and Roll Call.

7.30 P.M.: Old Pupils' Conversazione. Special musical items. (1/-).

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27.

11 A.M.: District Primary Schools' 7-side Rugby Tournament. 12 Noon: Ex-pupils' Races, Children's Races, Relay Girls and Boys' Championship, Sheep and Chain Guessing, Side-shows, etc. Afternoon Tea Free. Admission 1/-. Badge Holders Free. 8 P.M.: Grand Jubilee Ball. Grand March at 8 p.m. sharp. Special Floor. Spoon and Fork Supper. Jack Hooker's Orchestra. Admission: Gentlemen 5/-, Ladies 3/-, Double 7/6.

H. HARTLEY, Hon. Sec.



AUROA SCHOOL 1952

Neil Joyce, Pat Luond, Duncan Munroe, Hemi Nuku, Noel King, Anthony Barnett, Brian Davies, Les Belcher, Don Smith, Frank Day, David McKay, Joyce Taunt, Betty Saunders, Chris King, Joan Old, Norma Evans, Gordon Sandford, Des Symes, Aurea Ord, Annette Broadmore, Betty Campbell, Shirley Phillips, Margaret Eliason, Moana Henry, Kura Tamou, Norma Trott.



1953 STD 1-2

Teacher: Mr J. R. Guild, PA Year. Graeme Webby, Lindsay Sharpe, Rex Smith, Paul Campbell, Russell Gilbert, Brian Norgate, Ray Hook, George Woodhead.

Joan Winter, Tama Tamou, Harold Saunders, Alex Ross, Des Luond, Wayne Green, Irwin Hooper, David Price, John Millar, Nola West, Jean Hooper, Gail Andreoli, Ruth Thompson, Thelma Julian, Avis McKay, Peggy Henry, Cathrine Smith, Shirley Hodge, Jennifer Hooper, Meryn Dunlop.



SENIOR ROOM, 1955

Bruce Davy, Paul Campbell, Duncan Hamilton, Colin Blackledge, Barry Hughes, Terry Hughes, Bob West, Henry Robinson, Andrew Davy, Mr George Gernhoefer.

Robert Ord, Neville Sharpe, Sonny Tamou, Fred Hughes, Wiri Tamou, Walter Hamilton.

John Miller, Avis McKay, Gail Andreoli, Lorraine Eliason, Coleen Tucker, Annie Williamson, Meryn Dunlop, Joy Parsons, Cleta Cleaver, Lindsay Sharpe.

Joy Andreoli, Val Smith, Lois Williamson, Betty Campbell, Jocelyn Webby, Nancy Tucker, Naomi Churchill, Joyce Blackwell.





1962

Teacher: Miss Stockman. Weirner Suter, David Muggeridge, - Nuku, —, Wayne Muggeridge.  
S. Nuku, Beverley Gilbert, Noeline Kavanagh, - Nuku, Jeanette Gilbert, Laurence Robins, Doug Townsend.  
Patricia Marsh, Shona Best, Beryl Corrigan, Jillian Chamberlain, Bev Andreoli, Glenis Thomas, Glenic Chamberlain, Leslie Marsh.  
Peter Davy, Graeme Muir, - Eynon, Peter Andreoli, Gary Brown, Pat Goodin.



Teacher: Mrs Anderson. Donald Hooper, Harvey Luke, Robert Dunn, Arnold Landers, Peter Bigham, Gary Sandford, Kevin Schicker.  
Alan Sandford, Brenda Morressey, Leigh Hooper, Joanne Morressey, Leonard Rogers, Davoc McArthur.  
Eileen Rogers, Jane Holiday, Denice Murphy, Sherul Poole, Jenny Davy, Faye Brown, Raewyn Muggeridge.

## 75th School Jubilee

The 75th School Jubilee held on 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th of May, 1966 began with a young people's dance on the Friday night. Strings of coloured lights provided a wonderful spectacle against such a magnificent back-drop in a cloudless sky with it myraids of sparkling stars that had an added brilliance in the crisp autumn atmosphere. Over 500 ex-pupils met and celebrated in perfect weather on the Saturday. An impressive parade of over 40 floats through the township and returning to the school grounds was perhaps the days' top event. One of the most admired entries was that of a 1924-32 pupil Mr L. A. Muggeridge, Inglewood, who drove a wagon hauled

by a team of five matching grey horses.

The Jubilee's oldest guest, Mr P. G. Jackson, aged 94 and headmaster of the school 1899-1906 was one of the most popular visitors. The afternoon's activities culminated with a dinner at which a former Chief Justice, Major-General Sir Harold Barroclough was the main speaker. The dinner was followed by a social in the Kaponga Hall on Saturday night. A Service of Remembrance was held at a combined church service on Sunday and a ball completed celebrations on Monday night, May 9th, 1966.

(Taken from newspaper cuttings of the Jubilee).



ROOM 4, 1976

Teacher: Mrs Poole. Shawn Martin, Andrew Keech, Kelvin Sharpe, Nicky Muller, Aaron Davy.  
Mark Hurley, Glen Davy, Bernard Mann, Neil Kaiser, Andrew Spragg, Mark Herman, David Thorner.  
Jacquelin Huxford, Karen Upson, Sharee Muggeridge, Jill Corbett, Cathrine Muller, Lisa Taylor.



ROOM 3, 1976

Teacher: Mrs Knowles. Dominic Luond, Peter McKay, Russel Scott, Andrew Sybrandy, Brendon Harrop, Peter Kaiser, Andrew Sharpe.  
Ron Kaiser, Leonie Davy, Delwyn Davy, Julie McKay, Carol Magon, Michelle Ord, Jeffrey Mann, Trevor Taunt.  
Nigel Sharpe, Jillian Sharpe, Lynn Lawrence, Tanya Hey, Pauline Davis, Denise Upson, Leeanne Christenson.





**ROOM 2, 1976**

Teacher: Mr White. Neil Sharpe, Brett Stratton, Paul Harrop, Owen Hey, Peter Sybrandy, Allan Hughes, Colin Winter, Lyndsay Taunt. Neil Spragg, Colin Sandford, Wendy Spragg, Maree Sharpe, Tanya Davis, Diane Scott, Kim Martin, Susan Davy, David Herman. Sandra Smith, Nicola Keech, Lisa Halford, Kirsten Barclay, Karen Lawrence, Pauline Sandford, Sandra Thorner.



**ROOM 1, 1976**

David Smith, Keith Davis, Grant Timmins, Shelley Martin, Linda Eliason, Linley Harrop, Fiona Taunt, Craig Keech, Craig Duff. Sharon Winter, Christine Upson, Sharron Hughes, Sandra Davy, Julie Taunt, Heather McKay, Linda Smith.



**STD 3-4, 1979**

Mark Herman, Paul Davis, Ron Kaiser, Russell Scott, Andrew Sharpe, Trevor Taunt. Dominic Luond, Dean Carter, Kevin Sharpe, Tanya Hey, Julie McKay, Shane Everitt, Neil Kaiser, Mr Costello. Leanne Jenkins, Tania Murphy, Jill Corbett, Michelle Ord, Pauline Davis, Maree Everitt, Jillian Sharpe, Nigel Sharpe.



**ROOM 1, 1981**

Andrew Sharpe, Graham Evans, Dean Carter, Russell Scott, Kelvin Sharpe, Shaun Martin, Shane Everitt, Dominic Luond. Trevor Taunt, Pauline Davis, Julie McKay, Michelle Ord, Tanya Hey, Paul Davis. Leanne Jenkins, Jill Corbett, Tania Murphy, Mr Bruce McArthur, Jillian Sharpe, Maree Everitt, Theresa Mullin.





#### CROSS COUNTRY, 1981

Kerry Taylor, Shaun Martin, Kelvin Sharpe, Dean Carter, Justin Harvey.  
 Paul Davis, Shane Everitt, Graham Evans, Russell Scott, Andrew Sharpe, Trevor Taunt.  
 Andrew Spragg, Aaron Davy, Jillian Sharpe, Tania Murphy, Michelle Ord.  
 Maree Corbett, Tony Muller, Rowan Cambie, Mr Kipplewhite.  
 Joanne Freeman, Sonya Davis, Theresa Muller, Leanne Jenkins, Viki Foster, Janene Ord, Lynley Kirk, Michelle Jones, Maree Jenkins.



#### ROOM 2, 1983

Back Row: Diane Holmes, Kelly Frost, Sue Smith, Anouck de Bonth, Bronwyn Hey, Brendon Smith, Bryce Kaiser, Steven Muller, Aaron Murphy, Karl Heistand, Scott Jones, Anthony Good.  
 Helen Freiman, Keryn Hammond, Michelle Crawford, Karmen Stevens, Mr Kipplewhite, Heather Sharpe, Joanna Cambie, Joanne Freiman, Sheree Luond.



#### ROOM 1, 1983

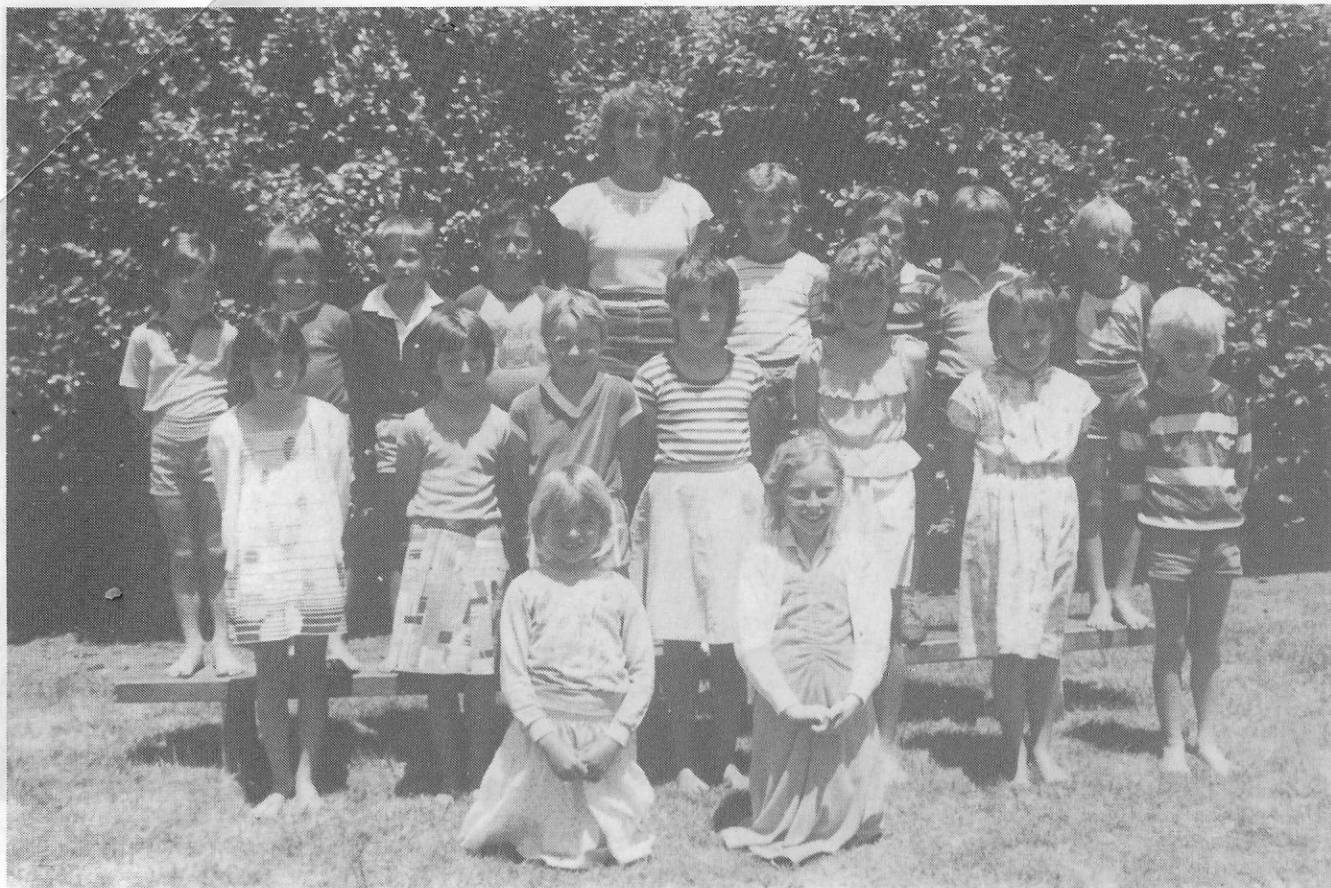
Back Row: James Crawford, Tony Rothwell, Aaron Davy, Rowan Cambie, Nicky Muller, Kerry Taylor, Andrew Spragg, Tony Muller, Jason Bloor.  
 David Muller, Glen Davy, Andrew Harvey, Maree Corbett, Alisa Carter, Grant Holmes, Karl Freiman, Max de Bonth.  
 Jeanine Richardson, Sonia Davis, Stephanie Hey, Cathrine Muller, Bruce McArthur, Linley Kirk, Vicky Foster, Maree Jenkins, Michelle Jones.



#### INFANTS, 1984

Teacher: Mrs Poole: Raymond Manson, Rachael Thomas, Rohana Sanson, Dean Brown, Chris Robinson.  
 Melissa Harvey, Christopher Perrett, Michelle Murphy, Richard Tarrant, Christina Muggeridge, Kelly Dravitski.  
 Vaughn Hooper, Regan Duff, Ian Manson, Zoe Fuglistaller, Katrina Etherington, Penelope Patterson.





**SCHOOL GROUP, 1984**

Teacher: Miss Ward. Steven Muggeridge, Mathew Dravitski, Kerrin Luond, Wayne Frost, Hamish Heistand, Richard Young, Jamie Thomas, Jeremy Goodin.  
Carina Hamilton, Christine Jenkins, Cathrine Murphy, Judith Murphy, Linda Smith, Wendy Freiman, Craig Foy, Joanne Smith, Natasha Brown.



**1984-1986**

Mr O'Reilly, Bryce Kaiser, Aaron Murphy, Tony Muller, Andrew Harvey, Rowan Cambie, Butch, Karl Heistand, Grant Holmes, James Crawford, Scott Jones.  
David Muller, Joanne Freiman, Lynley Kirk, Michelle Jones, Janine Richardson, Stephanie Hey, Maree Jenkins, Anouck de Bonth, Carmen Stevens, Jason Bloor.  
Diane Holmes, Jo -, Maree Corbett, Kelly Frost, Sharee Luond, Viki Foster, Jo and Butch, niece and nephew of Mr O'Reilly.

## 25 Years of Teaching at Auroa

Since applying for the position of Infant Teacher at Auroa 25 years ago, I have seen many changes at the school, both in the grounds and in the classroom. The gradual changes over the years have all contributed to the grounds as they are today. The trees and shrubs which have been planted in the last two or three years, when they reach their maturity, will make the grounds a beautiful place for the children of the future, and for today's children and parents to come back to and admire, because they took part in the planting programme.

Perhaps the following will bring back some memories:-

The old football field as it was, fenced off behind the clinic and regularly grazed to keep the grass down, and being shut up for hay in the Christmas holidays. The plantations of trees on both sides of the field which used to claim many of the school's tennis balls, and sometimes the footballs. The dental clinic, with the nurse being on the staff for several weeks twice a year and the children coming back to the classroom to say who was next for nurse.

Religious Instruction was taken each Wednesday afternoon by the four ministers of the churches. One was heard to complain that after they bowed their heads in prayer, he looked up to find half the pupils gone (somewhat exaggerated I think!). Sewing for the girls was taken each Friday afternoon while the boys did gardening. Later this was changed to Manual Training at Opunake and Manaia.

The school used to operate three bus runs. One to Rama Road and two serving Taikatu Road, Oeo Roads and Skeet Road, to John Poole's gateway. Today the turning points are shorter than they were then. Remember the rose gardens each side of the main entrance? The standard roses donated by the parents, each with its own white peg, showing the name of the rose and family who donated it.

Anzac Day was always quite a formal event, with wreaths being made and placed on the monument, and an Anzac Service was held on the tennis court in front of the flag pole. Always a visiting speaker and playing of The Last Post. Assembly was held every morning at nine o'clock in front of the classrooms, the children then marched formally in line to their classrooms. An intercom system operated between the first three classrooms, from the office. This was regularly used for the Broadcast to Schools programme. The infants had their own radio. Sports Days were held each year at Kaponga and were often rained out about half way through the programme, the children returning home to find it quite sunny at Auroa. The local store was a popular place for buying lunches and two or three boxes of pies, buns, drinks etc would be collected each lunch time. Orders were taken each morning by one of the pupils.

Barbara Poole (nee Guild),  
Teacher of Junior Classes.

## Auroa School Ball

### CHILDREN IN FANCY DRESS

The Auroa children's fancy dress ball was held on Friday night. Credit was due to the teachers, Mr F. W. Kerr and Misses Wood and Tonks, for the organisation.

The dance music for the children was played by Miss Wood and Mr F. W. Kerr was master of ceremonies.

The following fancy dresses were worn:

Senior: Alice Davison (Rainbow), Emeline Hartley (Lady in Blue), Eileen Bowie (Pierrette), Hazel Moreland (Night Time), Leslie Cateley (Wild West), Reginald Duff (Pierrot), Morva Trott (Pierrette), Ruth Sheerin (Turkish Lady), Ray Ord (Lady of 17th Century), Mercia Bailey (Early Victorian Lady), Lois Howarth (Militaire), Margaret Williamson (Old-Fashioned Boy), Maurice Granville (Clown), Wilson Hooper (Cowboy), Desmond Cameron (Absent-Minded), Jack Schwieters (Mexican), Joyce Longstaff (Chinese Lady), Rita Brown (Gipsy), Nancy Trott (Gipsy), Beryl Hall (Carnival), Molly Day (Order of the Bath), Jim Everitt (Hard-up Scotsman), Ronald Webby (Dutchman), David Williamson (Nigger Minstrel Boy), Bruce Sheerin (Indian), Dorothy Freakly (Chinaman), Betty Everitt (Plunket Nurse), Betty Hartley (Queen of Hearts), Lulu Mako (Sailor Girl), Mossie Horo (Maori Chief), Tom Day (Dutchman), Wallace Cameron (Clown), Claude Moreland (Baker), William Horgan (Negro), George Ogle (Dutchman).

Junior: Amy Mako (Hawaiian Girl), Zena Lee (A lady

in Waiting), Mavis Brown (Folly), Don and Una Muggeridge (Jack and Jill), Joan Ross (Night), Norah Horgan (Dear Little Shamrock), Madge Longstaff (Flower Girl), Ann Bloor (Highland Lass), Pat Bowie (Grenadier Guardsman), Lance Cateley (Little Coon), Jack Joyce (Mexican), Don Longstaff (Chinaman), Ron Cameron (Popeye the Sailor), Maurice Davison (Roman Soldier), Morrice Day (Arab), Rex Hooper (Indian), Frank Landers (For Speed), Bruce Stuart (Soldier), Doug and Bob Cameron (Two Little Niggers), Bert Sandford (Champion Tennis Player), James Moreland (Dutch Boy), Gladys Hooper (Fairy), Billie Day (Butcher), Cedric Hartley (Swagger), Elsa Brown (Bridesmaid), Ronnie Sheerin (Turk), Bernie Bowie (Nigger Minstrel), Lewis Hunia (Swagger), Walter Dunn (Pierrot), Jean Ross (a Bride), Malcolm Ross (a Jockey), Joyce Horgan (Scotch Girl), Dorothy Eliason (Fairy), Peggy Sandford (Fairy), Eleanor Hooper (Fairy), Kathleen Hooper (Fairy), Joy Cardiff (a Flower Girl), Alwyn Hartley (Lavender Girl), May Mako (Maori Girl), Billy Cameron (Chinaman), Jimmy Attrill (Swagger), Edith Hall (Queen of Hearts), Billy Everitt (Admiral), Claude Moreland (Painter), Gordon Hooper (Gnome), Cyril Hall (Gnome), Nancy Day (Dutch Girl), Noelie Sheerin (Spring), Helen Crompton (Bo-Peep), Maisie Hooper (Fairy).

Music for the adults' dance was provided by Miss Una West and extras were played by Mr Joe Hey. Mr George Eliason was master of ceremonies.



## Auroa School Staff 1990

Mr C. B. Bloor - Head Teacher  
Mrs B. R. Poole - Senior Teacher, Junior Classes  
Mrs E. Foy - Teacher  
Mrs E. Gallie - Long Term Reliever  
Mrs J. Farquhar - Part-time Teacher

Mrs M. Gilligan - Teacher's Aide and Office Assistant.

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1933 A. C. Langlands	H. R. Wood
1934-40 J. C. Duff	Mrs C. Benton
1940-45 J. C. Duff	H. Hartley
1945-49 D. Wards	H. Hartley
(P. Hall relieving)	
1949-54 S. W. Bailey	H. Hartley
1955-56 S. W. Bailey	W. Dunlop
1957-63 R. J. Duff	L. King
1963-66 R. J. Duff	R. F. Brown
1967-69 D. Attrill	R. F. Brown
1969-71 E. A. Smith	R. F. Brown
1971-73 E. A. Smith	R. F. Brown
1973-75 E. A. Smith	N. A. McKay
1975-77 A. P. Davy	N. A. McKay
1977-79 A. P. Davy	R. Huxford
1979-81 R. R. Ord	R. Huxford & N. R. Sharpe
1981-83 R. R. Ord	N. R. Sharpe
1983-85 K. Smith	N. R. Sharpe

1985-87 R. Smith N. R. Sharpe

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1914-16	G. A. Sundrie
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1916-22	A. F. Larcombe
1922	Mrs W. Finch
Nov 1922-24	T. Walker
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1932-35	L. M. Fairbrother
1935-45	F. W. Kerr & Mr Reed
1945-53	I. H. Findlay
1953-63	G. Gernhoefer
1963-66	N. Jones
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1991-	J. B. Letts (relieving)

## Parent & Teacher Association

1990/91 has seen the Auroa School PTA adjusting and responding well to changes initiated by the Tomorrow's Schools philosophy. Families have always been interested in their children's education and Auroa School has been lucky in its community support as well.

The aims and objectives of the PTA under its new constitution are: -

a) To maintain a liaison between parents, teachers, BOT and the community.

b) To foster parent awareness and involvement with the schooling of their children.

c) To give assistance and develop an understanding of the education and social development of the pupils of Auroa School.

