



FEBRUARY 2016

Come to the 140th Show! 6-7 February



The Paparoa A&P Show is now in its 140th year. Generations of North Kaipara people have kept the Show alive and well over all these years, maintaining its heritage of connecting people to rural activities. This is a time of rejuvenation for the Show with many new ideas and new approaches. We believe that this will mean more visitors, competitors and exhibitors.



'Jersey' Champion Cup presentation, 1958



The 28-strong Paparoa Show committee of 1898



Gordon Coates at the Show, on "John"

Children in particular benefit from our Show with fun attractions and exposure to rural things that they may have never experienced before and many adults get similar benefits.

The Show is a must for tourists to get a taste of Kiwiana. It is usually sunny and hot and we will have plenty for you to eat and drink. Have a picnic on the Showground, sample the unique Taste of Kaipara. Relax and enjoy live music from the Red Arrows Dixie Jazz Band. There are plenty of side shows – fun for all the family.

Our regular events are always exciting and interesting – equestrian show-

jumping & dressage, pedigree cattle & dairy goats, wood-chopping & shearing, alpaca, team roping and bull riding.

Market stalls and trade sites offer an extensive range of interesting things to view and buy. Stalls provide stuff for the brain, the stomach and the pocket. Many home-made products, information on conservation and other 'green' matters, and food & drinks.

The huge indoor section in the hall has exhibits of flowers, vegetables, arts and

crafts, photography, baking & preserves, photography, a children's section, a home brew competition, and a special class sponsored by Zephyr Oyster Farms for an artwork depicting an event that celebrates life in the Kaipara with a prize of \$250.

Gates open at 9am with gate prizes for 1 in 3 of the earliest paying adult visitors.

There's free parking, good facilities including St Johns Ambulance and EFTPOS. Entrance fee is only \$10 for adults and \$5 each for the first two children. Extra children are free as are all children under five. Check out our Show at www.paparoashow.org.nz

Just imagine ...

If there were no volunteers. How different would things be? How would Paparoa look? How would it feel? Who would nurture and nourish our community and its facilities, assets, and events?



KPB volunteers
Candi & Myron Plantweed
... just didn't know when to stop

- ▶ Keep Paparoa Beautiful
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- ▶ Fire Force
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- ▶ Farmer's Market
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- ▶ Paparoa Retirement Village
- ▶ Medical Society
- ▶ School PTA
- ▶ Lions
- ▶ Mainly Music
- ▶ Music Makers
- ▶ Coastguard
- ▶ The Kauri Museum

Untold numbers of unpaid volunteers spend untold hours contributing their time and energy to the work done by these organisations, for the benefit of everyone. In some cases just a very precious few people manage to keep things afloat. These people, many of whom contribute to multiple groups, have been doing this work for decades and are not getting any younger - some now in their 60s and 70s. **Your community needs you! Can you step up? Do you have a passion for any of these initiatives?** We stopped counting when we got to 30. Undoubtedly we've forgotten more of our unsung heroes ... and if so, we're sorry. PP

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Our deepest sympathy

The Paparoa Press, on behalf of the wider Paparoa community, wish to extend our deepest sympathy to the family of the child who died as a result of a road accident in Maungaturoto on 22nd January.

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Restricted fire season

The restricted fire season is still in place as, despite recent rain, the hills are still very dry.



This means you cannot light any fire in the open without a permit within Kaipara and Whangarei Districts until further notice. Permits are simple to apply for online at havingafire.org.nz or ph Forest Protection Services 430 7707.

Apology to Prizewinners ...

Owing to an unintentional error, we omitted two Otamatea High School 2015 Junior Prizewinners from last month's report. Our apologies to:

Abigail Mason

Year 10 - Excellence in Science,
Endeavour in Business Studies

Catherine Mason-Veale

Year 9 - Excellence in English,
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As we go to print, the annual Anniversary Weekend Pahi Regatta hasn't yet happened.

We have our fingers crossed for great weather, great racing, and a safe and fun time for everyone.

To those of our readers who attended, we trust a grand time was enjoyed by all.

We will do our best to bring you pics and a report in next month's Press. PP

Coastguard - Boating Safety Code

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- 5 simple rules to stay safe:



Before you go boating on our seas, lakes and rivers, get familiar with New Zealand's Boating Safety Code.

1. Life Jackets Take them – Wear them. Boats, especially those under 6m in length, can sink very quickly. Wearing a life jacket increases your survival time in the water.



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Paparoa Community Library is urgently looking for more volunteers to man the issues desk. Would you like to help?

Paparoa Community Library serves a large area - Ruawai, Tinopai, Matakohe, Ararua, as well as Paparoa and its surrounding area. It is run entirely by volunteers and due to an increase in membership is getting a lot busier.

If you love books and meeting people, and have basic computer skills, it's a very interesting way to spend an afternoon. After initial training it could involve as little as one half-day a month and you would be warmly welcomed.

We're supported by Dargaville Library staff and get book loans from them and other organisations. If you think this could be for you please contact Faith 431 6324, Sue 431 6986 or call into the Library on a Friday morning and see Jenny.

Press Gang needs you!

