



Paparoa School news

Term 3 is underway, and there is plenty of excitement building at Paparoa School!

On Friday 10 July, Matariki Day, we welcomed our school whānau and wider community to a special Matariki Breakfast. Across two sittings, around 80 people gathered to share kai, conversation and connection.

A huge thank you to our Board members, Ngaire, Maureen and Tegan, who did an incredible job preparing and serving breakfast for everyone.

The morning was made even more meaningful as we welcomed descendants of T W Wilson, Paparoa School's first principal. Together, we planted a heritage 'Wilson's Own' apple tree in our school orchard, which was named in his honour. This was a special opportunity to acknowledge our school's history while celebrating Matariki - a time to remember the past, come together in the present and look forward to the future.



Excitement is now building for our biggest event yet: **From Page to Parade - Wearable Art Show**. Each student has chosen a character from a nursery rhyme or

classic fairy tale and is busy creating a wearable artwork that will transform them into their character for the day.

The show will be held at the Paparoa War Memorial Hall on **Wednesday 12 August**, with two performances at **11am and 5.30pm**. Tickets are available from the school. With a wonderful collection of much-loved characters preparing to step from the page and onto the stage, this is one event you will not want to miss!

Planning for our annual Pet and Show Day has also begun. Before long, the calves will be arriving at school, and another busy season of feeding, caring and early-morning routines will be underway. It is always a special part of our school year, and we look forward to welcoming the newest four-legged members of the Paparoa School family. There is certainly an exciting term ahead for our tamariki, whānau and community. We look forward to sharing it with you!

Ngā mihi nui,
Karyn Taylor
Principal

ST JOHN TRASH AND TREASURE

This annual event is happening again - **5th to 9th October**.

This is the Otamatea Area Committee's major fundraising event for which we appreciate the support we get from the wider community.

If you have good quality items to donate, please get in touch with either

Terri 021 0222 0218,
or Eileen 021 142 0357.

Please do not leave items outside the Centennial Hall.

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Boaties urged to use correct lights

Concerns over high-powered LED lightbars and spotlights have prompted a plea for Northland boaties to display the correct lights from sunset to sunrise and in restricted visibility conditions like rain and fog.

Northland Regional Council Deputy Harbourmaster Peter Thomas says the Harbourmaster's office has noticed an increasing number of boats are failing to display the correct light patterns at night.

"Of particular concern is the use of high-powered LED lightbars and spotlights used as a type of headlight to illuminate the water in front of a boat while it is underway."

"One might say it's 'blindingly' obvious why you shouldn't do this, especially if you have experienced a light like this coming toward you at night."

He says the bright lights render people on other vessels unable to determine any red or green navigation lights, compromising everyone's safety.

"Properly displayed lights enable other people to help identify the type of vessel and the direction you are travelling in to help prevent collisions and accidents."

"There are many potential hazards out there that require good nighttime vision and awareness; ruining the dark adaptation of your eyes can give a false sense of security."

He says correct lighting displays for different size vessels can be found in the council's boating book and other maritime publications.

"It's also an offence under the council's maritime rules and bylaws to display an incorrect light pattern."

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What is "the Twist"?

Literally, a little bit of twisting/stretching/balance to music to counteract the effects of sitting

Sooo, a bit of brainwork and a bit of body work to get the day started.

As soon as I get enough interest, I'll confirm the start date, the intention being Wednesdays from 10am to 1pm at the Paparoa War Memorial Hall.

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WHERE: Paparoa Memorial Hall – 1pm to 5pm

Calling all Business owners! Registration is open now for this year's Business Showcase.

Every two years Progressive Paparoa run this event, offering around 30 stall holders an opportunity to promote their business for the afternoon, free of charge.



Who can register? Any business that is located in, or delivers a service to Paparoa and its residents. If you are a new business and would like to offer your services, please do register.

From cottage industry to commercial business, all are welcome.

If you can't be there but would like to be represented, tick the 'Poster Only' option on our registration form and we will display your poster at the event.