So the PTA aims to promote these through social gatherings, manpower where needed and fundraising to assist in those areas deemed luxuries and not 'ministerial responsibility'. And if we can combine all three, so much the better!

Examples of PTA input in the past two years are: Two cabarets, woodshops, fruit sale scheme, bull calf scheme, participation in slink calf scheme, assistance with the purchase of safety matting for both a trampoline and adventure playground area, funding for library purchases as well as the provision of three Apple IIE computers. Several working bees have been held to tidy grounds, erect shelving and generally provide sweat and labour! Organising children's activities, like Calf Day are also the

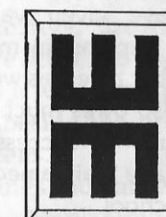
PTAs responsibility. At all times parent and community involvement has been excellent, and our children must benefit from this in more ways than one.

Present PTA committee are chairman Doug Harvey, vice-chairman Peter Midgley, secretary Gilliam Johnson, treasurer Win Luond, members Mesdames C. Etherington, M. Murphy, Messrs J. Duff, J. Goodin, R. Muggeridge and L. Smart.



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## Memories of Norman Jones

### HEADMASTER 1962-66

After a tiring journey from Taumarunui, our first impression of our future home was the delightful lunch outside in the sunshine prepared by the School Committee. School football took a major place in the sports programme and Auroa was a very successful winning team in both Taranaki and local competition. Fond memories linger of the district cricket games played in 'Goodin's' field. Special memories are held of the 'tabloid' sports held at Kaponga Domain where instead of team against team, children took part as individuals endeavouring to improve their own best personal standard. This was a tremendously successful programme.

The only major building programme that took place in my time was the construction of the toilet block on the Skeet Road side of the school. Memories of running through the rain to the outside, mainly open air toilets, still linger.

Children were thrilled when on one occasion Alf Hooper brought a live kiwi to school. It had wandered down from the bush line and he was on his way to return it there. Many will remember it running around the empty swimming pool.

Many times the caretaker, come headmaster, had to attend to the priming of the water pump at the well-head behind the Dental Clinic. Priming at all hours become a

number one priority.

Perhaps the most enduring memory is of the senior classes trip to Christchurch. This was an exciting time for all.

Our final activity centred on the 75th anniversary celebrations. Great excitement was aroused by the float parade and the children's day on the Friday. Memories linger of the huge grandstand on the football field, packed with several hundred ex-pupils, teachers and committee. The evening gala dinner held in the hall was a 'full house' occasion.

Eventually the following Monday we left for Turangi where I had the privilege of opening a new school.



The Auroa School pupils at the Eltham Railway Station leaving on their trip to Christchurch. October 6, 1964. Mr Jones headmaster at the time. Several parents went as well.

### Bruce McArthur

Teacher September 5, 1966 - December 16, 1983.

One hundred years is a long time in the history of a school, but not time at all in the history of human endeavour. A school is more than the grounds and building however fine they may be. It is more than the people who inhabit those buildings at any given time. It is made of all those who have belonged to its community, who have gained from it and given to it.

The school has seen many changes over the years the most noticeable being changes in buildings and grounds. But other changes not so immediately obvious make an equal difference in the life of a school. Changes come in the aims and methods of education, the different approaches to curricula, which can only be met by changes in directives to schools. However, the very special peculiarity of a school is its continuity. The entire pupil personnel in a school changes in seven to eight years but the school itself persists, whole and intact, ready for further growth, greater development and richer achievement. During these periods of expansion there is to be seen at work the inevitable process of evolution expressed in the well known words "The old order changeth, yielding place to new."

But with all this, certain things have not changed. Those teachers who insisted on a high standard of behaviour and propriety, demands for courtesy and consideration for others. Their recognition of the importance of good working habits, insistence on the highest possible standards for pupils will be remembered with gratitude by those who somehow found themselves doing better than they believed they could.

No school can operate efficiently without the service of

quite a number of people besides the teaching staff. As with teachers, length of service makes for stability and Auroa has been fortunate in this respect.

Those who have given valuable service include cleaners, grounds persons, in more recent time clerical assistants and teacher aides, as well as school bus drivers. The community also owes much to the sterling qualities and untiring energy of successive school committees whose members have maintained an unfailing interest in the affairs of the school.

Many teachers who have worked in the school have given a considerable amount of themselves but giving is a two way process and the children who have passed through the school have given a great deal to us. With many other staff members over the past one hundred years I have been privileged to share in the work of a fine school. And no matter who leaves, the work of the school goes on. The community and district can be justifiably proud of the many men and women who established the traditions of the school and the many fine boys and girls who grew up in those traditions.

Auroa School is one hundred years old or do we mean one hundred years young. For young and vigorous it must be, ready to accept change and to meet changing needs of 'The Tomorrow's Schools' but resolute to keep the essential qualities unchanged.

Those who are privileged to attend the Jubilee celebrations will doubtless enjoy the opportunity of renewing friendships of years gone by and also delving into their particular storeroom of memories. Greetings and good wishes to you all.

Bruce McArthur



AUROA BASKETBALL TEAM, 1933

O. Woller, Joyce Lee, Ann O'Dea, E. West, Eileen Granville.  
Noeline Cameron, Elsie Freakley, Eva Brown, Mavis Sheerin, E. Catley.

### Auroa Croquet Club Incorporated

The Auroa Croquet Club was formed on November 9, 1934, at a meeting convened in the Auroa Hall. A committee was formed comprising Mesdames: King (president), Benton (secretary), Everitt (vice-president), Fairbrother, Ross, Schwiezers, Brown and Mischefski (committee). Subs were set at 2/6 and members played on Mr and Mrs King's lawn (now the property of P. L. Smart). In 1938 land beside the present Church was purchased for two greens.

Numerous card evenings and dances were held to raise money, and eventually after planting greens and hedges, putting up fences and gates, the new greens were opened on October 18, 1938.

The Club continued with good membership until the late fifties when numbers began to dwindle. It came to a point where members had to combine with the Kaponga club in order to field a team in tournaments.

Club activities ceased in the early sixties. As the club was an Incorporated Society, the books could not be closed until all assets were disposed of. To aid the Club in winding up, Mr A. Taunt offered to purchase the building (which he later offered to the Bowling Club). Mrs M. Wadsworth, the last president, then donated the remaining funds to the Bowling Club and the books were closed in October of 1965.



Opening Day on Mrs King's lawn of the Croquet Club.

Mrs Everitt, Mr Hughes, Mrs Duffy, Mrs King.  
Mrs Webby, M. Webby, M. Beamont, V. King, E. Brown, G. Brown, Mrs Benton.  
Bill Everitt, Betty Everitt.



## Early Soccer Team in Auroa



J. Austin, Andy Williamson, Eric Austin, Frank Hughes, Nelson Odgen, Len Trott, Jock Williamson, - Coles, Lindsay Webby.

The Auroa Soccer Club was formed in 1935 with Mr Y. Sheerin as president and Mr R. G. Muggeridge as secretary. In the first year the club won the Chinese Cup and it was held for three years in succession. The Taranaki representatives are Messrs R. G. Muggeridge, James Williamson, Jock Williamson and R. Ecceshall. All games are played in Mr McCarty's paddock. Members are keen and the club is going ahead socially and financially.

### CLUB'S ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Auroa Association Football Club was held on Saturday night. Mr Y. Sheerin presided and congratulated the club on its fine performance in winning the Chinese Cup for the second year in succession, which was very creditable for a young club.

The balance sheet showed a credit of £1 4s.

Officers elected were: Patron, Mr E. F. Sandford; president, Mr Y. Sheerin; vice-presidents, five elected: secretary, Mr John Williamson; delegates to association, the secretary and Mr James Skinner; coach, Mr Dave Sturgeon; coaches for school, Messrs R. G. Muggeridge and J. Skinner; selector, Mr J. Skinner.

Messrs R. G. Muggeridge and Skinner were appointed a deputation to wait on Mr Kerr, the headmaster, to try to foster a school soccer club.

A letter of appreciation is to be sent to Mr J. McCarty for the use of his paddock.

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## Auroa Women's Hockey Club



J. Millar (Vice-Captain), V. King, J. Dickson, M. Lilly, W. Dickson, Mr S. Millar (President).  
L. Davies, E. Bridgeman, U. West (Captain), V. Hartley, E. Hartley, N. Cameron, F. Brown.

### TARANAKI CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS, 1936

The Auroa Women's Hockey Club is well known throughout the province for its achievement, since its inception about nine years ago. Three years in succession it won the Taranaki championship shield and has

been beaten only by Pihama. Principal scorers have been Misses Jean Millar and Ellie and Vera Hartley. The club has been coached by Mesdames Tregea and Davy and Mr W. B. Brown.

The team played 13, won 12, lost 0, drew 1.



### AUROA WOMEN'S HOCKEY CLUB

Winners of Taranaki Championship, Gower Cup and joint winners of Catran Cup, 1938.

Back Row: L. Richards, P. Davies, J. Williamson, J. Dickson, L. Davies, E. Hartley.

Middle Row: V. Hartley, E. Hartley, Mr S. Millar (President), F. Espin, M. Williamson.

Front Row: F. Dew, U. West (Captain), J. Millar (Vice-Captain), M. Lilly.



## Champion Team Auroa Girls' Hockey Club

### PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES

The complimentary ball tendered to the Auroa hockey team on Friday night on its winning the Taranaki championship was a fitting tribute to the achievement. Visitors were present from many parts of Taranaki and over £31 was taken at the doors.

The hall presented a brilliant spectacle with the six windows webbed with crepe streamers to represent the various sports clubs' colours, as follows: Association football club, sky blue; cricket club, white; bowls, maroon and gold; croquet club, red, white and blue; basketball, black, red and gold bands; tennis, royal blue and white. A central streamer arch ran from the front door to the stage, with the respective coloured streamers in proportion, spreading to the six windows. With artistic effect a carefully blended floral paper scheme filled in the wall spaces. Silver painted horseshoes centred in each section.

The back of the stage was transformed into a hockey field with green crepe paper. Goal posts and general field markings, with two hockey sticks draped in club colours, crossed at the field centre.

Overhead the stage was roofed in a combined sports clubs coloured web. The sides were draped with huge waterlilies covered with cellophane paper amid ivy and lycopodium ferns.

On a specially arranged semi-circular framework 'Taranaki ALHC Champions, 1936', appeared in frosted silver tinsel letters. On a shelf stood the bowlers' Duff memorial shield, with the 13 miniature silver cups. The whole scene was brilliantly lit with coloured lights and green and white chained crepe paper draped with wiring. The scarlet and black colours worn by the members of Vinsen's Ambassadors orchestra added to the carnival effect of the stage. The whole hall was illuminated with a large circle of multi-coloured lights.

In the supper room the ceiling was covered with a latticed canopy of colours matching the grand arch in the main hall, and the Auroa hockey girls' club colours, crossing at spaces directly above various tables. The lights were enclosed in elaborate shades. The walls were covered with white paper bordered with green and floral paper cut into huge diamonds and spaced around the entire length. Green crepe paper formed into a chain, met each one. A special supper table was decorated in the club's colours with paper hockey sticks, for the members of the champion team. Silver vases and silver epergnes filled with spring bulbs and delicately tinted blossoms completed the scheme.

The decorative schemes were devised and organised by Mr R. G. Muggeridge and carried out by a band of workers. The floral decorations were the work of Mrs J. S. Gamblin and Mrs A. E. Cave while the supper table decorations were under the supervision of Mrs E. C. Evans. The lighting effects were lent by Mr Lambert, Manaia. The ladies committee comprised representatives of the women's division of the Farmers' Union. The

masters of ceremonies were Messrs R. James, D. Mercer and R. G. Muggeridge. Extras were played by Miss U. West and Miss M. Lilley and Mr S. Nuku.

Prior to supper the ceremony of presenting the shield and the cups was carried out. The hockey girls marched on to the stage to a march played by the orchestra. Mr S. Millar presided at the presentation and associated with him were Mr H. C. Johnson, Stratford, Mrs Benton, representing the combined sports clubs. Mr Millar extended a welcome to Mr H. C. Johnson and to Mrs M. Priest and Mr Priest, Stratford. A telegram of congratulations and apology for absence was received from Mrs Tregea, who had laid the foundation of the local hockey team six or seven years ago and had been the first coach. Mr Millar said Mrs Tregea must feel proud to think of the ultimate results of her work. Mr Millar extended a welcome also to the representatives present from other hockey clubs in the division.

On behalf of the kindred sports at Auroa, Mr Sandford extended congratulations to the hockey girls on their win, which was due, said the speaker, to their fine team play and complete co-operation.

Mrs Benton congratulated the girls on their meritorious win, and on having once again placed Auroa on the map. She said that after the girls' achievement they would not hear that women should not enter into athletics. Their win was all the more creditable because they had been able to have only one practice a week.

Mr Johnson said that to achieve the distinction of winning the Taranaki championship was no simple matter, for there were 22 teams competing and of 300 players Auroa's team had proved the winner. The district must be justly proud of them. The combination of Auroa's play had been a revelation to him, said Mr Johnson, and was the best he had seen for 25 years. He then presented the shield to the captain, Miss West, with congratulations and with the wish that she would long lead the team.

Mr Millar presented silver cups as follows: Captain, U. West; goalie, A. Dickson; fullbacks, U. West and W. Dickson; halfbacks, M. Lilley, J. Dickson and L. Davies; forwards, E. Hartley, V. King, J. Millar, F. Brown and V. Hartley; emergency forward, N. Cameron; emergency back, E. Bridgman.

On behalf of the club Miss West thanked the speakers for their tributes and said she felt the credit was not due entirely to them but also to their coach. She also thanked all who had encouraged them and then asked Mr Brown to accept a beaten copper firescreen for his help and for the use of his field. She also asked Mr Millar to accept a brass jardiniere as a token of their appreciation of his services.

Novelty dances were won as follows: Shower Monte Carlo, Mr S. Rutherford and Miss J. Putt; chain clock waltz, Mr D. Mercer and Miss T. Ogle; Auroa special singing Monte Carlo, Mr Keith Cave and Miss M. Kirk.

The secretary was Mr A. W. King.

## Auroa Basketball Club



AUROA BASKETBALL CLUB 1938

Back Row: D. Horgan, R. Sheerin, M. Trott, J. Hooper.

Middle Row: E. Richardson, N. Duff, E. Granville, M. Sheerin, L. Sole.

Front Row: E. Sheerin, A. O'Dea (vice-captain), M. Kirk (captain), N. Whelham.

In 1937-38 they were winners of Southern Division and Dawson Cup, and runners-up in Taranaki Championship. Uniform colours were black with gold, green and red stripes. Games were held on the tennis courts next to the bowling green. When games were played

away in Manaia, Kaponga etc, the girls would usually use their push bikes to get there! In the 1950s the girls still had their teams and travelled to other centres. In 1966 the game changed to netball, being seven players instead of nine, and games were played on the school courts.

### Dinner for Team, 1938

#### AUROA SCHOOL'S SUCCESS - CHAMPIONSHIP RUGBY

A function unique to Auroa was held in the hall on Saturday night, when the school committee gave a dinner to the school Rugby team for having won the McLeod Shield. Associated with the boys were their fathers, coach, Mr F. W. Kerr, members of the committee, and representatives from each Auroa sports body. There were altogether about 50 seated at three long tables. Mr Duff, chairman of the school committee presided.

After dinner a large number of toasts were honoured. Each boy made a most creditable speech, thanking the headmaster for his coaching, the school committee for the dinner and those parents who had transported them to different matches.

In proposing a toast to the team, Mr Duff stressed the value of a good coach such as Mr Kerr had proved, and also of team work, which was so essential in after-life as well. Mr Duff wished the boys every future success and

hoped that there might be some All Blacks among them.

Mr P. C. Hall congratulated the boys on their win, and on their keen spirit. Mr Hall spoke of the Soccer club which existed in Auroa some years ago, before the present Soccer club.

Speaking as a resident of the district, Mr T. Blair eulogised the work of Mr Kerr as coach and spoke of football as a game which brought out all that was best and fit in man. The traditions of pluck and courage, taught on the football field, were remembered throughout life, and Mr Blair hoped that the boys would further develop those fine traits of character which they had inherited from their early ancestors, the Vikings.

Each member of the team was presented with a large photograph and Mr Duff asked Ron Webby, captain, to accept the first one. He thanked the committee for the dinner and the photographs and said he was proud to be captain of such a fine team. He then asked Mr Kerr to accept a gift from the boys as a small token of their appreciation.



Mr Kerr said that Ron Webby at fullback had been a great force to the team and a wonderful captain. Bruce Sheerin was the best loose forward and had shown tremendous improvement. Jim Everitt proved a great runner, being the fastest boy in the team. Bill and Tim Horgan were two of the best forwards. Good work was done by Dave Eynon as five-eighths. Peter too was a determined runner. Dave Williamson was hooker for the team. The work of Stanley Hohaia as vice-captain was referred to by Mr Kerr. Cyril Moreland always knew what to do and was the brains of attack, he said. Joe Richardson was a hard working member of the pack, and George Ogle, a fine loose forward, played a very energetic game. Tom Day was a most important forward, and Colin Richardson did good work. Ivan Hooker, Lance Cateley and W. Eynon played on the wing. Jack Joyce and Don Balsam were other hard players.

Mr Sheerin spoke of the good work done by Mr T. Day as line umpire. Mr Kerr proposed a toast to kindred sports which was responded to by Mr S. Millar, for the girls' hockey club, Mr O'Dea for the girls' basketball club, Mr Percy Hooper for the tennis club, Mr A. W. King for the croquet club, Mr E. F. Sandford for the bowling club, and Mr Laurie West for the cricket club.

On behalf of the Auroa Girls' Hockey Club, Mr S. Millar congratulated the boys and said that their parents must feel very proud of them. Mr Millar proposed a toast to the parents of the boys, which was responded to by Mr Webby and Mr T. Day. Mr Day spoke of Mr Kerr's gift of instilling discipline and citizenship into the boys and how rare it is to have an ability to pass on one's own ability.

On behalf of the Auroa women's basketball team, Mr J. O'Dea, proposed a toast to Mr Kerr. On behalf of the

parents and committee, Mr Duff asked Mr Kerr to accept an enlarged framed photograph of the team.

In acknowledging the gift, Mr Kerr said it was the first time a team of his had won a provincial championship.

In proposing a toast to the committee, Mr E. F. Sandford, spoke of its help to the school and to the pupils, Mr Duff responded.

Mr J. Hooper proposed a toast to the ladies to which Mrs Benton replied. A toast to the accompanist, Miss Netta Duff, was responded by Mr J. Skinner, and one to the chair by Mr E. F. Sandford.

During the evening Mr Kerr recited "The Man from Snowy River", and Jim Everitt played violin solos. The tables were decorated by Mrs Duff and Mrs Everitt.



**AUROA SCHOOL FIRST XV, 1938**  
Winners of Taranaki Schools B Grade Rugby Championships and McLeod Shield. Points scored 316, points against 3.  
Back Row: J. Everitt, W. Eynon, J. Joyce, L. Catley, C. Moreland.  
Middle Row: I. Hooper, T. Day, S. Hohaia (vice-captain), P. White, B. Sheerin, D. Eynon, F. W. Kerr.  
Front Row: G. Ogle, C. Richardson, D. Williamson, R. Webby (captain), W. Horgan, J. Richardson, D. Balsom.



**AUROA SCHOOL FIRST XV, 1944**  
Winners of McLeod Shield and Taranaki B Grade Primary Schools' Championships.  
Back Row: W. Bond, L. Eynon, G. Bond, M. Muggieridge.  
Middle Row: G. Hartley, L. Hill, W. Davidson, R. Dorrell, N. Jackson, D. Poole, P. W. Kerr (Coach).  
Front Row: D. Fergus, R. Tamou, G. Hooper (Vice-Captain), E. Nuku



**AUROA JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB, 1946**  
Back Row: P. Jackson, J. Pini, J. E. Lacy, T. Tamou, C. T. Foreman.  
Second Row: J. Niwa, N. W. Johnston, J. R. Charlton, J. Joyce, W. Horgan, A. L. Sanford (Secretary).  
Sitting: W. P. Howard (President), D. J. Davy, L. F. Wards (Captain), K. G. Lacy (Vice-Captain), M. A. Burke (Club Captain).  
Front Row: W. G. Davidson, A. S. Eynon, R. B. Harwood, J. E. Richardson.  
Absent: R. A. Mischefski, A. J. Davidson.

## Auroa Junior Football Club

The Auroa Junior Football Club was formed in 1946. Mr W. P. Howard was approached to get a football club going and became president of the club when it was formed. Mr M. A. Bourke was appointed club captain. With Skeet Road being the boundary between the Waimate and Kaponga clubs, Auroa became affiliated to the Waimate club.

The Auroa Junior team participated in the Southern district in its inaugural year and played teams from as far south as Alton. From 1947 to 1952, when the club went into recess, Auroa played in the Western division which included teams from Pihama, Opunake, Rahotu, Oaonui and Pungarehu. The local rugby ground was in McCarty's paddock on Skeet Road opposite Rama Road, and it is now owned by Joe Kaiser. The Auroa Junior Football Club colours were blue jersey with white collar and shoulders.



**AUROA CRICKET CLUB, SENIOR A, 1964-65**  
Winners of the Western Division Championship and Bowman Shield.  
Matches played 14 - won 10 - drawn 4 - lost 0.  
Back Row: G. Sulzberger, J. Goodin, P. Mann, B. Kirk, I. Scott, D. Attrill.  
Front Row: R. Morton (President), G. Webby, H. Goodin (Vice-Captain), N. Johnson (Captain), I. Jordan (Secretary), K. Goodin, F. Schmidt (Patron).

**AUROA BASKETBALL TEAM - LATE 1950s**  
Back Row: Shirley Hughes, Cleta Cleaver, Brenda Webby, Dawn Bailey.  
Lorraine Eliason, Joy Andreoli, Barbara Wadsworth, Naomi Churchill.  
Betty Sandford, Tui Gernhoefer (Coach), Norma Evans.  
Joyce Taunt, Cis Sandford.





**AUROA SCHOOL BASKETBALL A TEAM**  
Unbeaten winners, Davies Challenge Cup, 1965.  
Miss S. Latham (Teacher/Coach), N. Luond, M. Robins, A. Luond.  
E. Ross, A. Hooper, C. McCann (Captain), R. Stieller, P. Brown.