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The Press Gang who publish Paparoa Press each month, need more people on the team. This involves meeting once a month to plan the next issue, and sourcing material from the community. If you can help pls ph Loraine 431 7290 or email us at press@paparoa.org.nz

Your **Fire Force** needs you!



Paparoa Volunteer Rural Fire Force needs more volunteers - young or old- female or male ...

We Want You!

A recent medical call was attended by four awesome firemen who had a combined age of 266 years! ... and no walking sticks! If they can do it, so can you!!

The Deputy Chief has two children, a full-time job working long hours. He doesn't go to every callout, and that's ok.

It's about making a difference **where you can**. People have lives- that's why we need more of you - to spread the load!

If you're able to join the Paparoa VRRFF, we meet on the 1st & 3rd Monday each month, at 6.30pm at the station on Depot Rd in Paparoa. Or just come in for a look & a chat.

Any questions, call Cohan or Yvonne 431 6668, or Gerard 431 6089.

A&P Show needs you!



Paparoa Show Committee needs people with: manual /physical skills, computer skills (eg: spreadsheets), communication skills (eg: phone/writing, or just a willingness to help. If you can help with any of these, please phone Gerard 027 697 8371 or Ann 027 333 5589.

KPB needs you!



Keep Paparoa Beautiful most of our precious few KPB-ers are now in their 70's, and have been KPB-ing for decades! Are you able to help?

This group - keeps Paparoa beautiful! They plant, they weed, they tidy-up. They remove old/damaged plants & trees and plant new ones.

They look after: The Village Green, The Landing, and the riverbank in-between. The Paparoa Hall garden, & the recently established Library/ White Rock Gallery garden. Trees planted on the old Refuse Tip site in Pahi Road are monitored for weed infestation and damage following storms.

They're also involved in caring for Paparoa's Bush Walkway and trapping of possums, rats and stoats. All this - and more!

If you can help, please ph Janice 09 946 9990.

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Top of the Rock

Kaiwaka's *Top of the Rock* is a wonderful opportunity for exercise and competition - right on our doorstep.

Entry forms for these scenic more leisurely walks, or competitive mountain bike events, are available at Skeltons Drapery and Maungaturoto Carters store, or online at www.kaiwakasports.co.nz. This is the sixth year of the popular Baldrock walk.

It will be held on Sunday 14 February and caters for walkers, runners and mountain bikers, both competitive and casual with a range of options to choose from:

- ▶ 5km walk or run, past two lakes and return.
- ▶ 10km walk or run, climb Baldrock Mountain and return.
- ▶ 10km run + 15km mountain bike ride (individual or team), run along farm tracks then climb the Mountain, run to transition point and cycle around lakes and on to Kaiwaka Sports Complex.
- ▶ 30km or 14km mountain bike, along farm tracks and some roads and finish at Sports Complex.
- ▶ and, new this year, a fun bike course for under 10 year olds.

Routes travel through some of Kaiwaka's most scenic countryside - bush, lakes and farmland - and you also get the once-a-year opportunity to climb iconic Baldrock Mountain. 

A taste of orange for our 1st anniversary!

How has 2015 disappeared so quickly?

White Rock Gallery is already celebrating its first birthday and what a lot it has achieved. From small beginnings it has proved its worth, not only to its loyal membership, but to Paparoa Village.

Locals have been extremely supportive in their interest and we thank you all for that. We hope that our presence in the village helps in making Paparoa a destination, not just a 'drive-thru'.

With the latest KDC ruling, all of our small remote signs along Highway 12 have had to be removed, but our bigger and brighter on-site signage, coordinated with a recent upgrade of the building exterior, is already resulting in an increase in the numbers of people stopping and enjoying the gallery. Sales remain steady and our members continually strive to bring new ideas to the fore. The next 'refresh' date for art is 1st February, so we hope you will all visit, view the new work and give us your feedback.



Update from Paparoa Lions

Our last dinner meeting of 2015 saw District Governor Deirdre Bridge attend with her partner, Lion Peter, to induct four new members to the club. We welcome Lawrie Stevens, Bruce Lydiard, Mark Veale & Ruth Mason and wish them a great time serving our community.

Throughout the year our new lions can expect to be involved in numerous activities. Things like the Paparoa Show, Hibiscus Coast Car Club catering, the Pioneer Luncheon, the Junior Speech Competition for our local schools, the Paparoa Lions walkway, firewood project, Otamatea Repertory Theatre evening and the Whangarei fireworks display.

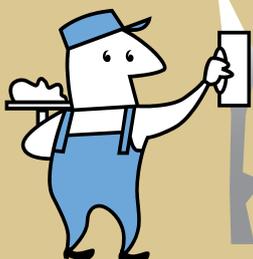


Mark Veale and Lawrie Stevens

The club has already attended the Black Swamp Rodders Run at Mangawhai in January and provided catering for the car club (and checking out the flash cars on display). The funds raised will in turn be applied to a number of things to support our community.

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The New Year has arrived, we hope this will be a safe and happy one. Our resolutions are made and hopefully we are able to carry them through.

The gardens are going to seed, so we're collecting seeds for this year, 2016. There are animals (chooks & goats) that are partying on some of those plants that have gone to seed.

