



JUNE 2016

## Rock'n'dine and dance

It was on the night The Kauri Museum held their fundraising event for Totara House that Matakoho Hall rocked til midnight! While an overnight storm raged outside, around 150 locals braved cold wind and rain to turn out in force. Inside, the canapes, served by The Friends of the Museum and mains and dessert by Country Caterers was superb.

Once the band got going, the crowd (many of the older generation) soon warmed up with dancing! *Shane and the Shazams* (Alister Taylor and his fellow musical old-rockers) had everyone twisting, jiving and singing along to all the rock'n'roll songs you could imagine. Think The Beatles, Cliff Richards, Buddy Holly and The Rolling Stones.



Lead singer Shane Hale (Shane of 1960's Loxene Golden Disc days and famous for his 1969 hit St Paul) commented, "They certainly know how to party and we raised several thousand dollars for The Kauri Museum's renovation fund for Totara House. We were given a tour of the grand old mansion on Sunday by the curator of the museum and we felt really privileged and proud to be part of doing something to preserve this iconic kauri building with it's kauri panelled ceilings & ballroom." PP



## Fishing limits - Is it Fair?

A question has been raised.

**Is it fair?** Recreational fishing quotas are different on Northland's west coast compared to the east. Is there over-fishing in the Kaipara? Do eastcoasters come over to the Kaipara because they can take more fish per day compared to what they are permitted on 'their side'?

Accordingly, *Paparoa Press* spoke with some local recreational fishing people from around the Kaipara and their comments are recorded here.

### Fisherman one

*Q. How do you feel about the fact that east coast recreational fishermen are only allowed to catch seven snapper per person where as Kaipara fisherman are allowed to catch ten?*

A. Well, for a start seven is plenty per person and must be larger (30cm) on the east, compared to the Kaipara (27cm). So really you get approximately the same weight of fish in both catchments. Kaipara is a snapper spawning ground. There are more people fishing the east coast waters so it's probably a reflection of this, and it's different areas under different management policies.

*Q How do they calculate the number of fish present and calculate the quota per person?*

A. Periodically they survey what recreational fisherman are catching.

*Q3 Do you think fishermen will rush over to the Kaipara to catch more?*

A. A few probably do, but not many.

*Q4 How can Kaipara fishermen prevent damage to the large number of smaller snapper being caught in the Kaipara?*

A. Well as a lot of fish that have been caught will die due to handling and damage from the hook, a larger circular hook should be used, although it won't stop little fish stealing your bait. It does mean that when caught it will only be by the mouth and cause less injuries. When handling fish use a damp cloth, not your hands. This not only keeps you cleaner but also stops the fish being burnt by the heat on your skin.



### Fishermen two & three

Regulations should be the same everywhere to prevent confusion. The lower limit is fine and most fishermen in the Kaipara self regulate and actually only catch what they need for a good feed

which is less than seven. Fisheries inspectors find most people are keen to show them their catch.

The snapper in the harbour have improved in quality and number since the trawlers have been forced away from the harbour-mouth with the aim to protect the mauī dolphin. Snapper now get into the harbour more easily and once in the harbour have plenty to eat with all the date mussels now growing in large numbers. This means they stay around longer and get fatter which means better fishing.

### Fisherman four commented:

We think that the new legal limit has had no effect on the Kaipara, as it costs too much for eastcoasters to bring their boats over to the Kaipara for three extra fish. There are plenty of fish in the harbour. Local fishermen go out when they want to, catch what they need, and come home again not necessarily taking their legal limit.

A general feeling amongst fishermen spoken to seems to be that they are aware of the need to not be greedy and that we must protect the amazing resource the Kaipara holds. Young people are growing up as eco-warriors wanting to look after our fish.

To those who fish, continue to be respectful of your catch and only take what you need. If readers would like to comment further, please contact us at [press@paparoa.org.nz](mailto:press@paparoa.org.nz) and further the discussion. PP

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## Farewell to Laurie and Maria

For the past 16 or so years, Laurie and Maria Ellis have enjoyed living in Paparooa, bringing up their three children and being a valuable part of our business community.

Initially they came to run the Paparooa Motor Camp and worked hard to improve the facilities there; next they took on the Maungaturoto Dairy for a couple of years, and then later on reopened Paparooa petrol station as Gasoline Alley (GAS).

For a number of years Laurie and Maria worked hard to increase the turnover and service provided before moving further along the road, after purchasing the Cruiser Bar & Restaurant. It had been closed for some months and was quickly given a new 'shot in the arm', providing a well-known place to dine and relax for locals and visitors. And now, over seven years later, Laurie and Maria are



catching a ferry to their new school - a very new experience for them. It is not known what they will take on next but it surely will be something interesting!

After so many years of living in Paparooa, raising their children and finding plenty of challenges to meet, Laurie and Maria say farewell and wish to thank all their customers who have supported

them over the years. They will be missed in many ways, but we say thank you for all your work and for the support you've given to our community!

The Cruiser is closed now until Justin and Sam Healey take over and open for business, sometime in July. PP

packing up and moving to Australia - to Russell Island, part of the Morten Islands off the Gold Coast. Daughter Siobhan will stay at Massey University to complete her Veterinary degree, but the boys, Joseph and Mitchell, will leave Otamatea High School and move to Russell Island with their parents. They will be

them over the years.

## Happy Birthday!



Shane sings Happy Birthday to Gwen Vallance at the Matakohē Dine & Dance.

## Tribute to Selwyn (Crowbar) Ross

Selwyn Ross was known as 'Crowbar' to most who knew him. He passed away recently at the age of 69. Well known in boating and fishing circles he was a diver and seafood lover.



He had significant roles in three America's Cup challenges with Sir Peter Blake. He was the team diver and also skippered the chase boat with the racing yacht.

Selwyn was a talented and great sportsman who loved rugby. While on a working holiday he actually played for Western Australia against the All Blacks (the AB's won).

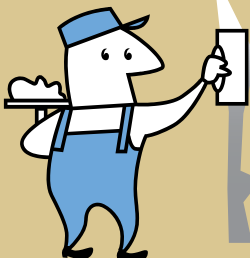
When living in Auckland he played rugby at top representative level.

Whilst living in the Bay of Islands he was a well known member of the BOI Game Fishing Club. He moved to the Kaipara 7 or 8 years ago, first to Pahi and then he moved to Franklin Road Paparooa into his house named "Crow's Nest" after his boat.

Selwyn will be missed by his family and all of his mates. PP

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## Grand plans for festival

Mark Saturday 5 November on your calendar now. This is the date chosen for the first 'Paparoa Festival'.

With no official name for the event settled as yet, a small group is busy planning a full programme of activities to showcase all that our community and village has to offer.

The day will be centred on the Village Green and The Landing and, at this stage in the planning, will feature walks, art, heritage, gardens and food, with other activities added to the event as planning progresses.

It is hoped that all village organisations and clubs

will participate and use the opportunity to promote their group.

The day is designed to show the range and diversity of activities available in our community to locals, passersby and anyone with an interest in the district.

If you have ideas you would like to share to help ensure the success of the day, please contact:

Stuart Robertson and Janice Booth ph 946 9990, or Mary Stevens 431 7123.

## State of our footpaths

Have you noticed the state of some of the footpaths around Paparoa? Here are just a few observations of the footpath from Paparoa Store to the Hall.



