



JANUARY 2019

## Summer days

### CIRCUS KUMARANI 11-13 JANUARY

Northland Circus Festival 2019 11-13 January at Paparoa Showgrounds and the Paparoa War Memorial Hall. From ground to aerial skills, for beginners to advanced levels, this festival is for everyone. For more information go to page 3.

### TINOPAI FISHING COMPETITION 12 JANUARY

Tinopai Fishing Competition Saturday, 12 January 7am-5pm, at Tinopai School, 1913 Tinopai Rd Matakohē. See page 3 for advertising and editorial.

### 'SHE SHEARS' 19-20 JANUARY

Paparoa Hall Committee is showing this movie to promote the Northern shearing circuit competition. See the shearers in action at Paparoa's A&P Show. Go to page 4 for details.



### PAHI REGATTA 26-27 JANUARY



The 131st Pahi Annual Regatta Anniversary Weekend Saturday, 26 and Sunday 27 January down at the Pahi Domain. Launch and runabout races, kayak and bath tub races, Miss Pahi, stalls, rides, food. Live music from late afternoon. For entries ph Mike 027 185 1408 or visit facebook Pahi Boating

### ORT YOUTH THEATRE 14-27 JANUARY

Two classes run over 2 weeks in January at the theatre Bickerstaffe Road, Maungaturoto. Acting skills, singing, dance/movement. See page 12.

### PAPAROA PICNIC 6 JANUARY

A Sunday afternoon community get together. See below for all information.

Sunday  
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## Paparoa Show - on final countdown to Feb 2

North Kaipara A&P Show is on Saturday, February 2, 2019 at Paparoa Showgrounds. Come along and enjoy a great family day out.

November and December were busy times for Paparoa Show preparations. It was all hands to the pump getting the cattle pens cleared out and sprayed ready for new sawdust to go in. Biosecurity measures are now set for the prevention of Mycoplasma bovis see [facebook.com/notes/paparoa-show-nkaa-inc/cattle-classes-biosecurity-measures/293660461281061/](https://facebook.com/notes/paparoa-show-nkaa-inc/cattle-classes-biosecurity-measures/293660461281061/) for more details. We're encouraging our young paraders to bring their animals along and enjoy the day.

Indoor classes are numerous. Jas, co-ordinator of the cheesemakers section is keen to see entries from everyone who loves to make their own cheeses. There were some outstanding entries in 2018. Our indoor section is a fantastic way to show off your flower growing skills. Dorothy, our dahlia steward says now is the time to take extra care of your dahlias and staking is essential to create a prize winning bloom. Of course we've got many other categories for keen gardeners so get your vegetables going ready for February 2nd.

Paparoa PTA have come forward to be our caterers. Meantime NAAA is looking for a caterer and we also need a new treasurer. If you can step up and help please contact show secretary Rosemary ([secretary@paparoashow.org.nz](mailto:secretary@paparoashow.org.nz)).

We would like to thank the following sponsors for coming on board and supporting our annual show:

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For more information and entry forms go online to our website [paparoashow.org.nz](http://paparoashow.org.nz)



Liz Clarke, Show Committee

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## Libby's Councillor corner

When I was first elected to the District Health Board eight years ago the health and wellbeing of Northlanders was of great interest to me, including prevention of illness and finding ways to overcome the burden of disease that many Northlanders faced, especially those with limited means. My ideal was for a holistic approach to health and wellbeing which included people's whole situation - family and community supports, psychological coping, financial wellbeing, connection to the world and to each other. However, in reality I found the focus of health in New Zealand was more on medical diseases, surgical operations and pharmaceuticals.

When I joined the board of Northland Rural Support Trust it had been increasing its focus on the wider wellbeing of rural residents during periods of adverse events such as floods and drought. Of course the main focus was on

financial issues, ensuring stock were getting adequate feed, animal welfare and impact on farmers' wellbeing, but for the majority of those who dealt with affected farmers, they did not have the tools to recognise signs of depression, or what support to offer.

In my district council role local government legislation had already removed the four wellbeings, which had re-directed councils' focus more narrowly onto areas such as infrastructure, waters, and community facilities.

So I am thrilled that as we head into 2019 these situations are markedly different. The NDHB has a major focus on social issues, multi disciplinary teams, prevention of illness, and understanding the social determinants of health - including poor housing, health, literacy and disadvantage.

The Rural Support Trust in

Northland has been taking the lead in training their staff and other rural professionals particularly focusing on the Ministry of Health's five ways to wellbeing: **Connect, Give, Take Notice, Keep Learning and Be Active** (mentalhealth.org.nz/home/ways-to-wellbeing).

Local government legislation is in place to reinstate the promotion of the four wellbeings - economic, environmental, social and cultural - into local government's statutory purpose. These organisations and others are also prioritising the wellbeing of their staff as a priority.

Together we will build healthy and thriving communities for now and the future.

Libby Jones, 021 208 0093  
Councillor Kaipara  
District Council  
Director Northland District  
Health Board

## From The Press desk

As another year rolls over, I have a moment to reflect on the success of the Paparooa Press. It was launched as a monthly publication in March 2012 following the original quarterly version edited by Tom and Pat Sutton. It continues to present many interesting articles, community information, reports on various goings on and is an effective advertising medium for businesses and local events.

Community news and other items of interest are always welcome. We do our best to cover what's going on, but if you think your area is missing out, then do something about it and let us know. We don't always find out what's been on or is going to happen!

If you or someone you know would like to be involved with the production of The Press, don't hesitate to come forward. We are making plans to have a central office in Paparooa where more than one 'editor' could be a part of each issue, rather than having the responsibility entirely on one person's (editors's) shoulders.

The Press is under the umbrella of Progressive Paparooa Inc. (PPI) and any surplus funds (remaining after administration, printing and distribution) are allocated to community projects. Keep an eye out for PPI reports from time to time as to where such contributions are made. Special thanks are due to all our advertisers. Without your support we would not be able to publish. To the Press Gang volunteers and other regular writers, a huge thanks for your ongoing dedication in ferreting out stories, doing interviews and/or writing regular contributions.

Hoping everyone has had a relaxing Christmas and we wish you all a Happy New Year.

Sally T

## Circus Festival in Paparooa

The 13th Annual Northland Circus Festival is coming to Paparooa from the 11th to 13th of January. This year is different with Circus Kumarani bringing the festivities to a new venue at the Paparooa Hall and showgrounds.



This 3 day event brings activities for everyone, with amazing performers and teachers taking workshops for people of all levels, from beginner to advanced, and in many different skills. Performers are coming from as far as the US and Germany, bringing their love for their skills such as hula hooping, aerial, acrobalance and unicycle, and they're keen to share. As well as the performances and workshops, crafts and food stalls will also be available.

You can choose to go on as many of the days as you want and there is the option to camp at the grounds during the festival. Options include a weekend pass, a family day pass and gala show tickets.

For more information about the festival schedule and tickets see [circuskumarani.co.nz](http://circuskumarani.co.nz) or their Facebook page.

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# Breaking News

## PCCT obtains consent to proceed

After many months Paparoa Community Charitable Trust is pleased to announce that it has received Resource Consent to develop the land it intends purchasing in Franklin Rd.

The Trust's purpose is to develop a Lifestyle Village for retirement living alongside several residential lots. This will be one of the biggest residential developments in Paparoa for a very long time with 15 larger sections for general sale and 14 lots designed for retirement living in a village configuration.

