

DECEMBER 2016

## PROUDLY PAPAROA DAY ... a day to be proud of!



Despite rain in the early hours, the weather on 5 November was perfect for the inaugural 'Proudly Paparoa Day'. Sunny, with passing clouds and warm, with a slight breeze, meant conditions couldn't have been better.

From 9am, Paparoa Valley Road was jammed end-to-end with cars for several hours. Hundreds turned out to take part in activities on The Village Green and to talk to stallholders there and at other venues around the village.

Locals and out-of-towners learned about our village, community organisations and new and established local businesses. Farmers' Market stallholders also had a great day and the Exercise to Music and Line Dancing demonstrations at the Village Green added entertainment for shoppers. Children were well entertained with games at the Plunket and Playcentre areas, Paparoa Fire Force fire engine rides, and pony rides. Shirley's pony gave so many rides, it was retired



Shirley's popular pony rides

to its paddock a little early, worn out from its efforts! Members of Paparoa Fire Force, easy to spot in their bright yellow uniforms, made numerous trips up to the showgrounds with their young passengers, siren sounding loudly on their way back.

Out on the trail, in gardens and galleries, streams of visitors admired the gardens and art and crafts in the pleasant conditions, many also enjoying afternoon tea as part of their garden visits. The guided walk of the Village

was the last event

of the day, which concluded at 4pm.

Public response to 'Proudly Paparoa Day' has been extremely positive with many visitors and participants placing requests for the day to become an annual event. The



Easy-to-spot members of the Fire force

organisers, understandably, have no wish to contemplate another event right now, but would like to thank all those organisations and individuals who took the time to be part of the day and to make it such a success.

Thank you Paparoa!

*Look for more photos on the back page*



Contemplation in the garden



## White Rock Gallery ... come one, come all!

Keep on celebrating at the White Rock Summer Fair. Following last year's success it's back by popular demand!

Held in the back carpark of White Rock Gallery, there will be many stalls to

choose from along with hot food, Devonshire teas, tea and coffee. Relax under the shady trees and umbrellas and enjoy the fun of the day with entertainment provided by The Eccentric Ukes.

**When: Saturday 3rd December**

**Time: 9am - 2pm**

This is an opportunity to sell or buy those small Christmas gifts; who knows what treasures you will find? Bring the family and friends. It's going to be a great day out, so see you there with cash to spare!

Stall spaces (\$15) must be prebooked and prepaid. You can still make a last minute booking at the gallery (10am-4pm) or by contacting Janice or Stu (946 9990) or Jane 431 6171. Clean out those cupboards and make some extra cash.



**Summer Fair Dec 3**

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## Our new KDC Councillors

Three councillors were elected from the Otamatea ward- myself from Paparooa, Jonathan Larsen (Topuni) and Peter Wethey (Mangawhai).

Since the election we have held our swearing in ceremony, several induction days to get up to speed with the workings of Council and local government, and a full Council meeting.

We have also had a number of community groups or organisations come to meet with us to help us understand what is going on in our communities. We look forward to more of these over the next month or so. If your group is

interested in making a half an hour presentation about projects in your area, contact Sean at KDC smahoney@kaipara.govt.nz. Even though we are elected by our ward, it is important for all of us to get up to speed with the needs and activities of the whole district.

There are a number of issues facing the Council including the perennial one of roads maintenance and



improvement. With 1500km of unsealed roads in Kaipara district and large debt it is an ongoing challenge.

However, if there is an issue in your area make sure you do contact the Council on council@kaipara.govt.nz or ph 0800 727059.

If you wish to contact me as your local Councillor I am available on Cr.jones@kaipara.govt.nz or 021 2080093.

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## The thieves are back again

We have lost our four new watering cans (that replaced ones stolen previously). They are bright green; three of them with the initials 'AF' painted on them and the fourth with 'Arty Farties' engraved on the plastic sides. Please inform the police if you see anyone in possession of these easily identifiable items. Also stolen were a rake, a Dutch hoe and several small potted roses.

To those low-life thieves: "What do you want us to do? Shut up shop? Perhaps your families are among the many in Paparooa and Maungaturoto who receive food donations from us. You are hurting our whole community - not just Arty Farties."

Fortunately our community contains many good people - planters, pickers, packers, gardeners; all volunteers giving up their time to help others in need. Unfortunately a small minority are intent upon destroying all this good work. The food grown, packed and delivered is donated so that families in our community are not going hungry. By giving food there is no money being wasted as the food must be eaten, whereas handout money can be diverted elsewhere. Two families have their own garden plots with us and are growing their own vegetables. Good on them.

Our main garden is producing well, but the main problem is carrying water to the garden beds in the absence of our watering cans! Shame on you who keep taking our equipment. Remember - KARMA - *What goes around comes around*. If anyone notices unusual activity when the gardens are unattended please take note of any vehicle number plates and call the Police.

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# 141st Paparoa A&P Show - February

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## Indoor Section

We hope our artists, crafts enthusiasts, gardeners, photographers, and cooks (bottling & preserves) etc., are preparing their entries- schedules are available online at [www.paparoashow.org.nz](http://www.paparoashow.org.nz) and at Noel Radd's Maungaturoto, Paparoa Drapery, and Farm Source (RD1) Ruawai.



There are special sections for children to enter- something for our young ones to do during the holidays.

Support the 'Home Brew' shop in Paparoa. Now's a good time now to get your supplies and get brewing so you can enter in our 'Home Brew' section!

For further info or if you wish to assist in the indoor section please contact Stella Clyde - [stella.clyde@gmail.com](mailto:stella.clyde@gmail.com)

## Equestrian Section

Please check our NKAAP Paparoa A&P Show website [www.paparoashow.org.nz](http://www.paparoashow.org.nz) carefully. All schedules are on this website and hard copies will be available at Paparoa Drapery, Noel Radd Maungaturoto, and Farm Source (RD1) Ruawai.

## Show Grounds

There are to be no horses at the show grounds the week before show day. The potential for an incident is quite high when the grounds are being set up and horses are about. We do not want to put our volunteers at risk.

## Team Roping

Northern District Team Roping always put on a wonderful event featuring roping, bull riding and rawhide racing.



## Wood chopping

Zephyr Oysters are giving a special donation of \$500 to this section. Take note young axemen!

