

Pahi Wharf Dawn Blessing

On 21 December voices joined in karakia and waiata, led by kaumatua Hone Martin and representatives of Te Uri o Hau as a dawn blessing was performed to open the wharf's gangway and pontoon. Alongside Te Uri o Hau were Kaipara District Council elected members and staff, representatives of the contractors (Hubands, Bellingham Marine, WSP engineers, Pahi Boat Club and community members. Willow-Jean Prime, Labour MP for Northland was also in attendance. For the full story go to www.kaipara.govt.nz/news/post/286-Dawn-blessing-opens-the-Pahi-wharf-upgrade.

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Sweet Delights

Vicky in the Christmas spirit with her delicious offerings at the Paparoa Farmers' Market in December. The market is back on January 8th.



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Local Talent - Making Music And Videos

Paparoa singer-songwriter Brian Baker recently released his latest single, "Everywhere You Go". With its catchy hook, 'Everywhere You Go' is a wonderfully laid-back and thoughtfully sincere track, driven by a swinging bass-line, melodic rock-blues guitar and soothing vocals.

Production is underway for a new video filmed on his farm and in the beautiful surrounds of Kaipara which will be released in the new year.

Maungaturoto/Paparoa is home to many professional film practitioners who are waiting for work due to current Covid alert level restrictions.

Locals involved in the production are:

Director/Actor - Julie Edwards (1989 Toi Whakaari graduate, 100+ productions for Court Theatre, Circa and Downstage Theatre, Fortune Theatre, Centrepont Theatre, Auckland Theatre company, Te Rākau Hua o te reo Tapu, Fusion

Productions and Siera Productions).

Cinematographer - Fred Renata (Whale Rider, Magik and Rose, 800 words, Being Eve, Poi E, Herbs-songs of freedom).

Storyboard Artist - David Gunsen (Boots, Foreign Fields, The Map Maker, music clip artist for Darcy Clay and Hayley Westernra).

Costume - Kate Hawley (The Lord of the Rings TV series, Chaos Walking, The Call of The Wild, Mortal Engines, Suicide Squad, Crimson Peak).

Cast - Rose Pickard and Brian Baker, plus Maungaturoto/Paparoa Whanau.

Borne out of COVID times, the song deals with feelings of separation - while we are unable to hold our loved ones, or be in their physical presence, we can still hold them in our hearts and minds.

Having come home to New Zealand, Brian and his Australian partner Kat settled into an off-the-grid permaculture property in Paparoa. It was while he was setting up a new studio recording space that he dreamt up the tune.

Brian is also in demand for his musical experience and production skills, and is currently producing several local artists at his studio The Bakery.



Julie Edwards and Fred Renata check the light



Brian Baker and Maggie

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Bushwalk Upgrade A Step Closer

Recently an onsite meeting to discuss the upgrading of the Paparooa Lions Bushwalk was held. It was attended by Gavin Clapperton (Northland Regional Council Kauri Protection Specialist), Jonathan Carpenter (consultant archaeologist), Trevor Butler (engineering and design contractor), Jim Rowlands (Paparooa Lions Club) and Peter Hames.

This meeting was to get a better understanding of what is needed for mitigation of Kauri dieback, protection of the archaeology of the Pa and the cultural heritage of the site.

The onsite discussions will be taken for further conversation with local iwi and Heritage N.Z. for approval. It is hoped the work will be completed this summer.

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Council Mark says – Is it a bird? No, it’s a bat.

In case you hadn’t caught up with the news, the official 2021 national Bird of the Year is the long-tailed bat. Really. It reminds me of a time as a law student back in the Dark Ages before I dropped out and went farming, when I had to participate in a moot (mock trial).