Sue has been busy planting and raising seeds: corn, passion-fruit, tamarillos, tomatoes, basil, sunflowers and more, to sell at the Paparoa Markets. Our Market starts 9th January, then every second Saturday.

It's time to plant swan plants for the butterfly season, lavender, rosemary, anything blue for bees and butterflies and calendulas for the bees. Nematodes (little worms) in the soil attack root crops but don't like marigolds or calendulas. Companion planting is important for all things beautiful.

Happy New Year

Paparoa's own beauty haven

Jo Jury is the new owner/manager of our lovely Beauty Spa right in the centre of Paparoa Village. Jo's idea is to expand the business and product range to include pamper gift packs, and of course, the full range of wonderful beauty treatments will still be on offer.



Trained beautician Alysha, is available Monday to Saturday. Appointments are necessary, by phoning 431 7597, or email through lartdebeauty.com/contact.php

Soon to be up and running is a 24/7 online booking system

allowing you to make your appointments from anywhere you are connected online.

Welcome to Paparoa Jo and Alysha, it's great to have such a wonderful "beauty treat haven" right here on our doorstep.

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"I think that all good, right thinking people in this country are sick and tired of being told that all good, right thinking people in this country are fed up with being told that all good, right thinking people in this country are fed up with being sick and tired. I'm certainly not, and I'm sick and tired of being told that I am."

Monty Python

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Who's coming to dinner?

Lynnlie and Gena at the Village Cafe have had a busy summer so far, though they notice the less than amazing weather may have put some tourists off. They have recently extended their hours for entirely home cooked bistro meals - Monday & Wednesday 5-8pm - ongoing throughout the year (please book for evening meals.)

A sample of the menu leaves one hungry to get in for a taste: Scotch fillet with home-made chips, coleslaw & salad, sticky spare ribs, Deves chicken-in-a-basket, lasagne. This menu will change with the seasons, and dessert is different every day! Yum!

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Kayne is very able

To start from the very beginning, in the 1980's on a farm in Huarau, farmer Trevor Brljevic perfected the breeding of coloured Calla lilies. Thus began a huge industry producing flowers and bulbs for sale. Flower colours, firstly yellow, evolved into a huge range – which will be perfect when Trevor succeeds in breeding a blue Calla!

Kayne Gravatt's grandparents, Bill & Margaret Massey, were quick off the mark to recognise a potential market and were soon growing and selling flowers and bulbs. Likewise Kayne's father made a living from the same.

Along came Kayne who, while studying for a pilot's license

Fortunately the Japanese people are great flower buyers and 2015 was very good for sales with the callas peaking just before Christmas.

In August 2014 Kayne branched out with a new business, online retailing of packs of a great variety of flowering bulbs. His spring catalogue is a beauty



Kayne ... pictured here in his Station Rd field of beautiful callas

and in need of money, started work at Andrew Wearmouth's *Pukekaroro Exotics* a commercial operation in Paparooa Station Rd. Kayne and his father purchased Andrew's operation renaming it 'Quality Callas'.

The Station Road setup has all they need, packing house and coolers, growing polyhouses, and land. Kayne and his father sell the bulbs around the southern hemisphere (barring Australia which denies entry of such material). Europe is well supplied by Dutch growers who took our bulbs and became highly competitive breeders!

and shows a wide range of tulip, daffodil, iris, anemone, ranunculu, hyacinth, and freesia to name just some.

His website www.bulbsdirect.co.nz is used for ordering. Since its August 2014 opening, orders have been despatched to more than 10,000 customers, equating to around 300,000 bulbs. The summer catalogue includes calla, gladioli, gloriosa, dahlia, and summer begonia.

Thank you Kayne for your hard work, for employing people to help you, and for potentially adding colour to our locality!

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STOP PRESS: Kayne has, through his business, offered 1,000 daffodil bulbs to various community organisations, Paparooa being one of them.

Negotiations are underway with some willing workers to plant these, 'Bridle Crown' is the variety, but our lips are sealed! We look forward to seeing a wonderful display for our community to enjoy come spring.

Thanks again Kayne. PP

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Sam Hartles' Tribute to Bowie

This is an interesting time of year where we try to be heroes and achieve all the work and family duties that span the width of a circle around Christmas. It ain't easy but you have to hang onto yourself. After all, all the madmen around us are rushing just the same.

We have been here five years, golden years and I sometimes feel like its no game, day in day out, and that we are just working for soul love. I can't explain.

The regular rainfall has been great and will continue, knock on wood; Even though my pooch, who is a real diamond dog, found the lightning frightening. Wild is the wind when that easterly starts to scream like a baby.

I certainly don't look back in anger at the past year but I do wish the Karma man (Mr Key) and his supermen would kick the saviour machine into gear and convince the Red sails, China girl and cat people that we are hungry men and 'to come buy my toys.'

When I have the running gun blues and realise that the laughing gnome who represents us would be the man who sold the world for an eight line poem, I just want to call please Mr grave digger, fill your heart and bury me in quicksand.

When I live my dream I won't join the gang with the kooks and the criminal world.

It is good here though, and great to have taken my lady stardust out of the suffragette city and are living the moon age daydream on good black country rock. She shook me cold and makes me feel like Joe the lion.

The supermen that we have raised are testament to our modern love and have

secured the future legend.