## Cattle and Dairy Goat Section

It's a good time to start planning your entries now. Do check out the schedules on our website.

## Sponsorship

We are always looking for sponsors for our events and indoor section. If you can help in this or in any other way please email us at the addresses below.

## Stallholders

Anyone is welcome to apply to be a stall holder. To get a 5% discount off site fees please contact the Secretary by 12 Dec.



## Volunteers

The Show needs volunteers to help between now and Show day. Canterbury A&P Show finds 500 helpers but little old North Kaipara will obviously have fewer than this. Can you help? It's a great opportunity to meet new people and to contribute to a valuable community activity as well as preserving a 141 year tradition. To discuss how you can get involved please contact:



President, Kate Battensby: [president@paparoashow.org.nz](mailto:president@paparoashow.org.nz)  
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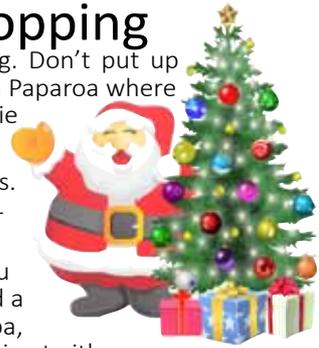


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**g.a.s. Paparoa** stocks some great items for the more 'manly' Xmas stocking perhaps, not to mention the practical standbys we all need. Batteries, hooks, oil, windscreen washing liquid and supplies for road trips!

**Skelton's** (she of Radio NZ fame) has a wide range of gifts, clothing and jewellery.

**Shop and Brew**, again you may well be served by another actor in *The Catch*. Brewing supplies, collectables and books. All well lit by a selection of gorgeous chandeliers.

**Empire**, the 'new shop in town' has collectables, retro styled cushions and other funky artwork, plus a range of other local artists' work for sale.

**Pegasus Engraving** is the next stop. Mugs, key rings, tooth brush holders can all be personalised. Photos printed on a range of mediums. Pop in and check them out.

**White Rock Art Gallery**, offering a range of local works. Paintings, photos, jewellery, quilts and other

crafts.

After that if you need a cuppa, stop in at either

**The Cruiser** or **The Village Cafe** or **The Hotel**.

Other ideas include ordering a beauty voucher online from **Lisa's Retreat** (on facebook), a voucher for a night's stay at the **Old Post Office Guest House**, hair styling and colour from Gay at **Country Cutz** or a cheese making course with Jas at **Fromage @ Franklin!** **Tatiana's** chocolates and speciality cakes can also be found online at **TLC** or bought from the Paparoa Store.

Finally, the magnificent **Paparoa Market** held every Saturday with Chapel Olive Oil, Good Life Soaps, candles and body butters, honey, fish, eggs, plants and vegetables .... and more.

\*\*News Flash. The new beauty shop **Skin Image** owned by Nina Quan, is opening 10 December and they have vouchers there too!

Enjoy your shopping this year, at a slower friendlier pace....



## Charly's advent calendars

Charly Draper's Matakohē farmhouse has been overrun by beauty products for her beautiful advent gift calendars.

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# THE KAURI MUSEUM

*Real New Zealand Heritage*

## New exhibition opens

Tudor Washington Collins, Man of Many Faces

Photographer Extraordinaire 1898 - 1970

*"There's only one Tudor Washington Collins. And perhaps some of us might be moved on occasion to say, "Thank heavens for that."*

- A. H. Reed

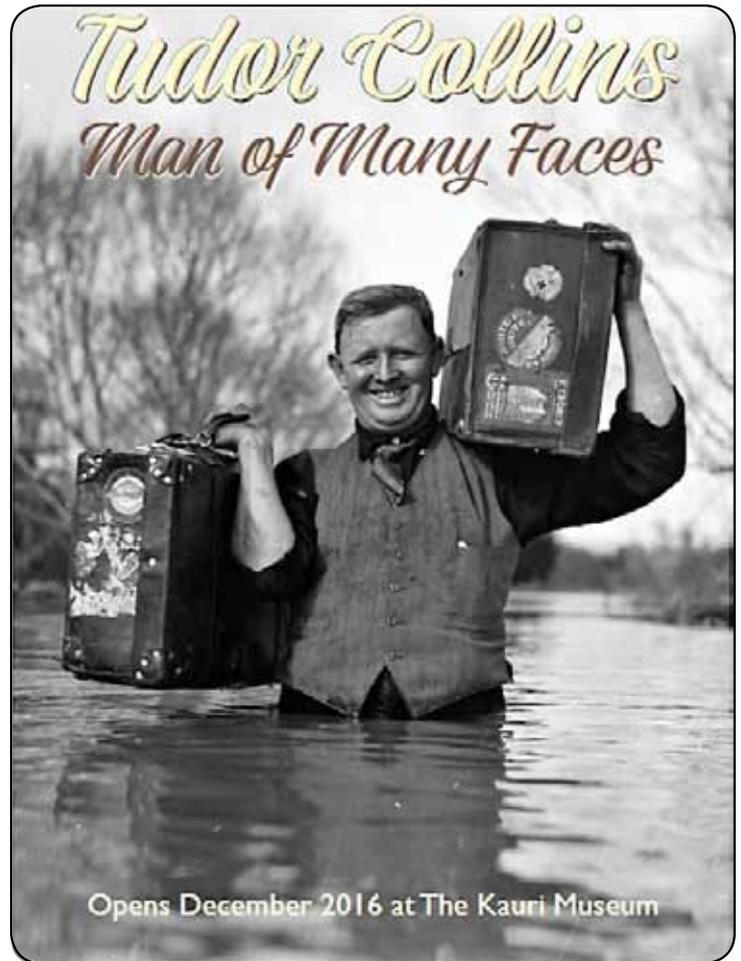
Bushworker, cook, soldier, sailor, businessman, entrepreneur, fisherman, hunter, roading contractor, farmer and townsman, the inimitable Tudor Washington Collins was truly a man of many faces. His life and personality are reflected throughout the range of his photographic subject matter.

The exhibition showcases a series of Tudor's most iconic images recording historical events as well as many that have never been seen before.

It brings together collections and memorabilia from museums and archives across New Zealand.