Agapanthus covering the footpath

- Between Paparoa Store and Cliffs Bridge the concrete is uneven, and badly broken up, presumably caused by heavy vehicle(s) It is in a very bad state.
- From Cliffs Bridge to the first vehicle driveway crossing (opposite the Hotel) there is overgrown eleagnus hanging over the path. This is a noxious weed with sharp spikes.
- From the vehicle crossing (as mentioned above) to the Hall entrance the footpath is restricted by overgrown agapanthus.
- Foot passage way is restricted to single lane in these areas.

These restrictions are on a 70kmh of road that curves towards the footpath. Hence vehicles are close to the edge of the road and close to any pedestrians. There must be a risk to pedestrians in this area. If the footpath was cleared away and back to its full width then pedestrians would be safer from passing traffic.

An email has been sent to Council's service desk for consideration. Hopefully some official response will result from it soon. PP

## Eva is junior speech winner

The winner of the Junior Speech Contest, Eva Wilkinson, was supported at the Lion's speech night by her father Nicholas Boulgaris, her grandmother Jody Boulgaris and her great-grandmother Janice Martin.

Eva's speech was about Marina Erakovic, a person Eva believes is 'A Sports person who has influenced New Zealand'.

Pictured here are the four generations of Eva's family.



from left: Nicholas Boulgaris, Janice Martin, Jody Boulgaris and Eva Wilkinson

## Playground upgrade

The kid's playground on The Village Green is to get a makeover. Equipment that is up to the necessary safety standards is to be installed. KDC has already started by extending the safe play area. There will be new swings, a new climbing frame, and a new slide. The outdated and non complying pieces are to be removed. Keep an eye out for progress and developments. PP



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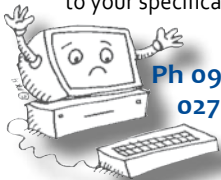
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## John is retiring!

After almost five years on the forecourt, and being at the end of a pump handle, John has sold his business and is looking forward to doing projects out on his green pasture at Matakoho/Huketere as he moves on into his retirement years.

The last day of trade for John and Nicki will be Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June. Both John and Nicki would like to extend to you, the community near and far, a huge big thank you for your support and patronage to them in their time at g.a.s. Paparooa.

It has at times felt like a large extended family, with lots of laughter, and yes, some tears as well along the way, and let's not forget the *Tall tales and the True!*

We will forever be grateful to the customers who came into the shop as strangers, and have become life-long friends. Our lives are certainly richer for having you in them.

With Nicki being a commuter, she and John have both been very appreciative of the kindness which saw baked cakes, home made apple pies, fresh and smoked fish, fresh produce, chutneys and pickles, fresh fruit (especially

Cherimoyas), not to mention the chilli sauces, and the cheeses that were dropped off for us to enjoy over the years. And of course, there was the wild pig!

We will remember the thoughtfulness of you all.

Thanks must also go to both Anne and Rowie for keeping the planter boxes looking fantastic, and colourful.

We would like in particular to especially acknowledge and thank Yvonne (Yorke), for being a trusted, loyal shop/forecourt helper-outer and friend. Yvonne has been appreciated more than we can say. Also we would like to express our sincere gratitude to our neighbours Paul and Andrew at 'the bank' for their help and support. There are too many ways in which to mention them all.

To those who give John as

good as you get with his *unique* customer service style - don't stop should you see him loitering about on the streets of the village in his retirement, it'll keep him on his toes!

Over all it's been a great chapter, well maybe three or four in our lives, and we sincerely leave with some wonderful memories of our time in the village, and look forward to bumping into you at the pumps for good 'old chin wags, as we all continue to support our local g.a.s service station under its new management.

Salantè  
John and Nicki



## Book Review

TITLE: *Orphan Train*  
AUTHOR: *Christina Baker Kline*



In the late 1920s, Niamh's family emigrates from Kinvara, Ireland to pursue a more prosperous life in New York City. Unfortunately the dream is just that and the family find themselves living in squalid, cramped conditions. Not too long after their arrival, Niamh is orphaned and along with many other children is herded aboard trains headed for Minnesota and the promise of new lives with loving foster families.

Some 80years later Niamh, now 91 years of age, is known as Vivian Daly. Requiring assistance with clearing out her attic, Vivian meets seventeen-year-old Molly, a young woman who has been in and out of foster care most of her life.

As Molly works alongside Vivian she begins to recognise similarities in hers and Vivian's lives and a genuine bond begins to form.

*Orphan Train* is a powerful novel that explores the hardships of life, the vulnerabilities of those who are misplaced or different, as well as celebrating the gift of true friendships regardless of age.

PUBLISHER: William Morrow

Julie Harper





## Paparoa Lions speech night

Another great night in Paparoa, the annual Lions' speech night, was held at the Paparoa Hall.

The format this year was changed with no dinner - it was straight into the speeches with supper to follow provided by the Tinopai school PTA. Over 100 people came to listen and support the students who, as usual, were entertaining with some great imagination and thought provoking ideas.

### The winners were:

#### Juniors (years 5 and 6)

- First: Eva Wilkinson, Paparoa Primary School
- Second: Emma Phillips, Matakohe School
- Third: Tamatea Tilby, Paparoa Primary School

#### Seniors (years 7 and 8)

- First: Coryn Yorke, Otamatea High School

Second: Amy Lawrence

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Third: Joshua Polwart

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Well done to all contestants. Judge Claire McInnes noted they are all winners as they have been selected by their schools to represent them in this competition.

Pete Hames



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## Paparoa Rural Fire Force

Things have been fairly quiet through May. With the first storms of the season there were a couple of occasions when trees came down across SH 12. Of particular interest to us is the announcement of the Government's merging of urban and rural fire response sectors. We have two members attending the FFRANZ conference in June when we imagine some of the implications of the merger on our future operations will be made clearer.

### Paparoa VRFF AGM

Will be held Monday July 4 at 6pm. Venue TBA - will be either Paparoa Hall or Pahi Hall.

### Training Nights

From July 6 and onwards trainings will be on the first and third Tuesdays of each month (it used to be Monday).

### May callouts

5	Heli lift/ medical	Paparoa
13	Shed fire	Marohemo
14	Fire alarm	Maungaturoto
20	Gas bottle fire	Marohemo
21	Tree on road	Matakohe
22	Tree on road	Paparoa
24	Smoke showing	Bayleys Beach



Yvonne Yorke

## Community Dinner

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## Paparooa School news

At the start of term two our Year 5 and 6 students presented their speeches to the whole school.

The high standard was noted by our judges, Aileen Hames and Elizabeth Metcalfe. Many of the children were very nervous about speaking in public but used our school value of *resilience* and rose to the challenge. Afterwards they felt very proud of themselves.

Our winners, Eva Wilkinson and Tamatea Tilby, went on to represent us at the Lions Speech Competition. They both spoke superbly and we are all proud of their achievements. In the junior section, Tama was placed third, and Eva first.

We were fortunate to have the Duffy Theatre Group perform for us. Through drama, song and dance the three actors, Simon Paenga, Tavita Nielsen-Mamea and Talia-Rae Mavaega, told the story of 12 year old Duffy who discovers that his 81 year old neighbour, Ruby, never had the chance

to learn to read. A big fan of Dr Who, Duffy builds a time machine and travels back to 1941 to prevent Ruby's Dad from being killed and in doing so, alters the future and Ruby becomes a reader.

The children were enthralled by the energetic performances. We are all grateful for the opportunities we have from being a *Duffy School*.

