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Bold plan for Paparoa's future Paparoa lifestyle village



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An exciting proposal by Progressive Paparoa Inc. for a new community endeavour will be formally unveiled at the Lions *Pioneer Luncheon* on 20th March. Several years ago PPI considered the establishment of a 'village within the village' to provide suitable accommodation for local residents wishing to downsize their homes in their later years. Regrettably an economic downturn stalled the prospect.

With changes to the economy and a growing sector of retirees, PPI have formed a steering committee to re-examine the feasibility of this ambitious project. Suitable flat land has been identified close to the Village and agreement in principle to purchase has been reached with the owners.

Before progressing further, we need to gauge the level of support from the wider community and those currently considering their future. If there is sufficient interest PPI would establish a community charitable trust to develop and administer a 'lifestyle village' consisting of modern architect designed eco-friendly homes. These would be specifically targeted to suit the needs of local residents looking to enjoy a carefree retirement close to friends, neighbours and family.

Staying connected and living a full life in Paparoa has many benefits. Villages provide security, often an important point for families who are not close by to keep an eye on things. They are a safe place

Village in the Valley



to Paparoa as a lifestyle choice. This proposal extends that choice.

This project is the most significant development in Paparoa for many years. The greater community also benefits. We retain our friends, neighbours and family as well and the bigger homes are freed up for younger growing families to move into. This would result in increased business for local tradespeople and retailers, with the 'village' creating new job opportunities.

This is a major undertaking. Before PPI can take the proposal further, we need information. We have produced a short questionnaire (available at Skelton's) where you can indicate your support and also leave your contact details for further information. This will also be available at the Pioneer Luncheon.

If you are at all interested in this proposal or have an opinion you would like to express please make sure you fill out the questionnaire. Your comments will be very valuable.

Graham Taylor,
Chair, Steering Committee

to leave your possessions, if you're the travelling kind! Worry-free maintenance and the grounds kept trim while you're away is always an advantage.

Affordable accommodation often means freedom from the mortgage at last and perhaps enough left over for that motor home or boat you have always promised yourselves. Being able to retain your community links with familiar friends and activities is valuable. Many people have chosen to remain in or have retired



What a great Show

The 139th Paparoa A&P Show was a great success with perfect weather on the day. Visitors described the Show as "One of the Best". Parents commented on, "lots of things for children and teenagers to do". Equestrian, cattle and dairy goat entries were all up on last year and the Indoor Section with its food exhibits, produce, arts & crafts and children's entries was extremely well supported.

The number of stallholders increased by over 80% offering a wide variety from food to products & services. Several food stalls ran out of food, *Mel the Coffee Girl* had a record day, and money taken out of the eftpos machine was up by over 100%. If you were one of the many happy visitors at this year's Show please tell your friends how good it was. If you didn't make it to this year's Show make sure to come next time.

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The Kaipara District Council has just released its consultation document, Looking Ahead. This document sends out our chosen options for our 10 year plan. It also sets out the options we considered and rejected and why we rejected these.

We want you to tell us if we have chosen the right options. If not, what should we be doing? For more information please go to www.kaipara.govt.nz or come to a Round Table meeting near you.

This will be your opportunity to talk with a commissioner or a senior member of staff about the things you think we should know.

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Designed by Paparoa artist Helen Budd, the logo represents everything WAG is about – stylish, creative, innovative, carefree and uninhibited design; as well as cheeky and full of fun. This year, WAG is not only building on its strong legacy; it's introducing a true celebration of 10 years of wearable art in our community.

Grab your diary

We've got some dates for you! This year, our two shows are on Saturday 12th September. You can either come to the Matinee or the Evening Gala.

2015 theme

The theme for this year has been announced! It's "Rock 'n Roll". It's great to see our strong relationship with local schools already showing. Paparoa Primary School has embraced the theme and is running "Rock 'n Roll" lessons so they can be part of the celebration.

New Categories

Five new exciting categories have been chosen to give entrants the opportunity to showcase their creativity:

1. RECYCLED

Anything goes: from the household, farm, back yard. All your scraps and left-overs can provide resources for this section.

2. OPEN

No restrictions. Let your imagination run wild.

3. INTO THE FUTURE

How far ahead and into the future can you imagine technological, social, and spiritual developments?

4. DESIGN AND BUILD

Construct your entry in your shed or workshop. Moving parts could provide a welcome addition.

5. MAKE US LAUGH!

Bring out your humorous, outlandish, & colourful ideas to make us laugh.

Special Category

As always, WAG is looking to encourage young people to participate. The special category for this year is "CAPES", which is open to entrants 12 years and under.

