

Paparoa Press

AUGUST 2023

Budding performers!

Paparoa Primary School students were visited by Circus Kumarani at the end of June and were taught some new tricks.

Once they had honed their skills they got to show them off in a performance for their parents.

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Paparooa School news

Kia Ora Paparooa Community

I hope that most of you came to the Paparooa Community Showcase that happened on the 30th July. This event is such a celebration of what is happening within this wonderful village.

There are so many little groups all creating opportunities for people to be involved. I have the privilege of being a part of the Paparooa Connections Workshop which meets every three months to discuss the projects happening around the area. This enables us to discuss ideas, support each

other and develop contacts for the different events or projects that each group is doing. Please keep an eye out for the next meeting that will be advertised in this awesome publication- Paparooa Press.

Our school had a big week at the end of June. We celebrated the 150th anniversary of our school with a luncheon and unveiling of the magazine. These are still available at Skelton's or school if anybody is interested. On Thursday 29th June, our students performed for their parents, displaying all the skills they learnt through Circus Kumarani. We also had a Matariki night, making stars and enjoying a catch up.

This term we are gearing up for our annual fundraiser- Possum Purge. This is being held from

Friday 8th September to 10th September. Each person will be receiving a possum purge bag on registration and I have been informed by a reliable source that there are plenty of possums about. Registration forms are available from school or email admin@paparooa.school.nz Any farmers that are looking for hunters to clear possums, please contact the school and we will pair you up with a team. If you have any queries or questions, please contact the office on 09 431 7379.

Nga Mihi
Karyn Taylor

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A chilly winter morning on July24 didn't deter the pupils of Paparooa and Tinopai Primary Schools who got out there and did some planting along the riverbank in Paparooa.

A reminder to our contributors!

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While we always welcome editorial content we reserve the right to decline or hold over any articles outside our regular columns.

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Council Mark says – Let’s talk about the weather

Sometimes in the wee small hours when I can’t get back to sleep I do some of my best thinking. Having a publishing deadline also helps.

So here is my 3.40 am insight - what happened to Tolaga Bay as a result of forestry (and native forest) slash is a metaphor for New Zealand’s role in climate change. Never mind if the Tolaga Bay community decided to aim for being carbon neutral in their local environment, never mind if they should achieve that, it would do nothing to protect them from future slash deluges unless land management in the whole catchment were to change. New Zealand is officially seeking carbon neutrality as a nation, but that will do nothing to stop the weather bombs from brewing up in the equatorial Pacific and

dumping on us. We do not make our own weather; we are bit players in a global weather system.

We do however make our own pollution, and that is where I believe we should collectively be focussing our attention as a nation. If we manage to tread more lightly on this part of the Earth we will improve our own quality of life as well as improve the health of the planet. Of course, the win, win, win would be solutions which improve our quality of life, improve Planet Earth’s wellbeing, and also save us money. This must be possible. Any savings made should be spent on more resilient infrastructure.

I have written previously about the licence-to-pollute

abomination of the Emissions Trading Scheme that is carbon farming; my triple win alternative approach would reduce our carbon footprint so we would still be able to virtue signal to our trading partners that we are being responsible world citizens.

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Pest Free Peninsulas Kaipara is a community of pest and weed control champions, protecting our local plants and animals in Paparoa/ Kaipara with Shaun at the helm.

When Shaun isn't out in the bush maintaining trap lines and destroying invasive weeds he's usually out in the community working with other groups or in schools teaching the importance of his work to our tamariki.



He also runs a Pest Free Peninsulas Kaipara Facebook page where members can share their success stories and general pest eradication information. The page is a great record of the hard work being carried out by Shaun and others and also an excellent source of information on the wonders of the NZ bush, from birdlife and regenerating

undergrowth to insects and fungi.

Thank you Shaun for all your hard mahi and for inspiring so many to follow in your footsteps.



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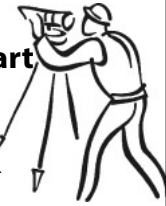
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In the meantime we had a very successful term of junior table tennis over the last few months with help from a professional coach from Table Tennis Northland. We had up to 20 young people attending the weekly sessions and it has been great to watch them learn new skills and improve as the weeks go by. It has been so successful that we have chosen to keep the junior sessions going for at least another school term. Juniors start at 5.30pm every Tuesday at the Sports Pavilion.

We were very fortunate to receive a grant from the Paparooa County Depot Trust which was topped up by the Sport and Rec Association which allowed us to buy a new table, some nets, bats and balls. The junior sessions are followed by an adult session which we are now starting at 7pm so that we get home a bit earlier on these wintry nights. We are always keen to have more players for either the kids or adults and all levels of player are made welcome.

Pete



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There were sightings in early April which is the earliest they've been recorded here. Sightings over the past five years were: 2018 - 8 kaka, mainly around Wearmouth Rd and Pahi Rd, 2019 - 4 kaka, mainly around Pahi Rd, 2020 - 2, 2021 - 1, 2022 - 3, all on Pahi Rd.

The hope is with pest control they might stay for good and last year they stayed the longest (2 months). So keep your eyes out for these playful parrots and remember to post any pictures or videos as a record on the Pest Free Peninsulas Facebook page.



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OCS August News

As I write I watch the sun go behind a cloud once again and see the sky darken to warn of yet another shower. This day has been one of rain/sun, rain/sun... I wonder if the ground will ever be dry enough to walk on, will the grass ever be mown again, will the washing dry outside in the sunny breeze again...