Room 1 have also been doing plenty of outdoor learning; visiting The Landing with Kim Jones to see if the whitebait are spawning and potting up native seedlings with Jacqueline Knight. We also have a water study field trip planned at the nearby river.

Everyone's looking forward to our upcoming visit to MOTAT where we will be extending our learning about games, toys and machines.

Something for our parents to look forward to is our PTA Quiz Night in June.

Julie Harper

## Quiz night

It's annual Quiz time again and Paparooa School PTA is organising this event on Saturday June 18 at the Sports Pavillion.

Our *quizzmistress* this year is Jenny Longdon and the all-important Quiz Trophy is up for grabs, as well as a new category prize for the '*best dressed table*'. 'Best dressed' could tie in with your team name or theme or just put on that ball gown or tuxedo you never get to wear!

Raffle tickets will be sold in advance, as well as on the night, for fantastic, locally sourced prizes and a load of firewood will up for auction.

Doors open 6.30, quiz starts at 7pm; there will be a cash bar (no BYO) and a light supper. Sponsors include Matakoho Livestock, VillageBears, L'art de Beauty, Oxville Farms, Kaipara Yoga, Battensby Bros., Bica Coffee, and Taylor-Harper family.

Register your team with the schooloffice(4317379)oremail admin@paparooa.school.nz

## Masquerade delights

The parade of dress styles, from the Victorian era to the present day, that Repertory presented one Saturday in May was a wonderful way to spend the afternoon for the 50 or so people who were there.

Along with many fine costumes and clothes from the extensive wardrobe on display and modelled by younger members of the theatre, visitors were entertained by soloists and served afternoon tea.



Lois and Scotty at their wedding in 1975



Erin Corble of Paparooa models Lois Simon's gown

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A memorable moment for Lois! PP

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## Cycle/Walkway Trail for Kaipara?

The Otago Rail Trail, A20 (Alps to Ocean), Mountains to Sea, Hauraki Rail Trail, West Coast Wilderness Trail and many more I've yet to explore, are becoming very popular throughout NZ. But as yet- there's no Kaipara Trail! Who wants a cycle trail? Who'd like more money from tourists coming into our small towns? More jobs for our local people?

Common sights on cycle trails include: over 100 cycles outside a coffee shop in Otago and old hotels being renovated, their lounges full of people eating locally produced food.

However, no one really wants lots more cyclists on our roads, slowing down traffic flow and a few have died! Tonnes of raw metal (vehicles) travelling at 100k per hour soon demolish a 70kg person on a pushbike. Our Northland roads are not particularly wide and have many blind corners.

The answer is to form cycle/walkway trails that are off-

road as much as possible. The A20 trail is only partly off-road as some land owners were very much against it and did not want strangers riding across their land. Fair enough, but after a few years of increasing numbers of cyclists using the back roads, they are now changing their minds to be very much in favour of them. The problems perceived to be associated with cyclists have not been realised. In fact many have now erected cabins to make a nice bit of extra income. After cycling over many trails with my family I have seen no rubbish at all -

unlike our roadsides where I can pick up a full rubbish bag every few weeks. The Otago Rail Trail is now the biggest financial earner in the district and Ohakune is generating income through cycle and walking trails.

Kaipara could do this too. What about a Kaipara cycle/walkway trail? Where do we start? Where would it go?

My thoughts are that it should start in Kaiwaka, going through Maungaturoto, then Paparoa, Matakoho, Ruawai, Tokatoka and through to Dargaville. The Kaipara District Council already has some plans for a trail from Dargaville through to Waima via Donnelly's Crossing and the Old Coach Rd.

I think the Matakoho/Ruawai section would be the easiest start point, combining the present river 'stop-banks' with back roads or farmland

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crossings from Matakoho West Road to Ruawai. As for the other sections, I have lots of ideas but need to have local people involved to help make initial plans. Funding can be applied for and Kaipara District Council will help where possible. We have a labour source that we may be able to tap into.

So what I need to ask: Are there any people in these areas that would be interested in helping to make this happen? the near future? If so please email stella.clyde@gmail.com

Stella Clyde

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## Matariki 'Seven Stars, Seven Stories'

The theme for The Kauri Museum's School curated Matariki art exhibition this year is *Seven Stars, Seven Stories*. From June 6, as the Matariki star cluster rises over the Kaipara, the museum is running a six week long celebration.

The cluster of stars that we call Matariki and astronomers call the Pleiades are known all over the world and through history. Although there are many stars in the cluster, only six or seven can be seen without a telescope. In common with Maori, the rising of these bright stars heralded the turning of the agricultural year for many different cultures, and many explanations of their origin are attached to them.

This year, each of our seven Otamatea schools have been assigned a Matariki/Pleiades story, and are interpreting their stories using a range of

artistic media for display.

In addition The Kauri Museum has coordinated an outreach programme for students who have contributed to the exhibition, to visit Planetarium North to help reinforce their learning around Matariki and Astronomy. The *Seven Stars, Seven Stories* exhibition and outreach programme would not be possible without generous support from Te Puni Kōkiri. Further information about Matariki events at Planetarium North may be found at planetariumnorth.co.nz/event/334457

Lisa Tolich



## White Rock Gallery

It's been a busy summer season and it was especially so over Easter. Now winter is suddenly upon us all. With colder days keeping our members

indoors, they will no doubt be working on many new projects, so don't forget to drop in and view the changing displays. There are quite a few new quirky crafts to see as well as the ever changing art items. Plans for the near future include a mini exhibition of 'kiwiana' art from 1<sup>st</sup> July, so keep this in mind.

We have been fortunate in gaining a grant from the KDC Community Arts Scheme which will assist us to have two art workshops with prominent artist Elena Nikolaeva from Mangawhai, and also a two-day mosaic workshop with our own Pat George of Matakoho. Pat has recently completed the huge mosaic panels for the Whangarei Hospital Maternity Unit.

Without the subsidy from KDC it would not be possible to have these workshops. If you are interested in either of them, please contact Janice at 946 9990 or 021 975 314. Dates have yet to be set but costs are 20 for the two-day mosaic course, and \$25 per day for the art workshops. There will be a limit of 10 people per workshop so hurry and get your name down quickly.

Our members are also fundraising by providing a hot food stall at the Paparoa Market on the last Saturday of each month, so come along for a tasty hot bacon, egg and hash brown buttie - DELICIOUS! Just the thing to warm you on these cooler mornings.

## DAIRY DIARY

### A call to heart

The wind to blow through  
Trees to whisper  
Remember me my brother  
Sister?  
My roots are stronger than the mind  
Human conscious  
Yet to find

Pages flick and click and stick  
As listless eyes hearts minds and souls  
Prepare for more from  
Skites and trolls

Inside or outside?  
One's cursed, one's worse  
Thank you Cat Stephens for part of  
that verse

Total preoccupation is found  
Assessing the meat on the street  
By the pound.

Yank.  
Back to the now  
Phone rings, tyres scrunch  
What'll I do for dinner?  
For lunch?  
Another big effort, where is the joy?  
Where is the Bossy, the Bouncy?  
The Toy?