**AUROA SCHOOL BASKETBALL A TEAM**  
Winners, Davies Challenge Cup 1968  
R. Richards, B. Gilbert, J. Pepperell, R. Dunlop, Miss J. Sturgeon  
(Coach).  
J. Christensen, H. Meyer (Captain), B. Andreoli.

## Auroa Tennis Club

The Tennis Club had been in existence prior to 1931. During these slump years, many children left school to work at home on the farms and the tennis club benefited from this. Because of the influx of players and having only one court, money was raised through dances with music supplied by Hookers Dance Band. These were very popular and very well attended as was the annual ball on Boxing night. Through this money raising, another court was built and the old one resurfaced. From then on, teams of six players were able to be fielded and matches were played with neighbouring clubs.

Jim Freyne was president and he arranged friendly home and away matches with St Josephs (Hawera) which was a highlight of the season. A tennis ladder was set up and games were keenly fought to get up into the first six and be in the team for competition.



**AUROA SCHOOL FOOTBALL, FIRST XV, 1965**  
Winners of McLeod Shield (Waimate FC), Victory Cup (Kaponga Group), runners-up McLeod Shield (Taranaki PSUR).  
G. Vallender, M. Robins, G. Furness, I. Duff.  
D. Nairn, W. Barklay, B. Attrill, M. Dorn, J. Furness, R. Hooper, Mr R. Langton.  
K. Sharpe, A. Hooper, M. Vallender, L. Muir, G. Sturgeon, J. Kahu  
(Teacher), M. Stannard (Captain).



**AUROA SCHOOL FOOTBALL FIRST XV, 1968**  
Winners, McLeod Shield (Taranaki PSRU).  
P. Goodin, D. Muggeridge, J. Vallender, G. Smith, D. Fischer.  
Mr J. Niwa (Teacher/Coach), B. Dorn, P. Davy, D. Townsend, M. Sandford, G. Brown.  
G. Sandford, B. Goodin, K. Radford, L. Robins (Captain), P. Andreoli, P. Christensen, C. Peters.

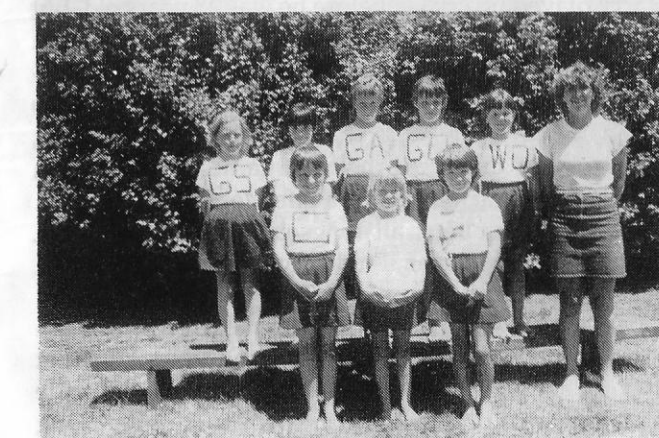
Allan Webby and Eileen O'Dea (Hewes) were usually on the top but didn't have it easy keeping their places. The club enjoyed a full social life with the dances and members racing through the evening milking to get down and get in as much tennis as possible before dark and then calling at the store (at that time Mr Cave was manager) getting around their piano and having a real old fashioned sing song and dancing in the store room at the back of the shop.

The club flourished until World War II saw many of the lads from the district and also many of the girls in War work. So it was left to the younger members to carry on the club.

The club is no longer in existence and the two courts are car parking for the present Bowling Club.



**AUROA SCHOOL NETBALL TEAM 1974**  
Winners of Coastal Netball, Davis Cup and Knuckey Shield.  
Back Row, left to right: Deidre Gilbert, Sheryl Bennett, Mrs A. Poole (Coach), Julie Scott, Betty Muggeridge.  
Front Row, left to right: Shirley Davy, Katharine Poole (Vice-Captain), Lynette Dunn (Captain), Hilary Corkill.



**NETBALL 1984**  
Back Row: N. Brown, C. Hamilton, L. Smith, J. Murphy, C. Smith.  
Coach: Miss Wood. W. Freiman, J. Smith, C. Jenkins.



**RUGBY 1984**  
Teacher: Mr O'Reilly. Back Row: Anthony Good, Aaron Murphy, Grant Holmes, Karl Heistand, Rowan Cambie, Scott James, Bryce Kaiser.  
Jason Bloor, Tony Muller, Andrew Harvey, David Muller.





**SCHOOL RUGBY TEAM, 1987**  
Mr B. Sandford, J. Goodin.

Paul Midgley, Andrew Young, Damian Heistand, Hamish Heistand, Richard Young.  
Richard Muller, Alan Foy, Mark Richardson, Craig Foster, Jeremy Goodin, Craig Foy.

### Auroa Cricket Club

The Auroa Cricket Club was formed in March 1933 with Mr F. Schwieters as president and Mr B. Cameron as secretary. By means of dances and euchre parties sufficient funds were raised to purchase all necessary gear. Mr W. Josephson gave the use of one of his paddocks for matches and then Mr W. Brown lent one. Mr S. Ord has at all times given valuable help to the club. Membership and interest continue to increase steadily. Mr A. Riley and Mr Voullaire are the present president and secretary respectively. (Taken from paper cutting 1938).

The official reformation of a cricket club at Auroa was in 1947. Although the origins of cricket played at Auroa go back before the second world war when social cricket was played on Buxton's farm down from Sandford's buildings and opposite where the old Catholic Church was. Games were played against other districts like Otakeho, Awatuna and Kapuni but there was no formal competition. When the Western Division of the Taranaki Cricket Association was formed in 1946, Auroa was invited to compete. The club first played on McClean's farm, Auroa Road, which is now Hammond's farm. Old timers can remember the huge boxthorn hedge around the perimeter of the paddock and the problems players had retrieving the ball. After a couple of years the pitch was moved to Harry Goodin's farm where it remained for the next 27 years. When the club shifted to the Auroa School grounds in 1976, the playing field looked a lot different from what it is today. Trees on both sides of the grounds have since been removed and the creek on the eastern side has been filled in. The flowers and shrubs planted make the grounds look picturesque.

An artificial wicket was laid in 1987. This pitch is an asset to the school children as well as club members. It is much safer to bat on an artificial wicket. Batsmen are less likely to be hit by sharply rising balls. At the time of the creek fill the club's pavilion was inadvertently damaged by a contractor. This hut had been the club's home for many years and had survived several shifts. Pulling the old shed down was like having to send a pet cow to the works. Club members ran a disco in the hall to raise funds and at the start of the 1989 season a new club house was erected. Bigger than the old hut, electric-



**SCHOOL NETBALL A TEAM, 1987**  
Catherine Murphy, Linda Smith, Judith Murphy, Christine Jenkins, Wendy Freiman, Cheryl Smith, Jo-Anne Smith.



**AUROA CRICKET CLUB 1990**  
Back Row: K. Pickard, G. Coombes, R. Kirk, B. Harrop, J. Elliott, A. Hughes, J. Bradford.  
Front Row: K. Murphy, B. Adamson, E. Fevre, T. Taunt, D. Richardson.  
Absent: J. Christenson (Captain), L. Taunt.

ity was connected, lights and a fridge installed. The new pavilion has all the comforts of home. (Well some of them anyway).

The Auroa Cricket Club has had many fine gentlemen play for it over the years, but one man stands out head and shoulders above the rest. This was Harry Goodin. Harry played no cricket before he was 25 years old, but took to cricket like a duck to water. A wicketkeeper and batsman in his playing days, Harry scored nine centuries for Auroa and helped the senior team reach two Taranaki finals. On one occasion Harry and son Kevin, each scored 100s during the same game. Harry Goodin was the first man to be made a Life Member of this club. Other Life Members, all long-serving administrators, include Robert Morton, Fred Hughes and Alister Duff. The club has won several Western Division titles and played in four Taranaki finals, but never won a Taranaki title. It is the goal of club members to one day claim that championship. All players, past and present, take pride in playing for Auroa. Many have been friends for a long time. When someone joins this club he soon feels like he joined a close knit family such is the comradeship in this happy little club.

### Auroa Outdoor Bowling Club

The Club had its beginnings in July 1914. The land - three roods and one perch - was leased to the Auroa Lawn Tennis and Bowling Club at the cost of one pound (\$2) per year payable in advance. The land was leased from Mr Walter Tait who at that time owned the farm. Over the years the green has been extended from a five rink to an eight rink. In 1963 the men held their Golden Jubilee, a photo of the members at that time follows.

In 1988 a much smaller club held their 75th Jubilee, Taranaki Anniversary weekend, 12th, 13th and 14th

March. With 34 teams entered it was necessary to use three greens, Auroa, Otakeho and Pihama. The final was played at Auroa on the Monday, Mr Ted Nairn and team being winners and getting a silver goblet each donated by a member. Sunday night a Jubilee Dinner was held, where more than 50 past and present members attended. Mr Peter White, President, thanked the ladies for their help over the years. A cake made and iced by Mrs Jean Davy, was cut by Messrs Alf Taunt, Ted Nairn and Mick Hammond.

### Ladies Bowling Club

A meeting convened by Mrs R. Ord and Mrs J. Andreoli of all ladies interested in forming a Women's Lawn Bowling Club was held in the Bowling pavilion on Tuesday, September 29, 1953. Those present, Mesdames J. Andreoli, R. Ord, F. Schmidt, J. Hooper, D. Nairn and V. Price. It was unanimously agreed to form a club and opening day to be in October. Opening day was held in brilliant sunshine, 28 ladies being present.

March 3rd, 1979, the 20th Jubilee celebrations were held. Two Senior members of the club attended. They were Mrs Kitty Burke and Mrs Le Fleming. Mrs Joan An-

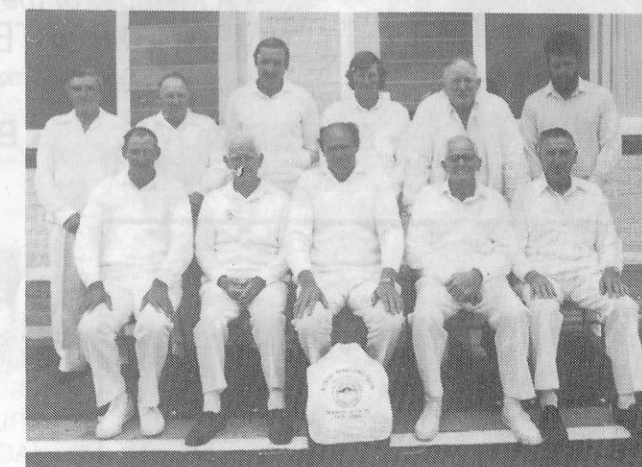
dreoli of Auroa cut the Jubilee cake. In 1990 a very small but keen club still exists, playing in shield games and joining men in mixed tournaments.



**LADIES BOWLING CLUB, 1988**  
E. Stuart, J. Collins, W. Scott, A. Corbett, J. Crawford, D. Dorn, R. Hammond, R. Brown.

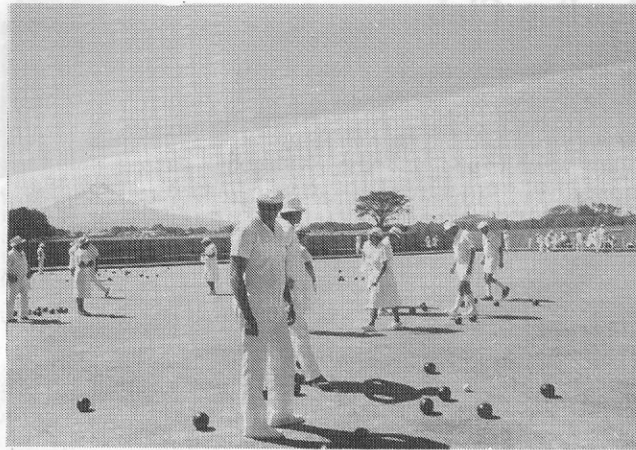


**MARCH 1988**  
75th Jubilee Cake being cut by Alf Taunt, Ted Nairn and Mick Hammond.

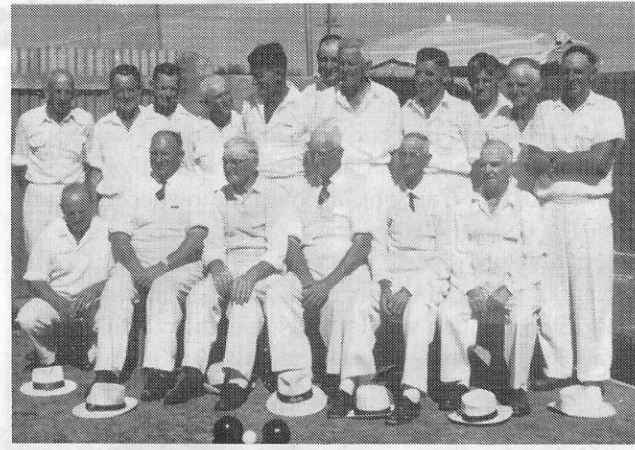


**AUROA BOWLING CLUB, 75TH JUBILEE - MARCH 12-13-14, 1913-1988**  
N. Collins, R. Ashley, N. Spragg, T. Luond, S. Corbett, B. Laursen, G. Muggeridge, A. Taunt, P. White, M. Hammond, R. Brown.





AUROA BOWLING TOURNAMENT, 1990



MENS BOWLING CLUB, GOLDEN JUBILEE - 1913-1863

Back Row: K. Clegg, R. Ord, T. Robins.  
Middle Row: J. Nicolson, L. King, W. Eynon, A. Andreoli, G. Gernhoefer, R. Brown, A. Taunt, D. Davy.  
Front Row: A. Muir, L. West, S. Davies, F. Hughes, W. Hughes, W. Whelham.

### Auroa Indoor Bowling Club

A meeting was called by Mr A. Andreoli on March 29, 1952 from which the club was first formed. The highlight of the meeting was the generous offer made by Mrs R.

Ord to loan the club 150 pounds at four percent interest to be repaid when convenient. With help from the Auroa Cricket Club, they ran a Calcutta sweep to help raise the

funds needed to start the club. It was decided to open on Saturday, April 5, 1952.

Until 1956, club nights were held on Saturday nights and from then on changed to Monday nights. The Club has a steady membership. All cups are keenly contested. We still meet on Monday nights at 7.30 pm and new members are most welcome.

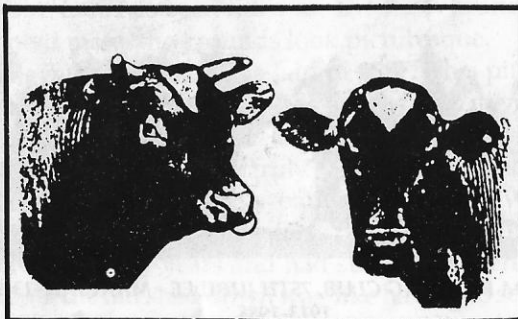
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AUROA DRUM AND FIFE BAND, 1932



H. Muggeridge, J. Deegan, F. Woller, Mr Fairbrother, L. James, A. Williamson, F. Corey.  
B. Trott, Percy Hooper, J. Sheerin, Bill Duff, L. Webby, K. Wood, L. Ewans, J. Cave.  
C. Langlands, C. Sturgeon, Reg Duff, M. Grandville, D. Caldwell, N. Johnston, R. Langlands.



## Auroa Catholic Church

From 1875 to 1910 the district of Auroa was under the care of the Catholic parish of Hawera. Its relative isolation was recognised in the building of its own church in 1906. St Francis of Sales, revered author of 'The Introduction to the Devout Life' was chosen as its Patron.

In 1910, Auroa became part of the new parish of Manaia and Sunday Mass was celebrated by the following priests who served the area:

Revs. E. J. Bergin 1910-1913; W. J. Saunderson 1913-1920; J. J. Kelly 1920-1923; M. M. O'Dwyer 1923-1930; J. Butler 1930-1936; P. B. Breen 1935-1947; T. Linehan 1947-1949; P. J. Hanratty 1950-1955; F. P. Garty 1955-1960; J. F. Kirby 1960-1969; P. O'Connor 1969-1972.

The McPhillips family who lived in the area were generous benefactors of the community and the Parfrey Estate was gifted to charity in England.

Father Merton Bradford farmed in the locality before going on to the Ministry. He celebrated the last Mass in the church on Sunday, December 5, 1971 - 'a beautiful sunny day' as one of the congregation remembers.



The builders of the church were Messrs Schinkel Conaglen, Magner and Jas Byrne. The land was given by Mr Tom Joll. Father Bradford in the doorway.



SUNDAY SCHOOL GROUP, ABOUT 1952-32

Dawn Bailey, Shirley Smith, Margaret Hooper, Daphne Smith, Margaret Eliason, Ian Hooper, Ivan Hooper, Reg Duff, Edgar Smith, Alan McKay, Lance Smith, Don Muggeridge, Ruth Hartley, Nola Evans.

Lindsay Sharpe, Paul Campbell, Alex Ross, Norma Evans, Valerie Smith, Betty Campbell, Norma Langlands, David McKay, Neville Sharpe, Donald Smith, Avis McKay, Jennifer Hooper, Ruth Thompson.

Mrs Netta Hartley, Mr Bill Bailey, Mrs Gladys Duff.

? Thompson, Keith Smith, Christine Duff, Georgie Thompson, Hugh McKay, Pamela Duff, Lee Corlett, Dulcie Ross, Jimmy Duff, Lynette Duff, Gladys Thompson.



SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN, NOVEMBER 1990

Kay Hooper, teacher. Joanna Cambie, teacher.

Tamsin Hooper, Christina Muggeridge, Cassie Barclay, Ritchie Coleman, Vaughan Hooper, Christopher Perrett. Gina Luond, Steven Perrett, Andrew Perrett, Matthew Muggeridge, Kristy Townsend, Shannon Duff, Maryanne Coleman, Regan Duff, Joanne Foy.

Janine Muggeridge, Andrew Barclay, Phillip Luond, Matthew Townsend, Phillip Gargan, Nicola Gargan, Tracey Luond, Lisette Hooper, Nicola Ashley.

## Sunday School

There have always been good attendances at Sunday School classes held at Auroa. Perhaps the largest would be around 1947. Mr S. W. Bailey would have been the longest serving Superintendent of the Sunday School. In 1954 he was presented with a Certificate for a Long Service of 30 years, dated 31st March 1954, by the Methodist Church of New Zealand. Each year a Sunday School Anniversary and Prizegiving is held with singing and a nativity play.

As early as January 27, 1928, Sunday School picnics have been held. At one stage Otakeho beach seemed popular and Opunake beach was also. Bible class groups were formed very early and were very popular with the teenagers, with classes being held in the evenings. Camps were held at Mt Egmont.

### ANNIVERSARY SERVICE

Anniversary Sunday School services were held in the Auroa church on Sunday afternoon and evening, when there were large congregations. The Rev H. Cotton conducted the evening service. Miss Netta Duff was at the

organ, having put in much time training the scholars. The teachers who have conducted the Sunday School throughout the year are Mr W. Bailey (superintendent), Mr and Mrs Lilley, Mrs Duff and Mrs F. Schmidt and Misses Flora Duff and Myra Kirk.

The following programme was presented: Hymns, senior girls "Happy Hours" and "One of the Master's Jewels"; three hymns in unison, "The Children's Friend, "Sail Little Ship" and "A Consecration Hymn"; duet, Jean Hooper and Jean Williamson, "I Have a Task"; kindergarten scholars, "Jesus Bids Us Shine". The church was decorated with flowers and greenery by Miss Flora Duff.

## Anglican Guild

The Anglican Ladies Guild was formed in Auroa on November 11, 1931. First president was the Vicar, Rev. C. W. Soloman. Vice-president was Mrs A. C. Johnston, secretary Mrs W. F. Lyndon, treasurer Mrs A. T. West. The Guild continued until 1980.





#### BIBLE CLASS GROUP

Ian Clarke, Ian Hooper, Wilson Hooper, Elsa Brown, Tom Robins.  
—, Bruce Campbell, Ivan Hooper.  
Alma Goodin, Kath Hooper, June Rodley, Rose Catley, Elenor Hooper,  
M. Hooper, —, Betty Muggeridge.

### Auroa Methodist Church

The Foundation stone for the Auroa Methodist Church was laid on May 16, 1911 by Mrs W. Hall. The church opened the same year on July 23 with services at 11 am and 7 pm. Speakers were Rev Burley, Rev Boys, Rev Scott and Mr S. F. Hall. The land for the church building was given by Mr Blair.

On September 25, 1910 it was resolved that services being held in the hall be continued in the church, this to include both the Presbyterian and Anglican if they so desired.

May 20 and 21, 1961. The 50th Jubilee was held and over 250 people attended to mark the 50th Anniversary of the laying of the Foundation stone. On the Saturday evening over 130 people attended a Jubilee Banquet. The Rev Ivory of the Manaia Church was chairman at the Banquet.



### Manaia Union Parish

Manaia Presbyterians and Manaia Methodists.

The Inauguration Service was presided over by Rev A. Francis, chairman of the Taranaki Wanganui Synod, assisted by Rev W. Hunger, moderator of Taranaki Presbytery. The address was given by Rev L. Willing, scripture reading by I. Robinson, historical narrative of the two churches for Union by M. McNeil-Adams. Mrs Laurel Gilligan was organist. The first minister was Rev W. Morrison who was introduced into the Parish on September 3, 1972.

### Egmont

Behind a shroud of inky cloud  
And covered in tons of snow,  
Egmont stands and guards the lands  
Where the butterfat grasses grow.

Once a year the cloud breaks clear  
And reveals an icy crown,  
Up goes the shout, another drought,  
Production is going down.

No time to waste, we phone in haste  
And explain the situation,  
To the only brains no country drains,  
The Farmers' Federation.

Meetings are held, threats are yelled  
At the Government and the nation;  
Then it rains like hell for a lengthy spell,  
And reverses the situation.

Stock in the mud,  
half drowned in the flood  
Of Egmont the trouble maker,

We'd sell, you bet, but all we'd get  
Is six hundred dollars an acre.

A frequent scene on the TV screen  
Resembles snow in a crater,  
Don't adjust your set, it's the heat or the wet  
Affecting an Egmont translator.