At issue was a native Indian who had ridden his horse through a reserve area from which horses were prohibited. Fred (not his real name) argued that it was not a horse that he had ridden, but a bird; it had feathers on its back by virtue of the cushion he had strapped to it, and the fact that it had four legs more than satisfied the requirement for two. Not all birds are able to fly, so the ‘appaloosa bird’ could not be disqualified on that score. Of course, birds were permitted in the reserve. I cannot recall whether I was advocating for the prosecution or the

defence, but I do remember it as a bit of light relief from the dustier aspects of the syllabus. And the point of this little flight of fancy down Memory Lane? A recent High Court decision has had the effect that the National Policy Statement on Freshwater applies to the habitat of the mangrove tree, which means that a marine/saltwater/estuarine plant has a freshwater habitat. This has significant implications for what happens in our harbours – maybe by cutting off their source of nutrients through fencing off and planting up waterways we are compromising the viability

of the mangroves, and the efforts of my land care group in producing over 100,000 trees for riparian planting are misguided. Having a bat for a Bird of the Year doesn’t seem so crazy after all.

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Mountain Bike Track Update

Things are going well with the mountain bike tracks in the bush corner of the show grounds. Our intrepid good helpers hired a digger - at a great reduced price from Kaipara Landscape Supplies at the Maungaturoto railway - a big thank you for their kindness. With this they have managed to complete the earthworks to make the "up" track bikeable.



There are now three "down" tracks of varying grades to test you out on. Last job to do is to get some signage up so people can find where to go and play on the tracks over summer.

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Pahi Norfolk Pines

Kaipara communities are to have a say on whether the Norfolk Pines in Pahi should remain protected or whether they can be removed, as part of the District Plan review process. A petition to have the trees removed was brought to Council by the Pahi community, stating the trees had become dangerous.

At its October meeting, KDC determined that the District Plan review process would be used to review the tree status and confirm whether the trees should remain protected or be removed from the District Plan. Council also asked how the risks associated with the trees could be managed in the meantime.

The two Norfolk Pines are listed as notable trees in the Operative District Plan, noting their historic, scenic or scientific significance within the district. They have been regularly checked by arborists for health and safety since 2014. To date, arborists have reported the trees to be in good health.

The trees may be removed by applying for a resource consent or by changing the District Plan. Through the District Plan review the Council will take a holistic look at how notable trees are defined and identify trees throughout the district that should be considered notable. The review will be consulted on with Kaipara communities in May 2022.

Applying for a resource consent would need an arborist's report stating that the trees are dangerous and

require removal. This process may likely need to be publicly notified. If tree removal was recommended, the District Plan would still require updating to remove them from the notable trees schedule.

Neither approach will guarantee a result of tree removal but would give Kaipara communities more of a voice in their fate.

The Council also made it clear that the public's health and safety was a priority. Staff are reviewing budgets for regular maintenance and assessing whether any areas needed to be cordoned off to ensure public safety.

The expected cost of tree removal would be between \$18,500 and \$45,400 and would need to be budgeted as part of the Annual Plan 2022-2023.

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Waka Kotahi (NZTA) is reviewing speeds on sections of state highways in Northland and North Auckland including SH12.

They ran some public engagement from 3 May to 14 June 2021 and are now planning for the next phase, which will involve a formal public consultation in 2022, beginning in mid-February.

This is another opportunity for the community to provide additional information that may impact on the final decision.

More details will follow in the new year, including how to provide feedback and notice of any information sessions being held locally.

A summary of the first phase of engagement can be found on the nzta website: www.nzta.govt.nz/assets/projects/northland-auckland-speed-reviews/docs/northland-and-north-auckland-speed-reviews-engagement-summary-2021.pdf



**Member-Northland District Health Board
Libby Jones – Stay Safe Paparoa...**

I am in the very privileged position of being able to share my thoughts in the Paparoa Press and other publications each month, as an elected member of the Northland District Health Board. I try to share what is happening in the health sector, what the plans are with the Northland DHB in various areas, how the system works and other information I think would be helpful for locals to know about health and wellbeing.

My background is in social work working in health, not as a medical professional. I am still working in social services so I see hardship, distress and unwell people every day. I have always supported prevention as better than cure, and I am still absolutely convinced of public and personal health measures that we can use to promote good health and maintain our wellbeing.

