



FEBRUARY 2020

Twin Streams ready for construction

It has been a long journey, but Paparoa Community Charitable Trust is now delighted to announce that a construction contract has been awarded to local firm Huband Contractors Ltd.

Work is expected to commence mid-February and take approximately four months. In awarding the contract PCCT Chair, Graham Taylor said that having a local firm engaged was a real plus as this is definitely a Paparoa project.

Shaun from Huband Contractors Ltd said, "The company and its team are rapt to be involved in such a great project for the community. Being a local employer, we really appreciate the opportunity to undertake the civil construction component of this development. We look forward to working alongside other local professionals employed by the Trust to deliver the physical works".

What began over ten years ago as an idea amongst a small group of individuals is finally becoming a 'dream come true'. Their vision was to create a retirement living option for senior residents who may wish to remain here in our community. A 'Steering Group', initially funded by Progressive Paparoa Inc., soon established that there was support for such a retirement village project and that it could be financially viable. By then it also became obvious that a separate entity was required to bring it to reality. The Paparoa Community Charitable Trust (PCCT) was formed with some outside expertise, and the lengthy and complex planning process began.

Over the next four years the Trust was engaged in much consultation

and deliberation. Some local individuals had sufficient confidence in the viability of the project that they were willing to contribute 'seed funding at risk' to see the project succeed.

Finally, in December 2018 Kaipara District Council granted PCCT a Resource Consent to subdivide a property at 113 Franklin Rd into 29 lots with 14 of them specifically designed for retirement living. PCCT wishes to thank and acknowledge the support and confidence of Derek Hames Ltd, the landowners, throughout this process.

As the largest project of its kind in Paparoa since the early settlement in 1862 this subdivision will bring major economic benefits. To date PCCT is holding Sale and Purchase Agreements on 13 lots and expects continued interest once the construction machinery starts rolling. The subsequent housing boom will bring new people into the area and retain people who might otherwise have left.

A formal Dawn Blessing and Ground Breaking ceremony will be held at 6am on Wednesday 12 February at the site in Franklin Rd. Members of the public are very welcome to attend along with the invited guests. A cup of tea/coffee will be served after the ceremony.

Construction work is expected to commence very soon after this and take approximately 4 months. For the Trustees this milestone is an event to be savoured.

PCCT



144th Paparoa A & P Show

This weekend

A great day out for everyone

One of the longest running agricultural shows in New Zealand

Don't miss this iconic local event with so much to see and do!

Look for the Young Farmer Competitions and Kumarani Circus, the wood chopping, shearing, team roping and equestrian events, the cattle and goat classes plus milking and horse shoeing demonstrations. As well as the 'Country Kids Challenge', 'KidzTime' amusements and the 'Petting Zoo' there will be stacks of food and craft stalls!

Visit the Paparoa Hall for the indoor exhibitions of garden produce, art and crafts, photography, home brew and baking competitions.

GATE FEES Gates open from 7am
Adults - \$10.

Children - \$5 per child for first two children. Under 5's free.

Car parking is free but note it will be at a premium due to the extra interest in the Regional Final of the Young Farmers Competition.

Picnic on the Village Green ... Sunday February 9th at 12.30pm



Please feel free to invite your friends and neighbours and come along and enjoy a sociable afternoon.

Progressive Paparoa Inc (PPI) invites you to our annual picnic on the Village Green, on Sunday 9th February from 12.30pm. This is an opportunity to enjoy a shared lunch with friends and fellow residents of Paparoa and surrounding districts, with some live background music and a festival atmosphere.

PPI will provide tables so you can bring your favourite summertime dish to share, and we ask you to bring your plates, cutlery and drinks so that we can make this a zero waste event. Also bring a chair or picnic blanket to sit on and we will provide some gazebo's for shade.



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2020 is a Leap Year!

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In Roman times years were 355 days long with months being 22 or 23 days every second year in order to keep festivals at the same time each year. Julius Caesar decided to simplify things by making each year 365 days except for every 4th year which would be 366 days, the extra day in February. (Actually it was his astronomer Sosigenes who figured out the system - and Julius just decreed it). Each year is actually 365.242 days long. However, because 365.242 is less than 365.25 every 400 years 3 extra days are added!

In 1582 Pope Gregory X111 decided to solve this anomaly by decreeing that one in four century dates can be a Leap Year and only in years divisible by 400. So 1700, 1800 and 1900 were not Leap Years, nor can 2100, but 2000 is!

LEAP YEAR TRADITIONS

The famous one is of course that it is the ladies' turn to pop the question regarding marriage on February 29th. This is believed to have originated in Ireland in a deal in the fifth century between St Patrick and St Brigid and then spread across Europe. In Demark if the man refuses he is supposed to buy her 12 pairs of gloves!

It was believed that Leap Years in Scotland were bad years for sheep and in parts of Italy that whales only gave birth in Leap Years! These days those born on the 29th apparently have exclusive membership to the 'The Honour Society of Leap Year Day Babies'! 29th feb is also 'Rare Disease Day'

Did you know that modern day Olympics are always held in a Leap Year?

Enjoy your extra day on the 29th! PP

Help Ararua Pony Club

Is there anyone out there who would be interested in helping with management of the local pony club? Secretarial/treasurer type help would be welcome with 3-4 meetings likely per year.



While the club is named Ararua Pony Club it is based at the Paparooa Show Grounds. You don't need to have pony club aged kids to be involved. Adults use the grounds too.

Please contact me at jekhames@gmail.com if you are interested or can offer some suggestions.

Janine Hames



OTAMATEA HIGH SCHOOL

Te Kōwhiri Teina e Otamatea

IMPORTANT DATES FOR START OF YEAR 2020

Thursday 30th January (buses will be running). School starts for all year 7, year 13 and all new students to OHS.

*On the first day of school students should bring pen, paper, morning tea, togs and towel.
Sausage sizzle lunch provided.*

Friday 31st January Whole school to attend (All Years)
Senior Course confirmation will take place

Tuesday 4th - Wednesday 5th February
Year 7 & Prefect Camp

Thursday 13th February - School Swimming Sports (all day)

Wednesday 19th February - Meet the Staff Evening

Tuesday 25th February - School Athletics Day (all day)

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for any further information

Please visit our website for 2019 school information including uniform, stationery and school calendar.

www.otamatea.school.nz

Paparooa Events Calendar

Calling all organisations

The Paparooa Connections group is keen to create an overall calendar of dates for local events to avoid clashes.

This calendar can be pinned on the local Facebook page and on the Paparooa website.

Please can your organisation let us know the dates you have planned for 2020 so they can be included?

Email paparooaconnections@gmail.com

Libby Jones



Otamatea High School

Join us for our

WELCOME EVENING

An opportunity for both new and established families to meet each other and our school staff.