Opening at The Kauri Museum on Friday 9 December, admission to the special exhibition is free with entry to The Kauri Museum. Check out [www.kau.nz/visit/admission/](http://www.kau.nz/visit/admission/) for admission prices to the museum. Residents of the old Otamatea District are free of charge with proof of residence (e.g. rates, utilities bill)

Lisa Tolich



*Tudor Collins*  
*Man of Many Faces*

Opens December 2016 at The Kauri Museum

## There's a new sign in town

The sign was commissioned by Progressive Paparoa to match 'The Landing' at the other end of the village.

Nick Tetzner of Matakoho, who designed and created the previous signage, worked his magic again and the result was put in place just before Proudly Paparoa Day.



Nick takes a break after placing the new sign in position

Not long after Nick had completed his part of the project, a second team arrived (Adam Stevens and Jamie Ewen) and within half an hour the sign was permanently concreted into the ground.

Made of macaracarpa sourced from the local sawmill, the sign

certainly caught the eye on the day it was installed, with many drivers slowing to read it.

The sign is the first stage in a long-term development PPI has been discussing for improvements to the entrance of the village at this end. PP

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## Hames Family link important ... for Lifestyle Village project

Sometimes, having a key link between desire and achievement can make or break a project. So it's a huge bonus for the Paparooa Community Charitable Trust that Pete Hames and family are right behind the Paparooa Lifestyle Village project.

Taipuha beef farmer Pete has close links with the family from whom the committee proposes to buy the land for the village project.

The Hames family first settled in Paparooa in 1864 and Pete was born and raised in the area. He has spent most of his life in Paparooa apart from years boarding at Wesley College in Pukekohe, then university and a few years living in Australia and doing the big OE.

Pete sees himself as an interested community member who cares about Paparooa. He has a good knowledge of the area's history and a strong interest in the future of the district.

"It's great to see the community getting behind the development," Pete says. "It's going to be a great boon

for our area with the new sections as well as the actual village."

"I feel I can play a role in providing key connections between various groups - I'm involved in several local organisations including Progressive Paparooa Inc and the Lions Club. I became involved as I enjoy helping out to make positive things happen in the community."

"One of the biggest challenges is financing the project," he says. "It's a big commitment for a community not-for-profit group, but we are fortunate to have some excellent expertise on our committee to help us through the necessary processes."



Another challenge is the length of time it all takes, Pete says, including setting up the entity, community consultation, and going through the resource consent process, even before construction and sales of the sections begins.

"We are determined to get this project up and running as we are positive that it will be of great benefit to Paparooa." PP

## Rotary projects & activities

Maungaturoto & Districts Rotary Club



**Nikau Grove** walking track encircles a beautiful patch of bush in Whaka Street. A recent working bee cleaned up dumped rubbish from the site. Work will continue on this area and you can help by using this easy-access track more often.

**Proposed re-establishment of Brynderwyn Walkway**  
Rotary members have met with DoC and Hancock Forest Management to establish an MOU for walkway maintenance from SH1 to Cullen Road, and will also consult with landowners along the route.

This proposal would complement the tracks at the eastern (Mangawhai-Waipu) end overseen by the Mangawhai Tracks Charitable Trust. It is expected that groups of Otamatea students and Hakaru Scouts will be involved in upkeep of the walkway.

**Whangarei Speech Contest**  
Blake Sims represented us very well in the final. His thought-provoking speech 'The Unseen Epidemic' drew many positive comments. The winner, from Whangarei Girls, 'Stepped Into

the Shoes' of her grandfather who worked for Red Cross and other relief agencies in places like Croatia in the early 2000s.

**Monthly Rotary meetings** have featured various speakers. One was a Alcoholics Anonymous representative who explained how this illness can creep up on a person, advised on treatment available, and the need for personal incentives (and family support) to help combat it.

In November our *President's Scholarship* winner, Marine Gayford from Rodney College, gave an excellent presentation.

**The Annual Seniors' Dinner**, held in November, is a chance for people who contribute substantially to our community to meet over a lovely meal. The Salvation Army band lead us in a sing-along which was a great lead-in to Christmas.

Maungaturoto and Districts Rotary wish the community a happy and safe holiday season and special time with family.

As we say in Rotary - *good people, having fun, doing good things.*

Eileen Parsons

## OHS end of year

Prizegiving at Otamatea High School is always an important occasion for all students leaving school and for tertiary education or starting into careers.

Although most still had exams to sit, this was the last time all the classes would be together. The day to celebrate successes, but also a time to celebrate the transition of seniors into the real world and into the next phase of their lives.

Instead of a guest speaker there were three outstanding musical performances - Monica Jaques on piano, Molly Curnow sang a solo, and Emma Rankin was accompanied by Patrick Butler and Rory Matheson. Monica also played the piano for the national anthem.

Paparoa/Taipuha students who succeeded in achieving awards were as follows:-

**Isaac Sheppard** - Intermediate Boy Cross Country Champion  
**Abigail Mason** - 1st in Level 1 Accounting

**Erin Corble** - 1st in Level 1 Digital Media Studies and Art  
**Kayden French-Brown** - 1st in level 1 (NZ Trade Academy Primary Industries Cup)



**Natalie Birt** - 3rd in Level 1 Academic English, 1st in Level 1 Physical Science, 1st in Level 2 Mathematics with Statistics and Most Outstanding Music Student (Mary Gow Cup)

**David Hames** 1st in Level 2 Mechanical Engineering (Donovan's Engineering Award). Manipoto House Captain for 2017

**Miriana Littlejohn** - 1st in Level 3 Art (Dowson Cup) 2nd in Level 2 Academic English. Student Arts Leader for 2017

**Rita Hames** - awarded General Excellence by a Senior Student.

### Top School Awards Overall:

**1st in Year 11** (OHS Board of Trustees Cup)- Molly Curnow  
**1st in Year 12** (Neil McKay Cup) - Samantha Cawkwell-Troost

**Dux** - Ruby-Rose Hallamore, Monica Jacques and Danielle Hyland in a threesome tie.

### Next year's Student Leaders

Head Girl- Samantha Allen  
Head Boy- Tamati Abel  
Deputy Girl- Azariah Ingham  
Deputy Boy - Dylan Sims. PP

## PPI Pot-luck Picnic invite 15 Jan

The banter we enjoy whilst serving coffee and pastries at the Farmer's Market provides constant reminders for us as to how many wonderful people grace the shores of te Kaipara.

