



JANUARY 2015

Kaipara fun this summer

Come to the Paparoa Show 7 Feb



The 139th Paparoa A&P show is on Saturday 7th February at Paparoa Showground, starting at 9am.



The show committee is introducing many innovations which will make the 2015 show one of the best ever. Come early and be in to win one of the great gate prizes. There will be over 200 of them and the first 600 paying visitors will have a chance to win. The odds of winning a gate prize at the 139th Paparoa A&P Show will be 1 in 3.



Once inside the show you will find plenty to take in. A&P Shows are a tradition in NZ and kids love them. Adults have heaps of fun too.

Entrants and stall holders – we want you to come. Please get your entries and bookings in soon.

To learn more visit the new website www.paparoashow.org.nz

See page 2 to catch up with more Paparoa A&P Show news. **PP**

Tinopai 2015 Fishing Contest 10 Jan

January 10th 2015 will be our 15th annual Tinopai Fishing Contest and everyone's welcome to come and fish in our beautiful harbour. Fishing starts at 7am, weigh-in for the Kids' Sprats Comp is at 3pm, and the Inner and Outer Harbour weigh-in is at 4pm.

Our main sponsors are again George Culley of Saltwater Connection, and Hot Printz Screenprinting Ltd, and they are supportive and proactive in ensuring this contest is a success each year.

George always gets the T-Shirts printed and there's the competition for guessing the colour. This year, he says, the boys might not be happy ... so hmmm ...

There's also the \$1000 lucky ticket draw and the winner must be present! I've heard of a few that went home – oh well! Tickets are available from many outlets around Kaipara and at Tinopai School from 5am onward on the day.

Come for the spot prizes (again you must present your ticket), the world-famous-in-Tinopai hāngi, raffles, hot food (nachos for one!) and the fish auction. We are again lucky enough to have Alan and

Hayden as our auctioneers and these two guys always keep the crowd rocking and the fish auction a happening event!

The money raised is a huge help to Tinopai School. Having been here for 20 months, the generosity and community spirit blows me away – but hey this is small town New Zealand so no surprises there! This year, we will be topping up our van fund and buying much needed classroom and office furniture.

We will again be smoke-free, and due to new regulations, we are also alcohol free this year. This shouldn't make

too much difference as it's becoming the norm these days, especially in schools.

So come and enjoy the day and help support Tinopai. The students are such an important part of the community and we thank you in anticipation for your support! *kia ora! Sonya Kaihe*



Pahi Regatta

Sat 24 & Sun 25 Jan



Here's hoping the weather will be kind to us for the Pahi Regatta. Saturday will be a busy day of races for launches and runabouts, with a BBQ dinner, a live band and dancing on Saturday night.



Sunday's races include the Bathtub and Kayak races, with the Miss Pahi competition in the afternoon, and more live music in the evening.



There will be stalls and rides on the green. It will be a fun weekend for everyone, come along and make this a great weekend.



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The final countdown... Paparoa A&P Show 2015

We are on the rundown to what may prove to be one of the most successful Paparoa A&P Shows ever. Preparations have gone well. There has been an outstanding response to our requests for sponsorship and support. Our new signage is up, our information-rich website is finished and all of the necessary hire equipment has been organised.



GATE PRIZES

This year there will be gate prizes. Last month we reported that we would have 50 or 100 prizes. Now we'll have more than 200 to give away, thanks to the generosity of businesses in Northland.

Here are some statistics:

In NZ, the chance of winning Lotto is 1 in 3.8 million.

The odds of being struck by lightning are 1 in 280,000.

The odds of winning a gate prize at the 139th Paparoa A&P Show will be 1 in 3.

We'll add up how many prizes we've got and multiply this by three to determine the number of adults in the draw. If the number is 600 then the first 600 adults paying at the gate will have a chance to win a gate prize (these range from



small through to expensive items). Every adult receives a ticket. If there's a lucky number on the back then you've won a gate prize, redeemable at the Show Office adjacent to the gate.

Gate prizes are just the start of a brilliant day and the weather is usually great.

INSIDE THE SHOW

We'll have all of the traditional A&P Show activities that you've come to enjoy and expect. There'll be equestrian events, cattle and dairy goats being judged, ponies to ride, rodeo and team roping to excite you, wood chopping and shearing to keep you interested.

Our indoor section in the Hall is the largest in Northland.

Market stalls and trade sites will certainly attract you to spend some of your hard earned money and you will

see in the central arena the results and large display of the Giant Pumpkin competition organised by Community Connexions / Arty Farties.

We've invested in marquees and seating to let you escape the sun while watching events.

If you get hungry there'll be lots to choose from and *Mel the Coffee Girl* from Whangarei will be flat out making great coffee.

VOLUNTEERS We are still looking for people to help set up before the Show – putting up tents, chairs, setting up signs and other critical jobs. You will be part of a team and nothing is hard to do. To show interest please phone Elaine Christie, Show Secretary 431 6011. It's a great chance to contribute and to meet other Paparoians.