SAVE THE DATE

Wednesday 19th February 6pm-7.30pm in E Block

A casual, social evening for parents with drinks and nibbles provided.

Colour purple Dahlias for Dementia Garden & House Tour



DAHLIAS for DEMENTIA

The timing of the garden and house tour, the theme colour for the associated charity, and a dominant colour of dahlias helped form the fundraiser's name.

The Dahlias for Dementia Garden & House Tour 2020, over the weekend of 22-23 February in Kaipara localities, will raise funds for a 14-bed dementia unit in Maungaturoto which will serve the wider Kaipara community. The tour includes 20 properties - both rural and urban. Seven homes will also be open.

Karen Smales, who initiated the event, says the organisers came up with 'Dahlias for Dementia' as February is dahlia season, purple is a common dahlia colour and it's the theme colour for the charity which raises funds for Alzheimer's disease. Alliteration gives 'Dahlias for Dementia' a pleasing sound and makes the name memorable. Working hard in the background are many generous property owners who've been kind enough to put their properties on show. They'll all have volunteers helping out. It's a huge team



White Rock Gallery will be on site at Totara House

effort. Many locals will host visitors from outside the area who will do the tour. "Small communities such as ours need to find ways to bring in outside funds," says Karen. Fundraising lunches can be ordered along with tickets or closer to the event. There'll be a four-hour pick-up window from a participating home - between 10am and 2pm. They'll be prepared by an award-winning cook and caterer who will be assisted by members of her 'big foodie

family' who are all talented cooks. None live in Kaipara.

The tour is supported by Alzheimers Northland, Bayleys Real Estate Northland which is selling tickets at five of its offices and other sponsors.

To buy tickets online, go to Alzheimers Northland website and click Dahlias for Dementia icon or visit <http://www.alzheimersnorthland.org.nz/events/dahlias-for-dementia/>

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For further information contact Kimberly Sinclair,
021 302 600 or dahliasfordementia@gmail.com

Rae Roadley

Paparoa School 150th May 8-10



The school's 150th Anniversary is fast approaching and the committee is getting ready for this event.

Registrations are coming in and accommodation is getting booked out.

If you have not already done so, please go to www.paparoa.school.nz and register today.

Early Bird Registration closes on 28 February

For further information contact:

Robyn at Skelton's Drapery
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or Pete
4316 822



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White Rock Gallery Presents...

Arts & Crafts Fundraising Exhibition

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White Rock Gallery is proud to be involved with Dahlias For Dementia to raise funds for The Maungaturoto Dementia Unit.

22-23 FEBRUARY
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Sponsored by The Paparoa Depot Trust

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Council Mark says ...

Your community needs you!

One of the things I stood for in the election was to promote ways of enhancing the contribution to 'Kaipara Inc.' which community groups can make.

From my own experience in forming Otamatea HarbourCare and being on the board of the Kauri Museum I have seen the benefits of help with governance training, strategic planning and assistance with funding applications.

One of my new roles through Council is as a trustee of Volunteering Northland (VN), a great fit for me (thank you Mayor Jason). I have previously attended a couple of governance training courses arranged by them, and have also registered Otamatea HarbourCare. VN acts as an introduction service, matching potential volunteers with volunteering opportunities.

To do this, community groups need to register with VN. I have learnt that VN is part of a nationwide network. Something I already knew about was some of the benefits of volunteering; the satisfaction and fulfilment from making a worthwhile contribution to your community, and feeling part of something bigger than yourself.

The more groups which register, the more successful a service VN can provide. If you want to find out more, check out the website volunteeringnorthland.nz or give me a call.

There will be a meet and greet opportunity at Mangawhai on Monday 10th February as well.

Mark Vincent
Otamatea Ward Councillor
021 0829 8037

The latest from The Museum

January 2020 has started well at The Kauri Museum with lots of visitors coming through the doors. With several staff away on annual leave, it has sometimes been a stretch to fill the gaps but there was no drop in customer service for our visitors.



Canoe Prow, one of the taonga from the Rintoul Collection, on display in the Ngā Taonga, Te Hononga Tāngata exhibition now on at The Kauri Museum

In January we welcomed new staff member, Luciana Orr to fill the vacant marketing position. Luciana has lived at Matakoho for over three years and as well as being a talented artist has a background in public relations and marketing.

Luciana has been very busy since she arrived, working on our new website, which is programmed to go live in a couple of weeks. We are looking forward to seeing it as it is over a year since the old website was hacked and made unusable. The new site is looking very bright and well organised, so look out for it.

Two students have been working for the museum as they bridge the gap between School and University. Both have adapted well to working in the front-of-house role, happy to greet our visitors and share the short introduction presentation with our coach groups. However, university

calls. Holly Hutton has already departed for Dunedin to begin her first year of medical study. Suzy Hames will be leaving at the end of January for Christchurch. These two young women have added a youthful, modern dimension to the museum and we thank them for their contribution. We wish them both good luck for their first year at university and look forward to receiving reports on their progress. Thank you Suzy and Holly!

The Rintoul Collection of Māori taonga exhibition, 'Ngā Taonga, Te Hononga Tāngata, The treasures that bring our people together', has proved very popular over the holiday period with some visitors travelling some distance to view it. If you haven't been to see it yet, it is well worth a visit. Entry is by koha.

We look forward to seeing you in the museum in 2020!

Mary Stevens

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- * Textiles Exhibition - 'The Perfect Accessory'
- * Old Maps of Otamatea

For residents of the old Otamatea District: Annual passes available

5 Church Road, Matakoho, Northland. p: 09 431 7417 w: www.kaurimuseum.com

When the circus came to town

Circus Kumarani is a community based organisation promoting circus and all that entails to young, old and all abilities. Circus skills have been used internationally as a unique way of developing skills and expertise, along with social and personal development, as well as for pure entertainment. Circus offers a wide range of opportunities that allow anyone to be able to find an area to excel, and Dargaville is where Circus Kumarani calls home!

There's been a Northland Circus Festival for 13 years now and this is the second time it's been held in Paparoa. From ground to aerial skills, for beginners to advanced levels, this festival was for all! There were circus workshops, a Saturday night gala show, a renegade show, fire spinning, food, crafts and so much fun.

Circus Kumarani organisers told us that they are very thankful to the Paparoa community for being so warm and welcoming to them and they loved seeing so many locals in the audience at the gala show. A big thank you to the A&P Show committee, the Paparoa War Memorial Hall committee, the Sports Pavilion



committee, Douglas Logging, and the awesome teachers and volunteers for all their support and help which made this festival happen.

