



Community Dinner - Hawaiian night theme

60 guests enjoyed a fun night at the Paparoa Sports Pavilion for the latest community dinner. Guests got into the spirit of the night with many wearing lei, tropical flowers and bright sarongs and shirts. The fun quiz, food and music matched the theme and even a bit of hula dancing was seen. The menu included smoked fish, kalua pork and delicious vegetable options followed by coconut themed deserts and tropical fruit. The committee want to thank everyone who came, those who donated food and raffle prizes and helped out to make it another great night in Paparoa.

Libby for Sport and Recreation committee



Best dressed, Sharon Duffy

PinkRibbonFundraiser at Paparoa Golf Club

Everyone was in a very pink and festive mood and the weather couldn't have been better for a great afternoon of fun golf on Saturday 24th May. Thirteen teams with a total of 48 keen golfers registered for the 6 hole Ambrose tournament which got off to a shotgun start at 1pm and it was all on. The first teams headed back to the clubrooms at around 3.15pm and everyone was in just after 4pm where we enjoyed great food and lots of laughs.



The raffles were a big hit, the spot prizes and prizes for best team score was Vicki, Al and Thomas (1), best pink team Par-Tee in Pink Simone, Jolene and Kendall (2), best blokes in pink Mark and Dave(3), best lady in pink Glenda Webber and a few other prizes were handed out.

We would like to thank all our very generous sponsors- too many to mention here, generous donations which at first count on the day was \$1600 plus some extra to be added to the total.

Thanks to everyone for joining in a fun afternoon supporting such a worthy cause.

Jas



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At the market

One of the popular new stalls at the Paparoa Farmers' Market is Mario's Fresh Fish trailer. Mario and Jessie Jones had the trailer custom built after finding having a shop in Maungaturoto was not really working for them.

Mario is the son of a fisherman and has been fishing since he left school at 16. He mainly fishes in the Kaipara targeting mullet and flounder. As a commercial fisherman he has to either purchase or lease quota from "quota brokers" so that each kilo of fish caught has to be paid for. As an example, quota for snapper ranges from \$5-8 per kilo.

Mario generally fishes in the early part of the week depending on tides and the weather, and everything is immediately iced and kept as fresh as possible. Then, of course, the fish have to be cleaned and filleted ready for the local sales.

They usually go to Dargaville on Friday, and Paparoa on Saturday mornings. They stock a fantastic range of seafoods which can include whole flounder and mullet, fillets of a variety of fish,

smoked mullet and kahawai, a range of shellfish, salmon, and some frozen products including paua mince, paua/mussell fritters, kina and Kaihu Pies seafood pie. Check out the full range on their Facebook page Mario's Fresh Fish.

The last few months have seen Jessie's mum, Robyn, helping out in the trailer after Mario and Jessie's first child was born in early February. Jessie often brings Micah along to the market especially if it is a nice day.

They are really enjoying building their regular customer base at the Paparoa Farmers' Market and we often see people queueing up for their weekly seafood fix. Next time you're at the market treat yourself to your favourite seafood and make sure to have a wander through the rest of the market too.

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Paparoa School news

Autumn has well and truly arrived, and we're making the most of the season by completing those last-minute jobs in the vegetable gardens.

Our Enviro programme continues to thrive, with students enthusiastically taking on seasonal tasks like composting, planting winter crops, and preparing the garden beds for the colder months ahead.

We're still harvesting from the gardens - spring onions, parsley, and believe it or not, even a few cherry tomatoes are still going strong!

In the kitchen, students have been cooking up a storm with delicious dishes such as sweetcorn fritters, pesto pasta served with a fresh salad bar and, for those with a sweet tooth, pear crumble and feijoa muffins. Alongside these tasty creations, they've been developing a wide range of kitchen skills - from basic knife handling to learning how to zest, scoop, measure, and sift. Our motto in the kitchen is 'Try it once', and it's been amazing to see how many students leave the kitchen having discovered a new food they enjoy.

Planning continues for the development of our Ngahere (forest area) with students now getting ready to translate their ideas into drawings. Meanwhile, our native corridor is flourishing

- especially the manuka trees, which have seen great growth. Thankfully, most of the trees and shrubs have survived the drought. Our current focus is finishing the mulching to ensure the kikuyu grass doesn't overrun the area.

Learning across the school continues in full force. Our senior students have been embracing New Zealand Sign Language, building their communication skills in meaningful ways. The junior room took part in Road Safety Week, where they learned essential safety practices like looking both ways when crossing and staying alert around driveways and reversing cars.