These short interactions often have us saying how we'd like to spend more time with those we've met over the years, and also with those who've more recently moved here. And so we are putting out a community invitation to a daytime gathering in the new year. Make a time to relax together, share some kai, and enjoy some music, hopefully even in the sunshine!

The idea is simple, a *Pot-Luck Picnic*, on The Village Green at 1pm. Bring a dish to share (we will have a table for specific dietary requirements, such as vegetarian and a table for food that anyone can eat). We ask that attendees label their culinary creations so people know what they're eating. This will be a 'leave no trace' event, meaning that whatever we bring with us, we take home again.

Bring your own plates, cups, and cutlery, a blanket to sit on in sunshine or under a shady tree.

Live music provided by local talent Fred Renata (see below), so you might want to bring your dancing shoes!

This is an event for the whole community, and people of all ages.

**Please note:** this event will be weather dependent. We look forward to seeing you there!

Jocelyn McKenzie



Fred Renata, born head first in Paparoa, 1956

## Celebrating Christmas

with Paparoa Community Church  
and St David's Presbyterian

### Sunday 4th December

Sunday School Service - St David's - 9.30am  
Taipuha Carol service at 7pm

### Sunday 11th December

Sunday School Service - Paparoa - 10.30am  
Carol Service at Paparoa - 7 pm

### Saturday 17th December

Christmas in The Village Green - 4.30pm

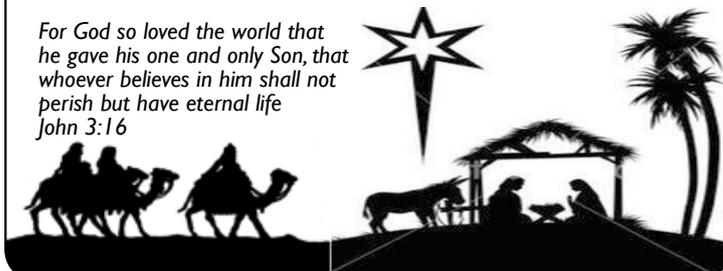
### Sunday 18th December

Combined Carol Service at St David's - 10.00am

### Sunday 25th December

Christmas service at Paparoa - 9.30am

For God so loved the world that  
he gave his one and only Son, that  
whoever believes in him shall not  
perish but have eternal life  
John 3:16



## Christmas on The Village Green Saturday 17 December 4.30pm



### Activities include:

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## Quilters donate to community

The Otamatea Quilters annual exhibition at The Kauri Museum is now complete and they are donating some of their craft work.

Rather than the usual quilt raffle this year, the Quilters made 29 lap-sized quilts for donation to a local community organisation. This year they will go to *STAND* (previously known as the Maunu Health Camp) and each child who

receives a quilt will be able to take it home with them. As one of these smaller quilts was sold during the exhibition, the proceeds will also go to *STAND*. Now that the exhibition is over, the quilts are to be delivered soon. PP



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By the 11<sup>th</sup> Century it was used to hold together the padding under armour (aketon). In the 18<sup>th</sup> Century, English women were wearing quilted petticoats and the men quilted waistcoats. Quilted bedding also became fashionable.

A quilt made in Sicily circa 1360 tells the story of Tristan and Isolde; while Russia keeps the oldest quilt known to exist, a quilted carpet found in a Mongolian cave. Whole cloth quilting was the common and more economical form, although now patchwork quilts are often found.

In America quilts were made to raise funds, for the Abolitionists. Some women embroidered anti slavery poems into their work.

Today quilts may incorporate traditional symbols, family motifs and scraps of garments from previous generations garments. They have allowed women and girls to express

themselves creatively and often to tell stories.

Quilters continue their art and a range of styles and creative expression were seen in the local *Otamatea Quilter's* display at The Kauri Museum.

Marvelling at some patchwork quilts I was reminded of Obama's words in his inaugural speech. Coming closer to Christmas maybe we can agree with him -

*"that our patchwork heritage is a strength, not a weakness ... We are a nation of Christians and Muslims, Jews and Hindus, and non-believers. We are shaped by every language and culture, drawn from every end of this Earth;*

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What an unsettled time it's been. As I write this, earthquakes are shaking the country, a surprising election result has shaken the world, and a supermoon has amplified all madness to fever pitch.

No wonder some of us are feeling weird and don't know why. Change is afoot. Though it may be uncomfortable, and in the case of earthquakes, downright life threatening and scary, change needs to happen. Know that we are never doomed to suffer alone, in our feelings, or in our lives.

It is easy in a large city to feel isolated and alone; and my experience in the country has usually been the opposite. However this is not always the case. Sometimes we do feel alone; whether it's from walls we have constructed ourselves through past behaviour, or for seemingly no reason at all.

I had such a time recently. Because I was open about the fact that I was going through some emotional upheaval (with no apparent reason why), I was met with a wave of support. The mentality

to "harden up" was never mentioned, and for that I am thankful. Hardening up might be good for concrete, but not for complex emotional issues.

We never know what people are going through behind closed doors, and if someone has raised the fact that they are struggling then support them; give them a ring and ask how it's going. The time for sitting back and judging others has passed; it helps no one.

To receive support, first we must ask for help, and allow ourselves to be supported. If you continue to feel alone, or the support doesn't come in the way or shape you think it should, maybe look at letting go of what your expectations are from others.

Embrace change, embrace fear, embrace mystery: There's a challenge till the next time.

Jenny Longdon

**Paparoa Tennis Club Inc.**

Paparoa tennis is a small, friendly recreational club and we welcome all players at all levels. There are two tennis courts adjacent to the Sports Pavilion at the Paparoa showgrounds.

We play year round and annual subscriptions are affordable: Adult \$30, Child \$15, Family \$70. Some racquets are available.

Over the summer season sessions are held on Tuesdays with juniors at 4:30pm, teens at 5:15pm and adults play from 6pm. Friday mornings are played all year from 9:30am.



Outside session times the courts are open for casual play. A small fee of \$2 per game is requested from non-members (to an honesty box).

We are currently researching options and quotes in the hope to resurface our concrete courts. One option is *Tiger Turf* which would provide a multi-sport option for other sports in the community such

as netball and hockey.