Paparoa even managed to put on perfect weather. Circus Kumarani are blessed to have very talented teachers and performers nationally and internationally who attend the festival and teach a big range of workshops from aerial to ball juggling and also put on their amazing gala show. In Europe, circus



performing is a career option and taken very seriously.

Each night ended with fire spinning, where everyone young or old got to have a go. This year a children's area was added which included a bouncy castle (thanks to Kidztime). This gave the children a fun space to play in, if they were either too young for workshops or in between workshops.

Thank you Paparoa!
Abbe Clark, Circus Kumarani

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White Rock Gallery

Interesting month ahead

White Rock Gallery has two major events coming up in February:

DAYS OF SUMMER - 9 FEB, 1pm-3.30pm
This exhibition opens Sunday afternoon 9th February and we welcome the local community and other visitors to view our artists' new work. Food, drink and entertainment is provided. This event is supported by Pub Charities Inc.

DAHLIAS FOR DEMENTIA FEB 22-23, from 10am
White Rock Gallery is supporting the Dahlias for Dementia House and Garden Tour fundraising weekend on 22-23 February. Our gazebo and sales table will be set up in the lovely garden of Totara House, Matakohe. Artwork will be for sale with all proceeds going to the Dementia Unit Building Fund. White Rock artists have specially created and donated works for this worthwhile community cause. The Gallery is proud to support this awesome fundraising effort and thank the Dahlias for Dementia Committee for inviting us to participate. Our thanks also to Paparoa County Depot Trust for their sponsorship.

Sue Taylor

White Rock Gallery Presents;

"Days of Summer"

February Exhibition Opening

Showcasing Our Artists Latest Works

Free Nibbles-drinks & Entertainment

White Rock Gallery
Church Rd - Matakohe
(next to The Kauri Museum)

Sunday 9th Feb
1 - 3.30pm

New windbreak at courts



Thanks so much to the Paparooa County Depot Trust for the grant to the tennis club for windbreaks at the courts. They are looking great.

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Libby Jones -

Northland District Health Board

I was asked recently whether I think things are going well for Northland DHB. It got me thinking about what we are doing well and, more particularly where we need to keep working hard to improve the health of all Northlanders.

If you get sick, have an accident or an acute health/illness episode, you are likely to get excellent and timely care as our systems are well set up for such events. It doesn't matter how well off you are, good acute health care is there for all. However, rural residents generally face more challenges than their urban counterparts. For those with chronic health issues, there may be a wait to see a GP, a wait for specialist appointments, for treatment and for surgery such as hip or knee replacements. Other people may not seek help when they need it, but keep soldiering on, especially if it is a mental health issue. Or they don't know where to go or who to see.

Timely access to health services is one of the most critical areas to keep Northlanders healthy and get them back to functioning well. It can be so frustrating, painful and depressing being unwell and not being able to access the health services you need.

Our ageing population, high rates of smoking, obesity, diabetes and poor lifestyles

make the needs in Northland for health care enormous. In my view it also means that we focus too much of our health dollar on acute health services and not enough on preventing ill health - physical and mental illnesses. This is another key issue for me, moving forward. Of course more money from the government would help, but every sector wants that and there is only so much.

NORTHLAND HEALTH STRATEGY

Northland DHB wants your views on where we should prioritise our efforts in development of our new Northland Health Strategy. This will provide high-level direction for delivering health services and improving wellbeing in Northland.

A community meeting

has been scheduled for Friday 14 February, 11am at Maungaturoto Centennial Hall. Please do come along and/or complete the online survey at community.northlanddhb.org.nz/NHS/feedback/

Stay well, Libby Jones
hames.jones@xtra.co.nz
021 208 0093

Ruawai's Music in the Garden

Lions Club of Ruawai invites you to 'Music in the Garden' Sunday 16 February. Come and enjoy a variety of music while sitting among the trees, dahlias and roses in Dorothy and Jim Simpson's garden in Simpson Road, Ruawai.

Entertainers include Pahi's 'Salt River Band', Jone Yelcich from Ruakaka, students from Ruawai College, 'Take 6' group (a capella) and a men's singing group from Dargaville.

Do make sure you bring something to sit on and a hat to protect you from the sun.

Food and refreshments are for sale and a variety of raffles - Bring some cash! Adults \$10, Child 5-16 years \$5, Under 5's free Family \$25. Proceeds from this event will go towards toilet facilities for the disabled at our Ruawai Tokatoka Memorial Hall.



Dorothy Simpson

Paparoa Community Library



Tuesday..... 10am-4pm
 Thursday..... 10am-4pm
 Saturday 9.30am-12noon

Book returns box at Skelton's Drapery



What's happening at the library

After a huge year in 2019 when we were getting the library up and running again in our new premises, we all had a well earned break over the Christmas/New Year period.

We hit the ground running again on January 7th and it has been full-on most days we've been open.

There are new readers joining each week and it's great to see their enthusiasm and appreciation for the great range of books we have available.

Coming out on the shelves shortly are four new boxes of books of all genres with some wonderful reading for everyone.

We are slowly getting the front entrance to the library tidied up with more metal and plant pots- many thanks to Lorraine and Jim Rowlands for their work in helping this happen.

Remember, if you take books out from other libraries they can be returned here in Paparoa and we will transfer them back to their original library. The same applies with the 'hold' books you order from other libraries.

Our NZ book section is about to be sorted and will have writers, and history of both wider NZ and local content.

If you have any suggestions for books we may like to highlight please feel free to let us know.

Don't forget to like our Paparoa Community Library Facebook Page to keep up with weekly happenings at the Library.

Jan Futter

Paparoa Library Manager

Exciting new Paparoa business



Introducing Sian Muskett of Perfection Beauty and Brows.

With over 10 years experience as a qualified beauty therapist, Sian has moved back to her roots in Paparoa to open her own business. Sian attended Otamatea High School when the family lived in Maungaturoto and is now living in Paparoa. Previously she worked at Bare Waxing and Skin Centre in Auckland

Sian specialises in eye-brow tattooing, eye-brow sculpting,

waxing, lash lifts and eye works. She will be sharing premises with Nicky Reid's Connections Real Estate in the clinic that was formerly Skin Image which is next to the Paparoa cafe (The Caff).

Taking bookings now. Appointments are by arrangement only.

Call Sian 0252 085 4770



Pioneer Luncheon Paparoa Hall March 20th

Paparoa Lions 73rd Pioneer Luncheon will be held on Friday 20 March at the Paparoa Hall.

This is an annual event where we invite past residents over the age of 65 to share a lunch with local senior citizens at minimal cost, complete with musical entertainment and plenty of socialising! In recent years over 100 people have enjoyed the luncheon which began in the 1940s with descendants of original settlers getting the chance to reconnect with old friends and neighbours and to meet new folk in the district.