Sports in shorts and ninnies in minis  
Get frozen and lost on the peak,  
Then Dave, or Rod, and the rescue squad  
Go up and play hide and seek.

Opossums and goats, weasels and stoats,  
Egmont's gifts from acclimatisation,  
Have become self reliant and even defiant  
And manage their own propagation.

All that you need to live and succeed  
On the plains 'neath our miniature Alps,  
Is a strong constitution and firm resolution,  
You don't have to be mad but it helps.

### Tribute to the Fallen

1899 - Boer War - 1901  
1914 - World War I - 1918  
1939 - World War II - 1945

At this time of rejoicing let us pause for a moment to remember those ex-pupils, teachers and committee men who would have been with us today, had they not answered the call of King and Country.

Sons of this district lie in many lands, while we are here to enjoy our many blessings, because of the sacrifices they made. To some this thought will bring a touch of sadness, but they can feel proud that such men came forward to defend our British way of life.

Let us remember them with pride and honour, and strive to make our district and country worthy of their sacrifice.

1914 - 1918

Herbert Anderson\*, Harold Barraclough, Miles Barraclough, Archibald Campbell\*, George Crookshank, A. R. Curry\*, J. E. Clegg\*, Arthur Dixon\*, Thomas Dixon, Archibald Duff, S. W. Doak\*, Arthur Dunn, Sydney Groves, Earnest Gordon, Richard Hooper (Dick), James Hooper (Jim), Percy Hall, Sidney Hall, Reginold Johnston\*, Arthur Langlands, William Marr, Harry

Poole, Duncan Poole, Moslyn Poole\*, Alfred Poole, Jack Parsons, H. Parkinson, H. Riddick, George Riddick, Edwin Snellex, Percy Short, A. Smith\*, John Turnbull, Walter Whilton

1939-1945

Ken Balsom, Reg Barrett, Eric Calder, Geof Clarke, Arthur Crawford, Dawson Davy, William Duff (Bill), Alga Fowler, Rex Fury\*, Maurice Granville, Bob Green, Mick Hayward, Percy Hooper\*, Tim Horgan, Frank Hughes, W. Johnston, Mick King (Les), Bob Langlands, Colin McLean\*, Bob Moreland\*, Gordon Millar (Shorty), Hugh Muggeridge, Athol Muir, Cecil Murfitt\*, Jim Nicholson, Sammy Nuku, Con O'Dea\*, Stan Robertson, ? Robinson, Bill Ross, Bob Rowe, Gladys Sandford, Jim Skinner\*, Jack Sherrin, Vic Sole, Charlie Sturgeon, George Sturgeon, Jock Turchi, Jim Wards, Lindsay Webby, Andy Williamson, Morton Wills

\* Denotes those men who paid the Supreme Sacrifice.

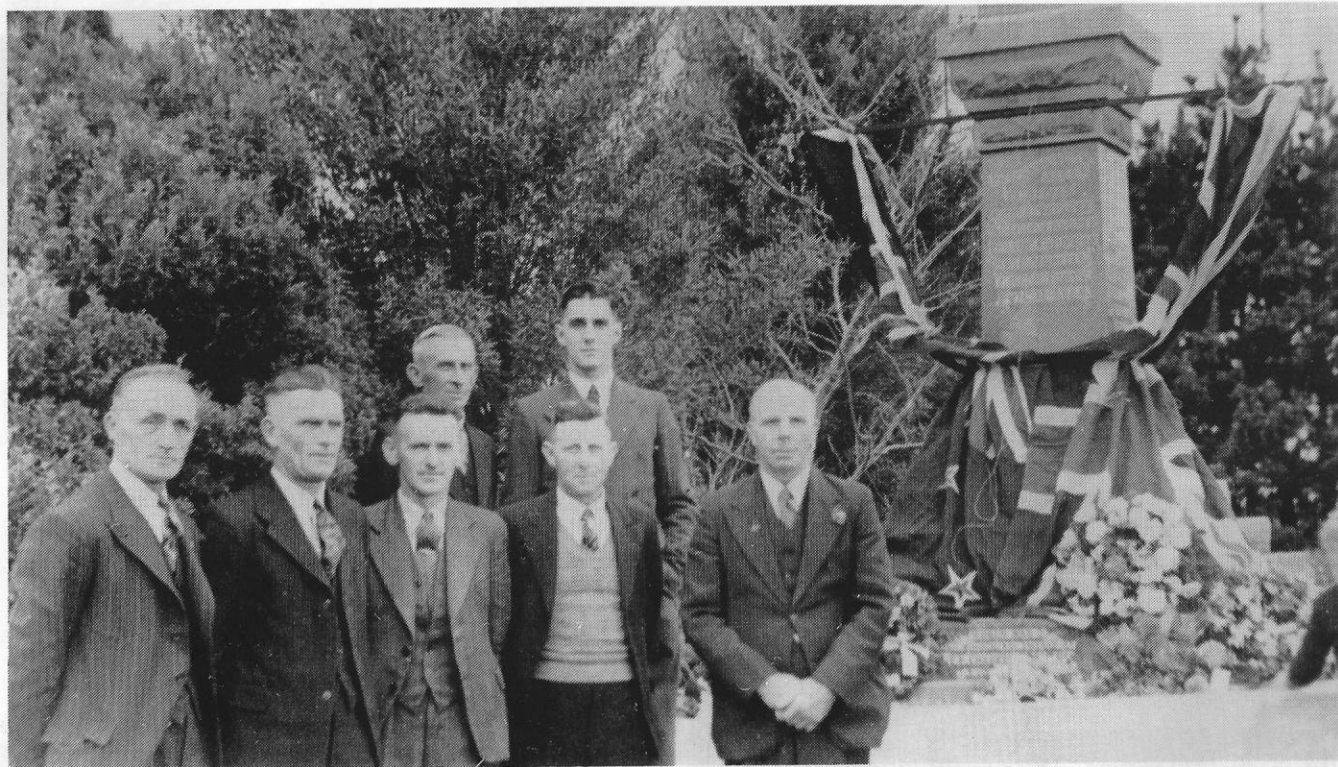
To our knowledge this is a record of men and women who served in the 1939-45 war, and either lived or were farwelled in Auroa, either at a public or private farewell.



OCTOBER 27, 1921

His Excellency, Viscount Jellicoe, Governor-General of the Dominion unveiled the memorial, erected to the fallen soldiers of Auroa by the residents of the district. School in the background.





#### ANZAC

Soldiers, boulders,  
On the beach,  
Cliffs to reach,  
Mud, blood,  
Soldiers trying,  
Soldiers dying,  
Day is dawning,  
People mourning,  
White Crosses gleam,  
In the sun's first beam,  
A lonely bugle chills,  
The early morning still,  
Red poppies flower,  
Men's heads bow.  
WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.

By present day pupil Christopher Perrett, Standard 4.

#### So Lucky

To have been born with fertile soils, lush pastures, contented joyful animals, mountain ranges snow capped, running streams flushed with trout, eels, mud-crawlers. A sky abundant with grey rain clouds that satisfy thirst of plant and animal.

Strong winds that change the season, 'Autumn' days shortens, trees slowly sleeping, 'Winter' cold wet, fire-side blazing bringing closeness and comfort to families. Mt Egmont snow covered splendour, proudly shining strength of isolation and banishment. Everyone respects Egmont as a king or protective father.

'Spring', days of warmth, suckling-prancing young, nature's love finally rewarded.

'Summer', everyone's time, school kids look out the windows and eagerly wait for break up, Father Christmas, time of harvest, holidays, going to the beach, enjoying life - the circle of life'.

DAVID FISHER

1956

The memorial after being unveiled after the II World War by Hall Committee. Back Row: P. Hall, W. Hooper.  
Front Row: H. Hartley, W. Howard, J. Wadsworth, Tom Hooper, Bill Bailey.

#### Early Pioneers - William and Edith Sutton

William and Edith (nee Vine) Sutton were both born in Marlborough. Edith came north with her family who first settled in Normanby and later moved to Manaia. William also settled in Normanby and later bought land and moved to Manaia. They were married in 1881 at Manaia. In 1882 the Sutton's owned the first hotel in Otakeho, later selling to Mr Bartlett, and moving to Ratanui as it was called in the early days. Their house was situated on the corner where Sandfords are now. This was about 1883.

Ethel and Harry were born at Normanby, William, Maud, Lena and Mabel were born at Ratanui, the older children being first day pupils when the Auroa School first opened in 1891. William Snr disappeared in the bush in April 1893 and his remains were not found until 1895. Later Edith remarried at Ratanui but died soon after. The children left Ratanui to live with relatives at Cardiff.

By Mrs Jo Horgan, nee Sutton,  
granddaughter of William and Edith.

I am a three penny bit.  
I am not on speaking terms with the butcher,  
I am too small to buy a quart of milk,  
I am not large enough to buy a box of chocolates,  
A permanent wave won't look at me.  
They won't let me into the pictures,  
I am hardly fit for a tip.  
When I go to church on Sunday,  
I am considered some money.

from Western Mail, 1936

#### Auroa Highland Pipeband



#### STRATFORD CONTEST 1935

Back Row: J. L. Lines, T. Imlah, R. Langlands, G. Kirk, A. Taunt.  
Middle Row: J. Duff, L. Webby, G. Sturgeon, M. Langlands.  
Front Row: D. Sturgeon, J. Williamson, F. Fairbrother, J. Skinner.

The first written minutes of the Pipe Band were recorded in 1928 although it is well known that the band was actually starting to 'take shape' many months before this. It was through the zeal of the late Jim Duff (Snr) that the band was actually formed. He asked Donald McLeod of Riverlea if he would tutor prospective pupils, and though not keen on the idea, agreed. (Jim Duff had 'a way with him'). Although he was not actually considered a 'Foundation Member' Andy McLeod, (a son of Donald Snr) who lives in New Plymouth, as a very young lad of about nine learnt to play the pipes with these men and can remember going to band practices.

The first outing for the Pipe Band was the Auroa Sports, and they got a very hearty reception. Kilts for the day were on loan from the Stratford Caledonian Society, and the men got dressed in Jim Duff's cowshed. The Big

Drum was just 'a wee mannie' and it was hard to tell at times whether the drum or drummer had control as the wind was so strong and the ground slippery!

As time went on the band managed to buy their own kilts and the tartan chosen was the MacDuff, a tribute to J. C. Duff who had worked so hard to get the band going.

In the late 1970s a big drive was made for new members and at this stage numerous girls were 'recruited' for the first time in the band's history. At a Band Day in Hawera in 1980 Auroa actually sported two bands. Approximately 26 players in all.

Over the latter years, the band has struggled on occasions to maintain their numbers but 'it still keeps playing on', and attends all functions when requested. 1991 sees the Band as 63 years old.

#### Social Club for Young People

This club was formed in 1936 to run dances, balls and euchre evenings. They were always very successful. Dances were held on a monthly basis and always well attended. There were no gang or drink problems in those days and folk were always at the hall by 8 pm. There were old time dances and waltz competitions and Mr and Mrs Wally Howard did a wonderful job during the war years.

Dance bands at the time were Jack Hooker's 'Vincent's and Attrils'.

In 1939, the Plunket Debutante Ball featured 'Tut Coltman's Band' from Australia who were touring New Zealand at the time. Twenty-four Debs were presented by Mrs Charlotte Benton to Mr and Mrs C. A. Wilkinson of New Plymouth.



## The Auroa Railway

The 23 mile (37 km) branch line from Te Roti to Opunake was opened for traffic from July 12, 1926. Construction of the line had started in 1914 but was stopped during wartime and continued in 1920. The line was worked from Hawera by one return mixed train daily or sometimes just three days a week.

Passengers used this service for many years but this accommodation was withdrawn from the end of October 1955.

From May 1961 the line was managed from Stratford. The Auroa Station contained a goods shed.

All types of freight were handled. Cattle were yarded and railed in quite large numbers. Big tonnage of fertilisers were handled by Sandfords Spreaders and local farmers. Bobby calves were collected by contractors and sent by rail to various meat works.

Since 1969 the section of line from Kapuni to Opunake has been closed. That section of rail has been ripped up and the land returned to neighbouring farmers. Although the railway has been a sad loss to the district, no doubt some local motorists would be relieved when they remember some serious accidents and many near misses on the level crossings within the district.



Sandford's Trucks on a Saturday morning at the Railway Station.

## Auroa Library

The Library was started in 1915 and at one stage was housed at the school. Mrs Buxton was one of the earlier librarians. She retired in 1936 and Mrs Ashby was in charge until 1938.

Miss Nancy Whelham took over in a building opposite the school gates. The Library was open once a week between 6.30 and 7.45 pm on the same night as movies were held in the hall. The Country Library Service started about 1944-45.

When the new hall was built in 1956 the Library was housed in the north-east corner and remained there until alterations were made in 1986, and at that stage book cupboards were put into the new lounge. One year 22 pound 6 shillings and 10 pence was raised through card evenings to fund book purchases. In 1976 a children's section was added to the books.

Country Library Service visits ceased in 1990 and the Library now gets its books from the Hawera Library. Mrs Lorna Sandford was librarian/secretary for 12 years and now Mrs Heather Hughes holds that position.

The Library opens on a Monday night between 7 and 8 pm and a good selection of books are available including Country Library Service books.



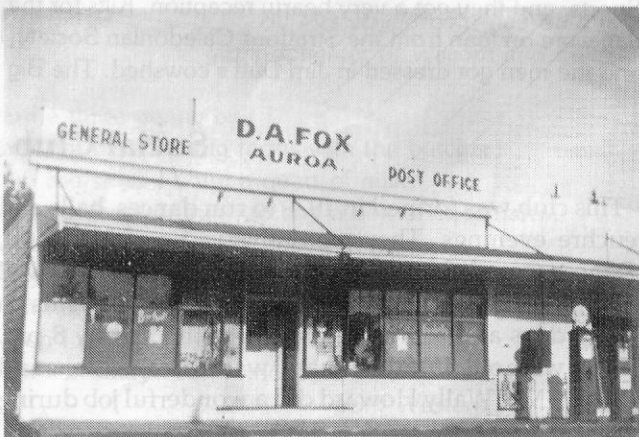
## The Auroa Post Office, Telegraph Office and Telephone Bureau

The business of these departments was conducted at the store of Mr J. D. Proffitt. The branch lines of wires connected with the Hawera-Opunake line at Otakeho.

Mr Proffitt was secretary of the Auroa Sports Club and a member of the Auroa School Committee and Manaia Racing Club. He was also agent for the Auckland Weekly News and had a full stock of country requisites, groceries, drapery, ironmongery, books and shoes etc.

In later years the store was managed by 1935 - Bell and Johns, E. W. Johns, F. S. Burke, D. Fox, L. A. (Jack) Wadsworth and D. Attrill.

The Post Office was also housed in the store for many years. Some of the Postmistresses were L. King (1935), Alice Deegan, Maisie Schweiters (James), Margery Whelham (Webby), Betty Everitt (Dravitski).



## Carrying Firm Started with Only One Vehicle in 1928

In 1928, Mr E. F. Sandford set about establishing a carrying business in Auroa. A building was dismantled at Manaia and carried in sections using two small trucks backed into each other and tied together.

The building was to become the homestead which still stands on the corner of the Auroa and Skeet Roads.

The piles for the construction were poured in empty four gallon petrol containers as these were readily available at that time.

Prior to a garage being erected in 1940, a trucking service consisting of just one vehicle was operated from a Sandford family farm, currently the property of Mr R. J. Poole, Skeet Road.

Once the railway was established from Hawera to Opunake business began to increase as it allowed farmers to dispose of stock, such as bobby calves, as well as procuring goods.



### BLACKSMITH SHOP

A blacksmith shop was operated in conjunction with the business during the 1930s and by this time three trucks were in operation. Outside was a petrol pump with fuel available to farmers and the general public.

Benzine initially had to be carted from New Plymouth in 44 gallon drums and poured into an underground storage tank. This was a big step forward from the old four gallon containers.

However, with the increasing need for petrol on all farms, it was eventually brought in by road tanker.

During these early days a school bus was operated by Mr Sandford to transport children to Auroa School. This continued through to the 1960s when the Education Board made available one of their own vehicles.

Prior to this two daily bus runs were also made by Mr Sandford's vehicles to and from the Opunake High School.

### NAME CHANGED

In 1960 the name of the business was changed to Sandford Bros Ltd as Mr E. F. Sandford had died the previous year. At this time the business had been built up to incorporate five trucks and three school buses.

In 1963 the bus service was sold and during the following year another company was established - Sandford Spreaders Ltd. This was specially formed for bulk topdressing.

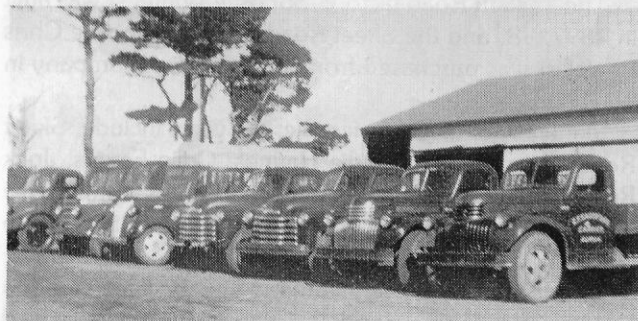
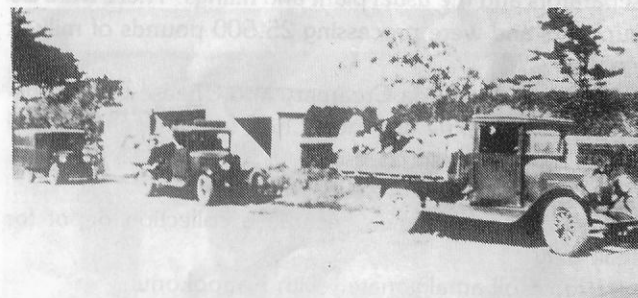
1984 was a year of change for Sandford Bros with the purchase of 'Ian Lord Transport' at Normanby. This enabled a depot to be set up at Normanby from which three stock units are now based.

1984 also saw Sandford Bros diversify into metal with the installation of crushers and a washing plant. To help provide a continuity of supply for metal, an excavator was purchased in 1988, this is used for local farm work and to work in the metal pit.

Sandford Bros are now capable of stock cartage, supply of all grades of metal, general cartage and earth works, with a fleet comprising seven stock trucks and five trailers, four dump trucks and trailers (with one dump truck capable of being converted to a low loader), one excavator and three loaders.

Sandford Spreaders operate the Bulk Store at Auroa, stocking all Farmers Fertiliser products as well as Lime and running three four-wheel-drive ground spread vehicles and one loader.

Both companies complement one another and combine to serve the local community with 63 years of experience behind them.





## Dairy Factories

On July 1, 1899, the Ratanui Factory (now Auroa) was purchased from the Crown Co-op and named The Auroa Creamery.

1901: Kaupokonui purchased the Crown Dairy Company.

1903: William Ogle appointed manager of Auroa Cheese Factory and Creamery.

1913-14: Auroa Factory totally destroyed by fire, rebuilt in concrete at a cost of 3300 pounds, which included factory water, race and turbine penstock and outlet tunnel, also a manager's house made of concrete.

1959: Merger between Joll and Kaupokonui Companies first discussed.

1963: Amalgamation took place.

1964: Auroa Branch closed.

1965-66: Receiving stages closed.

1968: Ninety percent milk collected in tankers and many farm vats were now refrigerated.

### Joll Dairy Company

1904: William Harold Cochrane appointed manager of Joll's Auto Creamery which was a wooden building with concrete floors. The plant included an 11 horse power Luke engine, three De Laval 440 gallon separators and the usual plant and fittings. There were 20 suppliers and were processing 25,500 pounds of milk at peak.

1908: Joll's Auroa Creamery and Cheese Factory used the brand name of 'Maori Chief' for white cheese and 'Toitoti' for coloured cheese.

1953: A new factory was built.

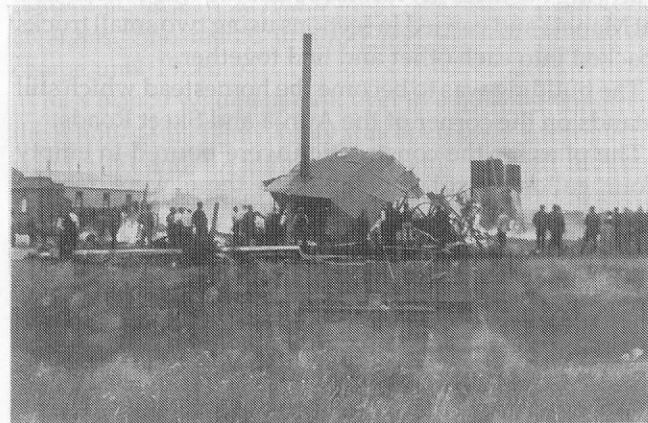
1962: Auroa Branch became a collection depot for milk only.

1963: Joll amalgamated with Kaupokonui.

The Taikatu Road factory (opposite Winter's) was built in 1897/98, and the Skeet Road factory (opposite Chris Powell's) was purchased from Crown Dairy Company in 1901/02.

Managers of the factories over the years include, Skeet Road - Len Corey, Charlie Haynes, Colin Fergus, Jock Ross, Bub Richards. Auroa Branch - Jim Everitt, Charlie Haynes, Pinky Evetts, Leo Hodge, Wally Julian, Jacob Niwa, Doug Bigham.

The Joll Creamery or Skimming Station was a wooden building with concrete floors. An assistant was employed when necessary. Other managers included Frank Schweiter, Bill Martin and Reg Eden. The two factories amalgamated in July 1963 although amalgamation was first discussed in 1959. They then became known as Kiwi Dairy Company. All small factories closed down and a new complex was built at Whareroa, south of Hawera and at the present time 1990, all milk is taken by tanker from all south Taranaki areas.



Dairy Factory burnt down on the corner of Auroa and Skeet Roads. Old Hall in the background.



Skeet Road Factory.



Old Auroa Garage in use from 199 to 199.

## Auroa Hall

The first Auroa Hall was built at the turn of the century at the cost of 100 pounds. Later a supper room was added, the extension being 30 feet by 16 feet. The offer of a gas plant for lighting purposes was accepted from Mr Mudford.

June 1907 - Churches be given permission to erect a cupboard to keep their books in.

