



MARCH 2024

# Paparoa A&P Show Success

Paparoa's 147th A&P Show was a popular success in early February – despite strong winds and a short burst of rain sending crowds scurrying for shelter at one point in the afternoon. "Tents and hats flew, before the sun came out again," says Show President Janine Hames.

As usual, horses, sheep, goats and cattle featured at the show - joining a heap of food and trade stalls, and an enormous indoor competition of jams, vegetables, flowers and photography.

Grant O'Neill



Gate crew out early



A happy cow and her owner



Sir Lockwood Smith judging the cattle



Indoor loveliness from local gardens



Rynne showing how it's done in the Equestrian section



Shearers in full swing



Team Roping - the coolest part of the show



Woodchopping - fast & furious

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## Council Mark says – What goes round comes round

In the aftermath of the Christmas-New Year period and our society's continued rush down the path of mass consumerism, I wonder just how much better everyone feels.

For me the highlight was having all of our immediate family together at one place at the same time, and seeing them all interact and contributing something of themselves to make it a memorable occasion. Most of the other stuff is just "stuff" isn't it?

Giving a gift at that time of year usually creates, or is a response to, an obligation; if I give you something you can feel obliged to respond in kind. If you give a gift and expect one in return, is that really a gift? There must be different types of giving. Giving can be seen as a form of social investment, and in order to get a return, you should invest. That is quite a rational approach in many situations.

Another form of gift is that most precious thing, your

time - to be a volunteer by simply helping a mate, or supporting one or more of the worthy community groups in our district. Volunteerism supports the development of strong communities and creates a sense of belonging so we can say we have helped to shape the place we live in. It is also good for you personally, for your physical and mental health especially as you get older.

I do try to exercise my influence around the council table where I see the potential to increase community capability and capacity in this way. Also, I like the idea of not-for-profit groups getting access to external funding (where councils can't) so that we, the people of the district, can have better facilities and services without the ratepayer having to pay every time.

I am also a trustee of Volunteering Northland, which acts as a sort of introduction service between intending volunteers and volunteer organisations as well as providing training in support, so if you want to take this further go to: <https://volunteeringnorthland.nz/>. They are very positive, supportive people to deal with.

Volunteering is good for your heart, good for your head and good for your community; what goes round comes round.

Mark Vincent  
Otamatea Ward councillor  
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PS: Special congratulations to Pete Hames for the recognition given him in the KDC Citizens Awards, along with three others from other parts of the district.

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Applications close March 17<sup>th</sup> 5:00pm



## Fun Walk/Run

Paparooa Sport and Recreation Assoc is holding its annual Fun Walk/Run and Family afternoon on Saturday 23 March. We are keen to get as many people as possible to be active and enjoy the local countryside, by walking or running over the local footpaths and farmland tracks. Walkers and runners can walk or run a track of either a mostly flat 4km, or 5km which includes a grassy hill.

We are planning to have the Kaipara Play Trailer at the Showgrounds as well as some organised games like tug of war, sack races and if the day is hot we will ask the Paparooa Volunteer Rural Fire Force to cool down those who would like. This is a free event which will be followed by a gold coin donation barbecue at the Showgrounds put on by the Paparooa Sports and Recreation Association and the Paparooa Lions. Come and have some fun being active and social in our great community.

Libby Jones

## A reminder to our contributors!

We need all advertising material by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the previous month and all editorial copy by the 20<sup>th</sup>. We cannot guarantee the publication of any material received after these dates.

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

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# 2024 School Year has started!!

Paparoa School is back in action, moving quickly with the A&P Show happening in the first week. Last year the students planted the vegetable gardens and helped to set up an irrigation system.

We discovered the water pressure wasn't great at that end of the school, but it worked. Families were able to pick tomatoes, beans, eggplants and zucchinis throughout the holidays.

Each garden group entered what they had grown successfully in the A&P Show, and we were so proud to see them come away with at least one certificate.

So, the harvesting of our 'feral' cherry tomatoes has started and what did we do with them? Well, we ate them of course, zucchinis too. Our students in Room 2 made tomato bruschetta and zucchini trifolati which was well received. For some of the students, this is their first year

paid for through fundraising and Board of Trustees funding. We have been applying for grants but so far unsuccessful! Ka mate kāinga tahi, ka ora kāinga rua- When one option fails, another will emerge.

We have welcomed a lot of new families and their children to our wonderful rural school. It was wonderful to see all the smiling faces of our Tamariki walking back through the gate. We have the swimming pool in use, learning has started, the cows are happy and sun keeps shining.

Life is good at Paparoa School

Karyn Taylor  
Principal



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in the Garden to Table programme and I know they are very excited about it.

Our big project this year is repurposing one of our classrooms into a small commercial kitchen. This kitchen will enable the school to prepare and make school lunches for our Tamariki. Our goal is to use our compost and worm system for scraps and have zero wastage. We will also be able to use the kitchen for our Garden to Table programme, enabling the students to learn to cook what they grow. We have six phases to complete with Phase One started. This is a huge undertaking for our little school although, entirely



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**DATE** Saturday April 27<sup>th</sup> – Full day

**LOCATION** Paparoa School – Franklin Road

**CONTACT** [progressive.paparoa@gmail.com](mailto:progressive.paparoa@gmail.com)

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## Vale Brian Plunkett

The Plunketts came to Paparooa 57 years ago when Brian accepted a position at the Otamatea County Council as an engineer. He later became an elected member of the Otamatea County Council and served until the counties amalgamated in 1989.

Brian was involved with many things, including being a member of Rotary for more than 30 years. He was awarded the Paul Harris Fellowship for his service and made a life member of the Maungaturoto Club and Brian and Rose also hosted many overseas students on Rotary exchanges.