Invites will be out early February. If you are not already on the invitation list and would like to attend, please contact:

Pete Hames 09 431 6822

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Otamatea
HarbourCare

19,000 trees planted!

It's been a while since I last reported in, but HarbourCare has not been idle in the nursery or on the farms in the local area where we planted trees in the 2019 season.

As we look rather anxiously skyward for any sign of rain, we can be satisfied that last season we were responsible for planting nearly 19,000 trees in our part of the Kaipara Harbour catchment. Many of these were planted by the landowners themselves, but often our regular Otamatea High School and Matakoho School groups turned out, as did all of Paparooa School for a nearby planting project on community land.

Things are pretty much up to date in the nursery, with about 22,000 baby plants growing on for a brighter future alongside a waterway or harbour fringe. As a result of us entering into an arrangement with Fonterra, our funding has been boosted for planting projects required as part



Working bees have potted up 22,000 more plants

of a bigger plan to improve water quality in the Wairau Stream catchment upstream from the Maungaturoto factory. We already had one farmer on board before this opportunity had come up. We would have got this deal due to our credibility in the farming community; this is a great reflection on the efforts of a team of volunteers who regularly help out at planting events and nursery working bees to make it all possible.

My thanks to you all. We are gaining momentum.

Mark Vincent

The Will

A slammed door kicked off the voyage backwards
through stale recriminations and unreliable narrations
it didn't matter that we were adults
admitting to be at least halfway to dying
the stories regressed us
to our childhood at the farm

Where at the worse times
we escaped in an improvised Tardis
imagined out of a hollowed-out kauri
eternally rotting, their dark brown stumps littered the fields
reminding us not to grow too strong or tall

None of us like each other as kids
we just made the best of the situation
like settlers on a boat
knowing one day we'd land and disperse
never having to see each other again
after stepping into hope

But here we were back
divvying up responsibilities while fighting off
randomly attacking memories
with no Tardis and no sonic screwdriver
just rot, mud and regrets
I imagine dad laughing
cigarette in hand
enjoying how we squabbled over the slim pickings of his life

It took most of the night
and the next day
and then finally the end
after carving up the spoils we could safely retreat
back to our suburban relationships
where the rot was safely contained in Bokashi bins

Driving away, I looked at stumps sticking out of fields
cut down and shunted downriver in carefully
choreographed dams forcefully transported
to be transformed into something more useful
like me at 19 sent to uni
to emerge as a settler
who finally left the boat
and stepped into hope
after a long voyage backwards.

Maggie Buxton, Onerahi

*This is the final highly commended entry to be published in the
The Kauri Museum's National Poetry Day Competition 2019.*

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Tinopai School's Fishing Contest another winner

Tinopai School would like to thank from the bottom of their hearts, the amazing people of the Kaipara District for their simply stunning support of their Fishing Contest 2020.

The 20th anniversary of this prestigious event started with a cracker morning and lots of tickets sold – online, at the gate, and at our amazing ticket outlets.

The tamariki were the first ones to start rolling in with the sprats they had caught themselves ready to be weighed and recorded.

The winner of the PS4 with two games was our youngest student at the school - Noah Geange - and it was the first time in 8 years that a Tinopai kid had won it. Woohoo!

However, all other tamariki had the opportunity to win one of the other 9 top prizes for their sprats as well as a chance to win one of 42 spot prizes - all donated by the most generous sponsors ever.

At 4 o'clock, the shut-off time for the big fish weigh-in, the prizes started flowing. There was the opportunity to win



Noah Geange - Winner of Kids' Sprat comp

one of over 104 spot prizes for all who had purchased a ticket. The quickfire raffle wheel was spinning all afternoon, especially when one of our massive chillibins was up for grabs, and also for all the other amazing goods donated for the auction!

The winners of the Fishing Contest were announced and we were extremely lucky to have the very lovely Willow-Jean Prime, MP, and the very supportive Mayor of Kaipara, Jason Smith, to hand out the prizes.

Then came the Fish Auction - fast and furiously handled by the amazing Gary. All fish sold out very quickly. In fact I forgot to get some myself!

Finally the \$1000 draw was drawn and everyone left for home very happy!

Thank you so much from the staff and students, and the Board of Trustees

at Tinopai School - we raised \$13,500 - the most for a very long time. We will be spending this on education outside the classroom, support for our teacher aide, and another little bit put aside for our van fund.

Ngā mihi mahana ki a koutou katoa!

Sonya Kaihe
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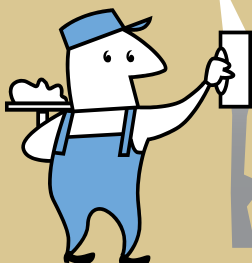
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I've been thinking about ... TRAFFIC

I've been thinking how busy SH12 is getting. It seems as if the volume of traffic has gone from acceptable to just plain over-the-top in less than a year.

Imagine this scenario

A kid is walking /riding a bike where there is no footpath in Paparoa. A juggernaut complete with trailer is coming from Dargaville and meets a similar vehicle where the road narrows. Both vehicles are travelling as fast as they can because they want to keep their revs up for the uphill climbs. Perhaps someone is parking beside Skeltons' or the garage and is opening the driver's door?

I'll leave the rest to your imagination.

The question is, what can be done? The road cannot be widened because the river is there and the buildings are there. Well, you can move buildings and the first to be sacrificed would have to be the old Bank.

Is there an alternative route?

I can't see any obvious bypass although it would be possible to cross the river somewhere near the hotel and take the road up the hill to reconnect somewhere by the old hospital. Possible, but hugely expensive involving, I suspect, building a large viaduct and doing massive earthworks. Perhaps the future lies in relocating the main retail area onto Franklin Road?

One thing is for sure. The volume of traffic is not going to decrease. We probably dodged a bullet when the proposed Tegel chicken business was rejected, but that was only a reprieve. We need to be working toward a solution to the traffic woes in order to keep our village liveable. RS

Maggie's Canadian winter

I'm now back in the winterless north, getting used to around a 50 degree temperature increase and enjoying sand rather than snow.

My whole Canadian student exchange has been the most amazing experience, and I now have a whole new home and family on the other side of the world. The connections that I've made there will be life long.

In the past few months, the snow has been the core part of the whole experience. Ever since the first snow on November 1st, it mostly just kept coming, with some melting spells in between. We made the most of this, often sledding down the hill in the backyard or taking the dogs out for a 'snowshoe' in the woods. I also got to try out ice skating a few times, both outside on a flooded basketball court, and inside



Maggie sledding down hills

on the hockey rink. Riding horses through the snow was a big highlight for me too.