Considerable funding would be required and we will need community support. If we had a larger membership base we will be more likely to get funding. Completion of this project would ensure a better facility for many court sports in the

future.

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## Mosaics at Arty Farties

It's been a while, but this project is finally near completion.

Thanks to Anne Shanks and all the community participants at Arty Farties. These fabulous outdoor 'couches' are now permanent fixtures beginning with weekend workshops in October last year, and work continued on and off all year weather permitting!



Weekend workshop October 2015



Plastered and ready for mosaics

Tutored by Patsy Parkinson, and helped by Sandra Holmes as well, everyone involved at Arty Farties has had a blast. What a magnificent result!

*You're welcome to stop in at Arty Farties for a look!*



Nearing completion November 16

## Adventures under the Walnut Tree

The roving camera called at Playcentre recently and captured some very busy little people: in the sandpit, potting up walnut seedlings and sprouted seeds, painting masterpieces with beautiful colours, flying kites and even sitting listening to a story!

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## Paparoa School news

After lots of fun and interesting learning opportunities this term, we're looking forward to summer holidays.

Some of our Years 5 and 6 children visited

The Quarry Arts Centre in Whangarei and had the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities including wood turning and pottery. This event was organised by NRC.

Several of our students represented us at the Bream Bay Athletics competition, last week, while our own annual athletics event was held the following day.

Rooms 1 and 3 visited the Otamatea Marae on 30 November and Years' 1 and 2 children

will participate in the tabloid sports at Maungaturoto Primary School on 2 December. It is always great to have the opportunity to participate in teams made up of children from several local schools.



Athletics long jump action

We are also looking forward to Circus Kumarani visiting on 5 December to teach us some new circus skills. Our leaving Year 6 students will visit Rainbows End on 8 December and we are having a whole school sleepover that evening, followed the next day by 'Wheels Day'.

End of year assembly and prize giving will be held Wednesday, 14 December at the Paparoa Memorial Hall, and school will close for the year at 1pm Thursday, 15 December.

We would like to thank all our community members who have supported us in so many ways during the year. We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy summer. School reopens Tuesday, 31 January, 2017.

Julie Harper

## Pony Club's first rally of season

Very happy young members of the Ararua Pony Club lined up for a photo near the end of their first rally for the season. There were beginner riders, those on lead rein and those just off lead rein; groups were sorted, uniforms ordered and tack checked.



This Club is very friendly and instructors are keen to see children enjoy riding their four-legged friends and learning to handle and care for them whilst socialising and having fun. As appropriate, children can study for their Pony Club certificates.

Now that the ground is firm enough for riding, rallies will be held at the Paparoa Showgrounds on weekends and late afternoons during the week in order to accommodate everyone.

For all enquiries contact:  
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*Peter Pan*, directed by Maureen Skinner, of Mangawhai, is the legendary tale of the boy who never grows old and features all of the story's well-known characters. This production is a winner as it retains all the fun of the original story written



ORT's 'Lost boys' pictured with Director Maureen Skinner at top left

by JM Barrie. It is sheer magic in every sense of the word! There is just this weekend of show performances left. It is a treat for the whole family. And remember, we have air-conditioning, comfortable seats and eftpos available.

Three shows remain:  
December 2 at 7.30pm  
December 3 at 2pm  
December 4 at 2pm

Adults \$22, School students \$7

Tickets are on sale now at Tony's Lotto Shop in Maungaturoto and online at [www.ort.org.nz](http://www.ort.org.nz)

ORT has a Christmas tree in the foyer. Please consider bringing a small gift for the less-fortunate in our community. The gifts will be distributed with the help of Otamatea Community Services.

See you in *Neverland!*

Maura Flower

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## December gardening

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But there are positives!

My *sweet peas* are a picture and smell divine. Not sure how they managed to cling on to the reinforcing frame in the gales and the flower stems are a bit short but they are such a picture and so nice to pick to give friends a bunch of flowers. The *broad beans* are producing well and to me taste just great. The *leeks*, *spinach*, *silverbeet* and *kale* are also in full production. Cut off the beet flowering stems to keep production going a little longer.

Another positive is the sturdy raised garden bed made by Albie at the 'Den' on Bickerstaffe Rd in Maungaturoto. It makes vegetable production much easier. If you are interested in making one of these, just call by and see him.

The *green vegetable bug* is trying to reproduce as fast as possible in sheltered warm spots. I killed over 20 this morning in their mating position on the kale. So keep an eye out for them - every one killed means 100s less next month! Hens love to eat them too.

Keep planting most vegetables this month but beware of the *white butterfly caterpillar* if you are growing *brassica* (*cabbage*, *broccoli* and *cauliflower*). Also be aware that *lettuce* and *coriander* do not like too much sun and heat so try to find them a shady spot.

Keep watering as it becomes dry - a good watering every few days is better than small amounts every day. Mulch everything you can as it makes a huge difference.

Happy and productive gardening.

Stella



## Te Roroa Learning Assistance

In 2017 there is a plan to offer a new programme on Maori Land Development. Please contact us if you would like to -

1. learn something that is not listed
2. become a literacy/numeracy trainee tutor in Dargaville or Maungaturoto
3. become a volunteer restricted licence driver mentor in Dargaville or Maungaturoto.

Office will be closed for Christmas holidays, between 16 December and 18 January.

To enrol, or to find out more information please contact:

Stephanie 0800 555 635

See advert below for the many courses offered.

## Kaipara Cycleway gets go-ahead

Good news! The first stage of the dream to develop a Kaipara cycleway is becoming a reality.

Raupo Drainage Committee, Kaipara District Council and Ruawai Lions have agreed in principle to a MoU (Memorandum of Understanding). Once signed the Lions will apply for funding from lotteries and/or other community funding avenues. Some voluntary local assistance will be called on.

This plan for a walk and cycleway along the Ruawai stop banks was initiated by Stella Clyde after she spoke at the Ruawai Lions Community lunch last May. Anna Curnow has developed the MoU. Her expertise and support is invaluable.

Watch this space for future developments! PP

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The track was a bit wet and slippery in places, but over this summer a group of young locals, in conjunction

with Maungaturoto and Districts Rotary Club, will work on it to improve track marking and some of the steeper slopes. Starting at the top of the Brynderwyns off State Highway 1, the track finishes in either Massey Rd, Cullen Rd or on Cove Rd depending on how far you want to walk.