The lack of sun definitely has a depressing effect, together with the ever-present rain- it's enough to get you down; so, roll on spring, we could all do with a change. And speaking of such, for a change of scenery why not take our free mini-bus trip to Whangarei- it's going on Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 23rd. You can do your grocery shopping or whatever you wish, just ask the driver. It leaves the Maungaturoto Retirement Village at 9am and returns after lunch. Call us to book your seat and for any other enquiries, on 431 9080.

As advised, we are trialling bi-monthly community lunches for a while, so all going well the next one is set for 6th September.

Best wishes from all at OCS

Huge weekend for Museum

The Kauri Museum's Grand Opening Weekend on July 22 and 23 was deemed a great success, after around nearly 1,000 people visited over two days. Celebrating the completion of renovation works, including upgrades to Gumdiggers Cafe, the creation of a new Research and Collections Centre, and a new entrance and forest walkway which completely changes the way visitors move through the Museum, the weekend began with a dawn service.

Grant O'Neill



Guests entering the Museum for the dawn opening



Moving through the Forest Walkway



Museum Director Barbara Hilden and Board Chair Grant McCallum



Northland MP Willow-Jean Prime and Board Chair Grant McCallum cutting the ribbon



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Closing the Circle

John and Rachel Dodds reached Auckland, New Zealand on board the barque "Ballarat" on Monday, 9 August, 1869. They had emigrated from what is now Northern Ireland. They were married November 4, 1868 in the Ballygilbert Presbyterian Church, near Bangor, Ireland.

Neither John nor Rachel could write as the signatures on their marriage record were marked with an "X".

Seven months later finds them in London about to depart for New Zealand so it is reasonable to speculate that they married in order to travel to New Zealand together. Apparently John had the job of delivering sheep to New Zealand but

how they traveled from Ireland to London Gravesend on the River Thames, ready for departure is lost to us. One possible clue rests with the relationship between the Dodds and Coates families. The Coates brothers were financed for their New Zealand venture in Matakoho by George Washington Charters, who owned the Ulster Linen Company in Belfast and who had married the brothers' older sister. Two Dodds children were named George and Washington, so perhaps he was responsible for buying the sheep and engaging our John to take them to New Zealand.

"The Albertlanders" records John as coming to New Zealand under engagement to Messrs. E. and T. Coates. John worked for the Coates brothers for three years from 1869. In 1872 he left the Coates employ and settled in neighboring Paparoa. The family grew rapidly once they reached New Zealand. Family history has the first born, John Thomas, being born at the wharf in Paparoa so they certainly cut it fine. Following John Thomas was Eleanor Jane in 1870, Robert in 1872, Albert William in 1874, Richard Alexander in 1876, Washington in 1879, Tyrell in 1881, Samuel Taylor in 1883, George in 1885, and Ann Elizabeth in 1887. Washington and Ann Elizabeth both died young within days of each other in June 1897 as a result of a diphtheria epidemic. Eight survived and all married, although Richard Alexander was the only one to not have children to continue the next generation. Many of these children can be seen in photographs at the Kauri Museum.

John supplemented his farming with road, bridge and wharf building throughout the Northern Wairoa. "The Albertlanders" describes this as: "In these matters he developed a genius and skill really remarkable. Less favoured than many with school advantages, he could see his way through an earthworks estimate or engineering problem with

wonderful adeptness. Hence he was often to the fore as contractor or partner in Government or local road works, and was universally trusted by authorities and co-workers." It is certainly intriguing to consider how a young man who could not write at the time of his marriage could develop such skills. One of his major construction projects was the Pahi Wharf, built in 1881. It stood until the 1960s when it was considered unsafe and beyond repair, so it was pulled down. He also built the Cutter Bridge over the Paparoa Creek on the road to Pahi.

With his sons he also drove cattle and hauled trees and lumber. John was also active with the North Kaipara Agricultural Association, and he is shown in a photo of the Executive, taken in 1898. He was apparently a skilled ploughman and judged plough competitions for some years.

By 1908 John and Rachel owned 417 acres at Paparoa at a time when 50 acres was considered a large farm. Daughter Eleanor and her husband Ernest Tibbetts had a further 417 acres and John Thomas and Robert between them owned 1216 acres.

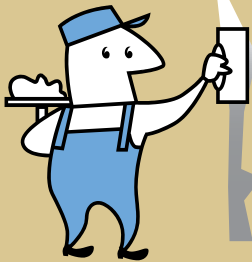
My grandfather, George, was the youngest son of John and Rachel. Born in Paparoa on 16 November, 1885, he married Olive Selena Mary Basset (Lena) in 1907. They had three children, Ena, born 4 September 1909, Vera, born 1910, and my father, Kenneth George, born 12 December 1913. Vera died in infancy on 4 February 1911 and is buried in St Marks, Paparoa.

My first memory of my grandfather George was when I was about seven years old. I recall traveling by train from Auckland to Maungaturoto and spending some time on his farm which I believe was across the road from the Edith Cavell Hospital. That would have been around 1950. Two abiding memories of that time were being placed on the back of a horse without a

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Kauri Museum Recruitment

It is with regret that the Kauri Museum announces the departure at the end of July of its Director, Barbara Hilden. Barbara joined the Museum from Canada in February 2022 to help structure a return from Covid and deliver the Museum's \$3M PGF-funded development. Family illness in Canada is now necessitating her return.