One of the things I find most difficult to understand is how people can be disbelieving of the science of vaccination, yet will line up at hospital to get treatment and help when they become unwell, with in this case COVID 19. Over the years I have seen people in the community refuse childhood vaccination for their children but when measles or other nasties strike, they ask for medications (and who knows how they are made?) to make

them better and want to be vaccinated. The trouble is it can be too late, as you can't get vaccinated when you are suffering from the illness and fighting for your life.

Paparoa has lower levels of vaccination than many other areas, 15% lower than the national average for first and second doses and lower than much of Kaipara and Northland. This is not the Paparoa that I know, where it is all about community and looking out for each other, especially those who are at higher risk of being very unwell - older persons, young children, those with immune issues or respiratory conditions.

Finally, are you prepared for COVID in our community? Think how you will manage in your home or business if you or one of your family, neighbours or work colleagues become infected with COVID 19

and have to self isolate. Information is available on the Northland DHB website: www.northlanddhb.org.nz/home/covid-19/be-covid-ready
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Paparoa Show

It is with regret that the North Kaipara Agricultural Association has cancelled the 146th 2022 Paparoa show. The show was due to be held on the 5th of February and we waited as long as we could before making the decision to not go ahead.

Hopefully we can resume in 2023 with lots of enthusiasm and participation. That also gives us more time to find a secretary if you know of anyone....

Best wishes for 2022.

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Letters from The Old Post Office... It was ever thus...



Dear Reader, I have been reading "Longbourn" by Jo Baker. A servant's view of Jane Austen's "Pride and Prejudice." You know, the one waiting up to help her giddy mistress out of her beribboned gown after the splendour and pomp of a local soiree, the one to then arise before cock crow to light fires, empty slop buckets and fetch water. Spend hours scrubbing that muddy petticoat with raw, chilblained hands and generally work all hours of day and night at the beck and call of those not only with more money but of a class system that kept (and still does) people in their place. Sounds a bit like some mothers I know. Apart from the slop buckets (I hope).

And, it is this that once again makes me wonder. We love to take things at face value, we accept ways of behaving, ways of seeing simply because that is what we, our friends and family, do. We do not question.

We are attracted by pomp and splendour, by what others have and what we believe we have not. We do not look below the surface, or at the true cost of the way we live.

However, quoting Oscar Wilde my offspring have reminded me "Each class preaches the importance of those virtues it need not exercise. The rich harp on the value of thrift, the idle grow eloquent over the dignity of labour." Pompous little gits. Apparently, they consider moi to have fallen into the comfortable trap of critiquing others behaviour and not my own. Yes, it seems idle hands lead to something or other. If only I could remember what. And, they must have discovered that I bought TWO bottles of wine last week at a time I was preaching economy. Oh, the evils of social media or rather the stupidity of over sharing on Instagram. Is there a way to block relatives? I know that you can on FB, but have yet to work out the possibilities on other social media sites.

But, I quavered to those

harsh critics (and who has not suffered those OUTRAGEOUS slings and shafts that progeny can hurl)? I am learning to knit! That is taking up quite some time. Clearly, they riposted, it is not time particularly well spent. There are holes in that piece of knitting you shared on FB!! Dear Reader, it was in vain that I protested that those holes are deliberate, they ARE part of the pattern. "The lady doth protest too much" they returned. Oh, I rue the day I taught them Shakespeare.

In parting, Dear Reader, I said to them, in view of the ushering in of a new year "Come gentlemen (ladies/other/sproglers) I hope we shall drink down all unkindness." (1) They replied that "Alcohol may be man's worst enemy, Mother".

I replied with "The bible says love your enemy." (2) Sanctimonious little cabbage heads. We may be speaking later in 2022.

Happy New Year. Salut.

1. Shakespeare
2. Sinatra

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Regatta Remembered – Childhood Years

The Regatta began for me soon after the end of World War II when boats were back in the water. Counter-stern launches were the boat of the day, petrol engines were the only type of engines in these boats as diesel was yet to make an appearance.

I remember one evening before the Regatta weekend going out onto the wharf to watch the boats come up the harbour on the rising tide. We waited and waited, no boats. There was fog everywhere. We went home very disappointed, and thought the whole regatta was going to collapse. However, we were up early the next morning, had breakfast, washed the dishes and swept the floor, then off we went.