So many little things,  
Some quite a mission  
Are reared, barred and locked  
For a war of attrition

To face them is now  
Where the now is the present  
And that's all that exists  
From the Lord to the Peasant

For that's what we are  
When the company cries  
Batten down hatches  
And rub those red eyes

Another dead year is handed down and  
The impact is felt from the farm  
to the town

We must look beyond it  
and see what we know  
To be true in our hearts  
for direction to go

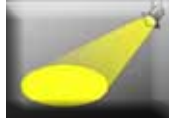
Human spirit matches the mind  
For Ye, needing comfort  
and solace to find



Sam Hartles

## Spotlight on ... the Stevens family

### Paparooa is the place for Lifestyle!



Some people may dawdle over life's big decisions, eventually discovering years have passed before taking action, or never taking that action at all. Hanna and Lawrie Stevens cannot be considered in this category.

In March 2014, while on holiday in Wales but living in London, they made a spur of the moment decision to get out of the rat race and escape to New Zealand. Seven months later they landed here with their two children, Joseph and Lucy, and haven't looked back.

Hanna is Auckland born, so the drive to come to the other side of the planet was not as crazy as it sounded, with her parents still living there. As a child she holidayed in Mangawhai, and searching for a property, it had to tick all the boxes - warm, rural (but close to Auckland), a good school, and without the Mangawhai price tag.



Lawrie and Hanna with children Joseph and Lucy

They visited Paparooa once, and found the people so friendly and warm that it headed to

top of the list. At this time Hannah joked that her dream job would be to work at the school. Little did they know, when they moved north in December 2014, how true this would be. By April 2015 Hanna was Paparooa Primary's office administrator, the school Joseph now attends, and Lawrie is a lucky stay at home Dad.

Before finding work, the couple integrated themselves into the community, firstly joining the White Rock Gallery team.

While playing table tennis and badminton Lawrie had the opportunity to meet Pete Hames. This valuable connection with "the man involved in everything" entered Lawrie into Lions, and now he is even coaching the Under 7's rugby team for Paparooa JMB. A far cry from a Fleet St private banker working twelve hours a day, six days a week, who barely saw his children at night.

Hanna and Lawrie are emphatic that the rural lifestyle is why they moved here. To raise their own food, cut costs, brew some beer and live as happy as you can are the main agendas for life in Paparooa, whilst letting their kids have a childhood many just dream of.

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## Otamatea Grey Power

Following our previous month's meeting regarding the medicinal use of cannabis, and our group's letters to the press, May's meeting was also very lively.

Our letter to The Northland Advocate had a positive result resulting in two articles, some supportive letters to the Editor, phone calls and emails. Beverley was interviewed by John Campbell on his afternoon show and also by the Press Association Christchurch. The NZ Grey Power Federation president confirmed that we had his full support.

We all may know someone in terminal stages of cancer, with pain that cannot be alleviated by conventional treatments, and who may respond to medicinal cannabis. Many peer-reviewed research studies indicate people can be healed by it's use, avoiding need for other pain relief.

It was voted unanimously to present a petition to Parliament to re-legalise the cannabis plant and its inclusion in the broad spectrum of our health care.

### Health and wellbeing in later years

The key to staying healthy in later years is to take charge of the sheer number of changes we face; from loss of loved ones, loss of career, loss of mobility and independence to declining health.

Learning to reinvent ourselves, finding new things to enjoy, creating reasons to get out and socialise, recognising that others are also grappling with new technologies, is all part of the shift in awareness needed to thrive as we age.

Ageing doesn't have to be a negative downhill experience. Nothing is inevitable; we can all do more than we think. For example 'brain training' games such as crosswords, and scrabble help to keep our memory sharp. If you can believe and have confidence in yourself you will cope positively with change.

To join our group, please call either: Beverley Aldridge 431 9188 or Kathleen Pattinson 431 8960. You will be very welcome.

## Letters from the Old Post Office

Well may it be said that "Parting is such sweet sorrow."

To say goodbye, certain of someone's return, can make the intervening time so much sweeter. Time may be spent reminiscing about good times that have been had. Time may be spent forecasting good times to come. Time can be spent (ad infinitum) wondering about the activities of the absent one.

Little snippets of news may inspire whole conversations, or simple flights of fancy. While there's little to make of the 'less tall than broad one's' house renovating activities in a tropical clime, then less can be made of the intended colour of cupboard doors and matching beach towels.

Yet, much ado can be made about one of the sidekick's activities. Yea, his ablutions may be beheld in a kind of stunned wonder. It is said, and we may be lucky not to have verified this for ourselves, that outdoor showering is the way to go. Environmentally speaking while there is much to be applauded in the solar water bag system, the improvised use of shower curtains to maintain privacy must also be praised.

Yet, this is where the "plans o' mice an' men gang aft agley" (Scots for: plans get mucked up). No provision was made for the local winds. And we, like the local Nuiens, may well say, "He was a man, take him for all in all. I shall not look upon his like again ....."

This was a **man!**

Apologies to Shakespeare and Robbie Burns ... and the Colonial Sidekick

Deb



## Soup's now pot luck

Our *Soup-a-Fridays* have become *Pot Luck once-a-month* dinners. Starting at the end of May, they will be held on the last Friday each month.

It has been getting harder and harder as our Church is busier and busier and our dear folks are getting to that stage when coming out on cold wintry nights was more difficult to do. The Soup-a-Friday night was the vision of a church member who has moved on to Dargaville to be closer to her family member.

It served the community well in two ways:

1. When things were getting too busy at home and you want a little break from cooking and doing the dishes, you and your family could come out and enjoy delicious soup and scrumptious desserts, washed down with coffee or tea.
2. When you and your whole family could have a night out on us and enjoy being served and give us an opportunity to serve you for free.

Although we are now dining only once a month, if there is an increased interest in enjoying 1 and/or 2 above, we could always change it to every Friday again ...

*The Soup-A-Friday!*

Meantime, you are all welcome to come and join us, 24 June, bring something to share ... it's *Pot Luck*.

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Community Church  
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# The Mikado

*The Mikado* promises to be some *laugh-out-loud* fun for the entire family, as Victorian England meets an imaginary imperial Japan.

Originally staged at the Savoy Theatre in London in 1885, *The Mikado* is arguably the most popular of all the operettas written by the masters of the genre, Gilbert & Sullivan.

Sparkling satire, marvelous melodies, and scintillating silliness abound in this topsy-turvy tale of love and misadventure. Leave your worries behind and journey to a make-believe land of lotus blossoms, levity and laughter.

Legend has it that the idea for *The Mikado* first sprang into William S Gilbert's mind when an old Japanese sword, which had been hanging on the wall of his study for years, suddenly fell from its place.

Gilbert took this as an omen and determined to turn his biting satire towards the East. Gilbert did not have to look



Clockwise from bottom left: Brianna Thurgood, Sam Birchall, Natalie Birt, Haydn Dyer, Zoe Meehan

far to research the subject of his new play. He found all the material he wanted in Knightsbridge, London, where to much popular acclaim, a magnificent exhibition, *The Japanese Village*, had opened.

Gilbert visited the exhibition and from over 100 Japanese men and women who were employed there, he learnt proper aspects of their culture. His resulting

libretto incorporates evocative imagery of an imaginary Japanese town lovingly crafted, while simultaneously taking stinging satirical aim squarely at his own contemporary England.

Rather than a representation or reflection of actual Japanese society, *The Mikado* is set in a fictitious land. Thus it (not so thinly) veils

the true subject of its satire - Victorian political and social hypocrisy - and at the same time delivers a large dose of frivolity and fun!

