



## Christmas Merriment at Selwyn Centre

Our regular guests, volunteers and some family members wound up another year of social time and a variety of activities with the annual Christmas Party. This commenced with the regular DVD exercises, then a 'lighter' morning tea than usual as we needed to leave room for lunch. We then had a lovely Singalong programme of favourites headed by invited musicians Cindy, Mark, Ruth and Hans with guitars, violin and voices. Everyone received a Christmas gift and we then tucked into a festive buffet lunch.

The weekly Selwyn Centre session for Seniors is taking a short break of two weeks over the Christmas/New Year holiday period and will resume on Thursday 11th January.

Sue



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## Council Mark says -

### The future is definitely uncertain

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year everyone. The day after our last council meeting of the year the new Local Government Minister gave us an unexpected present - confirmation that a bill to repeal all the Three Waters legislation would be introduced into the House in February.

Up until then the existing law did not permit us to include any reference to the Waters (water supply, sewerage, stormwater) in our Long-term Plan (LTP) preparations. For months now we have been working through all aspects of the draft LTP and related policies without the Waters, and now we have to go back to the beginning and start again. We will need to reassess lots of aspects such as debt levels, the work programme, projects, affordability and impact on rates. The Minister has advised that he will allow us an extra three months to do this, so that our deadline extends from 30<sup>th</sup> of June next year to the end of September.

While this announcement should come as no surprise as it was one of the issues which the incoming government campaigned on, it also highlights how good a deal the intended reforms were - aside from the (in my view) unnecessarily complicated governance structure. The exercise also gave us a number - from memory about \$600M over the next 10 years - which we should be spending on waters renewals, upgrades and extensions. If some

form of reform does not go ahead our communities will be left with unaffordable water services. At least we got some renewals of water (Maungaturoto) and sewerage (Dargaville) with the first lot of bribe money - a welcome drop in the bucket. The open secret of the way the still current reforms would have worked for Kaipara was the massive cross-subsidy from our neighbour to the south. We await with bated breath to find out what the new government has in store for us as a replacement.

Meanwhile, life goes on - the last regime's reforms for the Resource Management Act are on the way out, to be replaced by something else; our district plan review continues (expect to see the proposed plan sometime in the second half of this year); the way our roading services are being delivered is under review (looking for improvement); and council organisation is reviewing its structure and function to ensure it aligns best with current needs - and that's without talking about the weather and the state of the economy - that is definitely uncertain.

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## Depot Trust delivers to community

As part of its now biannual distribution of funds the Paparoa County Depot Trust is very pleased to announce that in December a total of \$25,803 was distributed to eleven community organisations and groups. Grants ranged from \$500 to \$10,000. Sixteen applications were received for a total of over \$40,000.

The successful organisations were Pahi Reserve Society, Paparoa Lions, Ruawai Lions, Paparoa Toy Library, Otamatea High School – Duke of Edinburgh Gold students, Paparoa Medical Society, North Kaipara Agricultural Assn, Otamatea High School netball, Maungaturoto Hall Society, Grow Paparoa Inc, Pahi Community Hall Society.

Trust Chair, Graham Taylor said, 'unfortunately we cannot meet everyone's requests. Some are just too big; others do not meet the criteria or are better funded by national organisations. As a community trust we try to meet local needs so that we see the benefits that accrue in our local community. It is always a hard decision for the eight trustees but ultimately a very satisfying process.'

The Primary Industries Scholarship has not been awarded at this time.

The next round of distribution of funds will be in May 2024.

PCDT

## Toe toe or Pampas

Many people do not know the difference between these two plants - (including a Kaipara organisation that has a picture of pampas on the logo on their shirts! Not a Paparoa organisation!), BUT there are important differences.

Pampas is a weed plant that came from South America and was imported as a stock food but has spread very quickly forming very large clumps. I remember it initially being used as a wind break on the Ruawai flats many years ago.

The main difference between them is that toe toe plants are flowering now, spring/early summer and are always cream to light golden yellow in colour, always have drooping flower heads, and they do not grow as large as pampas bushes. They are endemic to NZ. Their leaves do not snap when you break them, and

have multiple veins whereas pampas have a large central vein.