1908 - No charge is to be made to the Sunday School for use of the hall.

In 1913 an Acetylene gas plant was installed. At this time Euchre parties were very popular in the hall. Dancing classes and music and singing classes were recorded as early as 1908. Also at this time it was decided to hold a ball on the 'first Wednesday nearest to full moon in July'.

The Football Club was charged 1/- (10 cents) for the use of the back room of the hall.

In May 1918, the hall was used as an extra room for school pupils, the charge being 10/- (\$1) per week, paid by the Education Board.

April 1923 - The Secretary wrote to Mr Whiting, Opunake, re showing pictures in the hall on a weekly basis. Pictures discontinued on September 3, 1926 until such time as alterations could be made to comply with demands of the Inspector of Explosives.

1926 - The Secretary requested that placards be printed prohibiting smoking in the body of the hall during any function.

February 1930 - Application was made to the South Taranaki Power Board for lighting of the hall. 10-12 lights were required.



Old Auroa Hall (built around 1900), replaced by a new one, 1956.



Fire in the Auroa Hall, February 20, 1974

The main event for this year was the installation of power and lights in the hall. Mr Simmonds, Manaia, was prepared to come to the hall and show pictures once a week. Opening night was August 13, 1931.

In 1956 the old hall was replaced by the present Auroa War Memorial Hall and the cost of approximately 10,000 pounds which also included extras that the hall board felt were necessary during its construction. Feaver and Spence from Opunake built the hall at an initial cost of 7000 pounds plus another 2000 pounds for extras. (9000 pounds equating to \$18,000 today). Funding was from cull cows and calf drives, donations from individuals and organisations and the old Hall Society. A Queen Carnival Contest was held which raised 4400 pounds and a pound for pound subsidy from the Government was also received. A feature was the scissor truss roof which spanned the 35 foot wide by 47 foot long auditorium.

The supper room, 21 foot by 50 foot was built on the southern end of the main hall. This is bigger than originally planned to enable two functions to be held at once. The Plunket room was incorporated in the cosiest corner of the hall. Also included in the hall were a Library and a Projector room used for showing films.

A fire in the hall on February 20, 1974 caused considerable damage but was soon cleaned up by residents.

In 1986 an extension was added to the hall and included a lounge which is used for meetings, music lessons and library. A kitchen was also included.

The hall is used on a regular basis and is a great asset to the district.



OPENING THE HALL, MARCH 3, 1956.

Ian Clarke piping in, Mr Bill Bailey, Hon. E. B. Corbett, G. Bailey, Mr and Mrs Findlay.



Auroa Hall with alterations on the left hand corner, 1986.



## Auroa-Awatuna Plunket Celebrates 50 Years

*The Hawera Star, Tuesday, July 10, 1984*

The Auroa Plunket celebrated its 50th jubilee recently when about 85 members and supporters attended a dinner and dance at the Auroa Hall.

A meeting was held at the Auroa Hall on November 2, 1934, to discuss the formation of a sub-branch of the Plunket Society.

The first nurse visited Auroa travelling by train from Opunake and began seeing babies and mothers at the home of Mrs Fairbrother, the local headmaster's wife and first president.

She would talk to some of her cases or would be met by Mr W. J. Sandford who would take her around in his car and then return her to Opunake.

At first, scales were borrowed from Kaponga but by February 1934, the committee had not only purchased its own scales for £4 5s 3d but had £12 in funds.

Members of the committee had to walk sometimes with their children up to two miles collecting money and produce for the bring and buys on winding rough roads and were almost never refused.

In June 1935, the Trustees of the Union Church were approached and permission was given to use the vestry at a cost of one shilling each Plunket day.

In August of that year the Auroa Branch was approached by Opuanke to assist with funds to buy the nurse's first car, an Austin 7.

The result of this was a major fundraising effort in the form of a baby carnival won by Mr Tom Gibson of Kapuni and second was Bob Sandford who still lives at Auroa.

At a Plunket meeting in 1936, the committee was notified that Mr Ebby Sandford had purchased Mr Jack Kilpatrick's shoe repair shop, would renovate it and the society could have use of this free of charge indefinitely.

These rooms were officially opened on March 19, 1937 and purchased for £50 in 1939.

### Auroa-Awatuna Sub-Branch of Egmont Federation of Plunket

Plunket has managed to keep going in our local area with determination and hard work. Membership of the committee is small considering the large area we cover. Fundraising is something that has to be thought about all the time as costs always continue to climb. We are being asked by Head office to help fund new ideas but in dollar terms our income remains much the same year after year.

A Fashion show in 1986 organised by Kay Hooper was a roaring success. We had garments and models from New Plymouth, men's clothing from Hawera with local men for models. Local children modelled clothing from Hawera. Opunake Players entertained also. Each year we have our door-to-door appeal in October. Each road is covered by a committee member. Raffles are donated and run throughout the year to keep funds topped up. We have in place a Car Seat Rental Scheme for babies and toddlers. These seats are rented out for long or short term to mothers. They are also available to grandparents

In May 1955, euchre evenings and a bobby calf drive were begun to raise funds for the new rooms which are now at the Auroa Memorial Hall and were officially opened on March 23, 1956.

In 1967, the branch became known as the Auroa-Awatuna sub-branch and in May 1976, the first Federation meeting of the Opunake district branch of the New Zealand Plunket Society was held with Mrs J. Upson of Auroa becoming its first president and Mrs Jill Hooper of Auroa its first secretary.



*Opening of the first Plunket Rooms by Mr Sandford, March 19, 1937.*



or others who may have children to stay long or short term. This has been a very worthwhile project with some seats being donated and some bought by Plunket. For a long time now, Auroa has had a Christmas party for all the Plunket children in our area. This is held on Clinic day so nurse can join in. The last few years has seen a turnout of about 60 children. The children help decorate the tree to while away the time till Santa comes and we have had some jolly good ones too! One of the major changes over the last few years has been the hall extension and the resiting of our entrance way. This was a good time to redecorate the rooms which hadn't had anything done to them since the hall fire. Chairs were painted and recovered, posters bought and new carpet laid. Many comments have been made from the public and Head office, even to the extent that some thought they were new rooms!

Another change has been to Clinic time leading to the loss of a clinic day. After the initial shock and some

thought we had clinic day rearranged to the first Thursday of each month, meaning we are able to turn it into a social gathering for mothers as well as the children. Committee members bring a plate, we have a cuppa and sometimes a speaker or demonstrator. Sometimes we have a mothers only time and do something different, usually at night.

After many years of service, Nurse Sybil Forsyth was to retire in 1988 but stayed on as we were unable to attract



**PLUNKET'S 50TH JUBILEE**

*Cake being cut by Mrs E. Everitt, Mrs N. Hartley, Mrs Eva Hooper, Mrs Judith Reece.*

a new nurse to the area. After more advertising an application was received from Mrs Penny Rowart who was prepared to do her Plunket training. We started 1990 with our new nurse. It was with sadness and excitement that we had a smorgasbord dinner at the Oeo Hotel in February for our outgoing and incoming nurses. In March 1990, we had a large and successful sales table at the Auroa Cattle Show, this being a big boost to our funds.



**PLUNKET JUBILEE CAKE - 50 YEARS**

*Made and iced by Mrs Kay Hooper.*

### Auroa Pony Club

The Auroa Pony Club was started in September 1958.

Foundation family members are: Bassetts, Olivers, Duffs, Goodins, Boyds, Barclays, Radfords and McCanns.

President was Ron Bassett. Secretary was Rita Oliver. Instuctor was Shirley Bassett. Pony Club was held on Bill and Jean Duff's property.

After about 10 years the club moved its grounds to Ivan Hooper's place (now John Fischer's) and then in the 1970s to John Poole's. In the late 1970s to 1988 Pony Club was held at Norman and Wilma Harrop's and is presently being held at Andrew Holmes' property.

Some of the past presidents have been: Ron Bassett, John Oliver, Harry Goodin (about 10 years), John Poole, Alistair Good, Ray Corkill, Joy Farquhar, Herman Kersten, Colin Trowbridge, the present president is

Neville Sharpe.

Past head instructors have been: Maureen Drylie, Monette Robinson, Wilma Harrop and Shirley Bassett who is presently instructing with Linda Garrett.

The two life members are Maureen Drylie and Shirley Bassett.

The Pony Club is a voluntary movement in which instructors give their time to encourage young people to enjoy their horses and instil in them the proper care of their animals, thereby cultivating strength of character, self discipline and sportsmanship.

At Auroa we aim at companionship, fun and games, trekking, as well as the competitive side. It all adds to the balance of a happy club. Activities include: Showing, dressage, FEI, jumping, cross country, one day events, games days and sitting achievement certificates.





## Auroa Federated Farmers

Commencing on March 16, 1921, the first Auroa Show was held at the saleyards. Mr W. Butler was the judge at the first show and his decisions were keenly followed and met with general approval. Jersey cattle were the main breed shown in the early years. Horses classes were introduced into the show during the late 1920s. Combined shows with Otakeho, Awatuna and Te Kiri were held during the 1920s and 1930s.

No shows were held during the war years 1941-45. Commencing again in 1946 showing cattle and horses until 1953, when through lack of entries, the horse section ceased. Maize was grown and fed to show stock, also stock were brought and held overnight.

A dance and social presentation of trophies was an enjoyable feature of the shows until the mid 1950s. In latter years the trophies have been presented in the show ring at the end of each event.

The woman's division have always given strong support to the show.

They have usually assisted in catering, as well as selling soft drinks and running an ice cream stall. A grand dance was held in 1940 in aid of show funds. Admission gents 3/-, ladies 2/-.

These notes were written for the 60th Jubilee celebrations.

### AUROA STOCK SHOW CATTLE AND HORSES - UNION'S ANNUAL EVENT

The annual horse and cattle show organised by the Auroa branch of the Farmers' Union was held on Saturday attracting stock of excellent quality and in good condition. There was a good attendance.

He was impressed with the splendid quality of the stock and their condition said Mr H. E. Johnson, cattle judge. The calves reflected much credit on their rearing. The horses, said Mr W. H. Reynolds, were outstanding in quality.

Mr H. Hartley was secretary for the show and Mr R. G. Muggeridge was ring steward. A feature of the boys and girls club section was that all the exhibitors of calves were girls. The Auroa branch of the Women's Division controlled the afternoon tea and luncheon arrangements and an ice cream and soft drink staff was supervised by Misses Una and Eila West.

A sheep-guessing competition, organised by Mr R. E. Davison, was won by Mr J. Caldwell, Te Puke, who guessed 1861 lb. The correct weight was 1841 lb.

Results are:

Judge: Mr H. E. Johnson, Tokaroa. Steward: Mr R. Langlands.

Champion bull: Mr A. T. West's entry; reserve champion: Mr W. Turner's entry. Champion cow: Mr B. Coupe's entry; reserve champion: Mr W. Hooper's entry.

Bull calf: Mr J. Phillips' Koneinei Dreamy Boy 1, Koneinei Flashlight 2, Koneinei Hero 3.

Yearling bull: W. Turner's entry 1, A. W. King's entry 2, J. Phillips' entry 3.

Two and a half year bull: J. MacGregor 1, A. W. King 2, W. Walker (Awatuna) 3.

Aged bull: A. T. West 1, M. Saywell 2, A. W. King 3.

Heifer calf: J. Phillips 1, W. Turner 2 and 3.

One and a half year heifer: W. Turner 1, J. Phillips 2, A. W. King 3.

Two 18 months heifers: W. Turner 1, J. Phillips 2.

Two year old heifer in milk: W. Turner 1, A. W. King 2, J. Phillips 3.

Three year old dairy cow: W. Hooper 1, H. Hartley 2.

Dairy cow: B. Coupe 1, W. Turner 2, A. W. King 3.

Boys and girls' calf club class: Gladys Julian 1, Sylvia Tweedie 2, Ivy Turner 3.

### HORSE SECTION

Judge: Mr W. H. Reynolds. Steward: Mr D. Wards. Championship: Mr D. Grantham (Normanby); reserve champion: J. McGregor.

15cwt. milk carter: J. McGregor (Auroa) 1, Mrs E. C. Evans (Auroa) 2, T. Horgan (Auroa) 3.

One ton milk carter: D. Grantham (Normanby) 1, R. Sturgeon (Auroa) 2, T. Horgan (Auroa) 3.

Two year colt or filly: S. Farquhar (Awatuna) 1, S. Agnew (Te Kiri) 2, J. Phillips (Awatuna) 3.

Eighteen months colt or filly: A. Alexander (Matapu) 1, F. Hoskin (Matapu) 2, R. E. Davison (Auroa) 3.

Foal: Mrs E. C. Evans (Auroa) 1, W. H. Richardson (Auroa) 2, R. E. Davison (Auroa) 3.

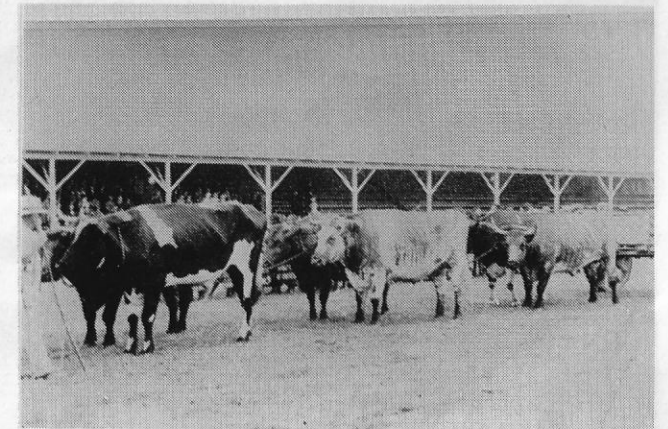
### FARMERS' UNION BALL

#### Big Gathering at Auroa - Striking Decorations

The Farmers' Union ball held at Auroa on Wednesday night was an outstanding success. Visitors were present from many parts of Taranaki. Nearly 27 pound was taken at the door. The decorations showed not only great artistic taste but also very many hours of work on the part of Mr Reg Muggeridge, organiser, and his band of helpers.

The colour scheme used was blue, pink and lemon and the hall was decorated throughout with lines of streamers in these colours, while the walls were covered

with artistic designs, papers and greenery. The stage displayed a setting of bowers and arches covered with the same colour schemes, with kewpies, and above the gaily coloured stage at the back glistened in tinsel the letters NZFU 1936. Numbers of Chinese lanterns gave a carnival effect, while the beauty of the whole scene was enhanced by multi-coloured electric lights. The windows were covered and draped in the same colours. The joint secretaries were Messrs R. G. Muggeridge and H. Hartley.



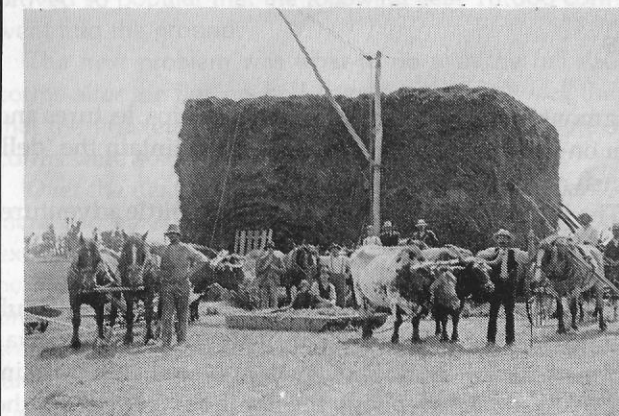
Mr Jack Campbell with his bullocks as paraded in Hawera's contribution to New Zealand's 100 years celebrations.



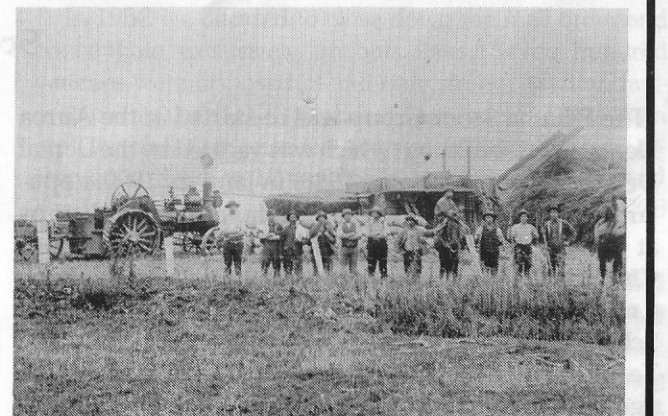
OFFICIALS AT ONE OF THE EARLY AUROA CATTLE SHOWS  
Back Row: M. Hudson, D. Davidson, R. Muggeridge, J. Duff, H. Hartley.  
Middle Row: Mrs King, Mrs Everitt, Mrs Duff, Mrs Symes, Mrs Benton.  
Front Row: B. Davidson, Bill King, N. Phillips (Awatuna).



Modern haymaking.



Old haymaking days



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## Auroa WDFF

The inaugural meeting was held towards the end of 1926, in the Ladies Room of the original Auroa Hall. Eight ladies were present. The Branch was formed after hearing the late Mrs Polson give an address on the need of an organisation to help and give service to the country women. From those early days we have had a membership of up to 50 or more (1983).

The Golden Jubilee of the Branch was held on October 12, 1976. The Auroa Highland Pipe Band entertained and the WDFF gave to the local hall a "Goden Jubilee Memorial Flower Stand" which is used regularly at local functions.

Each year the Federated Farmers hold a Cattle Show, and the Division at one time held a Flower Show which was always successful. In more recent years, they prepare lunches for the spectators and exhibitors, hold a Baby Show, and have displays of hobbies etc.

Each year a Cabaret is held, and folk dress according to the theme, The Hayseed Hop, Gypsy Carnival, In The Commune, Beer Festival, School Days and Nifty Fifties are a few which come to mind.

The 60th Jubilee, held in March 1981, was well attended by Past and Present Members.

A Tea Trolley was donated to the Hall Committee on completion of the new Lounge and Hall Extension.

The Branch has about 20 members now and plays a supportive role within the community. The members have helped others with meals in times of sickness, entertained once a year at the Day Care Centre at Hawera Hospital, welcomed new residents to the area and held Coffee Mornings for members' daughters when they marry.

### WOMEN'S DIVISION BALL, 1930s AUROA BRANCH SUCCESS

One of the largest gatherings ever seen in the Auroa Hall assembled on Monday night for the WDFU ball. Music was provided by Tut Colman's Australian Swing Band and extras were played by Miss U. West and Miss A. O'Dea. Decorations were arranged by Mr R. Mug-

geridge and the paintings were done by Miss Eileen Granville.

The background of the stage reflected a large badge of the Women's Division painted on gold paper with the letters WDFU glistening in gold above. A bower of greenery and coloured lights added to the effectiveness of the scene.

The tables were gay with spring flowers and greenery. A committee of division members provided supper. After supper Mrs C. Benton thanked all members of the Auroa branch and others for donations and help.



WOMEN'S DIVISION JUBILEE CAKE  
October 12, 1976. Mrs Eliason (ex-member), Mrs W. Harrop (President).

## Scouts

The Pihama Scout Group was re-started at the Auroa Dental Clinic building (which was vacated by the Dental Department in December 1988) in January 1990. Popularity has exceeded expectations. Invested members as at October 1, 1990 are in order of joining: Regan Duff, Christopher Perrett, Matthew Johnson - Auroa School. Craig Fleming, Nigel Bayliss, Joseph Wilson - Otakeho School. Lisa Jones, Rachael Sulzberger, Cassie Barclay, Taniora Jones, Vaughan Hooper - Auroa School. All are aged between 10 and 12 years.

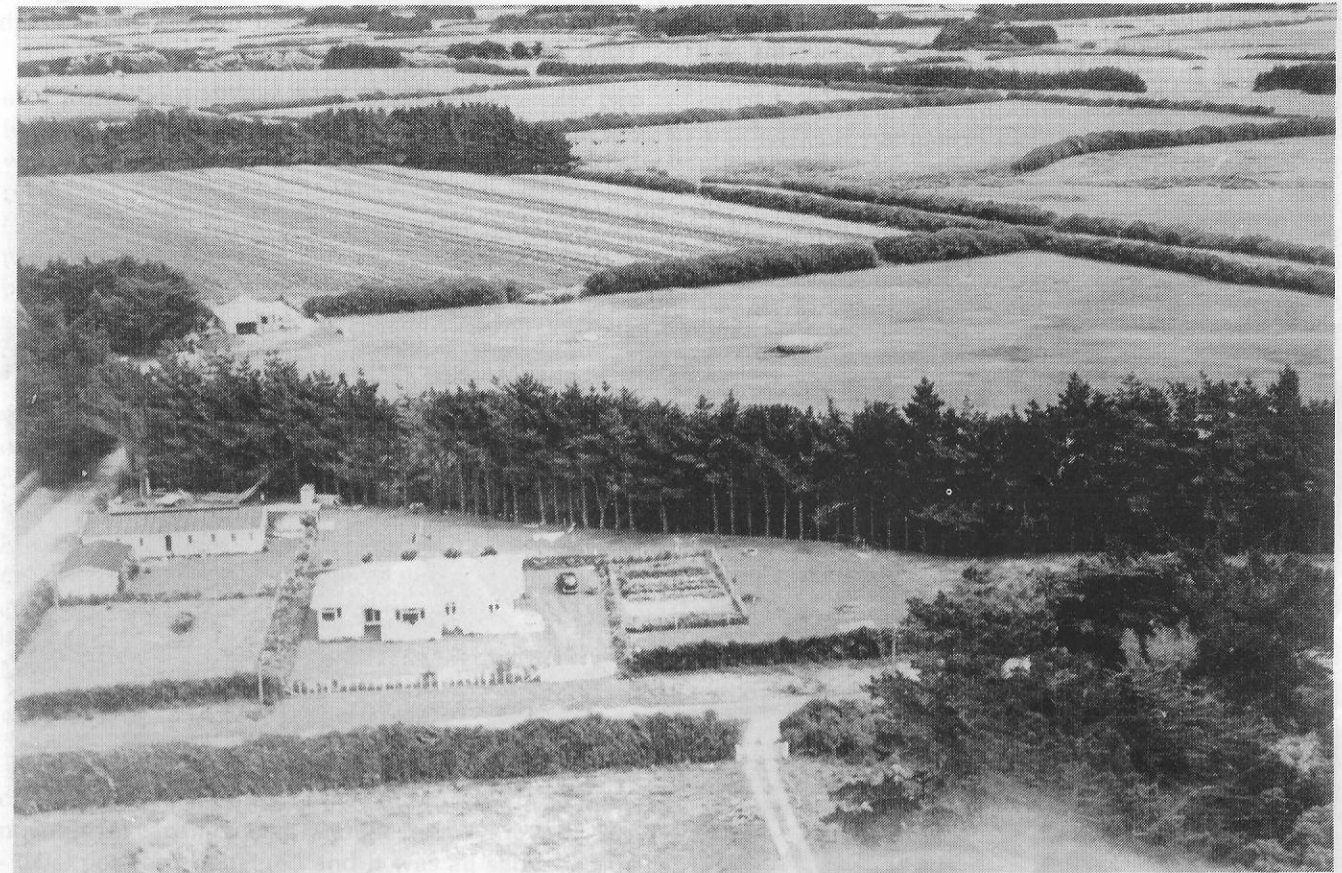
Mrs Julie Muller is Assistant Scout Leader and Mr John Perrett is Scout Leader. Varied activities include Mt

Egmont Summit climbs, camps, short trips, lectures and an on-going project to develop and maintain the 'dell' bush reserve at the school.