New Prizes Importantly, the prizes have changed. First prize for each of the five categories is \$250; second prize is \$100.

Our Supreme Award remains unchanged. One lucky entrant will spend the weekend in Wellington with a friend; and experience the spectacular World of Wearable Arts.

Big changes for our entrants

There are some big changes for our entrants this year which includes a new location for model preparation, a special *entrant only* viewing area, and a familiarisation workshop.

Entry is easy

Right now, the organising



PAPAROA Wearable Arts GALA



committee is busy attracting entrants. Early bird entries close in May so expressions of interest are sought now.

Sponsorship support Local businesses and individuals have supported WAG generously in the past. If you're interested in partnering with WAG this year, we'd love to hear from you.

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WHEN A SMALL SEED IS SOWN! The White Rock Gallery

Isn't it amazing how a small seed can grow quickly when it gets attention and nurturing? And that's exactly what has happened with the 'birth' of the White Rock Gallery. The idea was planted on the fertile soil of Paparooa's creative community, and nurtured by its 30 plus members & an extremely talented committee of six.

After approximately two months of hard work and enthusiasm, the dream became a reality. Opening for the first time on 2nd February with modest expectation of visitor numbers, locals embraced the idea and showed their support immediately.



Passing visitors also stopped to view and to everyone's surprise sales were made on the first day and the trend continued throughout the week.

On Saturday 7th an 'Official Opening Day' was held with a celebratory air, visitors were treated to refreshing punch and a delicious array of snacks. The first arrivals came en route to the A&P show and continued on en masse throughout the day, and an air of excitement was present among the members as the sales continued.

"We were surprised by the variety and standard of work."

"It has character and warmth."



"We were surprised by the professional display."

"The prices are very reasonable for the quality of work."

These were some of the many comments received and taken on board.

Once again, Paparooa has shown its community spirit and displayed the depth of talent within the Kaipara area. It's easy to see why we all choose to live here. PP

Note from the Library

As White Rock Gallery is open every day, Paparooa Library is now able to have **an out-of-hours return box**. If you are passing through Paparooa when the gallery is open, please drop your books into the slot in the white cabinet inside the door. Thanks White Rock Gallery. We wish them a long and successful presence in Paparooa.

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Touch rugby, tennis, softball, table tennis, obstacle course, plus games such as egg throwing, sack races, and more, will be available during the afternoon. Arrive 3.30pm for 4pm start, sports and team games followed by bbq sausage sizzle at 6.30pm. Spot prizes for teams.

For more details check school newsletters, posters and Paparooa website, or contact Libby Jones 431 6822 or Ken Chambers 431 7443. **Entry to the sports afternoon is free. All welcome.**



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2015 Paparoa A&P Show indoor section

This year we were delighted to have a very large number of excellent entries. Some *stand-out* exhibits were:

The cross stitch pictures, the beautiful quilts, the delicate knitting and crochet, and the excellent standard of photographs, floral art & paintings. Also, the huge baking section (including a lovely unicorn birthday cake), beautiful dahlias and, as always, the fantastic vegetables. We are very lucky to have such a talented population in our area.

Zephyr Oysters' art section 'Kaipara Structure in any medium' was won by Deb Clapperton, with her mosaic replica of the Old Paparoa Post Office in a very close contest.

Trevor Brljevic again achieved success with his wide range of entries in several sections with some tough competition. Despite recent weather



conditions, the standard of flowers & vegetables was high.



Prize winners are too numerous to mention, but congratulations to all entrants for their support and effort in helping make the Show such a success.

One of the really amazing things about our show is the number of volunteers who



come forward to help - our long serving stewards, their helpers and others who just turn up. People just pitch in and get the work done without any fuss.

This year our indoor section team was greatly helped by a number of new recruits, including six Otamatea High School students. With this extra help, the work was done much faster and the school entries reached greater heights on the walls.

A huge thank you to all those wonderful people who entered, helped, and came along to help celebrate our 139th North Kaipara A&P Show.

Stella Clyde



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If fishing isn't your activity, then choose either Maungaturoto or Ruawai (or both) to search out bargains at the local **auctions**.

The annual **Rotary Auction**, at Maungaturoto Primary School, starts at 10am. Look for household goods and furniture, and heaps more, at Rotary's biggest fundraiser for the year.

Ruawai Lions Club's annual charity auction will be held at the Kaipara Kumara forecourt from 9am at the trading table and the auction starts at 10am. Look for sponsored farming items, antiques, furniture, electrical appliances, toys, books, and all sorts of bric a brac. Refreshments available. 

