



This is War - and we are one soldier down

While all of the Otamatea Weed Control Group hate privet with a passion, Terry Hanna took commitment to the cause to another level so it was a terrible blow to lose him this last month. At 89 and still a great contributor, we were all inspired to do more and do better by his example. I am so glad we slowed down for a chat and a beer at the end of that last working bee. He was the life and soul of the moment as ever and I remember feeling blessed to be in the company of such lovely people. What a great guy and an amazing example of how to live life to the full - I am lucky to have known him.

Jacque Knight



The group take a break at the last working bee with the late Terry Hanna seated at far left

So, why do we spend one Saturday morning a month killing privet? Let me count the ways!

Privet, quite apart from being an allergy irritant, has spread beyond town gardens and into our native bush to the point where we are now at risk of losing our bush areas.

The problem is this: the level of fragmentation of our bush in the Kaipara (small pieces of remnant bush rather than large forests) means we have a bigger 'edge effect' on each bush remnant and less protected inner area. At the edges weeds have the opportunity to surround the bush and, because privet germinates and grows faster than our native trees, it is now surrounding our bush remnants and beginning to move inside and displace native trees. This is happening now on larger properties just outside Paparoa, Matakohe and Maungaturoto. Bush areas are becoming completely surrounded by big seed-bearing privet and up to a 1/3 privet in the internal bush areas.

Without intervention privet will continue to compete until it is all privet forest. It will also continue to spread deeper into the country-side to bigger farms using the roadsides as corridors and is therefore a threat to all our native bush of the Kaipara.



Canopy of 100% privet cleared by OWCG at 62 Station Rd

Acting now is key to halting the privet takeover and saving our native bush

The roadside privet spraying by TaG Weed Control on the main highway and some roadsides (yes, those dead trees were privet!) is a great start for shutting down the corridors of privet.

At this stage Otamatea Weed Control Group (OWCG) is working on: roads not included in the contract, and private properties near Paparoa. There have now been four monthly working-bees to remove privet and eleagnus in the Paparoa area to help get privet under control in the district.

So far Paparoa Station Road has had Chinese privet removed at Wairere

Road end, and tree privet at the Paparoa end with roadside spraying and cutting-and-pasting on private properties. A further property on the corner of SH12 and Paparoa Oakley Road has had cutting-and-pasting of privet done to start the keen owners off on their journey to a privet-free property.

"Now we're going onto private properties we're really seeing the extent of the problem", says group member, Jacque Knight. "With so many large trees it is hard for individual property owners to keep on top of new seedlings being spread around so removing these big seed-bearing trees is a really important start."

OWCG's aim is to continue from here and get Paparoa privet-free before expanding down Pahi and Petley Road peninsulas on to Matakohe and Maungaturoto.



At this stage, if you have a property with privet around Paparoa (between Sterling Rd in the west and Nurse Cavell Rd in the east, the start of Paparoa Station Rd along to 130, and Paparoa Oakley Rd to Franklin Rd and along to Wearmouth Rd and south to Cutter bridge) please contact us for advice on how to tackle privet. To join our group, or to register your property for help, phone Jacque Knight on 431 7022, 021 488 822, or email jacqueline@rahui.co.nz.

Tony Dodge doing a perfect job of cutting and pasting with metsulphuron 'Cut n Paste' Gel

Priveteers do amazing job!

Ten 'priveteers' arrived at my place on a sunny Saturday morning a few weeks ago, armed with chainsaws, loppers and poison. They blitzed their way through the whole property (about an acre) in just one morning. Pretty much every bit of privet was dealt to - and there was plenty of it - from large seed-bearing trees to tiny seedlings and everything in-between. Any eleagnus they found was also taken care of.

What a lovely bunch of people, and including the lovely Terry Hanna who is now sadly no longer with us. I feel blessed and am very grateful to the Otamatea Weed Control Group - thank you! Now that the back of it is broken I'm hoping I can keep on top of my share of 'the privet problem'.

Kathy Reynolds

Jacque Knight

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A Tribute to Terry Hanna



What a wonderful man our district has lost - 44 years of service to the community through his involvement with Rotary. Piroa Falls track was instigated and kept in good condition by Terry's vigilance with the help of other members and a group of hard working young people. Nikau Grove, the Riverview Village and Resthome and the Maungaturoto Playground were other projects he was involved with. Terry also organised a tourist train trip of Aucklanders to visit his farm to raise funds for Rotary's push to free the world of polio (which is very nearly won!). Selling composted calf litter was his latest project to raise funds for our community.

Always enthusiastic and always participating he was a real 'ideas' man with the skills to make things happen. A true gentleman and member of our community - Terry you will be missed.

Stella Clyde

Long Term



You are not too late to send in your thoughts about the Council's Long Term Plan. The LTP includes the proposed activities and priorities, along with how Council proposes to pay for these, for the next 10 years, with particular emphasis on the next three. Areas that may interest you for comment on are:

- Walking and cycling strategy
- Increasing high speed internet coverage
- Promoting tourism
- Continuing and/or increasing the forestry rate
- Equalising charges across the district for wastewater, stormwater and water supply
- Creating a Council controlled organisation for economic development
- Proposed Rate changes
- Review of the current zones in the district in response to growth

Read the Consultation document on the KDC website, and send submissions to council@kaipara.govt.nz by 5 April, or let me know your thoughts and I can pass them on.

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Maurice lives at Whakapirau with wife Sue and cat Smokey and he is a tireless worker for a number of Paparooa-based organisations.



For many years Maurice has maintained the financial accounts for Progressive Paparooa Inc. This work has grown to be quite a major task as the Paparooa Press alone involves sending out some 50+ invoices each month, accounting for the receipts and chasing late payers!

Maurice also manages PPI's income streams from the Farmers' Market, the Print Shop, and administers the Lions Bush Walkway account. He also finds time to be Secretary/Treasurer for Paparooa County Depot Trust, and manages the

books for Youth and Whanau Family Focus.

Although Maurice has faced some serious health challenges in recent years he always manages to produce the financial reports for these organisations on time. His work for these organisations is entirely voluntary and comes with Maurice's trademark enthusiasm and sense of humour.

It is the contribution of people like Maurice that help our organisations and community function the way they do. Thanks Maurice!

Work to begin on Medical Centre

In spite of a number of frustrating delays work is about to commence converting the former Otamatea County and Kaipara District Council building into a modern medical facility.

Paparoa Village Health Care Ltd has engaged Trigg Construction Ltd to project manage the extensive renovations with local trades undertaking the work.

Paparoa Medical Society chair, Graham Taylor said that it is great to finally see the vision the Society had twelve

months ago, when it purchased the former council building, become a reality.

We are confident the community will be well served by this facility. The Society is looking forward to all three of the ground floor tenants, Coast to Coast Health Care, Paparoa Community Library and White

Rock Gallery becoming part of a community hub. It will be quite a unique arrangement and all three entities should benefit. Whilst it is a requirement of the consent that the building be closed to the public during the renovation, it is anticipated this will be as short as possible.

Paparoa Medical Society

Matakohe Bridges project progressing well

As we have all experienced, this year's January and February weather has been atypical. For Fulton Hogan's team working on the Matakohe bridges project, the multiple weather events have brought challenges and they're working hard to make up for lost days.

Earthworks remain on track ready for the structures (bridges) team to commence on-site in April. More access roads have been constructed, and the embankments are building up towards road level



to be ready for piling works. Limestone from the quarry on-site is being used as fill.