Paparooa's Natalie Birt (centre photo) plays the role of Yum Yum opposite Sam Birchall of Ruakaka as Nanki Poo. Some of the younger cast in supporting roles are Brianna Thurgood of Kaiwaka (Peep-Bo), Zoe Meehan of Maungaturoto (Pitti Sing), and Haydn Dyer of Topuni (Pish Tush).

Saturday July 2<sup>nd</sup> is opening night and the show will run for eight performances over three weekends. Ticket sales are open at Tony's Lotto Shop, or online at [www.ort.org.nz](http://www.ort.org.nz) - adult \$28, school student \$16. An optional \$20 two-course meal package is available for Friday and Saturday shows, at the Country Club, Maungaturoto.

(see details advert page 6)

Maura Flower

Otamatea Repertory Theatre

Do you remember?

## Kaipara Rockers

Kaipara Rockers was formed in 1992 by Maura and David Edwards and their family at the Paparooa Hall. What started as a hobby ended with one of the strongest troupes of junior rock'n'roll dancers in New Zealand during the 90's.

"The pinnacle was probably in 1999 when we went to Wellington and brought home three national titles out of five available", said Maura. "I quit at the end of 2001 when I joined the Repertory Theatre. After that I believe the Langridge family had some major successes with their children at a national level. Then I'm not quite sure when the Rockers officially folded."



*Happy Dayz Rock'n'Roll*, Repertory's fundraiser held at the end of May was a great community outing but more of a low-key event by comparison. Not as grand as was ever done by Kaipara Rockers, but a fun gathering in a place that was bound to stir a few memories!

"There are lots of happy memories of Rock'n'Rolling in that hall!"



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## Heartsong Healing Kaipara

People often ask me what NSR stands for and what it is about. NSR is Neuro Stress Release, a technique used to relieve emotional stress. Emotional stress is beliefs and habits that are held in our cellular memory and triggered by certain events or environments.

It is called stress as often these emotional responses or reflections are not conducive to 'going with the flow of life'. This stress is an accumulation of childhood memories, interpretations and collected attitudes that are no longer appropriate in our lives.

Often we would wish to react to a situation that has triggered us in a very different way, but our subconscious invariably takes control and our response is not as we would wish.

When I first learned this technique (which transforms negative responses into positive expression), it was a revelation. If I were to choose to take responsibility for my life, responses, feelings and situations then my essential wellbeing would be improved.

Of course initially that was very confronting but as time has gone by and work on it

progresses, I now have the gift of freedom to cultivate my life in the best interest of harmony and balance.

Having achieved this, and there is no illusion that it is a work in progress, I now feel able to share my skills to help lighten others wellbeing.

NSR works in all aspects of our lives from motivation, relationships, self esteem, communication, anxiety, health, identity and more.

A pain in the body can be indicative of an emotional story. Relate a sore stomach to having a gutsful of some situation.

May love and care of us be the key to bringing life into balance for all those around us.

Jel Davenport  
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*(see classified advert page 19)*

## Riverbank planting continues

The riverbank plantings between The Landing and The Village Green and opposite 'the old bank' are doing well, except for those that are being destroyed by the big slip below the road and those that were squashed one day by an out of control vehicle.

Nothing visible has been done about the serious bank slippage as yet, but it is believed that NRC and KDC are in consultation with NZTA over the problem. Any flooding this winter will put it under more risk of collapsing.

Keep Paparoa Beautiful (KPB) volunteers work regularly to keep the area weeded and maintained. An area on the

other side of the river has been sprayed out ready for more plantings.

KDC is funding suitable plants as recommended by Jacque Knight to the value of \$1500. Pohutukawas that were planted in the past unfortunately didn't survive due to frost.

Look out for the new plantings in coming weeks. PP



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## Mountains to Sea trail ... a family cycle adventure

*Mountains to Sea forms part of the Cycle NZ trail rides. Stella Clyde and members of her family rode it over several days in January earlier this year.*

Staying in Oakune at the Station Lodge Backpackers for our first two nights, we planned our trip, hired our bikes and did the first stage of the cycle trail.

We should have started the first day with a speedy bike ride trip from the Turoa Ski Field down the mountain to Ohakune, but we did things in reverse. Ruapehu was totally hidden from view by mist. Instead, we were driven to Horopito (and Smash Palace car yard), and biked back to Oakune via the bouncy Old Coach Road. By then, the mountain had cleared, and so from Turoa, we rode the fast downhill road back to Oakune.

The all cobblestone Old Coach Road was originally built to connect the main trunk railway which had been only been completed to Ohakune in the south and Horopito in the north. For quite a period of time the locals *made hay while the sun shone*, providing

accommodation, food, drinks and horse-driven transport between the two points. Forgotten for many years, someone came up with the brilliant idea to use it as a cycle trail. This, and the development of walking tracks in the area, has given Ohakune a huge boost in summer tourism.



Our 'Day Two' began with the drive back to Horopito, and we started back on the cycle trail from there. We headed towards Ruatiti, the start of the Mangapurua Track and toward 'The Bridge to Nowhere'. It was an easy ride on 'off-road' tracks and quiet country roads. The scenery was great.

We stayed the night in tents on a farm station where there are cabins and shower facilities for bikers and hunting tourists. It was an interesting evening with great hosts, a friendly horse, a game of tennis (?) and the most forceful shower I've ever had.

In the morning, our Ohakune tour organiser arrived to assess whether we should continue to

ride the track. Rain was predicted. The papa rock gets very slippery and the track very muddy. Bike hire is nearly double to go over this track due to the cleaning required afterwards!

All was well, and we headed off up the track. There were wild goats and deer as well as huge areas of bush-covered land. The places where returned servicemen had been allocated 'farms' were marked, and in one case a cottage was built for the family of the original owner. How anyone was supposed to make a living there I don't know, with steep hills and bush as far as the eye can see?

The ride was interesting with a long downhill stretch. It was *grade three* on the cycle trail measure. My mud ploughing ability was tested when I



The Bridge to Nowhere

fell off into a mud puddle; unfortunately resulting in a blood nose and mud in my ears.

I had been dreading the last 10km as there were supposed to be drop offs (I don't cope well with heights), but these proved to be a *piece of cake*

as the bush hid the 200m drop to the river. Before long, suddenly in the middle of nowhere, was this large concrete bridge - the Bridge to Nowhere - a bit like the one in Paparooa, but larger. What an incredible sight!

From here it was a short distance down to the river landing to catch our jet boat ride down the Whanganui River to Pipiriki. What a trip! Our driver told



The Whanganui River

us he makes \$6000 a year just by leasing his land out for beehives.

We had intended camping this night but as we were all so muddy we upgraded to a house with long hot showers. The tour organiser produced clean bikes for us to continue with as ours were now too muddy to continue safely without a good waterblast.

The rest of our trip continued; a pleasant, easier and shorter bike ride down the Whanganui River road with beautiful weather and great scenery.

We had an interesting visit to the church at Jerusalem and an old restored water wheel wheat mill. Our accommodation was an interesting place called The Flying Fox with friendly owners, and where we caught the flying fox across the river two at a time.

On our last day we continued down the river road, up a not so 'Gentle Annie' hill, through Wanganui and down the cycle trail to Castlecliff beach. A lovely sunny day and a picnic at the beach with our tour operators completed our great adventure.

Stella



Our accommodation at The Flying Fox

*To see a u-tube video of some of the trail, my nephew and family did the trip with a GroPro - find it by searching Paul Simpson Mountain 2 Sea.*

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# Matariki



In recent years Matariki has become an increasingly popular celebration on the New Zealand calendar. Matariki is the Maori name for the star cluster known as Pleiades. There are seven stars in the cluster and they appear just before dawn in late May or early June.