Brian served on the Board of Governors of Otamatea High School and was a member of the Paparooa Rugby Club both as a player and coach for JMB and the senior team.

The rugby clubroom (now the sports pavillion) extensions were designed by Brian and he supervised the building through to completion - a great asset for Paparooa.

Paparooa walkway from the Pa site through to Pahi Road was also instigated by Brian. He organised the funding required and the men to do the work - another significant Paparooa asset.

The Paparooa County Depot Trust was established to run another Paparooa asset that Brian initiated, the old County Depot yard being used for storage to create a source of funding for the area.

Brian was fully involved in the local Catholic Church of St. Mary's in Maungaturoto.

He and Rose fostered many children over the years and many of those children have remained in contact.

Brian's main passion though



was his wife and family. He was very proud of his children and what they have achieved in their lives.

His grandchildren gave him great joy and he was delighted when great grandchildren started to arrive.

After spending almost 50 years in Paparooa, and as Brian's health deteriorated, he and Rose decided to move to a retirement village in Whangarei. He enjoyed his time there, meeting new people, and living in their lovely new villa.

Sadly, it wasn't to last and Brian passed away after a long illness with his family by his side.

Thank you Brian for all you have done for Paparooa.

Jan Dallas

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## Pioneer Luncheon 2024

Paparooa Lions are looking forward to hosting the annual Pioneer Luncheon on Friday 15th March at the Paparooa Hall. Originally put on by the Women's Division of Federated Farmers (Wdff) to honour the pioneer settlers of the area, it has morphed over the years into an event to honour the senior members of the district, both past and present, who have helped make Paparooa such a great place to live. These are the people who built the sports facilities we now enjoy, who supported the schools and churches and who started clubs and support groups such as Lions and Plunket. Also invited are newer members of the area who have moved here to enjoy their retirement years.

It is also a great opportunity for those returning to the district for the Luncheon to catch up with old friends and neighbours who may be still living in the area or may also have come from afar to be here.

The Lions are proud to subsidise this event so that costs to participants are kept to \$10/person for which you will get a light lunch, some musical entertainment, spot prizes and more.

If you are eligible to receive a gold card, are living in the Paparooa district (or have lived here), and haven't received an invitation but would like to attend, then please contact Alistair Banks on 027 333 3326 or alimer@xtra.co.nz

Paparooa Lions

## At the market

In Davender and Shalini Singh have been stallholders at the Paparoa Farmers' Market regularly since early spring last year after also attending for a time in the previous year.

They live near Kaiwaka on a "handkerchief" sized lifestyle block where they raise vegetable seedlings and propagate indoor house plants.

Through the Spring they were selling a huge variety of vegetable seedlings, and any that didn't get sold were planted out in their garden, so now they have a surplus of vegetables which they bring to the market.

Shalini came to New Zealand with her family from Fiji in 2000 and Davender arrived from northern India in 2007. They met while they both lived in Auckland and the rest is history! They now have two children who usually come to the market with them.

Prior to coming north Davender worked for the council in Auckland in a number of different roles including as a building inspector, playground advisor, and on a kauri dieback team.



These days he works as a yardman and truck driver for Topuni Timber while Shalini looks after the gardens and the children.

Shalini and Davender enjoy coming to the Paparoa market because it is a smaller market than others and they enjoy getting to know the other stallholders as well as their regular customers. Ideally, they would love to

see everyone growing their own vegetables which is why they sell seedlings, but in the meantime, they have a great variety of fresh vegetables for sale as well as some indoor house plants and a few late seedlings.

Call in and see them at the market every Saturday morning, they really do aim to please.

Pete

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We have been enjoying the steady influx of visitors over the summer months who have found refuge from the heat in front of our fans. Paintings of Northland's

attractions, such as Tane Mahuta and Tokatoka Peak, remain popular, as well as memorabilia in the shape of kauri and bone items, shopping bags, cushions, soft toys, cards etc. Also, Easter is approaching and the odd rabbit or chicken is available as a special gift.

Look for our stall during 'Festival 24'. If you have been thinking about taking up a craft or renewing your skills, White Rock is the perfect outlet for your skills. Collect a form from us at the festival, or from our desk at the Gallery behind the old post and telegraph office by the Kauri Museum. Give us feedback on what workshops you would like to see. Some ideas that have been suggested are painting, mosaics and decoupage. Would anyone like to take pottery or ceramic lessons? The possibilities are endless.

If you don't want to sell your work but love arts and crafts and have some spare time, talk to us about becoming a "Friend of The Gallery". You'll meet people from all over the world by covering the odd or regular shift behind the desk. It's not complicated.

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Mum followed her dream of becoming a school teacher after achieving matriculation (UE) status. She did her training in Auckland and was then stationed in Maropiu north of Dargaville. Eventually, she married "the boy next door" to the home farm in



Matakokohe and had 25 years of marriage with Dad until he passed away in 1973.

1969 saw a move away from the farm at Matakokohe and a relocation to Pahi where Mum realised her second dream job of being a shop keeper, Sheppard's Pahi Store was owned and operated for 12 years.

Celebrating Mum's 100th birthday has been a rolling series of visitors over the past few weeks with extended family getting together for much laughter, music, and reminiscing. Mum "gives thanks to her Heavenly Father for his loving care, faithfulness, and guidance throughout her life".

Twice married and sadly twice widowed, as Matriarch, Mum is much loved, respected, and cherished by her 6 children, 19 grandchildren and 1 ("almost" 2) great, great grandchildren.