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A letter recently received ...

I was very pleased to receive some back copies of the Paparoa Press. I lived in Skelton Crescent from 1989-1995 so I am always interested to read about the happenings in the village and especially the people I knew.

On reading the October Press I saw the request in Arty Farties' column for a recipe for "Green Tomato Jam". My mother used to make this and also the piccalilli which she called Relish. These are from a 1946 'Truth Cookery Book' so are in ounces and pounds. I'm sure these types of recipes are quite forgiving and a little more or less won't matter.

Good luck, Ngaire Yee, Pukekohe

Green Tomato Jam

*6 lbs tomatoes, 2lbs apples, 1½ lbs preserved ginger.
Cut all up small, add 1 cup water and cook until a little sets in a saucer. Bottle in the usual way.*

Green Tomato Sauce

6 lbs tomatoes, 3 large onions, 3 large chillies, 1 cup brown sugar, 1tsp each of grated horseradish, cinnamon, ground ginger, allspice, cloves and mace (tied in muslin) and malt vinegar. Slice tomatoes and onions into a dish, sprinkle each layer with salt, stand 24 hours. Strain and put into pan and barely cover with vinegar. Boil altogether for 3 hours; sieve or process and bottle. Cork when cold.

Green Tomato Piccalilli

6 lbs tomatoes, 2 quarts of malt vinegar, 1 lb treacle, 1 Tbsp salt, 2 Tbsp curry powder, 2 Tbsp Mustard powder, 5 large onions (sliced). Boil all together until soft, thicken with 5 Tbsp flour mixed smooth with some vinegar. Boil another 20 minutes more.

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The juniors have been very excited with the new woodwork benches and the sound of hammering is loud and clear before school, every morning tea and lunch break, and sometimes during class time too. Many interesting creations have already been made. Thanks Pauline Cant and Jim Wilson for making the benches for us.



Paparooa School

Fantastic start to school year

Kamo Canvas erected our new shade sails in front of the classrooms and over the sandpit at the end of January. This has improved the light and heat inside as well as allowing us to spend more time outdoors.



Each classroom has had tadpoles and it was very exciting to see them develop into frogs.

Our vegetable gardens have been cleaned out ready for new development and we now have two wonderful planters

at the front of the school with strawberry plants, a range of lettuce varieties and several herbs. Thanks to Rowie Panhuis for donating the herb and lettuce plants.

Everyone has enjoyed daily swimming and it is great to see the children's water confidence and abilities continue to improve. This year we have again been fortunate to have Kirsty Hamlin from *Swim for Life* coming in on Mondays to help us all with learning to swim & water safety.

Petrina from *Team Energize/Sport Northland* is also working with us again. She has been helping us learn about the kinds of food that are best to have in our lunch boxes. We need to include more food that enable us to Glow, Grow and Go and less food that makes us Slow.

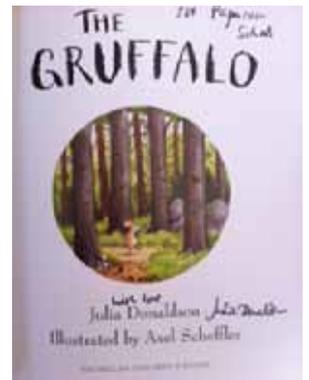
We have also played games that build teamwork and co-operation skills. The junior children are also



enjoying PMP (Perceptual Motor Programme), and are improving their balance and co-ordination skills.

Everyone enjoys weekly class library visits and we have added a number of new books to our collection.

We received a very special book in February. Julia Donaldson and her husband who were visiting New Zealand on holiday and attending some other book events, very kindly gifted a signed copy of Julia's famous book *The Gruffalo*.



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We are saddened to announce the resignation of Paparoa Primary School Principal, Mrs Kim Tavinor, with effect from the end of term 1.

We have been so fortunate to have Kim in our school for the past 2 years, but she is now unable to continue the long commute from her home.

We would like to thank Kim for the tremendous amount she has done for Paparoa Primary School, and wish her well on her career pathway.

Mrs Cadman Smith has agreed to be acting principal, until the recruitment process is complete. We hope to recruit to this position, to commence at the start of term 3.

We will seek to employ a teacher for term 2, for room 1.

If any parents have concerns they would like to discuss, I can be contacted on 431 6555 in the evenings, or I am generally around at school on Fridays.

Julie Holcroft
Board Chairperson

Due to our growing roll Paparoa Primary School requires two new teacher aides and two LTR teachers to start term 2, 2015. We seek enthusiastic, inspirational and vibrant people to join our team.