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### Christmas Break

Our office will be closed from Friday 16th December 2016 and reopen on Monday 18th January 2017

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- Double sided tape or glue
- Cracker 'snap' (optional)
- you can get these from *Spotlight* or other craft suppliers)
- Sweets or other small treat (optional)
- Wool or Xmas ribbon
- Decorations such as glitter, sequins, stickers

**Instructions:**

1. Cut a rectangle of tissue paper approximately 30cm x 45cm
2. Put a line of double sided tape down the length of the cardboard tube, and stick it down in the middle of one of the long lengths of the tissue paper.
3. Slip in the 'snap' and treat if using.
4. Roll the tube over the tissue paper so it wraps around it. Glue the end down with glue stick or a piece of sticky tape.
5. Twist the ends of the paper at the ends of the tube and decoratively tie a piece of wool or thin ribbon around each end to keep in place.



**There are great Christmas craft activities online ([www.activityvillage.co.uk](http://www.activityvillage.co.uk) is a great website).**



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- Q. What do you call an old snowman?  
A. Water
- Q. Why does Santa have three gardens?  
A. So he can ho ho ho
- Q. What do you get when you eat Christmas decorations?  
A. Tinselitis
- Q. What did Mrs Claus say to Santa looking up to the sky?  
A. It looks like rain, dear.
- Q. What do reindeer hang on their Christmas trees?  
A. Horn-aments
- Q. What do Santa's little helpers learn at school?  
A. The elf-abet
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Thankfully the party was very near to the clinic and so a good night was had by all- even by the on-call vets. The foal responded well to treatment and was much happier the next day.

I hope you all get to spend some quality time with some of the special people (and animals) in your lives over the holiday period.

Take care, Janine

## Lights for hire

Paparoa Sports & Recreation Association have two trailered portable lights with self contained generators available for hire.

Previously owned by JMB rugby, they have been passed over to Sports & Rec to be used by any community group or business who may need night-time lighting.

Ideal for evening sports or any other outdoor evening event, the trailers are fully registered and maintained and ready for use.



Jane Bailey  
431 6148

*We are all here on earth to help others; what on earth the others are here for I don't know.*

*W. H. Auden*

## Sports & Rec AGM news

Paparoa Sports and Recreation Association committee manages the Sports Pavilion at the showgrounds and encourages locals to get involved in the sporting opportunities available in Paparoa.

Regular users of the Sports Pavilion are Paparoa Lions, Table Tennis, Paparoa Tennis, Kaipara Yoga, JMB rugby and Plunket Ready Steady Wriggle. Others include Paparoa School's quiz nights, Arty Farties, and private functions. In this last financial year we:

- purchased tables (Paparoa Depot Trust grant)
- cleaned the carpet and lino professionally
- built a lean-to for housing the trailered lights (for hire)
- ran the junior disco
- held the fun family sports afternoon
- organised three successful community dinners.

We are very lucky to have such a great committee of cheerful and willing members who seem to thrive on being busy. We welcome Lawrie Stevens to the committee as JMB representative, but we farewell Vickie Owens who has been with us since inception in 2009. She managed our venue

hire and was our secretary for many years. Thank you for all your work, Vickie.

We would also like to thank all spouses of the committee members who are always a valuable help especially when we're catering. Thanks also to all who support us at our community dinners.

Future plans include:

- installing a finger sign at the road entrance
- painting a mural on our building in conjunction with Otamatea High students
- promoting hireage of the trailered lights
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The donations we received went to support *Epic Youth*, committed to investing in our youth and run by *Good News Church* volunteers.

### Epic Youth

Epic Youth is held fortnightly on Friday nights with activities at the Epicentre (next to the Good News Church), or there may be trips elsewhere. All youth aged 11-18 are welcome to join us for these fun evenings and to learn more about Jesus.

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### Christmas Closing

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## Kiwi grey nomads adventure in WA

In the beginning....

The weather-worn sign stated *Stromatolites and Historic ...??* as we flashed by on the road to Monkey Mia. *Stromatolites?* What could they be? Fascinating word!

Our curiosity was aroused and we soon added it to our growing bucket list to do on the return route. Temptation to search on *Google* was debated, and resisted!

Monkey Mia proved to be pretty, pleasant and unpredictably modernised. Certainly different to the glowing description of "almost untouched nature" from friends who had visited a good two decades ago.

Back on the highway again, we were eager to find these *stromatolites*.

A few kilometres from the sealed road we began to travel a kind of natural causeway through an extremely arid landscape of low rounded hills separated by huge shallow dish shaped craters. There appeared to be hundreds



of small bundles of dead vegetation covering their surfaces. Apparently they were healthy plants robustly flourishing in the salty pans and well modified to suit this environment. Quite an eerie scene, but not *stromatolites!*

Further along the dusty road we reached the '*historic*' site. It was a West Australian World Heritage site, the First Telegraph Office. Two elderly outback type buildings cleverly fronted a delightful 1960's style motor camp. We settled in. Later, a relaxing stroll through coastal scrub brought us to the shore of a huge peaceful bay, Hamlin Pool. And then, we arrived at the *stromatolites*. Crowding the water at the edges of the bay they looked like round stubby rocks or fossilised tree stumps.

Thousands of them.

The boardwalk allowed a closer look and the information board satisfied our curiosity. It was hard to believe that the black, lumpy, dead looking, trunk like shapes were actually mounds of living bacteria. Modern examples of the very slow growing life forms that thrive in a high saline environment



*Stromatolites* manufacture the precious gas oxygen and are believed to be the starters of our earth's atmosphere.

Millions of years ago  
... in the beginning!  
Helen Hughes

## Grey Power matters

Otamatea Grey Power (OGP) has written to party political leaders, about the Health Supplements Bill, with the only thoughtful response coming from NZ First. Because of toxins that have been approved, and the risk of reduced availability of health supplements, OGP will keep this issue in the public arena until the Bill is withdrawn.