This term's main learning theme is 'Space' with a Matariki flavour, and classrooms are beginning to sparkle with planets, stars, and celestial inspiration. We're excited to see where this learning journey takes us as Matariki approaches.

Our school is also participating in the upcoming Paparoa Showcase on Sunday 8th June. Come and say hi - we'd love to see you there!

Ngā Mihi

Karyn Taylor, Principal



Matariki at the market

The Saturday of the Matariki long weekend, 21st June, will be a special day at the Paparoa Farmers' Market and we hope that everyone will come and join us there.

Matariki is a celebration of the Maori New Year, a time of remembrance - honouring those we have lost, a time of celebration - giving thanks for the present, and a time of aspiration - looking ahead with hope.

Celebration of Matariki takes many forms, but essentially it is about getting whanau and communities together to share food, share stories and being inclusive. What better place to do that than our local market.

As an added incentive to come along Progressive

Paparoa will be running a simple competition at the market to match the nine stars of Matariki with their traditional Maori meanings. The great thing is that you won't have to do the research before you come as the answers will all be on the nine stars hanging on the stalls of the market. The first correct entry form drawn at the end of the market will receive a \$100 voucher to spend at the market. We look forward to seeing you all there.

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New Committee elected

A good turnout at our recent AGM saw Birgit Rahm and Tina De Suza step up for work on the committee in the year ahead. Stu Robertson and Lois Casey stepped down after two years of hard work on behalf of the Gallery and its members. Susan Taylor, Karen Brierly, Jan McLeod and Kathleen Reynolds will continue in their roles.

Winter Workshops

We're planning to offer some part-subsidised workshops during winter to keep those creative juices flowing, so Watch This Space!

Quieter times

The winter months are traditionally quieter for us, so come over and visit us at Matakoho, we're waiting to welcome you. And you can check out the Kauri Museum and Gumdigger's Cafe while you're here.

As always, we're open 7 days, 10am-4pm, opposite Gumdigger's Cafe, in The Kauri Museum's Post & Telegraph Office.

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"Creativity takes courage" Henri Matisse



OCS June News

This month our community van will go to Whangarei twice for those wanting to do some shopping, lunch, or simply to take advantage of the opportunity to get out for the day.

Our sincere apologies are extended to those who were impacted by the error in some local papers regarding the dates for the shopping trip to Whangarei, also for the major problem on the 13th of May when the trip did not happen at all - causing passengers to miss out on their trip. We try to make sure that these trips run smoothly so it was devastating



Council Mark says –

Voters and volunteers are endangered species

I am concerned about the poor voter turnout for local body elections- on average well below 50% nationwide. Local Government NZ recently produced a draft paper on election reform to address this problem.

They highlighted the problems with the current postal voting system - fewer people have mail boxes, there are fewer post boxes and postal services are reducing their coverage in response to less demand for delivery of paper mail.

More people, especially younger people generally want to do stuff on line instead. Digital options for voting have been looked into, but the risks of results being corrupted by hackers seem unsolvable. There are also risks with postal voting- there have been rumours of voting papers being “harvested” from letter boxes in the past for the benefit of an individual candidate.

One of the twenty eight recommendations LGNZ is promoting as a solution is to change to in-person voting at a polling booth as for central government elections, and using national infrastructure to do this. I suspect this will likely come with an extra cost; it would be in the national interest if this cost was met centrally. This has a nice feel to it- so often the Parliament of the day has solved a problem by handing it to local government but without the funding to support it. This proposed voting reform would be an opportunity to return the favour. As Nelson Mayor Nick Smith said: “Reform is needed now to strengthen the democratic mandate local government

has to represent communities across New Zealand”. KDC did not contribute to the proposal as regrettably, from the beginning of the current term KDC is no longer a member of LGNZ, not something I voted for.

Finally, a shout-out to the volunteers in our community. The 15th-21st of June is officially the Week of the Volunteer. As I have said before, there are a lot of facilities and services which in larger, wealthier areas would be provided by the local council, but here in the Kaipara District are being provided only because local volunteers have stepped up. In small communities it usually comes down to a few key people who make these things happen. If you are one of those people, give yourself a pat on the back. If you know one of those people, give them a hug and/or a cuppa and treat them with respect like an endangered species. We need to cherish them.

I should point out that I am a trustee of Volunteering Northland, an organisation which acts as an introduction service between volunteer organisations and potential volunteers as well as providing a training resource.

Visit their website:
volunteeringnorthland.nz

Mark Vincent
Otamatea Ward Councillor
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to know people were disappointed.

Our calendar for June:

Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 25th - Free shopping trip to Whangarei

The van leaves the Maungaturoto Retirement Village carpark area at 9am and returns in the afternoon.