Pampas have cream, white, pink or mauve flower heads and they flower after Christmas to autumn. Their flower heads are upright and the plants usually have old leaves in leaf curls around the base. The seed produced by this plant grows very easily and there are 1000s of them on every flower head, so it spreads rapidly and can create a fire hazard as it is often found covering areas around roads and railway lines. They are not easily got rid of unless using spray or a digger for bigger plants.

So please, if you see small plants coming up, pull them out as they have shallow grass like roots when young and are easily removed - unlike when they get large. If you have big plants on your property please remove the flowers and burn them so the seed can't spread any more.

Stella



Pampas (left) and toe toe (right)

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## At the market

Tracey Morrison has been a regular stallholder at the Farmer's Market for the last five years. Tracey is originally from London and came to New Zealand in 1986.

She and her husband lived in South Head near Helensville until they moved up to a lifestyle block just out of Maungaturoto, looking to semi-retire.

Tracey travels to Auckland every Monday to work at the zoo as a visitor's assistant. She spends the day showing visitors around and talking about the various animals.

For the rest of the week Tracey works as the gardener at the Maungaturoto Rest Home and Retirement Village. Then on Saturday mornings she is always early to the market with her selection of seasonal fruit trees and tropical plants.

Tracey has contacts with plant wholesalers and private growers and she buys the plants and looks after them on their 10 acre block, until they are ready for resale. Some trees she might keep for a couple of years to make sure they are growing well and ready to be planted out. She is quite happy to source 'difficult to find' plants and is also open to buyers visiting at home by appointment to see her full selection. She also sells on Facebook using the name Tracey's Plants.



Tracey is very proud of her son Ben, who is making a name for himself as an up and coming Midget car driver on the speedway circuit. Ben has just stepped up to this class after doing very well in the TQ Midgets class over the last couple of years, and is already competing with the leading drivers of the Midgets.

Call in and see Tracey at the market for all your fruit trees and tropical plants and of course some great advice, or just for a friendly chat.

Pete

## Delightful visitors

The tui is one reason why you should grow a flax bush outside your window.

Every evening my flax is visited by tui which check each flower for nectar and seem to enjoy the swaying and swinging movements which result from their grazing. There is more than one tui, but they are aggressive birds and there is no sharing, so it's strictly one at a time.

Other birds also visit. One intrepid starling was literally



beaten to the ground by a tui. It scuttled away until finally getting courageous enough to take to the air and fly away FAST. I have also seen sparrows, what I call blighties (little green birds), and fantails. As far as I know these are not interested in nectar, but

they still perch there, possibly eyeing up the alternative food supply of evening insects.

The dusk time show lasts as long as the flax flowers. About three weeks this year, from early December.

Ruth



## I've been thinking... Northland

I have been dismayed by the racial tension which has been generated over the past few years, and especially since the formation of our new government.

With unusual restraint, I will not opine on smoking legislation, the nature of destructive protests or even the responsibilities of MPs and political parties or the exact translation and meaning of the Treaty.

What I will suggest is that NZ is suffering the effects of colonialism.

From the viewpoint of the 21st century it is easy to see that there are long term ill effects when one population of humans effectively takes over land where others are established.

It is a process which probably began with conflict between neanderthalensis and homo sapiens and has continued ever since when an area becomes overcrowded or short of resources, or actions are driven by national pride, greed, even curiosity or

adventuring spirit.

When two cultures meet in this way there are inevitably winners and losers. The winners have the most advanced technology which the losers are keen to acquire. And, once the contact is made, there is no going back.

If we look at NZ history, there was possibly a time in the second half of the 19th century, when Maori still outnumbered the incomers and before the main trunk railway was built, when the invaders could have been expelled. The very able Rewi Maniopotu tried to get support, but ultimately failed because iwi politics overcame the very new concept of Maoridom. You could argue that there is still some conflict between iwi interests and overall Maori interests, and there

is certainly dispute as to who can speak for Maori.