Without you it would feel like life on mars, ashes to ashes.

There have been some changes to our family with the arrival of the little Jean Genie. Even though the boys keep swinging like scary monsters, they still have time to give her 'Oh you pretty thing' hugs and she gives back her 'Love you till Tuesday' smile.

It is with sorrow that I mention the passing of a rebel rebel and a leader of fashion who marched to the sound of breaking glass.

R.I.P. Star man

The Holy holy has finally said "Lets dance"

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Please submit in writing your Expression of Interest detailing proposed use, carrying capacity and rental, by 15th February 2016.

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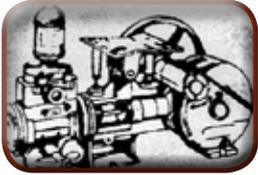
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All Lit Up at The Kauri Museum

2015 was The International Year of Light and Light-Based Technologies. To mark this event, The Kauri Museum partnered with an outreach team from The Photon Factory, an advanced, multi-user pulsed laser research facility in the Faculty of Science at The University of Auckland, to present a science fair based on light technology.

Over two days at the museum, students from all local schools were introduced to the properties and power of light. They learned about sunlight, the colours of the light spectrum and the powerful and magical effects of laser (light amplification by stimulated emission of radiation) technology.

A series of hands-on experiments organised by The Photon Factory team kept the students engaged, showing the effects of lasers and light absorption through various media.

A spectacular experiment with cubes of jelly showed how lasers generate the speed of fibre optics. Experiments concluded with museum staff adorning students in face paint to show the peculiarities of colour when exposed to ultra-violet light.

A small theatre performance of the museum's Magic Lantern was created by staff in an alcove. The Magic Lantern is an early slide projector which shows hand-painted 'stills' and slides which can be animated by turning a small lever on the side of the machine, or by moving parts of the slide back and forth. A series of stills can be shown while a narrator delivers the storyline, in this case, 'Red Riding Hood'.

Continuing the theme of light and technology, this Magic

Lantern was originally owned by Thomas Edison, inventor of: the light bulb, the motion picture camera, sound recording, and the phonograph.



Local students
experiment with light

Originally powered by a flickering candle in its light box, the Magic Lantern has since been converted to run by electric light bulb.



**INTERNATIONAL
YEAR OF LIGHT
2015**

On the last day, the science fair was open to the general public where it was enjoyed by even more children and a large number of adults. Every child who participated over the three days received a box containing a number of objects; some of which referenced the light theme and others which could be used for further light experimentation.

The event was a great success for The Kauri Museum's education programme but what of 2016, The International Year of Pulses?

What might The Kauri Museum be able to do around that theme? Keep an eye out for this next year!

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Jess Moulds - A top netball achiever



Thanks to the family of Jess Moulds for their valuable input to the following report: From Tactix to Ferns, Northland girl Jess Moulds has continued to excel since last time the Paparoa Press spoke with her in 2013.

The newly selected Silver Fern, raised on an Ararua dairy farm, was thrilled to be selected into the 14-man squad for the 2016 season. Despite rupturing an achilles which cut her 2014 season short, Moulds played some of her best netball yet in the 2015 ANZ Championship, earning a spot at the Ferns trials last year.

While the 188cm tall defender already has a busy year ahead with the Canterbury Tactix, Jess' game will be taken to the next level with the additional training required as a Silver Fern.

With the help of her intensive training regime, Jess hopes to be selected in the squad again for the Ferns 2016 international campaign after the Tactix season finishes in

August. Jess is starting her third year with the Tactix, after moving to Christchurch to be with her partner and continue to develop her on-court career.



Jess Moulds with parents Madeline and Mike

As a New Zealand registered dietician, Jess also has other strings to her bow, furthering her career with the well-

known Auckland based Mission Nutrition. Specialising in gut health, Irritable Bowel Syndrome, eating disorders and related problems, Jess has now franchised her own leg of the business in Christchurch.

She hopes that, when her sporting career finishes, she has a business she feels passionate about to enjoy. She says the next step in her career is to use her Prime Minister's Scholarship to help with her studies for a Business degree.

Jess' netball games for the Ferns and Tactix can be viewed on Sky Sport - starting with the Tactix on 1st April. You can follow Jess' career, and grab yourself some top diet tips, through Facebook at Jess Moulds - Dietician and Professional Netballer.

As mentioned in our previous article about Jess, we commend her hard work, talent and dedication and wish her every success for her netball career.

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Paparoa Primary School

We start back at school on Tuesday 2 Feb and look forward to seeing old and new pupils alike.

We have three new members of staff joining us with a vast range of experience and knowledge. Our New Entrant class will continue to be taught by Ms Julie Harper, with the support of one of our new teacher aides, Mrs Sue Skelton. Our Junior class teacher is once again

Mrs Helen Taua. She has two teacher aides supporting in her room, Mrs Christine Stewart and our second new teacher aide Mrs Janine Sheppard. In the Senior class I will teach Monday to Wednesday and our third new team member, Mr Christopher Ellis, will teach Thursdays and Fridays, while I have Principal Release time.

Our 'Meet the Staff' BBQ is on Thurs 18 Feb, for school & its families. Our school pool has been well used over the summer, thank you to all the families who have followed the rules which keep everyone safe and let all enjoy themselves.