Kauri Museum board chair Grant McCallum said it's a disappointment Barbara will be moving on just as her first big projects are completed. "We have made tremendous progress under Barbara's leadership and are sorry to see her go. As we say sad farewells, we've started an international search to recruit her successor. The Kauri Museum is a tremendous resource for Northland and Aotearoa and, with the recent completion of the redevelopment project, we have become a refreshed international destination. Our journeys of modernisation and reconciliation are well and truly underway and we're looking for our next Director to continue that work."



former Kaipara District Mayor Dr Jason Smith will fill in as Acting Director to help maintain continuity and momentum from the recent redevelopment. "There's an exciting new era beginning for the Kauri Museum," said Jason, "and I'm honoured to help steward this institution for a few months until the new Director will be in place." A lifelong Matakoho resident and ardent Northland supporter, Jason brings extensive experience in the kauri tourism sector alongside a wealth of cultural policy, economic development and relationship development that will not only help keep the Museum running seamlessly, but also grow its profile.

Jason and Barbara, working together with the Board's Recruitment Committee, will help ensure that the Museum's

next Director is well positioned to take on the role - and that they understand what a privilege it is. "I'm devastated to be leaving so soon," Barbara said, "but the Museum is a wonderful place and I'm so excited for whomever comes next."

Grant O'Neill



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While the Kauri Museum is recruiting its next Director,

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saddle and being made to ride (I've never ridden since!) and helping clean the separator plates in the milking shed. The farm must have been on cream supply and the separator plates had this thick almost butter like cream left on them that was delicious. The skim milk went down to the pasture for the pigs.

My father, Kenneth George, was born in Whangarei on 12 December 1913. At some stage prior to 1941 he left the farm in Paparoa and moved to Auckland.

Around 1953 my grandfather sold his farm and moved to Auckland. By that time all his brothers had sold, and the only Dodds family member left in the area was my Uncle Owen, son of Samuel Taylor Dodds and Ada Violet Roswell. Uncle

Owen died in 1999, so we no longer had a family presence in the area.

Fast forward to today. After living overseas for many years, my wife Jude and I decided to return to New Zealand. We wanted to live in the country within about a two hour drive to Auckland, so the Otamatea area was high on our list of places to live.

For nearly a year we researched properties in the Paparoa area, while waiting for Jude's resident visa. While a few met our needs, none were available within our timeline. Finally we made a trip in March 2023 and were fortunate to find the home of our dreams on Tinopai Road. It's not Paparoa, but the Dodds name is once more in the area. The circle has been closed.

Brian Dodds



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The main objective is to preserve their waterways' health, enhance biodiversity, prevent erosion, and create a sustainable environment for future generations.

The planting day saw a collaboration between the local community and students from Dargaville High School. Ten enthusiastic students, accompanied by their passionate teacher, joined the effort to lend their hands in restoring the waterways. These students had been

learning about the importance of preserving and rejuvenating the region's water bodies in their school curriculum, and participating in the planting day provided them with a practical, hands-on learning experience.

In addition to the students, Sustainable Kaipara, a local environmental organization, joined the endeavour. With KMR, their expertise and knowledge added value to the planting process, ensuring that suitable native plant species

were selected and properly placed to optimize their ecological impact.

The day started with everyone working diligently to plant native New Zealand trees, including manuka, kahikatea, kawakawa, and flax. The range of species were chosen for their ability to thrive in the local ecosystem and contribute to restoring the waterways. By selecting a mix of plant varieties, Danbri Farm aims to foster a resilient and diverse ecosystem that will benefit various native flora and fauna. With approximately 3000 plants to put in the ground, the team did a great job getting about half of this number successfully planted on the day.

After hours of effort, and a few breaks of throwing fetch for the four farm Jack Russells, the team finished with a delicious BBQ lunch.



The KMR initiative implemented by the farm, along with the support of Dargaville High School students and Sustainable Kaipara, showcases the power of collaborative efforts in addressing environmental challenges. By nurturing these newly planted waterways with care, Danbri Farm aims to witness the flourishing of thriving ecosystems, cleaner water, and a healthier environment for generations to come.

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Early memories of Paparoa School as a pupil from 1946 to 1957

My first day at Paparoa School as a newly-turned 5 year old stands out in my memory very clearly. My Teacher Miss Noelene Watson, later Mrs Brian Fenwick who boarded at The Cliff House with the three Misses Cliff, walked me to the two-roomed school opposite the old Post Office.



The site of the school is now part of State Highway 12 which was required for the re-formation of the dangerous corner on the main highway. School Lane, once part of the main road became a cul de sac with several houses already built there. The School House, having been restored by the Risbridge family, still stands in its original position.

Mr Cole was the Principal in the senior room (standard two to standard six, and the junior room was home to primer one to Standard one). School was fun and I enjoyed learning to read and do arithmetic. I also remember the day I found I could read lots of words in the New Zealand Herald which was the daily newspaper we received regularly in our home and the news headlines were read and discussed. My next sister was just 1 year and 8 months younger than me and she wanted to know what I had learnt each day. We had been given a small blackboard for Christmas so I went through the words and the sums we had done. She could read when she went to school and was dismayed that she didn't start reading on her first day. She was told to go and play with the blocks but that didn't suit her at all. It became harder to get her to school until

she was actually reading and doing arithmetic at last.

Two years in the "primers" and I moved into the senior room. Mr Brian Smith was the teacher in this room and he was strict and

expected us to work hard. The spelling charts where we got a star stamp for learning the 25 words and spelled them all correctly in both tests given each week with a dictation sentence or two using as many of the week's words that would fit into the sentences. Times tables were chanted each day until we got them all correct in a weekly test. My mother wrote them all out on the back of a big calendar and hung it behind the kitchen door at home. We had to go over them each night. I have never forgotten the times tables to 12, and the basic addition facts to 10. Once I had learnt all those facts then maths was a breeze and I enjoyed the lessons.

We played cricket, tennis, marbles, bullrush, hopscotch, alphabet steps using the letters of our names, basketball (now netball with 9 in each team). We would play other schools at rugby and basketball, cricket and other sports. In the summer we would go swimming when the tide was in at the landing, or under the bridge at the bottom of Trounson's Hill. Our changing rooms were a big gorse or blackberry bush.

