

# Kauri Museum 60th Birthday A Huge Success!

The Kauri Heritage Festival on October 15 at the Kauri Museum was an outstanding success. Large crowds attended the day, with organisers delighted to see over 1,200 people in and around the museum at its peak.

"From around 11.30am until 1pm we were pretty full" said Museum Director Barbara Hilden. "It was really satisfying to see so many locals and visitors enjoying the hard work of the staff, volunteers and exhibitors, and coming together to celebrate the Museum's 60th birthday. Huge thanks to everyone who contributed and of course to everyone who came."

Grant O'Neill







#### Images, clockwise from above:

The tussy mussy flower stall; Crowds in the Volunteers Hall; The Victoria Sponge Competition entrants being judged; Clive Smith making billy tea.

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# **Progressive Paparoa News**

After 21 years as chairman of Progressive Paparoa Graham Taylor stepped down at the recent AGM and the baton was handed over to deputy chair Pete Hames.

Graham has been a tireless leader and worker for the betterment of our whole district and especially the village of Paparoa, and although he will remain on the Progressive Paparoa committee, he will hopefully have a much reduced workload. As part of that Graham has given notice that he will no longer manage the weekly Farmers Market after

the end of this year, so we are currently working hard to find a replacement or replacements for this role.

In his final Chairman's report Graham looked back on another busy year for Progressive Paparoa managing the market, the Print Shop, producing the Paparoa Press, as well as some exciting new developments such as the employment of a part time Community Activator. Val Faulkner did a great job in this role advancing the Playground refresh project, engaging the community on the Waka Kotahi speed review amongst other things, but her other commitments have lead to her resignation. Progressive Paparoa is now in the recruitment process to try



and find a replacement having been fortunate to receive some funding for this from Lotteries Community Fund.

We have also received some funding from the KDC Reserve Contribution Fund to get started on the Playground project, so we are looking forward to getting that underway over this summer.

The incoming committee of Vicky Hilton, Lissie Cleave, Tony Bozzard, Luke MacDonald, Graham Taylor, Ruby Hutton, Mel Juer and Kate Hawley are looking forward to another great year progressing Paparoa.

Pete Progressive Paparoa



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# Paparoa Tennis

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for six weeks. There will be no charge for these sessions.

Club play for adults and teens will follow from 5pm Mondays.

Courts are at the showgrounds beside the Sports Pavilion, and we have a number of large and small racquets available for use as required.

An Open Afternoon will be

held on Saturday 5th November, with play tailored for all ages from 3pm, so bring the family along. This will be followed at 4.30pm by afternoon tea and the AGM, to which all are welcome.

Contact Sue Skelton 0274174626 or 4316224.

# A reminder to our contributors!

We need all advertising material by the 15th of the previous month and all editorial copy by the 20th. We cannot guarantee the publication of any material received after these dates.

While we always welcome editorial content we reserve the right to decline or hold over any articles outside our regular columns.

Opinions expressed in Paparoa Press are the author's own and not necessarily those of the editorial team or PPI.



# Council Mark says - The people have spoken Firstly I'd like to thank the people who went to the trouble of voting in the recent

elections; even more so if you voted for me!

The turnout for the Otamatea ward was lower than for Wairoa

Kaiwaka-Mangawhai but at least across the district it was better than last time, and significantly better than the national average. Having a separate Maori ward may have helped the total number participating.

In the campaign I indulged myself with a series of handdrawn signs which I changed at regular intervals. They usually had a musical connection, so I would photograph the sign, then post it on Facebook with a link to the song it related to. It was fun for me, and I hope it brought a smile to the face of those who saw them. At the time of writing, the sign is "Intentionally Blank".

The new council is a very different lineup from the previous one. I am one of only three returning elected members out of a total of ten. I cannot say that I know all the new members, and I'm keen to get to know them and learn about the contribution each will be bringing to the table. I have written previously that you can still respect and even like someone at the same time as strongly disagreeing with them. I will be disappointed if we don't have different perspectives around the council table, yet we are able to achieve consensus. I think diversity of viewpoints has added to the quality of our decision making in the past. We will need that as we

confront the tidal wave of changes being generated from Wellington. Collectively they have major implications for our future as a council.

I have enjoyed writing these monthly articles during the previous term of council and my intention is to continue.

> Mark Vincent Otamatea Ward Councillor 021 0829 8037

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# **Diabetes**



Did you know that over 225,000 New Zealanders suffer from type 1 or type 2 Diabetes?

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Diabetes is when we struggle to control our blood sugar within a normal range of 4-6mmol/L. This can be because of our pancreas being unable to produce enough, or any, insulin. We can also develop insulin resistance where our cells do not respond well to insulin.

#### Early signs and symptoms of diabetes

- Frequent urination. When your blood sugar is high your kidneys expel the excess blood sugar, causing you to urinate more frequently.
- Increased thirst
- **Fatigue**
- Blurred vision
- Increased hunger
- Unexplained weight loss
- Slow healing cuts and wounds
- Tingling or numbness in the hands or feet

Paparoa Lions are planning an evening to raise awareness of Diabetes. Anyone who would like to prevent, support and encourage others with Diabetes

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# **Paparoa Connections**

There was great turn out and plenty of energy at the sports pavilion for the latest Paparoa Connections get together. Some new people came along who brought welcome ideas and willingness to get involved.