We were dab hands at anchoring the dinghy where it would be in the right position for us to use the next morning. We were into the dinghy, rowed out into the harbour, and as

we rowed through the dense fog all these visiting launches appeared. People were waking up, calling out to each other, one guy rowed to his neighbour's boat, climbed up on the bow and blew his foghorn down the forward hatch. Well that woke everybody.

That Regatta was held with as much fun as any others and it meant so much to us children to see it all. On shore there were the sideshows. One of the most popular was the wall of death, a wooden tank that was erected on site. Once the spectators were at the top of the tank on a platform looking in, two men went in through

the small door at the bottom and started their Francis Barnet motor bikes, very small bikes stripped down to two wheels, a petrol tank, an engine and not much else. Those bikes started with one push on the kick starter and ran without missing a beat. The men rode round an elevated edge at the bottom of the tank until they gained a bit of speed and then climbed the wall. They drove round and round climbing to the top and back down, one at a time, both together, holding hands, and they generally had us gasping with the courage that they showed riding those bikes. The merry-go-rounds were of course popular they were there every year and the dodgems came some years, they were popular too. There was never enough pocket money to cover the lot. If we got on to two of these attractions we were doing pretty well. Somewhat different to the Regattas of today.

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 - Otamatea Harbour Care - for ongoing costs in providing trees to plant around Kaipara's waterways
 - Pahi Community Hall - for upgrade of storage area
 - Marohemo Hall Society - for new water heaters in the kitchen
 - Paparoa Sports and Recreation - for new lighting in the pavilion
 - Paparoa Hall - for ongoing expenses due to lack of income in Covid lockdown
 - Taipuha Hall - for re-roofing costs
 - Māungaturoto Recreational Society - for a new water heater in the kitchen
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The scholarships have a specific aim to build Māori capacity within Te Taitokerau, with four of the eight scholarships earmarked for Māori who whakapapa to Te Taitokerau.

Chair Smart says of the remaining four scholarships offered this year, another will also be set aside for a student undertaking study, research or training related to council's land or water functions.

"The benefits of the scholarships themselves are quite broad and include raising students' environmental awareness and understanding, encouraging Mātauranga Māori research and education, as well as promoting leadership and innovation."

Applicants must be New Zealand citizens or permanent residents who live in Northland (or have family that does) or whakapapa to Te Taitokerau.

They must also be enrolled (or have an intention to enrol) in a recognised tertiary course of study that relates to council's environmental and regulatory functions and be studying at an undergraduate or higher qualification level.

Full eligibility criteria and application form are available from scholarships.nrc.govt.nz. All applications/supporting documentation must be submitted online by Wednesday 02 March 2022.

Once the application period closes in early-March 2022, a selection panel from the council's Community Engagement, Environmental Services and Māori Engagement teams will review them.

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Libby Jones from Paparoa has been elected to the chair of the Sport Northland board at the trust's first board meeting following the recent AGM.

Libby has been on the board since 2016, initially as the representative from Kaipara District Council, and for the past two years has served as the deputy chair. Her election is a significant milestone for the organisation, becoming the first female chair of Sport Northland.

With a successful professional career in health and social services behind her, Libby is currently the manager of Jigsaw North Manaaki Whānau Services in Whangārei, as well as joint owner of a beef farm near Paparoa in the Kaipara district.

Governance-wise, Libby has been a director on the Northland District Health Board for eight years and has been a key contributor in the alignment of NDHB and Sport Northland over the past five years. Other governance experience has included a term as a Kaipara District Council Councillor and board roles with Rural Support Trust Northland and Volunteering Northland, as well as many years' experience on school boards of trustees.

She has a strong commitment to, and experience in implementing Te Tiriti o Waitangi in a variety of roles and organisations and has knowledge of wider equity issues and how they impact on Māori whānau in Tai Tokerau. She is extremely excited by the recent board structure changes which has allowed Sport Northland to step into the Māori co-governance space.

In her local community of Paparoa, Libby is the chair of the Paparoa Sport and Recreation Association Inc, which works to promote sport and active recreation for all ages in the local community.