The granting of the consent means the Trust can proceed to the next stage of marketing and obtaining expressions of interest for the lots.

Trust Chair, Graham Taylor said "This is a major milestone in our quest to provide opportunities for our older residents to remain in the community as their housing needs change. It is the result of hard work by the trustees and particularly the dedication of Wayne Birt our surveyor who has spent countless hours to bring the project to this

important stage.'

Wayne has described it as a combination of effort by many parties as this is a unique project for Kaipara District. Without the support of KDC staff and planners and a range of other technical experts it would not have been possible. Taylor said the Trust has a lot of work to do now but is confident that support and interest remains high in the community. Our immediate goal is to determine the final legal structure of the village and seek the necessary funding to take the project to the construction stage. Expect to see a lot more publicity in the coming months.

If anyone would like more information please contact the trustees - Graham Taylor, Don Hargrave, Ken Chambers, Pete Hames, Wayne Birt, Sharlene Lord, Derek Birt.

PCCT

# Tinopai Fishing Contest

One of the biggest events for one of the smallest schools on the Kaipara Harbour is being held this January! Tinopai School proudly present their 19th annual fishing contest on Saturday 12th.

**A GREAT DAY OUT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY:** There are top prizes to be won including 'Inner Harbour' and 'Outer Harbour' prizes for snapper, kahawai and gurnard, a games bundle for the 5-13 year old Kids Sprat Competition (thanks Civiltrain), loads of spot prizes and the \$1000 cash prize for the Lucky Ticket draw (winner must be present, one name per ticket). A fully signed 2018 All Black Jersey donated by the Bell family will go up for auction.



**ENTERTAINMENT FOR EVERYONE:** At the weigh-in which happens at Tinopai School grounds (sprats at 2pm, all other fish by 4pm) there will be carnival rides, quick fire raffles, the auction of fish and the All Black jersey, plus food including hot hangi or bring your own picnic.

**GET YOUR TICKETS:** go to [buytickets.at/tinopaifish](http://buytickets.at/tinopaifish)

We're proudly supported by Top Catch Whangarei, Civiltrain NZ, KidZone Entertainment, printing.com and many wonderful local Kaipara businesses!

**SEE YOU SATURDAY 12TH JANUARY:** We're looking forward to seeing you there. All proceeds from the Tinopai Fishing Contest go towards supporting Tinopai School.

## The NEW Paparoa library opens in 2019 and we need YOU!

Do you want to be play an important part in making your library everything YOU want it to be?



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"It feels good to give back to the community..to get to know people...I love getting to look through the new titles...it's mind-expanding... and managing a team is a new challenge to me" - Wendy (Kaiwaka)

Please Contact: Debbie Blythen +64211455776  
debbieblythen@gmail.com

# TINOPAI FISHING CONTEST

Saturday 12th January 2019

**- WIN \$1000 CASH -**

LUCKY TICKET DRAW (Winner must be present. One name per ticket)

### INNER HARBOUR PRIZES

For Snapper, Kahawai & Gurnard

### OUTER HARBOUR PRIZES

For Snapper, Kingfish & Trevally

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Contest time: 7am - 4pm

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**White Rock Gallery**

## Creating our Future

White Rock Gallery is entering into its fourth year. After a few bumps in the road we are now on track toward a very successful 2019 in our fabulous new space. Our fiercely loyal members have supported us through it all, and along with our Friends of the Gallery, and those new members we've welcomed on board, we look forward to a creative and exciting future.

In our new location, visitors from around the world as well as locals are seeing and appreciating the work of our local artists and artisans, and this is what we're all about! Our Artists continue to create new and interesting work to replenish Gallery stock following a busy Christmas sales period. Heading into the new year there'll be lots of new work for you to see. With Christmas over, maybe you'd like to treat yourself to that special piece of art you've admired?

Call in and check out all that's on offer ...

White Rock wishes you all a very Happy and enjoyable New Year  
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## Shearing movie coming to Paparooa

Paparooa has its own movie theatre - yes, January will see our community hall show the movie 'She Shears' for those rural people who missed its recent round of cinemas! It's rating is 'Exempt in NZ' and has been reviewed as 'a heartfelt documentary packed with humour - a must see'. The official website is worth a look.

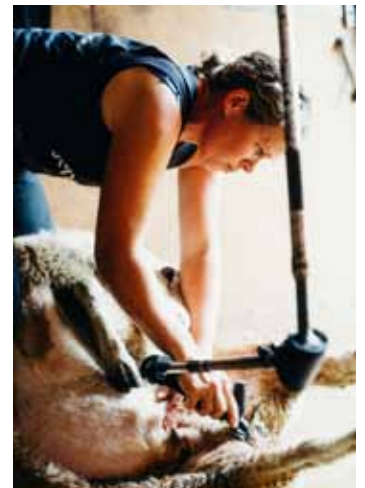
This is a New Zealand documentary on five women with a passion for sheep shearing as they strove for black-shirt glory at the Golden Shears in Masterton earlier this year. Two of the women

are already legends in the shearing world where their personal bests have been world records. The other three are 'stars on the rise' - one is Ruawai's Hazel Wood. There's no special category for women in the sport of shearing: women and men compete together!

Director Jack Nicol says it's a heartwarming feel-good story about five incredible women at the top of their game. 'She Shears' is the story of passion, purpose and determination plus fun at work.

Coincidentally, the ANZ Bank and the Northland Shearing Circuit have a shearing competition involving Kaikohe, Northern Wairoa, NORTH KAIPARA, Warkworth, Franklin and Kumeu A&P shows. The inaugural competition last year successfully boosted shearing competitions at Northland's A&P shows, with points to be gained for the final shear-off at Kumeu in March. ANZ's generous prize money and excellent trophy will see this continue in 2019.

The Paparooa Hall committee is behind the two evening



Emily shearing

screenings planned for Saturday 19 & Sunday 20 January, with a 7pm start, and finishing as we do in the country with cup of tea and biscuits. This will give time for a chat with the promoters of the shearing competition and who knows, there may be another special guest or two?

A matinee on Sunday could be arranged if enough interest, phone Loraine 027 544 4370 by 18 January. Tickets \$10 adult, \$8 senior, \$5 children. DOOR SALES or for best seats book at Skeltons Drapery! PP



"A stunning slice of rural life and the gutsy women who share a passion for shearing" (Hilary Barry of Seven Sharp)

"While the Golden Shears compares freestyle with verbal flair on a flying fleece or a kicky ewe, director Jack Nicol applies camera poetry to the agility, strength, skill and rhythmic grace of women wielding blades of steel" (NZ International Film Festival)

# Matakohe Bridges realignment project

The Matakohe Bridges realignment of SH 12 will cross the existing state highway in two places and the first two traffic diversions will be installed this January.

## FROM 7 JANUARY

A short 100m diversion will be installed just north of Anderson Bridge. The diversion road is suitable for all vehicles. Traffic management will be in place and there will be a reduced speed limit. The diversion will allow the construction crew to cut into the existing state highway to form the new road alignment. This diversion is expected to remain in place until the end of February.

## FROM 14 JANUARY

We plan to divert all vehicles onto Matakohe East Road from just south of Anderson Bridge, through Matakohe, past Matakohe School and back onto SH12. The diversion is approximately 5km long and will allow the construction crew to form the new intersection into Matakohe and tie-in the western end of the new alignment into the existing state highway. This diversion is expected to remain in place until mid-February. When the diversion ends vehicles will run along a section of the new alignment.