Thus Maori lost control of much of their land and their culture was greatly altered: traumatic. And, undeniably, Maori were not always treated fairly and in accordance with the Treaty principles. The resentment and grievances remain.

Switch to British history.

There are still British families with memories and grievances of the potato famines, the problems on the Welsh Marches, and the Highland clearances. Irish, Welsh and Scottish nationalists crave independence. Grievances remain after hundreds of years.

There's some irony in the fact that England, coloniser of NZ, was itself overrun many times. But who cares

about the Angles, Saxons, Romans, Vikings, Normans? The obvious lesson is that time heals.

As it will in NZ. We are an independent nation, no longer a colony. I would suggest that most families are 'of mixed race' (which seems to be the polite term nowadays). We identify as New Zealanders rather than of persons of our racial origins.

While I agree with movements to address the wrongs of the past, I feel there has to be a time when we concentrate our energies on shaping the future giving precedence to the things which unite us. (It could be timely to remember Whina Cooper's advice: "Marry a Pakeha").

RS



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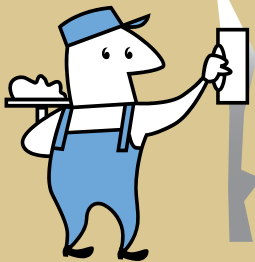
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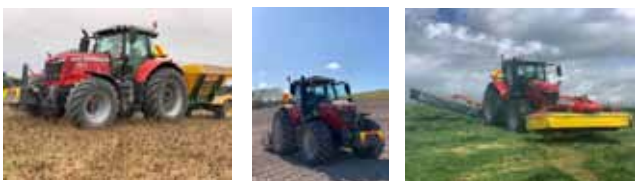


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systems so it will be even better. You can book in to put your own tomatoes through our machines, we will have marquees up, and again will finish off with a meal - tomato based, of course.

What we need is fine weather, no more blight (we

lost some plants to blight early in the season, sadly, but still have loads of tomatoes we hope to be able to use.

Please let us know if you would like to join us from 10am onwards on the 10th February so we can slot you in, and we also need to know how many to cater for. We offer 20 to 30 minute slots to process your own tomatoes. Please contact Jan on janmareedallas@gmail.com or phone 021 4317 24. We ask that a koha be given, if possible, for attendance.

We would like to wish a Happy New Year to you and your family from us at Grow Paparooa.

Katie Fullerton

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## Letters from The Old Post Office...

"O tiger's heart wrapp'd in a woman's hide!"

Dear Reader, here we are in 2024. Who would have thought, eh? Unsurprisingly 14 does indeed follow 13, as night follows day, so my surprise more centres around the shock of finding myself still here, still writing drivel (hopefully entertaining at times).

In short, still surviving. On the bright side of course, this could be published postmortem. And, with the closure of the Brynderwyns who knows what might eventuate. Which segues neatly into my topic du jour.

My politically incorrect, possibly illegal Bucket List. If, Dear Reader, you cannot be bothered to cast your mind back (and if your casting is anything like my ill-fated attempted at casting a fly for trout then who knows what you may dredge up) I will remind you. At the top of my "When a Bucket goes Bad" list was that of accomplishing a successful bank robbery. Next on my list was (or rather is, it still remains) payback! Preferably with a gun. Yes, Dear Reader, you may be surprised to realise that I have such violent urges. I should think that not many realise that my meek demeanour conceals a savage heart and violent soul. Non?

These violent delights were first seeded nearly a lifetime ago, but the irritation still burrs at my gut. I refer, Dear Reader, to experiences with THE tradesman. That alien species that seems to speak a different tongue, or at least a forked one. Having, erroneously, believed that all the plumbing, septic, drain laying, earth-working ducks were in a row, having ascertained the correct date, time and place only to discover that the important link in the chain to mix metaphors had decided to go missing in action.

Attempts at all contact with the tradie weak link failing, the other links all tottered off to do whatever they felt necessary while leaving various bills for their time. Savage! Call me Daisy.