GOT QUESTIONS?

Everything you need to know is on www.paparoashow.org.nz. It's fast and easy to navigate and use so please look there. If you need to contact us please ring Elaine Christie, Show Secretary 431 6011.



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(Filipino)

Bonne annee (French)

Feliz ano Nuevo (Spanish)

L'shana Tevah Tikatavu
(Jewish)

Gott nytt ar (Swedish)

Outdoors Kaipara summer fun

If you're looking for an outdoors challenge, be it big or small ... there's no end to the opportunities on offer, so give it a go!

TOP OF THE ROCK: In its third year this multisport event, run out of Kaiwaka, is planned for Sunday 8th February. Included are scenic 5km & 10km walk/runs, run/mountain biking, and 30km mountain biking. Visit www.kaiwakasports.co.nz for details.

NORTHCLLOUD MANGAWHAI TRIATHLON - to be held 22nd February at Mangawhai. Whether you're new to triathlon or have been doing



it for years you'll enjoy this event. Choose to either: swim 500m or kayak 1.5km followed by a 20km cycle and 5km run to finish. You and your friends can compete as a team with each member doing only one or two disciplines. For



details or to enter visit www.northlandtri.co.nz

SPORT NORTHLAND are organising a series of Run, Walk or Pram Stroll events: 1st March *Beach 2 Basin*, Whangarei; 12th April *Heads 2 Hub*, Mangawhai; 10th May *Mothers Day fun/run/walk* Paihia; and more, throughout the year. Visit www.runwalkseries.co.nz for details.

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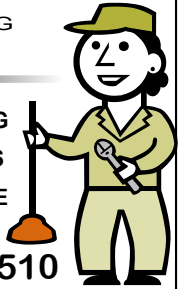
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Vision for Paparoa



To the people of Paparoa, I just wanted to share my vision for the future:

I believe the future of Paparoa will be as long as its history - as a new 'settler' to the area I can identify with settlers of old forging into unknown territory- albeit with less greenery- to make a better life for my family after escaping the ghettos of Auckland.

To those raised in the area, perhaps me and my ilk seem little more than a tidal wave of unsympathetic and uninvolved snobs, but everyone's families were new here once too! We may have different ideals and ways of looking at using land/animals, but there is no danger of the village collapsing into a retirement village.

On the contrary, our new diversity will bring new life here, once we establish ourselves and feel safe to enter and engage with existing community groups or possibly establish new ones as need be. There is no denial of history, but changes must be made as nothing can ever stay static to evolve.

I would love to see artisan craftspeople merge into the town with new ventures, fresh daily supplies of orchard food and produce, a market run by all - every weekend- worth driving miles to attend; the removal of heavy tanker traffic to create a safe environment and above all, the welcoming of fresh opinions + difference.

Paparoa is and will continue to be a standout location to visit on its own in the Kaipara, not as a stop to somewhere else, for certain Paparoa's time is not yet over!

Jenny Gilberd-Longdon



PAHI REGATTA ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND SAT 24 & SUN 25 JANUARY 2015

Preparations for the 2015 Regatta are once again in full swing. There will be the usual launch and runabout races, Miss Pahi contest, bath tub races, kayak races, stalls and rides on the green, dinner on the Saturday night and live music in the marquee on both Saturday and Sunday nights.

We are currently looking for stall holders

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Paparoa Primary School year ends

The school year ended with a fantastic whole-school fun day at Pahi on 5th December. The weather was perfect for playing cricket, enjoying the fabulous playground, miniature horse & cart rides and swimming. Some of the senior students (and Mrs.



Tavinor) also had a great time bombing off the wharf. A huge thanks to Jan & Gary Dallas from Paparoa Rentals and Travel for donating their time and for the use of their bus to transport us to and from Pahi, also thanks to Shirley Warner-Summers for bringing the miniature horses & carts.

Our end of year concert and prizegiving was held on 11th December.



Each class and the Kapa Haka group performed, individual successes were celebrated, our four Year 6s were farewelled and Santa Claus made an appearance.

2014 has certainly been a wonderful year for us - our students are all achieving well and are happy at school.

Our roll has grown from 35 to 53. We are also very fortunate to have wonderful support from our dedicated PTA who this year have fundraised



Graduating Year 6s: Sam Parker, Abby Cant, Andrew Birt, Cullen Peele.

towards the installation of shade sails in front of the classrooms and over the sandpit area. This will provide more opportunities for us to use our outdoor areas during the summer months. We would also like to thank our local community who continually contribute and support us in many and varied ways.

We would like to wish everyone a safe and happy summer holiday and look forward to seeing you in 2015.

School starts back on Thursday, 29th January.