Work has commenced on drainage culverts and the first rock revetments (armour) are underway. Large spalls (rocks) are used to strengthen the embankment toes against stormwater and tidal flows.

The Earthworks Team will continue to excavate and install material up to late May and then recommence late October, weather dependent as it's not possible to continue during winter when working relatively close to waterways and when moving large volumes of excavated earth.

The specialist Bridge Team

is scheduled to arrive on-site to commence works at both Bridge 1 and 2 sites and will continue through winter, with a large crane arriving early April.

Site Traffic Management Supervisor, Owen, says driver behaviour through the area has generally been good. Cones on the centre lines serve to suppress driver speed near the site access points and at Anderson Bridge. We know these make it 'tight' for heavy vehicles and we're going to trial a section of cones with 'bollards' (the upright poles attached to the road surface seen on other roading projects). STMS carries out regular site checks, repositioning cones if needed.

Please continue to drive to the

conditions and give us a wave - it's great to connect with the community. Thank you for making us welcome in the community and we look forward to being your neighbours for the next two years!

We presented a safety message to Matakohe

School students about the importance of staying away from the construction site, following signage and instructions from traffic management crew, including asking for assistance if they are unsure of how to walk or cycle past our work site. Please reinforce this message with family and whanau.

Your interest in the project is welcome, but for safety reasons we would rather you phone, text or email with queries, concerns or feedback rather than calling into the site office directly.

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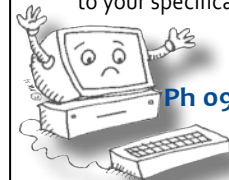
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Libby's Councillor Corner

We are now half-way through our 3 year term, and here is a synopsis of what I've been involved with:



- Met with numerous community groups and organisations, learning what they do in our district
- Received a number of concerns from residents where I have helped provide information or assisted a resolution where possible
- Taken community concerns around roading and other local issues into the Long Term Plan priorities
- Participated in Walking and Cycling strategy, Mangawhai Community Plan and other strategy and policy reviews
- Been a member of the Community Grants Committee and the MELA (Mangawhai Endowment Lands Authority) committee, reviewing the policies and processes to ensure clarity and fairness, and deciding on funding applications to these committees
- Been a member on the Remuneration and Performance Committee, now involved in the recruitment process for the new CEO
- Represented Council as an appointed member of the Sport Northland board to ensure that Kaipara has a voice at that table
- Working with other Northland councils and bodies for the good of the region
- Helping to restore trust and confidence in Council

I'm looking forward to the next 18 months as we appoint a new CEO for the district and begin to implement the new Long Term Plan.

Libby Jones, Councillor KDC

Little Kiwis Move'n'Groove

From Term 2, starting Friday May 4, a new preschool music and movement session called 'Little Kiwis Move and Groove' will begin at the Paparoa Hall.

Held weekly, these will be really fun sessions for preschoolers and their parents/caregivers, running from 9:30-10.45am, finishing with a gentle calming down time.

The cost will be \$5 for 1 child, \$2 each for younger siblings but babies under a year old will be free.

Diane McKinstry, new to the area, is a trained and registered early childhood teacher with a strong background in community work.

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- It involves a minimum of 300 plants; and
- The landowner collects them from the nursery.

... then they will be FREE! Preference will be given to those who have already started a planting programme with us. The planting fee remains at 60c per tree regardless of who plants them - commercial or community groups. The trees are **not** available

for private landscape planting - we'd much rather that you support your local commercial nurseries for that.

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A prayer for tolerance by Dorothy Quaife

Dorothy Harris was born at Paparoa's Edith Cavell Hospital in 1934 and was brought up on a farm in Te Kowhai Road, Ruawai. As a trained nurse she worked at both Middlemore and Auckland hospitals until returning home to nurse her ailing father.



Dorothy pictured here at work on the Coastguard VHF radio.

She met husband-to-be Ancel Quaife early in 1954 and they soon married and lived in various Waikato forestry towns where Ancel worked as a civil engineer, constructing roading, sewage, and water reticulation, etc.

Ancel worked for Otamatea County Council until he and Dorothy set up their own trucking business called Paparoa Transport while they raised their three children. Dorothy also held a heavy truck licence and could often be seen on the road working for the firm!

Ancel was well known for setting up the North Kaipara Coastguard VHF Radio Service in 1969 together with other keen boaties. Dorothy carried on this service for very many years until it was recently centralised in Auckland.

Dorothy wrote 'A Prayer for Tolerance' after her husband Ancel died in 1992. Some years after this, a great-grandson was born blind so the poem became even more meaningful.

The Paparoa Press roving reporter was sent in search of this poem after we were told of it by Dave Porteous who thought there would be others in the community who would also enjoy it.

A Prayer for Tolerance

*I was standing by the water, with a heart so filled with pain,
 When a small child took my hand in his and quietly spoke my name,
 "Please tell me what you see today, as you gaze out on this land
 Tell me of things like rainbows, with brightly coloured bands".
 How dare this child disturb me, can he not see my pain?
 So with a voice full of impatience, I told him of hills, the flowers and trees,
 Of sparkling waters of the sea that caressed the golden sands.
 "But what about the birds, he said, that fly so high and free?
 Please tell me of their colours, and don't be cross with me.
 I wouldn't ask these questions, but I really need to know,
 so in my mind I can draw pictures
 Of these things you've told to me so".
 So then I looked down upon him, this softly spoken child,
 His face was full of wonder but his beautiful eyes were blind.
 And while I gazed upon him, a peace came over me.
 And in my heart a silent prayer I lifted up to God. -
 Lord, I have two good eyes to see with
 Two good ears to hear the wind, and lips to tell my fellow man.
 What love and peace you give.
 So when I whinge and moan, Lord, give me a gentle shake
 So that I may remember how blessed my life is and to give more
 than to take.
 Please, Lord, make me be more tolerant, more loving and more kind
 For there are those who walk this earth whose pain is worse than mine.
 Give them eyes to see, Lord, so they may learn to know
 The Joy and Love you give that I already know.*

Dorothy Quaife

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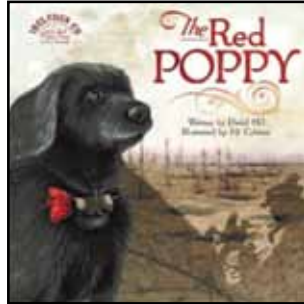
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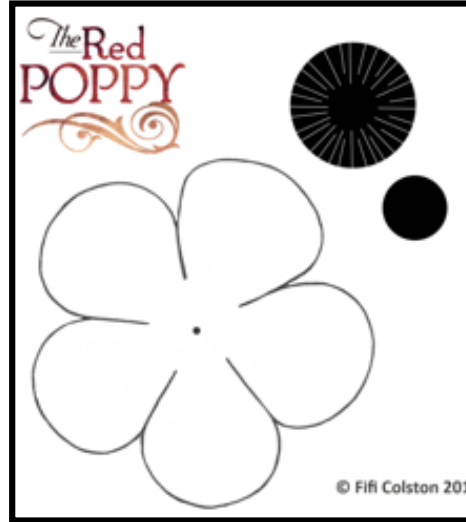
ANZAC DAY

ANZAC stands for Australian and New Zealand Army Corps. Anzac Day was first observed in 1916- one year after the Gallipoli campaign of 1915 that saw thousands of soldiers killed on the Turkish Peninsula.