And it is here that my second bucket list wish was born. Said tradesman rocking up two days later oblivious to the mayhem in my soul (and pocket) scorned to provide neither reason nor apology. Drawing my six shooter I shot him. At least if I lived in the USA I would have. And thus, when I heard a certain lady regaling a few of us with her own Annie get her gun exploits I was riven with jealousy. Imagine your partner/tradie/any other possible configurations, arriving at your address after letting you down in some way (please feel free to add your own reasons) to find the little woman standing at the top of the drive with her shot gun and proceeding to shoot every single expensive tyre on your vehicle out. O be still my beating heart. What style, what panache. As she said (allegedly) "I hit him where it hurts, in his beloved DB11 Volante Intrepid Sport tyres..."

I have been practising out the back with old Steinlager bottles. And yes, I have a few. So far, I have managed to hit one bottle (a lucky ricochet) one chook, the neighbour's bullock and no idea where the other shots went. However, I am persevering. Perhaps if you are popping in it might be best

to let me know first.

PS. I would just like to say that there are many tradies whom I absolutely adore. The plumber is quite high in my esteem at the moment.

Deb

"O tiger's heart wrapp'd in a woman's hide." From Shakespeare's Henry VI Part 3.



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An eclectic mix for you to start the new year, one for our Tangata Whenua, one for environmentalists, one for men and one for women, and hopefully all four will be enjoyed by all.

Witi Ihimaera's "Pounamu Pounamu," first published 50 years ago, his first book, has been republished as an anniversary issue. You may better know this author from the movie "Whale Rider" as Witi went on to become a prolific writer. This first book is a collection of short stories all based in the same small town of Waituhi. The Marae, loving Nans, teasing uncles, cheeky kids, Pakeha neighbours, make up the characters and give insight into the life of a small Maori boy growing up in 1950s Aotearoa between two cultures. Pretty much Witi's own childhood.

Fellers, you will have heard of Ronald Biggs and the Great Train Robbery, well, if you are old enough, but have you heard of the Waterfront Payroll Robbery, the New Zealand version, the theft of the largest amount of money stolen in our history? In "The Great New Zealand Robbery" Scott Bainbridge gives us all the details with photos, from the actual scene of the crime, how it was committed, witnesses, how the police caught at least one of the perpetrators, who then escaped from Mt Eden prison causing a nationwide manhunt, only to be caught again in Australia. Our own true story. It would make a great movie too.

"Down Came the Rain," by Jennifer Mathieu, is set in Houston, Texas in 2017 during the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey. The contents of this book may be a little too close to home for some after Cyclone Gabriel. A fictional story that deals with the real life issues of flooding, randomly devastating some and leaving others relatively unscathed, the clean-up, rehousing families, racial inequality, climate change, relationships and post-traumatic stress. The main characters are a wealthy white girl and a less wealthy espanic boy, teenagers. Their two rather different schools are forced to share the same buildings for a year, as one survived the hurricane and the other awaits a rebuild having been completely demolished. I would have classified it in the Young Adult section, but as I got deeper into their story, I think it is a book to make us all more aware of the effects the state of our planet is having on our young people.

Disastrous weather events feature more and more in our fictional movies, TV programmes and novels, and "Summer in the Spotlight" by Liz Johnson also deals with the aftermath of storm damage, set on Prince Edward Island, Canada. This book however, is gloriously heartwarming and its characters delightfully shy and sweet. The whole community joins together to produce a play, "The Importance of Being Earnest," as an outdoor benefit production to save their Drama Company and rebuild their devastated Playhouse. Enough villains and obstacles in their way to make interesting reading, and a lovely note to end on. They are successful of course!

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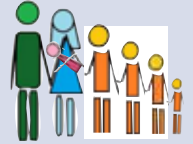
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## From our family to yours Whatever the Weather



Small talk. Not quite a whispered conversation, but more a shallow conversation of safe topics one might engage in during a trip to the shops, after having seeing someone not seen for a long time or a large family get together. The safest topic, whether you know a person or not, is the weather. We can all agree its been too hot/cold/rainy/humid or windy. Sometimes we agree, just to get away from the conversation, after all, who wants to argue over the weather? No matter the weather, we agree its wrong. Its too hot. Too cold. Too humid. Too windy. If it were less of those things, then we agree its not right either. Humans are a funny bunch.