Paparoa School end of year awards

Board of Trustees Cup - Dux Abby Cant

Rowlands Trophy

Most Valued by Students & Staff Abby Cant

Audrey Metcalfe Cup, Best all round effort ... Blue Pumipi

Overall Sports Achiever Andrew Birt

Senior Sportsman Trophy Kenneth Ashby

Junior Sportsman Trophy Alban Wearmouth

Johnston Murray Cup

A chievement in Visual or Performing Arts.... Corban Gilbert

Ronald Walmsley Cup Courtesy..... Sam Parker

Citizenship Award Abby Cant

Trevor Smith Cup- Service to School Cullen Peele

JW Cliff Cup Diligence & Cooperation (Values) Candace Smith

Te Rehia Waata Memorial Cup

Excellence in Kaupapa Maori Cullen Peele

Paparoa Library Book

Most Improved Reader Awatea Tilby, Sebastian Wright

Mainfreight Award Excellence in Attitude Shamiah Jamieson

School Values Award Sam Parker

Overall Class Cup

Room 1..... Abby Cant

Room 2..... Brooke Healey

Room 3..... Alban Wearmouth

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Child youth activities & facilities in Paparoa

In July 2014 a meeting was held to discuss and brainstorm ideas for creating an active space within the community that would cater for a wide range of ages, as well as encourage passersby to stop and spend time (and money) in our village.

Alan Duxfield, Kaipara District Council's Parks and Recreation Manager attended the meeting and suggested creating an 'environmental playground' at the Village Green. Environmental playgrounds are proving popular internationally as they cater for children, teens & their families, and can be created progressively with much of the development able to be done by community members. Expense can also be kept to a minimum.

A subsequent meeting held on December 1st identified the need to seek further community input – including ideas from our young people. The photographs here show examples of environmental playgrounds in use.

We would welcome any feedback or suggestions, either by email or by attending our next meeting at 7pm on Tuesday, 24th February 2015 at Paparoa Primary School.

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OHS Junior Prizegiving 2014

Well done to all the Otamatea High School students listed below who are from our area and who received recognition at the Junior Prizegiving.

Sporting:

Triathlon Team Champion Girls, Maggie Hames & Emma Huband

Essay Competition: Second in Year 7 - Maggie Hames. First in Year 8- Isaac Sheppard

Rotations: Metal Technology- Petuera Kingi

Library: Junior Librarian's Service Award (2 Years of Service)- Erin Corble

Junior Librarian's Service Award (1 Year of Service) - Jahnessa Davis

Class prizes:

David Hames

Endeavour in 10NN English

Shania Torpy

Endeavour in 10EE Physical Education

Erin Corble

Excellence in 9EE English

Natalie Birt

Excellence in 9NN Social Science, English, Science, Mathematics

Isaac Sheppard

First in Class. Endeavour in 8SS Digital Technology,

Excellence in English, Mathematics, Boys' Physical Education

Maggie Hames

First in Class. Endeavour in 7SS Maori, Excellence in English, Digital

Technology, Mathematics, Science

Mason Wintle

Excellence in 8NN Mathematics, English

Katrina Poyner

Excellence in 7SS Inquiry Learning

Amyee Sheppard

Endeavour in 7SS English, Science, Excellence in 7SS Girls Physical Education

Special prizes:

Excellence in Years 7 & 8 Maths Olympiad (School Cup) .. Isaac Sheppard

Excellence in Junior Art (Williamson Trophy) Miriana Littlejohn

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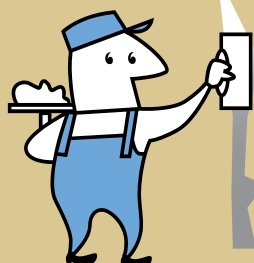
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A delicious iced Christmas cake was raffled and the lucky winner was Yvonne Yorke.

Hospice Kaipara Paparoa Volunteers thank the community for their support which raised \$320. This enables continued service and support to be given to families in our community.

Joy Bonham

Youthful faces at Paparoa Store

The new owners of Paparoa Store are Vincent Huang and Luna Zhang who hail originally from vastly different parts of China. Vincent is from Longyan in the southeast while Luna's home is Beijing.

Vincent and Luna met by chance in Auckland when coming to NZ she was teaching ballet. Now she is thinking of Luna called at the shop in Gulf Harbour where Vincent was assisting a friend. Luna was looking for help in starting a retail business. Romance developed and after travelling through NZ together they married in February 2014.

Vincent has a degree in Computer Science with 5 years' experience in systems integration and is particularly keen to use his skills to upgrade the retail systems used in the Store. In time perhaps he will be able to do more IT work for people in the community.

Luna trained as a classical ballet dancer from the age of 5 years until an accident prevented her from continuing a dancing career. Before

coming to NZ she was teaching ballet. Now she is thinking of



Luna Zhang and Vincent Huang

possibly offering Mandarin classes to interested locals.

Meanwhile they are the hardworking owners of a business with lots to learn and sort out to make the store run smoothly. Luna's parents are visiting in February so the pressure is on!