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- Teacher Aide to work with New Entrant classroom
- Teacher Aide to work with the Years 3 to 6 classroom

Please send your CV, two references and covering letter outlining why you want to join our team. Applications close 3pm Friday 20th March. Send to Paparoa Primary School, PO Box 15, Paparoa, 0543 or email to principal@paparoa.school.nz. For further info phone Mrs Kim Tavinor, Principal 09 431 7379

Yoga classes benefit health

Yoga is now in full swing, starting off gently for new friends, easing back for others, and now it is ready to bring all the benefits - including help for sleeplessness, depression and stress, to name but a few.

Based at the Sports Pavilion, Chair Yoga (9am on Thurs) is proving popular, with the social atmosphere not deviating from our purpose - and results are already becoming evident.

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Our move to Paparooa came after we'd lived in many places around New Zealand and not found any of them quite right, least of all our last place of habitation. As a Far Northerner living in Auckland, I was increasingly keen to get back to the country and, in particular, the North.

We looked long and hard in the north east, but saw Auckland-style suburbia on the march and so headed west. We fell in love with a section in the rolling hills of Paparooa, where there was real countryside inhabited by real country people – and where any newbies were fitting in, rather than looking to bring their baggage.

We snapped up our piece of paradise, knowing we couldn't move immediately but wanting at least a weekend escape until such time as we, hopefully, could.



NZ kaka beak in full flower at Rahui Gardens

The property was a bare block with no access so we spent the early years of property ownership doing backbreaking work with no on-site facilities, coming up for the day or camping overnight. Initially we were clearing 3 metre high gorse and removing blackberry – and there was a lot!

In the meantime, back in the urban jungle, I was retraining as a landscape designer specialising in native plant gardens and restoration.

One of the best things I did was wangle our Paparooa property into one of my final year design projects. This forced me to plan our property development

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thoroughly rather than just having a go here and there, as things occurred to us which, I suspected, would lead to regrets and more work in the long run.

Our land has a significant chunk of bush and we wanted to add to this without mucking up the ecosystem so I started my planning with an ecological investigation, which taught me all about the native plants and animals of the area. We wanted to give rare local plants and animals a sanctuary to live in so used this information to plan for food sources and shelter for birds and skinks.

I also learnt about the history of the area. This gave me an understanding of how the land had come to be with its podzolized soils from the years of kauri, ash layers showing burnt off areas and the manmade dips and hollows of previous gardening and habitation.

After this it was time to think about where to put everything: driveway, sheds, fencing, house site, gardens, orchard, areas for restoring to natural state, and a nursery site to grow all those plants. Everything went on to a drawing and associated written description. This plan has been invaluable as it gave us a strong sense of where we were starting from, where we were heading and how it would eventually look.

Jacqueline Knight (*part 1 of 2*)

Jacqueline specialises in landscape design. see advert this page.

North Kaipara Volunteer Coastguard

We would like to take the opportunity to thank the Paparooa Market organisers for allowing us to have a free table at the markets in December 2014. We appreciate very much the support from your community.

I know our usual stalwarts, Dorothy, Gravy, and Andrew enjoyed the morning and the terrific support from all the locals and others who bought the Coastguard Summer Lottery tickets.

Through their generosity we sold \$450 worth of tickets. As the lottery will be drawn before this goes to press, we wish everyone who purchased a ticket all the best.

The unit has had a quiet summer with only two major incidents and three requests for assistance.

One major complaint that we get is of boats speeding past smaller dinghys. Please be aware of your wash and the waves you can cause, and slow down when approaching a smaller vessel.

We hope all readers had a happy Xmas and enjoyed the great summer so far this new year. (Like everyone else I was watching the water tank).

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Mrs Murphy says that 'if you don't take care of your body you soon won't have anywhere to live'.

Carting home #1!

Ryan Owens won his club champs in February at Cartsworld, Whangarei. This leaves him placed 1st equal with one more meet in March when the overall winner in his class will be decided.

Not bad, considering this Paparoa teen only entered the fast and dirty world of go-cart racing in March 2014.



Ryan is hands on, helping to build and repair his car, alongside his dad Glen.

There were a few bent and broken parts from the latest race, luckily easily fixed. He plans to continue, "So long as Mum and Dad don't run out of money".

And the sky is the limit; big names in Motorsport, such as Scott Dixon, got their starts in carts - and that could mean pay packets to repay many loans!

Congrats Ryan!

And good luck for the last meet in March.



art What is art?