Brent Eastwood, Northern Advocate

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Eels - Tuna

When I was a child growing up one of my favourite pastimes was playing in the Paparooa Stream and sometimes fishing for eels. As an adult I have learnt about these amazing creatures - so much so that when I went eel fishing with my grandson, I made him put the eel back after catching it.



What is so great about eels?

There are 2 types in NZ.

Long fin

- Are found in lakes and rivers throughout NZ and live 20- 80 years before they breed!
- These eels can only be found in NZ.
- These black fish are one of the world's largest eels weighing up to 40kg. (Story has it that a boatie lost his outboard in Nelson Lakes, freaked out on meeting one of the large eels when diving for it and got the "bends" coming up so fast.)
- Their population is declining. There is now a program to save eels trying to migrate from Lakes Wakatipu, Hawea and Wanaka down the Clutha, that would otherwise be chopped up by the Roxborough Hydroelectric Plant turbines.
- They cannot tolerate polluted water and so will generally be found in pristine mountain streams and lakes
- They are very good at climbing waterfalls

Short fin

- Are found in streams and dams and can tolerate some pollution.
- They do not breed until 15 – 20 years old. Their population has also declined in part due to historical over fishing and loss of habitat, but are not endangered.
- Swamp draining systems and hydroelectric power stations can cause migrating eels to be killed or prevented from reaching their destinations.
- They are lighter in colour and usually only grow to about 1 metre weighing about 3.5kg.
- They are also found in Australia and some Pacific Islands.

General Information

- Both varieties migrate about 5000k to the Tonga Trench near New Caledonia to breed and die after spawning.
- The female produces 1000s of eggs which are fertilised by the male, after which both parents die.
- The newly hatched larvae are less than 1mm in size and leaf shaped and slowly drift back to NZ.
- Before re-entering the streams from which their parents came, they change shape into glass eels.
- It is not possible to breed eels in captivity due to their complex requirements regarding light, pressure and temperature.
- Hydroelectric plants were not built with eel's requirements factored in and although in some overseas instances bypasses were created, these have not solved the problem.
- Some parks have 'tame' eels that are fed regularly so that the general public can meet these amazing animals. A friend had 'tame' eels in the Arcadia Rd stream many years ago.

Stella

I've been thinking ... Division

Wherever you go people are talking about Covid and Covid vaccinations. It's not only depressing: it's horribly divisive. At the very core of the argument is the philosophical dilemma as to whether our first loyalty should be to ourselves as individuals or to our larger community.

Basically homo sapiens are a social species. None of us could have survived childhood without some degree of nurture from others. We are not fish spawn released to survive unaided! Even as adults we have to rely on others in the increasingly complex modern world. "The Good Life" of self sufficiency may be an ideal, but it cannot be a practical reality. Even a hermit in the bush would want the occasional access to knives or pots or clothes.

Our modern welfare state acknowledges that it is the responsibility of the community to help individuals in need and most of us agree with that... which makes us socialists doesn't it.

We contribute our taxes and take our education, hospital care and benefits as needed. The system is clearly not perfect, but we endorse the underlying philosophy.

The Government, representing the entire NZ community, sometimes requires more than taxes from citizens. It expects compliance with laws which govern behaviour: things like

theft and murder are obvious concerns, but so are road regulations, food standards and so on. And now, in the face of pandemic, the Government is asking (not regulating) vaccinations to slow the spread and lessen the worst effects of Covid.

Antivaxers are indignant that the Government is telling them what to do with their bodies.

Vaxers are indignant that antivaxers will not join the effort to make the community safer.

You cannot sit on the fence on this argument: procrastination is essentially antivax. You've either had the jab or not.

You can, however, join me in absolutely condemning the vehemence with which the arguments are pursued. This includes the horribly emotive banners and protests whenever the vax van appears. And the vaxers' belief that antivaxers who contract Covid should be denied hospital care.

That's enough from me. I refer you to a more accomplished sermoniser, John Donne, and 'no man is an island...'