It's a fun afternoon for all the family. Every year some stallholders run games and quizzes with prizes which are very popular. It's a great chance to network, meet new customers, sell your wares and get exposure for your business. To help this along, at around 3pm we offer two minute spots on the microphone.

It is FREE to register a stall and free public admission on the day.

This year Progressive Paparoa have a Business Trivia Quiz, and spot prizes to be won. These will be vouchers to redeem at Saturday's market. What a great idea!

Your business will also feature in our FB posts leading up to the event.

Amazing! Please support this vibrant community by showing us what you offer. Join us 18th October.

Scan the QR code on our poster (page 10) to register directly.

Get a link to register by emailing [paparoa.ca@gmail](mailto:paparoa.ca@gmail.com), or to find out more about the event.

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A reminder to our contributors!

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My two cents worth

— with mixed feelings



I was born and grew up in Hamilton, but the vast majority of my time after leaving home has been spent living in the country.

That changed a few years ago with a shift from rural Paparooa to Whakapirau.

Then, just a few weeks back, I moved into the suburbs of Maungaturoto, within walking distance of the shops - and the pub, by the way. I like that convenience, I genuinely do. I do however harbour some misgivings - I am now no longer personally responsible for my own water supply or effluent disposal. My wife and I have owned our own home for nearly 40 years, but it is only in the last few weeks that responsibility for water and sewerage is with the council. I can recall only once that we had to buy water in, and that was when we moved into a new house that had just had its spouting connected to the tank; I'm quite proud of that record. I have also had a longstanding interest in on-site wastewater disposal systems which are cost efficient and environmentally safe too.

Of course, from July next year we Kaipara District

urbanites won't be paying for our reticulated sewerage and water supplies through council rates but through the Northland region's new waters services entity which is to be known as Northland Waters or Ngā Wai o Te Tai Tokerau. It is a jointly owned Council-Controlled Organisation (CCO) that will take over the delivery of drinking water and wastewater services across the region on July 1, 2027. It will be interesting to see how the cost of the new regime compares with the existing one - as it will be necessary to add the rates bill and the "Waters" bill together to calculate the overall increase to compare with what we have now. For those who are not connected to either, it should not make any difference.

By then of course, we should know what the replacement of the current KDC and NRC governance will be. Interesting times. I hope you are interested.

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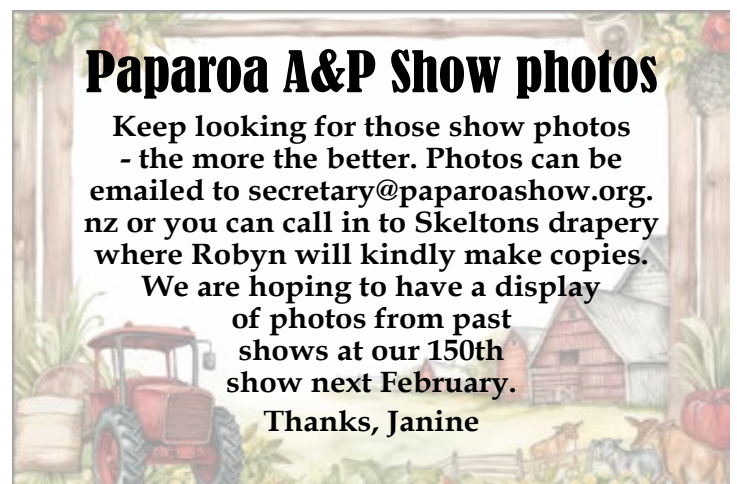
THE TEAM - Keith, Craig and Bundy

Paparooa A&P Show photos

**Keep looking for those show photos
- the more the better. Photos can be
emailed to secretary@paparooashow.org.nz
or you can call in to Skeltons drapery
where Robyn will kindly make copies.**

**We are hoping to have a display
of photos from past
shows at our 150th
show next February.**

Thanks, Janine



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also available online
at paparooa.org.nz**

Otamatea Quilters celebrate Midwinter Challenge Day

The Otamatea Quilters gathered recently for their annual Midwinter Challenge Day.

This year's challenge invited members to create any item using black, white, and one additional colour. The results were striking and wonderfully varied, with quilts and crafted pieces revealed one by one. The display showcased the imagination and skill of the group.