As first year students at art school we were given the topic for our first essay, "What is art?" Although there is no single answer, there are insights that can be gained from experienced practitioners.

Maria Abakanowickz, Polish sculptor and fabric artist has said, "To be an artist, you must learn to live on the edge of your uncertainties."

And from English painter Frank Auerbach, "To do a painting that one knows how to do is not art ... Art is discovery."

Art as exploration and discovery is not defined by the materials used, but by the intent and actions of the artist. The artist may use paint on canvas to seek ways to express their vision but they may also be using fabric, a camera, clay or found materials. They are trying to see something in a new way and to communicate that.

The ideas artists attempt to convey may be simple or complex, and their challenge is for the work to provide sufficient interest to encourage the viewers to move beyond a single glance and to think about what they are seeing.

By using carefully selected visual language: colour, composition, meaningful forms and references, an artist strives to provoke a response to their work; to tell a story.

Those experiencing art need also to engage, taking the time to move beyond their initial response of, "I know what I like"; to look carefully and think about the artist's message. They will find it very rewarding.

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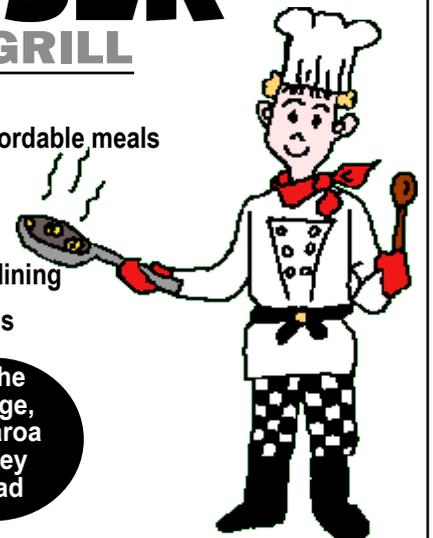
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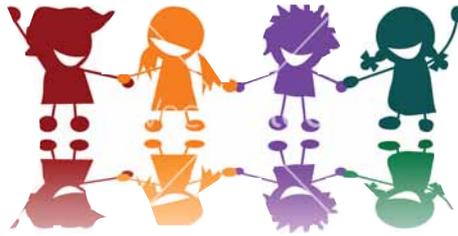
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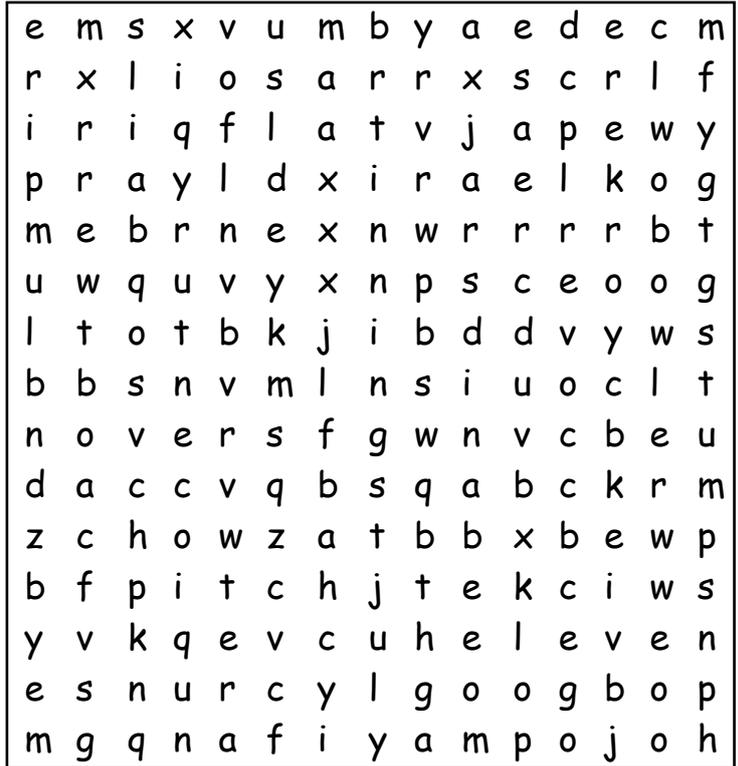
The 2015 Cricket World Cup is in full swing right now. The opening ceremony was held in Christchurch and from 14th February to 28th March, teams from 14 countries will be battling it out in games being played in both New Zealand and Australia.

We hope you have fun with this wordsearch of some common cricketing terms.

We found this great poem on cc4forum.co.uk. Perhaps you could have a go at writing your own cricket poem.