The theme for the year is Games. We will look at the many aspects of this for example team work, good sportsmanship, board games, language and maths games. If you have any old games you would like to donate or teach to our children please let us know.

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Pets in the Valley ... Hotspot



What does the word 'hotspot' mean to you? Wi-Fi hotspots would spring to mind for most youngsters, geologists would think of volcanic activity, and for the summer holidays most of us would think of great places to visit like Bali.

In the vet world a "hotspot" is an area of skin where a pyogenic infection has taken hold and is spreading rapidly. They are most common in dogs, especially those with dense undercoats like Labradors and German Shepherds, but no breed is spared. An initial insult damages the skin such as a flea bite, a scratch or even a tight collar and then the normal skin bacteria go into manic mode and produce a moist, itchy rapidly expanding skin infection.



Warm humid weather, ie: northland summers, exacerbate the condition as does scratching by the dog, which creates more skin damage and a vicious cycle is begun. Treatment is to clip the area which often surprises us by showing how much more extensive the skin damage is than is first thought and also results in some very odd looking haircuts! Most dogs will need antibiotic treatment as well as steroids to break the itch cycle.

Prevention is helped by having exemplary flea control, clipping long or dense coated animals for summer and treating any broken skin areas with iodine immediately when noticed.

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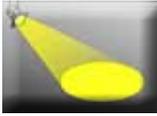
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Spotlight on ... Anne Shanks

Arty Farties Inc - a community affair

Anne Shanks insists that the work accomplished by Arty Farties is only possible with the support of her willing team. I met a few of them outside the workshop on a hot, sunny day. David was weed spraying, Sue potting seedlings and Ruth was soon to be weeding and planting again.

Eight years ago Anne saw an opportunity. The old bowling club was vacant and, now semi-retired, Anne wanted to give back to the community. She saw Arty Farties as having three facets - a place for schooling, a shop and gallery, as well as a meeting place.

It all started with a five-bed garden, built by the Dept of Corrections, with timber donated by the Pasleys, in order to grow food for locals in need. Today the gardens help to feed 29 families.

Not only does the garden feed locals, it is also used to teach. Sustainable Rural Development Stage 1&2 were taught (fees-free). Students have built the hot-house, greenhouse, and composting bins. All valuable work experience. When the bowling club fell victim to an arson, classes simply continued in the Sports Pavilion. Classes, Tara Tahī, for 16-18yr-olds were also run, teaching farm skills to teens who had left school with no qualifications.

Arty Farties has also supported community service workers, it has picked up the women, and in seven years only one of these has reoffended. Anne says this has been a way of showing people other choices and options in life.

Arty Farties workers offer to



Anne and team member Sue

share the hard journey with them. Troubled youth have also been part of this initiative, Anne believes it gives them a sense of involvement and has been really successful.

Work accomplished has led to others emulating it and now Ruawai is following suit with its food bank garden. The Northtec students have also set up a garden at Hook Rd church, another cooperative venture.

For 2016 Anne plans to apply for grants to offer more art and craft classes such as garden sculpture, flax weaving, and who knows what more will evolve from her fertile mind?

Having listened to all the things accomplished, and plans for things to come, I am not sure there's much retirement involved. Arty Farties is a great concept and the result of a huge amount of effort.

NB: Drop in to the Sunday Open Garage Day, either to drop off unwanted, but useful items or to pick something up.

All for a little koha.



Bee Buzz

When a hive becomes too full of honey and bees, to the extent that bees are parking out on the landing board and clinging to the front of the hive, they will, unless given more space by the beekeeper, build 1 - 7 queen cells.

These cells are usually about 30mm long by 10mm in diameter and within it the queen lays a fertilised egg. [Fertilised eggs produce queens or worker bees, unfertilised eggs produce drones or male bees.]

Queen cells are fed a large amount of Royal Jelly, a food secreted by nurse bees, and when the larva is eight days old, the cell is capped. After 16 days, the new queen is ready to emerge.

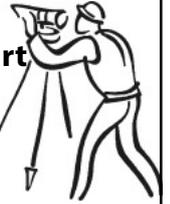
Swarming behaviour actually begins with the laying of eggs in prepared queen cells long before the bees leave the hive. At the right moment in the new queen hatching process, scout bees are sent out to hunt for a new home. A swarm is a happy cluster of young honey bees leaving the hive with the old queen to establish a new home.

Sometimes in strong hives, up to four swarms in succession over a few days may leave for a new home, but the bees always ensure that one queen cell remains for the remainder

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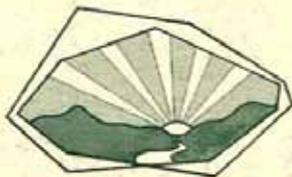
A group of queen cells. Note their size in comparison to a normal honey cell.

If the scout bees do not return in time with good news of a new home, a swarm will cluster onto a nearby branch or similar, to await the return of the scouts.

A fresh swarm will not chase or sting you, but after three to four days' waiting, their patience begins to run out and then they will let you know to keep clear.