After the unveiling, members enjoyed a delicious shared lunch - a warm and lively finish to a morning filled with inspiration.



The Otamatea Quilters are now turning their attention to their upcoming **Spring Show**, which runs from **24-29 August** at the **Dargaville Sewing Centre**, 51 Normanby Street, Dargaville. **Opening hours are 9am-5pm Monday to Friday, and 10am-12pm on Saturday.** The show promises a vibrant selection of quilts, crafts, and creative work from members.

In preparation for the event, the group has also completed a **Raffle Quilt**, with proceeds going to support of **Hato Hone St John** - a cause close to the hearts of many in the community.

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Lions Club of Paparoa



Paparoa Lions Club is holding our annual **Daffodil Day Quiz Night** on **Friday 28th August** at 7pm at the Paparoa Sports Pavilion.

All the funds raised from this evening go to the Cancer Society NZ. Last year we raised just over \$2,200, and we are hopeful of a similar or larger amount this year.

Quiz teams are 4-6 people and we can match you into a team if there is just one or two of you. The \$20 per person fee includes supper, tea and coffee.

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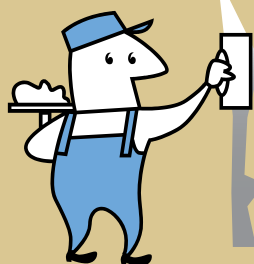
In addition to the Quiz Night, our club members will also be doing our annual Daffodil Day street collections outside Maungaturoto Four Square and Paparoa Store during the day. Check our Facebook page for the hours we will be at these sites.

We look forward to seeing you all during the day or at our Quiz Night.

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The best laid schemes o' Mice an' Men
Gang aft agley (To a Mouse, Robert Burns)

Dear Reader, it is ever thus I have found. Plans are made well in advance, details organised and just as one is silly enough to think, well that's sorted, it all comes tumbling down.

An almost spontaneous plan to visit the sainted offspring in the company of an old friend caused much joyous celebration and festivity in the daughters' establishments. Namely a flurry of "Mother could you, would you, babysit, dogsit", etc, etc. What an opportunity they felt to make use of the old duck while she could still waddle.

The first grit in that sandwich of the universe was a last minute request from the accountant, miss a few letters of that out and you will get my drift. And jolly hockey sticks to Robyn at Skeltons for her invaluable help. That hurdle overcome, and several items abandoned in my haste, I wended my way to the first stop of the trip. Where I promptly flooded a bathroom (It was an old seal in the cistern, not my fault I swear. And I did. So did my friend). Fortuitously, I only partly flooded the kitchen

when I attempted to open the swanky fridge via the water dispenser spout. However, despite the "O, what a panic's in thy breastie!" that caused I was able to clear it up with only a slight sheen of damp around the edges. Cleverly I diverted attention away from that by dropping the milk in the sink. Which splashed. Copiously. I managed to scoop up enough for our tea.

The horrors did not stop there, Dear Reader, oh no. Having lost the lottery of who will drive through Auckland I attempted to adjust the settings on that "intelligent" car. First, it attempted to crush me against the steering wheel and only prompt intervention from friend saved me from a messy death. (Perhaps quite intelligent after all.) However, its next act was to screech madly and object every time I changed lanes to the left. No objection to the right it seemed. Although

nasty lecturing lights flashed constantly and the passenger developed slight twitches.

All in all it was quite an exciting trip and we reached Wellington in record time. Where it was windy.

See you on my return. God (and car)willing.

Deb



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Our Annual General Meeting was held recently, resulting in some positive changes within our committee. We have a new chairperson, John Bartlett, whose leadership will help guide the gallery through the coming year.

We are also pleased to welcome new member Wendy Gregory. Wendy creates fabulous stoneware clay items including charms, jewellery, pottery and much more.

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OCS August News

Greetings to all, here's hoping everyone is staying well.