RS

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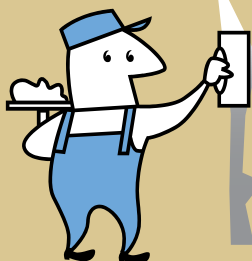
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Solving Problems From A Distance?

(From Wellington)

Covid vaccinations - Plans put in place without involving communities led to a slower uptake. Why weren't local health groups used to facilitate this?

Matakohe Twin Bridge Road - A great new road but what happened to the Ararua turn off lane that was in the consultation plans we all were shown. I am sure the excellent contractors just followed the plans they were given from Wellington where they must have been changed. Maybe a cost saving move?

On the same area - a great cycle track over the old bridges but what a shame the track went nowhere when maybe it could have continued up to Sterling Bush Road?



Changing the country's water problems by making it controlled by a few new super agencies controlled by very indirectly appointed council representatives and sharing 50:50 with iwi

appointees - so local input is virtually lost and if they do a bad job we can't vote them out.

I remember, many years ago, studying a university paper that as part of the content suggested that selling off productive farm land to make homes and life style blocks would make the land more productive. Really?

Maybe astronomers are the best ones to attempt to solve problems from a distance?

Stella

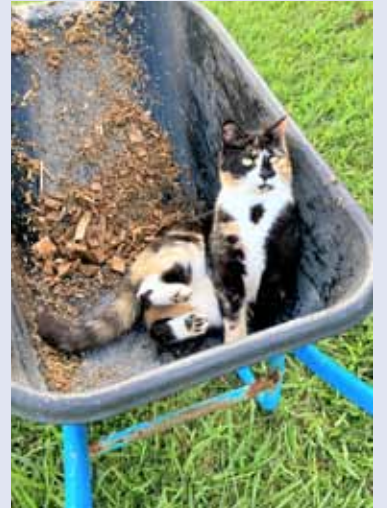
Pets in the Valley



Happy New Year to you all. Hope you have managed to have some relaxation time with your families and pets. I enjoy summer gardening with my cats helping. One is a wheelbarrow rider - empty or full she doesn't mind. Either way she has to be tipped out at some point, but she doesn't seem to mind that either. I miss having the little foxy helping as well - he had to be put down last year which was rather hard. I did discover some lovely plaques and things that get made in Whangarei at Art in Stones. They do stones engraved with names and paws which are very lovely as a memory.

It is a bit strange not having the Paparoa Show to look forward to. There has been very little opportunity for showing people to compete with their animals in the last year. It takes a lot of time, effort and skill to show animals plus a bit of luck on the day and obviously young stock need to get out and about to get used to the process and still manage to behave well. Hopefully things will improve for the next season - we all need things to look forward to.

Hope 2022 is good to everyone, Janine.



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January Gardening Notes

The New Year in the garden is producing the 'Fruits of your labours'.

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Inter-planting crops will help create shade and maximise your growing space and provide additional ground cover/mulch. This method will help your plants cope with hot and probable dry conditions. Plant low growing plants that hug the ground with taller plants. Corn provides shade for low growing crops, eg dwarf beans and peas while pumpkins will provide a ground cover as a living mulch. All the plants will benefit from this combination and you will harvest more per square metre of garden.



Pick veges every day to encourage continuous fruiting, eg peas, beans, cucumbers and courgettes.

Tomatoes - continue removing side shoot laterals and tie the main stem to the stake regularly. Remove all old bottom leaves to increase air circulation and reduce the risk of fungal disease.

Continue to 'Deadhead' spent flowers from roses and annuals to encourage more blooms - this, together with having a 'hate for weeds' who compete for valuable moisture with plants, will pay dividends.

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**The Farmers'
Market returns on
Jan 8th.**

Flax Weaving At Shop & Brew on Sundays. Bring some flax and learn under Naadi's tuition. Feel free to come in and try it out.

Have you noticed the coloured lights on the Village Green Playground? They were put up by Progressive Paparooa Inc to brighten the festive season. Congratulations to those shop owners and residents who also got into the Christmas spirit with their decorations.

Condolences

to the families of Trish Wooley, and of Don McCuffe. Both of whom passed away recently.