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## I've been thinking... Bridges

I've been driving about a bit lately, and for some unexplainable reason have become aware of bridges. They are such an important part of our transport infrastructure which I have hitherto just accepted without thought.

What do you think of the Auckland Harbour Bridge? I usually take that route to the city because it conveniently gets me to where I want to go. That's a plus. But I can't say I admire the bridge either aesthetically or practically. I don't have a lot of confidence in 'The Coathangers' 'Nippon Clipons' especially when they talk of closing lanes in times of high winds. The bridge was built after decades of Auckland arguments and had to be enlarged immediately. What should be a symbol of pride is a symbol of poor planning.

Whangarei's bridge is surely functional but seems strangely self conscious. Someone tried to make a design statement as well as provide a practical crossing. I'm not sure about it.

Now I am sure about the 'pukeko bridge' taking a minor road across the Northern Toll Road. Actually a viaduct, it makes me smile every time, and especially since its recent

paint job.

But my all time favourite bridges are the so called 'MOW' (Ministry of Works) efforts. They are sometimes called 'Gooseman Bridges' after Stanley Gooseman who held various ministries including Minister of Works in the National Government of 1949-1954. However many of the MOW bridges predate his ministry.

Someone in the MOW decided what a bridge should look like and variations on this theme were built throughout NZ.

We have two in Paparoa. Maungaturoto has several. (3?, 4?) Perhaps the best known spans the Rakaia at Ashburton. (opened 1939). You can recognise them easily. All are built of reinforced concrete. They are unpretentious and practical. Built up to 90 years ago, they cope with the vastly heavier traffic of today. There must be hundreds of these structures in NZ.



Stream crossings and viaducts are not emphasised nowadays. Think of the new Puhoi road. I suppose that's good design. Functionality is key.

However I shall continue to admire the old MOW bridges wherever I find them. They have truly passed the test of time.

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## Progressive Paparoa news

Progressive Paparoa (PP) welcomed the new year with a committee barbeque held at the Paparoa School which was a very enjoyable occasion.

Now we are back into business and one of the first items to deal with is the resignation of our Community Activator, Linda Allan. r just over a year and has also been managing our weekly Farmers' Market, so we will doubly miss her.

She is staying in the area but now has a full-time job which will demand all her working energy. We wish her well and thank her very much for her efforts over the last year.

The upshot of Linda's resignation is that we are in recruitment mode, both for a Community Activator and a Market Manager. While there might still be a bit of crossover, we are hoping that the two roles can be separated so that our new Community Activator has more time to engage with the community and lead projects such as the playground extension,

which we are very keen to see progressed as soon as possible. If you are interested in either of these roles, please see our advertisements in this Press and be in contact.

After our successful Community Showcase last year, we asked in our feedback survey if any of the community groups would be interested in a First Aid course. The answer was a resounding yes, so we now have a date for this to be held at the Paparoa School on 27th April. We are very grateful to Kaipara District Council who have offered to fund this so that it will be free to one participant from each community group, but numbers are limited to 20 so it will be the first 20 groups who register. This course will be run by Hato Hone, St John and I think will be very worthwhile.

Pete Hames

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## Thanks Pete - you're a legend!

Thursday 15th Feb we were invited by KDC to witness four new Citizen Awards being presented to members of Kaipara Community. One of these recipients was our very own Pete Hames.

Pete was nominated by Progressive Paparooa Inc with supporting letters from the badminton, table tennis and tennis clubs, Paparooa Lions, PCCT, Paparooa Hall and the Sport and Recreation Association.

Pete has been volunteering in our community for years having grown up here and, after time away, came back to

raise his family.

Among other things, Pete has helped to build the all-weather track and fitness stations at the showgrounds, runs the weekly table tennis club (organising free coaching for kids), and helps organise the annual fun run walk and the Pioneer Luncheon for older residents. He is an active member of many Paparooa committees including chair of Progressive Paparooa, helping to run the Farmers market, and is a former member of the Lions club. He helps out even when he isn't on a committee, such as with the set up of the A&P show.

He is recognised for his loyalty to older members of the community and his enthusiasm for engaging younger members in sport.

Pete said he was just one of Team Paparooa and is very proud of our community

and the great things that are happening here. There are so many benefits from volunteering in the community and he would encourage more people to get involved.

Other recipients were Noel Moran from Dargaville working in Lions and running the Christmas Parade; Tui Hutchinson from Selwyn Park Primary School for her work with whanau and children in the community and Colin Gallagher for his fundraising work with the MAZ bike and fun area at Mangawhai. Well done KDC for celebrating these wonderful volunteers.

Without people like Pete who give so much of their time to getting things done we wouldn't have many of the facilities and activities that we take for granted. Congratulations Pete.

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## Letters from The Old Post Office...

### Champagne, or simply liquid light

- Fair thoughts and happy hours attend on you. - William Shakespeare
- Pour yourself a drink, put on some lipstick, and pull yourself together. - Elizabeth Taylor

And, Dear Reader my personal motto cribbed from Coco Chanel "I only drink Champagne on two occasions, when I am in love and when I am not." A fail- safe attitude methinks. Wine has been around for over 7,000 years. True sparkling wine, though, a wine that is clear from cloudy impurities, was invented in the Champagne region of France in the 17th century. Or so some of the history books claim. The method that removes the cloudiness which had tainted sparkling wine is credited to a monk at the Benedictine Abbey of Hautvillers, Dom Pérignon (1638-1715). Thus, allegedly, Champagne was born. Dear Reader, please suspend your belief and ask yourself REALLY? ?

It seems that France of the 1700s had experienced a mini "ice age" and bottles of wine were laid down as the fermentation process seemed to have finished. Still wines were the good monks' market. No doubt the profits went straight to the needy poor. They probably referred to it as the trickle-down effect.