School was pretty different, with 400 students just in my grade and it looked a lot like all the movies with full length lockers everywhere. Also, we got a few days off, 'snow days', due to large amounts of snow or freezing rain making the roads like an ice rink.

A big part of my family's winter is curling, a sport you may have seen during the Winter Olympics. I was able to learn this, and even ended up playing on the school team which was a lot of fun. It's definitely a sport unlike any other I've played.

I got to experience a beautiful white Christmas with my family, learning some new traditions as well as seeing that they had many that were similar.

I'm very grateful for the opportunity that I have had, a big thank you to everyone who sponsored and supported me in making it possible.

Maggie Hames



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News from ORT



CHRISTMAS PARADE 2019

Many thanks to the organisers of the Christmas Parade. ORT was very fortunate to receive the award for first place. It is wonderful to be a part of this awesome community event.

YOUTH THEATRE 2020

We had two fabulous weeks of Youth Theatre in January with two separate groups of about 35 kids each week. The theme was 'The Princess of Pure Delight', based on the song by Kurt Weill and Ira Gershwin.



ORT'S winning entry in the Maungaturoto Xmas parade

The young actors had great fun creating an hour-long show; they all learnt songs, dances, and stage craft. Our shows, on each of the Friday evenings, were in full costume with make-up, props, sets, lights and special effects. It is heartening to see how many of the children return year after year - some travel up from the South Island.



Week one: the Princess marries her her Minstrel
Photo credit Josie Gritten photography

Lifelong friendships are formed at Youth Theatre. It takes a lot of volunteer labour to run this program and we are particularly indebted to all those who give so willingly of their time and energy. A special thank you to the Otamatea Community for the use of their minibus.

SEUSSICAL JNR



Peter Flower has been appointed Director of this show with Musical Direction by Maura Flower.

This popular show features stories from Dr Seuss and has lots of colourful characters. The music is contemporary. All members of the cast must be 17 or younger.

Auditions will be held over two days - Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th February, from 1-5pm. Please contact Peter Flower for an audition time.

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There will be eight shows between 9th and 24th May.

Maura Flower, ORT

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- Additionally, if you want to see what sort of clubs, activities, services there are to get involved in, take a look at kaipara.govt.nz/residents/community-team/community-events/community-contacts.
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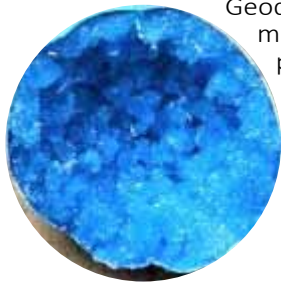
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HEY, KIDS ...

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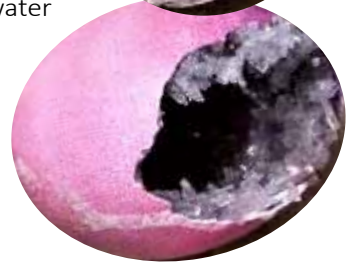
WHAT ARE GEODES?



Geodes are small rock cavities lined with crystals or minerals. They form through sedimentation, a process in which particles (solute) are suspended in fluid (solvent) and then accumulate. The salt particles fuse together because the water is so saturated, forming crystals as the water evaporates (from parents.com).

WHAT YOU'LL NEED:

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|---------------|---------------------------|
| Eggs | Dye for shells (optional) |
| Craft glue | Epsom salts |
| Food coloring | Toothpicks |



1. Help kids crack an egg at the narrow end and carefully widen the opening to the size of a 10 cent piece. Empty into a bowl; repeat with more eggs.
(Save the yolks and make a scramble for lunch!)
2. Set shells in a bowl of hot water to rinse. Then show kids how to gently rub their thumb on the inside to loosen and remove the membrane (there may be two layers). Turn the shells over on a towel to dry. (If desired, dye them before the next step).
3. Set the shells inside the carton. Brush the entire inside with a thin layer of glue, and dust with Epsom salt (this will act as a starter crystal). Let dry completely (a few hours).
4. Boil 1 cup water and remove from heat (an adult's job). Slowly add ½ cup Epsom salt and stir until it's dissolved. Continue stirring in small amounts of salt (a tablespoon or two at a time but no more than ½ cup) until it no longer dissolves, then STOP. You've made a super-saturated solution! It should be thick but not slushy.
5. Carefully pour the solution into your shells with a small ladle, filling to the top. Add a drop of food coloring to each egg, and stir gently with a toothpick. Place your shells somewhere safe and at room temperature.
6. Check your eggs daily. If you find a thin, hard, jagged layer forming on the surface, gently break it up with a toothpick (allowing the water to evaporate). After a few days, all the water will evaporate, leaving colorful geodes behind!

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Can I swim here safely?

Northland Regional Council carries out weekly testing of swimming spots around Northland until 6 March.

As of 20 January, safe swimming water is at Pahi Jetty, Tinopai below the shop, Tinopai at Puapua Creek, and Mangawhai surf club and motor camp.

Check the NRC home site 'environment, can I swim here' website for up-to-date results.

See lawa.org.nz/swim for more info on popular swim spots.

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Letters from The Old Post Office Change



Dear Reader, Eavesdropper that I am, it was pleasing to overhear a recent conversation. Pleasing obviously, as it agreed with my own observations.

Later, ruminating on the views expressed, I addressed my audience of two: thus. "Cat, male as you are, do you find change threatening?" The dog, being female, was busy laying in the scrap of sun and appeared to be lost in thought. Possibly, considering a change of colour and layout to her basket.

The cat, reflecting for a moment, indicated his bowl needed filling. Well, Dear Reader, that appeared to answer that. Change from his point of view was to be tolerated as long as his immediate needs were met. Familiar territory, n'est-ce pa?

Of course, the fear of change is a much-studied topic. Metathesiophobia as the Greeks would have it (allegedly often combined with Tropheobia- fear of moving... Well! I had always thought that that was a fear of the tropics ... hot sun, cold drink, warm sea, hot ... Sorry, lost in a wish list there).

Returning to my over arching topic (academic in-joke, apologies again). Why is change

feared? Why when the men-in-the-shed are confronted with even the idea of change do they retreat, huddling like sheep in one corner? Bleating in consternation.

Even a simple change in colour scheme can be threatening. Surely, this should not cause the freeze or flight reaction? Freezing mainly in this case. Green bottles firmly stuck to lip, they shuffle nervously discussing the possible ramifications. What will it look like, what will the neighbours/passersby think, will people suspect that the men-in-the-shed were involved, will they be required to help?? Their dear little faces crease with concern as tentatively they ask what shade is primrose, exactly?

Dear Reader, rest easy. Having filled their bowls with mince pies the general, but cautious, consensus was that pale yellow can be manly and restful. As long as they are not around when I do it.