The diversion passes Matakohe School and the children in the area will not be used to a high volume of traffic on this road without footpaths so please take extra care and reduce your speed. Please keep everyone safe and drive to the conditions. These works are weather dependent and the diversions may be implemented at a later date if the weather is poor.

## PROJECT CONTACTS

Please contact Jenny Scott, Liaison Manager, Fulton Hogan Ltd, 0800 900 007 or [jenny.scott@fultonhogan.com](mailto:jenny.scott@fultonhogan.com) if you have any concerns.

Keep up with progress at: [www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/connecting-northland/matakohe-bridges](http://www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/connecting-northland/matakohe-bridges)

# Seasons Greetings

We've had a great year delivering the Matakohe Bridges realignment to the local community and commuters from further afield. One of the true highlights has been getting to know wonderful people from Matakohe, Paparoa, Maungaturoto, Ruawai and the surrounding districts.

The team have been on summer break from 20 December, but return to site Monday 7 January. Please see the information on this page about the first two traffic diversions being installed. Please share this information with friends and family, particularly children.

Jenny Scott, Liaison Manager



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## New at The Museum

December is always a relatively quiet month at The Kauri Museum as most travellers begin to head towards home for Christmas.

This gives backroom staff an opportunity to catch up, while retail staff fill the shop with new stock and prepare for the post-Christmas busy tourist season.

A lot of work has also been done on sourcing new products that are specific to the stories and displays at the museum. Kauri snails carved from kauri timber (as in the photograph above) are an example of the new stock coming soon.

### NEW PRICING STRUCTURE

New Year's Day sees the introduction of the new pricing system. Free entry for locals (residents and ratepayers of the old Otamatea County Council area) has been replaced with an **Annual Pass system**. For little more than

the normal entry fee, the annual pass allows holders to visit the museum as often as they wish. Cost is determined by category: adult, senior, student, child (5-15) and family.

To purchase your Annual Pass apply at the museum's admissions desk.

### COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The Kauri Museum will have its team out in the community again this summer. Look for us in the Pahi Hall on **Regatta Day** and for our stall at the **Paparoa A & P Show**.

The Board of Trustees and staff at The Kauri Museum thank all those who have offered support to the museum this year and wish you all a very Happy New Year.

Mary Stevens



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Whether you're farming with others or on your own, you'll gain the knowledge, skills and confidence needed to help create a positive future.

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In 2019, UYFB will be held in 39 regions throughout New Zealand. Each programme is held over four months - three full days plus an evening graduation ceremony, with all details confirmed with you before the programme starts.

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- how to measure farm performance and potential
- how to add value as a more engaged critical farming partner
- business planning to improve farm performance
- the drivers and language of your farming business
- how to find and assess financial information.

The dates for Paparoa are:

20 February, 20 March,  
17 April and 15 May.

Each course is limited to 16 women, so register your place now via the **'Register for UYFB 2019'** button on the website [www.awdt.org.nz/programmes/uyfb](http://www.awdt.org.nz/programmes/uyfb).

"I completed the course earlier this year and found it very valuable, so I would like to hope the same doors of opportunity can be opened for other women."

Valeria Maw

## 2018 Rotary Christmas wind-up

Maungaturoto and Districts Rotary Club met along with many friends including visiting Rotarians, honorary members and members of the community on December 18 to enjoy an excellent Christmas meal provided by Duke of Edinburgh students and their supporters.

The amazing hat competition was won by Gary (Admiral's hat topped by a fallen angel) and Jan Dallas (a very fine decorated Christmas tree). Attendees brought in gifts to go to Ray White's (Real Estate) Christmas tree for distribution by Otamatea Community Services and Whanau Focus to those in need of support at this time of the year.

A highlight of the evening was the presentation of the President's Scholarship to Annmarie Holst. We wish Annmarie (who is also a prominent national junior squash player) all the best with her future studies. She was one of three very high quality applicants. Annmarie is beginning her studies at Auckland University next year to work towards a four year conjoint degree in commerce and exercise science majoring



Past President Alex Tetzner presents the Maungaturoto & Districts Rotary Club President's Scholarship 2018 to Annmarie Holst

in marketing and management. This Scholarship is awarded annually. Applicants from the local area are invited in September/October.

Also present were Jason and Emma Radd who enable us to access the calf litter on the former Hanna Farm and Dean and Vicky Garnett the essential part of our Driver Mentoring scheme as Dean houses the car and provides trainees with a one-hour lesson on

car maintenance. Arty Farties Garden thanked us for our donation of calf litter which ensures a continued supply of fresh vegetables from them to the local community.

Rotary's raffle Christmas hamper, donated by Pam Chapman raised in excess of \$1000 and was won by Kim Phillips.

Keep Saturday 2 March free for a 1960's dance with music and entertainment by the McSweeney Brothers Band including Marian Burns (fiddler extraordinaire) at Maungaturoto Centennial Hall. This is to be a fundraiser for the dementia unit.

May you all have a happy Christmas and a New Year that fulfils all your positive expectations. Enjoy your time with friends and family and keep safe.

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## Pahi women's fishing comp

This was my third year of competing, and also the only day of the year I go fishing! What a wonderful day out. Barry & Sue Mockett took us out on 'Kahala' this year and what amazing hosts they were to these girls, Karen, Helen, Brenda and myself.

With her new fishing rod Helen pulled up fish non-stop all day and then managed to take out the \$200 prize! Brenda gave us her Hollywood pose on the front of the boat, very glamorous, and reeled in fish like a professional game fisherwoman. I told her she's been watching too many TV fishing programs! Friend Karen who had never been out fishing on a boat before, so enjoyed the whole day. And, although I didn't win any prizes, I went home with fresh snapper which fed seven people, one cat and one dog for dinner that night. Loved my day out on the Kaipara with great company and wouldn't have missed it!



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## Paparooa's high annual rainfall

By the end of December, the Regional Council rainfall monitoring station at Taylors, 3km from Paparooa Village, had recorded 1589.5mm of rain for the 2018 calendar year, surpassing the 2017 record total of 1425mm by 164.9mm.

In 2017 the 'wet' months were March, April, July, and September. In 2018 they were January, February, June and December.

Of the 11 recorded years, four of the wettest have happened in the last 5 years. 2014 was a record, matched by 2016, and then exceeded in turn by 2017 and 2018.

Any guesses for 2019? Maybe we can now make hay while the sun shines and enjoy some summer holiday weather?

Don Hargrave

### Paparooa Annual Rainfall (to 28 December 2018)

	2018	2017	5yr Avge
Jan	149.0	28.4	33.6
Feb	214.0	69.9	75.3
Mar	149.5	245.0	91.2
Apr	91.0	212.6	113.7
May	102.5	106.0	129.3
Jun	223.5	166.4	160.4
Jul	126.0	178.3	146.7
Aug	79.0	109.7	136.8
Sep	82.5	158.2	149.0
Oct	65.5	75.0	68.4
Nov	81.5	52.2	73.5
Dec	125.5	22.9	59.6
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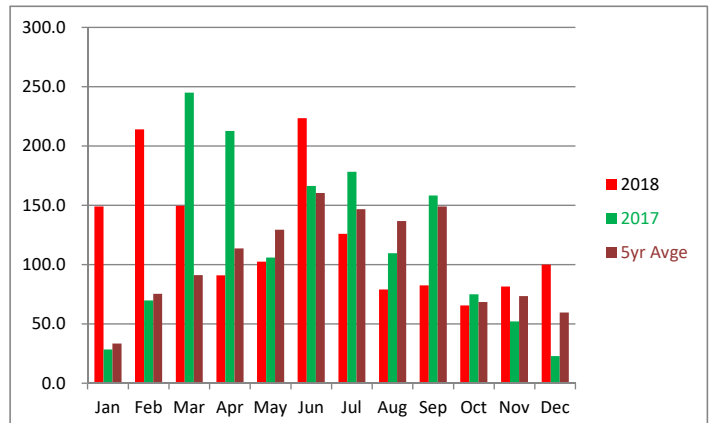


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## D Day Breakfast ... Riverview Dementia Unit fundraising

What a fantastic response from our amazing community, not only from the dedicated MMCT team members, but more importantly the support and generosity from the wider Otamatea district for the D Day (Dementia Day) breakfast held 29 November at St John Ambulance Station, Maungaturoto.