Mais quelle horreur, come spring and the warmth restarted the fermentation process. Dom Pérignon was actually charged with removing the fizz. It is even claimed that it is the damned Anglais who first discovered how to put the sparkle in champagne. But nevertheless, what a marketing ploy. Truly

inspired. (N.B The trademark Dom Perignon was only "manufactured" in the late 19th C.)

And inspired was the woman who is credited with making champagne the world-famous luxury product that it is. Widowed at 27 years old Madame Clicquot set about developing a small family business into one of the most important Champagne houses in just over a decade.\* After the Battle of Trafalgar (of "Kiss me, Hardy" fame but blame the rum) both France and Britain put embargoes on trade, making it almost impossible for champagne to be supplied to the mainly international market.

However, as soon as the blockade was lifted Clicquot secretly organised a huge shipment to St. Petersburg and, finally reaching the Russian aristocracy her champagne became the "only" preferred drink.

So, take that Dom Pérignon and your tonsured monks. Clicquot was born into an era that discouraged female business-women (I know, who would have thought!) and yet look what she accomplished.

Dear Reader, it is as dusk approaches (and it seems to approach faster and faster) let us raise a glass to that

magnificent woman, The Widow Clicquot. And refuse to taint your lips with that dastardly Dom Pérignon. (It is even more expensive too.)

In vino veritas

Deb

\*See The Widow Clicquot by Tilar J. Mazzeo



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## OCS Feb/March News

It's nice to be well into 2024 after a busy Christmas and New Year season. We hope everyone enjoyed some of the festive spirit with family - whanau, and friends. We are thankful for the pleasant weather which was a much-appreciated 'proper' summer after the

awful non-summer we endured a year ago.

Our thoughts are with those still suffering the effects of cyclone Gabrielle and the floods that hit the month before.

OCS has started the year all systems go - with everyone bright and ready for the year. We have some staff changes - one leaving to venture into new horizons and one beginning a new start with us. Change is a good thing, keeps us on our toes.

Our first Community/Senior lunch for the year was held on Wednesday 7th February and we were pleased to see most of the regulars plus a few new faces enjoying the homemade fruit cake morning tea and tasty mid-day meal. This regular event has been running long before

I even started at OCS roughly 12 years ago. I believe it was held at the Supper Room of the Centennial Hall, then to the Footprints Room at Holy Trinity Anglican Church and then to the St John Hall. It started life as a monthly event which continued on until Covid 19, then after a couple of years we moved to bi-monthly.

We are excited to announce that this year will see us in a joint venture with The Good News Church. The Community Lunch will be for all ages, served as a buffet style, and held in the church hall at 98 Hurndall Street East, Maungaturoto.

**The date for the first lunch is Wednesday April 10th.** We will continue bi-monthly for a while and any changes will be announced in good time.

**Our shopping trip dates for March are as follows - mark them on your calendar:**

Free shopping trip to Whangarei: **Tuesday 12th March, Wednesday 27th March** - these being the 2nd Tuesday and the 4th Wednesday of the month.

The van leaves the parking area up the drive at the Retirement Village, Maungaturoto, and returns in the afternoon. You can go to any of the supermarkets, shops, cafes or businesses while having none of the driving or parking issues. Let us do that for you.

Remember to keep the 10th of April available to join us for our Community Lunch

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## Fun for the littlies

Plunkets Ready Steady Playgroup is on every Monday now at the Paparoa Playcentre, Franklin Rd, next to the school. If you have a child 0-6yrs come on down and have some fun. We would love to meet you. Any questions please contact Tina on 021 033 5128.



## Winter Season at Paparoa Golf Course

It only seems like we were starting the Twilight Golfing back in December which was hit and miss and very weather related. Our women's golf coaching was a great success- a very dedicated team of women turned up for five Friday nights in a row and the comradere amongst the group was something special.

It was a great way to wind down the working week with golf, conversation, fun and new friendships made.

It's hard to realise that the winter golfing season is almost upon us. The season kicks off the first weekend of March on Sundays at 10am sharp for tee off.

The full club programme will be available on the Paparoa Golf Club Face Book page and we welcome you to come along and join us.

If you have any enquiries about the winter programme contact the Club Secretary on 0226781474. We are here to help and promote our wonderful country golf course on the hill.

### Green Fees 2024 Casual Players

\$10 pp for 9 holes  
\$20 pp for 18 holes

### Club Membership Subs for the year 1.4.2024 - 31.3.2025

Mens & Ladies: \$180  
Couples: \$320  
Juniors: \$25

### Paparoa Golf Club history

It's quite common knowledge that people don't actually know where Paparoa Golf Course is situated. However, the brief history below will outline just where it has been and how it got to where it is now - on the hill off Golden

Stairs Road in Maungaturoto.

The club started way back in 1932 on Franklin Road but closed during WWII. In 1946 the club reopened on Pahi Road just over the bridge but returned to Franklin Road in 1950.

During 1957/58 a new course was developed on Bobby Dodds Road in Huarau, but the property was sold from under the club as the lease had never been registered by the solicitor. After settling out of court there was enough money to purchase the land to get the club started off Golden Stairs Road. The building was moved over and the original site was all 9 holes on one side of the road, but some eagle eyed golfers worked out there could be some good holes developed across the road. While excavating the land on the new side, the famous cowbell was unearthed and is now an annual tournament played between Paparoa, Taporā and Mangawhai.

Today Paparoa is a 9 hole golf course with holes 1-4 on the club house side and 5-9 on the other side of the road. It's a hilly course which provides a good workout in a peaceful setting amongst the bush and rolling hillsides.