This year you can first see the stars in the eastern sky on Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> June. Matariki is a time to harvest food and prepare the ground for new planting. It's a time for families to gather together. Feasts and kite flying are two activities that often take place during this time.



There are also two new picture books about Matariki that you may like to read *The Little Kiwi's Matariki* by Nikki Slade Robinson (David Ling Publishing), and *The Seven Kites of Matariki* by Calico McClintock, illustrated by Dominique Ford (Scholastic).

You could also check your school or public library for more titles about Matariki.

You might like to have a go at making your own kite/manu tukutuku to fly.

This kite comes from Māori Art for Kids by Julie Noanoa & Norm Heke. (Reproduced with the permission of Potton & Burton Publishing)


You will need:

- a recycled plastic bag
- bamboo sticks
- marker pens
- scissors
- tape
- invisible tape
- string
- feathers


Follow the directons as given at right

**HAPPY  
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**HOW TO MAKE A ...**  
**manu tukutuku kite**

**1** 


Tape two bamboo sticks together to make one long one. Make three of these.

**2** 

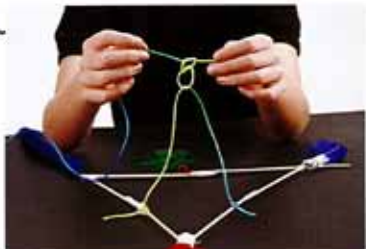
Lay out the sticks in a triangle, and bind each of the three corners with tape.

**3** 


Flatten the plastic bag, place your triangle over the top and mark with a pen around the edges, leaving a margin of 5cm or more, then cut out the shape.

**4** 

Choose a design to decorate the plastic using colourful marker pens. This pattern is called Poutama.

**5** 

Attach string to the kite as shown in the image above. To make the tail, attach a piece of string (approximately 60cm) halfway across the bottom of the kite, and add feathers to the string. Tape a small bunch of feathers to the corners of the kite as well.

**6** 

Fold the edges of the plastic triangle over the sides of the kite and join with clear tape.

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## Hospice Kaipara Poker Car Run 2016



This year the Car Run started at the Dargaville Vintage Machinery Club and finished at the Northern Wairoa Hotel.



Stops were at Parakao Store, The Office Maungatapere (with an optional visit to the Packard Pioneer Museum), and the Tangiteroria Tavern. About 32 cars and 11 bikes participated with lovely weather and a glorious run through Tangowahine Valley.

Thank you to everyone taking part and the venues supporting Hospice. The monies raised will go to the purchase of additional equipment for use by our patients.

After the prize giving at the Northern Wairoa there were celebrations for the 10th anniversary of the opening of the Hospice Shop in Dargaville with the original members present.

### Poker Hand Winners

- 1<sup>st</sup> Wayne Spears
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## June Gardening

What an amazing autumn we've had. It's been so warm no wonder our autumn colouring is not as good as down south. The dams are mostly still full of water and the grass still growing. I have sunflowers in full bloom although not as tall as usual and the sweet peas are about to flower.

Interestingly, the new problem guava moth/grub that has been destroying the feijoas did not attack the later fruiting crops - only the first ones. Not sure why - maybe cooler at night slowing the moths down, or perhaps more resistant fruit. This has meant we have had a great crop from the large fruiting late cropping trees.

Time to make plans for the future is when the weather turns wet and cold. Our humid north is very susceptible to fungal problems and a myriad of insects. I personally do not use insecticides or most sprays. A spray of copper and then oil can clean up most of the problems while fruit trees are bare. It is also very important to clear away and burn any rotten fruit so the spores do not remain on the ground ready to attack next season.

Cabbages, cauliflower and broccoli should be in and doing well but unfortunately we now seem to have white butterfly caterpillar problems nearly all the year round so protect them with nets or derris dust. Make sure they've got plenty of manure or nitrogen fertiliser and that the soil is well limed as they do not appreciate acid soil.

### Thai Pumpkin Soup

Winter is also soup time and one I use a lot is Annabel Langbein's *Thai Pumpkin Soup*. This is best made with butternuts or sweet pumpkin.



1. Gently cook until soft (about 10min):

*1 finely chopped onion, 1 tbsp brown sugar & 2 garlic cloves in 2 tbsp olive oil*

2. Then add:

*1 medium butternut (1.2kg approx) peeled & cut up  
2 cups of water  
1x400ml can coconut milk  
1-2 dried chillies finely chopped  
1 tbsp lemon grass or ½ tsp finely grated lemon rind  
1 tbsp fish sauce  
Salt and pepper*

3. Simmer about 20min until tender

4. Mash or whiz until smooth.

5. Serve with chopped coriander or parsley. Serves 4

Stella

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## Pink Ribbon Breakfast



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So invite your friends, come along and help us raise some money for The New Zealand Breast Cancer Foundation, while enjoying a delicious breakfast "with a difference to help make a difference".

Wendy Sheppard 431 7301

## Colin Wrennall - counsellor/farmer

Colin is a farmer perhaps known to people around Paparoa for his encounter with a bull. He was born and raised in Auckland, left home at 16, worked as a farm cadet, managed large properties and sharemilked, and bought his own dairy farm in Waipu, but then life took him in a new direction.

A personal trauma lead him into being counselled, something he would never have thought he would have done, but the insights and development from the experience continued to assist him for years after. An opportunity arose to undertake training for himself, and he became a registered counsellor, psychotherapist and psychodramatist.

Leaving farming life in early 1991 he pursued a professional career in Auckland. This change in direction saw him dealing with individuals and complex family situations, setting up treatment programmes, working with family courts and numerous other agencies.

Having practised for 28 years, Colin's depth of knowledge has seen him running personal development groups and supervising teams. More recently he has broadened his practice to include consultancy




for teams and agencies, assisting with leadership, organisational development and conflict resolution. This knowledge is something he is now continuing in Northland.

Colin has lived in Paparoa since 2003, when he purchased a farm, and then a second farm five years ago, sharing his time between here and Auckland. He is now practising part time from the Maungaturoto Medical Centre. As a counsellor and psychotherapist, Colin is

committed to people and their community's wellbeing, growth and development, whether personal, professional or families.

If people believe in their capacity to recover and rebuild their lives after traumatic events, they can achieve what they want in life. Colin knows what it is like to survive the knocks of life, as well as the importance of finding the right encouragement and assistance to get back up and get going again.

He is very committed to his clients' privacy, and creates a trusting space to deal with crisis when the problems become bigger than you can handle alone.

His client base ranges from six year olds, through teens to adults, groups, couples and families. He is happy to receive inquiries via phone, website or email (see advert for Aurora Associates below). 

## Musical notes

with Heather Revel

Music is an all-age and all-inclusive activity that inspires our moods, our confidence and our contentment. Playing a musical instrument will enhance brain activity and research tells us that the benefits of learning to play an instrument are both academic and social. Many parents learned to play an instrument when they were young and want to see their kids doing the same or, like my parents, they never learned to play an instrument, and so wanted me to.

There is no hard and fast rule to the perfect age to begin learning to play an instrument. But there are a few things we need to consider before enrolling our children for music lessons.

Ensure your child has a good quality instrument to learn on. If it has been stored in the family garage for a while, then get it serviced and/or checked out by a professional before you let your child begin playing it. A good instrument will inspire good practice and commitment from your child.