As Milton Berle almost said "If opportunity doesn't knock, paint it yellow." Deb

Community Connexions

Arty Farties Inc.

Hello again. Well, our new water tank has been installed and an efficient pump system has made life much easier for our toiling garden volunteer workers.

We do need more volunteers, so if you can spare a little of your time please contact Sue Clayton (09 431 7126) or Ruth (021 027 81 811) ... or call in to the gardens on Sundays between 9am and 1pm.

Don't let aches and pains deter you from volunteering- not all of the jobs involve digging and weeding- and you may be able to help in other areas.

There is a feeling of personal achievement in knowing that you are helping to feed others - others who may be facing difficult times in their struggles to survive and feed their families - those less fortunate than perhaps we may be.

It was nice to see Anne back again, obviously enjoying her new-found freedom from any administrative worries in her new capacity as a volunteer. 'Onya, Anne' (Aussie lingo for "Good on you, mate"). So that's it for another month. Keep well, keep happy- and most importantly- keep going.

Cheers from us all at Arty Farties.

Quote of the month:

"Vision is the art of seeing things invisible" (Anne Shanks)

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The romantic notion of living off the land is a wonderful fantasy ... prancing through fields of insect-free abundance, picking lavish crops into artisan baskets and creating some culinary masterpiece at every meal.

The harsh reality of living off the land is that there is nothing to eat, except for insects, or baskets, unless you wish to toil in your garden for many hours a day. I admit, I was under serious romantic notions when we moved rurally - I thought crops would grow without weeding, that I could build soil from three inches of seaweed and one cow pat, and that eating entirely from our garden would be achievable in six months.

Eight years have passed...

I've seen moments - glimpses - of eating entirely from the garden. Perhaps for a day, at best. There have been abundant moments. But now I have a good garden that has gone bad, a wild mess of grassy seed heads, dreaded dock and too much fennel. What is a gardener (with no time to garden) to do?

Perhaps an ample sprinkling of wildflower seeds through winter will see a colourful flower display next season, and if anyone asks about vegetables - well, since when do my kids ask about vegetables? Perhaps a visit from the rotary hoe to take the

whole thing back to bare dirt is being called for. Which leads to spring planning from the seed catalogue, very exciting...

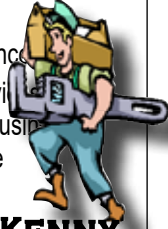
I'll have to let you all know what occurs. In the usual heady heat of February, I'm guessing not much. Have a great one!

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Agapanthus

Our roadsides have become a riot of blue and white. It's obviously been a good year for agapanthus.



Agapanthus is an invasive weed. This South African import has been a popular choice for gardeners because it is hardy, prolific, easy-care and, let's be honest, quite beautiful. It's been planted in many gardens and on many roadsides for these qualities.

The problem is that agapanthus is not willing to stay in its allocated areas. It seeds profusely and new plants establish themselves almost anywhere: a crack in concrete, a branch crotch. Even bits of bulbs will grow.

Northland Regional Council recommends that it not be planted for it is a threat to our natives species.

Once established it's really hard to get rid of. To dispose of it physically requires repeated efforts to dig it out, and then there is the problem of disposal. Some years ago a Pahi resident filled a trailer

with the debris to take it to the old dump near the bridge on Pahi Road. Unfortunately, some bits bounced off the trailer at every bump. Hence the plants to be seen at intervals along that road - NOT the solution.

If you resort to chemicals, metusulfuron-methyl with glyphosphate is recommended. It will take several treatments. At the very least, cut the flower heads before the seeds mature and burn them.

A drive down Bickerstaffe Road, Maungaturoto or over to Mangapai will show you how beautiful agapanthus can be.

It will also give an inkling of the immensity of the problem of eradication. PP



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Life's a Breeze...in Niue

It's been nearly three years since Randall and Liz Haines left to set up an accommodation business in Niue and they love it!



Everything is just more, the people are friendlier, the sea is warmer and there are more, many more geckos.

Geckos that scutter and scurry along walls and wait poised on the ceilings. Of course, it is also more humid, has more rain, roosters and dogs.

Randall is busy renovating the Church at the village of Avatele (sometimes the letter 'T' is said like an 'S' and sometimes not)! He needed a project after the renovations of their cabins were finished. One is green themed, the other blue to fit into their tropical surroundings.

Apart from the daily servicing of the cabins Liz is now tutoring primary aged children in Literacy. Fun, but challenging.

However, Sunday is truly a day of rest. There is no work at all, apart from eating and drinking. No swimming can occur near a church or church

gathering nor boating. Liz says that the church-goers are truly a splendid sight in their bright, white clothing. The womens' hats ablaze with flowers and ribbons. A subdued rustling is created by the constant use of their hand fans. It is hot. Even the sea water is about 28C, and the rock swimming pools probably get even warmer.

Randall and Liz often head to the Washaway Bar, where Willie, the owner, cooks fish and chips while Randall acts as barman.

Niue is their home for now, but they still feel part of Paparoa. They say come and visit their 'Breeze' accommodation and see why they have grown to love Niue.

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What is good weather?

"Weather is the average climate", my geography teacher said. He may well have added something along the lines of "good weather is the opinion of the beholder."

Take this year. I have just had a text from she-in-Queenstown gleefully announcing that summer had begun. They were having a day without the snow, rain or wind which was a feature of every day in December. December was so drastic that Queenstowners were going to spend weekends in Dunedin to enjoy fine days. Now that is getting sad.

The point is of course that she was enjoying sunshine and blue skies while I am praying for rain and lots of it.

Weather forecasts are a painful watch as the TV announcers gleefully point to high pressure and announce that we are going to have another good/lovely/decent beach day. What about a good grass-growing day? What about a good gardening day?

I will have to take action again. I will have to contact the weather presenters and tell them quite firmly that all I want them to do is give me the facts: isobars, fronts, or humidity readings. I will make my own judgment of the weather qualities. I do this every year. They are either ignoring me, are slow learners or unrepentant urbanites living in unreal air conditioned splendour with unlimited running water on tap.

Please tell me I'm not the only person feeling this way!

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Low frequency receptors work best at the top of the cochlea while high frequency receptors work better nearer the base and the jelly helps to distinguish sounds. It does this in a similar way to how a violin is tuned. The jelly goes stiffer when sound frequency is higher and wobblier when sound is low.

HOW DOES IT DO THIS?

By regulating the amount of

water in the jelly and water going into the jelly travels through microscopic pores inside the membrane. This pore arrangement changes how the water moves through the membrane in response to the level of vibrations.