Wednesdays - Dancing Dollars in the Community House from 11am. Chat around saving dollars and creating inexpensive meals.

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Working bee

At the end of May we had an Aimpromptu working bee and many thanks to all who attended and helped us move the soil for our new garden beds. It was greatly appreciated as it would have taken our volunteers a very long time to accomplish what you managed in two hours. Many hands do indeed make light work! Finally we have all our new beds filled and ready to be planted out for this season.

We also harvested on Sunday 25th May, the first in quite a long time after the summer drought. It wasn't a huge harvest but we are very pleased to be supplying the recently opened food bank run by The Good News Church in Maungaturoto. Presently we are mostly picking rhubarb, silverbeet and some herbs while our winter crops and new beds are getting started.

Paparoa Primary School has also restarted sending four children every Friday from 9-11am to work in the gardens. In May they learned about the plants that fall



under the brassica family, have dug up potatoes and picked silverbeet to put into the Pataka Kai outside of the school. We would love to be able to offer this to more students however currently we do not have the volunteers to make this happen. Parental input would be more than welcome on these days to enable this. The children all have a great work ethic and are fun to work with.

Kaipara Kids from Maungaturoto have also been coming along each Friday they are able to. They bring a selection of parents, teachers and students and work away in the gardens themselves alongside our volunteers. They have a strong will to teach their students about growing food and healthy eating which we are always more than happy to support. We try to ensure there is something available for them to take back and cook for their lunches in the kindergarten. It is always a pleasure to have them visit and be in the garden with us.

Katie Fullerton

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Letters from The Old Post Office...

Pollyanna, briefly...

Well, Dear Reader, Dear hearts and Gentle people,¹ I set out to write about the power of community, the importance of healthy social relationships and other Pollyanna type observations. And, I do truly feel grateful for the support that so many offer to myself and others.

Once again, I must make mention of the dentally challenged, the follically challenged (even more so with the passing of years) not to mention the aurally disadvantaged who rallied around, albeit more slowly. You know who you are, and if you've forgotten, just ask a friend. Thank you.

Then the members of the community that (again and again) are seen to be working to maintain the vibrancy and social health of our village. So many areas that add to the general enjoyment of living in Paparoa². Of course, there are always those that prefer to maintain the status quo and move at a slower pace and thus in my more expected style, Dear Reader, unfortunately providing a segue into other slower moving encumbrances. (No, not gender specific).

Yet again a trip back from Warkworth was rendered hideous. I know that I speak for many when I describe the language, the palpitations, high blood pressure and murderous rage experienced when lo and behold, not one, not two but four (think all this for the price of one if you only buy now)! behemoths lumbered their knobstacle way in front of myself and other previously calm drivers. Once more to the dark tower I came (metaphorically) and a red mist descended. Thank my Viking invaders for that!

Caravans pulled by weakly,

puling³ vehicles only capable of a mere 70 kms morphed instantly into powerful beings at the mere sight of a passing lane and neck and neck they jockeyed for position. Generally, staying neck and neck until the end of the passing lane and one was forced to cede victory to the other. While frothing with rage the less encumbered vehicles panted at their heels. That is until I pulled out my gun and shot them. The encumbrances that is (automotive only at this stage)!

One way to get a rest I suppose and perhaps the children might visit occasionally. Do you still have to work in the laundry to purge you from your sinful behaviours or is that just in Irish movies? Oh, sorry that was a different type of incarceration.

Right, to finish on a more peace, love and Buddha note I will follow my counsellor's advice and breathe calmly (inhaling mainly) and push all violent images away, forcing them into a Pandora like box, only to be opened in a dire emergency. As someone or other once said, it is what is on the inside that counts.

Peace be with youse all.

Ka kite ano
Deb

1. Stolen from a semi-autobiographical novel by NZ'er Ruth Park.
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I've been thinking... Roads



Our soil, so sadly desiccated in summer, has absorbed quite a lot of water lately but we are still (at time of writing at least) awaiting the sustained rain which could waterlog the ground.

Something to dread as it will almost certainly lead to accelerated erosion. Think of all those cracks that developed in summer filling with water, penetrating the subsoil and developing the grease - like planes which result in slumping and subsidence. Our roads will suffer, which is a worry as our Council seems to be a tad behind on maintenance anyway.