The Bowler

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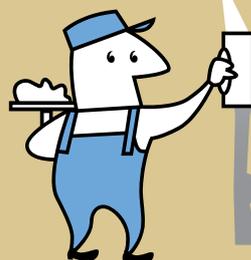
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Paparoa Press celebrates ...



This edition marks three years of the new monthly Paparoa Press format. Every month hours of volunteer time go into creating a unique edition of which we are proud. Since last month's report on producing the Press, Deb Clapperton & Jenny Gilbert-Longdon have joined the Press Gang & now contribute ideas and articles under the PP banner. PP welcomes contributions and suggestions from its wide readership. Contact press@paparoa.org.nz

PAPAROA LIBRARY - EASY READING



It has come to our attention that we have a member with a child with dyslexia who finds it difficult to select suitable books. As this is not an uncommon reading disorder, the library will endeavour to provide more helpful material for these young readers in future. Much information about dyslexia is available on the internet: *The Yale Center for Dyslexia & Learning* among others.

There is a publisher who formats books especially to help people with this problem and which are readily available. They are suitable for all readers but are especially helpful for children with this problem. Dargaville Library is making their collection available on loan to Paparoa Library and there is a small trial selection on our shelves at present.

If your child has this condition and you would like to try these books please ask the duty librarian for them, they are spine labelled *Easy Reading*. If they prove helpful we will follow up with further book loans from Dargaville on an on-going basis. Faith, Sue and/or Jenny would appreciate hearing your feedback on this plan, whether the books have been helpful to your child, and your ideas on age appropriate subject matter and information.

Are there any readers who enjoy graphic novels? We find we are also able to obtain loans of these books from Dargaville. If you would like to try some of these books, please let us know. If they prove popular, again we will be able to arrange loans of these books on a six-monthly basis.

If you have come across an author whose books you enjoy others may also enjoy them. We are happy to hear about new authors we might try.

Happy reading,
from the Paparoa Library desk staff

Pioneer Luncheon

The Paparoa Lions are looking forward to hosting the annual Pioneer Luncheon, at Paparoa War Memorial Hall Friday 20 March.

This event was originally held to honour the pioneering families of the district and give the senior members an opportunity to get together and take time out of their busy lives for a shared luncheon.

The original pioneers have long since departed and over the years the criteria have changed to include anyone over 65 years who lives, has lived, or has an association with the Paparoa district. The luncheon is now run by the Paparoa Lions and includes a delicious lunch, entertainment and a chance to reminisce with old friends and make new ones.

Invitations were sent out in mid February. Anyone else who would like to attend, or who knows someone who might like to come please contact Pete Hames 431 6822.

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From volunteers giving up their time, people giving their spare change to the donation boxes and to small businesses helping out where they can, help comes in many forms and from many sources.

The Fire Force are now looking for a very specific donation.

We have at our station, a Heartstart AED Defibrillator. This is a very important, life saving piece of medical equipment & it desperately needs a new set of pads. If anybody can help by purchasing us some, please call Yvonne on 09 431 6668.

We would also like to say a huge thank you to the community!! We have had very few call outs since the fire ban was put in place & that is great news. So a huge thanks to everybody for being responsible about fire and patiently waiting for the ban to be lifted. Awesome!

The Fire Force are always looking for new members. Young or old, female or male, we want you. Our last medical call was attended by 4 awesome firemen who had a combined age of 266 years - with no walking sticks! If they can do it, so can you!

Yvonne Yorke

"C'mon Paparooa, the Fire Force could really use your help!!"

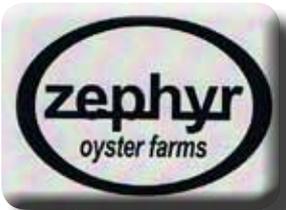


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One of the few times I have dealt with an animal older than me, was an injured 45 year old donkey! They are much longer lived than horses and can often make it into their 50s.

The most common problem they have is with their feet which become over grown and misshapen quite readily - a bit like goats. They both evolved in more arid climates and the wet Northland winters can often cause foot issues. Other than that they are relatively uncomplicated and hardy animals.

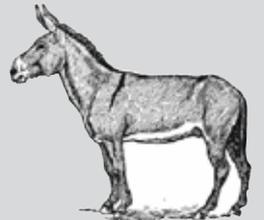
In Tanzania I saw donkeys being used by the Masai people for carrying water and you can appreciate how valuable these animals are in simple agricultural communities.

With the talk of 100 years since Gallipoli one of my favourite children's' books is *The Donkey Man* which tells the story of John Simpson Kirkpatrick who found a donkey and used it to transport wounded soldiers down to the beach at Anzac Cove. Their strength and placid nature, plus the ability to live off the smell of an oily rag, made them ideal in that war time environment.