The organisers arrived by 5am to set up ready for the morning's breakfast and entertainment fundraiser.

By 6am the Rapid Relief Trailer's skilled team led by Richard Wearmouth were preparing the first order of 30 breakfasts to be delivered by Paparoa Lions.

From then on the crew worked like a well practised team until delivery of the last order at 10am.

Meanwhile, in the kitchen, another team led by Pam Chapman was efficiently serving up the plated sit-down breakfast.

Between these two teams over 600 meals were provided. The committee of MMTC was overwhelmed by not only those who attended and/or bought the breakfasts but also by the amazing spirit of those who gave their time and produce for the meals.



MCCT Trust Members and fundraisers Albie Paton, Graham Slatter, Mike Smales, John Markby (front), Craig Fergus, Don Mckay, Nona Rogers, Paula Mooney

### THANKS ARE DUE TO:

Richard Wearmouth and the Rapid Relief Team, the kitchen cooks, Paparoa Lions and our mail delivery contractors. Business sponsors included Maungaturoto Butchery, Maungaturoto Four Square, Hellabys, Good Farm (Gorge Road) and Smeatons (eggs), Carters and Mitre 10. Also thanks to 'Otherwise Fine' (music), St Johns, The Den, Kong the donkey and her owner Karen Stratford (Kong visited the Rest Home providing a lot of fun and laughs), and of

course all of our other volunteers. Backing us all the way have been the local media - The Lifestyler, M a n g a w h a i Focus, Maungaturoto Matters, Kaiwaka Bugle and Paparoa Press.

More FM's John Markby, a great long-time friend to the Maungaturoto community broadcasted from site for the whole morning. It is so great these organisations are getting the word out to our greater community.

Over \$16,000 was raised on the day; the sale of breakfasts contributing over \$6,000. What an amazing result. Thanks again to all who made this such a magnificent morning, the writer apologises if anyone has been missed out!

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## Ruawai leading the way

The Ruawai stopbank walking and cycling trail is officially open after the festive run/walk/cycle event on 16 December.

Over 150 people from across the District came along to bike, run and walk the spectacular riverbank trail and to learn about what the great little town of



Ruawai has to offer. Several participants dressed up (including bikes) in Christmas theme and there were plenty of spot prizes, musical entertainment, food and drinks. Thanks so much to the organisers (a sub-committee of Ruawai Promotions and Development - RPDG) for bringing it all together. Thanks also to the many supporters and sponsors who made it all possible.

The idea for the walkway has been floating around the community



Organising sub-committee of RPDG - Elaine Crompton, Stella Clyde, Jim Simpson, Dorothy Simpson, Nicky Reid, Ian Beattie, Anna Cumow and Roxanne Kelly

for decades and at last it has become reality. Well done to everyone who had a go, including a few four-legged canine participants! The 'Matakohe Link' is a work in progress and will eventually be linked to Ruawai!



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## Borneo bucket list - pt 2

**BORNEO** - land of former head-hunters, long houses, endless jungle

**SABAH** - modern Malaysian state at the tip of Borneo. Home to 3.5 million people of diverse ethnicity and cultures.

### SABAH 1968

Young Kiwi arrives to spend a year teaching on assignment with Volunteer Service Abroad (VSA) at Government Junior Secondary School, Kota Belud, a small town 2 hours by landrover from Kota Kinabalu the capital.

After very brief training he commences teaching alongside another Kiwi and a couple of American Peace Corp. volunteers. His subjects were english, geography and social studies taught to pupils of the same (or in some cases) older age.

The time is filled with getting to know a range of different cultures, religions and languages. Lesson prep and classroom teaching fill the

day and out of school there is the responsibility of representing one's country. Highlights include the chance to attend local festivities such as village weddings and invitations to stay with students in their home villages. The friendships and memories will last forever.

At year's end he reluctantly returns home to follow a teaching career that leads



School students of 1968

to a position at Otamatea High School in 1973. The VSA experience remains. He knows that he received more than he was ever able to give. It was a privilege to live and work among people who valued education so strongly, who welcomed a stranger and gave so much when they had so little.

### SABAH 2018

The same, now not-so-young Kiwi, returns to Kota Belud to seek his former pupils after 50 years without contact. Some have sadly passed away and some are living in other places, but within 2 hours the network has swung into action and he is catching up with over 20 of those students.

Now mostly retired they have a lifetime of stories to tell. One became a politician, others school principals, education officers, District Officer, agricultural adviser, university graduate, business operator, parents and grandparents. They remember things the Kiwi has forgotten, things he said and did that intrigued them at the time. The teacher-pupil relationship remains but it's now on an equal footing.

A class reunion is organised with a get-



Graham reunited with Eng Kian, former pupil, 2018

together over lunch. For the Kiwi the experience is emotional and humbling. The VSA experience has spanned 50 years and reinforced the value of travel and getting to know different peoples, cultures and lifestyles.

The Kiwi is forever grateful for the privilege to live, learn and make friendships in a totally different land.

Volunteer Service Abroad gave him an opportunity that has shaped his life.

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## Paparoa School in the surf & what's coming in 2019

As part of the growing range of opportunities at Paparoa Primary School, the school sent its Year 6 students for surf lessons in Mangawhai. Senior school teacher Kathryn Gibbens who organised the day said it was an amazing opportunity and that the Aotearoa surf instructor was fantastic.



## DOE gold tramp Nelson Lakes

Our last Duke of Edinburgh tramp started with a 6:30am flight to Nelson. It wasn't just a travel day, we had to tramp in to our first hut, and to do this we needed to start early.



For our Gold qualifying expedition we had to do a minimum of 60km over four days, with at least eight hours of activity each day. To do this we had decided to tramp in the Nelson Lakes National Park, a gorgeous area with many different mountain ranges and, as the name suggests, beautiful lakes. In fact, these lakes include the record breaking Blue Lake which is the clearest natural body of freshwater in the world with visibility up to 80m!

Being our last tramp, we had to make a lot of the decisions ourselves concerning which routes to take. Throughout the six days it seemed that the plan changed nearly every day which definitely made life interesting. Our original route was discarded due to an unfortunate dumping of snow a couple of days before we arrived meaning we had to stay down lower, and off the mountains, for the first few

days. This made it no less beautiful though, as we walked through mossy beech bush with the mountains surrounding us. The highest point of the tramp was at Moss Pass 1785m, when we climbed around 600m of elevation in just 1.5km.

One highlight of the trip was our 5 degree swim in Lake Constance. After a long 12 hour walk the day before it was very good for the muscles! With mountains on all sides of the lake it was definitely one of the best places I've ever swum, and the coldest.