Since the first day of remembrance in 1916, participation in Anzac Day services has grown. The red poppy was one of the first plants to bloom in Flanders, Belgium after WW1 (1914-1918) and the best known symbol of remembrance throughout the world.



Make a
Remembrance Poppy for ANZAC Day



- Cut out poppy template.
- Bend each petal in half through the middle to give them shape.
- Cut out the black circles and cut a fringe around the large one.
- Push half a green pipe cleaner through the centre of the poppy and fold it over at the top.
- Glue the large circle over the pipe cleaner and the smaller one over that.
- Flick up the fringe to give it texture.
- When your poppy's finished, take a photo and upload to Fifi's Facebook page - Fifi Colston Creative.

The Red Poppy (2012) is a sensitively written war story by award-winning children's author David Hill, and is illustrated by the talented Fifi Colston.

To accompany the book, Fifi created a red poppy template for readers to create their own poppies to wear or display on Anzac Day.

Thanks to Fifi for allowing us to share her template with you. PP

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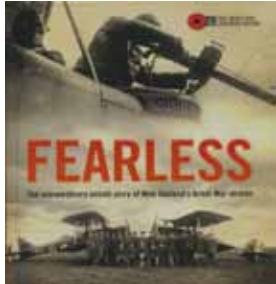


'Fearless' author to speak



Just before Anzac Day, on Saturday 21 April, Dr Adam Claasen, Senior Lecturer in History at Massey University will be at the museum to enlighten us about his book, 'Fearless - the extraordinary untold story of New Zealand's Great War airmen'.

'Fearless' is full of amazing photographs and personal stories taken from diaries and letters home. One airman featured is William, younger brother of Gordon Coates. William left New Zealand with the Mounted Rifles and saw action at Gallipoli and in the Middle East before transferring to the Royal Flying Corps. He was shot down after only a few weeks on active duty at the Western Front.



Starting at 1pm and followed by afternoon tea (\$5 per person), this

promises to be a very interesting afternoon and Dr Claasen is an excellent speaker. As a good turnout is expected it's a good idea to phone The Museum (431 7417) to book your place!



ANZAC Day service at The Kauri Museum

Paparoa RSA and The Kauri Museum invite you to attend a combined civic service at the Museum, with fall-in at the Matakoho War Memorial Hall Wednesday 25 April, 10.30am. Bill Ponsonby, Treasurer of Paparoa RSA will present a special citation for the late Max Wallis, former resident of Maungaturoto, WW2 Veteran and much valued Museum volunteer. There will also be a display in The Kauri Museum honouring his service in the war and those who knew Max will be able to pay their respects.

Here is an extract from Bill's citation:

"Twelve Days after joining the NZ Division in Italy, Max was detailed to patrol and as he was the 'Newbie' he was obliged to carry a crate of Piat Bombs - which equate to about an extra 10kg in weight. While on this patrol Max stood on a 'S Mine' otherwise known as a 'Bouncing Betty'..."

To hear more about Max's story, the civic service will be held in The Kauri Museum's Volunteers Hall following the parade.

Lisa Tolich, CEO

Other Museum 'goings-on'

Totara House summer season closed with a flourish on 4 March with a large group enjoying morning tea in the garden and on the verandah. The weather was a bit windy, but that's the beauty of Totara House and its wrap-around verandahs.

'The Everyday Apron' a new textiles exhibition is now on in the upper level of the Boarding House. Originally titled 'Pinnies and Pies', the display has morphed into 'The Everyday Apron' to better reflect the ubiquitous nature of aprons across the professions and domestic situations past and present.

School Holiday DIY workshop on Wednesday 18 April only.

The DIY team will run another chairmaking workshop, but this time with a twist, the challenge is to create a padded stool using recycled materials. Best for kids 7-12 years, cost is \$15pp, starts at 10am, with limited spaces so phone The Kauri Museum 431 7417 to register.

'May Madness' is something to look forward to. It is the Museum's biennial fundraising evening to be held Saturday 5 May in the Matakoho Hall. Look for further information in the next few weeks.

Mary Stevens

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What's on at your Museum

Events: 25 April - Anzac Day
21 April - Dr Adam Claasen - 'Fearless'

Exhibitions:

- * Tudor Collins - 'Man of Many Faces'
- * Textiles 'The Everyday Apron'
- * Anzac display from 21 April to 8 June

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Elarna and Sam 'Boxercising'

everyone there.

If you are interested come along for a trial for \$15 and if you want to commit it is \$50 for 5 weeks. It is well worth it! You can't put a price on good health.

Call Tarita 431 6819 if you want more information on 'Boxercise' (or 'Bootcamp' which she also runs).

Elarna Sheppard

LED lights for Kaipara

Kaipara District Council has secured funding to accelerate its LED street lighting programme. Work to replace the majority of street lights in the Kaipara District with more energy-efficient lighting will be completed within 12 months.

The LED street lights are clearer and brighter than the old, yellow high pressure sodium lamps, have a significantly longer life, require less maintenance and have lower power usage, resulting in major cost savings. There is an added benefit in a drop in light pollution resulting in less glare or a 'yellow haze' as you approach a township at night."

The new 853 LED lights will cover the majority of local streets in the district and will cover all streets in local towns including Matakoho, Maungaturoto, Pahi, Paparooa, Ruawai and Whakapirau apart from those on State Highways. Local operator McKay Electrical has been awarded the contract.

Change of season at Gumdiggers

As the summer season draws to a close, a new chapter begins for the Gumdiggers Café, opposite The Kauri Museum.

Jackie and Daniel Pucci, known to many as the owners and hosts of Matakoho House Bed and Breakfast will take over the busy Gumdiggers Café operation from 27 March.

While Jackie and Daniel are relatively recent arrivals to Matakoho, they are adamant that leaving "big city life" behind was the best decision they could have made for their future. "We are both from South America, Daniel is from Argentina and I am from

Uruguay, we have made New Zealand our home for over 13 years" says Jackie.

Daniel brings with him a wealth of experience in tourism, while Jackie is a self-confessed 'foodie', passionate about baking and bringing new and interesting flavours to the Kaipara.

"We look forward to welcoming locals and visitors alike to the Gumdiggers Café and ensuring they keep coming back for more".
Lisa Tolich

Top of the Rock - with rain but all good fun

Heavy rain did little to dampen the spirits of participants in the Kaiwaka Sports Association's eighth annual Top of the Rock event on Sunday 11 February.

Three hundred people had entered and there were a few no-shows due to the inclement weather, but everybody who turned up still enjoyed the day, with some mentioning that the weather added a fun challenge. Participants arrived back at the finish line saturated and mud-splattered but still in good spirits.

From our Paparoa area Andrew Birt was first in the 10km mens bike event, while Kirsty Hamlin topped the women's 11km run. Well done!

With thanks to our generous sponsors, there were over 90 prizes up for grabs. Winners got first choice from the prize table, then the remaining prizes were given out by a draw. The main spot prize of a mountain bike, kindly sponsored by Torpedo 7 was won by Natasha Hammer. Other major prizes were up for auction or allocated to spot prizes.

As with most community events this is a team effort and the organisers thank all who helped to make the day a success, despite the weather!

Cheryl Anderson

Photos can be viewed on the Top of the Rock facebook page and on www.kaiwakasports.co.nz.



Andrew Birt crossing the finish line

Day Camp 2018

Just a quick note to let you know how we are progressing.