This amazing little jelly violin may be responsible for amplifying sounds in the middle human speech range compared to the low and high range frequencies. It also may act as a filter to dampen out distracting sounds so we can hear faint other sounds.

This information may explain why mammals born with genetic defects that effect the way water moves through the membrane have hearing problems.

Research is ongoing The more we know, the more we realise we have yet to learn.

*Information from
Jonathan Sellon (MIT)*

Right or Left hand?

In all human populations 80-90% are right-handed. A rare few are truly ambidextrous, using either hand easily and many people may use their right hand for some activities like bowling and the other for writing. Others of the older age bracket were forced to use their right hand when at school. Even in the womb foetuses can show a preference by sucking their right or left thumb.



Left-handed people are disadvantaged in many ways - use of scissors, tools and even eating in places like India and Indonesia where eating with your left hand is considered impolite. Chinese characters are much harder to write with the left hand.

In Scotland the Kerr family's Feriehirst Castle was built with a counter clockwise spiral staircase to give left handed fighters more room to swing their sword. Left handed fighters have an advantage over right handed fighters in hand to hand contact sports such as fencing and boxing. Even Neanderthals were strongly right handed

but the great apes, although individually handed are 50:50 right or left.

It is thought that left-handedness is controlled by DNA in a gene or group of genes, but this has not been proven. One theory has it that right-handed behaviour is connected to our ability to speak. The left brain is responsible for speech and most people are right handed. (The left side of the brain moves the right side of the body.)

So no one really knows why the difference. Ultimately there appears to be no difference in intelligence or ability between the two groups.

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BUT (and it is a big BUT) ... The world supply of Lithium may run out over the next five to seven years and it is expensive.

In the meantime, other universities are exploring the use of more common elements such as calcium, aluminium and sodium to produce batteries. So in time someone will no doubt develop further options!

Do you have 2020 Vision?

At the moment Facebook is filled with Ads for visualising your year and decade of 2020. It's an exciting time for sure! What would your life look like if you had that dream career, house, car, holiday, better health, could spend more time with friends and family? More importantly how would you FEEL?

Whenever we desire something in our lives there is a feeling we want fulfilled, for instance, we may want to feel happy, safe, content, excited, loved, free... It doesn't matter what the purchase is, there is always an associated feeling we want from having a piece of clothing, a snack bar, a new car... it's all about FEELING. So, you're invited to think about how you would

like to FEEL in 2020.

If you aren't sure, here are a few fun things you can try, do one or all:

1. Download this Life Wheel and follow the instructions to give you an indicator on the life domains you need to improve: SelfNurture.org/2020-Vision/#life



2. If there's a feeling you want to cultivate, download this Focus Wheel; follow the instructions and fill in the segments to discover what will help you feel this way: SelfNurture.org/2020-Vision/#focus

3. Book in a 1hr "already paid for you" session with Carrie Marie G., discover what's not working in your life, what it is you want, and create a strategy to get there: SelfNurture.org/2020-Vision/#coaching
I wish you all the best for 2020!
In bliss, Carrie Marie G

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Pets in the Valley



I recently bought my old dog Gumdrops a new water bowl—about three times the size of his old ice cream container one. He is drinking more as he ages. The technical term is polydipsia, common with lots of conditions in older animals. I hated coming home and finding his bowl empty even though there are other places he can get access to water.

The fires in Australia make us ever grateful for living in a green country where we have reliable water supplies. As we are drying out over summer it is a reminder that we need to be good at storing water for the dry times. An extra water tank can make a big difference to a family's water reserves as do extra dams for stock water. If the future is for more volatile weather conditions then we need to be good at preparing for longer, dryer summers.

By tripling the size of Gumdrops water reserves so far I haven't found his new bowl empty!

Enjoy the rest of summer, Janine



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Lions Pioneer Luncheon will be held on March 20th Call Pete 4316 822 if you are not on the invitation list already and would like to attend.

More African drumming! Another 4-week class will

be on offer, in Paparooa Hall, probably in February/March. Email Josie josie.scott@xtra.co.nz to register interest, or ph Loraine 4317 290.

To the persons responsible for continually pinning up typewritten notes on white paper all around town- please do not persist with this activity - it's littering our village, and is ineffective. Thank you.

Come and play tennis on Sundays 4pm at the Sports Pavilion. Some racquets available. The courts are always open - non-members may leave a donation in the box provided.

Join the table tennis group Tuesday evenings 7.30pm at the Sports & Recreation Pavillion at Paparooa Showgrounds, \$2 per session. Contact Pete 4316 822

Community Hui with Northland DHB on February 14, 11am in Maungaturoto Centennial Hall. RSVP healthstrategy@northlanddhb.org.nz - for catering purposes.

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Helen Hughes & Mark Vincent entertain at Selwyn Centre's Xmas Party.
(Apologies to Lawrie & Helen for the name misprint in last month's edition)

OCS News and calendar

Happy New Year to all - yes the second month is here already, but this is the first newsletter.

After a good break over Christmas we opened our doors for the year on January 13.

Our usual events are back up and running which include:

Every Monday - Fun & Games at the Anglican Church
Footprints Room 10.30-12noon

Wednesday 5 February - Seniors' Lunch at St John Hall.

Tuesday 11 February - Free shopping trip to Whangarei.

Wednesday 26 February - Free shopping trip to Whangarei.

Wednesday 19 February- Chocolate Bingo
at the Footprints Room, Anglican Church

We look forward to seeing you there and if you have someone else you would like to bring along they will be most welcome.

For those with access to the internet check out our website 'Otamatea Community Services' where these dates can also be found as well as details of all of our services for your information.

We look forward to seeing you at either of our events or in the Community House and we look forward to a peaceful and safe 2020.

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The Kauri Museum open 7 days, annual passes available for Otamatea residents
Exhibitions: Textiles: 'The Perfect Accessory'
Ngā Taonga, Te Hononga Tāngata
 - **The treasures that bring our people together** - on now
Paparoa A&P Show 1 February gates open from 8.30am Paparoa Show Grounds
Community Picnic Village Green Paparoa, February 9 from 12.30pm
White Rock Gallery Feb 9 'Days of Summer' exhibition opening 1-3.30pm
 Feb 22-23 at Totara House - 'Dahlias for Dementia' fundraiser
Dahlias for Dementia House & Garden Tour 22-23 Feb (see article pg 2)
Ruawai Lions Music in the Garden 85 Simpson Rd, Feb 16 4-7pm (see pg 6)