In the early 1950s an extra room was added at the southern end of the school

property so that the standard one and two children could be taught there. The number in the senior room had increased so much that it was very crowded. Mrs Belle McConaughy was the first teacher in the "prefab". The senior girls used to go into her room for sewing and craft lessons on Thursday afternoons while the boys did gardening or sport. The Paparoa Library was in the school grounds and was opened for one day a week. The senior girls used to wash the floor before the day it was open. Later it was moved to opposite the Chemist's shop, now the cafe. It was bought by Peter Lister and is now located on Pahi Road.

Elizabeth Metcalfe

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Nice and dry at the Museum

In June and July the Kauri Museum ran a fundraising campaign to help purchase new dehumidifiers to protect its priceless artifacts from mildew and rust. The Museum is incredibly grateful for the individuals who donated, and to the Paparoa County Depot Trust. All up \$2,400 was raised, and so three new dehumidifiers are now purring away, sucking the relentless damp out of the air.



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Four Antipodean titles for you this month, two Aussie, two Kiwi. The first, "Exiles," by Jane Harper. Tired of murder and mayhem but enjoy a mystery? This is a feel-good enigma, why the title I have no idea. Set in a small wine-growing community in Australia in the midst of a wine festival, the warm, family dynamics of very real characters almost takes over from the plot of the sudden disappearance of a young mother. Loads of red herrings, was it foul play or not, and if so who amongst that loving, caring extended family and friends could be responsible? I really enjoyed this one, the descriptions were so well written that I could walk around the festival and explore the village, taste the wine and bask in the golden Australian sun. Corker Mate!

Secondly, another from across the ditch, "Sarah's Gift," by Anna Jacobs. A very light hearted read, almost a farce. Who hasn't imagined an unexpected inheritance from a hitherto unknown and extremely wealthy relative, or how they would spend Lotto winnings of millions?



And of course all the unattached and bitter singletons find true love. Almost a childish fairy tale, unrelated to real life, a quick read to fill in as a break between heavier content.

Speaking of heavier content: "After the Tampa," by Abbas Nazari. "Boat People!" Suffering, homeless, drowning, continually on the news - we have become inured. This is a clear, almost matter of fact autobiography of a small boy who escaped Afghanistan and the Taliban with his family, back in 2001, the hardship and horror as seen through a child's eyes. The Tampa was a Norwegian container ship that rescued 426 people from a sinking fishing boat north of Australia, the Australian government at that time refusing them entry. The New Zealand Government under Helen Clarke agreed to take 150 people, families with children, give them refugee status, house and care and educate them. Abbas Nazari has had a very successful life growing up in Christchurch, surviving the earthquake and the Mosque shooting. He writes of coming second in The Great New Zealand Spelling Bee, starting a vehicle parts business with his brother, and becoming a Fulbright scholar in America.

Now, the piece de resistance - "Eddy, Eddy," by Kate de Goldi. You will need to keep Mr Google handy to look up the meanings of all the copious big words, authors, composers and their works, animals and plants and Latin phrases. Kate de Goldi must have a Masters Degree in English Literature, the Arts, Zoology, Botany and Theology... or perhaps Eddy would have if he hadn't dropped out of school. This is cleverly crafted writing, it exudes cleverness! You become immersed in the life of Eddy when suddenly, like a cream pie in the face, someone else enters the picture. Boo! Set in post earthquake Christchurch I rate it NZ Book of the Year, of the decade even. Brilliant and beautiful, heart warming, heart breaking, Eddy gets under your skin and stays with you long after you close the last page.

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I've been thinking ... XX

The irreverent, I was once told, used to call Paparoa 'Holy Hollow'. Something to do with the firm religious convictions of the early settlers. That, however, is a digression.

I am considering the present movement to rename so many of our places. Russell will revert to Kororareka for example, depending on the result of a current argument in Court. Hamilton and Auckland are already dual named in many contexts as Tamaki Makaurau/Auckland and Kirikiriroa/Hamilton. And so on.

I find I don't really care about the names. If people want them, the changes will

happen eventually.
But why the urgency?
Why the rush?
Why the trouble?
Why the expense?

Changing the name on all the signs, all the stationery, all the records, is quite a big deal in terms of both effort and money and even our Court time. It will affect every business and every person

in every place and for something which we would have to categorise as 'nice to have', even trivial, rather than necessary. Surely we have other priorities!

So I will not be leading a campaign to change Paparoa's name. Although 'Holy Hollow' is nicely alliterative: it has such virtuous connotations, and we would not have to share it with that place on the South Island's West Coast. RS



Me, Myself, and I...

I can be my own best friend and I can be my own worst enemy. No matter how many friends or enemies I have, or whatever circumstances I find myself in, it is ultimately up to me to choose how to live my life. My decisions, my failures and successes, my responsibility. I don't have to like myself, there is always room for improvement, but I do need to love myself. I do need to take care of me; not my every immediate want, but my necessary needs because sometimes I am the only one who can.

Self care is not to be confused with selfishness, and the needs of the inner man can outweigh the needs of the temporary and physical, i.e. putting others first has a deeper, long term reward. "T'is a far, far better thing I do than I have ever done," Charles Dickens, A Tale of Two Cities.

I can try to be someone else's best friend and try not to make too many enemies but there will always be those who will make themselves enemies to me. I can do my best to avoid them. I can forgive them. Their value is to test myself against them.

I am the only me I've got, my life journey is mine alone. The human existence is a lonely one; however solitude and loneliness are not to be confused with one another. And I do so love it when I find companions along my way. They are more precious than gold.