The greens and fairways are maintained by a very dedicated team of volunteers, in fact the whole of the club is run by volunteers.

Over the past 2 years the club rooms have been upgraded with just the toilet facilities left to complete. It provides both indoor and outdoor covered areas for relaxing after a round of golf. There is plenty of parking and trolleys and clubs are available on enquiry.

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## BOOKS AND BOOKCLUBS

This month I have some tearjerkers for you, heartbreakers, sad, happy, crack-up laughing tears, all four will pull on your heartstrings if you have any. All fiction- or maybe not.

In "The Wish," by Nicholas Sparks, the main character, a successful photographer with her own gallery, tells her life story to a younger employee. At the end of a long battle with cancer, she remembers her teenage years, pregnant and secreted off to stay with her Aunt until the baby is born and adopted out. Enough shame and heartbreak there already. Continuing her schoolwork with a tutor, she learns and loves photography, and her successful career begins. Considering that this is a male author writing about female emotions, it is a very real read. One to weep over.

An utterly beautiful book, "Where Light Meets Water," by Susan Paterson, is loosely based on real life artist/mariner Captain Thomas Robertson, the author's great, great, great etc grandfather renamed Tom Rutherford for the sake of fiction. Anyone who loves the ocean will



love the tales of storms at sea, being stuck in the doldrums, and scrambling up the rigging of the tall ships of the late 1800s, any historian will enjoy life in early Melbourne and Dunedin, and any artist will love the language of colour, light and line that permeates the narrative. The story begins in Scotland, journeys through London, Melbourne, (where fellow artist Goldie had a small gallery for a time) and finishes in Port Chalmers, Dunedin. The real Captain's works are on display in galleries and museums around New Zealand and can be found online, sketches, drawings, water colours and oil paintings, mostly of sea and ships.

More on the theme of great art, but mostly about great food, is "Cooking for Picasso," by Camille Aubray. Personally, I think there should be some sort of intellectual property rights when writing fiction about real people. Known facts, okay, but creating thoughts and emotions and linking them to real people, dead or alive, should not be a free for all. Apart from that, it is a fun read with some good twists, mouthwatering menus, and of course romance.

I always save the best to last, and "Ayesha at Last," by Uzma Jalaluddin is a stunner! Described as a modern day Pride and Prejudice in a Muslim setting, it is truly refreshing. "Because while it is a truth universally acknowledged that a single Muslim man must be in want of a wife, there's an even greater truth, to his mother his own inclinations are of secondary importance." A Muslim author, a Canadian setting, arranged marriages, breakaway young people, and loads of pride and prejudice - sad realities, but very, very funny in fiction. Our own prejudices are soundly chastised. "What do you see when you think of me, a figure cloaked in mystery with eyes downcast and hair covered, an oppressed woman yet to be discovered? What do I see when I think of you? I see another human being who doesn't have a clue."

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Saturday 10th February saw the sun shine down between the clouds over our Passata Day at Grow Paparoa. Perfect for being neither too hot nor too cold. This was the second year we have hosted the event and would like to thank all of those who came out for it. Gazebos were put up nice and early, tables were set out for lunch- alfresco style, with lavender and grape vines decorating the linen cloths. Italian music was played throughout the day, children joined in along with their parents and grandparents, learning how to make traditional Italian passata or just socialising and having fun.

Our chef Ian cooked up the most delicious spaghetti bolognaise, this was our main course for lunch and added to it was a colourful and tasty basil tapenade dish; the salads were made fresh from the gardens' lettuces, tomatoes, cucumbers and herbs. Additionally green and purple beans were made into a salad. Lunch was all about taste and colour!

Some people brought their own tomatoes to make passata however many chose to simply come and enjoy the morning and lunch. We were also pleased to welcome visitors from the Northland Edible Garden Safari who called in and stayed for a while. There was plenty of tomatoes put through the machines to remove the skin and seeds it was then bottled and sealed. There was plenty of bottled passata for everyone to take a jar or two home at the end of the day.

Grow Paparoa's Passata Day is for everyone! One does not need to grow tomatoes to come and enjoy the day. It is all about bringing community together, enjoying the best of Grow Paparoa's summer harvest, the sunshine and a celebration of a season's work well done.

Keep an eye out for next year's celebration. Always in February. Always fun. Always great food.

**Aladdin's Cave:** Opening hours are Saturday, 9.30am- 1pm.

We currently require good, clean baby and children's clothing, good quality toys, good clean ladies and men's clothing, small hand tools in good working order, kitchenware like mugs, pots and pans etc. Not plates and glasses at present.

As our summer harvests come to an end at the gardens we will close down our beds for a while to rest the soil and give it time to rebuild in readiness for our winter crops. There is always work to be done in a garden no matter the time of year but gardeners need a rest as well.

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## An eggcellent day out

Te Rata Family Farm on Porter Rd, Paparoa, received an influx of visitors for their annual open day on the 17th of February.

After being welcomed by Miriam, who came home from Auckland especially to help (remember her from GAS Paparoa?), and walking through a gumboot bath, visitors made their way down the farm to meet the chickens and chat to owner, James Borger or one of his knowledgeable siblings who were stationed at the different chicken sheds dotted down the farm. Sister, Sarah's t-shirt read... "I Raise Chickens... I'm Literally a Chicken Tender."

Visitors thoroughly enjoyed themselves and came from as far away as Auckland and Whangarei and in true



Paparoa style, the weather was amazing.