Throughout our group's journey in Duke of Edinburgh we've gone from struggling through walks around Mangawhai with way too much in our packs, to being able to experience everything from a tramp fully in snow, to the ridges of the Kawekas, to our final tramp in the beautiful Nelson Lakes.

Maggie Hames

Further excitement expected at Paparoa Primary School in 2019 includes:

- Several scheduled sporting events with local rural schools, including cross country, swimming, athletics and triathlon
- Interschool Science Fair
- Year 3-6 camp
- School Production
- The beginning of our Community Hub (stay tuned for information about a Bike Track)
- Marae visit
- Reading Intervention Programme able to provide support for a significant portion of the school
- Weekly Te Reo instruction and kapa haka
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## ORT Youth Theatre 2019 Places still available

Otamatea Repertory Theatre's Youth Theatre programme runs over two separate weeks. The second week is totally booked, but there are still limited spaces for Week One January 14<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup>, 2019.



Last year's 2018 Youth theatre in action on stage

The program runs Monday to Friday from 9am to 3pm with a show performed on Friday evening. We teach acting skills, singing, dancing/movement. The hour long show that is presented has all the elements - from the cast themselves to costumes, make-up, lights, set and props.

Price per child is \$130 which includes ORT subs (\$20 - this is deducted if already paid this year) and an evening meal on Friday before the show at the Maungaturoto Country Club. To register your child/teen, please contact Maura Flower by phone, text 022 354 2670 or email [maura.flower@gmail.com](mailto:maura.flower@gmail.com)



## From our family to yours ... Diva dynamics

At the end of Nov and beginning of Dec, Misters 7, 10, 12 & '40 something' took part in ORT's 'Sleeping Beauty'.

Mr 10 is an old hand at theatre now - according to him - and he loves to be a part of their family, but for the other three, it was a new and rewarding experience.

Mr 12 was backstage helping with props and seeing how much pressure is involved with opening and closing of curtains - something we can practice at home, haha. Mr 7 proved to

be a master of improvisation in his scenes as the naughty rat, although "improvising" and "not following instructions" are twin edges of the same sword, one could say. However it was well received and encouraged, but by the final show he seemed to actually be directing others from onstage.

Mr '40 something' gained new confidence from the whole exercise, so much so in fact we wish he'd lose a bit so his head can fit through the doors. There were daily singing competitions, where he and Mr 10 would duel their vocal



The 3 "most troublesome members" of Sleeping Beauty - Mr 10, Mr 7 and Mr 40+

chords, endless arguments about whose acting was better, whose singing was better and general diva behaviour that thankfully stopped shortly after the final curtain fell.

It was also a lovely experience for a Dad to have with his boys, without aggressive sports, without abandoning feelings, to encourage them to work as a team, to be seen without shame and to learn theatre discipline in a safe environment - we would definitely encourage other families to get involved with ORT!  
Jenny

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## Auditions: Beauty & The Beast

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All cast members must be at school (or home schooled) and must be under the age of 18. Auditions will be held **Monday 28 January** (Anniversary Weekend) from 10am at the theatre. The format will be a group audition and then there will be call-backs after that. Please register your interest and attendance with the Director, Maura Flower, 022 354 2670.



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## Market now smoke-free

Paparoa Farmers' Market has been declared smoke free. Please respect this policy for the benefit of all market goers.

Stall holders have been enjoying sunny weather and it's been a busy market up to Christmas. January holiday makers are sure to stop in and soak up the village market atmosphere.

Contact Helen Cairns [goodlifesoap@gmail.com](mailto:goodlifesoap@gmail.com) for all market enquiries.



## Society's renovation on track

There has been steady progress on the renovations of the Medical Society's building in preparation for their tenants Coast to Coast Health Care and the Paparoa Library.

All internal demolition was completed before the Christmas/New Year break. Brogan Builders will return in January to reconstruct walls, install linings and ceilings. January will also see major electrical rewiring and plumbing refits necessary for the new tenants.



Medical Society members Graham Taylor, Robyn Skelton, Sue Plunkett & Don Hargrave. Absent: Loraine Rowlands, Gayle Johnstone, Libby Jones

With all going to plan work should be completed by early February. Possible unexpected delays with trades persons and materials mean an opening date cannot yet be firmly stated. What is definite is that by the time all renovations are complete Paparoa will have a facility it can be truly proud of. PP

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## Tina De Suza - silversmith jeweller

Tina, a part time local but soon to be permanent resident, has been making jewellery for over 10 years.

In the past she mainly assembled pieces but found this restrictive and enrolled at Hungry Creek, an art school just north of Puhoi, to learn the art of silversmith jewellery. Her tutor, Stephen Rose, gave her a thorough grounding in the skills needed and now Tina works mainly with silver, copper, resin and gemstones.

Tina finds inspiration in the natural environment, or simply 'sees' an image or idea in her mind's eye and attempts to

recreate this in the medium she has chosen. Her pieces vary in theme and range from birds, flowers and the whimsical, through to hammered and industrial looks complemented with resin.

Passionate not only about silver in its raw state but also passionate about vintage cutlery, relatives have often joked that they need to be wary of her visits! Making rings from spoons, bell pendants from knife handles and charming bracelets from spoon handles, Tina has found a beautiful way to upcycle these often discarded vintage items. Her creations are sold all over



Floating heart pendant

NZ, from Dunedin to Waipu and of course, here in Paparoa at **Jillaine's 'Empire'**.

As of two months ago Tina is now working at her jewellery trade full time and with no regret has handed over her IT role. No longer hunched over a computer screen she will be wielding her cutters and torch while outside the sea will be calling and the grasses waving in the wind. PP



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## Summer days at Thirsty Tui

Christmas was celebrated in style at the Thirsty Tui, Paparoa Hotel during December.

On the Christmas menu was traditional lamb or delicious confit duck followed by Christmas pudding or creamy berry meringue plus Christmas crackers and of course lots of cheer. Many groups took advantage for their end of year functions and had a set menu designed specifically to their needs.



Summer menu choice at the Thirsty Tui

Summer hours started early December - the hotel is open seven days a week from 11am. There's now petanque and quoits areas out in the garden bar, plenty of grassy areas for kids to play on and there's a new colouring competition to keep them further occupied. The indoor dining room opens onto outdoor dining tables set under large shading umbrellas. The red geraniums in the gardens look spectacular.

The all day menu is extensive, book a classic old-fashioned lunch with club sandwiches and savouries, or choose from other popular dishes such as burgers, fish and chips, salads

and home-made cheesecake.

The summer dinner menu includes some favourites such as Mediterranean lamb salad, southern fried chicken and the Italian style prawn risotto, one of our chef Stephen Harrison's signature dishes with locally supplied Chapel Olive Oil. Stephen trained in France and in an Italian restaurant in Brazil. We now stock a supply of Chapel oils and Decadenz chocolates for sale.

We look forward to many warm summer evenings out in the garden bar.

See you soon

## Vegan/vegetarian/omnivore? Just a point of view

Eating patterns today are changing and many people have strong view points on what is right to eat. My own personal view is for tolerance as we are all different and our bodies have varied needs depending on our genetics and our lifestyle.

### SOME THOUGHTS

Vegan diets include no dairy or eggs, so in order to get sufficient protein, vegetable sources are required. A question on this - where does this vegetable protein source come from? Is it grown in NZ or imported? Great if you can grow your own but if grown overseas, how do you know if it is processed ethically?