Our calendar for August is as follows:

Free shopping trips to Whangarei: **Tuesday 11th** and **Wednesday 26th**. As always, we go on the second Tuesday and the fourth Wednesday of every month. This is a great opportunity to be driven to the city to shop, meet a friend, have a coffee, or just enjoy a day out. You have no traffic or parking to bother with and it's a free trip. The van leaves the parking area at Maungaturoto Retirement Village off Hurdall Street Maungaturoto at 9am and returns after lunch.

On **Tuesdays** Victoria makes lunch at the Community House, 155 Hurdall Street, from 12 to 3pm. Everyone welcome, and you can check out Victoria's free clothing while you're there.

On **Wednesdays** Mike's Dancing Dollars group meets at the Community House, from 11am to 1pm. Come along and learn about making wholesome, inexpensive meals. Share your ideas, enjoy the meal made that day, and have a look at the four raised vegetable gardens at the back of the house. These were all planted by the children of Kaipara Kids - they did a great job while learning about gardening and vegetables, and had a load of fun, (as did we all).

The team is keeping very busy with our core business of counselling, parenting, financial mentoring, family support and social work. We have a great group of 12, and there have been some changes with one leaving to welcome her second daughter, another to pursue new avenues, plus the addition of two new staff members to compliment the team. We have one member currently enjoying an English summer with her family, and we will be happy to have her back in our spring, hopefully.

All's happy here due to the many hours of hard work putting together the 'end-of-year' reports to the government agencies Oranga Tamariki and the Ministry of Social Development. Such a lot goes into ticking all the boxes which keep OCS running smoothly all year. Everyone is so grateful to those who put in the extra hours to make it happen.

Stay warm, from all at OCS

Got surplus citrus?

- Squeeze and freeze juice in ice cube trays, then transfer to a container. Great for making hot or cold drinks and for use in cooking and baking.
- Freeze whole fruit, then thaw and use later.
- Boil and puree fruit, then freeze in the correct weight required for your favourite citrus cake recipe.
- Preserved lemons. You'll find easy to follow recipes online and use in anything from dips and dressings to soups and stews.
- If you have a dehydrator you can dry slices or skins and zest to use later – either in recipes or as decorations. I pop a slice in my water bottle.
- You can make a fragrant antibacterial household cleaner by placing lemon or orange rinds in a jar and covering with white vinegar. You can add stems of rosemary, manuka, or lavender for extra goodness. Leave it to steep for 2-3 weeks then strain into a spray bottle.



Maungaturoto and Districts Rotary

President Tim held a very successful meeting in Paparoa, to which a large group of parents, young people and community members attended. His idea is to develop a Youth Group in Paparoa which will aim at giving youth a chance to learn new skills, e.g. carpentry, while at the same time looking at fundraising for a facility they would like in the area. We have been very fortunate to have the Paparoa Depot Trust offering us a building and Paparoa Lions have also offered their support. We see this as a great opportunity to work with other prominent organisations in the Paparoa area and we are grateful for their support. If you believe you can support Tim in any way you can text or email him on 027 271 4232 or timmagill3@gmail.com. Tim is also helping the Residents' Assn with the construction of a shelter on the Maungaturoto wharf. When completed this will provide much needed shade for those fishing or just sitting.

Two of us were glad we could support Kaiwaka Can for their Lantern festival during Matariki. Unfortunately the weather was not kind, but did improve for our walk through the bush. This is another group that we work with when the opportunity comes up.

Alina, the Belgium student that we have sponsored for the past year, has recently returned home. Alina spent six months at Otamatea High and six months at Dargaville High. Not only does this study exchange enable student to be immersed in another country's education system, but during the year there are a number of opportunities for them to visit various places throughout NZ where they can enjoy our unique culture and beautiful landscapes. We are also very fortunate to have families in our area that are willing to host the students during their stay. We are still involved with supporting Penny Worsfold, who will return from Argentina in January. Incoming Rotary students work with a July year start while outbound students travel in January.

At the moment, we are meeting fortnightly, but not always at the hall, so if you are interested in joining us, please get in touch with Eileen on 021 142 0357.

Eileen



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Things happen in our little village (and surrounds) but we often don't hear about them until weeks or months later... or not at all...

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We can't be everywhere and know that there are many goings-on that simply pass us by...