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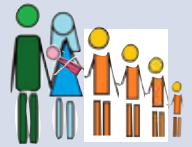
As is the case with babies and small animals, they grow fast. Baby Mary is celebrating 5 months earthside this March, daily working on her ability to crawl which I feel is much too soon, yet as much as I actively dissuade her, she seems not to listen or care about my complaints that I'll have to, once more, barricade every shelf filled with glass, along with the exits. Mr five thinks it amusing that she'll soon be terrorising the household with her sticky, pudgy hands- 'til I reminded him, she'll bring terror to his toys too. Suddenly he was not amused.

February saw us preparing the garden for the coming season. We didn't focus on a big summer garden this year, the cry of 'incoming drought' made us wait and see. And we waited and saw it was one of those 'wet droughts'. But one tomato and one cucumber plant are still ample for daily eating, rather than 50 of each. There was enough fruit to

process from the orchard without the added stress of 2kg daily tomatoes as well. Autumn plantings will focus on green crops, like mustard, to feed lacklustre beds, beginning new cucumbers and tomatoes for our winter greenhouse, and finally planting the long ignored carrot seeds.

And, a project that's been long awaited is up coming, planting out our driveway edges. Whilst the man of the house likes the grass as back up for the already-too-fat cows, I've waited at least 10 years now for this! I like the idea of driving in bordered by natives and exotic species scratching the sides of the car, whacking the children's heads as they lean out the windows, and generally making us feel like we live a lot more rurally than we actually do. I feel caring about conservation without planting trees is a dead conversation (and I don't mean pine on prime farm land either). It's odd that in all the talk of 'lowering temperatures' on earth, tax comes up before planting. Wonder who that benefits? And that's my dig for March. Have a great one!

Jenny



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Knowing the devastating effect head knocks have on humans, how do woodpeckers suffer no damage?

Why do they peck wood? Mostly to find food and usually choose rotting wood so it generally is softer.

They also peck holes to store food. In California, a wireless antenna was found to hold over 136kg of acorns stashed by woodpeckers.

Some species of woodpecker peck to drum up mates and choose hollow trees to get a better sound effect.

How do they prevent brain injury? They don't peck directly but use glancing blows and their brains are protected by having a dense outer bone and porous inner layer which distributes the impact and absorbs the blow protecting the rather small brain. The brain has a tight fit and is angled towards the back of the head. An excellent design.

Humans have been copying this bird brain design in making helmets and head protectors for sports players.

So many human inventions have been initiated by looking at nature.



Stella



## Maungaturoto and Districts Rotary

Condolences to the family of Brian Plunkett, PHF, who passed away. Brian had been a vital member of our Club for a number of years.

Before we had an official meeting of the Club, a number of Rotarians were able to support the Paparoa A & P Show committee in a variety of ways. Members were involved in setting up and manning the stalls, gate duties and clearing the hall at the conclusion of events.

Our Driver Mentoring continues to be in demand but we are very short of Mentors. Please consider supporting us in this manner if you have an hour or two to give once a week. There are a number of students at the High school that require support. Depending on student ability, up to 12 lessons can be given. We are fortunate that testing is now available in Dargaville both through NZTA and Blue Light.



The first speaker of the year was Melanie McKenzie who was our RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership) participant in April last year. The attendees involved come from many occupations, but the one thing they have in common is the fact that all are very motivated. It was obvious from Melanie's presentation that she gained a number of skills which she has been able to make good use of. Each day commenced with an exercise regime designed by a fellow participant and Melanie has continued this and found that this has been an invaluable way to start the day. Melanie also became more aware of the importance of "leading from behind" so those around you know that you have their back. Melanie now feels she can react to problems that arise in a less emotional way, which helps remove the stress from the situation.

The camp provided a variety of both indoor and outdoor activities. Of the speakers who impressed Melanie the most were a neuro-scientist who spoke about research into Huntington's disease; an address from camp mum, Fay, who provided a positive perspective on cultural differences; groups were made up to formulate a business plan and the winning group's idea was presented on closing night (to which Rotarians were invited). This group were concerned about the anti-social activities some youngsters were being involved in so developed a plan to invite some of these at-risk youngsters to a camp, accompanied by one caregiver, at which they would be given some tools to develop positive life skills. (This is in the process of being implemented by one social agency.) Two of the outdoor activities were: The tree-top experience, where group support was given to the less confident climbers; they also planted 3,000 reeds on the adjacent sand dunes. Melanie's presentation was an affirmation of how this week impacts positively on all attendees, something that previous candidates have spoken of enthusiastically.

We have also had the first email from Jaime, the Rotary exchange student our Club has supported to travel to Belgium this year. Jaime has told us of the support given by the first of four host families she will be involved with. We are aware of the challenges of living in a society that speaks another language, but Jaime started learning French prior to leaving and aims to become more competent as quickly as she can.

If you haven't booked your ticket for the McSweeney Brothers Irish Band on Saturday, 23rd March, you can do so by emailing: Maungaturotocountryclub@gmail.com. Tickets are \$25 per person and can be paid for on the night.

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### Animal Spies

1. In 1967 the CIA spent \$20 million on training and setting up an eavesdropping cat! The cat was fitted with a tiny microphone in its ear, a battery under its loose skin and an antenna amongst its long fur. The person the CIA wanted to spy on had a fondness for cats. This cat could pick up and transmit conversations within range. But, as all cat owners know, cats have a mind of their own, and just do their own thing and wouldn't stay in range. You can't make a cat do anything it doesn't choose to do!

2. Homing Pigeons are different as they naturally fly home. They were used many times during WWII. They were dropped off in parachuted boxes or driven by car into occupied territory in France and Belgium and were then picked up by resistance workers who put written messages on paper, taped it to their leg and the pigeon was released to fly back to Britain. Over 1000 messages were relayed back. Pigeons were not really noticeable as they are quite a common species and their ability to fly 100s of km over unknown territory is incredible.