When did the preoccupation with weather systems arise? I dont have an answer, this isn't the sort of column where you learn something useful... but it probably came around the time of polite conversations. Something Victorian, I'm sure. Making small talk with strangers, to be polite and to pass time. Was there a time when the world only had people in it that knew one another? Probably when there were 8 people sitting in an ark on top of a flood, discussing the weather. Then there would be ample time to talk about how much its rained lately.

Whatever the weather, it's a nice day - a radical concept of enjoying whatever is happening on that given day. Yup, it's hot, it's raining. And what a conversation, "Terrible weather we're having isn't it?". Retorted with, "Oh, is it? I think every day is beautiful". Unless that person just lost everything in a flood - its still a safe, polite answer.

Some people do love to give an impolite, unsafe answer, no matter the question. We know the ones, like a scratchy wool jersey, who indulge in the joy of being abrasive. For those, I do hope you have a beautiful storm today.

And a beautiful January, no matter the weather!

Jenny



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### Ingredients:

- 2 punnets strawberries, halved
- 2 tbsp coconut oil, melted
- 1 tbsp honey
- ¼ tsp sea salt

### Method:

Preheat the oven to 200C.

Toss the strawberries with the coconut oil, honey and sea salt. Place on a lined baking tray and cook in the oven for 10-15 minutes. Once cooked, remove the strawberries from the oven and let them cool before serving.

## Hazelnut ginger crumble

Highly recommend making a big batch of this delicious crumble over the festive season. It can be used in so many ways, whether that's sprinkled over ice cream or roasted berries and/or stone fruit. Feel free to change up the hazelnuts for any other nut such as brazil nuts, pecans, walnuts or almonds. Leftover crumb will keep in an airtight container or jar, in the fridge for up to two weeks.

### Ingredients:

- 1 cup hazelnuts
- ½ cup rolled oats (GF option: dried coconut chips)
- ½ cup flour (GF option: buckwheat flour)
- 3 tbsp coconut oil, melted
- 2 tbsp coconut sugar
- 2 tbsp maple syrup
- 1 tbsp ground ginger
- ½ tsp sea salt

### Method:

Preheat the oven to 160C.

In a blender, add ½ cup of hazelnuts and rolled oats. Blend into a coarse flour.

Add the hazelnut and oat flour to a bowl, along with the other ½ cup of hazelnuts, roughly chopped, flour, coconut oil, coconut sugar, maple syrup, ginger, and sea salt. Mix until everything is well combined.



Spoon the hazelnut ginger crumble evenly over a lined baking tray. Place in the oven and bake for 10-15 minutes or until golden and crunchy.

To assemble, arrange the roasted strawberries on a flat plate. Top with 4 scoops of ice cream on top and sprinkle over a generous amount of hazelnut ginger crumble.

Serve immediately.

Recipe from Two Raw Sisters.

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### Myopia trend prediction

The prediction is that 50% of the population will be affected by myopia (short sightedness) by 2050!

#### What causes myopia?

- Genetics is one reason.
- It starts in childhood when the growth of the eye is occurring.
- If the eye grows too fast it becomes too long, which makes the focusing components (cornea and lens) target just in front of the retina rather than on it- making the object appear blurry.
- Lack of out of doors time when young is a possible reason for this. Dopamine is stimulated by outdoor light which in turn slows eye growth.
- Sight normally stabilises around the age of 20.




This trend started before the explosion of screen time. Opticians are working on ways of preventing this development. But - from this old short-sighted person - it's not all bad!



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Stella

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## Pets in the Valley



Happy New Year to you and your pets.

The New Year is always a good time to reflect on the last year and try to make some plans for the one ahead. Make sure to include pets and animals in your plans, more than ever I see how preventative care is so important.

It gets a bit depressing to see suffering and disease in animals that can be prevented quite easily. It is easy to find excuses as to why not to do things - it's too expensive, I'm too busy, it's not a priority - but having animals is a responsibility and they should be given quality lives.