The group's objectives are - to foster a little adventure, and plenty of caring and sharing of nature's treats.

W. P. Howard was approached to get a football club going and became president of the club when it was formed. Mr M. A. Bourke was appointed club captain. With Skeet Road being the boundary between the Waimate and Kaponga clubs, Auroa became affiliated to the Waimate club.

## Horticulture Comes to the District



A paddock of Mr Hooper's bulb house in the foreground.

### By Alf Hooper

In 1939, John Hooper, an old pupil of Auroa School, suffered an injury which necessitated him leaving the farm. With his family he moved to Hawera. Soon after this he had a bad attack of muscular rheumatism which had him bedridden for many months. At the same time his wife Alice, nee Muggeridge - also an old pupil - had a recurrence of rheumatic fever. The children (there were four of us at that time) were put in the care of relations for a year.

When John and Alice recovered they leased a small farmlet on the outskirts of Hawera and mainly as an interest commenced growing cut flowers. I used to take flowers twice weekly to the hotels and Smith & Trims Auction Mart. From this venture there arose a demand for gladioli blooms and 600 corms were planted. These proved so popular that the following year 10,000 corms went into the ground.

The next problem was what to do with the full sized corms after the flowers had been harvested. It was then that the first retail price list was printed and the surplus corms were sold by mail order.

Over the next three year period the quantities planted increased by 30,000 annually and the area being used exceeded three acres. Disposal of the corms was solved by a contract from Woolworths who would take every one we could produce. At this stage I had left school and was working full-time on the bulbs. We had used all the land on the farmlet and it was decided to move back to the farm on Oeo Road.

For some time we had been experimenting with bulb

planters as this was the biggest task we had to deal with each year. A couple of prototypes were built and each worked moderately well, but had a few problems. Finally we built a third machine working on completely different principles. This worked perfectly and saved many back breaking man hours.

The next three years were probably the busiest time in our lives. The bulb project continued to expand and quantities were soon up to 300,000. A store shed had to be built as well as a new house. I met my wife to be and a wedding was in the offing. This took place in 1951 and the pressure was really on to complete the new house. My wife, Jean, and I looked after the mail order business. Our total listing numbered over 770 varieties, many of these having been imported from USA and Holland.

In 1952 we decided to close down the mail order and concentrate exclusively on bulk lines. Seven hundred varieties were disposed of and only strong, healthy, fast-multiplying varieties kept. For a few years we had been growing about six or seven acres each year. This was increased to 10, then 12 and finally 15 acres. Numbers had also increased and we were producing around 1,500,000 corms annually.

The highlight of each season was flowering time and during January and February we had thousands of visitors from all parts of New Zealand as well as overseas.

In 1956 my parents decided to retire and I, having been continuously involved in the bulb project for 14 years, wanted a change. All our growing stock and



equipment was sold and the farm reverted to a dairy farm.

Looking back 30 years later it seems ironical that I subsequently left the farm and joined Woolworths as a

buyer with bulbs as one of my responsibilities. Later still I moved to Yates New Zealand Limited as Manager of their Bulb Department. I started my working life with bulbs and am finishing with bulbs.



Mr John Hooper and daughter Gwyn with their bulb planting machine.

## Auroa - Late 1920s & Early 1930s

### The Fading Memories of an Old Timer

I remember:

- Electric power and telephones being installed in most households, wonderful!

- Buying benzine by the case for our motor cars and milking machines. (Motor cars still being a luxury and fairly rare).

- Starting those engines on cold frosty mornings! The frosts seemed more plentiful in those days.

- All the dairy factories and the families of workers (this of course much later also). Some of us were within reach of four dairy factories only two miles distant - a 10 to 15 minute trot for the old horse and dray. Good for the farmer but a headache for directors of the two companies concerned, particularly when one of the companies had a lower payout than the other. Several farms had shares in both companies.

- The ragwort as tall as the horses shoulders and being mown down after haymaking had finished.

- Haymaking and building stacks! The two men on the stage, what a job! "The Stage" usually was the farm wagon, the two men continuously forking up to the stack from two or three on the ground. Hayseed and dust, what 'o'!

- The season ending with the slashing of the boxthorn hedges during autumn after so much tender loving care in planting during previous years. And then came the big mechanical cutters and the remarks of some of the older farmers, "these machines may damage our hedges!"

- At the corner store and post office, our exchange of

local news while the horses waited patiently for the drive home to wash milk cans and then to breakfast!

- I tire, so I mention before I tire you, the readers, (if any) Yorky Sheerin and his bullocks, huge working bullocks slowly dragging their loads of boulders, river metal and dry clay, and grazing the 'long acre' by night. Good road fencing was certainly needed or the morning call "the bullocks were in last night" would be heard far afield!

- The much appreciated services of our blacksmith and wheelwright and the beginning of the Sandford Bros business and its service to Auroa - it is a story on its own.

- Finally, the fun of our hall with the various balls and dances, with their Waltzes, Foxtrots, the Lancers and latterly the Charleston, and beautiful suppers provided.

- Hard work and good fun!

Old Timer (Wally Josephson).

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**Duff Family:** The Duff family arrived in Taranaki in 1910-1911, working on the Glen Road on a farm owned by Dr Young. They moved to their farm on the Skeet Road in 1912. In later years Bill and Reg shared the farm. At present Jim is on the home farm and Regan and Shannon will be the fifth generation to be on the farm. The Duff family have always been very active in the district with School and Hall committees etc. Netta (Reg and Bill's sister) was organist for the Church and Sunday School for many years and Christine (Bill's daughter) has also been organist for the Church and Sunday School for many years.

## Mr Sheerin's Bullock Team

Yorkie Sheerin's Bullock Team was active around this area from about 1924 to 1938. There were usually two teams of eight bullocks, each consisting of two leaders who were responsible for leading the team, two further pairs to assist in the pulling then two who were linked to the dray pole. They were run on the 'long acre' (or roadside) and were rather good at pushing over letter-boxes! The bullocks were mainly friesian with the odd shorthorn and light coloured jersey. One shorthorn called Paddy killed out at 1100 pounds!

The work mainly came from Waimate County Council who called for tenders to supply metal or shingle for concrete or farm races. After a flood, Mr Sheerin would check the rivers to see what the flood had moved. The Kapuni river supplied the best concreting shingle followed by Otakeho, Kaupokonui and Mangawhero rivers. Mr Jack Sheerin remembers his father saying he could only work for 10 days in May one year. One of the biggest contracts was carting metal for the forming of Little Oeo Road.

### MR JACK CAMPBELL

Mr Jack Campbell worked for Mr Sheerin for a number of years and then took over the bullocks. He used them not only for carting metal, (shingle in those days cost 6/- (60c) per yard delivered and it was all shovelled by hand), but for stumping high rata stumps and stumping in very rough paddocks. Not long after buying the business Hawera County Council asked Jack if he would lead the parade in Hawera for the 'New Zealand 100 years Celebration', this he agreed to but it took him two days to get the bullock team to Hawera and two days to get them home again.

The continuation of the Metal Business in Auroa was carried on by Trevor Broomball from 1951 to 1965 plus another three years working from Hawera. He installed a crusher driven by a Fordson motor and used a Bristol bulldozer to dig shingle. A Fordson loader was used to load finished metal. Stone from the Otakeho River was mainly used but stone from the Mangawhero river was also used but this stone was very hard and when crushing it had a tendency to jump out of the crusher jaws.

Most shingle was used for tanker track forming but some was used for concreting. Harold Kells took over in 1968 for about five years but later moved to Cardiff and ran the crusher from there. Sandford Bros have continued on the metal business and have two crushers, one washer, metal grader and two houghs based there. They supply a lot of road chip for South Taranaki, concrete shingle and washed sand for plastering or block laying, and also all grades of track metal.



Mr Sheerin's Bullock Team, 1927-28.

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## Bee Keeping

Bee Keeping was taken up by Hugh Morrison on the Oeo Road in 1933. The first hives purchased were \$2 a hive. Hugh had some bad seasons. One year more sugar was fed to the bees than honey harvested! His best honey harvest was three and a half tons. Cornelia Causasian and Italian bees were purchased, the Italians gaining preference. Queens were purchased from Mr Pat Hillary, father of Sir Edmund. The Queens were sent by post and delivered by mailman. They were sent in small cages with ventilation on one side and sufficient candy to feed them and the workers accompanying them. The honey was sold at the door and to local shops throughout Taranaki. Orders came from as far as Hamilton. The honey sold in one and two pound cartons, five pound tins and in bulk one hundred and twenty pound cases. The business was brought to an end in 1942 when Hugh went to serve overseas during the war. After he returned he kept a few bees as a hobby but did not take them up commercially again.





Thomas and Susan Harvey and family, 1901.

Thomas and Susan Harvey lived at Auroa and attended School from 1897-1908. Their home on the Auroa Road, was probably built by Mr Charles Davies. Page 151 of *Brave Days*, states Mr C. Davies settled on the Auroa Road and built himself a house in 1881. (His great grandson Douglas Townsend still farms the original

farm today. He continued to build houses for incoming settlers. The Harvey homestead still stands today and

looks the same as in the photo taken in 1901. The Harvey's grew their first tomatoes at Auroa and thought them to be ornamental.

### Gane's Gardens

These gardens, on the Lower Auroa Road, became a feature of the district in the seventies. They were on the property now owned by the Timmins family, and were established over a period of 12 years by Hec and Dawn Gane. Originally begun as a garden to complement their new house, they eventually extended over an area of more than two hectares, and included a deer park with fallow deer, lakes complete with white Peking ducks, pheasants, peacocks and numerous other birds. The main gardens, which surrounded the house and down the slope behind the house to a stream below, were beautifully laid out in landscaped gardens.

Waterfalls and fountains played amongst the myriad of flowering shrubs and annual flowers and wide sweeping, manicured lawns. Across a little bridge over the stream, was a unique Japanese Garden, complete with Torri Gate, tea house, sand garden, red arched bridge, waterfall and stepping stones, all the refinements which make up an authentic Japanese garden. There were many Japanese visitors, many of whom remarked that it was a unique feature outside Japan. It covered an area of approximately 3000 square metres. An Olde English Garden was also under construction, complete with pond, water wheel, thatched cottage and stone

walls, but was never completed, due to the Ganes selling the property and moving to Tauranga, where they are now growing flowers commercially.

Morning and afternoon teas were served in the gardens, and these were very popular. These gardens were widely known internationally, as a browse through the visitors books would indicate. Addresses from all over the world would appear, Iceland, Norway, Israel, South Africa, USA, Argentina, Italy, Zimbabwe, Britain, Thailand, etc. Over the five year period 1969 to 1973, when they were open to the public, over 80,000 people passed through the gates, a remarkable number, considering the distance the gardens were from any main centre. Amongst the most notable visitors, apart from the numerous horticultural authorities from around the world, were Sir Arthur and Lady Porritt, Sir Keith and Lady Holyoake, Sir Robert and Lady Muldoon, and the ambassadors of Japan, China, France and Sweden.

All these people were most impressed with what they saw, and compared the gardens very favourably with many famous gardens overseas.

It was unfortunate that they eventually closed, as they were instrumental in helping to put Auroa on the tourist map.

## Auroa Popular with Old-style Haymakers

Daily News, February 7, 1991



Hay fever of a different sort - Mark Johnson (left) and Jock Sutherland with hay flying on top of the Auroa centennial haystack yesterday. Both are entrants in the centennial beard-growing contest to be judged next month.

Tiny Auroa seethed with more than 3000 people yesterday for the district's hayday.

And that was just a lead-up event for the Auroa and District Centennial next month.

The old-time haymaking day was inspired by Peter Muller and featured a demonstration of haystack building.

Even before the hayseeds began flying, masses of people from near and far lined the village intersection for the mini-parade led by the Auroa and District Highland Pipe Band.

Entries in the parade totalled about 35, with the accent on vintage vehicles and farm machinery, including horses and carts.

Thrilled with the response was centennial committee chairman, Fred Hughes.

"We were lucky with the weather, for a start. But whereas we thought we might attract about 2000-odd people, it worked out more like 3500 - and they turned up from all over the place."

The haystack building demonstration was performed mainly by entrants in the centennial 'beardies' competition, with Don Luond as overseer. The job was done with what is believed to be an early 1930s vintage stacker, powered by a team of Clydesdale horses under the control of Stephen Muggeridge.

Mr Hughes said it took about six hours to build the stack.

"A haybaler would have done the job in an hour." Following the centennial, the stack will be broken down and baled.

While the stacking was in progress, local organisations provided something for everyone.

The Auroa PTA had a sellout of soft drinks and ice blocks, while the district youth group ran out of water-melons on its stall in an hour or less. The WDF, which handled the catering for the day, had a total clearance of 500 bread rolls but still had some sausages left after selling 1000 or so.

The temporary Ratanui Tavern did a brisk trade throughout the day. Mr Hughes said Mr Muller had again contributed much to the presentation of that, having spent many hours fashioning five designer bars.

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The late Mr Arthur Davy senior, Oeo Road, was a dead stock collector in the district as well as a dairy farmer and pig farmer. In the early 1930s dead stock was collected and boiled down for pig feed. He and his sons were kept busy, averaging at times 45 beasts per month. Dead stock was collected by horse and wagon and old horses and ponies were led to the farm and destroyed there. Perce Davy (still residing on Oeo Road) remembers as a young lad of 13 years of age riding as far as Okaiawa by horse to lead horses home to the farm. Mr Davy paid 25 cents per animal. On one occasion two truck loads of pigs were sent to Walkers Bacon Factory at a cost of 5 cents per pig for cartage.



Fred Hughes (Sen) on right clearing bush on Skeet Road, 1905.



## Maori History of Auroa

The full history of South Taranaki for the period of 1000 years can never be told.

Since the arrival of the non-Maori, the Taranaki land wars and carved Meeting Houses being burnt to the ground, a lot of history has been lost. The history that was carved in the Whare-nui or Meeting houses was totally lost. The history that was written into the Waiata or chants or song was the only clues that survived the many types of struggle that Ngatihaua Sub-tribe had to face.

The land from the mouth of the Otakeho river to the mouth of the Oeo river, along the coast and up the two rivers to the Maunga Taranaki, was owned and controlled by a Hapu or Sub-tribe called Ngatihaua. Along both the Otakeho and Oeo rivers were small Papa Kainga or villages but they were all flattened or burnt to the ground by the armed forces. Lands confiscated or taken were then given back to the Maori owners, under perpetuity leases.

So the history of Auroa started over 1000 years ago after the landing of one of Kupe's wakas or canoes at a place, now known as Kaupokonui beach, called the Waka-ringaringa.

At about the year 950, the period of Kupe, Tangatu whenua, people of the land, were known as Moriori. They were the first Maori voyagers and we were descendants of theirs. A true story of Auroa was related to Mr Tom Ngatai, a Kaumata, who was born and has lived on the Auroa Road all his life, by his mother, who is a niece of Titokowaru, the South Taranaki well-known Maori warrior. Apparently Auroa was a restless person and a skilled canoe builder. He would paddle the rapids or the open sea fishing. He was just as contented to walk to Kawhia, via Whakahurangi track through Tangarakau to Te Kuiti or Mokau along the coast to Marakopa, then Wanganui track as far as Port Nicholson, Wellington. Being a strong swimmer, nothing worried Auroa, let alone discouraged him. However, Auroa was seen by Tamakehu and his wife Ruaka, to swim the Wanganui river on several occasions and on one of Auroa's travels, he was invited by the Chief Tamakehu and his wife to rest a while at their Putikiwaranui Marae, on the mouth of the Wanganui river and also share a meal. The scheming couple had two sons, Tamaupoko and Tupoho, and a daughter called Hinengakau. The plan was that Auroa would hopefully be attracted to Hinengakau and would be a worthy son-in-law. To shorten the story, this hap-

pened, Auroa married Hinengakau and brought her back here and lived at their Pa called Ratanui. They had twin daughters called Ngatihaua-roa and Ngatihaua-piko, so our sub-tribe in the Auroa and Otakeho area is Ngatihaua-Piko. (Piko means to remain home). The other twin sister named Ngatihaua-roa has travelled. (Roa means to journey a long way), and is in Taurunui.

All along the Otakeho river to the mountain were established Pas. Titokowaru had Kimble Bent (named Tu-nui-a-moa by Titokowaru in 1886) in those pas and villages, or Papa Kainga. Kimble Bent, the Pakeha Maori, who deserted from the British Regiment lived and fought with Titokowaru under his shelter. He taught Titokowaru and his warriors everything about guns, how to repair them, how to use powder economically, dry leaves to seal them, etc.

Titokowaru also had Hiroki, the person that shot the surveyor. Hiroki later left the protection of Titokowaru for a much safer place at Parihaka Pa, but was pursued by the British Troops and Colonial irregulars, caught and placed in Pukeariki Jail, now called New Plymouth, and was later hung.

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Auroa district was established later than the southern coastal areas. Tribal expansion meant that as new cropping ground was needed they moved further up the Otakeho river. The eventual Ratanui pa was one of the largest in the area, the name of course means 'big rata'. When it was burnt to the ground many of the tribe retreated down river and some settled in the vicinity of what was Gane's Gardens (now owned by the Timmin's) on the Auroa Road, and others further down. It is said that at one time the Pa reached from there down to the Otakeho river. Over the recent 100 years or so the Maori population of Auroa has varied. A lot of Maori families lived and worked in the district. During the 1940-50s and 60s a fair proportion of the school were Maori pupils. As the dairy industry centralised these families moved to the urban areas to buy their own houses and work in the industry. Recent years have seen the Maori people, especially the younger ones, move back to the Maraes to live again, work the land and rebuild a very special Maori culture to be shared by everyone.

THOMAS NGATAI & NEVILLE SHARPE

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Sam Hall another settler arrived in 1908. He first had the house moved from Omaturangi Road to Oeo Road, (one wonders how it was done in those days) and apart from a few years during World War I there has always been a Hall on the farm. At present Amy, five years old, is the fifth generation to live on the farm.

## A Story of Early Pioneering Days

In approximately 1893, the late Mr R. Dunn took up a section that belonged to Mr Glenn. The land which was situated one and a half miles from the township on the Auroa Road, had been cleared and grassed at the time of purchase. However, large numbers of dry, rotting logs and tree stumps were still lying around.

A road of sorts had been formed, but only portions of this were metalled. Hence it was extremely difficult to get milk carts along this track, particularly in the winter time, when the rain was usually very heavy and persistent. On one occasion it took two of Mr Dunn's heavy draught horses to pull one can of milk to the factory.

The first system of payment adopted by the factory was at so much per gallon of milk, which was taken as the equal of 11 lbs in weight. Instead of being weighed, milk was measured on the graduated side of the receiving can into which it was poured.

The second year that he was on the farm, Mr Dunn milked 22 cows and received a return of 87 pounds. Out of that he had to pay 10s 6d an acre on 60 acres, and also keep a wife and family. To add to his troubles there had been a serious fire the previous autumn in which he had lost a lot of grass which he sorely needed.

In those early days fires were one of the greatest hazards that the settlers had to combat. Late, every dry summer, a fire would start in the forest at the back of the settlement. Glowing embers, sparks and even twigs would be carried by the wind for a distance up to three miles, falling on farm land which was strewn with tinder-dry rotting logs. These would rapidly catch alight, and from there flames would spread to the dry grass land until many acres would be laid bare. Stock fared badly at such times and many early residents lost their all in these late summer blazes. In order to protect their homes, people would even hang dripping wet blankets round their houses.

One hot autumn day, Mr Dunn and a neighbour, Mr Hunt, were out riding when they came to a wall of dense smoke stretching right across the road. They forced their way through this nightmare and continued their ride

along the road which was bordered with blazing logs and scorching grass.

On arrival at the dairy factory they discovered that falling sparks had set fire to heaps of firewood which were stacked by the factory ready for use. The factory manager was frantically trying to prevent the flames from spreading to the factory piles. The men tried to help but were making little progress until one of them thought of the whey tanks. Each one hastily seized a bucket, filled it with whey and poured the liquid over the piles, soaking them thoroughly. They then put out the burning wood piles by the same method. Thus the factory was saved from destruction.

Mr Dunn and Mr Hunt then set off once more to help other settlers in the fire area. They came to one homestead towards which the flames were creeping, and saw no sign of life. Imagine their horror when they discovered that the whole family was lying in a state of misery and despair on the floor waiting to meet a horrible death. The two men roused the family and after some considerable time were able to avert the danger and relieve the household with smoke-filled streaming eyes, and the two horsemen set out on their mercy-mission once more.