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Through the many hours he has volunteered, Brian has helped deliver significant improvements to the golf course, maintenance facilities, and the overall operation of the club.

As a full-time dairy farmer with a young family, Brian's commitment to supporting the club is especially commendable. His extensive knowledge of golf and club operations has been an invaluable resource, and his willingness to share that expertise has benefited both the club and its members.

Brian's dedication, generosity, and service have made a lasting impact on Paparoa Golf Club, making him a worthy recipient of this recognition.

Pictured right: Athol Cartwright presenting Brian with his Volunteer Award.

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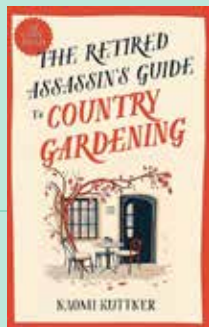
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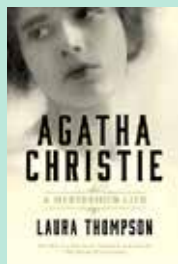
BOOKS AND BOOKCLUBS

"The Retired Assassin's Guide to Country Gardening" by New Zealand author Naomi Kuttner is the funniest and most delightful novel that I have read in a long time, as you would no doubt guess from the title. The characters are Dante, the retired assassin, undergoing therapy with "Assassins Anonymous" and counting the days since he killed anyone, hoping to stay clean by retiring to a small town in New Zealand; his young gardener who has the ability to see and talk to the spirits of the dead; an interfering widow and ex-mystery solver of some sort, maybe CIA, FBI, MI6 or similar, also hiding away "down under"; the police Inspector and various other locals; and a couple of very nasty, greedy, self-serving and obnoxious sub-human beings to be dealt with. There is only a little country gardening happening in the background, but enough for some light relief between solving the whodunnit and escaping the wrath of villains, not forgetting the ghosts.



"Framed" by John M. Green is, you guessed it, another whodunnit, this time set in the Art world. Male authors can never quite get it right when portraying women in my opinion, and John Green has made a young movie-mad female art curator his main character so there is a little something missing in her emotional reactions to her life and circumstances. She is delightful anyway, doing her best version of "Veronica Mars" solving the case of the artworks that magically appear then disappear in the apartment across from the one where she is house-sitting. When you watch a movie or TV series you can close your eyes for the gory bits, but what can you do when reading? You can't skip them without missing the plot. And the "Bad Guys" here are very, very bad! I couldn't close my eyes, so I closed my mind instead and read very fast. The author really knows his Art History, or has done an immense amount of research as there are many references to famous paintings and how to authenticate them etc. I found images of them all on the internet.

Yet more on the murder mystery front, about and from, the "Queen of Crime" Agatha Christie. Her biography "A Mysterious Life" by Laura Thompson is extensively researched. I think we forget just how very intelligent this prolific author was, too much being made of just one week in her life when she chose to disappear, and forgetting the era in which she lived. Comments by this biographer led me to find an original to read (I haven't read such since pre-television and yes, I am that old). Nothing in the Library but I found plenty free on Youtube either to read myself or have read to me. I was astounded at the glorious wealth of descriptive language and the vocabulary of a hundred years ago (Agatha Christie



died in 1976 aged 85) and of how cleverly she introduced the many characters and likely suspects. Her powers of description allow you to see the people and places and there is so, so much more detail in the background red herrings. She has a subtle way of pulling you in until you can't let go and must reach the final reveal. And of course you will have got it wrong. I read "The Mystery of the Blue Train", a Hercule Poirot novel and then compared it to the TV version starring David Suchet. Aside from his brilliant portrayal of our much-loved detective, the real murder here was done by the script writers who seemed to feel the need to change much of the detail, thus eliminating that original brilliance. Another case of the book being better than the movie.

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Please consider popping along to our AGM at Paparoa Sports Pavilion at 5pm, Wednesday 19th August to find out more about us!