OGP correspondence published in newspapers last month covered: the Health Supplements Bill; the \$1b allocated for a new prison and 1800 more prison beds - with no corresponding increased percentage for the education and health sectors (re-legalisation of cannabis could reduce incarceration numbers

for minor cannabis possession and eliminate the need for another prison); and state controls on entrepreneurial enterprises rendering small business ventures uneconomic, thus protecting corporations. There is concern over increasing erosion of civil rights, and unwise spending of the tax dollar- from politicians

who seem to ignore us - to big corporations who seem to be heeded. OGP is heartened by support from those who are becoming aware and picking up the gauntlet of these issues. "Together, we can achieve a more democratic, caring society". Enquiries to:

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**Book Review**



TITLE: *A man called Ove*  
 AUTHOR: **Fredrik Backman**

Curmudgeonly is the best way to describe Ove, an older Swede recently widowed who keeps everyone at bay. Staunchly principled he is a difficult neighbour, yet his defences are beaten down despite his best efforts.

The New York Times wrote "If there was an award for 'Most Charming Book of the Year,' this first novel by a Swedish blogger-turned-overnight-sensation would win hands down."

Yes, it is charming but not sickly. A really good book in the spirit of 'The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry'.

Deb

**At the Market ... the egg lady**

Carol Johnson is the lovely and gentle lady with the free range eggs who is at the market every Saturday morning.

It's a family operation. Carol and her husband Jason were looking for something else to do after they had sold and retired from many years in dairy farming. The free range egg farm for sale off Jellicoe Road in Ruawai looked to be just the thing. It wasn't long before reality set in and with 1300 laying hens to look after, they found themselves very busy; more busy than they ever imagined!

Fortunately their adult children, four boys and a girl live not far away and they've all chipped in to help out their parents on busy days. Daughter Rachel takes over every Sunday to give Carol and Jason a day off!

They sell a good few eggs at their farm gate stall, and Carol sells many at Dargaville market

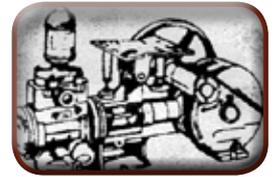


every Thursday, and at Paparoa on Saturdays. Carol says she especially loves the market atmosphere in Paparoa where people come and buy and stay around chatting with others and enjoying the music.

If you are interested in acquiring your own laying hens, the Johnsons have them for sale; 20 months old at \$20 each. Just call in and see her next week at the market!

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*Letters from ... The Old Post Office*



**The correct identification of flora and fauna**

Many students of nature, professional and amateur, puzzle over the correct classification of some species. The difference between a duck and a goose for instance can be elusive. It's all to do with where the bill joins the head of the bird, apparently. However, few students of nature can have discovered so many new species as the man-in-the-shed.

Only days after our arrival in Paparoa he discovered a new bird. The cat and I (the dog had not yet joined our menagerie) were startled by excited cries from the back deck. "Look, Look! There's a big blue and white duck in the plum tree." (He didn't, of course, know it was a plum tree, I'm just adding that so readers may create a vividly realistic image in their mind). I rushed out, the cat strolled, and beheld this new species, subsequently classified as *the Wood Duck*. (Again, note to reader, it was and is a wood pigeon.)

Not long after this new classification the man-in-the-shed was found, uncharacteristically, *out* of the shed and in the orchard, gazing avidly at a small pink and white flower. "Isn't this pretty," he said. "But not much use in an orchard." Clearly not of the usual genus "I need a flower before I fruit" apple tree. This tree is now called the magic tree.

And just recently, another new discovery. The rabbit. Early one morning, well, early for the man-in-the-shed, he wandered over to his small flock and was startled to see that the ewe had obviously given birth to a creature that was seemingly a rabbit. On closer inspection he was relieved to note that, although the ears were long, brown and floppy and the fur multi coloured, it was in fact her natural offspring. The name has stuck however and rabbit it remains.

The man-in-the- shed is clearly homo *not so very sapien*.

Deb

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## HOOK, LINE & SINKER

Lately fishing has been much the same; reasonable, but not that flash.



Hopefully the fine weather will wake the fish up and bring them out in numbers - and hopefully that's in time for the Ladies' Fishing Competition!

Have a nice Christmas.

Gravy

## OUT & ABOUT

**Mahjong** Is anyone interested in playing regularly? Whether you already know how to play or would like to learn please give Marian Harkness a call 4316 332. She would like to find out if anyone would be interested in starting a group sometime early in the new year.

**Ladies' Fishing Competition** run by Pahi Boating & Fishing, will be held 3 Dec. Tickets from Paparooa Hotel or The Cruiser, or to secure your place in a boat, call Mike 431 8288.

**White Rock's Summer Fair** is also on Sat Dec 3. Don't miss it!

**Christmas on the Green** with The Community Church is Sat. 17 Dec from 4.30pm. Plenty of games, food and music, plus the community choir's Christmas carols. There will be prizes for Christmas costumes and pet animals. (advert pg 7)

**Congratulations** Matthew Moulds who is *Northland's Silver Fern Farms Sportsman of the Year*. Matt, who grew up in Ararua, is a top rugby player having played for the Otamatea Hawks seniors this

season, and is captain of the *Northland Taniwha Mitre 10 Cup 2016* team. He is contracted to *The Blues* for the 2016-2017 season.

**Good Sorts** - TV One's Hayden Jones was filming at Arty Farties last week. Did you see Anne and her team on TV One (after the news, Sunday night)?

**Maungaturoto Op Shop** just received a quantity of knitting wool. If you are a keen knitter make a visit for a bargain.

**There's an amnesty** on Paparooa Show cups. If you have any at home please bring them into Gerard at the Paparooa Zephyr Oysters Fish shop asap!

**PPI** donated \$200 to the Fire Force (Paparooa Community Response) for their enthusiastic support of our 'Proudly Paparooa Day'. They spent the whole day ferrying excited kids to and fro in the fire engine.

**Congratulations** to Graham Roberts who recently celebrated his 80th. Graham is one of our volunteers. He delivers The Press to the store and over to Maungaturoto for distribution every month.

**Sadly** a couple passing through during Proudly Paparooa couldn't find any parking. They weren't fit enough to walk the longer distance from the hotel or hall car parks. They were disappointed.

**Good stuff** - the amazing milk tanker and truck drivers (especially the Organic Hub tanker) who slow right down to pass walkers and cyclists on dusty gravel roads. With busy schedules to keep you still think of others. Well done. It's appreciated.