Day Camp (Wed 18 to Fri 20 April) registration forms are now available at your local school office, local churches, Skelton's Drapery (Paparoa), 100% Electrical (Maungaturoto), and Kaiwaka St John's Op Shop. These need to be returned by Wed 11 April which will be the cut-off date if we haven't already hit our magic number of 180 children, so get those forms in quick.

We are also looking for the old style canvas tents to use for shade- if you have one sitting in your garage that you no longer use let us know!!

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Arty Farties - Community Connect

We're looking for temporary helpers. Our head gardener is touring the South Island for two months and there is planting and weeding to do. We're also looking for someone to help with our garage sale each Sunday as our manager has been laid low for six weeks with a serious illness. Please, if you are willing to volunteer your services then call Anne 431 6229.

Lions are supporting us and will help to erect a gazebo at the front of our garage sale area for shelter and more sale display space.

There's a problem with our peach trees at the moment - some sort of mould - so hopefully gardener Graham will inform us (from the South Island) about what it may be and how to deal with it. (How are your knees Graham? Take care.)

In March we've been raising seedlings for our gardens, those for winter harvesting such as carrots, swede, cabbages, cauliflowers, brussel sprouts, broad beans, etc.

NOTE: There is a big grey pumpkin in our garden that is not fit for human consumption. It has been organically modified and is being grown for showing in the GIANT PUMPKIN competition. Butterflies like it- but it's not for humans!

Sadly, once again the 'lowlife' have attempted a break-in. The hasp and lock of our (former) pump housing enclosure were destroyed. However, they must have been disappointed after all their break-in efforts as the generator (the replacement for the one stolen on a previous occasion) is now in a far more secure location. 'May fleas infest their underwear and their arms be too short to scratch!'

Cheers from us all at Arty Farties,
Anne and the team.

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Jane Mander in the 1890's

ORT Play Festival

This April 13, 14 and 15 Otamatea Repertory theatre-goers are in for a treat. Four locally produced plays will be staged, starring locals, and in some cases, even the plays were written by locals.

One such play is 'The Argument', written by Pahi local George Skelton and Jane Mander. Bearing in mind that Jane Mander died in 1949, to co-write a play with her took some skill. However, this is not the first time that George and Jane have collaborated, the first was for Paparooa's 150th celebrations, when George wrote and presented (with Peter Flower and ORT help) a play based on Jane Mander's novel 'Allen Adair'.

George's interest in Mander began when his mother gave him 'Allen Adair' which is set in Paparooa and districts. After reading it, he thought it would make a good movie, thought about it infrequently, until in 2012 his opportunity came to bring it to life. Subsequently, 'The Argument', has been adapted from an excerpt of Mander's book 'Strange Attraction', written in 1922 and set in 1912-14. It was "dramatically marvellous and forcefully intense" but on publication was instantly restricted for reading by women over 25 and then only in a library. Scandalous indeed, but by today's standards the subject matter would scarcely raise an eyebrow. In Mander's time she was not widely published as her books were considered risqué, immoral and likely to corrupt the delicate morals of the day.

Skelton's 'The Argument' will be staged during the One Act Play Festival 2018 and theatre-goers should be safe from corruption. Come along enjoy the show regardless!

The other three plays on offer are: 'I Never Saw Another Butterfly', by Celeste Raspanti, directed by Brittany Dyer; 'The New Wing at Elsinore' by St John Hankin, directed by Sue Skelton; and 'Trash and Treasure' written and directed by Maura Flower. PP

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Pioneer Luncheon

For the last 71 years the annual Pioneer Luncheon has been held in Paparooa. The Lions Club proudly hosts this event to honour the senior members of our community, both past and present, who have helped make our district such a great place to live. This year 130 guests,



Elva Heath



Barbara and Eric Wrigley

Lions and their partners gathered from all around the North Island to enjoy the chance to reminisce with old friends and make new ones. As always there were many apologies from those who were disappointed they couldn't make it on the day.

After a lovely lunch catered by Otamatea Christian School PTA the visitors were then treated to an entertaining performance from Totally Uked a community ukulele group from Mangawhai, featuring Deputy Mayor Peter Wethey and his wife Jane Yates.



Hugh and Joy Hughes

Several spot prizes were given to guests including most senior woman Elva Heath and oldest man Eric Wrigley. Longest married there were Hugh and Joy Hughes who had travelled up from Tauranga for the event.

An unexpected vote of thanks was given by June Weber of Matakohe, who on behalf of the guests expressed their gratitude to the Lions Club for putting on the luncheon and making it such an enjoyable day for so many. She said they looked forward to this day as it provided a great opportunity to catch up with so many old friends and acquaintances, especially those who have



Jenny Battersby, Gwen Vallance & Sharon Powell

moved out of the district. The Lions Club would like to thank everyone who helped make it such a wonderful day.

Anyone who is eligible to attend (senior citizens who have lived, or are living in the district)

but did not receive an invitation this year should contact Pete to be included next year. Pete Hames 4316822

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Family sports fun

The annual Fun Family Sports Afternoon was a great success with around 80 people either participating in, or leading teams through different events- an obstacle course, t-ball, tennis, and the newly added water game.

This year's event saw the addition of the Volunteer Rural Fire Force with plenty of water to cool down the participants both as drinks, and as a shower as they raced to fill water buckets in the game led by Sport Northland Community Connector Roxanne Kelly.



Pre-schoolers had their own fun led by Ready Steady Wriggle and Playcentre. Egg-throwing and the ever-popular lolly scramble finished the activities before everyone was treated to a BBQ sponsored by Paparoa Motor Camp and the famous Lions hot chips.

A very big thanks to all who helped, and came for the fun. We look forward to seeing you all again in March next year.

Pete & Libby



Fun run and walk



The Paparoa Sports and Recreation Association have a further event coming up on Saturday 7 April.

It's a fun run and walk across local farms, with two options of 4 and 4.8km catering for runners, walkers and buggies.

There will be lots of spot prizes too. Adults \$10, Kids \$5 and Family \$15. Registration will be on the day from 2.30pm at the Sports Pavilion in Paparoa.

For more information: contact Libby 021 208 0093

Working bee successful



A great turn-out of volunteers to the riverbank working bee on Saturday 17 March made a massive job a lot easier.

Special thanks must go to a team from the

'Privet Group' (Otamatea Weed Control Group) who know the meaning of hard work, along with our usual volunteers from Progressive Paparoa committee and others. Although the area still requires maintenance on a regular basis, removal of big weeds that were choking plants and seeding profusely will enable further work to be carried out including some spraying.

We will be guided by Jacqueline Knight, a local who works for Enviro-Schools and who has considerable knowledge. Jacque both designed and guided us in the original planting of the riverbank some time ago.

Janice Booth

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Ki-o-rahi, swimming, ERO & rubbish!

March has been a very busy and active month at school with all children participating in a variety of sporting activities.

In early March our years 4-6 children attended a **Ki-o-rahi** tournament in Whangarei. Although they didn't win their games it was a fabulous day.

On our final **'Water Skills for Life'** day with Kirsty Hamlin we learned about wearing lifejackets and a range of water rescue techniques to use if we ever need to help someone in difficulty.

We enjoyed our **swimming sports** when the children were pleased to show off their skills to parents and grandparents. Everyone has improved in swimming confidence this term. A team of nine represented us at the Bream Bay Interschool Swimming Sports. We're proud of the way they all performed. Special thanks to Tina Ball for her commitment in training the

children over the past few weeks.