A week or so ago I phoned KDC to ask when they were planning to work on three problem areas on Pahi Road. These were the southern approach to Cutter Bridge, the slip about 4km down the road, and the subsidence at about 2.5km. A very nice person, who answered the phone after I'd had the pleasure of some "Muzak", didn't know what I meant by subsidence and couldn't find an answer - so I asked to speak to someone who did and could. Another dose of "Muzak". I was assured that the relevant knowledgeable person would contact me. Fortunately I did not hold my breath.

However, in a strange turn of fate, work has progressed on the subsidence. Nearby residents must be delighted as some very disturbing noises were occurring as cars negotiated the growing bump in the road.

The work involves many vehicles and machines and

the persons they control. The area is embellished with 10 notices, a pair of traffic lights and about 90 delightful orange cones. But the work is happening.

Something is happening near the slip also- perhaps I should phone KDC to find out? Some locals believe that this site has been monitored for about 15 years. The cynical suggest that 'monitoring' is a euphemism for "don't know what the #* to do", "don't want to spend the money", or both. But let's abhor cynicism and be pleased that this one, increasingly dangerous problem, may be on the way to being solved.



Let me strongly advise you not to go under Cutter Bridge to observe that monitoring is also happening there. Be comforted with the thought that Blue or Shane are much more likely to initiate the need for urgent repair than you are.

These are the most obvious maintenance issues. There are at least three other places where the road is moving or the seal cracking to allow water access. And the road is only about 8km.

I'm assuming that every road on our local soils has similar problems and the ground is moving at a site near you. Unfortunately a wet winter will exacerbate the situation. It may not be a good time or motorists.

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Paparoa Lions

Monthly Dinner Monday 19th May

It was an incredible night attended by Paparoa Lions Members,

Special guests were husband and wife team, Zone Chairman Mandy Hebben, and Clive Hebben, from Mangawhai Lions, and guest speaker Jerome Demmer from BioStart accompanied by his wife Jacque.

Firstly we are thrilled and very proud to announce four of our Paparoa Lions Members were recognised and commended for their years of commitment and services to Lions and making a difference in their local communities.

CHEVRON AWARDS were presented by Zone Chairman Mandy to our Lions Members:

Ken Chambers: 30 years service

Jim Rowlands: 30 years service

Sarolta Bernhardt: 30 years service (absent from photo)

Stephen Findlay: 20 years service

Guest speakers and Paparoa locals, Jerome Demmer and wife Jacque, gave an incredible and informative talk about BioStart - Biological Farming Solutions which began 31 years ago with a passion to harness and utilise the power of microbes in farming for healthier soils, plants and animals.

If anyone is keen to learn more about BioStart look them up on www.biostart.co.nz.

We would like to acknowledge and thank Otamatea Netball for preparing and feeding us all a wonderful dinner and fabulous desserts, great work team - you did yourselves proud.

REMINDER:-

Up coming event next month (June 16th, 6pm for a 6.30pm start) Local schools Speech Competition and will be held at the Paparoa Sports Pavilion. This was a fabulous event last year where local school children participated and showed tremendous talent. Please come along and support them again this year, you won't be disappointed

Lastly, if you are keen to find out more about Paparoa Lions, we hold our Business Meetings 1st Monday of the Month.

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Gordon Coates PM centenary celebrated

About 70 people from the Kaipara community and further afield gathered recently to celebrate the centenary of Gordon Coates becoming Prime Minister of New Zealand.

Coates, who was born at the Ruatuna homestead near Matakohē in 1878, became Prime Minister on May 30 1925 after winning a caucus vote following the death of Prime Minister William Massey earlier that month.

He later won a landslide victory in an election held on November 4 1925 making him the first popularly elected New Zealand-born Prime Minister. Just over 10 years later he would become one of the foundation members of the New Zealand National Party.

Coates and his six siblings grew up at Ruatuna, a Category 1 historic place today cared for by Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga. The historic Coates homestead also served as the venue for the centenary celebrations.

Speakers at the celebration included Northland MP

Grant McCallum, the Chair of the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Board Dame Jo Brosnahan, Coates descendant Gordon Pryde and Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Chief Executive Andrew Coleman. A tribute from Rt Hon Sir Lockwood Smith, former MP for the Rodney and Kaipara electorates and a local resident, was also read out by Dr Jason Smith.

The official party then proceeded to the Coates Memorial Church at Matakohē, a National Memorial cared for by Manatū Taonga Ministry for Culture and Heritage, and laid a wreath on Coates' grave.

"Gordon Coates was known for his appetite for hard work and for getting things done," says Ruatuna Property Lead

Mary Stevens.

"Among other things in the course of his career he completed the three main trunk railway lines; he centralised the construction of hydroelectric dams and progressed plans for projects on the Waikato and Waitaki rivers which are still generating power today."