Support your child's learning as much as possible. Get them to practice in the living area of your home so you know what they are practicing and they feel supported. Their confidence will build and as you offer words of encouragement to them they will play well.

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# Otamatea Day Camp 2016

What do 185 six - twelve year old kids, 38 teenage leaders, a huge marquee, great outdoors and three days have in common? Otamatea Day Camp!

We have just finished our 12th annual Day Camp and what a time it was. The committee (from various local churches) have had the privilege of organizing three days of fun and experiences for the children of our area. But, what on earth is Day Camp?

The pre-registered children arrived by buses at Millar's

property on Paparoa Station Road where a huge marquee and numerous other tents awaited them. At the marquee, they were greeted with the Day Camp

song, welcomed, briefed by 'Safety Bill' (a local electrician), listened to a biblical message, joined in with some rousing songs and then split up into 26 different age graded groups. Then it was off to the bush, all systems go, to locate ideal places to build bush huts; to find and collect materials.

Lunch was sausages on sticks over campfires. Elective activities followed, including anything from dam building, to horse riding, and crafts. Back at the marquee there were more songs and drama until it was time to head home.

Day Two followed; a repeat of Day One. Day Three continued, until the judges arrived to inspect the huts in the bush. What a hard job! After lunch there was a ten station rotation of various sporting and thinking challenges.

Parents arrived at 3pm for the bush hut winners' ceremony, and a wind-up barbeque. 360 burgers and 200 sausages later it was time to pack up and head home, everyone tired

*Due to a technical problem, this article was incomplete and did not appear as it should have last month. Our apologies. Accordingly it is reprinted in full here!*



but blessed to have been part of this event.

A special thank you to this year's YWAM students. We couldn't have handled the numbers of participants without you. On behalf of all the attendees, our thanks

also go to all our event's volunteers, from tea ladies, to bus drivers, to elective leaders, to teenagers giving their time during the holidays, and to the businesses that support us.

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## Pets in the Valley

The broken bone dilemma.

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If your cat or dog breaks their bone it can be a different story - with four possible outcomes.

1. Orthopaedic surgery to pin/wire/plate the break which can be expensive, so it's not an option for everyone.
2. Splint the limb and cage rest - ok for simple fractures with quiet and smaller animals, but has lots of potential complications with animal and owner compliance from slipped casts, pressure sores and non-union of bones. Good for pelvic fractures.
3. Limb amputation - much cheaper than orthopaedic surgery, quick recovery time, may not be suitable for older animals especially if they have arthritic issues. Some younger and lighter animals can do very well on three limbs.
4. Lastly is euthanasia. The severity of the break, the presence of other injuries, age and health of the animal plus cost all mean that sometimes euthanasia is the chosen option.



You can see there are lots of issues to discuss when deciding how to deal with a broken pet.

*The x-ray is of a cat hit by a car. Due to the severity of the fractures, amputation was chosen and since it was otherwise a healthy young lad, he is doing really well on 3 legs.*

Take care out there.

Janine



# Ruth Wynne - actor

Deb Clapperton interviewed Ruth Wynne, one of the professional actors in 'The Catch', which was filmed in the area of Pahi and Paparoa during April.

Ruth, a main character in the film based around a fishing competition, has been acting professionally for over ten years. She says "It's something I always wanted to do, but instead of going to drama school when I left secondary school, I ended up doing a degree in animation and photography.

Her first role, after getting an agent, was for an MTV skit called *Rodney Heals*. Ruth says "I love each and every role I play, but one particular favourite was *Valkyrie 7* in a short film called *Stella 459*. I got to play an evil power hungry narcissist and run around with guns!

Of course, I did enjoy playing *Emma* in 'Not For Children' where I was cast with my now husband David Capstick. We got married in the film as our characters and have been together ever since. We had our real wedding last year, so very Brad and Angelina!



Ruth became involved in this new film because she participated in an acting class with a few of the other actors and crew in the film. "My husband David was already

involved and I am grateful that he suggested me for the role." Ruth says of her role "Laura is a very likeable character who makes a mistake but it's great that she gets her come-uppance."

Of the director, Simon, she says that he "works at a very fast pace, so you have to ensure you are on the ball and ready for action!" He was certainly seen moving and talking at a fairly fast pace as he organised his crew, actors and locals.

Ruth is now wanting to make a documentary and write a web series with her husband.

*We all hope the film will be edited and ready for viewing soon. Locals can't wait to see the characters living on film and to recognise the local extras who were called upon to exercise their thespian skills.* PP

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## From our family to yours ... The Queens Message

I'm not one to scoff at a long weekend, particularly not on behalf of hard working people who deserve an extra day off (*rather than yogi's who work by breathing and stretching*). BUT- who is this Queen and why do we celebrate her birthday on a day that's not even her actual birthday?

This is the mark of a sovereign head, who gets an international date for all to celebrate, and then her actual birthday.

It all dates back to 1748 when George II was born in a chilly English November. Rather than have everyone risk getting ill from marching around in the cold, his birthday was combined with an annual spring event known as Trooping the Colour.

However, these days Queen's birthday is celebrated on different days throughout the Commonwealth thereby further confusing matters. Australia started recognising an official birthday back in 1788, and from there the date is uniform. All the states observe Queen's Birthday on the second Monday in June, except for Western Australia

which holds celebrations on the last Monday of September or the first Monday of October.

In 1845, Canada set the official birthday to align with the actual birth date of Queen Victoria (May 24, 1819), celebrating so-called *Victoria Day* on May 24 or the Monday before.

In New Zealand it's the first Monday of June, and in the Falkland Islands, the actual day of The Queen's birth is celebrated publicly.

Confusing? Yes. Just another reason its great to be Queen, though for me, queens with fabulous shoes and lashings of make-up bear far more relevance to my own life.

Have a good sleep-in regardless.

Jenny Gilbert-Longdon

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**Drug dealers** It has been alleged that drug dealers have been targeting teens in our local area. Please keep vigilant and report any suspicious behaviour.

**Quiz Night** is on June 18th, so register your team at the school office now (see page 6).

**Rugby JMB** home games will be held 18 June during the morning in Paparooa. Come along and support the kids.

**Paparooa Volunteer Rural Fire Force** AGM Monday July 4, 6pm at either Paparooa or Pahi Hall (TBA). From July 6 training nights change to the first & third Tuesday of each month (not Monday).

**The Kauri Museum** is getting set for an in-house and online exhibition with five short videos which tell the stories of legendary axemen - Bruce Alexander, Nelson Parker, Joe Julian, Iness Davidson & Jason Wynyard. Opening 29 June.

**Squash graded open tournament** at squash courts, Maungaturoto Country Club,

June 11-13. Entries can be made at *isquash* online or contact Tina Holst 431 8180. Players must be graded.

**Indoor bowlers wanted** Taipuha Hall members are short of players. Is there anyone keen to join in? Ph Wayne Keay 431 6874.

**The Matakohe Bridges Project** public meeting is yet to be held. No date as yet been set, but Sue Reyland will advise when she has it arranged with the principal transport planner from NZTA.

**Gymnastics club** Did you know there is a gymnastics club in Kaiwaka? Gymnastics Otamatea is a recreational club for ages 2.5-18 yrs. We have over 100 gymnasts participating in any one of our six classes held on Tuesdays. We will accept a new intake of gymnasts in all age groups. in term 3. To secure a place for your child, please text your email address to Cheryl Anderson 022 362 4998 requesting an application form.