3. Hvaldimir (hvald Norwegian for whale - dimir from Vladimir) the male beluga whale was a suspected Russian spy. He was found by Norwegian fishermen as he was trying to remove a camera strapped onto a harness around his body by rubbing against their boat in 2019. He was freed of his burden but remained around people. He had obviously been trained and fed. He played fetch with fishermen. Unfortunately, he is at risk, being around people, suffering propeller damage etc. He was last seen in May 2023 in south west Sweden. OneWhale formed a team of scientists and veterinarians who in July 2023 with the Hammerfest town council (voting in favour) are planning to set up a remote fiord as his future home.

4. Both USA and Russia have used trained dolphins and seals (whales aren't so easy to train) for military purposes for such activities as finding mines in the Persian Gulf by carrying pinger locators for later clearance by man. There is considerable public opposition to the use of marine mammals for these purposes owing to the stresses involved and possibility of bad treatment.

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Guess Fox's weight was the question about our lovely Dorper wether who came to the Paparoa show for the day. He is a rather large lad and his weight was 99.5kg. Congratulations to Mel of Kaiwaka

who had the closest guess of 99.4kg. She won a solar powered electric fence unit kindly donated by Wrightsons. There were several 100kg guesses so lots of people were close. Fox was also very good for kids to pat and feel wool on a sheep. Thanks to everyone who visited the show and braved the squalley weather. See you again next year!

Janine





## March in the Garden

Now is a busy time for seed collecting, flowers and vegetables.

Save your best seeds for next year.

Dry beans and peas on the vine until the pods rattle, squeeze tomato seeds, let some of your lettuce, spring onions and herbs go to seed (ours seem to bolting to seed fast in this weather).

Collect seeds on a dry still day, take them indoors and lay them out on sheets of newspaper to dry (I put mine on a warm window sill and stack the bulk seeds between bread racks).

When fully dry a good shake should separate the seeds from debris.

Store your seeds in plain envelopes or paper bags (plastic can sweat and rot seeds).

Put them in a cool, dark, rodent proof cardboard box, or an airtight container in your fridge.

Label well with date picked and plant name - I often put a when to plant month as well.

Most seeds stay viable for 3-5 years if stored well.

If you make time now, come next season you will have a plentiful stock of beautiful seeds.

March and April are hot months and as we all start getting lower on water we need to think of ways to help the garden cope. Collect shower and vegetable washing water for the garden.

A moveable temporary shade cloth works well (a length of green windbreak and 4 poles to attach it to works well) - this is a life saver when planting out new seedlings.

Also try to cover all your soil - plant closer together or, on larger "to be planted in soon beds", cover the soil with what ever you have on hand. Grass clippings, fallen leaves, pea straw, etc will only help this hungry Paparoa soil.

Have fun in the garden!

Smiles, C

## Local JPs

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when you pass a school  
bus that's picking up or  
dropping off children.

## Quiz Winner

The Winner of the February quiz is Savannah Parlour. Congratulations! No quiz this month.

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Netsafe's free new resources designed specifically for older adults.

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## WHAT'S ON - MARCH 2024

**The Kauri Museum** - open 7 days, 9am-5pm

**White Rock Gallery** - 5 Church Rd Matakoho (Kauri Museum) Open 7 days 10 - 4

**Paparooa Golf Club Twilight Golf** - Fridays 4-6pm. Golf Course Rd, Maungaturoto (off Golden Stairs Rd). Enquiries to 022 678 1474.

**Hukatere Hall Wood Chop** - Sat March 23, 11am. See p9 for more info.

**Fun Walk and Run** - Sat March 23, from 2.30pm. See back page for more info.

**The McSweeney Brothers Irish Band** - Sat March 23, 8pm. Maungaturoto Country Club. \$25. See p7 for more info.

**First Aid Course** - Sat April 27. See p3 for more info.

## OUT & ABOUT AROUND TOWN

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

**Artisan Market** - Quarterly. Paparooa Memorial Hall 10am-2pm. Next market June. Email [artisanmarket.paparooa@gmail.com](mailto:artisanmarket.paparooa@gmail.com) or ph Steph 027 452 7124 or Ruth 021 433 969.

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

## Paparooa Mission District Anglican Services for March



Sunday 3rd 11.30am St Mark's, Paparooa

Sunday 10th 10am Holy Trinity, Maungaturoto

Sunday 17th 11.30am St Albans, Whakapirau  
followed by AGM

Sunday 24th 10am Holy Trinity, Maungaturoto

Sunday 31st 10am Holy Trinity, Maungaturoto  
Easter Sunday

## Small minds, and other things

The gravel truck turnaround area beside the Paparooa Hall has been used for some time for joy riding but recently damage has ensued!

High windows smashed on the Hall, broken fence by the roadside bushes, and now demolition of the fence all along the roadside. Apart from causing expenditure to get it cleaned up, it is dangerous to pedestrians and the road.

We would like to thank Kaipara District Council for their prompt attention in tidying up the broken mess just a week before the A&P Show.

We would also like this vandalism to stop and for people to have some respect and act responsibly.