Huanying nin lai Paparoa!
Welcome to Paparoa! PP

Arty Farties /Community Connexions

Pumpkin Competition at Paparoa A&P show 7th Feb.

Prizes will be awarded for best overall giant pumpkin and the best smallest pumpkin, as well as 1st, 2nd and 3rd medals for school age entries. Pumpkins will be judged on Friday morning 6th February at the showgrounds. Note they are not judged by weight, but by size only, so use your tape measure. They'll be displayed as a centrepiece. We need 4 bales of hay to use in the display.

70 seedlings went out to schools and locals and I'm informed that some of them are doing well. The cups are on show in the window of Zephyr Oysters, Paparoa. This competition is in memory of a loved friend, Hector McKinnon, who was a keen gardener. If you have any queries please ph Anne 09 431 6229.



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Pets in the Valley

The New Year is a time when many people reflect on how they may improve their lives. One option many consider is weight loss, and the many ads on TV for gym equipment reflect this.

One little dog at Ruawai had a dramatic weight loss which improved his life considerably. Little Mohican, a 14 year old Jack Russell terrier, had a large tumour growing on his back. Given his age and the fact that blood work revealed he wasn't the best surgical candidate, it was a tough decision on what to do. However, the tumour needed to go, so surgery it was.



Before surgery Mohican weighed 12 kg. After surgery he weighed 10kg. The tumour was 17% of his body weight! The change in the dog was instant. His first delightful discovery was that he could now run under fences and running everywhere was now effortless. He is like a young dog once more. I decided it was akin to taking a pack off after a day tramping when you get that lovely feeling like you are bouncing with every step.

So, if extra weight is weighing you- or your pet- down, then losing some may result in getting the bounce back in your stride!

Have a great 2015.

Janine

Everybody's Reading Room

A Kaipara Crisis of Conscience: 1915-1919

Everybody's Reading Room is an exciting new play written by Sheri O'Neill of Tinopai which is to be directed by Alister Williams. It is based on actual events in Dargaville during WW1.

Platform Thirteen (last seen presenting *The Tempest* on the Paparoa Landing) will produce the inaugural shows with Creative Communities and Lottery Grant Board support.

Rehearsals start in February, once weekly, and a bit more for some characters. The production, scheduled for late May through June, will be staged in Dargaville, at

Otamatea Repertory Theatre and at Forum North in Whangarei.

Auditions will be on 17th and 18th January. A range of actors of different ages are being sought; and production members are also needed. Details and excerpts, venues and times are available by contacting Sheri 09 431 6907, or Alister 09 432 1890.

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On either a permanent or seasonal basis your produce would be welcomed by market customers. A stall only costs \$12 per time and we can hire you a gazebo too.

The market is a lively place and attracts many locals and travellers who enjoy the friendly Paparoa atmosphere.

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The next market is Saturday 10th January. 

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Yeeha, the holiday season is upon us. Of course, before we can achieve this halcyon state there are many things on the to do list. Cooking, cleaning and shopping are all to be fitted into and around the working day.

I was thinking about how we bandy around the word Holiday without thinking of where this word comes from. It is so much a part of our day to day language we just take it for granted that it means a break, a break away from work. Yet, in fact it comes from the Old English *hāligdæg*, *hālig* holy + *dæg* day and its first known use was before the 12th Century, while the common term of holiday was apparently first used circa 1869. It seems that every time we are saying "Oh boy, I need a holiday", we are actually desiring a Holy Day. In our secular world I find that quite amusing.

Whatever word we use, whatever meaning we take from it I believe that everyone does need to take time to recharge, to take some space for ourselves. Our world is so fast, communications are so rapid (and often vapid) that we can have demands made on us seven days a week and in every waking moment. When is the last time you sat somewhere, somewhere nobody could contact you, and just sat and thought thoughts? If you are like me, then not often enough. So take a break, treat the time to yourself as holy and have an awesome Christmas Holiday.

And, as an excerpt from Longfellow says

"The holiest of all holidays are those
Kept by ourselves in silence and apart;
The secret anniversaries of the heart,
When the full river of feeling overflows;
The happy days unclouded to their close;
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Paparoa Lions 2014



As we look back on 2014 the Paparoa Lions Club can reflect on another year of serving our community, another year of camaraderie and fun social events, and a tinge of sadness with the loss of Lion Tom Sutton and the departure for the city of Lions Ian Pasley, Ian Harper and Frank Wu and their wives.

Highlights of the Lions' year always include the Pioneer Luncheon, the Primary Schools' Speech Competition and supporting young people in their endeavours.

This year we can add to those a trip to the theatre while raising money for defibrillators, a community information evening and some interesting guest speakers at our monthly dinner meetings.

We have raised a lot of money for distribution in our community by cutting, splitting and selling firewood and by selling countless hotdogs and chips at various events around the district. We have

also supported other local organisations such as WAG, the Show committee, and all those great local groups who cater for our monthly dinners.