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TOKA FEST 2016 music & art 20 Feb

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Included in the line up this year is Canadian folk singer/songwriter Marina Marina who will be sharing the stage with a host of local Northland musicians including Luna Chix, Olly Knox, Dally Beloved (CTFD), DJ Monfrady, Broken Porcelain, Faceless, AWAL, Baylys Beats, and Scruff.

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Dear Readers,

2015 has been and gone and school is just around the corner. Indeed by the time you read this school will be here. A new year. However, it seems meet and just that the past is reflected upon, before we move on into our (possibly uncertain) futures.

Who knows which golf clubs may fall to economic pressure? And it is this that has caused the writer certain reflections, as well as the man in the shed, of course. Although, reflections may be too strong a word to describe the individual male thought processes. More often than not I realise that small groups of men are standing about mumbling in the shed, lost in a cloud of what ifs, a little like sheep without a shepherd. What if the next golf club is not the same? What if it is not organised by a Gazza type? What if the phone no longer rings so early to notify the players of golfing necessities (number of pies for example)?

However, this is by the by and I have realised that all clouds have silver linings. The closure of the local golf course is very sad and the extra travelling aggravating. (Taking a Cartesian approach, we: the man in shed, map reader and dog, have tested the various routes. It seems Paparooa Station Rd wins. At least, if we remembered the times correctly that is, another issue that led to energetic discussion. The dog became very confused and had to have a lay down). But, here lies the advantage. It is so blindingly simple I am surprised I didn't think of it sooner. Longer at the golf course = longer in the garden planting roses.

Happy New Year to you all, Deb

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Paparooa Lions : Pioneer Luncheon 2016

The Paparooa Lions are again looking forward to hosting the annual Pioneer Luncheon at the Paparooa War Memorial Hall, which this year is on Friday 18 March.

The luncheon was originally held to honour the pioneering families of the district and give the senior members an opportunity to get together for a shared luncheon. The original pioneers have long since departed and over the years the criteria has changed to include anyone over 65 who lives, has lived, or has an association with the Paparooa

district. The luncheon is run by the Paparooa Lions and includes a delicious lunch, entertainment and a chance to reminisce with old friends and make new ones.

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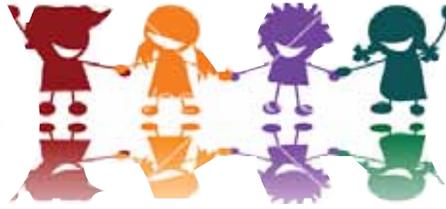


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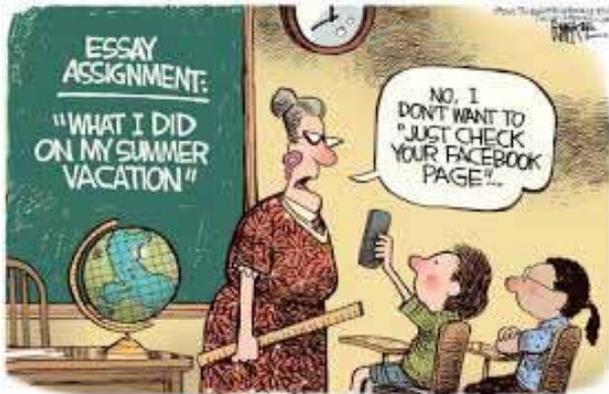
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- ▷ Do not empty your lunch wrappers from a bag pocket all year, just stuff them in and pretend you can't smell it.
- ▷ Get a radical hairstyle the day before you return to school. Or the day before class photos. Preferably one you did yourself. What could go wrong?
- ▷ Hide all of your left shoes. Repeatedly.
- ▷ Request avant garde lunch meals, with hard to find ingredients: squid ink risotto, with quinoa sushi rolls and fresh squeezed mango juice anyone?

Returning to school does not need to be a miserable diaster, after all, its a great chance to catch up with your friends and share holiday stories. Above all, be nice to your teacher!



Q: Have you heard about the teacher who was cross-eyed?

A: She couldn't control her pupils!

Parent: What did you learn today?

Kid: Not enough. I have to go back tomorrow.

Q. Why was 6 afraid of 7?

A. Because 7, 8, 9.

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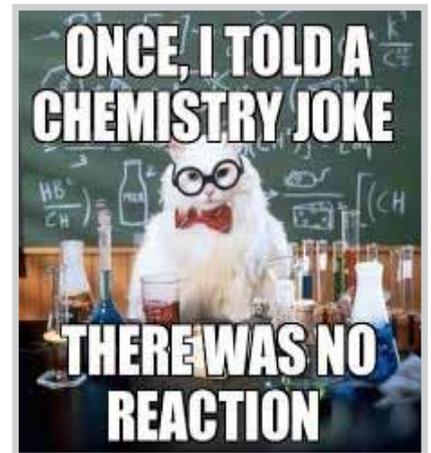
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OUT & ABOUT

Fire Restrictions still in place - in spite of the rain, restrictions still apply and permits are required. For info on how to get a permit, see page 2.

Our condolences to the family of Howard Smith who died recently after a long illness. Howard has lived between Paparooa and Matakohē for most of his life, farming land and helping out when needed. He will be greatly missed.