Anyway enough of a sermon. In my job I also get to see wonderful owners doing wonderful things with their animals and nursing them through various injuries and ailments.

I recently amputated the wing of a goose - the second time I have ever done this, and it is amazing how resilient some animals are. It stood up after its anaesthetic and looked like nothing had happened. The first goose had broken its wing after taking on a car but this one had caught its wing in a gate and broken it. They were both Cape Barron Geese which are lovely looking birds. So who knows what animals will come in the door in 2024? Looking forward to it!



Janine

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Happy New Year everyone. We at The White Rock Gallery are well into the spirit of the season. Last month I mentioned the flax weaving workshop to be run

by Geraldine Jenkins over the weekend beginning 9th February, 2024. Our committee has decided to subsidize the fees for this by 50%. Cost for the 3 day course will now be \$40. Be in quick, this is a great opportunity. Phone or text the tutor, Geraldine, on 0225668081 or email [biggsdesigns@gmail.com](mailto:biggsdesigns@gmail.com) for details. Our customers last month were looking for gifts, that were original and memorable, to reflect how they felt about the recipients. Our artists and crafts people are skilled at what they do. Quality is guaranteed. This month it is expected holiday makers will pick up mementos to take home from that special holiday up North or in New Zealand for some. It is so exciting to think that some of our work goes to exotic locations overseas. The most unusual for me has been visitors from the Shetland Islands. Overseas visitors are always keen to chat. The common thread of conversation is the beauty of our country and the friendliness of the people here. We are always keen to have new, contributing members join The Gallery. Ask at the desk for a membership form. Look for us behind The Old Telegraph Office beside The Kauri Museum between 10am and 4pm every day. You will be most welcome. Happy holidays.

White Rock Gallery Committee

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- White Rock Gallery** - 5 Church Rd Matakoho (Kauri Museum) Open 7 days 10 - 4
- Paparooa Golf Club Twilight Golf** - Fridays 4-6pm. Golf Course Rd, Maungaturoto (off Golden Stairs Rd). Enquiries to 022 678 1474.
- Tinopai Fishing Competition** - Sat Jan 13. See back page for more info.
- Pahi Regatta** - Sat & Sun Jan 27 & 28.
- Paparooa Primary School** - First day of school Wed Jan 31.
- Paparooa A&P Show** - Sat Feb 3, from 9am.
- Flax Weaving Workshop** - Powhiri Fri Feb 9, workshop Sat & Sun Feb 10 & 11 See White Rock ad p3 for booking and more info.
- Grow Whakatipu Paparooa** - Passata Day. Sat Feb 10. See p6 for booking details.

**OUT & ABOUT AROUND TOWN**

- Paparooa's Farmers' Market** happens every Saturday morning, 9am- 12 at the Village Green. Fresh fruit & veges, sweet treats, plants, olive oil, fish, preserves, live music and so much more. A great place to catch up with friends or make new ones.  
**Note - the Farmers' Market is back January 13.**
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**Badminton** Thursdays 7pm Paparoa Hall \$2 students, \$3 adults, Pete 021 056 7163  
**Farmers' Market** Every Saturday 9-Noon, Village Green, Linda 021 362468  
**Grey Power** Last Wed in month, 1pm, Anglican Church Hall, Maungatūroto  
**Grow Paparoa** Thur/Fri/Sun 10am to 2pm at the Community Gardens  
**Holy Trinity Anglican Church**, Maungaturoto, All welcome. Ph 431 8193 for services information.  
**Kaipara Marching Team** Weds 4-5.30pm, M'gto, Ph Lyn Hutchings 022 070 8674  
**Line Dancing** Thurs 10am-noon Paparoa Hall Ph Jackie Comes 027 368 7298  
**Paparoa Mah Jong Group** 1st & 3rd Tues, Paparoa Hall 1.30-4pm, Sara 021 0774947  
**Mainly Music** Wed 9.30am Paparoa Comm Church, Lynaire Porteous 431 7520  
**Matakohe Garden Circle** 1st Weds each month, 1pm, J Mackinnon 431 6689.  
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**Paparoa Lions** Dinner Meetings 3<sup>rd</sup> Mon in month 6.30pm, Sports Pavilion  
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10th	17.02	11.06	26th	18.38	12.43
11th	17.50	11.53	27th	19.13	13.17
12th	18.38	12.39	28th	7.24	13.50
13th	19.26	13.25	29th	7.56	14.22
14th	7.43	14.12	30th	8.28	14.55
15th	8.29	14.59	31st	9.01	15.29
16th	9.18	15.49	FEB		
17th	10.09	16.41	1st	9.37	16.06
18th	11.05	17.37	2nd	10.18	16.49
19th	12.07	18.38	3rd	11.08	17.41
20th	7.20	13.18	4th	12.12	18.43
21st	8.34	14.30	5th	13.28	7.25
22nd	9.43	15.36	6th	14.45	8.43
23rd	10.40	16.31	7th	15.50	9.51
24th	11.27	17.18	8th	16.45	10.45
25th	12.07	18.00	9th	17.35	11.37