Coates was also the first to acknowledge and understand the growing impact of the motor car, and funded roading networks from taxes on tyres, motor vehicle registration and fuel. He was also instrumental in passing the Reserve Bank of New Zealand Bill establishing a central bank.

Coates also earned a Military Cross for his action at La Basseville during World War I, and later served in Prime

Minister Peter Fraser's war cabinet during the Second World War.

The anniversary kicks off a year of celebration, and people should keep an eye out for upcoming tours, talks and opportunities to visit Ruatuna.

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If you are interested in finding out more or joining, send me an email and I can send you info and the registration form.

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I LOVE it when fiction and fact are merged together into one glorious novel. If, like me, you have experienced a chocolate making class where you crack open cocoa beans and locate the nib inside, are talked through the process of preparing the chocolate, and then temper some yourself, you may also have been left wondering however did we get Cadbury's Dairy Milk as an end product on the supermarket shelf. "The Chocolate Factory," by Mary-Lou Stephens is set in Tasmania in 1921 when the Cadbury brothers of Amish faith, started their unique second factory using rich, available and affordable, local milk products. It was an immense operation not without its problems and setbacks, including sabotage from rival confectionery-producers. The Cadbury family were dedicated to promoting staff wellbeing, unusual in that industrial era, and had a firm belief that the natural environment, housing and sound morals contributed to the good health of their workforce. Free passage by ship was part of the incentive to relocate downunder. The original Cadbury Factory was in the village of Bournville, in England. Recognize that name? Many interesting facts are revealed in the background to this story. The fictional tale is of romance, friendship, post WWI traumatic stress, women in the workplace, family life, early Australia, spies, saboteurs and villains.



To those Bookworms who enjoyed "The Single Ladies of Jacaranda Retirement Village," by Joanna Nell, you will chuckle over this one too, "Mrs Winterbottom takes a Gap Year". Two doctors, a married couple, find that retirement is not at all what they thought it would be. They have lost touch with who they are as individuals and as a couple. They have grown apart in their private life. They were a great team in their chosen profession, but now they find they no longer want the same things and are unable to compromise. He wants to take up enviro-friendly gardening, grow their own food, she wants to travel, Italy, Greece, all the places she didn't get to see when she was younger. She went straight to medical training, then marriage. She didn't have a Gap Year. He did. He had already been to all those places as a young man, partying his way around Europe and the Mediterranean with his mates. Her family is aghast when she announces that she is going to have her Gap Year now, while she still can, and if he won't leave his newly sprouting vegetables, she will go alone. She meets a single, elderly Greek man who owns a sailboat . . . you will have to read it yourself to find out what happens.

Anne Bate

Wow!! Those Fantastic Paparoa Lions!

The Paparoa Bush Track is now free from wandering stock, damaging the trees and frightening walkers. They have also put metal on the slippery area near where the memorial trees were planted. Unfortunately, many of these trees, planted in memory of wonderful Paparoa citizens, have been destroyed by these cattle.

Paparoa Lions members have been volunteering for many years building and keeping the track in good order as well as carrying out pest control. This has given the town a fantastic asset, so it was very disappointing when uncontrolled stock caused so much damage.

Thank you Lions and welcome back walkers!

Stella

Council kicks the can on Paparoa wastewater

KDC councillors are about to throw four years of community and council work and dialogue around wastewater issues in Paparoa, into the bin.

On 30 April at their meeting at Tangiteroria, Kaipara council received a report with six recommendations on solutions to Paparoa's wastewater problems. The councillors took the easy option to do nothing to support Paparoa community. Cr Mark Vincent was unable to persuade his fellow councillors to delay a final decision pending further consultation.

The issue of non-complying waste systems in Paparoa has been ongoing since some dye testing was done pre Covid. A group of concerned locals, led by Progressive Paparoa, formed an Action Group to lobby the council and liaise between them and the community to get council support.

The Group raised \$25,000 and conducted a community consultation and report which strongly recommended that KDC

work with the community to seek a solution. After further dialogue with council, they then allocated funds to develop a report with potential options and costs for a community wastewater solution. This report, copies are available, was finally presented late last year and outlines several options.

Then, without any communications with the working group, with whom council have worked closely on this for last four years, council prepared and presented the report on 30th April with the recommendation to do nothing to support this community.

The total lack of communication about this to the Paparoa working group can only be seen as deliberate in order to ensure we weren't informed and could not engage with council about their report

and recommendations.