**REGULAR EVENTS, MEETINGS AND ORGANISATIONS**

- Anglican Church St Marks** Hook Road, ph 431 8193 or 431 6224 for services info
- Ararua Church** 10.30am every Sunday. All welcome Ph 431 6622
- Art Studio, Ruawai** Wed 10-12noon ph Frances 439 2554
- Badminton** Thursdays 7pm Paparoa Hall \$2 students, \$3 adults, Pete 021 056 7163
- Farmers' Market** Every Saturday 9-Noon, Village Green, Linda 021 362468
- Grey Power** Last Wed in month, 1pm, Anglican Church Hall, Maungaturoto
- Grow Paparoa** Thur/Fri/Sun 10am to 2pm at the Community Gardens
- Holy Trinity Anglican Church**, Maungaturoto, All welcome. Ph 431 8193 for services information.
- Kaipara Marching Team** Weds 4-5.30pm, M'gto, Ph Lyn Hutchings 022 070 8674
- Line Dancing** Thurs 10am-noon Paparoa Hall Ph Jackie Cornes 027 368 7298
- Paparoa Mah Jong Group** 1st & 3rd Tues, Paparoa Hall 1.30-4pm, Sara 021 0774947
- Mainly Music** Wed 9.30am Paparoa Comm Church, Lynaire Porteous 431 7520
- Matakohe Garden Circle** 1st Weds each month, 1pm, J Mackinnon 431 6689.
- Maungaturoto Opportunity Shop** Open Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri 10am-3pm. Alternate Sat mornings 10am-1pm.
- Maungaturoto and Districts Rotary Club** Maungaturoto Centennial Hall, Tuesday evenings 6pm, Ph Stella 021 149 0877
- Otamatea Quilters** 1st and 3rd Mon month 10am, Paparoa Hall 09 439 2262
- Outdoor Bowls** Maungaturoto Green Ph Tony 431 6026 or Brian 431 6884
- Pahi Hall** available for hire Ph Tina 0210335128
- Paparoa Community Church** Sundays 10.30am, 4 Hook Road, 431 6795 or Dave Porteous 0274 180 676
- Paparoa Box Fit** Every Wednesday 6-7pm, Stretching/Cardio/Boxing \$10, Paparoa Hall, Stacey Watson 09 283 9931
- Paparoa Dance to Music** Every Tuesday 10:30-11:30, Stretching/Balance/Resistance/Bands/Zumba, \$5, Paparoa Hall, Stacey Watson 09 283 9931
- Paparoa Garden Circle** 2nd Wed of month. Contact Raylee Over 021 2565 893
- Paparoa Hall** Functions venue Ph Robyn 431 7306 or a/h Loraine 431 7290
- Paparoa Library** Mon, Wed 2-4.30, Thurs 10-4, Fri 11-1.30, Sat 10-12. Library Manager 09 431 7555 during library hours. Returns Box at Skeltons
- Paparoa Lions** Dinner Meetings 3rd Mon in month 6.30pm, Sports Pavilion
- Paparoa Playcentre** Tuesday and Thursday 10am-1pm Visitors Welcome Ph Kirstin 431 7373 txt 021 525 425 or Jane 431 6148 paparoa@playcentre.org.nz
- Paparoa Primary School** 2023 Term 1 2024 starts 31st Jan Ph 431 7379
- Paparoa Toy Library** Wed 10.30-1pm, Paparoa Comm Church, Hilery 431 7330
- Paparoa Volunteer Rural Fire Force (VRFF)** 1st and 3rd Monday of the month 6.30pm Depot Rd ph Ken Ogilvie 021 129 4042
- Plunket Ready Steady Wriggle** Mon 10am Sports Pav. Tina Ball 021 033 5128
- Selwyn Centre** Thurs 9.45am for over 65's, St Marks, Hook Rd, Ph Sue 431 6224
- Sports Pavilion** Functions Venue Bookings ph Jane Bailey 431 6148
- St Mary's Catholic Church** Maungaturoto 10am Wed, 4pm Saturday
- Table Tennis** Tues 7.30pm, Sports Pavilion \$2 Pete 021 056 7163
- Tennis** Tues Junior from 4pm, Adult 5.30pm, Ph Sue 431-6224, Pete 0210567163
- Yoga For Everyone** Tuesday and Friday mornings 9.30am Paparoa Sports Pavilion. Ph 027 294 4855
- Yoga/Pilates** Wed 10am, Thurs 5.45pm. \$111 for the term, \$12 casual. Paparoa Sports Pavillion

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**LOCAL TIDES for March 2024**

**TIDES - CALCULATED for PAHI-WHAKAPIRAU**

DATE	LOW	HIGH	DATE	LOW	HIGH
6th	14.20	8.15	22nd	16.36	10.43
7th	15.29	9.29	23rd	17.12	11.19
8th	16.25	10.26	24th	17.46	11.51
9th	17.15	11.16	25th	18.17	12.21
10th	18.01	12.02	26th	18.47	12.51
11th	18.46	12.47	27th	6.58	13.20
12th	7.04	13.31	28th	7.28	13.50
13th	7.48	14.15	29th	8.00	14.21
14th	8.33	15.00	30th	8.35	14.57
15th	9.20	15.46	31st	9.16	15.39
16th	10.12	16.38	April		
17th	11.12	17.38	1st	10.14	16.34
18th	12.26	18.52	2nd	11.21	17.55
19th	13.49	7.42	3rd	12.43	18.37
20th	15.00	9.06	4th	14.03	7.59
21st	15.53	10.13	5th	15.09	9.04

**Community Directory**

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**COAST TO COAST HEALTH CARE**

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

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

**HOSPICE KAIPARA** Dargaville Hospital ..... 09 439 3330

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

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

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**OTAMATEA COMMUNITY SERVICES** Community House 09 431 9080

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**PAPAROA PLAYCENTRE** ..... paparoa@playcentre.org.nz

**PAPAROA PLUNKET** .Plunket Nurse Louise 027 2823987 or 09 438 2508

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