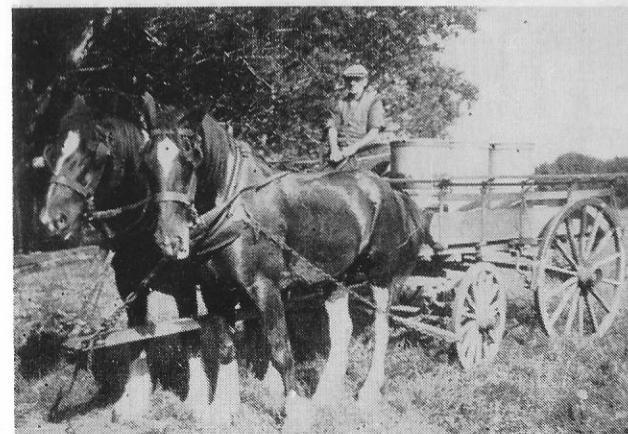
They finally arrived at a house occupied by Mr Ranby, which was quickly being surrounded by flames. They realised that the task of saving it was beyond them. However, they assisted Mr Ranby in piling furniture and personal belongings into a cart, which they were going to take to a place of safety. After putting everything they could into the cart, they realised that they had no horse to pull the cart. Nothing daunted, they began to drag it along the 200 yard stretch to the road.

Ironically, as they reached the gate, the rain came down in torrents, soaking the household goods right through and putting out the fire.

Thus a busy day for one of the early pioneers of the Auroa district.

(Ninety-eight years later, this farm is still owned and lived on by Mr Jim Dunn, a grandson of the late Mr R. Dunn).

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GOOD OLD DAYS  
Percy Hall.



Percy Hall and Reg Riddick pouring whey into drums for feeding pigs.



## Memories of Mr Alf Taunt, Snr

In 1924, when I came to Auroa, there were very few cars around and most people travelled in gigs. Of course there were more cars in the towns. The farmers took great pride in their gigs and horses and sometimes they would race from Auroa to Hawera. There were big stables in Regent Street (about where the Taranaki Farmers grocery department is now) where the horses were fed and cared for while the folk were shopping. Yorkie Sheerin and his brother Barney had bullock teams for carting shingle out of the Otakeho river at Duff's farm behind the factory and also from the back of Buxton's farm, which is owned by Garry Wemyss now.

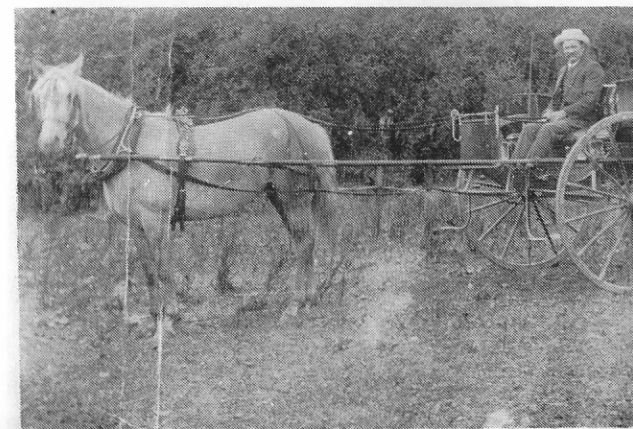
The shingle was used for road work. The drays held four yards and were loaded by shovelling the shingle by hand. The bullocks grazed the long acre (road side). The Auroa Bowling Club only had five rinks but was a good club. Some of the older players used to enjoy themselves, playing often till dark, striking matches to see who had the shot! I believe they had a little scotch planted so they could have one for the road before they left the green. Tom Kilpatrick, Chris Johnson, Harold Buxton and William Duff were some of the senior members of the club. There was a horse paddock at the back of the church and that was often full of gigs and horses on a Sunday afternoon for the Service. Rev Smith and then Rev Miller were the Presbyterian ministers. The children had to make their own way to school so they used to ride their ponies. There was a pony paddock at the school for the 20-30 ponies. Some ponies carried two children, and I have seen three aboard at times. The Auroa Store was a great meeting place for the farmers coming home from the factory. They would call into the store for the paper as they were not delivered then like they are today. Each farmer had to deliver his

milk to the factory. Horse and dray or wagon was used. Twenty-five gallon cans were used to cart the milk in.

There were two handles on the lids and the cans were tilted then rolled off the wagons or drays onto the factory stage and poured into big receiving vats that had scales on them and weighed up to 1000 lb. When all that farmer's milk was in the vat the scales were read and a plug pulled and the milk went down into vats at the factory. I think Bert Sandford's father was the first farmer in the district to own a motor lorry. The family developed that modest start into the thriving business that it is today. There was also a blacksmith shop and wheelwrights just about where Bert's office is now. All farm work was done by horses. One roller had seats but the harrowing was all day walking and driving. There was no electricity. Often the only lighting was the Hurricane lamp which consisted of a burning wick set in kerosene with a glass cover about nine inches high covering the wick and flame. These stood up very well to the wind and when taken outside never blew out. One type of cowshed I remember (probably the forerunner to our herringbone sheds today) is where the cows all stood head to tail and a piece of 4x2 timber dropped down behind them and pinned in place. Some sheds had a big water wheel to drive the vacuum pump, others a Hutchinson water pump to create vacuum. The branch railway line from Te Roti to Opunake was completed and an opening ceremony was held. Race day at Pihama was another day when the Skeet Road came alive with a steady stream of cars, horses, gigs and wagons. This was a real occasion and those travelling by horse and gigs etc, would call out to the ones working in the paddocks along the way.



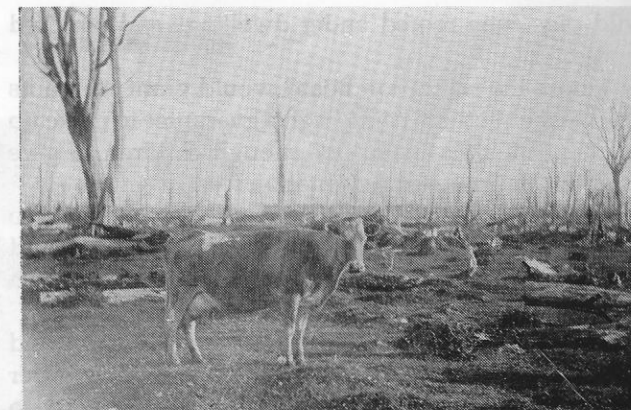
Bridge over the Otakeho River, built 1914 at the cost of £100. Swing bridge at the side used for pedestrians before the bridge was built, otherwise the river had to be forded. Present bridge built 1973.



EARLY MEANS OF TRANSPORT  
Mr Evans.

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**Wood Rights:** When Mr Charlie Muggeridge bought his farm on the Oeo Road from the Dairy Co. (on the corner of the Little Oeo & main Oeo Roads - now belonging to Ray and Beryl Brown), the Dairy Co. held the wood rights. They put in a gang of wood splitters who spent years carting this firewood off the property and stacking it on the side of the road. At times there were stacks of wood eight to ten feet high, ten feet across and half a mile long on each side of the road. This was carted to the Dairy factories by horse teams and later the Dairy Co. carted it with lorries.



Farm at Skeet Road, Auroa, where Mr Evans lived about 1908. At present owned by Mr M. Johnston.

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**Auroa Garage:** The garage was built by Mr Chester Ross in 1938/39. The war years meant rationing of petrol and tyres. During this time Roy Corbett's (from Awatuna) car was down there for repairs and because Chester had to go to Wellington to get parts for Roy's car, he took the tyres from Roy's car and put them on his own car, went to Wellington for the parts then put the tyres back on Roy's car when he got home! Chester was quite a character! The garage was sold to Jack Black (who was a terrific saxophone player) in 1946 and then to Bernie and Muriel Blick, Kelvin and Barbara Jenkin in 1963 who ran it until the early 1970s in conjunction with a store.

## Odds and Ends

- 1930-31 World depression set in, payout fell to 11 pence (nine cents) pound of butterfat compared to one shilling 5.8 pence (16 cents) the previous year.
- 1933 Auroa Branch Store leased.
- 1935 Six day week introduced in Dairy Industry.
- 1938 Special meeting called to set up bobby calf pool.
- 1941 Waimate West bobby calf pool formed.
- 1912 Auroa farmers formed a Cow Testing Association.
- 1881 First boxthorn hedge planted in Manaia district by Mr Hastie.
- 1884 First Auroa sections sold for settlement.
- 1913 Only two cars in Auroa.
- 1915 Cars were becoming more common.
- 1973 Tornado went through the district in April and virtually demolished Ian and Betty Winter's home on the Skeet Road and causing serious injury.
- Cis Sandford started driving school buses 34 years ago and apart from a two year break, is still driving them. One child was heard to remark, "She must be getting pretty old because my dad is 41 and she drove him to school."
- 1990 Kiwi Dairy Co. payout for season is \$6.45 per kg butterfat. Prospects for 1991 season take a dramatic downturn with the possibility of a maximum payout of \$4.20 per kg. For the first time in the 54 year history of the New Zealand Dairy Board they have dropped the basic price mid-way through the season.

- In the early 1950s, a local farmer bought a new David Brown tractor, trailer and various farm implements with one month's milk cheque.
- Bushland in Auroa was selling for \$3-3.50 per acre in the early days.
- In summer time, butter sold at three to four cents per pound and in winter six to seven cents per pounds in early days.
- The first dairy factory at Auroa was established by the Crown Dairy Co. practically opposite the school.
- In the days of the first settlement chopping heavy bush ran from approximately \$4 to \$5 per acre.
- One early resident received \$10 for 900 lb (400 kg) of fat bullocks.
- Posts could be split out of a log and put in the ground at a contract price of six pence (five cents) each.
- The first sports meetings held at Auroa were on the property of the late C. C. Davies about 1902 in the form of a settlers' picnic, namely the 'Auroa Dairymen's Sports and Picnic'. The chief event of the day was a tug-of-war between Joll and Kaupokonui dairy factories, the prize being a 56 lb of butter, or 27 kilos (14 packets by today's standards!)
- Exciting wild cattle hunts took place at Auroa on wet days and days the men had off.
- The early bird and wild life in Auroa included pigeons, tuis, kakas, quail, pheasants and wild pigs. Quail and pheasants were particularly destructive and the



wild pigs even rooted under dwellings and wrecked fences.

- Before the Education Board would grant Auroa its first teacher, settlers had to sign a guarantee to make up his salary if there were not enough children to give sufficient revenue from capitation fees.

- One of the early teachers, Mr Proudlock, came to school on a bullock dray on Monday mornings and returned by the same means to his farm at Makaka on Friday afternoons.

- Mr F. Muggeridge had a portable threshing mill and he threshed grain on the farm. He charged 60 cents per hour for the mill and the two men he employed. Hard to believe the rate of pay compared with today's rate of pay isn't it.

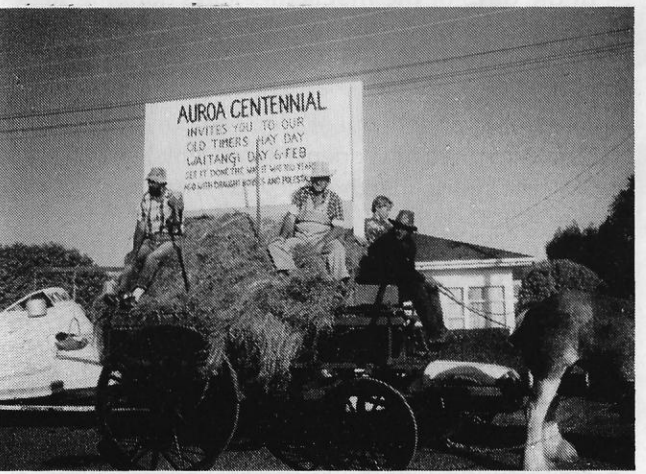
- We owe our present fertile pastures to the following early pioneers, who endured hardships and sacrifices that we today can barely imagine. Some of the names available are - Davies, Ludlow, Mudford, Hills, Mick Calvey, Yandle, Gilroy, Wytchman, Harvey, Bateman, Blennerhassett, Bulsch, Dudeck, Webber, Hughes, Green, Membrey, Le Fleming, Schinkel, Moore, Hunter, Robertson, Woods, Sadler, R. Hooper, Sutton, Andrew, McLean, Carroll, Mortleman, Tom Smith, Symmons, D. McCarthy, Dunn, McPhillips, Jos McCarthy, D. Robertson.

- On February 2, 1953, there was the biggest intake on one day, when 25 children were enrolled.

- 1985 saw the establishment of a Kiwifruit orchard at Alan and Norma McKay's on the Rama Road. Their first export crop was picked in 1987. All picking is done by local people in May. Kiwifruit seem to grow bigger in Taranaki than anywhere else!

- Haybaling prices have risen over the years from eight cents per bale in 1966 to 18 cents in 1977 to 36 cents in 1982 and now 65 cents in 1990. Round bales of 15 square bales equivalent are \$9.50 each in 1990.

- For the 50th Jubilee three sisters - Mrs Duff, Mrs Hartley and Mrs Langlands presented a gold medal in memory of their father called the 'A. C. Johnstone Memorial' for running. It was won by Joan Paton (now Mrs Antill) who won the 50 yard, 75 yard and 100 yard races.



**FLOAT AT HAWERA SHOW, NOVEMBER 17, 1990**  
 Peter Muller, Fred Hughes, Keith Muller, Stephen Muggeridge.  
 Mr Muggeridge owns horse and wagon.

## Old Gift



An old gift has found its way back to the school after a period of 91 years. It was a 19th century man's overnight bag presented to a principal - Mr J. Love - as a parting gift, by one of the pupils in 1899. One of Mr Love's relatives from Ashburton returned it.

Pictured holding the bag is Mrs Barbara Poole who has taught at the school for 25 years.



Taken at the Cabaret, September 29, 1990, start of the beard growing contest.

Chris Dombroski, D. Sybrandy, A. Dettling.  
 K. Murphy, N. Harrop, K. Smith, J. Kirk, R. Young, P. Muller, C. Bloor, B. Foy.  
 R. Muggeridge, T. Dravitski, Ann Black (Radio Taranaki), Fred Hughes, Alan McKay, Jim Duff.  
 Not at Cabaret, Joe Heistand, John Fischer, Mark Johnston, Doug Harvey, Alister Duff, Jeff Herman.



Some of the present day members at the Christmas Social afternoon, November 22, 1990.  
 Valda Smith, Win Luond, Shirley Smith, Beryl Brown, Noeline Dunn, Norma McKay.  
 Cynthia Kirk, Sandy Upson, Kay Hooper, Ria Hey, Christina Cambie, Tamsin Hooper.



## Reminiscences

(FROM THE 75TH JUBILEE BOOKLET)

### MR P. G. JACKSON - Headmaster 1899-1906

The oldest living Headmaster of the Auroa School is Mr P. G. Jackson of New Plymouth. He remember his seven years at Auroa with remarkable clarity. We quote from a recent letter: -

"I was sole teacher at Auroa in 1899, when the roll stood at 40/50 pupils. I was granted an assistant. This was before the advent of milking machines when most children had to milk before going to school. However, this did not appear to affect their lessons, and I remember them as being bright, eager and attentive pupils. When the first hall was built in 1900 I was appointed secretary. I remember the district as being a fisherman's paradise, with well-stocked rivers."

### MR HARRY SUTTON - First Day Pupil - 1891

I remember well our early days at school in Rowell's whare, as it was then called. There was heavy bush at the back of the school where we used to play hide-and-seek and other hiding games. Not infrequently someone would get lost and wandered into class late.

Bush fires were a common sight, and I clearly remember watching the men banking dirt round the houses to keep sparks off. When they built the new school in 1893, on its present sight, I remember that the timber for the building was stacked up, drying out. While hiding in amongst this I had my first smoke.

Transport in the early days was slow; bullock carts and pack horses being our means of conveyance.

An uncle of mine was a butcher. He used to bring his

orders as far as the school in a cart. Then he would load the meat on one pack horse and riding another, he would set off to Awatuna to deliver his wares.

School picnics were very popular. The whole district usually turned out for the occasion. Prizes offered for winners of different games were fantastic - quite often spurs or a bridle.

We all worked hard even when we were youngsters going to school. Most of us had to hand-milk several cows each morning at an early age. However, a great community spirit existed between people in the district; a spirit which I am sure still exists today.

### MR SYLVANUS DAVIES

I came to this area in 1886 and lived on the same farm that I have today. During that time I have seen many changes. The roads were just muddy tracks following less swampy areas, and, although I didn't see it, I was told that a bullock-dray and bullocks become so bogged in mud in one part of the Auroa Road that they were left there and the road built over them.

I remember the bushwackers on their way past our home each weekend on their visits to Otakeho for supplies, the large quantity of fungus used for bartering, and the clouds of dense smoke from bush fires.

What impressed me most about the original Ratanui School was the small room with the huge fireplaces. As the roll increased and the room became over-crowded, the teacher sat in the fireplace and took the classes from there.



Some of the pupils were grown men with whiskers. Life was certainly harder in those days, but I believe, much happier.

**MRS J. W. KENYON (Miss I. E. Hooper)**

Although it is a long time since I was a pupil at the Auroa School, I can remember many incidents quite clearly. Most of the children rode to school on horseback in those days and what fun we had. The fern was so high in the horse paddock that we often had great difficulty in finding out ponies.

Bush fires and flooded rivers were quite common, and often prevented children from attending school.

The highlight of the year was the school picnic, which was held in the school grounds. One instance I can well remember not so long after I started at the Auroa School, was a severe earthquake, which brought the chimney down. Mr Jackson raised his hand, but we didn't stop to hear what he said. We just dashed outside, and didn't stop running until we were nearly down to the creek. One or two of the children fainted with fright.

**MR L. M. FAIRBROTHER - Headmaster 1932-35**

I have very pleasant and happy recollections of my three and a half years as Headmaster at Auroa (1932 through 1935). The pupils and staff worked with pleasing and, I like to think, industrious harmony along with a fruitful co-operation of the Committee, parents and people of the district. The main room of the building, I recall, was spacious but old, with the floor raised in tiers, and there was a gaping hole in the partition by the entrance door. We camouflaged this in many ways, but it periodically persisted in presenting its ugly gape. One day, when an inspector was trying to estimate the children's progress, my son Ralph, about 18 months old, wandered over from the residence with one of my gardening boots. The door was closed so he could not enter and disturb the pent-up efforts of the pupils, so he proudly pushed the boot through the hole explaining, "Daddy's boot". Marvellously this little episode removed all tension of the examination atmosphere and the day progressed famously from then on.

Many, no doubt, will recall our "Drum and Fife Band" of some twenty boys with flutes, fifes, piccolos, drums, triangles and cymbals. Our repertoire maybe was simple and not very extensive, but it had rhythm, and they regularly played the school in each day. Maroon caps with a golden A in a triangle gave us a uniform. The band played at various functions and concerts, including a Brass and Pipe Band contest at Manaia one year, and on the streets of Kaponga and Manaia on a Christmas Eve, and even trips to Stratford and elsewhere. However, pride of place must go to the invitation each year to play on the march at the Anzac Day parade in Manaia.

Mrs Fairbrother and I made many lasting friendships during our years in Auroa, and though we have had many moves, and some of our friends too have moved, we still renew greetings now and then with one or other. But of all these our greatest thrill is to have an ex-pupil, grown-up and almost unrecognisable, call and make him or herself known, and that happily still occurs from time to time.

We therefore, look forward with keen anticipation to the Reunion in May.

**MR G. GERNHOEFER - Headmaster 1953-63**

I remember two little incidents that happened while I was at Auroa.

A Primer child, writing a story about a calf, wrote - Mr calf ran away but 1-1/4. Eventually the teacher was able to decipher the sentence as - My calf ran away but I caught her.

Standard 1 class was having morning talks, when cream of tartar was mentioned. Teacher: Does anybody know what cream of tartar is? (Blank expression and no response.) Teacher: The girls should know. Pupil: I know, it's Mum. Teacher: No, it's not Mum but Mum uses it. Pupil: It is Mum. Teacher: What makes you think it is Mum? Pupil: I heard Dad call out to Mum the other day, "Hurry up with the cream old tart, or you'll be late for the factory."

I wish you every success with your Jubilee celebration.

**MR I. H. FINDLAY - Head Teacher 1945-52**

I have many pleasant memories of my stay at the Auroa School.

Arriving when the war was drawing to a close, was the beginning of an interesting period. The first sight of the school was a surprise, as one wondered where the children came from to fill a five teacher school. As we came up the Auroa Road we received no indication that behind boxthorn hedges were many farms and houses. Since that time changes have been made. Present day farms and homes show the great progress the district has made. The post-war period saw many changes, both in school and district.

An early impression was the morning rush to the factories. Horse-drawn wagons and drays, with a few motor trucks, were used. Nowadays the milk tanker has replaced these, and many factories have been closed.

In the school changes were taking place. New methods of teaching were replacing the old, though not always with the success hoped for.

The school baths were completed - mainly by working bees. Committee members will remember the water troubles when the baths were in use. The wells ran dry, and the water was condemned as not fit to use. It had been used by pupils for many years without any apparent troubles.

A word must be said in praise of the school committee men who gave so much time when anything needed doing. They were the backbone of the many working bees of school improvements. It is evident that present day committees continue the good work. The school and surroundings are a credit to the district.

In those days dental work was carried out at Kaponga Clinic. Parents with cars were called on to convey the pupils there for treatment. Now a modern clinic at Auroa School has replaced that.

School finances were rather troublesome in those days, but donations and collections etc, always seemed to raise the necessary money. Concerts, fancy dress balls and Christmas parties were a joy to parents and pupils, though not necessarily to the teachers.

Who will forget a good friend of the school - Father Christmas - being hauled round the hall handing out packets of sweets and being almost mobbed by children.

School picnics at Opunake were always looked for-

ward to, though one could never understand how wet days were so often picked.

The post-war period, with shortages and changes of teachers caused difficulties in school work. There were large classes with sometimes extra classes in the porches; but the teachers managed excellently.

Some memories include a Victory Ball, following which the school grounds were festooned with paper, while the school bell went on walk-about for several months before returning.

A fine district effort for the Memorial Hall was made, and considerable amount appeared in the various committees.

**MRS A. S. HASELTINE (Agnes Dunn)**

My parents were some of the early pioneers of the Auroa District. In 1898 when Mr Love was headmaster, I commenced school, which was by this time situated on the corner of the Skeet and Auroa Roads. As I grew older I used to help my mother with the washing on Monday mornings before leaving for my lessons. This made me late, so I was allowed to ride a pony on these days - a pleasant change from walking. When I arrived at the school gate I would give my pony a whack with the reins, and off home he would trot.

My early memories are of evenings where candles were used to shed light. Later, these were replaced by pillar lamps, hanging lamps and kerosene lamps, and, of course finally electricity.