Music in the Garden - this is a Ruawai Lions fundraiser for the Cancer Society of Northland, held on Sunday 14 Feb, in Dunn Rd Ruawai

Annual Charity Auction - again Ruawai Lions fundraiser - Saturday 12 March. For both of the above events - or to get more info ph Dorothy or Jim 09 439 2557 or jdsimpson@slingshot.co.nz.

The annual Pahi Regatta will be all over by the time you read this - look for news & pics in March PP.

Trapping success on walkway Jim Rowlands reported that several possums, a weasel and a rat were caught recently in traps set on the Paparooa Bush Walkway. This will be a big plus for the native birdlife and invertebrates in the bush.

Lenten Studies Sun & Wed, & Ash Wednesday service Wed 10 Feb, for full details see pg 8.

Chair Yoga - new hours: Tues & Fri 9.30-10.30am, at Paparooa Sports Pavilion, \$7.

It's a girl! - welcome to baby Chloe Martin and hearty congrats to parents Andria and Peter. May you enjoy many happy years together!

Nga Hoe Uranga Ki Kaipara - Waka Ama (Outrigger Canoeing) Pahi - welcome new members. No experience needed, equipment supplied. Usually Sunday am, Tues, Thur pm, but check with Grant 027 474 3856 or Jayne 431 8531.

Toka Fest music & art festival Sat 20 Feb, TokaToka Tavern. Great Northland musicians, circus zone, art space, stalls etc. google Toka Fest tokatoka or ph 439 2107.

Pioneer Luncheon - this annual Paparooa Lions event - for all over-65s in the district - will be held on Friday 18 March - see page 12 for details.

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Excess and abundance - gardening in February



After waiting months for settled weather, perhaps in February it will arrive.

Living on a peninsula, on a ridge with little shelter, we feel more wind than anything - drying, scorching northerlies, blistering cold southerlies off the ice-shelf, the predominant south-westerly, storming easterly gales and raging westerlies that tear through our orchard and give the tamarillo its dramatic curve. With increased fungal disease in the recent humid months, we're hoping the sun will shine merrily on the tomatoes and send them blossoming into that delicious red lycopene blush. Having made green tomato pickle in years past, I prefer a homemade tomato sauce!

Zucchini are rambling nicely, the passionfruit is slowly darkening, and capsicum and cucumber sprawl excessively. February is our month of abundance. We've eaten the apricots, early peaches & plums, now we move on to

apples, nectarines and late plums & peaches. Harvest and process ... and repeat!

I keep my eye out for the green shield beetle which loves any chance to multiply, seemingly overnight, and the bronze shield beetle, another bug I'd rather not have in excess. Keen observation seems key to staying on top of these little guys. I love to spend hours hand removing them rather than chemically destroying them. Neem oil or garlic spray seem to help too. It's time to think about planning for autumn and winter, planting out seedlings - leek, silverbeet, broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower - these will need protection from white butterfly! It's not too late to plant lettuce, radish, dwarf beans, sugar-snap peas and salad greens.

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- White Rock Gallery** 'Refresh' of all art works - Tues 2nd Feb
- Lenten Studies** Feb-March; **Ash Wednesday Service** Wed 10 Feb - see pg 8
- Top of the Rock - Baldrock Walk** Sunday 14 Feb - see pg 4 for details
- Ruawai Lions: Music in the Garden** Sun 14 Feb; **Charity Auction** Sat 12 Mar
- Toka Fest music & art Festival** Sat 20 Feb Tokatoka Tavern see page 12
- Paparoa Lions Pioneer Luncheon** Fri 18 March - see page 12
- The Kauri Museum** Exhibition "A few of my favourite things" throughout February

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; Tue 7-9pm, ph Frances 439 2554
- Arty Farties** Summer Markets 9am-noon, opposite Village Green; Thur/Fri in the 'Tile Shed' ph Anne 431 6229; Crafty Kids Club alt Saturdays 10-2pm, Rm 5 Paparoa Primary School; Beginners Patchwork Group, Mon 7pm, Te Pahi River Dr.
- Badminton** Thursday - teens & adults 7pm, Paparoa Hall
- Crafternoons** 1st & 3rd Wed in month, 10.30-4pm, Tinopai Hall ph Lyn 431 6090
- Exercise to Music** Tue 10.30am Paparoa Hall \$5 ph Rose 431 7418
- Farmers' Market** Sat 9-noon, Village Green; from 9 January weekly
- Fire Force** 1st & 3rd Monday in month 6.30pm Depot Rd ph Cohan 431 6668
- Gardening Club** 2nd Wed of month, ph Lyn 4316090
- Grey Power** Last Wed in month, 1pm, Anglican Church Hall, MgtO
- The Kauri Museum** 'The Man from Matakohē' exhibition ongoing daily
- Library** Mon 1.30-4.30pm, Wed 10am-12noon, Thu 1.30-4.30pm, Fri 9.30am-1pm
Open Market days - alternate Saturdays 9.30-1pm
- Line Dancing** Thurs 10am-noon Paparoa Hall ph Rose 431 7418
- Mainly Music** Wed 9.30am Paparoa Comm Church, ph Rebecca 431 7550
- Matakohē Music Makers** 2nd Weds month 7pm BYO Sports Pav'n \$2pp 4316772
- 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, Hook Road
- 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 & Fri 9.30-12.30 Visitors welcome ph Tina 021 033 5128
- Paparoa Primary School** Term 1 starts Tuesday Feb 2
- Paparoa Toy Library** Wed 10.30-1pm, Paparoa Comm Church, Hilery 431 7330
- 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**, ph Vickie Owens 431 6432 for bookings
- St Mary's Catholic Church** 10am Wed, 6pm Sat, Maungaturoto
- Table Tennis** Tues 7.30pm, Sports Pavilion \$2 Pete 431 6822
- Tennis** Kids Coaching from Tue 2 Feb, 4.30pm beginners, 5.15pm Intermed, adults 6pm
- Ukelele Players** Beginners / experts, Thur 4pm Matakohē, ph Dennise 431 7012
- Waka Ama** Tue & Thu 5pm, Sun 10am, Pahi Domain, ph Grant 027 474 3856
- White Rock Gallery** Open 7 days 10am-4pm, in Library building
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HOOK, LINE & SINKER