In comparison the donkeys I have met in New Zealand have very relaxing and enjoyable lives.

Hope you are enjoying your animals.

Janine



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Three cheers to Graham Murray, Stu Robertson, Rowie Panhuis & Janice Booth for the regular mowing, spraying, weeding & mulching around the Hall. The carpark would look exceedingly scruffy without their care! If you would like to help with various little projects at the Hall, please ph 431 7290, thanks.

Seedling Problem Looming? The flowering cherry trees which are 'beautifying' the Village, are dropping many seeds and the fear is that this could be a big problem in years to come. If the seedlings get established in our *wild* areas, we could have yet another weed infestation to deal with.

Ngairé and Andrew Hames proudly welcome baby Olive Hames, who arrived early February. She is named after a daughter of one of the early settlers of the Hames family in the 1870's. Congratulations!

Our condolences go out to family and friends of Ray Morris who passed away recently.

Golden wedding anniversary Congratulations to Elaine & Bob Hooker as they celebrate 50yrs of wedded bliss.

The Depot Trust premises in Depot Rd have had a makeover with new board fence and re-metalling of the yard. Thanks to Huband Contractors (Powell's) and Mike Plunkett for an excellent job. This facility is home to the Paparoa Rural Fire Force as well as commercial occupants.

The Trust has secure storage for lease on a long or short term basis. Ideal for people moving or just needing space to store stuff. Phone Brian Plunkett for info 09 431 7148.

If you are wondering what happened to the **Changeable Word Sign** opposite Paparoa Store, it was hit by a runaway car! The hand brake failed and fortunately the sign posts prevented the car from falling into the river. No one was hurt but the sign will take a bit of repairing.

Thanks to Carters Maungaturoto for donating two new

Paparoa Classifieds?

It has been suggested that PP should run an enlarged 'classified' column. The aim would be to have buy and sell, work wanted, or work offered and other small items. There would be a charge for this service.

The idea has come about as the notice board outside Paparoa Store may not be serving the community as well as it could.

Other communities use an online buy/sell system. We would like your response. If you think you would use this service or you think this idea is worthwhile or any other suggestions, please contact:

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When a rose is not a rose ...

Twas another sunny morn and the man in the shed was not yet in the shed, neither was his colonial side kick. In fact, being un-coffee'd, he remained oblivious to any other activity. Namely myself, adjourning to the local A&P show and enjoying a quick perusal of, yes you have it, the plant and vegetable tables.



Grazing past the beauteous beetroot and plump onions I beheld a long missed favourite. I stood still, frozen like a startled hare. But then, my heart leapt up.¹ A rose, but fortunately or unfortunately as the spirit moves you, with no thorns. Graceful, slender leaves swayed in the breeze of my abrupt stopping. I was entranced. Then without thought or conscious volition, the rose was in the bag.

This tuber rose has a most beautifully rich and seductive scent. She whispers of sultry nights and silky sheets. Her pale tubular flowers cluster from the tall spikes and glow gently in the moonlight. In short, she is magnifique and could even, as I may murmur to the man in the shed, serve as some pale beacon of light to guide him home. I will mention the delight with which he may at last glimpse the luminous glow from its milky petals and know he is not lost, but merely misplaced.

¹ *My heart leaps up when I behold a rainbow in the sky ...*
(Wordsworth)

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Fresh faces at Village Café

A newcomer to the Paparooa scene, Lynnlie Deverill is making a fresh start at the Village Cafe.

She has left behind many years of working in palliative care, but brings with her previous experience of work in the hospitality industry.

Along with her daughter Gena, the pair have spent many years in England, but are glad to come home to New Zealand and love Paparooa as their permanent settling place.

Lynnlie has big plans for the cafe space, and looks forward to the challenge, the first of which was stepping in and taking over in the middle of a busy summer season!

She will continue the legacy of good home cooked cafe fare, and in the future there are plans to venture into quality, ready-made meals, fresh smoothies and to develop a bistro style dining environment

which is sure to enhance Paparooa's reputation further. As well, free wifi for customers will soon be available.



Lynnlie and Gena are welcoming the continued support of locals to ease them into this exciting role.