NRC is responsible for environmental pollution and the wastewater bylaw is such that ultimately non-compliant properties may be red stickered. Some of the non-compliant properties may be residential and some commercial but to expect all these property owners to have the funds and available land space to become compliant is naive and council knows this. The report states that commercial entities that don't comply may be able to operate in Paparoa so long as they do not involve using water. That would be a challenge for any business. The report even suggested that people with complying systems could offer to take on their neighbour's wastewater.

The implications for us as a community are varied and none are positive.

Businesses

may have to change or ultimately might disappear and homeowners may end up not able to comply and being unable to sell their properties. Growth will be constrained as any new house developments will need to have sufficient land to manage their own wastewater.

This is a thriving and growing community, and we believe it needs a community wastewater solution and that will need council support. We have a report commissioned by council which outlines solutions which, with council support, could be further investigated, confirmed and implemented.

The wastewater action group is not turning its back on this and will continue to lobby and work with council to achieve a positive outcome.

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Spider webs blowing in the wind

While sitting at one of the great new picnic tables at Pahi on a beautiful Sunday afternoon recently, a group of us noticed 100s of spiderwebs floating in the air being blown by the wind. The sun shone on their silken threads and we soon found the odd very tiny spider landing on the table. A truly fascinating sight.

This is known as ballooning or kiting. The newly hatched baby spiders release a special gossamer silk which enables them to be carried by the wind to travel to new locations ready to build webs in new locations.



This particular day had very light winds and lovely sunshine so was proving to be a perfect day for a flight. How cool!

Stella

You can help Lions



What do old spectacles, old hearing aids, can tabs, obsolete coins and wine bottle tops have in common? These can all be recycled to raise funds.

****Used eyeglasses, prescription and reading glasses, sunglasses and plastic and metal frames. Children's glasses are especially needed.** Lions Clubs throughout New Zealand collect these and send them, via a processing centre, to be distributed to those with poor eyesight in the Pacific Islands. Visiting volunteer optometrists test and fit patients with these glasses at no cost.

****Lions clubs also run the "Heads Up for Kids" project** which helps young people engage in an experience or activity that will enable them to establish life goals and reach their full potential within their chosen field. Many young people have benefitted from Heads Up for Kids, receiving scholarships to organisations such as Spirit of Adventure and Hilary Outdoor Pursuits Centres. Many thousands of **old coins and banknotes** have been collected and the Reserve Bank of New Zealand estimates that there is still some \$80 million in old decimal and predecimal NZ coins still unaccounted for.

****Also of interest to some people will be that Lions Clubs throughout the country support "Kidney Kids NZ". The club accept wine bottle tops and can tabs** off soft drink cans and funds raised go directly to Kidney Kids NZ who give support and services to children with kidney disease or disorders.

****Hearing aids** which are no longer used are also collected.

Robyn at Skelton's Drapery will gladly take your donated glasses, old currency, hearing aids, wine bottle tops and can tabs, which a member of the Paparoa Lions Club will collect and forward on. These items are very much appreciated by all concerned.

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Maungaturoto and Districts Rotary



As mentioned last month students at Otamatea High were forming an Interact group, which gives them a chance to complete community service in areas they are agreed upon. This group has now selected their office bearers and are in the process of brainstorming the type of activities they would like to be involved in, so watch this space.

A highlight for us during the past month has been a talk given to us by Sir Lockwood Smith on the establishment of the NZ Liberation Museum (Te Arawhata - "ascent to freedom") in Le Quesnoy, Northern France, at a cost of \$16m, which opened in 2023. Take a moment to look through the website: nzliberationmuseum.com. Lockwood spoke of the history of this walled community over a number of centuries, culminating with the German invasion early in 1914. On 7 November 1918, this community was liberated by 140 NZ soldiers (90 of whom perished), but none of the 3,000 civilians were killed. Even Weta workshops have been involved and they have constructed a larger than life soldier which is on display there. While Sir Lockwood's speech was well received we were also able to present him with a Paul Harris Fellow award, which is the highest award that can be given in Rotary. In receiving this, Sir Lockwood mentioned that he really appreciated being recognized in this way in his local community. (Pictured Sir Lockwood with Alex Tetzner). If you go into our local RSA, ask to see the memorabilia that has been given to Maungaturoto in relation to Le Quesnoy.

We are in the process of being involved with two more Rotary Youth exchange students, one incoming in July and one outgoing in January. This is a great way for the young people to be part of a culture different from their own. We are looking for someone to host Alina (the incoming person) over the Christmas break. If you would like to know more about this, don't hesitate to call me on 021 142 0357 and I will get details to you. Penny, the outgoing student in 2026 is fundraising by cleaning windows- Monday after school and Sundays. If you want her details, please also call me as above.