Anne B



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Petition - Title compensation for land owners with Native Bush

We moved here some twelve months ago onto 200 acres of Matakohe farmland- 50 acres of which is covered in native bush. We are bounded by a large block of former pine forest and I was somewhat shocked to find that forestry block had received thousands of dollars in carbon credits payments.

When I enquired if we could secure the same compensation I was informed that we, along with all other bush clad properties were not eligible. This seemed to me to be grossly unfair and unjust as our bush still absorbs carbon. I was told mature bush only absorbs small amounts of carbon.

When you go into native bush you find small immature

totara, kahikatea, puriri, matai, kauri, and many more - all absorbing carbon.

Since living in the native bush we have found our health has improved.

Are we not better to be planting native bush instead of pine trees that clog up our rivers and beaches with their flotsam and jetsam?

Also why should our hard earned taxes go in to helping foreign investors who buy up our precious farm land, plant pine trees and then get compensated with carbon credits.

The country is, in my opinion, getting enormous benefits from our native bush.

If land holders fence off and protect their native bush they should be compensated even more so for their costs and loss of land use.

So, I will be starting a petition saying we respectfully request that the House of Representatives (all political parties) compensate land owners with over 2 hectares of native bush on their properties for the carbon they sequester from their indigenous forest if land holders voluntarily agree not to harvest their forest.

This petition is in the process of being put online but we will also be out and about with paper copies you can sign.

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White Rock Gallery
White Rock Gallery at Matakohe is booming!

The first eleven days have been busy, in our new location, at the rear of the Museum Post and Telegraph Office. Travellers and locals alike are appreciating the range of art and crafts available. There is a lot of new work to grace the freshly painted walls and display stands. The work is turning over at a gratifying rate. Don't miss out.

Look out for the stunning peacock quilt, the cows looking down from their picture frame above the desk and much more. Grab that special birthday or anniversary present. Smaller items are stocked too. We value our artists who not only create, they volunteer their time to sit behind the desk. It is rewarding for them to chat to a wide range of people from all over the country and overseas. Please call in and request a form to join as a contributor or 'friend of the gallery'. You can also email whiterockgallerynz@gmail.net.nz.

It makes a special day out to lunch at The Gumdiggers Cafe, visit the museum and the gallery. The Kaipara district has so much to offer. Bring your guests in to see us as a 'must do' while they are here. They won't be able to resist what we have to offer.

White Rock Gallery Committee





Maungaturoto and Districts Rotary

I thought I would start this month's report with our insignia for the current Rotary year (July to June). Our International President, Gordon McNally, spoke about this, and why he had chosen the topic. I am mindful of the fact that we are all capable of creating hope in our small corners and it is something I aim to do. Northland also got a mention at the International Rotary Conference held in Melbourne with Cat Levine's Te Taitokerau Mental Wellbeing project being promoted. This is a three year project and at the moment this is being conducted in the far and mid North, but we will be having our turn next year when the Kaiwaka school is involved. All reports I have had of this have been very positive.

We farewelled Les as President early in July (Presidents only hold the position for one year usually) and Les outlined what had been accomplished in the past year, which included our support of William Pike and Duke of Edinburgh as well as the President's Scholarship \$1,500), Senior Citizens' afternoon tea, providing a candidate for the Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA), involvement of Year 12 students at the High School in the Rotary Youth Driving Academy (RYDA) as well as the continued popularity of our Driver Mentoring scheme. We now have a new President in Babe Kapa and he has already outlined his ideas for the club in the ensuing year, but he is seeking input from all members so that whatever we do has us all on the same page. Looks like we are in for a fantastic year.



Babe and Les

I am not sure if this position will be filled at the time of publication, but we are looking for a host family for a 17 year old Swiss student from November 2023 to February 2024. While the student gets an allowance, there is no reimbursement for the host family. For two weeks of this time, the student will be away with other students who have come from overseas. Lars will be attending Otamatea High School. If you think you might be interested, please call me on 021 142 0357 for more details.

I am pleased to let you know that we have had two applications for people to be Driver Mentors. This means that our car should be well used over the coming months as the waiting list continues to grow.

Nikau Grove continues to take some of our time. We had planned to weed in the area but we have decided to wait for better weather. However, we have put up some alkathene to better define the track and as well as putting astroturf on the walkway over the kauri roots we have also placed it on the bridge at the bottom end of the bush area. This was starting to get a little slippery so now it will be safer to walk on. The next working bee we will be having will be laying more limestone on strategic parts of the track. It is amazing that what we laid some time ago has packed down nicely.

We plan to be part of the Community showcase run by Progressive Paparoa on 30th July. This will give us a chance to show what not only we as a club do, but what the wider organisation of Rotary is involved in.

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Fish Curry

Now that Mario's Fresh Fish shop has opened in Maungaturoto I've been eating more fish. I stumbled upon this Annabel Langbein recipe when I was looking online for a curry recipe that offered something a bit more interesting. It's fresh and fragrant and you can adjust the amount of chilli to suit. I was making it for someone who doesn't like hot things so left it out completely and it was still delicious. I've made it with snapper and mullet but it would also work well with kahawai - both underrated fish. I also substituted peanuts for the cashews as it's what I had in the cupboard.