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

Friday 4th February (Buses will be running)

All **Year 9 students ONLY** to attend school (12.30pm finish time)

Year 11 and 12 Course confirmation will take place off site with scheduled digital interviews.

Tuesday 8th February Whole school to attend

Tuesday 22nd February School Athletics Day (all day)

Thursday 3rd March School Swimming Sports (all day)

School office opens **Monday 24th January 2022**. Please phone 09 431 8230 or 0800 682 628 for further information.

Please visit our website for 2022 school information including uniform, stationery and school calendar.

www.otamatea.school.nz

WHAT'S ON - JANUARY 2022

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REGULAR EVENTS, MEETINGS AND ORGANISATIONS

- Anglican Church St Marks** 1st, 2nd & 4th Sundays 10am, Hook Road, Paparoa
- Ararua Church** 10.30am every Sunday. All welcome Ph 431 6622
- Art Studio, Ruawai** Wed 10-12noon ph Frances 439 2554
- Badminton** Thursdays 7pm Paparoa Hall \$2 students, \$3 adults, Pete 021 056 7163
- Exercise to Music** Tue 10.30am Paparoa Hall \$5 Ph Rose 431 7418
- Farmers' Market** Every Saturday 9-Noon, Village Green, Graham 027 475 4490
- Grey Power** Last Wed in month, 1pm, Anglican Church Hall, Maungaturoto
- Grow Paparoa** Thur/Fri/Sun 10am to 2pm at the Community Gardens
- Holy Trinity Anglican Church**, Maungaturoto, 1st & 3rd Sundays, 10am; 2nd & 4th Sundays, 4pm. All welcome
- Kaipara Marching Team** Weds 4-5.30pm, M'gto, Ph Rose Plunkett 431 7418
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2nd	17.27	11.29	18th	6.08	12.36
3rd	18.19	12.21	19th	6.43	13.11
4th	6.40	13.10	20th	7.17	13.45
5th	7.29	13.59	21st	7.52	14.20
6th	8.16	14.47	22nd	8.28	14.56
7th	9.04	15.35	23rd	9.07	15.36
8th	9.52	16.24	24th	9.50	16.22
9th	10.42	17.15	25th	10.41	17.14
10th	11.37	18.09	26th	11.41	18.14
11th	12.38	6.43	27th	12.52	6.49
12th	13.45	7.48	28th	14.08	8.04
13th	14.48	8.53	29th	15.20	9.18
14th	15.44	9.52	30th	16.23	10.24
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16th	17.14	11.23			

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Sally



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MB

5 Questions for Brian Baker and Kat Finn

How long have you lived in the area? Just approaching 12 months now. I arrived from Melbourne on December 18th, did my two weeks of quarantine and then was able to move into this lovely land on January 29th. Kat arrived in April after Covid delays. Paparooa feels like home though. Despite forty years in Australia I've been through this area so much in the past. First as a child visiting relatives in Hikurangi and then when I attended boarding school in Whangarei. Then later as every time I hit Auckland I'd head up North and pass through on the way to Opononi, Tane Mahuta etc...

What brought you to the area? We were looking to buy in Northland, trawling the net for suitable land, even came out in November 2019, (pre Covid!), and looked at a few blocks. By May 2020 Kat had decided to do some WOOFING in Northland to look around and get a feel for different areas. Suddenly lockdown hit and all plans were off. Discovering this land on the internet, it seemed custom made for us and we were gobsmacked to find it was the place she had planned to stay as a WOOFER!

What do you do here? It seems as if you could pick a day and find that there's any number of tasks to do on this land, sometimes it feels overwhelming. Between that and running a recording studio, helping folks with music, writing, recording and releasing my own songs, and being part of this amazing community, our hands are quite full!

What do you like about the area? The land and the people. There seems to be a real attitude of "live and let live" amongst the Northland folk, coupled with a strong sense of community and a "how can I help?" mindset. A real joy to experience and to be part of. Also for me it's great to be back among the trees, bush, wildlife and climate of Northland after the harshness of Australia.

What things would you like to see happen here? I would like to see people living happy and peaceful lives unencumbered by expectations.



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