Looking forward, we see another busy year ahead and we are pleased to have some prospective new members to join us. We welcome anyone else who would like to be part of helping our community in such a constructive and enjoyable way.

If you are interested or would like to know more please contact our current President Mark Pilkington on 431 7369.

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Perhaps you could write a poem, take a photograph or draw a picture and send it to us. Here's a wonderful poem by Auckland poet, Paula Green, to get you started.

The Fantail

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dance tail
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by Paula Green

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Fire Force news

There were very few callouts in December. The ground is still quite wet so no major fire dangers yet.



Meantime I must say a huge thank you to the lady that baked the hospice cake that I won! We have had a pre-christmas taste and it is absolutely beautiful... just like my great nana used to make.

Yvonne Yorke

Have your say on bridges!

The Matakohē bridges and road realignment project has made it onto the Northland Road Transport Committee discussion list for the Regional Land Transport Plan 2015-2018 period.

One of nine proposed improvements, it has a good chance of being selected for funding. MP Mike Sabin urges Kaipara residents to submit on the plan as outlined in the NRC's recent Regional Report. This is the closest the works have been to receiving funding so let's make our views known to the Plan, at www.nrc.govt.nz.

A summary of the Draft Plan is available at Skeltons Drapery, Paparoa Village and submissions can be sent online, by email or by post, closing 3pm Friday 30th January 2015. There is a Public Drop-In day at Dargaville Town Hall on 12th January, 5-7pm to discuss the draft plan before sending your submission! PP

The early summer garden

December has brought wind damage again. My poor sweet-peas, in full beautiful bloom, now lie all bent over and bruised! That's what comes of living in an exposed place I guess. Still the rain will make the dairy farmers happy, if not the kumara planters.

A recent conversation led to this bit of garden information about the NZ native Bronze Beetle. It causes those shot-like holes in the leaves and damages young apple fruits. Emerging from larvae which have been happily eating grass roots in the soil, this small brown 4-5mm long and 3mm round beetle emerges in October/November, climbs up our fruit trees and begins munching on the leaves. Its first flight is a mating flight and that's when they can be found in piles around outside lights. After this all flights are for finding food. This beetle is not fussy, normally eating many varieties of trees and shrubs which cause unsightly, but not terminal, damage.

To lessen its effect, cultivate the soil around your fruit trees in early September (maybe put the hens in there) when the larvae are rising, and again two weeks later. A cultivated two metre strip will lessen the population by up to 90%. A soil drench could also be used at this point, but you may kill the good guys too.

Sprays can also be used, but in my brief research I did not find any I would be happy using because of the risk to bees.

However, some areas have no trouble with Bronze Beetles, and even two trees within a distance of 20 metres may not be damaged equally. Research is being carried out for biological controls as they can be a major problem for organic apple growers. Galas seem to be more attractive to the beetles than other varieties.

Have a great summer and do take time to smell the roses!

RECIPE - for Basil (which grows faster than you can use it in salads) ... **an inexpensive basil pesto!**

*Wizz handfuls of large leafed basil and good quality olive oil in your blender until nice and fine.
Add grated tasty cheese and wizz again
Vary cheese and add salt to suit your taste.
Store in the fridge and use in dollops on potatoes, on stir fries or with crackers or chips.*

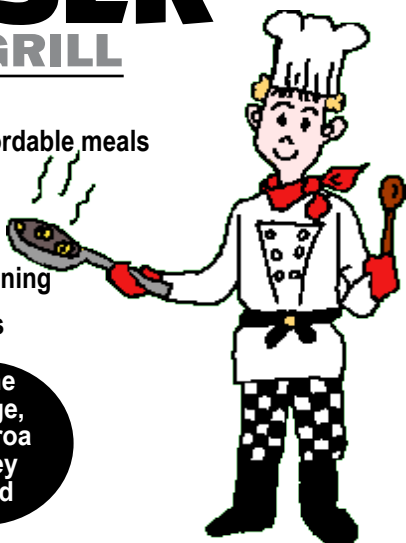
I know it's not as good as the expensive pesto with pine nuts and parmesan, but still yummy and so useful.

Stella Clyde

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OUT & ABOUT around the district ...

If you are wondering about the road subsidence outside Paparoa Dairy this has been reported to NZ Transport Authority a couple of times. Hopefully by the time you read this the work will have been done. If you have any other State Highway maintenance issues the number to ring is 0800 111 655. If it's a Kaipara Council roading problem ring 0800 727 059. This number applies for all council maintenance issues such as streetlights, public toilets, rubbish, trees etc.

The Wind In The Willows - presented by Otamatea Repertory Theatre in November was a big hit and deemed to be their best show for some years. The audience was quickly drawn into life down by the river with Mole, Rat, Toad, and Badger. The wily weasels and timid little field mice were very effective; the very good singing, colourful costumes and clever props together made for a very happy spectacle. The pace was slick and the cast obviously enjoyed

the show immensely. First-time Director Shar Dormer and all of the hardworking team are to be congratulated!