Serves 4

- 1/2 cup coconut cream
- 1/3 cup desiccated coconut
- 1/2 cup roasted cashews
- 1 tsp soft brown sugar
- 1-2 green chilli, stem, seeds and pith removed
- 2 cups coriander
- 2-3 limes, finely grated zest and juice of
- 3 cloves garlic
- 2 tbsp chopped fresh ginger
- 1/2 tsp ground turmeric
- 1 tbsp cumin seeds
- 1 tsp salt
- 2 cups fish stock, or chicken stock
- 2 potatoes, cut in 3cm dice
- 225 g pumpkin, peeled, seeded, cut into 2-3cm pieces

500 g fresh fish fillets, boneless, skinless, sliced in 3-4cm chunks

In a food processor purée together coconut cream, desiccated coconut, cashews, brown sugar, chillies, coriander leaves, lime juice and zest, garlic, ginger, turmeric, cumin seeds, salt and stock.

Transfer to a large pot.

Simmer 10 minutes.

Add potatoes and pumpkin and simmer gently for 20 minutes.

Add fish fillets and stir well, cover and cook for

5 minutes without stirring until fish is cooked through.

Spoon onto rice in serving bowls and top with lightly cooked green beans.

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Dogs and bones

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Recently I had a case of a square peg in a round hole or at least something stuck where you would think it was impossible. I was called out to a dog with a bone stuck in its mouth and I assumed, like others I had seen, that the bone was stuck IN the dog's mouth. Usually bones get stuck in the hard palate or around teeth or in one case right in the back of the throat. But this case was special because the bone was stuck around her lower jaw jammed behind her canine teeth. The bone was a cross section of a bovine cannon bone so it was a triangular version of a circle. Apparently this lass had been playing with the bone, tossing it into the air and somehow it had "fallen" over her lower jaw. There was no way it was going to fall off again because it was tightly stuck. Sedation was required to allow us to pass a wire and cut the bone off - it took two cuts, there was no way it was coming easily. A bit of reversal and a much happier dog went home.

Wonder what the next new thing will be?

Take care, Janine



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After a few days of sunshine at the beginning of July we are all truly looking forward to spring. The gardens are looking fantastic again after the caterpillar issues we've all struggled through and we are happy to say that harvesting is



once again a regular occurrence. We are still always on the hunt for additional produce so if you have any extra that you would like to donate we will happily come and pick for you. Thank you very much to those who answered last months request for fruit!

Our new Aladdin's Cave, the second hand shop, is looking great. It is not quite ready yet but we are looking for someone who would be willing to help run this on a Saturday morning. If this interests you please get in touch at kfullerton25@gmail.com or via our facebook page, Grow Paparoa.

Finally our AGM will be held at our September meeting this year, Wed 20th September, 5pm at the Sports Pavilion. Please feel free to come along.

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Special things about the Octopus!

- Have very large brains - can solve problems, negotiate mazes, remember things, predict what's going to happen, use tools and take things apart!
- Each of its 8 arms has a mind of its own- and can even act on its own when separated from the body. This is sometimes used as a decoy to escape a predator if trapped.
- Can regrow a new arm if needed.
- Has 3 hearts- 2 to pump blood to the gills while the third heart circulates the blood around the body but stops when the octopus swims- as a result the animal prefers to crawl rather than swim. Also has blue blood!

- Can change its colour and texture to camouflage in less than 1 second!
- Some even build cities and live in groups.
- They use tools- some carry two halves of a coconut shell using them as a mobile home to hide inside if under attack.
- Females lay up to 40,000 eggs then guards them for about 5 months- giving her life for her young- not even eating- then she dies.
- Males die soon after mating.

An octopus kept in an aquarium was smart enough to squeeze out of its enclosure at night and steal fish for its dinner from another tank and get back again!



A wild octopus was beached and a man helped it by putting it back in the water - the next day the octopus came up to him as he went swimming as if to say "thanks mate!"

BUT- A commercial company Nueva Pe Scanova has spent 65 million to develop farming octopuses in La Palmas/Canary Islands for the Japanese and Korean Market - killing these animals by hypothermia in an ice bath. A painful death for such amazing creatures. So sad.

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He became one of the most successful song writers writing about 1250 Songs, many for Broadway Musicals, of which at least 20 were top sellers. He died in 1989 aged 101 years.



Stella

August Gardening Notes

This winter to date has been exceptionally wet and uninviting to get out in the garden. But here are a few things that can be attended to.

Potatoes- the hardy, humble and staple crop grown in most 'Kiwi' gardens. It is preferable to purchase certified seed potatoes free from pests, diseases and bred for a better crop. Supermarket spuds may sprout and grow but the crop can be variable. Some may have been dusted with something to help prevent them from sprouting and keep longer once harvested - no use if you want to grow a fresh crop. Seed potatoes can be purchased online, at garden centres and hardware stores. Start sprouting potatoes now. Lie them flat in a single layer in a box or egg carton, leave them in a dry, light position to sprout and produce dark purple sturdy shoots in time to plant. Early maturing varieties, like waxy varieties such as Cliff Kidney, Jersey Benne, Liseta, and Rocket should be planted in September. Swift are ideal for boiling, hold their shape and will be ready to harvest in time to serve on the Christmas dinner table. If put to sprout in a dark position the shoots will be white and spindly.

Meanwhile select an open sunny, well drained and weed free position, dig in compost, aged animal manure and preferred manures to add nitrogen and nutrients. This allows time to amalgamate into the ground to become 'workable'- allowing your fingers to move into the soil easily.

Frilly and crunchy Cos varieties of lettuce can be sown or planted out in either garden plots or I tend to plant 3-4 in each pot of potting mix with a pinch of dried blood at the base of the planting hole. These can be successfully grown in a warm place in full sun (at this time of year) on the terrace or handy to the kitchen picking leaves as and when required leaving the remaining plant to continue growing.

Control scale, mites and aphids on citrus with a spray of Conqueror Oil which works by coating pests and their eggs with a suffocating film.