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## Tinopai Fishing Comp - Jan 13th

The Tinopai Fishing Contest is one of the Kaipara's most spectacular fish and fundraising events. This will be our 22nd year running this contest which is being held on Saturday 13th January 2024. This continues to be the main annual fundraiser for our sole-charge, decile one, rural school and our fundraising goal this year is to raise \$10,000.

The contest time is from 7am to 4pm and all fish must be weighed in by 4pm, at Tinopai School grounds.

There will be plenty of entertainment for the kids from 12pm - and make sure they're in to win the latest games bundle in our sprat competition! Open to children 5 - 13 years with the weigh in at 2pm (hooks only).



For the big kids, there will be two cash spot prizes this year of \$1000 and \$500 plus a prize bundle valued at \$7000. We will also be running quick fire raffles, spot prizes, a sausage sizzle, mussel fritters and cold drinks throughout the day. At 6pm our hot hangi will be available- make sure you pre-order so you don't miss out!

Tickets are available online for \$30 each: <https://buytickets.at/tinopaifish2024>. Your ticket automatically enters you into the spot prize draws and you must be present to win.

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## Quiz Time!!



This months questions are:

1. How much is the flax weaving?
2. Who has over 30 years experience?
3. Name 2 recipients of PCDT grants.
4. Who sells books?

Email your answers, with Quiz in the subject line, to: [press@paparoa.org.nz](mailto:press@paparoa.org.nz)

Last month's answers were:

1. 17, 15, 12 & 5.
2. Closed from 23 Dec - 8 Jan.
3. Hairdresser for 20 years.
4. The Bonhams.

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## Revving up the fun: Kumara Race returns to the Paparoa Show

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First held in 2023, the race promises thrills, spills, and a whole lot of laughter as participants are invited to take part in the race of a lifetime. The inaugural event saw extremely close competition, with just one second between first and second place.

No need to be a seasoned athlete - this event is all about good-natured



competition and, of course, the challenge of navigating a wheelbarrow filled to the brim with kumara around the Showgrounds at top speed.

A&P Show President Janine Hames says over \$500 of cash and kumara is in the prize pool for the Race. "The Race last year was a heap of fun, both for the young and fit who

had a go, and all the show visitors who cheered them on. We're really looking forward to it again this year," Janine says. Whether you're a veteran of the Kumara 500 or a first-time participant, this is your chance to shine. The more the merrier - so gather your friends, family, and neighbours, and let the wheelbarrow adventures begin! The Kumara 500 will start at 2pm - entries on the day.

Janine says the Show Committee is looking forward to a great show this year - the 147th. "We have all the

traditional things people expect - including wood chopping, sheep shearing, lots of horses, vegetables and flowers, and a great line-up of music - and this year we are really pleased to have a lot more food stalls. We have a good number of trade and community stalls too - but there is room for more. Over 1,000 local customers come to the show - it's a great opportunity to get products and services in front of local people, and have a fun day".

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