If you keep hens then do you just give the eggs to your pets - or maybe not keep hens. Chickens are great pets with personality - not all hens have a caged sad life.

Most cows in New Zealand are treated well, and yes, their calves are taken away at a young age. Contrast that with the fact that many humans take their young babies to day care facilities due to the financial pressure to go out to work. Cows come in to be milked twice a day for only an hour or two, then returned to paddocks, so maybe the cows are lucky.

Still if people feel this diet makes them healthier then that's what they should do. Vegetarian diets are fine as a choice as not everyone likes meat.

### BUT I DO HAVE A QUESTION

If everyone became a vegetarian how would NZ manage to keep our clean green rolling pastures from becoming overgrown, a fire hazard and infested with weeds? Only a very small portion of our country is suitable for horticulture and dairy farming is not possible everywhere. What would happen to the thousands of calves currently cared for so that they can grow into beef? Would they all have to be killed or will science engineer it so that only female calves are born? Would the general population then be required to re-plant our countryside in the native trees that once lived there?

Interestingly I recently met some trampers from the USA who avoided meat back home but felt that in NZ they could safely eat our meat from the animals they saw happily grazing on pasture. I think I wouldn't want to eat manufactured artificial meat either as I believe that less processed food is best. To compromise I tend to eat meat about three times a week.

So to conclude - there are lots of questions and probably more people have answers. I think each to their own diet is a good compromise with no pressure for people to change.

Stella



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## Letters from The Old Post Office

I grow old ... I grow old ...

I shall wear the bottoms of my trousers rolled.

Once again, dear reader, the two sartorially challenged 'ladies of a certain age' perambulated their female canines as per standard veterinary advice. Just like Goldilocks the weather was neither too hot nor too cold, the road not too hard nor soft. The clothing not too bright yet not so subtle as to be mistakenly shot as some sort of low flying poultry suffering from extreme avoirdupois.

As we gently, and only slightly sweatily, ascended the gentle incline our conversation too, meandered gently. Covering topics ranging from clothing (recycled), children (grown up), the environment, politics, flatulence and the aging bowel, diet, and the advantages of a nice cup of tea and a lie down.

How age has changed us.

Not one reference to the appeal of the opposite sex (although please refer to mention made of the advantages of a nice cup of tea and a lie down), all-night raging parties, or the trendiest attire and where to beg, borrow or steal it.

Instead, we acknowledged the growing problem of flatulence, our intestines quite audibly (and olfactorily) protesting a too fibrous diet. Embarrassing moments relived with gales of laughter. The story of being overtaken by a gaseous attack and standing next to a standard fan in the mistaken belief that any possible offensive odour might be dispersed.

Well, dear reader, that was a mistake!

The use of the shutting door trick to disguise the trumpeting noise. All that achieved was the assembled guests referencing the walls of Jericho

tumbling down, amidst much attempted replicating of the aforementioned incident.

Oh, how unlike Cleopatra we have become 'Age cannot wither her nor custom stale her infinite variety'. We can only say that we once may have bloomed like smooth grapes but now the fruit most applicable to our looks is a raisin.

And as for variety. Well, dear reader, once again please refer to "A nice cup of tea and a lie down".

Wishing you all happy holidays and please don't stand too close to a fan.

Deb

*('I grow old' from T.S. Eliot's  
'Love song of J. Alfred  
Prufrock ...')*

*('Age cannot wither her'  
from Anthony and Cleopatra,  
Shakespeare)*



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## Summer garden notes

I love sunflowers, big yellow, fluffy headed ones. I have several out at the moment and had to pick one to put inside as it refused to turn to follow the sun as they are supposed to do. It continued to face south into the tin fence, so it now sits in pride of place on the dining table where I can admire it. Fortunately they make quite long lasting cut flowers.

I find it never ceases to amaze me how much pleasure a garden can give an owner. Every day there are new surprises. Sometimes not necessarily good ones, like when slugs eat newly planted seedlings! Generally though I think we gardeners are optimists and just keep planting and hoping. My garden is a bit chaotic so sometimes potatoes grow amongst the penstemons - happy accidents do occur.

On the free-range front, I think this summer looks like being a good blackberry picking season. The frequent rain has brought on what looks like a huge flush of flowers. I always keep a good look out on my morning walks. So far tomatoes, pumpkin, egg plants seem to be growing well. Strangely the capsicums are not so happy. Weather is so changeable in the north. Hopefully your gardens are all growing well and giving you enjoyment as well as exercise.

It's time for all you great gardeners to think about entering the Indoor Section of the Paparoa Show on 2 February. Schedules are online (paparoashow.org.nz) or at Skelton's Drapery. Entry forms will also be available. To save time on Friday 1st, the day before the show, you can enter online before Thursday January 31st. You can put more than one entry into each section if you wish. Having entries in, makes the show day so much more fun!

Hope to see you there, Stella

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## Safe summer swimming

Northland Regional Council (NRC) have commenced summer quality water tests at many of Northland's popular beaches, rivers and lakes. Results are posted on the 'Can I Swim Here?' section on the national environmental report LAWA website lawa.org.nz.

### SUMMER SWIM SENSE

#### Water quality

- Check the water quality information for the site.
- Know how to spot potentially toxic algae in rivers or lakes so you can avoid it.
- Avoid swimming near potential sources of contamination such as flocks of birds, stormwater or waste water outlets.

#### Clean and clear

- Avoid swimming for at least 2-3 days after heavy or prolonged rain, even for sites that have good water quality.
- If you can't see your toes in calf deep water, it is best to wait until the water clears before taking a dip.

#### Environmental Hazards

- Stay safe, and look out for potential hazards (e.g. strong currents, tidal rips, underwater objects, steep drop-offs, or stinging jellyfish at beaches).
- Follow the advice in any warnings and alerts.

Any water quality concerns can be reported to council's freephone 24/7 Environmental Hotline on 0800 504 639.



Piroa Falls has water quality caution status

## Think of others

People misusing Northland's precious coastal areas as a dumping ground for unwanted fish frames and shells are being urged to show a bit more courtesy towards others.

Overall, the vast majority of people do the right thing with fish frames and shells. However, even though it's illegal under Regional Council rules, there are always some inconsiderate people. Dumping waste like this in intertidal areas or nearby land and beaches can affect water quality, attract scavenging stingrays and sharks and pose risks to all beach users.

Disposal options include taking waste home and burying it, or disposing of it out at sea into deep, well flushed water.



Discarded fish on Whangarei Heads beaches

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## Pets in the Valley



### Kong is a local celebrity

Happy New Year! It's a great start with all the water tanks full and grass everywhere.



Well it's not every day you get to cuddle a tv star but recently I had the pleasure of being smooched by a local TV celebrity.

I was visiting one miniature donkey when another one came up and introduced herself. It turned

out she was 'Kong' from the Mitre10 TV adverts - (you can see her on youtube if you haven't already - look up "Roy, Kong's out" Mitre 10).

In the original plan another donkey had been chosen for the role and 'Kong' went along to keep her company. Somehow she managed to steal the role for herself! They were away for two weeks while the famous Mark Vette worked his magic and then three days were spent on filming.

All going well Kong will be visiting at the Paparoa Show so you can get to smooch with this delightful lady too!