Epsom Salt is a natural, valuable mineral first discovered in Epsom, England. Also known as magnesium sulphate it works well in the home garden giving fertilizer and soil a much needed boost of both magnesium and sulphate. The additional minerals enable plants to receive more nutrition from the soil they are growing in thereby increasing the plant's output. A sign of magnesium deficiency is leaves turning yellow. Sprinkle 1Tbsp (15ml) Epsom Salt per 30 cm of height of plant/bush once a month. When added to fruit producing trees, bushes and vines it boosts the chlorophyll inside the plant resulting in more energy, increased sugar and sweeter fruit. Applying Epsom Salt to rose bushes when planting and flowering encourages larger, deeper, darker coloured flowers.

Help plants overcome transplant shock by either sprinkling on the topsoil near the base and then watering or putting a little Epsom Salt into the planting hole, cover with a little dirt before planting, then water.

Cut down weeding time- mix 2 cups of Epsom Salts with 3.8 litres of vinegar and some dishwashing detergent and spot spray with a spray bottle. Weeds will die in no time.

Sprinkling Epsom Salt around plants irritates and helps deter slugs, snails and various pests, but being water soluble requires frequent applications

Members of the edible nightshade family such as peppers, tomatoes, egg plants and potatoes need a lot of magnesium to produce greater yields and help improve flavour. Sprinkle 1 Tbsp (15ml) of Epsom Salt around the base of the plant or for quicker results water plants by dissolving the same amount of Epsom Salt in 3.8 litres of water fortnightly.

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Paparooa's Farmers' Market happens every Saturday morning, 9am - 12 at the Village Green. Fresh fruit & veges, sweet treats, plants, olive oil, fish, preserves, live music and so much more. A great place to catch up with friends or make new ones.

Flax Weaving At Shop & Brew on Sundays. Bring some flax and learn under Naadi's tuition. Feel free to come in and try it out.

Artisan Market - NO MARKET IN AUGUST. Email artisanmarket.paparooa@gmail.com or ph Steph 027 452 7124 or Ruth 021 433 969.

Grow Whakatipu Paparooa Drop in for a chat, hands on experience, or a cuppa. Every Thursday & Friday 10am- 1pm.



Changing the Guard at the Library

The Paparooa Community Library AGM saw the resignation of Jas Futter the library manager over the past five years and the election of Linda Allan to replace her. Jas has seen a lot change in her time from a "library in a container" to today's comfortable, spacious and welcoming library with an exceptional collection of current and topical books.

The current library is a testament to the hard work that Jas has put in over the years.

Tucked in behind the Medical Centre, not everyone knows where the library is or that Paparooa even has a library, while the regular users know what a treasure they have.



Linda

Paparooa Lions Cancer Society Quiz Night

Friday August 11th, 7pm, at the Sports Pavillion

\$10 per person, teams of 4-6

Bring cash for raffles

For details contact Alistair 0273 333 326 or alimer@xtra.co.nz



What's Hot

The fantastic Lions Walkway from the village out to Pahi Rd... and all the wonderful volunteers who plant trees and maintain the walkway.



What's Not

The cattle that repeatedly break through their fences, get onto the Lions Walkway and damage the young trees, and poo everywhere.

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AGM

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WHAT'S ON - AUGUST 2023

- The Kauri Museum** - open 7 days, 9am-5pm
- White Rock Gallery** - 5 Church Rd Matakohe (Kauri Museum) Open 7 days 10 - 4.
- Paparoa Lions Quiz Night** - Fri Aug 11, 7pm, at the Sports Pavillion.
- NKAA (North Kaipara Agricultural Association) AGM** - Sun Aug 13, 3pm, at the Sports Pavillion.
- Paparoa War Memorial Hall Society Inc AGM** - Mon Aug 14, 6pm, at the hall.
- Grow Paparoa AGM** - Wed Aug 20, 5pm, at the Sports Pavillion.