Katie Fullerton

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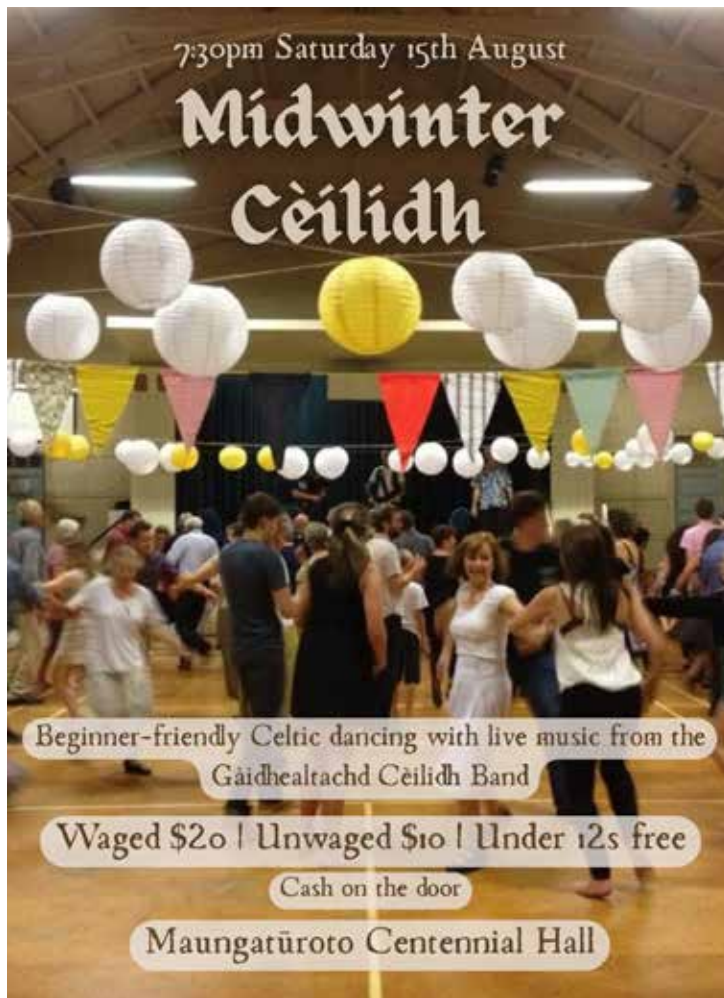



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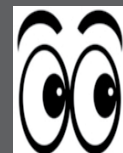
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Paparoa Lions reflect on a successful year of service

The Paparoa Lions Club has celebrated another successful year of serving the local community, with a mix of new initiatives, long-standing projects, and strong partnerships making a positive impact across the district.

Outgoing President Vicky Hilton, the first woman to hold the role in the club's history, reflected on a year that demonstrated the strength of volunteers working together to support their community.

"This year has shown what can be achieved when people are willing to work together, embrace new ideas and continue the tradition of service that Lions is known for," she said.

One of the year's highlights was the club's inaugural Bling a Bra fundraiser in support of Breast Cancer Foundation New Zealand. Led by Sarolta and her dedicated team, the event was enthusiastically supported by the community and raised valuable funds while creating a fun and memorable occasion.

The club has also confirmed that the Skin Cancer Detection Bus will visit Paparoa in February 2027, providing local residents with greater access to early skin cancer detection.

Throughout the year, Lions members continued their regular community projects, including maintenance and pest control along the Paparoa Lions Walkway, monthly BBQs at the Paparoa Farmers Market, catering for local fundraising events, and support for the annual Paparoa Show, where the Lions food caravan remains

the club's largest fundraiser.

Supporting young people continues to be a priority. The club proudly hosted the Young Speechmaker Competition involving six local schools and provided assistance to a number of local young people, including two who represented New Zealand in international sporting competitions.

The annual Pioneer Luncheon once again brought together around 100 senior members of the community for a day of friendship and celebration.

The Paparoa Lions also value the strong relationships they have built with Progressive Paparoa Inc. (PPI), the Depot Trust, Maungaturoto Rotary, Albie's Den, and many other community organisations, recognising that collaboration helps achieve even greater outcomes for the district.

As the club welcomes incoming President Sarolta and her team, members are looking forward to another year of service, while continuing to welcome new members with fresh ideas and a shared commitment to making a difference in the Paparoa community.