Janine

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## Book review

**TITLE:** The Hate U Give  
**AUTHOR:** Angie Thomas



I read this book a while ago but with the movie due out over Christmas I thought it was a good time to revisit it. I always, always believe in reading the book prior to the movie. Books have a depth and richness that a movie can never replicate, no matter how fantastic the movie is and they seldom live up to expectations mainly because so much of a book is about our own interpretation and imagination. Having said that, the movie does look amazing and I will definitely be going!

To call this an issues book is to vastly underrate it. It was written in response to the Black Lives Matter movement and the story is based around a young girl Starr, who witnesses her friend being shot by a policeman. This is a book that tackles some big issues; it deals with systemic racism and political activism. It looks at police violence, addiction, grief, friendship, wealth and power. It is such an important book which is also beautifully written. Angie Thomas is such a skilled storyteller that this book never felt didactic to me. You fall into Starr's world and the only time you will want to put this book down is to pick up a tissue. It will make you cry, big ugly crying ... this book is sublime.

Simie Simpson

## Book review

**TITLE:** Children of Blood and Bone  
**AUTHOR:** Tomi Adeyemi



"They killed my mother. They took our magic.  
They tried to bury us. Now we rise".

This big, beautiful read is another book that will have you immersed. It's an action-packed fantasy novel set in an alternate version of Africa. Before you rush out to read this, I am going to start with saying ... it is the FIRST in a trilogy. The rest haven't been written yet. I'm telling you that right now because otherwise you will read it and be crying on the floor when you realise you have to wait for the next in the series. It really is that good.

In the not too distant past the maji were powerful and presided over life and death. However, King Saran now rules over a country where the maji have been robbed of their powers and live in fear. Zelig Adebola, is a young girl fighting against the erasure of her identity. Princess Amari, the daughter of King Saran, and Zelig's paths cross and their fates are intertwined. Together they must collect three sacred artifacts in order to restore magic back to Orisha. Amari's brother Inan has been sent by the King to stop them but he is fighting a battle with himself, not just for the King. Inan is desperately trying to be the good son, which actually means capturing his own sister, brutally oppressing the maji and hiding his true identity to all. Despite being a fantasy read, or speculative fiction; depending on what you want to call it, there are parallels here to The Hate U Give. Children of Blood and Bone also deals with issues of racism, oppression, power and violence. This is another book that pulls you into a world you will not want to let go of.

Both titles are available at your Kaipara libraries: [kaipara.kotui.org](http://kaipara.kotui.org) in print and also available on eBook.

Simie Simpson

## HEY, KIDS . . .



## YAD DRAWKCBAB LANOITAN .YAD DOOC A SI SIHT

### Backwards Day, January 31st

This is a day to honour everything backward! It's an opportunity to reverse our ways, our direction or simply wear your shirt inside out.

### How to Celebrate Backward Day

It all starts when you get up in the morning. Wear your clothes inside out and your underwear as your underwear, or slip into your pyjamas. Have a nice hot pizza for breakfast, and answer the phone with "Goodbye! Thank you for calling!"

When you get to school, tell your teacher she's achieving well, and hand her a certificate as a bonus for all her hard work. When lunchtime comes around, have yourself a nice big helping of dessert. Greet everyone throughout the day with a goodbye, and as you walk out the door, say hello to everyone and tell them to have a great day.

That night, when it's time to go bed, turn off that alarm, get into your work clothes, and crawl into bed.

This is the great way to celebrate **Backward Day**, add a little madness to the mundaness of life and free your mind from the tyranny of 'normal'.

What ways can you add to celebrate Backwards Day? Let us know!



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## The Oyster Catcher Shuffle

A poem by Helen Hughes

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memories of  
'dancing' with the  
birds on Ruakaka  
Beach.



Full tide, full moon  
Serene ...  
Otherworldly seascape  
Sand path ... unblemished  
Soft, cool, squeaky underfoot.

Swishy little cresting waves  
Softly washing the edge of the land  
Luminous light, dimmed stars  
Lambent easterly air  
Full of faraway.



A dark whisper to the  
left, and forward..  
Moving rocks? ...  
Roosting birds!  
Flock, flowing in shuffling  
circles  
Whirl pooling as we  
approach.

Our step to the right,  
We all do the Ruakaka Two-step.

## Racket sports update

**BADMINTON** will have a break for Christmas/New Year and will most likely restart in February after the A & P Show. Contact Pete 431 6822

**TABLE TENNIS** will also have Christmas/New Year off and restart Tuesday 8th January 7.30pm at the Sports Pavilion. Contact Pete 431 6822

**TENNIS** Adult sessions continue through the summer holidays on Thursday evenings 6pm and Friday mornings 9.30am when there are enough people around to play. Children's tennis will start again Term 1. Contact Sue 431 6224



## OUT & ABOUT AROUND TOWN

**Our condolences** go to the Pook family on the death of Vance Pook in December.

**Correction:** An Item in last month's December Press about the Brynderwyn Walkway was actually out of date and the track is **closed** until further notice due to kauri dieback risk.

**Keep March 2nd free** for a 1960's dance and entertainment with The McSweeney Brothers' Band, and fiddler extraordinaire, Marian Burns. Rotary are putting this on at the Maungaturoto Community Hall, a further fundraising project for the Dementia Unit project build in Maungaturoto.

**Here's another interesting note** on the issue of fluoridation. An article in the latest North and South magazine covers differences in the amount of tooth decay and extractions in children living in two towns 48km apart in New South Wales. Oberon has unfluoridated water and Bathurst has fluoridated water. There is twice as much tooth decay and extractions in Oberon's children as there are

in Bathurst. This information comes from a dental therapist who works in both towns. (Taken from Sydney Morning Herald article 2018).

**Te Pahi River Drive's** road sign came to a sad end just after Christmas. Somehow someone drove over the sign, smashed it clean off at the bottom, and dragged it into the ditch 200m out of sight along the road. Many 'wheelies' were also in evidence further down the road. No doubt it was a lot of fun for the culprits who must also have a dented vehicle but it must be very annoying for any visitors trying to locate this road at the moment.



OTAMATEA HIGH SCHOOL  
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### IMPORTANT DATES FOR START OF YEAR 2019

**Thursday 31st January** (buses will be running). School starts for all year 7, year 13 and all new students to OHS.

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

**Friday 1st February** Whole school to attend (All Years)  
Senior Course confirmation will take place.

**Thursday 7th - Friday 8th February** Year 7 & Prefect Camp

**Wednesday 13th February** School Swimming Sports

**Wednesday 20th February** Meet the Staff Evening

**Tuesday 5th March** School Athletics Day

### New Uniform Sales / Year 13 Dress Uniform

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Please visit our website for 2019 school information including uniform, stationery and school calendar.

www.otamatea.school.nz

## HOOK, LINE & SINKER

It's excellent fishing in the Kaipara at the moment. You can get your limit fairly quickly - fishing up in the main harbour in about 6 - 10 ft of water or even fishing off Dems Road out the back of Pahi.