When I was quite small we travelled in an old block dray, which was very hard. Later of course this was replaced, first by a spring cart, and then by a dog cart, in which we sat, back to back. Finally we bought a gig! However, in 1915, my parents became the proud owners of a Buick car, which terrified the horses, and sent them off in a panic.

Other memories include the excitement when telephones were first installed, the railways being commenced and in 1915 our first milking machines. I remember a man coming out especially to show us how to wash these machines. Every single part seemed to be pulled to pieces, and put in a big bath with boiling water, to be cleansed. A tiring, tedious job it was.

During the First World War the local ladies used to go to the old saleyards and make tea. This was sold at the sales and the proceeds were used for patriotic purposes.

As time went on a croquet club, a bowling club and a tennis club were formed. These provided relaxation for everybody and Auroa became known as a keen sports centre.

Evenings spent at the hall were many and varied, and people travelled long distances to our local dances which often continued until the early hours of the morning.

Those early days were happy times, for although everyone worked hard, there was always great pleasure derived from the simple things of life, and a great spirit of "help your neighbour" existed between residents.

**MR M. LANGLANDS (JP)**

When we came to the Auroa District in 1913 the farm land was in a very rough state. Most of the bush had been felled, but only roughly burned off. After the land had been cleared of logs and stumps, it was ploughed, and a crop of swede turnips was grown. Following this a crop of

oats would be grown for hay. This was harvested in a fairly green condition and was carted to the stack by dray or wagon, and forked on to the stack by hand. It was heavy work, but as we had no mechanical stacker, it was the only way. All haymaking had to be done by hand. After cutting, the hay would be turned by fork. Next it was raked, made into hay-cocks then taken to the stack by means of a gate sweep. Then it was forked up on to the stack.

Most of the milking at this time was done by hand, as very few farmers had milking machines. Some farmers milked up to 25 cows per milker, and some good hand-milkers could average 10 cows per hour. During the 1914-18 War most of the young men answered the call and went overseas, leaving a great shortage of farm and factory labour. Most of the farmers had to put in milking machines. They were very different from our present day ones. They were mostly the bucket milker type, with a pulsator on each bucket lid.

As there was no electricity at this time it was a problem to find a means of driving the machines. Some used petrol engines, but the water system was most in favour. Many people had water wheels, others the turbine, and one plant I saw was driven by steam, but it involved a lot of work, getting wood to feed it. By 1913 most of the roads were well metalled, but tarseal was not used until after the war. In 1914 the bridge over the Otakeho River was opened and this was a great help to the district.

All cartage in those days was done by horse or bullock wagon. The dairy produce was carted by very large wagons with teams of six horses. Teams of eight or twelve bullocks were quite a common sight, and they pulled very heavy loads over very rough places.

In early 1914, the old cheese factory opposite the school was destroyed by fire. The new factory was built by the Otakeho River in late 1914, and served the district for many years. It is now used as a manure depot.

With the labour shortage at this time the factories were short staffed, so some female workers were employed. They did a very good job too. The dairy factories all had wood-burning furnaces, which used huge amounts of rata wood. The price paid to farmers for rata was \$3 or \$4 per cord, so this provided a good side line for any struggling farmers who had time to cut the wood.

Shingle was delivered to farmers at the rate of 60 cents per yard. This was shovelled by hand and delivered by bullock dray.

All the goods in those days were left at the Te Roti station, and carted from there by horse wagon. Mr T. Julian, who had the Auroa Store, went twice weekly, all that distance, for his goods. He also went to Otakeho daily to collect the mail from the horse coach, on its way to Opunake from Hawera. He kept his store open daily until 8 pm so that farmers could collect their mail.

The coming of the motor car made a great difference to the whole district. In 1913 there were only two cars in Auroa. The late Mr Dick Hooper had a Ford and Mr W. Whitton also had a Ford which he used as a taxi for the district. By 1915 cars were becoming quite common.

There were some very fine horses in the district at this time. There were three Duggan families on the Auroa Road, and they each had very fast gig horses. It was quite easy for them to leave Auroa Store and be in Hawera in



one hour. Others who had great horses were Mr Jos McCarty (Night Hawke), which won a race at the Hawera Trots, Mr Chas Bradford (Echuka), and Mr G. Cruickshanks (Lady Sefton).

The late Mr Chad Evans also had a very fine turnout. Another very good horse was a black one owned by Mr Ray Saywell, on the Rama Road. This was perhaps the greatest of all, for although not so fast in a short race, it could keep going at a fast even pace for a long time. The draught horses in those days were a fine lot, but they are now a thing of the past.

Just after the war the whole world was swept by the Great Flu. The Auroa district was very badly hit and some families were almost wiped out. Some farmers had no one able to milk or feed stock, so we just had to help one another as best we could. Some of the cheese factories had all their staff in hospital, and farmers had to work in the factory as well as doing their own work. About 1920 the Farmers' Union held their first show and demonstration, for all breeds of dairy cattle. In 1924, it was decided to include farm horses as well as dairy stock, and this proved to be a great success. There were always some very fine cattle and horses displayed at this show, and it was quite a common sight for a horse which had won a first prize at a Hawera show to be placed well down on the list at an Auroa show. In 1914 a railway branch line was started running from the main line out to Opunake. However, owing to the war it had to be stopped, and work did not begin again until 1920. This line has served the district well. Formerly dairy produce was carted out by rail and fertiliser brought in.

In 1926 there was a young man named Sandy Russel, who came to the district as a farm labourer. He had come out from Scotland as a boy and he was very interested in

Pipe Band work. He and the late Mr J. Duff, called a meeting to see if it were possible to form a Pipe Band at Auroa. This meeting was well supported and some months later the Auroa Highland Pipe Band was formed. The late Don McLeod was asked to tutor the members in pipe music, and we were very fortunate in getting him. After a few years it was decided to get uniforms and parade as a band. These were ordered in 1929 and it was just unfortunate that at that time the Government of the day decided to place a duty on band equipment, so we were short of cash to pay for them. The firm in Wanganui who imported the goods for the band gave extended time to pay, but by 1930 the great slump had come, and it was quite some time before they were paid off.

Last year the band procured new uniforms and they were able to pay cash for them. The band has done very well over the years since 1929, and are at present playing very well.

## Editorial

It has given me great pleasure putting this Jubilee Booklet together.

Special thanks to the 75th Jubilee Committee who did such a wonderful job with the history of the district. It has made my job so much easier.

To all distict members who have written about the different clubs etc, or helped in any way with researching etc - thank you.

For any inaccuracies we apologise, it has not been easy going so far back with dates, names etc.

I hope one and all will have a very enjoyable jubilee.  
Beryl Brown (nee Hall).

### First Day Pupils

Bertie Bateman  
William Sutton  
Alice Bartlett  
Ethel Sutton  
William Blennerhassett  
George Webber  
Millie Bateman  
Laura Sutton  
Cecil Mellor  
John Wickam  
Nita Blennerhassett  
Blake Webber  
Lorenzo Mellor  
William Wood  
Priscilla Mellor  
Florence Webber  
Harry Sutton  
Albert Wood  
Eva Mellor

### Decade 1 1891 - 1900

Joseph Anderson  
Charles Barrow  
Herbert Blair  
Thomas Blair  
Richard Blennerhassett  
Thomas Blennerhassett  
William Blennerhassett  
Brian Blennerhassett  
Norman Blennerhassett  
Freddie Blennerhassett  
Walter Blennerhassett  
Archie Clare  
Thomas Clare  
Kenneth Clare  
Patrick Craig  
Hugh Craig  
Edward Crawford  
Ernest Cubbon  
William Cubbon  
Clarence Davies  
Sylvanus Davies  
Charley Davies  
James Dawson  
Colin Dunbar  
Thomas Gibson  
Allan Gibson  
George Harvey  
Henry Harvey  
Charley Harvey  
Alfred Harvey  
Leonard Innes  
Henry Joyce  
John Joyce  
William Joyce  
Frank Ludlow  
Archie Ludlow  
Oliver Ludlow  
Graham Marr  
Gordon Marr  
Roderick McLeod  
James McLeod  
Victor Membery  
Robert Membery  
Edward Mudford  
Leonard Mudford  
James Mudford  
Ray Mudford  
Henry Mudford  
Herbert Mudford  
Albert Norris  
Frank Norris  
Martin Power  
Arnold Rowell  
Fleetwood Rowell

Herbert Rudkin  
William Schofield  
Frank Wortley  
James Yandle  
Grace Anderson  
Jessie Anderson  
Isabella Blair  
Annie Blasserhassett  
Jane Blennerhassett  
Ida Blennerhassett  
Elsie Blennerhassett  
Selma Bulst  
Ethel Claasen  
Lily Claasen  
Bertha Clare  
Ethel Clement  
Nellie Clemoes  
Margaret Craig  
Annie Craig  
Amelia Craig  
Beatrice Davies  
Florence Davies  
Madge Dawson  
Ada Dawson  
Lucy Dawson  
Sarah Dawson  
Isobella Dunn  
Agnes Dunn  
Mabel Gibson  
Ruby Gibson  
Ruby Hart  
Ada Harvey  
Caroline Harvey  
Gladys Harvey  
Margaret Hunter  
Ann Joyce  
Johanna Joyce  
Flora McLeod  
Ethel Mellor  
Cora Mellor  
Iris Mellor  
Elma Membery  
Victoria Membery  
Violet Membery  
Nelly Mudford  
Lilly Mudford  
Nina Mudford  
Ethel Mudford  
Olive Mudford  
Daisy Mudford  
Polly Mulligan  
Fanny Norris  
Lily Norris  
Mary Power  
Trisa Power  
Mary Rawstron  
Lena Sutton  
Mabel Sutton  
Alice Sutton  
Mabel Wagstaff  
Alice Webber

### Decade 2 1901 - 1910

Harvey Bailey  
Milton Bailey  
Stewart Bailey  
Roy Bailey  
William Bailey  
Myles Barrowclough  
Frederick Barrowclough  
Charles Barrowclough  
Wallace Benny  
Samual Norris  
Oscar Benny  
Alfred Birchall  
Roland Blennerhassett

Neal Blennerhassett  
William Bowers  
William Bowman  
Thomas Boyd  
William Bradford  
Merton Bradford  
Charles Bradford  
Archibald Campbell  
Colin Campbell  
Austin Catley  
Gilbert Catley  
Arthur Clarke  
Edward Crawford  
George Dann  
Herbert Davison  
Harold Dawson  
William Day  
Thomas Day  
William Dowden  
Arthur Dun  
Walter Evans  
Robert Garlick  
Heroe Giraud  
Albert Godfrey  
James Grindlay  
Stirling Grindlay  
William Grindlay  
Sydney Hall  
Alex Harrison  
Arthur Harrison  
Leslie Harrison  
Samuel Hart  
Frederick Hart  
William Harvey  
Harold Harvey  
Leslie Harvey  
Reginald Harvey  
Harry Hight  
Hugh Hodgetts  
Frederick Hodgetts  
William Hodgetts  
Richard Hooper  
Leonard Hooper  
Edgar Hooper  
James Hooper  
Thomas Hooper  
John Hooper  
George Hunt  
Lawrence Hunt  
Reginald Johnstone  
Pane Kahu  
Charley Kahu  
Wilfred Kenyon  
Harold Kenyon  
John Kenyon  
Lewis Laurenson  
Arthur Lewis  
Albert Lightwark  
Francis Linton  
Alister Linton  
Leonard Ludlow  
Maxwell Ludlow  
Robert Madgwick  
Joseph McCarty  
John McCarty  
Samuel McNeill  
John McNeill  
Arthur McPhillips  
Les McPhillips  
Philip Mudford  
Kenneth Murray  
James Nicolson  
Samual Norris  
Stanley Norris  
William Norris

Edmond O'Dea  
Stafford Ogle  
Robert Parkes  
Thomas Parkes  
William Parkes  
Alfred Poole  
Arthur Prentice  
John Proffitt  
Trilby Rawcliffe  
Christopher Rawcliffe  
Arthur Ricketts  
Leslie Ricketts  
Harold Ricketts  
Harold Riddick  
Ronald Robertson  
York Sheerin  
Percy Smith  
Frances Smith  
Harry Stott  
Rangi Tahu  
George Tindle  
Cyril Tindle  
Frederick Tremain  
Harry Tremain  
Wallace Turley  
Henry Waller  
Albert West  
Herbert West  
Walter Wiley  
Ivy Anderson  
Margaret Balneaves  
Elizabeth Barrowclough  
Mabel Benny  
Lucy Benny  
Elizabeth Bowman  
Annie Boyd  
Catherine Bradford  
Esther Bradford  
Ivy Catley  
Elsie Catley  
Irene Clarke  
Evangeline Clarke  
Mary Corrigan  
Maud Corrigan  
Ivy Davison  
Lydia Dawson  
Kate Day  
Emma Death  
Eileen Dowden  
Dorothy Dunbar  
Jessie Dunn  
Dorothy Dunn  
Ada Evans  
Winifred Giraud  
Violet Grindlay  
Violet Grindlay  
Amy Hall  
Myrtle Hall  
Eva Hall  
Amelia Harcourt  
Grace Harcourt  
Lily Harrison  
Verlie Harrison  
Muriel Harrison  
Alma Harrison  
Laurel Harrison  
Ruby Harvey  
Eva Harvey  
Constance Herbert  
Doris Hight  
Mabel Hight  
Linda Hight  
Agnes Hooper  
Minnie Hooper  
Edith Hooper



Janey Hooper  
Marian Hooper  
Ruth Hosie  
Nita Huett  
Elsie Hunt  
Ida Hunt  
Merinda Hunt  
Gladys Hunt  
Florence Hunt  
Racheal Jackson  
Muriel James  
Zellah James  
Esther James  
Annie Johnstone  
Janey Kenyon  
Ivy Laurenson  
Barbara Linton  
Isobel Linton  
Ceal Madgewick  
Elizabeth McCarty  
Mary McNeill  
Matilda McPhillips  
May Mudford  
Agnes Mudford  
Elizabeth Murray  
Charlotte Murray  
Maud Nicolson  
Eileen Norris  
Bridget O'Dea  
Lizzie O'Dea  
Alice Parkes  
Melba Prentice  
Dorothy Proffitt  
Margery Proffitt  
Nancie Proffitt  
Ella Ricketts  
Myrtle Robertson  
Edith Roots  
Iris Rouse  
Maggie Rudkin  
Gertrude Scarlett  
Grace Shewry  
Lily Tremain  
Eliza West

#### Decade 3 1911 - 1920

Frederick Adlam  
Norman Adlam  
Irwin Alty  
Ivan Anderson  
Clarence Atkinson  
Maurice Barlow  
Gordon Barlow  
Reginald Barlow  
Raymond Basland  
Rex Beatson  
Herbert Benton  
Digby Benton  
Norman Blackstock  
William Bradford  
Albert Bradford  
Francis Bradford  
Bryan Bradford  
Arthur Broomfeild  
Leslie Broomfeild  
Harry Broomfeild  
William Brown  
Wilfred Brown  
Henry Bullot  
Alfred Butwell  
Lawrence Castle  
Alexander Castle  
Fraser Castle  
Lindsay Clareburt  
Harold Clarke  
William Clarke

Roy Clarke  
Oswald Clegg  
Harold Collins  
Joseph Collins  
Rudolf Cook  
Thomas Corrigan  
William Corrigan  
William Cunningham  
Archibald Daines  
Duncan Davidson  
Harold Davidson  
Alan Davidson  
Ernest Denty  
Albert Dew  
George Dew  
Herbert Dixon  
James Donald  
Arthur Duggan  
William Duggan  
Leonard Duggan  
William Eves  
Leonard Eves  
Edmund Fitzsimons  
Robert Fitzsimons  
Walter Gedge  
Eric Gedge  
William Gibson  
John Greenhill  
Frederick Freenhill  
Harold Griffin  
Harold Griffin  
Alfred Griffin  
John Guest  
George Guest  
Robert Gulliver  
Robert Hair  
Thomas Hair  
John Hair  
George Hall  
George Hall  
James Harcourt  
Lawrence Harford  
William Harrison  
Clarence Haskell  
Harry Hasley  
Aka Hawe  
Gilbert Hawkes  
Charles Hawkes  
Leonard Hickey  
Leonard Hight  
Victor Hill  
Raymond Hill  
Eric Hill  
Albert Hill  
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Timothy Horgan  
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Harold Hughes  
Laurence Hughes  
Ronald James  
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Arthur Julian  
Thomas Julian  
Cecil Julian  
Charley Kahu  
Poa Katene  
James Keown  
Claude Kilpatrick  
Frederick Kilpatrick  
John Kilpatrick  
Gordon Kirk  
Herbert Lamb  
Matthew Langlands  
Robert Langlands

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John Lyndon  
Challinor Lyndon  
Edward Maginness  
Percy McCook  
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Piri Nuku  
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Naden Ogilvie  
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James Parsell  
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Stanley Penny  
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Ashley Preston  
Joel Proffitt  
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Egbert Rawcliffe  
John Raybould  
Marshall Raybould  
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John M. Rowell  
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Peter Symes  
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Norman Wiley  
John Windelburn  
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Alice Aroa  
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Olive Barlow  
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Grace Benton  
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Lily Broomfeild  
Betty Brown  
Florence Brown  
Olive Bullot  
Mary Buxton  
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Ivy Calder  
Lila Campbell  
Euphemia Campbell  
Constance Catley  
Violet Catley  
Jean Christian  
Marjorie Chubb  
Alice Chubb  
Phyllis Clareburt  
Olive Clarke  
Matilda Clarke  
Dolly Clegg  
Jeanette Cole  
Annie Cole  
Berta Cook  
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Millicent Corbishley  
Lillian Corbishley  
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Dorothy Corrigan  
Kathleen Corrigan  
Ailsa Cunningham  
Zoe Daines  
Madge Davidson  
Jean Davidson  
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Violet Dew  
Phyllis Dew  
Myrtle Dew  
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Barbara Donnelly  
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Doreen Hawkes  
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Jessie Hight  
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Nellie Lyndon  
Eunice Lyndon  
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Ida McCarty  
Chrissie McKinnon  
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May Newport  
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Linda Nickel  
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Chrissie Northcott  
Lillian Norton  
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Elsie Nuku  
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Jessie O'Malley  
Coral O'Mally  
Annie Ogle  
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Elizabeth Parsell  
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Rangipo Pine  
Mona Porteous  
Christina Porteous  
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Gladys Prout  
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Minnie Rama  
Eileen Rawcliffe  
Gladys Rawcliffe  
Ethel Robertson  
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Clarice Robinson  
Olive Russell  
Agnes Sadler  
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Mollie Slattery  
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Isabel Smythe  
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Minnie Symes  
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Beth Walker  
Rhoda Walker  
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Ivy Warman  
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Irene Warren  
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Phyllis Wicksteed  
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Albert Barlow  
Colin Benton  
Hardy Benton  
Lewis Betteridge  
Edward Betteridge  
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James Bicheno  
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Ian Birchall  
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Malcolm Borrie  
Bruce Borrie  
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Keith Bridgeman  
Robinson Broadbent  
Reuben Broomfield  
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Kenneth Brown  
Frank Brown  
James Cadman  
Bruce Caldwell  
Donald Caldwell  
Stewart Caldwell  
Charles Cameron  
Robert Cameron  
Leslie Catley  
Jack Cave  
Roydon Chubb  
Laurence Cole  
Sydney Collins  
Frederick Corey  
Victor Corkill  
Douglas Dane  
James Davison  
William Davy  
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Geroge Drought  
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Lionel Ewans  
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Maurice Granville  
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Thomas Haworth  
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Charles Hayward  
Albert Hayward  
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Wilson Hooper  
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Timothy Horgan  
William Horgan  
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Mervyn Kilpatrick  
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William Mako  
Percy Marsh  
Jack McCook  
Jack McKay  
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Charles Mowatt  
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Louis Muggeridge  
Leslie Muggeridge  
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Gordon Nelson  
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Sammy Nuku  
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Norman Southern  
George Sturgeon  
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Percy Symes  
Ray Symes  
Walter Tait  
Laurence Tait  
Eli Te Kiri  
Walter Tombleson  
Albert Tomlinson  
Arthur Tulloch  
Malcolm Tulloch  
Walter Tulloch  
Karl Urbahn  
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Ian Walker  
Archibald Walker  
Ronald Walker



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Moana Beaumont	Ellen Horgan	Annie Voullaire	Donald Fergus	Jack Richardson	Aileen Evans	Margaret Paton	Gilbert Catley
Bernice Beetham	Eva (Dolly) Horgan	Erin Walker	Barry Fergus	Joseph Richardson	Betty Everitt	Jean Paton	Joey Chase
Grace Bettridge	Nola Hornby	Zeta Watkins	Ambrose Fowler	Colin Richardson	Ivy Eynon	Rose Perrett	Brian Christensen
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Gladys Bigham	Thelma Jones	Amy Wetere	Andrew Hartley	Brian Scandlyn	Dorothy Freakley	Cybil Richardson	Jack Clement
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Joyce Bloor	Isabella Kilpatrick	Violet White	Noel Hodge	Bruce Sheerin	Jocelyn Grant	Adelaide Robinson	Lenard Cronin
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Eileen Bowie	Myra Kirk	Hester Whittaker	Stanley Hohaia	Calvyn Smith	Keith (Bunty) Hall	Joan Ross	Harold Davy
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Rita Brown	Margaret Lilley	Jean Williamson	John Hooper	North Taha	Ada Hohaia	Irene Scandlyn	Neville Day
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Flora Cameron	Margaret Mowatt		Barry Kerr	Ross Welham	Norah Horgan	Ora Taylor	Murray Evans
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James Hook	Gordon Peters	Margaret Burke	Margaret Ingram
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Neville Hooper	Anthony Plimmer	Betty Campbell	Monica Jackson
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Peter Ingram	Alex Ross	Cleta Cleaver	Marama King
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Dawn Rodley	Peter Clark	Terence King	David Tamatea
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Elsie Ross	William Corrigan	Wayne King	Eugene Tamou
June Ross	Eric Cox	Alan King	Micheal (Miki) Tamou
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Betty Saunders	Peter Davy	Brian Luond	Ralph West
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Lois Williamson	Taniora Hohaia	Errol Richardson	Gloria Davy
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Doreen Maha  
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Linda Mann  
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Pamela McKay  
Avis McKay  
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Christine Thompson  
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Joan Thompson  
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Wiggertje Tjisen  
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Gregory Smith  
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