From the 9th to the 16th June you will notice we are involved in a nationwide promotion- "Cans for a Cause" for which we are seeking donations of non-perishable items which will in turn be distributed to local foodbanks. If you see these signs, please consider adding at least one grocery item to your weekly shopping, which can then be added to the collection box.

On Thursday 29th June, we will have Jane Stearns (and possibly Richie Guy) giving us a presentation from the Northland Community Foundation. They do have a funding round open until 8th June so go to their website, northlandcommunityfoundation.org.nz, if you think you may be eligible.

Eileen

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Riley was on the back of a ute in what should have been a safe dog box, locked with a bolt, and because of the bouncy back roads also a clip on the end of the bolt. Unfortunately, this was still no match for



the infamous corrugations, ruts and potholes of Kaipara and the door of the box came open. Two dogs were in there but only Riley managed to fall off the back and break her femur on landing. She hid in some bushes for a day before her owners managed to find her and bring her in for x-rays.

Surgery went well with a pin and plate used to repair her leg and she is now convalescing. Hopefully being so young, only a year old, will mean she will recover well and quickly be back to running around happily again.

Take care out there on our roads this winter.

Janine



Paparooa's young stars

Even though this is River Brownlie's first experience of being on stage, you would never guess it! River's grandmother is the talented Dennise Brownlie, a life member of the Otamatea Repertory Theatre- so it is clear that theatrical talent runs through his veins.

River is playing the lead role of Caractacus Potts in ORT's production of Chitty Chitty Bang Bang JR, opening in July. River says, "Landing the lead role has given me huge confidence and I will definitely be trying my hand at more roles in the future."

Willow Christie is starring in the shared role of Jeremy Potts. Although she is only ten, this is Willow's third major musical! Willow has studied singing and ballet and enjoys a range of artistic activities. Willow will perform as Jeremy in half of the shows. The other half by Joel Cullen of Maungaturoto.

Felix Longdon, the Toy Maker of Vulgaria, has a great deal of theatre experience and has been performing in ORT shows for many years. He loves his role and has been enjoying making the part 'completely his own.'

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By 9am it was the battle of clothes. As she was wearing none and felt that was suitable. Eventually she was wrangled into something warm enough to make it into the car, and that meant nap time. Because for some terrible reason she only falls asleep in the day in a moving car. People wonder why they see my car aimlessly driving around- well, this is why. Ive really given up on naps, but today, she was going to have one. And it was wonderful.

Raring to go again by early afternoon, she seemed placated by watching her favourite animals - cows. We only have two, but that's enough to count, and she enjoys to see them and seems a little terrified at the same time.

Lunch consists of her trying to feed me, whilst taking food from everyone else's plate but her own. When I try and feed her again in her little chair, this time the cat gets fed. I'm not sure how she's growing at this point.

I wont go into the nitty gritty of every tantrum, because her every answer is NO, every thing is hers, and she wants MINE... such fun. By 5pm she's ready for bed. Does she think she is ready for bed? Of course not. More screaming. Now she decides she's hungry and gets a little bowl out for me to fill- not likely. Its a trap. She wont eat it, and I'm not going to vacuum the lounge for the fourth time.

But now she sleeps. Peace descends. The toddler regenerates her energy, ready to do it all again tomorrow. Mr 14 put it best when he said, "I'm not having kids. They're too annoying." Touché.

Have a peaceful June!

Jenny

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Paparoa and Districts Community Showcase - Sun June 8, 3.30 - 5.30pm. Paparoa War Memorial Hall. See ad p11.

Rotary "Cans for a Cause" - June 9 - 16. Keep an eye out for collection boxes in stores and schools. See p15 for contact.

Lions School Speech Competition - Mon June 16, 6pm for 6.30pm start. Sports Pavilion..

Matariki at the Market - Sat 21 June. Competition - win \$100 market voucher. See p3.

Ukulele Workshop & Concert - Sun April 13. See ad this page for details.

Coming up in July

ORT Presents "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang" - July 4 - 13. Tickets available at www.ort.org.nz

OUT & ABOUT AROUND TOWN

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Email press@paparoa.org.nz by the 20th of the previous month.

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**Obituary**

Our condolences to the family of former resident

Marsha Marshall

who passed away recently. Marsha was a prominent member of Paparoa Medical Society and wrote the definitive book 'The History of Paparoa Doctors'.

Save the date

February 6th 2027

Why??? This will be the day of the 150th A and P Show in Paparoa!