**Arty Farties Flax Workshop** will be held later in the year, (dates TBA). Meantime, the mosaic project (*see back page*) is a work in progress which will continue as time and energy permits! Call in to take a look when passing. For info: Anne Shanks 431 6229

## Nau Mai Haere Mai The Forgotten Lands Project - a Focus on Positive Futures

The Ministry of Social Development and our community are working together to improve outcomes for whanau. A hui will be held at Otamatea Marae, Tanoa Road on 15 June, starting at 9am with Powhiri, and running til 1 pm.

The presentation will include the subjects:

- In order to survive,
- Setting the scene,
- MSD's community investment strategy, and what it means to whanau, marae, hapu and iwi and the wider community.

It is a cafe style workshop to gather a whole community approach. Please feel free to attend to have your say, or just find out and listen to what's going on! All welcome.

## Paparooa Library



is open these  
Saturdays

from 9.30 - 12.30

Saturday June 11 & June 25  
Saturday July 9 & July 23

Avoid confusion and mark these dates on your calendar. We're only able to be open every Saturday fortnight.

## Otamatea Community Services

### Auction:

OCS is holding a get-together and fund-raising auction Friday June 10 at 7pm - St John Hall, Maungaturoto. All welcome to this fun event. There will be light refreshment and entertainment.

### Volunteers wanted:

We are looking for more people to help us out in the Community House. One of these is a front-desk officer and could be for a morning or two a week, maybe even a whole day. We need people to welcome our visitors to the house and answer the phones, and other general duties, just as much or as little as feels right for you. Come and join our team.

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**SPECIAL EVENTS & MEETINGS**

- PTA Paparao School Quiz Night** Paparao Sports Pavillion, Sat 18 June, 6.30pm
- JMB rugby** home games Paparao sports fields 18 June
- The Kauri Museum** "Matariki" celebration from 6 June  
Northland's Legendary Axemen video/digital presentation from June 29
- OCS Maungaturoto** social night and auction June 10 (details page 18)
- ORT - The Mikado** opening night 2 July, Theatre (Details page 6)
- Paparao Fire Force** AGM July 4 6pm venue TBA

**REGULAR EVENTS, MEETINGS AND ORGANISATIONS**

- Anglican Church St Marks** 1st, 2nd & 4th Sundays 10am, Hook Road, Paparao
- Ararua Church** 10.30am every Sunday, All welcome ph 431 6622
- Art Studio, Ruawai** Mon 10-12noon; Tue 7-9pm, ph Frances 439 2554
- Arty Farties** Summer Markets 9am-noon, opposite Village Green; Thur/Fri in the 'Tile Shed' ph Anne 431 6229; Crafty Kids Club 1st Sun of month 10-2pm at the Shed; Beginners Patchwork Group, Mon 7pm, Te Pahi River Dr.
- Badminton** Thursday - teens & adults 7pm, Paparao Hall ph Pete 4316 822
- Crafternoons** 1st & 3rd Wed in month, 10.30-4pm, Tinopai Hall ph Jo 431 7219
- Exercise to Music** Tue 10.30am Paparao Hall \$5 ph Rose 431 7418
- Farmers' Market** Sat 9-noon, Village Green; from 9 January weekly
- Fire Force** 1st & 3rd Monday in month 6.30pm Depot Rd ph Cohan 431 6668
- Gardening Club** 2nd Wed of month, ph Lyn 431 6090
- Grey Power** Last Wed in month, 1pm, Anglican Church Hall, Mgto
- Library** Mon 1.30-4.30pm, Wed 10am-12noon, Thu 1.30-4.30pm, Fri 9.30am-1pm  
Open alternate Saturdays - June 11, June 25 - 9.30-12.30pm
- Line Dancing** Thurs 10am-noon Paparao Hall ph Rose 431 7418
- Mainly Music** Wed 9.30am Paparao Comm Church, ph Rebecca 431 7550
- Matakohe Music Makers** 2nd Wed month 7pm BYO Sports Pav'n \$2pp 4316772
- Otamatea Quilters** 1st and 3rd Mon month 10am, Paparao Hall 09 439 2262
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- Paparao Community Church** 10.30am every Sunday, 4 Hook Road 4317106
- Paparao Hall Functions venue** ph Robyn 431 7306 or a/h Loraine 431 7290
- Paparao Lions Dinner Meetings** 3rd Mon in month 6.30pm, Sports Pavilion
- Paparao Playcentre** Tues & Fri 10am-1pm Visitors welcome ph 431 6653
- Paparao Primary School** Term ends April 15 term 2 starts May 2
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PLEASE UPDATE US WITH YOUR DETAILS: [press@paparao.org.nz](mailto:press@paparao.org.nz) PP

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3rd	3.16pm	9.15am	19th	4.17pm	10.21am
4th	4.10pm	10.11am	20th	4.58pm	11.02am
5th	5.02pm	11.04am	21st	5.37pm	11.43am
6th	5.51pm	11.55am	22nd	6.18pm	12.23pm
7th	6.38pm	12.44pm	23rd	6.59pm	1.04pm
8th	7.24pm	1.31pm	24th	7.41pm	1.47pm
9th	7.53am	2.18pm	25th	8.01am	2.32pm
10th	8.40am	3.04pm	26th	8.58am	3.20pm
11th	9.27am	3.52pm	27th	9.50am	4.14pm
12th	10.17am	4.44pm	28th	10.46am	5.13pm
13th	11.10am	5.41pm	29th	11.47am	6.18pm
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## Mosaic weekend

What a success! The mosaic weekend workshop was held in May at Arty Farties. Tutor Pat Parkinson commented, "What an absolutely wicked weekend. Pictures here show a glimpse of what first-time artists, and those more familiar with mosaics, can produce over a weekend. Even with all the horrible weather elements that were thrown our way, these ladies and gents didn't want to go home. What an awesome community group they are, I am so blessed to have been asked to do this for our small community."

What a great way to meet new people and catch up with friends, chat away and have a great time learning a new craft.



More workshops are planned for this year thanks to grants from Creative NZ. Thanks to Anne Shanks and her team whose vision for Paparoa keeps up Arty Farties activities for our community. PP



## 5 Questions for ... Mike McKenzie



**Who:** Mike McKenzie of Paparoa

**What:** Little Village Artisan - bread so popular it regularly sells out, delectable patisserie treats and the finest coffee to be found this side of ... anywhere!

**Where:** When not in his garden, he can be found at Kaiwaka Markets on Fridays (outside Kaiwaka Hall) and Paparoa Farmers Market Saturdays.

**When:** Mike and Jocelyn moved to Paparoa seven years ago. They established their extensive permaculture gardens while Mike co-shared his time between his cafe Agnes Curren (now sold) on Ponsonby Road, and then going on to manage Tulip Cafe in Maungaturoto, before starting Little Village.

**Why:** "For the love of it!" Merging high quality hand crafted food with the art of hospitality. Mike's passion brings a unique and tantalising taste explosion to the community. Long may we be lucky enough to have him around! PP

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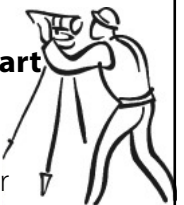


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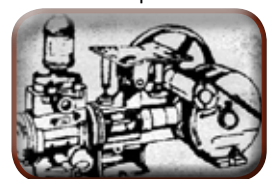


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