Good average size snapper, a few kahawai, and no gurnard. There are a few sharks about.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year



**WHAT'S ON - JANUARY 2019**

**The Kauri Museum** open 7 days, annual passes now available  
 Exhibitions: 'Tudor Collins - Man of Many Faces'  
 Heritage Christmas Decorations, Heritage Rose Collection  
 Twelve Holiday Hotspots  
 'A touch of Lace for every Occasion'

**Community Picnic on the Green** 6 January  
**Kumarani's Northland Circus Festival** Jan 11-13 Pap Showgrounds & Hall (pg 3)  
**Tinopai Fishing Competition** Sat 12 January 7am-5pm Tinopai School See (pg 3)  
**Movie 'She Shears'** Paparoa Hall 19 & 20 Jan 7pm sessions. (pg 4)  
**Pahi Regatta Sat & Sun** Jan 26-27 Pahi Boating & Fishing Club Mike 027 185 1408  
**Paparoa A&P Show** Feb 2 Paparoa Showgrounds see paparoashow.org.nz

**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  
**Arty Farties** Thur/Fri/Sun at the "Tile Shed"; Garage sale Sundays 10am to 2pm;  
 Beginners Patchwork, Mon 7pm, Te Pahi River Dr. For info: ph Anne 431 6229  
**Badminton** Thurs 7pm, Paparoa Hall, \$2 students/\$3 adults ph Pete 431 6822  
**Crafternoons** 1st & 3rd Wed in month, 10.30-4pm, Tinopai Hall ph Jo 431 7219  
**Exercise to Music** Tue 10.30am Paparoa Hall \$5 ph Rose 431 7418  
**Farmers' Market** Every Saturday 9-noon, Village Green. Contact Ruth 021 433 969  
**Grey Power** Last Wed in month, 1pm, Anglican Church Hall, Mgto  
**Kaipara Marching Team** Weds 4-5.30pm, M'gto, ph Rose Plunkett 431 7418  
**Library** Temporarily closed due to pending Medical Soc building renovations  
**Line Dancing** Thurs 10am-noon Paparoa Hall ph Rose 431 7418  
**Mainly Music** Wed 9.30am Paparoa Comm Church, Carolyn Poyner 4316008  
**Mahjong** twice monthly on a Tuesday. Call Marian Harkness 431 6332.  
**Maungaturoto Opportunity Shop** Open Mon 10-1pm Wed 10-3pm Fri 10-3pm  
**Otamatea Quilters** 1st and 3rd Mon month 10am, Paparoa Hall 09 439 2262  
**Outdoor Bowls** Maungaturoto Green ph Tony 431 6026 or Brian 431 6884  
**Pahi Hall** available for hire ph Sherryl Corbett 431 7127  
**Paparoa Community Church** 10.30am every Sunday, 4 Hook Road 431 7106  
**Paparoa Garden Circle** 2nd Wed of month Marg Bailey secretary. 09 280 9897  
**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** Tuesday and Thursday 10am-1pm Visitors Welcome  
 ph Bianca 431 6730 txt 021 782 456 or ph Jane 431 6148 paparoa@playcentre.org.nz  
**Paparoa Toy Library** Wed 10.30-1pm, Paparoa Comm Church, Hilery 431 7330  
**Paparoa Volunteer Rural Fire Force (VRFF)** 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month  
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 John 021 135 3222  
**Selwyn Centre** Thurs 10am for over 65's, St Marks, Hook Rd, ph 431 8193  
**Sports Pavilion - Functions Venue** Bookings ph Jane Bailey 431 6148  
**St Mary's Catholic Church** 10am Wed, 6pm Sat, Maungaturoto  
**Table Tennis** Tues 7.30pm, Sports Pavilion \$2 Pete 431 6822  
**Tennis** Thurs 4.30pm Primary, 5.15pm High School, 6pm Adults; Fri 9.30am;  
 ph Sue 431 6224 or Pete 431 6822  
**Waka Ama** Tue & Thu 5pm, Sun 10am, Pahi Domain, ph Grant 027 474 3856  
**White Rock Gallery** Open at new venue The Kauri Museum 7 days  
**Yoga:** With Annie: Monday: 6-7.15pm Mgto Centennial Hall: Ph Annie 027 427 2644  
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**What's Hot**  
 Happy New Year to all!  
**What's Not**  
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**LOCAL TIDES for January 2019**

**JANUARY TIDES - CALCULATED for PAHI-WHAKAPIRAU**

DATE	LOW	HIGH	DATE	LOW	HIGH
1st	2.17pm	8.20am	17th	2.19pm	8.21am
2nd	3.19pm	9.24am	18th	3.22pm	9.26am
3rd	4.12pm	10.18am	19th	4.20pm	10.24am
4th	4.58pm	11.05am	20th	5.13pm	11.17am
5th	5.40pm	11.46am	21st	6.04pm	12.07pm
6th	6.19pm	12.23pm	22nd	6.54pm	12.56pm
7th	6.56pm	12.59pm	23rd	7.13am	1.44pm
8th	7.32pm	1.33pm	24th	8.01am	2.32pm
9th	7.44am	2.08pm	25th	8.49am	3.21pm
10th	8.19am	2.43pm	26th	9.38am	4.12pm
11th	8.55am	3.21pm	27th	10.31am	5.05pm
12th	9.34am	4.01pm	28th	11.29am	6.03pm
13th	10.17am	4.46pm	29th	12.34pm	6.34am
14th	11.07am	5.38pm	30th	1.46pm	7.44am
15th	12.05pm	6.35pm	31st	2.55pm	8.56am
16th	1.11pm	7.14am			

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 Paparoa Clinic: CLOSED TEMPORARILY - FOR BUILDING ALTERATIONS  
 For urgent after hours medical service (Wellsford)..... 09 423 8086  
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Miriam Adomea

## Christmas on The Green

There are some things in the history of our Paparoa Community that are of lasting value. Celebrating Christmas together, as a community, is one of them. Christmas is about the Birth of Christ, and as some say "He is the Reason for the Season".

This year our Theme of Celebration was 'Christmas is Giving' - 'For God so loved the world that he gave His only Son' (John 3:16). Everything we did for 'Christmas on the Village Green' was about 'Giving'. There were gift prizes for the games, gift prizes for the Christmas card competition, spot prizes during the carol singing and two barrels of gifts for children to pick from.

The event started with games and a Christmas card competition, and while the BBQ was on (for free, of course) the community choir sang. The valley rang to the sound of sisters Juliet Clark and Janet Boulgaris and then with our rising stars, the Phillips' children (Awatea, Rawhiri and Akaia). The puppets (thanks to Jaden and Emma-Lee who also 'MC'd' the programme) reiterated the celebration of Christmas in their show which featured Sesame Street characters.

Miriam Adomea retold the Christmas story of a child who, when asked in class to give a present to Jesus at Christmas, got up and stood in the gift basket donated by the other school children. The child said, "I am the only present I can give to Jesus, because my family is too poor to give me a gift to give to Jesus".

Wasn't that the best gift Jesus received on His Birthday. It is for us, it's the gift of His coming.

The joyous day ended with a winding down cuppa and yummy Christmas tarts. And, of course it was the time to thank everyone who arranged the event, and those who gave us the gift of attendance and participation.

Paparoa Community Church



Community choir conducted by Elizabeth Metcalfe



Geraldine Jenkins



Christmas in Paparoa - pohutukawa in full bloom



## Ying Ying graduates

Ying Ying Cui recently graduated with a Doctorate of Medicine from Griffith University on the Gold Coast, Australia. Her parents Maggie and Bill (of Paparoa Dairy) attended her graduation along with her brother Kelvin. It was Maggie's first holiday since they moved up to Paparoa in the early 2000's and while they were away it was the first time the dairy has been closed.



Bill, Ying Ying, Maggie and Kelvin Cui at Ying Ying's graduation (Photo credit: Ning Zhu Photographer)

Pictured is Ying Ying's family, parents Bill and Maggie and brother Kelvin who is studying engineering at Australia National University.

Congratulations Ying Ying, your parents must be very proud!

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