On March 5th we welcomed Jane Carroll and Zoe Lindsay from the **Education Review Office**. The children enjoyed showing them around our school and talking with them about their learning.



As part of our **Enviroschools focus**, Room 1 recently decided to check what litter was around the school grounds. They were shocked by the amount of rubbish they found - particularly plastics that will not biodegrade.

Now they're looking at ways to minimise litter around school and how to encourage everyone to think about what they're throwing away.

We're all looking forward to the holidays which start on April 13. Term 2 will commence Monday, April 30.

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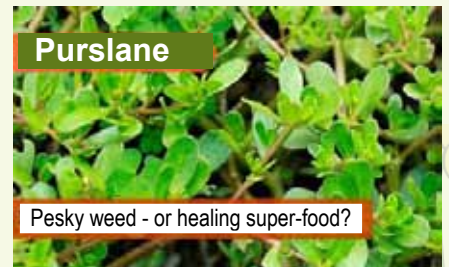


Autumn in the garden

The nights are getting cooler now and hopefully the flies and crickets will disappear soon. What a crazy season!

I've had no luck with my garlic as it did not bulb and I notice that NZ garlic has been a bit scarce in the shops too. However it's been a good season for tomatoes and cucumbers etc. The peaches have had a bad run of brown rot apart from the one that had the most battering with the wind.

My trial with baking soda on *nostoc* (the horrible dark green algae on pathways) hasn't totally got rid of it but I can say it's much reduced in area and quantity. While the algae does not grow where there is plant cover, now much of the former *nostoc* area is covered in portulaca weed (or purslane) instead! Maybe the algae acted like a fertiliser?



I looked up this weed and found it is edible and supposedly good for high blood pressure (4mg per gram Omega-3 fatty acid over 4 times the amount that spinach contains). It doesn't taste like anything much but then I guess lots of lettuce doesn't either. Purslane is a very flat growing, slightly succulent plant so maybe it can stay and I can use it in smoothies ... It only grows in the heat of summer and dies in the cold of winter.

In the vegetable garden it's probably easier to buy in seedlings of cabbages, cauliflowers and broccoli as you don't want more than one at a time to eat. Broad beans can go in now, are easy to grow but need quite a bit of space. Peas can be sown directly; also carrots and beetroot while leeks are an excellent vegetable to grow with few pests.

Meanwhile the reliable gaillardia Arizona has been flowering for months and the dahlias, marigolds, zinnias, balsam and alyssum are still giving lots of colour. I have sweet pea seedlings growing well as are my recently planted out lobelia seedlings.

This summer has certainly been very different with plenty of new challenges.

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COMPUTER SYSTEM UPGRADE:

As you will have read in the local papers we've had an upgrade of our library computer system, and, going by the first couple of days, it will be a good system to use but please bear with us as we get to grips with it and train up all our lovely volunteer desk staff.

LIBRARY RELOCATION:

As you will have also read, our current building has been purchased by the Paparoa Medical Society and Coast to Coast Health Care. So what does this mean for our beloved library? Will you be browsing the shelves while you have your blood test done? No. You will still find us in the building, but will drive around to the back of the building to our new entrance.

Alas the new area also means a little less space, which means we need to reduce the volume of books we can keep. We are in the process of culling our collection, books going free, please come in and help us!!

We also need boxes to pack up the entire library and store all our books in a container to await completion of the



KDC Library Staff attend launch of Kotui computer system

renovations. Inconvenient for you and also for the library staff and committee.

OUR LAST BUSINESS DAY: Saturday 7 April is our last day of operation, and our date of re-opening will be advised as soon as known. So we ask for your compassion for our desk staff when they tell you they don't know the answers to your questions.

Can you help us move books? Can you help with boxes? Can you help with manpower?

- to pack and transport our books and shelving to the container? If this sounds like a volunteer project you would like to help us with please phone Debbie 021 455 776.

Finally, without volunteers our library wouldn't exist so please let our desk staff know you appreciate the time they give up to make our library exist. And if you have not visited the library before then please come and have a look-see.

News from OCS

Our new initiative 'Money Mates' began on 29 March.

We are holding eight free workshops on Thursdays from 10am-12noon on how to 'Stretch Your Dollar'. There are practical activities with your peers including shopping, gardening, cooking, saving and budgeting. They're aimed at those who are having difficulties as well as for those who simply want to learn good money management to make your money last longer!

You are not alone; come along and learn from others, manage your money and plan for the future. As a group let's try to help each other make those dollars last



the week.

To register phone 431 9080.

Our Family Support worker has returned from her overseas trip and is ready to help those people requiring her expertise.

The rest of our team continue to be busy with a full client base and there is a steady stream of visitors to the House most days.

The mini-bus is almost always out on the road with a variety of groups going to a variety of venues. As always it is a pleasure to be of service to the community.

Best wishes, the OCS team

Progress slowed at Riverview

The good news is that our expansion has commenced; the not-so-good news is that we have had to pause work on site. This has come about for a couple of reasons:

1. There have been unforgivable delays in the completion of survey work which was necessary due to some boundary changes necessitating changes in some OYO titles which must be done for bank securities.
2. While the bank gave us 'heads up' for finance of the larger share of the project, we have had to comply with a long list of conditions which, I am sad to say, are ongoing.

We always knew that we would need considerable additional financial community support and were confident this would roll in as the project advanced. However it looks like we will have to have this financial support sooner rather than later.

We appeal to potential givers to consider support now.

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We are deeply grateful to Alby and his Den for ongoing fundraising and also donations in lieu of flowers from local funerals; every little bit helps.

The need for higher level care is with us now! Manager Tracy often has to turn away prospective clients while we cannot offer the level of care that they need. A local identity has recently had to relocate to Ranburn. We are not happy that we cannot "look after our people". Some respite clients with dementia have also had to find accommodation elsewhere.



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To celebrate Maree's (rural postie extraordinaire) birthday, the staff at Paparooa Store joined her for an evening of ladies wining and dining. Lots of laughter and frivolity was had amongst friends sharing a wonderful night out.

In 'Back to the '80's' style we enjoyed Melissa's '40-something' birthday. Melissa is the daughter of Dianne & Owen (Paparooa Super Shuttle). Memories flowed and there was a good mix of music from the '80's collection'.

The Christmas season began with the Paparooa RSA's Christmas function. It was a great evening with some amazing and memorable stories shared by former servicemen and families of servicemen no longer with us. Quite special. The evening was further enhanced when Ernie Bates began to tinkle away on

the 'ebony and ivories' and many gathered for a sing-along to many an old but not forgotten song ... 'Lest we forget' (see you all at Anzac Day Matakohē fall-in).

We were privileged to welcome Frank (Xing Qifeng) and Kelly Xing (nee Blythen)



Frank & Kelly Xing

for their wedding reception. As Paparooa is Kelly's home town many of her local family members and friends were in attendance. Frank's parents also joined in the day of celebration - having travelled from their home in China. It was an absolute pleasure and delight to be part of this couple's special day.



Matakohē Garden Circle 'Soiree'

Matakohē Garden Circle again held their 'soiree' with us. Members travel from other areas of the Kaipara to enjoy the club and its events and numbers have grown this year. A 'Fun Hat' theme was organised with a winner chosen. A huge thank you to those club members who helped tidy the garden for another function when resident gardener Andrew was away in Tonga.

For the fourth consecutive year, Paparooa Store management and staff celebrated their end of year with us. They always appreciate being waited upon considering that all year it's their role to meet customer and community needs. Nice also to see a small work team letting their hair down and enjoying each other's company.