REGULAR EVENTS, MEETINGS AND ORGANISATIONS

- Anglican Church St Marks** Hook Road, ph 431 8193 or 431 6224 for services info
- Ararua Church** 10.30am every Sunday. All welcome Ph 431 6622
- Art Studio, Ruawai** Wed 10-12noon ph Frances 439 2554
- Badminton** Thursdays 7pm Paparoa Hall \$2 students, \$3 adults, Pete 021 056 7163
- Exercise to Music** Tue 10.30am Paparoa Hall \$5 Ph Janice 021 0282 0969
- Farmers' Market** Every Saturday 9-Noon, Village Green, Linda 021 362468
- Grey Power** Last Wed in month, 1pm, Anglican Church Hall, Maungaturoto
- Grow Paparoa** Thur/Fri/Sun 10am to 2pm at the Community Gardens
- Holy Trinity Anglican Church**, Maungaturoto, 1st & 3rd Sundays, 10am; 2nd & 4th Sundays, 4pm. All welcome
- Kaipara Marching Team** Weds 4-5.30pm, M'gto, Ph Lyn Hutchings 022 070 8674
- Line Dancing** Thurs 10am-noon Paparoa Hall Ph Jackie Cornes 027 368 7298
- Paparoa Mah Jong Group** 1st & 3rd Tues, Paparoa Hall 1.30-4pm, Sara 021 0774947
- Mainly Music** Wed 9.30am Paparoa Comm Church, Lynaire Porteous 431 7520
- Matakohe Garden Circle** 1st Weds each month, 1pm, J Mackinnon 431 6689.
- Maungaturoto Opportunity Shop** Open Mon 10-1pm Wed 10-3pm Fri 10-3pm
- Maungaturoto and Districts Rotary Club** Maungaturoto Centennial Hall, Tuesday evenings 6pm, Ph Stella 021 149 0877
- Otamatea Quilters** 1st and 3rd Mon month 10am, Paparoa Hall 09 439 2262
- Outdoor Bowls** Maungaturoto Green Ph Tony 431 6026 or Brian 431 6884
- Pahi Hall** available for hire Ph Tina 0210335128
- Paparoa Community Church** Sundays 10.30am, 4 Hook Road, 431 6795 or Dave Porteous 0274 180 676
- Paparoa Garden Circle** 2nd Wed of month. Contact Raylee Over 431 6880
- Paparoa Hall** Functions venue Ph Robyn 431 7306 or a/h Loraine 431 7290
- Paparoa Library** Mon, Wed 2-4, Tues, Fri 11-1, Thurs 11.30-1.30, Sat 10-12. Library Manager 09 431 7555 during library hours. Returns Box at Skeltons
- Paparoa Lions** Dinner Meetings 3rd Mon in month 6.30pm, Sports Pavilion
- Paparoa Playcentre** Tuesday and Thursday 10am-1pm Visitors Welcome Ph Kirstin 431 7373 txt 021 525 425 or Jane 431 6148 paparoa@playcentre.org.nz
- Paparoa Primary School** 2023 Term 2 Apr 24 - Jun 30, Jul 17 - Sept 22, Term 4 Oct 9 - Dec 14. Ph 431 73 79
- Paparoa Toy Library** Wed 10.30-1pm, Paparoa Comm Church, Hilery 431 7330
- Paparoa Volunteer Rural Fire Force (VRFF)** 1st and 3rd Monday of the month 6.30pm Depot Rd ph Ken Ogilvie 021 129 4042
- Plunket Ready Steady Wiggle** Mon 10am Sports Pav. Tina Ball 021 033 5128
- Selwyn Centre** Thurs 9.45am for over 65's, St Marks, Hook Rd, Ph Sue 431 6224
- Sports Pavilion** Functions Venue Bookings ph Jane Bailey 431 6148
- St Mary's Catholic Church** Maungaturoto 10am Wed, 4pm Saturday
- Table Tennis** Tues 7.30pm, Sports Pavilion \$2 Pete 021 056 7163
- Tennis** For info ph Sue 431 6224 or Pete 0210567163
- Yoga For Everyone** Monday 6-7pm Maungaturoto Hall, Tuesday and Friday mornings 9.30am Paparoa Sports Pavilion. Ph 027 294 4855

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LOCAL TIDES for August 2023

TIDES - CALCULATED for PAHI-WHAKAPIRAU

DATE	LOW	HIGH	DATE	LOW	HIGH
1st	16.25	10.28	17th	17.37	11.46
2nd	17.15	11.21	18th	18.08	12.19
3rd	18.03	12.12	19th	6.31	12.50
4th	6.33	13.04	20th	7.03	13.21
5th	7.21	13.48	21st	7.36	13.54
6th	8.09	14.36	22nd	8.12	14.30
7th	8.57	15.25	23rd	8.51	15.11
8th	9.48	16.18	24th	9.38	16.02
9th	10.43	17.18	25th	10.36	17.08
10th	11.46	18.28	26th	11.47	18.28
11th	12.56	6.52	27th	13.05	7.00
12th	14.06	8.02	28th	14.17	8.15
13th	15.03	9.03	29th	15.17	9.20
14th	15.49	9.54	30th	16.09	10.16
15th	16.29	10.36	31st	16.57	11.06
16th	17.04	11.13			

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Maungaturoto Medical Centre: 8am-5pm Mon-Fri 09 431 8576
Paparoa Clinic: Open Tues and Thurs 8am-5pm..... 09 431 7222
For urgent after hours medical service (Wellsford)..... 09 423 8086

DISTRICT NURSE Dargaville Hospital 09 439 3330
Healthline - 24 hour service..... 0800 611 116

HOSPICE KAIPARA Dargaville Hospital 09 439 3330

KAIPARA DISTRICT COUNCIL Helpline 0800 727 059
Mangawhai Office..... 0800 100 388

KAIPARA PHYSIOTHERAPY Lyndsay Bargh/Lynne Rhodes...09 4391656

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OTAMATEA COMMUNITY SERVICES Community House 09 431 9080

PAPAROA LIBRARY Free Membership..Manager 09 431 7555 during open hours: Mon, Wed 2-4, Tues, Fri 11-1, Thurs 11.30-1.30, Sat 10-12

PAPAROA PLAYCENTRE paparoa@playcentre.org.nz

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Paparoa School celebrates 150 years

It should have been celebrated in 2020 but things got in the way...

Paparoa School has come a long way in 153 years and many original settler families still have family in attendance.

On June 27th past pupils and teachers gathered at the school to share lunch and memories.



Clockwise from top right:

Attendees gathered on the all-weather playground behind the puriri tree which was to be planted on school grounds to mark the 150 years.

Descendants from the original Headmaster, T.W. Wilson who have continued to live in the area and had family attend the school - Elizabeth Metcalfe and family with Andrew Hames, Pete Hames and families.

A celebration cake was made by Dennise Brownlie and was enjoyed along with a delicious lunch.

The cake being cut by the school's oldest pupil, ex-teacher Elizabeth Metcalfe and the youngest, newest pupil Mia Smith.

Seeking Information In An Emergency

It's important to know how you can keep informed in an emergency event.

Whilst there are a number of ways to receive warning information, there are two main alerting platforms that Northland Civil Defence (and other official agencies) use to send timely alerts about severe weather, tsunami, or other emergencies:



Red Cross Hazard App



Emergency Mobile Alerts (EMA)

Both options are free to users, although smartphones need to be of certain capability to be able to receive them. It's recommended that, if possible, people take advantage of both.

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