Anyone interested in finding out more about Paparoa Lions Club or becoming a member is encouraged to get in touch. New members are always welcome.

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cucumber trees. These drought resistant umbrella shaped trees along with dragon's blood trees do not exist anywhere else in the world. The dragon's blood trees have crimson resin which

is used for natural medicine and as a pigment.

Socotra is a UNESCO World Heritage site due to its unique plants which have evolved in isolation for millions of years. About 50,000 people live on the main Island mostly around the capital Hadiboh. They speak their own language.



This set of islands and reefs have unique wild life as well as trees- 90% of its reptiles and 95% of its land snails are found nowhere else. It also has sea turtles, whale sharks and more than 250 species of reef building corals.

Unfortunately, Yemen is in a state of conflict, including America and local factions, so you cannot safely visit this place. Hopefully none of the conflict is going anywhere near this unique wonderful archipelago.

Stella

Blast from the past

The former National Bank in Paparoa is a significant example of an early purpose-built rural bank. Built in 1914, its external appearance is unusually intact for a timber structure of this type, and is still a local landmark. The building demonstrates the dominant role of the National Bank in Northland and the company's contribution to economic development in the region.



Pets in the Valley



There is a sensible saying that both the building and sewing trades claim - measure twice, cut once. I thought I'd borrow a version of it to say look twice - miss less. In winter time it can be easy to cast a glance over animals in the paddock and think all's good. But sometimes a bit of a closer look or a little bit longer watching may reveal a bit more.



An animal can look perfectly normal standing still but it's not until they move that you can see lameness. For horses especially, leg wounds can be covered in mud and unless you get up close or view the animal from both sides they can be easy to miss. The same applies to what is going on under

horse's covers - I think a minimum of taking a horse's cover off once a week and seeing how things are going is important. I can still remember going to see an old horse with a bony wither whose cover had rubbed through his skin and muscle down to the bone. Good intentions to keep an old horse warm but a lack of looking caused suffering.

Despite it being Northland's version of winter there are lots of calves and some lambs running around out there so spring must be on the way. I think I'll still be lighting a fire for a while though - the cat will be pleased.

Take care, Janine

Battery recycling

Household batteries can be recycled for FREE at the Dargaville Resource Recovery Park, thanks to a new partnership between Kaipara Refuse, Kaipara District Council and Phoenix Recycling Group. Free battery recycling is also available at the Hakaru Re:sort Centre and Bunnings Mangawhai.

It's a simple step that makes a big difference. Batteries thrown in rubbish or recycling bins can cause fires, and we've had THREE truck fires linked to batteries in the past six months alone.

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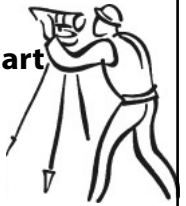
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23rd	St Marks, Hook Rd, Paparoa, 10am Morning Prayer
30th	Community Outreach, Maungaturoto 5pm There will also be a 2.30pm, non-denominational service in the Coates Memorial Church, Matakohē, which all are welcome to attend.

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Maungaturoto RSA Christmas Magic Gala Dinner - Sat Aug 15. Bookings essential. See p11 for details.

Midwinter Cèilidh - Sat Aug 15, 7.30pm. A fun night of Celtic dance to a live band. No experience needed, all ages welcome. Maungaturoto Centennial Hall. Cash at the door, \$20 waged, \$10 waged, under 12s free. See poster p14.

Kaipara Wool & Fibre Festival - Sun Aug 16, 10am-3pm. Maungaturoto Country Club, Bickerstaff Rd, Maungaturoto. See p6 & back page for more.

Grow Paparoa AGM - Wed Aug 19, 5pm. Paparoa Sports Pavilion. All welcome.

Otamatea Quilters Spring Show - Aug 24-29. Dargaville Sewing Centre. See p5 for more info.

Paparoa Lions Club Daffodil Day Quiz Night - Fri Aug 28, 7pm. Paparoa Sports Pavilion. See p6 & p11 for details.