## Library news

### HOLIDAY HOURS:

The Library will be open on Christmas Eve Sat 24th Dec 9.30-12.30pm, and then closes until reopening on Thurs 5th January 1.30-4.30pm.

### FRESH SELECTION OF BOOKS:

Our 6-monthly exchange of  Large Print and Non-Fiction books from the Dargaville Library took place in late November. So do check out the shelves for these, we take care to select books that have either not been available at Paparooa Library before, or have not been on our shelves for at least two years. Ask our desk staff to help you find these.

### VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Your Community Library needs you! We require additional desk staff to help. If you can spare a half-day or two each month we would love to hear from you. Full training provided.

Contact Sue 431 6986  
suejim@orcon.net.nz,  
or Faith 431 6324.

**Bad stuff** - recently car hoons doing 'wheelies' terrorised tourists camping overnight at Ruawai wharf. Flying stones caused broken glass and damage. Totally traumatised, the tourists called the police but by the time they arrived the hoons had left. This kind of behaviour is certainly not what we need in the Kaipara!

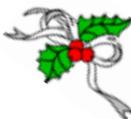
## Thank You!

For many years Dorothy Quaife has calculated the tides for Pahi/Whakapirau published monthly in the Press. She has loved contributing but regrettably she has to give it up as her eyesight is not quite as sharp as it used to be.

Thank you Dorothy.

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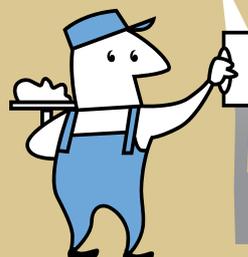
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**WHAT'S ON - DECEMBER 2016**

**Rock Oyster Ball 3 December** 7.30-12pm Paparoa Hall (see pg 18)  
**Otamatea Repertory 'Peter Pan'** Show dates last shows Dec 2-4 see pg 12  
**The Kauri Museum** open 7 days free entry to Otamatea District residents  
 Xmas Concert & shopping 7 Dec 5.30pm. Tudor Collins exhibition opens Dec  
**White Rock Gallery Summer Fair** Sat 3 Dec. 9 - 2pm Food, stalls, Eccentric Ukes.  
**Pahi Boating & Fishing Women's Fishing Contest** Sat 3 Dec  
**Christmas on the Village Green** Sat 17 Dec from 4.30pm games, food, music, carols  
**Paparoa Pot-Luck Picnic** Sunday 15 January, Village Green, 1pm

**REGULAR EVENTS, MEETINGS AND ORGANISATIONS**

**Anglican Church St Marks** 1st, 2nd & 4th Sundays 10am, Hook Road, Paparoa  
**Ararua Church** 10.30am every Sunday, All welcome ph 431 6622  
**Art Studio, Ruawai** Mon 10-12noon ph Frances 439 2554  
**Arty Farties** Summer Markets 9am-noon, opposite Village Green; Thur/Fri in the 'Tile Shed'; Crafty Kids Club 1st Sun of month 10-2pm at the Shed; Beginners Patchwork Group, Mon 7pm, Te Pahi River Dr. ph Anne 431 6229  
**Badminton** Thursday - teens & adults 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  
**Fire Force** 1st & 3rd Monday in month 6.30pm Depot Rd ph Cohan 431 6668  
**Gardening Club** 2nd Wed of month, ph Lyn 431 6090  
**Grey Power** Last Wed in month, 1pm, Anglican Church Hall, Mgto  
**Library** Mon 1.30-4.30pm, Wed 10am-12noon, Thu 1.30-4.30pm, Fri 9.30am-1pm  
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**Line Dancing** Thurs 10am-noon Paparoa Hall ph Rose 431 7418  
**Mainly Music** Wed 9.30am Paparoa Comm Church, ph Rebecca 431 7550  
**Maungaturoto Opportunity Shop** Open Mon 10-1pm Wed 10-3pm Fri 10-3pm  
**Music Makers** Second Wednesday, monthly, Cruiser Cafe, 7 pm. 4316 722  
**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  
**Paparoa Community Church** 10.30am every Sunday, 4 Hook Road 4317106  
**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** Tues and Fridays 10am-1pm, ph 021 185 2954 Playcentre or Grace 0210379445 or 556 9141 or Bianca 431 6730 or 021 782 456 Visitors welcome  
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**Sacred Soul Circle** 2nd Sundays, 10am-12 Marohemo hall ph Helen 021 938 024  
**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  
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DECEMBER TIDES - CALCULATED for PAHI-WHAKAPIRAU

DATE	LOW	HIGH	DATE	LOW	HIGH
1st	6.43am	1.07pm	17th	7.59am	2.29pm
2nd	7.18am	1.41pm	18th	8.46am	3.18pm
3rd	7.54am	2.17pm	19th	9.34am	4.07pm
4th	8.32am	2.56pm	20th	10.24am	4.59am
5th	9.14am	3.40pm	21st	11.18am	5.55am
6th	10.02am	4.31pm	22nd	12.19pm	6.54am
7th	11.37pm	5.30pm	23rd	12.54pm	7.25am
8th	12.01pm	6.34pm	24th	1.54pm	8.28am
9th	1.08pm	7.11am	25th	2.51pm	9.26am
10th	2.15pm	8.18am	26th	3.43pm	10.16am
11th	3.18pm	9.21am	27th	4.28pm	10.59am
12th	4.15pm	10.19am	28th	5.09pm	11.38am
13th	5.08pm	11.13am	29th	5.47pm	12.14pm
14th	6.00pm	12.04pm	30th	6.24pm	12.49pm
15th	6.23am	12.53pm	31st	7.00pm	1.24pm
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## Lost 'pigeon post'



This homing pigeon landed exhausted at Ariel Farm in the week before last. After some reseach (his leg band revealed all), it was found that on release from Hastings he was supposed to have flown to his home in Christchurch.

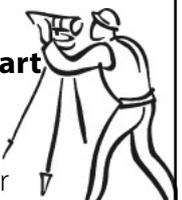
Maybe the Kaikoura earthquake had something to do with why he fled North instead of homewards to the South?

After contact with the owner it's been decided to let him stay in residence in Paparoa. It was going to be quite a mission to get this guy back home even though he's one of the owner's best birds. He's a dark checkered male and is used for pigeon racing. Meantime his finders will keep him and thought they should look for a companion to keep him company!

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