At New Year we held a Bollywood night. Dancing lessons were given to those who requested them. What laughter and



Bollywood guests

fun! One guest, Hukatere's resident Frenchman Guy Bucchi very kindly stated afterwards that "Paul's authentic Indian cuisine was delicious".

During February, Megan, daughter of John and Nicki Eddy (ex g.a.s. Paparooa) married Nigel Clapp. Our garden was the perfect wedding venue for this special intimate occasion. Local celebrant Dennise Brownlie officiated and family and friends from Australia, Rotorua, and Auckland were accommodated locally. Due to unforeseen circumstances on the day one bridesmaid

could not attend, but later on a solution was found. Once the 'scheduled' plan of events were concluded, a certain event planner surprised everyone with unscheduled entertainment. Much to the unbridled laughter of all she 'filled in' for the absentee bridesmaid!



Nigel, Fabiola Fabulosity ('chief bridesmaid') & Megan

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such family has had Christmas dinner with us for the past two years and we extend our heart-

felt thanks to you for your support and enjoyment of the setting.

To all who have complimented us on our lighting and decorations it is sincerely appreciated. The pleasure and merriment is truly ours. Local business Sheppard Electrical sorted out the storage of our 10,000 fairy lights with the contribution of some spools. We find the community spirit and support around Paparooa is amazing.



Megan & Nigel Clapp

Again, our genuine thanks for supporting local; five years on in the community.

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Ruawai Lions Charity Auction

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From 7am the marquee went up, tables quickly became laden with a huge variety of items, and a clothing section was set up. Buyers soon turned up and they were quick to snatch up the bargains when selling started at 9am.

By 10am the auctioneer got going, and his audience put in their bids on so many different items, furniture, whiteware, some orchids, a dinghy, a trampoline, exercycles, bikes, duvets, a motorbike, fertiliser, a load of limestone, dog nuts, wire netting and all the rest!

Paparoa Lions did a magnificent service providing hot dogs, hot



chips, cold drinks and bacon/egg sandwiches from their caravan. And the sun came out and it got hot! Finally, with the auction over it was very busy as everyone loaded up their goods. Just after we got the marquee down it began to drizzle! We were so fortunate to have such good weather for our big event!

Thank you to Kaipara Kumara for letting us use your forecourt - so suitable for such an event. Thanks to our sponsors: Ravensdown Fertiliser, Carters, PGGWrightson, Hunting & Fishing, Farm Source, Glen Jenyns Digger Hire, Kevin Reid, Ruawai Transport, The Vet Centre and Waste Management.

Dorothy Simpson, Ruawai Lions

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Yes, an almost holy alliance of tea and roses. Roses at 25% discount no less.

Almost transported with the sense of destiny I savoured every sip of tea, prolonging the anticipated pleasure. The pleasure of perusing each and every rose, the joy of the new scents, the noticing of the exquisite shading of the rose petals and the counting of the thorns. No pain, no gain as I am fond of reminding the man-in-the-shed.

At last, the senses sated. I drove home. Standard rose nodding on the back seat. No doubt the dog was supremely grateful to have not shared this journey. All too often she has suffered the results of close horticultural encounters in the back seat.

The journey home rendered sweet, not only by the wafting fragrance (of the rose that is), but by the ruminations arising from this new purchase. Namely, oh where, oh where shall this not-so-little rose grow?

It will take time to find the perfect spot, but it will take even longer for the man-in-the-shed to notice!

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Deb

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Pets in the Valley

Life is full of decisions and some are harder to make than others. Recently, Mal the working dog had been kicked by a bull and was brought into the clinic. She had torn several ligaments in her shoulder and it was painfully dislocating in and out. Although no bones were broken this was not an injury that would heal with rest.

Thus there were three options:

1. Referral for surgery - apparently not a simple surgery - and very expensive with no guarantee that she wouldn't develop arthritis in the shoulder joint at a later date
2. Amputate the leg at the shoulder joint or
3. Euthanasia.

Lots of factors need to be considered when making these decisions. One good thing was that we didn't need an instant answer and so the problem was brewed on overnight.

Option 2 was chosen and although very practical a lot of emotion had been involved in the decision and I could tell there was still doubt as to whether it was the right one for the dog. Surgery went ahead and when Mal was able to go home there was still evidence of the pain this choice had caused.

Skip ahead 4 days and I checked her progress back on farm. Any doubts of the detrimental effects of having only 3 legs were gone. Mal was ecstatically happy about life, charging around like crazy when let out of the kennel, trying to jump on the quad and destroying her Elizabethan collar. The plan to keep her as a house dog will have to be reversed because this girl isn't going to let the loss of a leg stop her from being a cattle dog.

A great outcome!

Janine

Science Corner



Flies - a summer nuisance

This summer we've been plagued by flies and I'm sure window and door screen companies must have been doing a roaring trade along with the sales of fly spray. I've now given up on fly spray as it doesn't seem to work anyway (except on wasp nests)!

Facts on Flies

- ▶ The housefly (*Musca domestica*) is a fly of the suborder *Cyclorrhapha*. It is believed to have evolved in the Cenozoic era, possibly in the Middle East, and has spread all over the world following human migrations. It's the most common fly species found in houses.
- ▶ Flies cannot chew food, so they eject digestive enzymes onto what they want to eat (ie: spit on it). When everything is nice and soft, they then slurp it up! When a fly lands on something it spreads the bacteria and disease-causing organisms.
- ▶ Fly Anatomy. The head of the fly contains the eyes, antennae and mouthparts ... Flies have a pair of fully developed wings on the thorax, and a knobby, vestigial second pair of wings, called halteres, that are used primarily for balance. Flies taste with their feet. They live for about 3 weeks as an adult.
- ▶ Body temperature is governed by air temperature so the warmer it is the faster they go (moving, eating, mating etc).

Why so many this year?

A wet spring to get them started, followed by a warmer and wetter than usual summer gave the fly population a great opportunity to breed like crazy! They breed in decaying organic matter. The warmer the temperature the faster they breed.

Ways of controlling them

- ▶ Fly screens- expensive but good - some always get in though as people go in and out the doors.
- ▶ Fly papers - are cheap, look ugly, but they're effective and certainly get rid of most of them
- ▶ Fly swats - also cheap, work well if you're fast, and electric ones keep kids and energetic adults amused on all flies present!
- ▶ Insect sprays - don't work very well in my experience and I also don't like having chemicals floating in the air I breathe.
- ▶ Keep a good breeze blowing through the house - use fans if necessary. Flies don't like wind.
- ▶ Make an essential oil fly deterrent - mix 2tb vegetable oil, 2tb vodka or witch hazel and add drops of citronella, peppermint, lavender and eucalyptus. Put in small lids or containers to diffuse around your room. (Don't know if this works but it's worth a try.)
- ▶ Make sure all rubbish is removed quickly and compost bins are covered to prevent breeding places.

If all else fails, at least it is getting colder so they will disappear soon!

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Harriet at OUASSA Otago University science camp

Harriet Spoelstra is in year 13 at Ruawai College and writes here about her experience.

Earlier this year I went to Dunedin for a week's science camp (OUASSA) at Otago University and will return for another week mid-year. About 70 Year-13 students from all over New Zealand attended to experience studying science at a tertiary level.