Coming up in September:

Paparoa Community Library AGM - Sun Sept 9, 1pm. At the library. See notice this page for more.

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Paparoa's Farmers Market Happens every Saturday morning, 8.30am- 12 at the Village Green. Fresh fruit & veges, sweet treats, plants, fish, eggs, assorted crafts, live music and so much more. A great place to catch up with friends or make new ones.

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It's a girl!



Congratulations to Jenny and John Longdon on the birth of Emily. Born 9th July, 4kg (9lb), at home into dad's hands.

All doing well, and in love with the new arrival.

Jenny will be back with her "From our family to yours" column soon!

REGULAR EVENTS, MEETINGS AND ORGANISATIONS

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Ararua Church 10.30am every Sunday. All welcome Ph 431 6622

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Badminton Thursdays 7pm Paparoa Hall \$2 students, \$3 adults, Pete 021 056 7163

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Grow Paparoa Thur/Fri 9am to 12pm at the Community Gardens

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TIDES - CALCULATED for PAHI-WHAKAPIRAU

DATE	LOW	HIGH	DATE	LOW	HIGH
1st	06.27	12.50	17th	07.45	14.08
2nd	07.02	13.24	18th	08.25	14.46
3rd	07.39	14.00	19th	09.06	15.29
4th	08.18	14.40	20th	09.52	16.19
5th	09.02	15.27	21st	10.47	17.25
6th	09.53	16.22	22nd	11.58	18.45
7th	10.53	17.31	23rd	13.17	07.12
8th	12.05	18.51	24th	14.23	08.22
9th	13.24	07.15	25th	15.13	09.18
10th	14.36	08.31	26th	15.53	10.02
11th	15.36	09.37	27th	16.29	10.40
12th	16.28	10.34	28th	17.03	11.14
13th	17.15	11.23	29th	17.36	11.47
14th	17.58	12.08	30th	18.10	12.21
15th	06.24	12.50	31st	06.32	12.55
16th	07.05	13.29			

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Kaipara Wool and Fibre Festival - Sunday 16 August 2026

Knitters, crocheters, spinners and fibre crafters, don't forget to put Sunday 16th August into your calendar. Whether you want to buy yarn or spin your own, the Kaipara Wool and Fibre Festival will have a huge range of exciting options.

Maybe you have something specific in mind, or just want to be surrounded by wonderful fibre choices, you won't want to miss this opportunity.

Step through the door and be instantly greeted by a stunning sea of colour and texture. The festival gives Northern people the opportunity to see and touch the exciting yarns and fibre from talented local fibre artists all in one convenient exciting place. We have such a lot of wonderfully talented people in our yarn and fibre community.

Large windows mean that the colours are shown in natural light and you can touch and squish the yarn and fibre. This is what yarn heaven looks like.



You'll find stacks of yarn, mainly from NZ Indie dyers, unspun fibre, tools and accessories, and space to sit, knit and natter.

Hand dyed yarn and raw or dyed fibre, from various fibre animals

including merino and other sheep breeds, alpaca, mohair and possum.

It's a peaceful farm setting and you'll see sheep outside in the paddocks.

Always a great day out for knitters, crafters and their friends or families, it is open from 10am until 3pm.

The list of our talented traders so far is: Wool on Wheels, Miro Yarns, Silverhill Alpacas, Gumtree Gully, Stoney creek Farm, Kerdon Alpaca, Dye Happy, Fantail Farm Mohair, Fibre2go, Twisted Zisters, Jumbuck Carding, Lovells Yarns, Roxy Fibres, Utakura knits and yarn, Crafted Stitch, Choice Yarns, Haven Ridge Limited, Kauri Hills (Ashford), Apple Basket Quilts

The Kaipara Wool and Fibre Festival 2026, is located at the Maungaturoto Country Club, 84 Bickerstaffe Rd, Maungaturoto.

Entry to the event is free, with gold coin donation for carparking.

Plenty of parking, and indoors cafe on site. The Maungaturoto Club is a great central location with plenty of parking, space and light. It is located just over an hour north of the bridge, and an hour south of Whangarei. Close to Mangawhai, Kaiwaka, Paparoa.

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