The fish seem to be running hot and cold, one day plenty of snapper, next day none, so it is just the luck for the day of whether or not they are going to be around. A few snapper around today and a lot of kahawai, not many gurnard around, still plenty of sharks and stingrays.

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LOCAL TIDES for February 2016					
FEBRUARY TIDES - CALCULATED for PAHI-WHAKAPIRAU					
DATE	LOW	HIGH	DATE	LOW	HIGH
1st	11.07am	5.32pm	17th	1.13pm	7.45pm
2nd	12.03pm	6.30pm	18th	2.29pm	8.28am
3rd	1.10pm	7.37pm	19th	3.36pm	9.36am
4th	2.21pm	8.23am	20th	4.33pm	10.33am
5th	3.26pm	9.30am	21st	5.31pm	11.23am
6th	4.22pm	10.26am	22nd	6.03pm	12.06pm
7th	5.11pm	11.15am	23rd	6.40pm	12.44pm
8th	5.58pm	12.01pm	24th	7.15pm	1.20pm
9th	6.43pm	12.45pm	25th	7.47pm	1.52pm
10th	7.28pm	1.29pm	26th	7.59pm	2.23pm
11th	7.46am	2.13pm	27th	8.32am	2.55pm
12th	8.44am	2.58pm	28th	9.07am	3.29pm
13th	9.17am	3.45pm	29th	9.45am	4.08pm
14th	10.06am	4.35pm			
15th	11.00am	6.30pm			
16th	12.02pm	7.33pm			

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EMERGENCY: FIRE ■ POLICE ■ AMBULANCE dial 111

- COAST TO COAST HEALTH CARE**
Maungaturoto Medical Centre: 8am-5pm Mon-Fri 09 431 8576
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- 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
Mangawai Office..... 0800 100 388
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- LIONS CLUB PAPAROA** Secretary Alistair Banks 09 431 6373
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- MAUNGATUROTO PHARMACY**..... 09 431 8045
- MAUNGATUROTO REST HOME** 09 431 8696

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Pets at rest ...

When the tour bus stopped beside a statue of a dog near the town of Corrigin in Western Australia, I was mildly intrigued. A dog cemetery is not at all the usual tourist attraction but one can be open to new experiences, and one's legs need stretching.

We wandered about between marble gravestones, bronze memorials and flower arrangements: tributes to literally hundreds of deceased pets. Some were professionally produced and must have cost lots. Others were homemade. Some epitaphs were quite emotional and touching and I didn't give way to hysteria

until I found a smallish and conventional looking grave with the following inscription: 'Finally at peace now resting with his old mate and friend BOBBY.' One is tempted to say 'only in Oz', but I suppose there are pet cemeteries in NZ. A notice outside this one referred you to the Corrigin authorities if you wished to

Statue at the Corrigin dog cemetery



inter your pet, so I guess it has become a little earner as well as a tourist attraction.

There's an idea for anyone with a spare hectare or so.

RS

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OHS students all lit up at The Kauri Museum



Kids, big & small, pictured at Tinopai Fishing Comp in January



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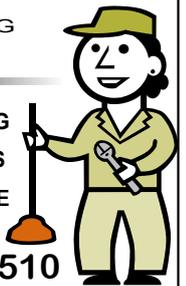
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Weed worries

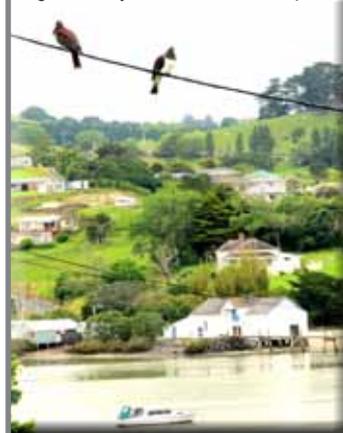
At this time of year it's easy to see the extent to which weed species have invaded our local area. Privet, agapanthus and ragwort are in full flower. These plants (and so many others)



Agapanthus weed, spread all along both sides of SH12 from The Old Hospital.

will continue to infest roadsides, gardens and bush, whether blown by the wind, pooped by the pigeon, or planted by the person!! And we all know how very difficult they are to get rid of once they get established.

Pigeons' eye view of Whakapirau



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