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- KDC Meeting Long Term Plan "Looking Ahead" 8 March, 2pm Paparoa Hall
- Pioneer Luncheon 20 March Paparoa Hall
- Otamatea Repertory Theatre 'The Altos' dinner and show 20 March Paparoa Hall
- Community Sports & Games afternoon 28 March Paparoa Showgrounds 3.30pm
- Pahi Fishing Competition 28 March start 7am - all day at Pahi
- Rotary Auction 28 March, Maungaturoto Primary School Grounds 10am
- Ruawai Charity Auction 28 March, 9am Ruawai Lions Club, Kaipara Kumara

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 Group Paparoa 1st Sun in month, Helen Budd's Studio, ph 431 6192
- 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 Starts 23 April, kids 5.30pm; older/experienced 7pm, Paparoa Hall
- Crafternoons 1st & 3rd Wed in month, 1-4pm, Tinopai Hall ph Lyn 431 6090
- Exercise to Music Tue 10.30am Paparoa Hall \$5 ph Rose 431 7418
- Farmers' Market Fortnightly Sat 9-noon, Village Green Mar 7, 21, Apr 4, 18.
- Fire Force 1st & 3rd Monday in month 6.30pm Depot Rd ph Cohan 431 6668
- Gardening Club 2nd Wed of month, ph Lea 431 6296
- Grey Power Last Wed in month, 2pm, Hall next to Resthome, M'gto
- The Kauri Museum 'The Man from Matakoho' 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
- Matakoho Music Makers 2nd Wed in month 7.30pm @ Sports Pavilion, \$2 pp
- Otamatea Quilters 1st Tue/mnth 7pm & 3rd Mon 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 Tue & Fri 9.30-12noon Visitors welcome ph Tina 021 033 5128
- Paparoa Plunket Society Coffee Group 1st Tue/month, 10am Franklin Rd
- Paparoa Toy Library Wed 10.30-1pm, Paparoa Comm Church, Hilery 431 7330
- 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
- Tai Chi Mon 11am, Sports Pavilion, Showgrounds ph Shirley 431 6408
- Table Tennis Tues 7.30pm, Sports Pavilion \$2 Pete 431 6822
- Tennis Coaching children Tues 4.30-6pm; adults Tues evenings Ph Sue 431 6224
- Ukelele Players Beginners / experts, Thur 4pm Matakoho, ph Dennise 431 7012
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HOOK, LINE & SINKER

There are heaps of fish out there, all snapper. Three people went out for 2hrs on Tuesday afternoon and came back with 30 fish.

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2nd	4.03pm	10.04am	18th	4.17pm	10.17am
3rd	4.50pm	10.52am	19th	5.11pm	11.11am
4th	5.29pm	11.34am	20th	6.00pm	12.01pm
5th	6.05pm	12.07pm	21st	6.48pm	12.49pm
6th	6.39pm	12.45pm	22nd	7.34pm	1.36pm
7th	7.12pm	1.17pm	23rd	7.55am	2.21pm
8th	7.44pm	1.48pm	24th	8.40am	3.06pm
9th	7.58am	2.21pm	25th	9.26am	3.52pm
10th	8.33am	2.55pm	26th	10.14am	4.41pm
11th	9.10am	3.32pm	27th	11.08am	5.35pm
12th	9.52am	4.14pm	28th	12.10pm	6.41pm
13th	10.42am	5.05pm	29th	1.23pm	7.55pm
14th	11.41am	6.06pm	30th	2.32pm	8.31am
15th	12.52pm	7.19pm	31st	3.29pm	9.30am
16th	2.08pm	8.03am			

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Photo Competition

February winner Congratulations to Yvonne Yorke for her photo at the scene of the recent fire in Franklin Road.



Winner: **Franklin Road Fire** - Yvonne Yorke



Second: **Fisher Street, Pahi Beachfront** - Jim Rowlands
Pegasus Engraving, and **Harvey Norman**, for their generosity and encourage our readers to use their services where possible. PP



Highly commended:
Taking Teddy to the Beach - Joy Bonham

Last chance ...

Last chance to enter a photograph (or two) and share your talent and passion for our unique area on the Kaipara, our people and our humour.

The final deadline for entries is 8 March 2015. Photos are to have been taken between 1 November 2014 and 8 March 2015. Send to press@paparoa.org.nz with your surname and name of entry in the subject line.

For this fourth and final month, the winner's chosen photo made into a 5x7" chromalux print, or put on to a white or black colour-change mug by Pegasus Engraving Paparoa.

A Grand Prize will be selected from all entries submitted over the four months. The winner receives a beautiful canvas print of the winning image or any image of choice – valued at \$99, from Harvey Norman Whangarei. The canvas print will be printed on high quality artist stock canvas then stretched and wrapped around a quality wooden frame and comes with a string ready for hanging!

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