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

Farmers' Market Every Saturday 9-Noon, Village Green, Alistair, 027 525 4782

Grey Power Last Wed in month, 1pm, Anglican Church Hall, Maungaturoto

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

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Kaipara Marching Team Weds 4-5.30pm, M'gto, Ph Lyn Hutchings 022 070 8674

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Paparoa Playcentre Tuesday and Thursday 10am-1pm. Franklin Rd. Visitors welcome. paparoa@playcentre.org.nz

Paparoa Primary School 2025 - term 1 starts Thursday 30 Jan, ends 11 April. Term 2 - 28 April - 27 June. Term 3 - 14 July - 19 Sept. Ph 431 7379

Paparoa Toy Library Wed 10.30-1pm, Paparoa Comm Church, Hilery 431 7330

Paparoa Volunteer Rural Fire Force (VRFF) 1st and 3rd Monday of the month 6.30pm Depot Rd ph Ken Ogilvie 021 129 4042

Plunket Ready Steady Wriggle Mon 10am. At playcentre. Tina Ball 021 033 5128

Selwyn Centre Thurs 9.45am for over 65's, St Marks, Hook Rd, Ph Sue 431 6224

Sports Pavilion Functions Venue Bookings ph Jane Bailey 431 6148

St Mary's Catholic Church Maungaturoto 10am Wed, 4pm Saturday

Table Tennis Tues 7.30pm, Sports Pavilion \$2 Pete 021 056 7163

Tennis Tues Junior from 4pm, Adult 5.30pm, Ph Sue 431-6224, Pete 0210567163

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LOCAL TIDES for JUNE 2025

TIDES - CALCULATED for PAHI-WHAKAPIRAU

DATE	LOW	HIGH	DATE	LOW	HIGH
1st	8.48	15.14	17th	8.57	15.22
2nd	9.43	16.08	18th	9.49	16.15
3rd	10.39	17.05	19th	10.44	17.13
4th	11.35	18.03	20th	11.42	18.15
5th	12.30	6.30	21st	12.43	6.38
6th	13.23	7.23	22nd	13.46	7.39
7th	14.12	8.12	23rd	14.47	8.40
8th	14.58	8.58	24th	15.44	9.40
9th	15.41	9.40	25th	16.38	10.37
10th	16.21	10.21	26th	17.29	11.32
11th	17.00	10.18	27th	18.16	12.24
12th	16.44	11.02	28th	6.46	13.12
13th	6.00	12.22	29th	7.34	13.59
14th	6.40	13.04	30th	8.20	14.44
15th	7.23	13.47	1st	9.02	15.23
16th	8.09	14.33	2nd	9.47	16.09

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EMERGENCY: FIRE ■ POLICE ■ AMBULANCE dial 111

COAST TO COAST HEALTH CARE

Maungaturoto Medical Centre: 8am-5pm Mon-Fri 09 431 8576

Paparoa Clinic: Open Tues and Thurs 8am-5pm..... 09 431 7222

For urgent after hours medical service (Wellsford)..... 09 423 8086

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

HOSPICE KAIPARA Dargaville Hospital 09 439 3330

KAIPARA DISTRICT COUNCIL Helpline 0800 727 059

LINKING HANDS Health Shuttle Service, Maungaturoto.09 431 8969

LIONS CLUB PAPAROA President Ken Chambers09 4317443

MAUNGATUROTO PHARMACY 09 431 8045

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OTAMATEA COMMUNITY SERVICES Community House 09 431 9080

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PAPAROA PLAYCENTRE paparoa@playcentre.org.nz

PAPAROA PLUNKET Plunket Nurse Louise 027 2823987 or 09 438 2508

PLUNKET Helpline 0800 933 922

PAPAROA PRIMARY SCHOOL Principal Karyn Taylor.....09 431 7379

PHYSIOTHERAPIST At Paparoa Medical Centre, Mon, Tues, Wed.

Book on 431 9062 or email admin@maungaturotophysio.co.nz

PROGRESSIVE PAPAROA INC (PPI).....Pete Hames 021 0567163

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Matakohe School vegetable garden harvest

Early last month the students of Matakohe School harvested their spinach and beetroot crops, and weeded beds ready for new winter vegetable planting. It's great to see youngsters learning these gardening skills and taking such pride in their achievements. It's also a fantastic way to get kids to eat their veges!

The spinach and beetroot leaves (yes- you can eat them) were blanched and frozen for adding to school lunch meals, which are prepared onsite, over the coming months. There was a good haul of beetroot (3.5kg) and this has been bottled and is delicious.

The school has also just acquired a Vegepod for growing more tender plants and are about to start some serious composting.

Keep up the awesome mahi Matakohe School! PP



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