Marine science was my first choice for study. We conducted experiments on different marine species we collected from the beach or dredged the harbour seafloor from the Uni Research Vessel. We investigated the internal biological clock of different shellfish, looked at parasites infecting cockle shellfish, studied different species microscopically and dissected a large cancer crab.

Genetics was my other major subject choice. We looked at E. Coli bacteria for antibiotic resistance and tested our DNA for identification. I also chose a short elective, quantum

physics, to look at the use of lasers to detect gravitational waves, and experimented with liquid nitrogen and superconductors. Other activities during the week included visiting the Otago Museum and going on a wildlife cruise. Each morning there was a seminar on a wide range of topics including peeking and poking at atoms with laser light, photography for documentaries, physics in karate and philosophy in science. In the evenings we held sessions on science communication (mine being blogging).

I encourage any student who may be thinking even just a little about studying science at university to apply for an OUASSA camp (or similar) as it's a such great opportunity to help you make that big decision about your future.



The weather!

2017 was the wettest year since 2008 when records began at Paparoa's local weather station.



Total rainfall was 1425mm, well above the five-year average of 1237mm.

Rainfall was above average for 3 months, about average for 5, and below for 4. But in March and April 2017, the rainfall was 245mm and 213mm respectively, exceeding the 5-year average by 143mm and 99mm.

What's already here and to come in 2018 - well - measuring this Summer as the period December, January and February, we've had 377mm - compared to the five-year average of 180mm.

No wonder the grass is green and the dams and tanks are full.

What will the rest of the year bring?

Don Hargrave

All data obtained from the Northland Regional Council Website (www.nrc.govt.nz), from the weather station located at Ariel Hill, Paparoa.

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Kaipara Hunting & Fishing

The club held its weigh-in at the end of the Special Parry Weekend Shoot at Cam's farm. Ten members turned up with their 'best hen and drake' to chance their luck for prizes. We ended up with two lots of tied weights and some very good condition birds.

Results were:

Hen: 1st Trev 1.5; 2nd Dale 1.44; 3rd Dylan 1.44
Drake: 1st Dale 2.0; 2nd Annette 2.0; 3rd Hayden 1.98
Pair: 1st Dale 3.44; 2nd Annette 3.36; 3rd Hayden 3.32



Bronson Wrathall, fisherman

NEXT CLUB EVENT

Duck shooters claybird shoot

Sunday 8th April, 10am

COST: \$50 seniors / juniors FREE

WHERE: Club House, Cam's farm, Hames Road, Maungaturoto

PRIZES: 1st, 2nd, 3rd for Seniors, Ladies, Juniors PLUS drawn prizes and including the MAJOR DUCK HUNTERS' PACKAGE PRIZE worth in excess of \$700

Pictured at left is Bronson Wrathall with the tag from his kingfish and wearing the special polo shirt given as a reward for catching a tagged game fish (see last month's report).

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NKKA AGM

North Kaipara Agricultural Association's AGM will be held Sunday 29th April, 2pm at the Sports Pavilion Paparooa Showgrounds.

Please note that NKAA is a separate entity to the Paparooa Show. The Paparooa Show Committee is a sub group of the NKAA. All users of the Paparooa Showgrounds should be members of the NKAA if they wish to have input into the upkeep of these facilities.

Membership to NKAA is \$15 per person. Persons interested in becoming part of NKAA should attend this meeting

Nominations for President, Secretary, Treasurer, Publicity, Fundraising / Sponsorship, Grounds Manager and helpers positions are open now.

Gael Johnston, Secretary

OUT & ABOUT AROUND THE TOWN

Paparooa Fun Run & Walk

Saturday 7 April 3:30pm 4.8km or 4km options LOTS of Spot Prizes (more info pg 11). Event enquiries Libby 021 208 0093 or Jane 09 431 6148.

Plunket Ready Steady Wriggle playgroup every Monday at Paparooa Sports Pavillion 10am til 12noon - everyone welcome



Ready Steady Wriggle - 'messy play'

Order your firewood from the Lions now for winter. Call Stephen Findlay 431 6148.

Family Fun Sports Day was awesome. Thanks for the help from Paparooa Sports & Rec, Lions, PPI, Rural Fire Force, Ready Steady Wriggle, Playcentre, and Roxanne

from Sport Northland. T-ball, obstacle course, watergame, tennis, preschool activities and plenty of laughs. Paparooa rocks! (see page 11 for more).

Arty Farties Garage Sale is on every Sunday from 10-2pm. Thanks all who support us and for donations given. It's always appreciated. Funds go towards the gardens which supply the foodbank to give to those in need. What spoils it all is the news that they've been broken into yet again and items stolen.

Hubands promotion to win a new Samsung 32" TV is on until the end of May. Be in to win! Simply spend a minimum of \$50 in one visit to their retail yard to be in the draw.

Have you called into Books at Ruawai yet? It's an amazing treasure trove. They're open 6 days - see open hours in their advert page 5, and look them up on facebook for more!

Little Kiwis Move and Groove is coming for pre-schoolers! Starts 4 May at Paparooa Hall - see pg 4 for details.

Thanks to the farmers and other landowners who have been contolling gorse, tobacco weed etc., on the road approaches to Paparooa. It's looking much better.

White Rock Gallery would like everyone to know that, owing to building renovations, the gallery will close on 15th April, and re-open following completion of renovations.



What's Hot

A great turn out for the riverbank working bee - 12 keen helpers

What's Not



With just 7 out of 12 from Paparooa the other 5 were from Whakapirau and Matakohe ... where were more Paparooans?

A&P raffles

Winners of the Paparooa Show raffles were:

- 1st Ashley Cullen - farm posts (Carters, Maungaturoto)
- 2nd Ann Flood - dog food (Farm Source, Maungaturoto)
- 3rd Melinda Birt - wheelbarrow (Farm Source)

Indoor Section raffle prize, a load of firewood (Battensby Bros.), won by Ian Davies.

Firewood competition:

Winner - Geoff Fergusson (facilitated by "Walk For Life" Otamatea High School Senior Leaders and donated by Paparooa Lions).



First prize: photo by Susan Clayton

A&P photo competition

The competition for 'Best Show' photograph held at the 2018 NKAA Inc Paparooa Show was won by Susan Clayton.

2nd prize was awarded to Joy Bonham.

Two of our generous show sponsors, Life Style Autos and Maungaturoto Butchery provided the prizes. Thank you to all entrants and sponsors.



Second prize: photo by Joy Bonham

Rosemary Webb, Sponsorship

Garden rambles

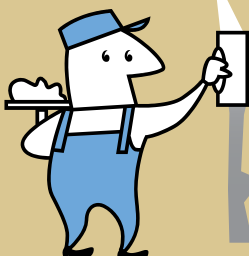
Our March garden club ramble was a huge success thanks to Alison of the Mangawhai Garden Club for organising four garden visits for us. And what lovely gardens they were.

There was Marie's quirky garden in Avocado Lane, full of lovely plants with the odd clever ornament thrown in. At Viv's we had a picnic lunch and enjoyed her well stocked and tended garden from her deck (with lovely home made biscuits too). In Old Waipu Road two more gardens, and what a surprise awaited us at the back of Eileen's garden, it took our breath away with the sheer size and magnitude, beautiful. Eileen accompanied us to Denise's garden where we thoroughly enjoyed seeing what can be done on a hill and in a short space of time, well done.