Our condolences go out to the Flower family on the death of their mother Bernice Flower, of Maungaturoto, especially Sally & Graham Taylor. Bernice and husband Alan were regular customers at Paparoa's Farmers' Market and often supported many other events



in the community. Bernice was a 3x repeat Wearable Arts contestant. They both worked tirelessly in the Kauri Museum gardens and Bernice was known for making beautiful tussie mussie flower posies for the Museum's annual Settlers' Day. PP wishes Alan a speedy

recovery from his illness.

It was also with sadness that we learned of long time resident Shirley Martin's death early in December. Shirley and Andy retired to Skelton Crescent, Paparoa. Andy had been a local stock agent and was caretaker of the Paparoa Hall for many years. Shirley instigated the Quilters' Group and for many years was a prime mover, very productive and most encouraging to newcomers. They had moved to Morrinsville seven years ago. The family (Wendy, Scott, Carlene & Helen) have laid Shirley's ashes in the crematorium section of Matakohē Cemetery. Many of their friends came to the service there and at the Paparoa Hall.

Outdoor bowls are held regularly at the Maungaturoto Green. Whilst the bowling club is at Maungaturoto, it is envisaged that people in Paparoa may be interested in playing outdoor bowls, as there is no longer a club in Paparoa. Call Tony 431 6026 or Brian 431 6884 for information.

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Last week, we drove down to Auckland, planning to avoid the 'rush hour' by not leaving Paparoa until 8.30 for an appointment at 11am.

The traffic was fine all the way until, at ten minutes to ten, we crested the rise before Oteha Valley Road. At the bottom of the hill traffic was stationary and remained so for a good five minutes. Next, we moved in fits and starts over the next hill to Greville Road and ground our way up and over the next hill to Tristram Ave. At last we were able to exceed 40 kph for the first time in over twenty minutes. The Esmonde Road junction was surprisingly easy, the Harbour Bridge was completely clear and we travelled with ease at 80kph all the way to spaghetti junction which was empty!

All the way from Oteha Valley the 'on ramp' lights were obviously in operation, but seemed to make no difference to the congestion on the motorway. I wondered why they have them at all; traffic was exactly as I remember it when I had to do the daily grind from Albany to the city years ago. And still we're assured that with the high cost of petrol and the advent of the busway, traffic on the Northern Motorway has decreased!

Interestingly, the *Herald* published a letter from a daily Takapuna commuter who noted that one day when the 'on ramp' lights at Esmonde Road were not working, he was through in no time; normally he had to queue for twenty minutes!

One has to question the sense of spending millions of dollars to set up these systems, and I hate to think how much the proposed tolling will cost to establish.

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art Opening soon ... White Rock Gallery

Good news! A new gallery, called *White Rock Gallery* is planned to open soon right here in Paparoa. This is clearly an idea whose time has come; once the proposal was made word spread quickly and we discovered just how many creative people were active locally and enthusiastic to be involved.

There are about 30 artists and craftspeople from Paparoa and nearby who are working toward establishing *White Rock Gallery* in Brooke House. This is the brick building by Skelton's bridge, which it will share with the Library. The gallery will exhibit a wide range of selected art and craftwork produced by talented members of our community.

We are embracing the retro building and carpet style (that yellow and brown patterned axminster was made to last!) and your feet will appreciate the comfort of wool while you appreciate the artwork.

To give the best opportunity for both locals and visitors, the gallery will be open seven days a week 10am to 4pm. Members will staff the gallery, giving visitors an opportunity to meet the artists and talk about the work.

There's some effort needed to prepare the space and assemble an interesting selection of work to exhibit, so we are aiming to open the door to visitors on February 2nd, then have an official opening on February 7th.

If you are a creative person who hasn't yet made contact and you're interested in becoming a member, you can phone Jillaine 431 7547, or Kathy 431 7144 for membership details and conditions.

Helen Budd

Recycling

Despite the fact that a recycling collection takes place in the Kaipara, it seems that many of those living off main routes find it inconvenient to travel to the nearest collection point with flimsy and expensive bags of sometimes smelly items in their vehicle. If this applies to you, then help is at hand.

Recently arrived in our Paparoa area, a keen young man would like to take this worry away from you by providing you with containers and regularly collecting them from your gate. Yes, there will be a small charge, but how much cleaner and convenient would this be, especially for those not so young or fit. It would also eliminate those unsightly piles of bags on corners throughout our area – not a good look!

Recycling is important for our environment and such a small thing to do to help our country to retain its 'clean and green' image, so let's all do our best in the easiest way possible. For further information contact Clayton 022 011 0335.

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Where are they now?

Following some of our bright young local talent



Siobhan Ellis

Siobhan Ellis attended Paparoa Primary School, moved to Otamatea High until Year 12, and then studied by correspondence for a further two years.