REGULAR EVENTS, MEETINGS AND ORGANISATIONS

Anglican Church St Marks 1st, 2nd & 4th Sundays 10am, Hook Road, Paparoa
Ararua Church 10.30am every Sunday. All welcome ph 431 6622
Art Studio, Ruawai Wed 10-12noon ph Frances 439 2554
Arty Farties Thur/Fri/Sun at the "Tile Shed"; Garage Sale Sundays 10am to 2pm;
Badminton Thursdays 7pm Paparoa Hall \$2 students, \$3 adults ph Pete 431 6822
Exercise to Music Tue 10.30am Paparoa Hall \$5 ph Rose 431 7418
Farmers' Market Every Saturday 9-Noon, Village Green Ph Graham 027 475 4490
Grey Power Last Wed in month, 1pm, Anglican Church Hall, Mgto
Kaipara Marching Team Weds 4-5.30pm, M'gto, ph Rose Plunkett 431 7418
Line Dancing Thurs 10am-noon Paparoa Hall ph Rose 431 7418
Mainly Music Wed 9.30am Paparoa Comm Church, Lynaire Porteous 4317 520
Mahjong twice monthly on a Tuesday. Call Marian Harkness 431 6332.
Maungaturoto Opportunity Shop Open Mon 10-1pm Wed 10-3pm Fri 10-3pm
Maungaturoto and Districts Rotary Club Maungaturoto Centennial Hall,
 Tuesday evenings 6pm, ph Stella 021 149 0877
Otamatea Quilters 1st and 3rd Mon month 10am, Paparoa Hall 09 439 2262
Outdoor Bowls Maungaturoto Green ph Tony 431 6026 or Brian 431 6884
Pahi Hall available for hire ph Sherryl Corbett 431 7127
Paparoa Community Church 10.30am every Sunday, 4 Hook Road 431 7106
Paparoa Garden Circle 2nd Wed of month Marg Bailey secretary. 09 280 9897
Paparoa Hall Functions venue ph Robyn 431 7306 or a/h Loraine 431 7290
Paparoa Library open Tues & Thurs 10am-4pm, Saturday 9.30-12noon
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 ph Jane 431 6148 paparoa@playcentre.org.nz
Paparoa Primary School Term 1 Jan 28 - April 9, Term 2 Apr 27- Jul 4. Ph 4317379
Paparoa Toy Library Wed 10.30-1pm, Paparoa Comm Church, Hilery 431 7330
Paparoa Volunteer Rural Fire Force (VRRF) 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month
 6.30pm Depot Rd ph Cohan 431 6668
Plunket Ready Steady Wriggle Mon 10am Sports Pav. Tina Ball 021 033 5128
Selwyn Centre Thurs 10am for over 65's, St Marks, Hook Rd, ph 431 8193
Sports Pavilion Functions Venue Bookings ph Jane Bailey 431 6148
St Mary's Catholic Church 10am Wed, 6pm Sat, Maungaturoto
Table Tennis Tues 7.30pm, Sports Pavilion \$2 Pete 431 6822
Tennis Family tennis Sunday afternoons from 4pm ph Sue 431 6224, Pete 431 6822
White Rock Gallery Open at The Kauri Museum 7 days ph 021 0267 8241
Yoga Chair Yoga - Tuesdays & Fridays, 9.30am Paparoa Sports Pavilion
 Monday: 6pm Mgto Centennial Hall: Wednesday 5pm Matakoho Hall
 ph Jenny 021 114 3370

PLEASE UPDATE US WITH YOUR DETAILS: press@paparoa.org.nz PP

HOOK, LINE & SINKER



Still a lot of sharks around, a few nice snapper have been caught close to Pahi, not many kahawai, there have been a few caught out towards Potu, and no gurnard around.

You just have to keep going fishing and keep on trying.

Happy Fishing!

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1st	10:26	16:55	17th	12:32	06:29
2nd	11:17	17:46	18th	13:50	07:46
3rd	12:18	18:45	19th	15:03	09:04
4th	13:28	07:29	20th	16:03	10:08
5th	14:37	08:40	21st	16:52	10:58
6th	15:39	09:44	22nd	17:34	11:40
7th	16:32	10:38	23rd	18:12	12:16
8th	17:21	11:26	24th	18:46	12:49
9th	18:08	12:12	25th	06:58	13:21
10th	18:54	12:56	26th	07:30	13:52
11th	07:12	13:41	27th	08:02	14:23
12th	07:57	14:27	28th	08:34	14:56
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15th	10:24	16:57			
16th	11:23	17:56			

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Saturday's Market is thriving

Take a visit to Paparoa Farmers' Market on Saturdays 9-12noon. The holiday summer season has seen a constant stream of visitors on their way through Paparoa. YOU could be surprised at what you've been missing.

Some stalls come and others go, but the regular stallworks are always there while some come in every couple of weeks. Regular buskers always add to the atmosphere.

The latest stallholders include Kaipara Nectar (Genea & Jason of Dargaville) with their range of honeys and other honey related products and Franz has a wonderful range of aromatherapy. Don't forget Maurice's herbs and vegetable seedlings, Carol's eggs, Lucille's seafood, Vicky's Sweet Delights, John's succulents, Harold's subtropicals and Paul's ever greater supply of vegetables. There's Trevor Brljevic's seasonal range of fruit & vegetables and every fortnight, Carolyn's home baking with bacon/egg sandwiches to go, or Cat and Tyler cooking them on the alternate weeks raising funds for their stint at Camp America in 2020.

Join the crowd, indulge in a coffee from any of the outlets across the road and have a leisurely and social morning in Paparoa!

See you soon. PP



Genea & Jason - Kaipara Nectar



France Prevost - Sentuers de Vie



Pahi's Salt River Band and friends entertain on Anniversary weekend



Paul Fluhler - vegetables

6 Questions for Mike and Mel Juer

When did you move to Paparoa? *In March 2016*

Where were you living before you came here? *On the North Shore for three years, and prior to that Oxfordshire in the UK. We were serious sailOrs in the UK and owned an off-shore yacht and brought our three (now adults) children up on sailing boats. Michael has crossed a few oceans and Mel has climbed in the Himalayas.*

What led you to Paparoa?

Friends in Matakohē introduced us to Rhoda Morrison. The rest is history!

What do you do here? *Mel works as Practice Manager in two General Practices in Whangarei while Michael is an IT project manager at KDC. Otherwise there is work on our farm with 8 cows, chickens and some fruit trees. We've recently planted 500 trees for a wetland (thanks Mark Vincent!) and have bought a boat to learn how to fish for snapper. Mel also paints and sings.*

What do you like about the area?

The friendly, creative and welcoming community, the peace and quiet, the beauty of our natural landscape of Northland.

What would you like to see here that doesn't already exist?

We enjoy local events such as the little concerts at Empire, the spring dance at the hall, poetry readings at The Kauri Museum. We would love more, like we imagine it would have been in the old days ... Paparoa's a growing artistic and musical community. PP



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