Many thanks to the wonderful hosts who took the time to show us around. Til next time, have a happy Easter, Maggy

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Anzac Display 21 April - 8 June

Fun Run & Walk, 7 April start 2.30pm at Paparoa Sports Pavillion

ORT One Act Play Festival, weekend 13-15 April see advert pg 10

NKKA AGM Sunday 29 April 2pm Paparoa Sports Pavillion. Volunteers needed.

ANZAC Civic Service Wednesday 25 April, 10.30am Matakahe War Memorial Hall

REGULAR EVENTS, MEETINGS AND ORGANISATIONS

Anglican Church St Marks 1st, 2nd & 4th Sundays 10am, Hook Road, Paparoa

Arara Church 10.30am every Sunday, All welcome ph 431 6622

Art Studio, Ruawai Wed 10-12noon ph Frances 439 2554

Arty Farties Thur/Fri/Sun at the "Tile Shed"; Garage sale Sundays 10am to 2pm;
Beginners Patchwork, Mon 7pm, Te Pahi River Dr. For info: ph Anne 431 6229

Badminton returns in Autumn Thursdays 7pm, Paparoa Hall ph Pete 4316 822

Crafternoons 1st & 3rd Wed in month, 10.30-4pm, Tinopai Hall ph Jo 431 7219

Exercise to Music Tue 10.30am Paparoa Hall \$5 ph Rose 431 7418

Farmers' Market Every Saturday 9-noon, Village Green. Contact Ruth 021 433 969

Grey Power Last Wed in month, 1pm, Anglican Church Hall, Mgto

Kaipara Marching Team Weds 4-5.30pm, Mgto, ph Rose Plunkett 431 7418

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Paparoa Hall Functions venue ph Robyn 431 7306 or a/h Loraine 431 7290

Paparoa Lions Dinner Meetings 3rd Mon in month 6.30pm, Sports Pavilion

Paparoa Playcentre starts 30 Jan. Tuesday and Thursday 10am-1pm Visitors Welcome
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Selwyn Centre Thurs 10am for over 65's, St Marks, Hook Rd, ph 431 8193

Sports Pavilion Functions Venue Bookings ph Jane Bailey 431 6148

St Mary's Catholic Church 10am Wed, 6pm Sat, Maungaturoto

Table Tennis Tues 7.30pm, Sports Pavilion \$2 Pete 431 6822

Tennis Tues 5-6pm Primary & High School; 6pm Adults; Fri 9.30am
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Village Flea Market 1st Sunday every month in the village 9am-12pm.

Waka Ama Tue & Thu 5pm, Sun 10am, Pahi Domain, ph Grant 027 474 3856

White Rock Gallery Open 7 days 10am-4pm, in Library building

Yoga: Monday: 6-7.15pm Mgto Centennial Hall: suitable for all levels

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PLEASE UPDATE US WITH YOUR DETAILS: press@paparoa.org.nz

HOOK, LINE & SINKER

Fishing is still pretty good at the moment, although you need to go down the harbour towards Batley or up the funnel to get the best chances.



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DATE	LOW	HIGH	DATE	LOW	HIGH
1st	5.41pm	11.46am	17th	5.53pm	11.52am
2nd	6.21pm	12.24pm	18th	6.13am	12.34pm
3rd	6.37am	1.02pm	19th	6.56am	1.18pm
4th	7.15am	1.39pm	20th	7.44am	2.07pm
5th	7.54am	2.17pm	21st	8.37am	3.02pm
6th	8.35am	2.59pm	22nd	9.38am	4.05pm
7th	9.23am	3.49pm	23rd	10.47am	5.15pm
8th	10.22am	4.48pm	24th	12.00pm	6.31pm
9th	11.31am	5.58pm	25th	1.10pm	7.11am
10th	12.43pm	6.36am	26th	2.12pm	8.16am
11th	1.45pm	7.43am	27th	3.05pm	9.10am
12th	2.36pm	8.37am	28th	3.52pm	9.57am
13th	3.19pm	9.20am	29th	4.35pm	10.40am
14th	3.58pm	9.59am	30th	5.15pm	11.19am
15th	4.35pm	10.36am			
16th	5.13pm	11.14am			

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Press Photo Competition - March winner Chloe Smith

The competition is for photographs of **'INTERESTING BUILDINGS IN THE KAIPARA'** which capture the building's story and environment all in a photo. This month's winner is Chloe Smith. Lestis eos



This month's winner: Old Dairy Factory, Ruawai - Chloe Smith

Thank you for your March entries. We have two more months to run (April & May) so look around and see what you can find by way of interesting Kaipara buidings.

Anyone living in the Paparoa Press delivery area can enter. Our professional photographer will choose each month's

winning photo, and a grand prize-winner will be selected from all entries.

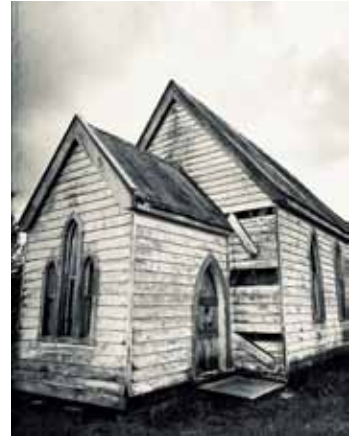
Our Judge's comments for March were "Three great photos and it was a hard decision to choose the best one. In the end I have chosen the picture of the old Ruawai Dairy Factory. This image



Whakapirau Church - Jacque Knight -

captures the tired, run-down nature of the building through the use of washed out colours which give a sense of an old, hand-coloured black and white photograph. While this is a hint of the building's former glory, it displays it more as a relic of the past."

Please email your entries for



Derelict church near Ruawai - Angela Denton

May to press@paparoa.org.nz before 20 April. See previous PP for competition guidelines. Pegasus Engraving sponsors our monthly prize - either: your photo reproduced on a 5x7 chromalux board, OR etched onto a white mug.

We look forward to receiving your entries!



A spot of Paparoa history

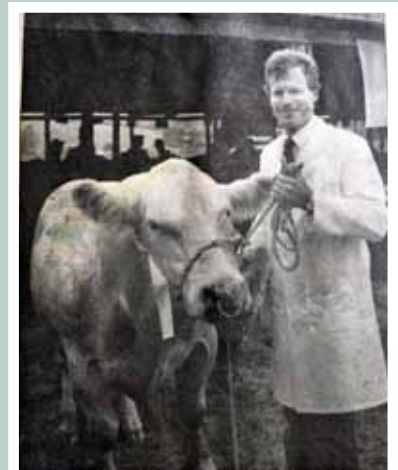
From the McCarroll family scrap book some wonderful old newspaper clippings (with the original captions) of the oldest ongoing events of Paparoa, the Pioneer Luncheon and the North Kaipara A&P Show.



Jennifer Rathbone (centre) having a chat with two attendees of the inaugural Otamatea Pioneer Luncheon 48 years ago. Mrs Isabell McConaughy (left), now living in Whangarei and at right Mrs Olive Broderick who is soon to move to Dunedin.



Three-year-old Peter Martin was one of the youngest contestants at the North Kaipara A&P Show mini rodeo held on the weekend. The crowd cheered the young competitor as he rode his sheep around the arena. Pictured with Peter is Jim Woolley who has been involved with rodeos in the North for the past 40 years.



"I've been coming to this show since I was a boy, and it's great to see how well the show has developed." The Speaker: Minister of Education and Kaipara MP Lockwood Smith, shown above with his Belgian Bull stud sire, 'Woodleigh Gaillard'.



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