She is a very focussed, motivated, independent and ambitious young lady who decided quite early in her school years that the path she wished to follow was to become a veterinarian.

To this end she was accepted in her first semester to do the Pre

Vet course at the Albany campus of Massey University. This gave her entry to Massey University, Palmerston North, to study for a Bachelor of Veterinary Science (BVSC), and she has completed her 2nd year with creditable passes.

On the practical side of the course Siobhan is committed to working on a variety of farms, vet clinics and zoos in the university holiday breaks, sometimes near to home.

She is currently working part time at the Wild Base in Palmerston North. With three more years of study to complete her present course, Siobhan's sights are set on becoming a wildlife vet, for which even further qualifications will be required.

This will not deter her determination!

Jake Powell attended Paparoa Primary School for his first five years, and then Matakoho School for his 6th and 7th year. Advancing to Otamatea High he maintained a high standard of excellence, becoming Deputy Head Boy in his final year and Dux at the completion of his time there.



Jake Powell

With an engineering career in mind, Jake was accepted into Auckland University for the 2014 year, and attained creditable results in his General Engineering Course. In 2015 he will specialise in Mechanical Engineering until the completion of his four-year engineering education.

At home in Paparoa for the holidays, Jake is pleased to spend time with his family and friends and prepare for another change in his life. He has joined with several others in a flatting situation. At the time of this interview he was busily making some suitable furniture to use.



Ying Ying Cui

Ying Ying Cui, attended Paparoa Primary School for a short time before she transferred to the Christian School at Maungaturoto. From there she attended the ACG Senior College in Auckland, where she sat the Cambridge Examinations, and attained A+'s in english, maths, chemistry and biology.

From an early age Ying Ying knew she wanted to be a doctor, so the next step in her journey was to take her to Australia, where she presently

attends Griffith University on the Gold Coast. Her 1st and 2nd years were spent as an undergraduate, progressing to medical studies in her 3rd year. Ying Ying's aim in 2015 will be to stay focussed and ensure she maintains high levels of achievement. After a further three years of study, she will make a decision on which specialised field of medicine she will follow.

Ying Ying is not only an academic, but is also an extremely talented pianist and had her own piano sent to Australia to ensure she is able to retain her skills. She finds her music a great way to relax from the hard grind of studying. PP

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In January 1939, nine-year-old Liesel Meminger is travelling by train with her mother and younger brother, Werner, to Munich where the children will be fostered. Unfortunately, Werner does not survive the journey. At his graveside Liesel discovers a book, *The Gravedigger's Handbook*, the first book of many that she would steal during the next few years. Liesel's foster father teaches her to read from *The Gravedigger's Handbook*, after which which she is determined to read, and so begins her love of story and words.

Narrated by Death, *The Book Thief* provides a unique perspective of life in Nazi Germany during the war years – Liesel's foster parents hide a Jewish man in their basement, work and food are both scarce, the frequency of air raids and death increases as the years pass. Amongst these horrors the children still play street football and steal apples from local growers. A gripping and engaging read for mature teens and adults. PP

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Black Gold ... a community composting opportunity

We all hate waste, it's frustrating, expensive and whatever is wasted is usually lost forever. Well let's not pass up an opportunity!

Recycling barely features in the Kaipara district. We have yellow recycling bags for home collection and a depot for recyclables in Ruawai. For KDC this seems to be 'duty done', although many residents seem not to know about them. Kaipara Refuse in Porritt Street

collect the blue and yellow bags and are part of a trust which funds the Kaurilands Skills Centre, a charity catering for people with intellectual disabilities. They appreciate your support.

Why not save the planet and improve the environment with a project which could benefit Paparoa financially? Community composting is growing around the world as more people recognise the benefits to society of this new 'black gold'. Have a look at various internet sites. Whangarei recently announced a plan based on the Auckland council's successful system.

Locally we will soon experience the inevitable fire ban and as a consequence increasing mounds of rich organic material will lie around until it can once again be turned into ash! A recent call to council on this matter was well received; however before they can allocate a designated area, the activity must be notified in the 2015 district plan (published

in March). This doesn't mean leave it until sometime next year! Planning and organising are essential for success so a 'start now' attitude would be a great advantage. With free base material and local expertise we could start up a cash project and gain good publicity for Paparoa.

Is there a group out there interested in an opportunity to be involved in community composting, and raise cash for local projects?

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Tinopai Fishing Contest 10 January, fishing 7am; weigh ins from 3pm
Pahi Regatta Pahi, 24 and 25 January
The Kauri Museum 'The Man from Matakohē' exhibition ongoing daily
Contact any regular event organisers re holiday closure times.

REGULAR EVENTS, MEETINGS AND ORGANISATIONS

Anglican Church St Marks 1st, 2nd & 4th Sundays 10am, Hook Road, Paparoa
Ararua Church 10.30am every Sunday, All welcome ph 431 6622
Art Group Paparoa 1st Sun in month, Helen Budd's Studio, ph 431 6192
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 on 431 6229 to enquire
 • Crafty Kids Club alt Saturdays 10-2pm, Rm 5 Paparoa Primary School
 • Beginners Patchwork Group, Mon 7pm, Te Pahi River Drive
Badminton Thurs, years 5-11, 5.30pm; older/experienced 7pm, Paparoa Hall
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Farmers' Market Fortnightly Sat 9-noon, Village Green Jan10, 24, Feb 7, 21
Fire Force 1st & 3rd Monday in month 6.30pm Depot Rd ph Cohan 431 6668
Gardening Club 2nd Wed of month, ph Lea 431 6296
Grey Power Last Wed in month, 2pm, Hall next to Resthome, M'gto
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Library Reopens Monday 5 January
Line Dancing Thurs 10am-noon Paparoa Hall ph Rose 431 7418
Mainly Music Wed 9.30am Paparoa Comm Church, ph Rebecca 431 7550
Matakohē Music Makers 2nd Wed in month 7.30pm @ Sports Pavilion, \$2 pp
Otamatea Quilters 1st Tue/mnth 7pm & 3rd Mon 10am, Paparoa Hall 09 439 2262
Outdoor Bowls Maungaturoto Green ph Tony 431 6026 or Brian 431 6884
Paparoa Community Church 10.30am every Sunday, Hook Road
Paparoa Hall Functions venue ph Robyn 431 7306 or a/h Loraine 431 7290
Paparoa Lions Dinner Meetings 3rd Mon in month 6.30pm, Sports Pavilion
Paparoa Playcentre Tue & Fri 9.30-12noon Visitors welcome ph Tina 021 033 5128
Paparoa Plunket Society Coffee Group 1st Tue/month, 10am Franklin Rd
Paparoa Toy Library Wed 10.30-1pm, Paparoa Comm Church, Hilery 431 7330
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2nd	3.49pm	9.52am	18th	4.06pm	10.10am
3rd	4.43pm	10.47am	19th	5.01pm	11.04am
4th	5.31pm	11.35am	20th	5.52pm	11.54am
5th	6.13pm	12.18pm	21st	6.41pm	12.42pm
6th	6.52pm	12.57pm	22nd	7.28pm	1.29pm
7th	7.28pm	1.33pm	23rd	8.16pm	2.16pm
8th	7.39am	2.06pm	24th	8.34am	3.02pm
9th	8.13am	2.39pm	25th	9.21am	3.50pm
10th	8.47am	3.13pm	26th	10.11am	4.40pm
11th	9.24am	3.50pm	27th	11.04am	5.34pm
12th	10.06am	4.31pm	28th	12.04pm	6.35pm
13th	10.52am	5.19pm	29th	1.12pm	7.44pm
14th	11.47am	6.14pm	30th	2.25pm	8.26am
15th	12.50pm	7.17pm	31st	3.31pm	10.32am
16th	1.59pm	8.00am			

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Local Photo Competition

December results below ... looking forward to seeing January entries



Big Tree, Robyn Skelton
December winning entry



Highly commended: **Whakapirau sparkles**, Sally Taylor



Highly commended: **Sunset clouds from Paparoa Store**, Frank Wu

Robyn Skelton has won the prize for December, her photo to be set onto a 5x7 chromalux board or onto a coffee mug, however she chooses. So come on photographers, it's not difficult! While you're out and about snap a photo from our Kaipara area, and send to press@paparoa.org.nz. with your name and photo title. Note we have extended the deadline for January to the 7th. PP

Wake up to weeds ...

Wandering Jew (*Tradescantia fluminensis*)

This noxious weed originated from South America. It can be recognised by its fleshy, dark green, shiny leaves with white flowers at the ends of its branches. It forms dense mats often in damp, shady areas and prevents the germination of native plants. Its stems are weak, trailing and attached by fine roots.

Dispersal can be from broken off sections of stem or leaves which are spread by water and dumping with garden waste.

REMOVAL: These plants have fine and shallow roots which are easily detached so that even a single leaf or stem node will take root

and shoot again if left behind. Thick mats can be rolled off the ground with a rake, then lift plants onto a large sheet of black polythene. Use a knife or trowel to leave no parts behind. Some stems are thinner and browner and harder to spot, and succulent



pieces will survive for a long time. Roll the mat up into the polythene and seal it off. Leave in hot sun until it is dead.



Alternatively it can be composted alone, so long as plants are kept off the ground away from the soil or moisture. Soaking the plants in hot water is an alternative method which will kill the plants. The remaining 'slurry' can then be used as fertiliser as long as they have not been sprayed with herbicide. Continual follow up of the area will be required for some time in order to prevent regrowth.

Herbicides such as Amitrole, Triclo and Glyphosate can be used, with a wetting agent, but this takes time to take effect and plants often need following up. PP



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