A spinoff from one of the groups is now focusing on the gardens assisting the current gardener tidying up the village gardens and planning future planting by the unsightly water tank on the Village Green. Working together across the various groups and projects around Paparoa is one of the major goals of Paparoa Connections and it

is good to see when that is coming together.

Other plans for the summer include further upgrading to the mountain bike track, planning further art installations, cleaning up around the village, installing the first exercise stations on the concrete track around the showgrounds, planning the track between showgrounds and Lifestyle Village, local

events and supporting the school in their developments. Anyone interested in getting involved with Paparoa Connections can email us at: paparoa.connections@gmail.

Our next workshop is Sunday 27 November 3-5pm at the Paparoa Sports Pavilion.

Libby Jones for Paparoa Connections

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- Running of the monthly Paparoa Press
- Coordination of ideas and liaising with KDC on the Playground development
- Manage and finance of the local Print shop in Skeltons
- Waste Water Project team started the ball rolling to find possible options for development.
- Many more projects on the horizon!!!

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# Paparoa School News

Well the term has begun, the school is buzzing with children and at the moment the kids eyes are on the prize. We are getting ready for our Pet and Show Day, creating our art and craft pieces for judging, perfecting the handwriting and for those with animals, getting them ready to parade, lead and call!!

So this month I thought I would get into the dusty, old cupboards to learn about Paparoa School of old. This gave me an idea, so let me introduce you to PAPAROA'S BLAST FROM THE PAST!!

This picture was in the Rodney Times on 29th April 1991. Are about how the students were looking after the school gardens and were growing flowers and vegetables. The Principal at the time, Therese Moore talked about how they were including the garden as part of the Science curriculum.

Fast forward 30 years and here

gardens. Compost and soil have gone in. We have planted spinach, radishes, lettuce and we have strawberries as well. The kids are enjoying watching everything grow, so now we are working out how we are going to eat them!!

> Karyn Taylor Principal

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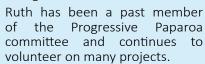
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### Ruth de Man

As pictured, you will find often Ruth caring for the Village Green boxed gardens, which are now beautifully painted

orange.



She can sometimes also be found in the gardens of local people who need a little support in maintaining them.

Ruth also helps out at Grow Paparoa, with community dinners supports Paparoa Connections, and sings at many of our local

events. She just pops up when help is needed.



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## **Books And Bookclubs**

My Dad was a whizz at solving Cryptic Crosswords. Codecrackers and easy Sudokus are about as much as my brain can handle without too much effort involved.

You probably will have heard of enigma codes used in WWII, but have you heard of the top secret location at Bletchley Park in England? I hadn't and so The Rose Code by Kate Quinn, fiction set in real life, was an education. Astonishing! A bunch of boffins and eggheads from all walks of life spent the war years in secrecy, decoding enemy radio messages. They were unable to reveal anything

of their work there to anyone, even spouses, until 2014, computers once modern made codebreaking machines obsolete. Also astonishing, especially with the recent death of the Queen, is that Prince Philip is one of the book's characters in a romantic liaison with a Canadian woman. If ever a book needed an epilogue this one does, but, SPOILER ALERT, DO NOT go there until you finish the story because all will be revealed!!!

A completely different war story is Poppy's War by Lily Baxter. An account of a young London evacuee who grows from childhood to womanhood through the war years. A sweet story, simply told, with lots to ponder over nevertheless.

Still on the theme of war is Captain Corelli's Mandolin by Louis de Bernieres. A far, far grimmer read in print than portrayed in the movie. Set on the Greek Island of Cephalonia under occupation by the Italians and then the Germans, the author also takes us into the background of the politics behind the Italian involvement in WWII and into the lives of the soldiers who often had no

idea of why they were fighting or who they were fighting. And of course, there is the romantic involvement of a Greek woman and an Italian soldier which does not end as happily ever after as in the film of the same name.

The war theme this month is more from happenstance than design, ANZAC day is a long way off, but sadly, war is just as much in the forefront today as it has ever been. Heroism is still a quality much required.

Wilfred Owen is renowned for several books of war poems, motivated by his own experiences. I leave you with one verse from his poem

"Futility."

"Move him into the sun gently it's touch awoke him

at home, whispering of fields unsown.

Always it woke him, even in France,

until this morning and this snow.

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the kind old sun will know."

Anne B.

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Stella



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# Letters from The Old Post Office... Just Another "C" Word

Consumerism: the preoccupation of society with the acquisition of consumer goods: Oxford Dictionary. Well, Dear Reader I am guessing the title has given you a clue. And guess what has sparked this most recent intellectual outrage?

Reading about a recent pilgrimage made to a new temple to merchandising, I was not sure whether my brain was going to explode or my spirit dejectedly drag itself to the nearest cupboard and shut itself in. Forever. Of course, I recognise that for some of you this would be a welcome outcome. (Although I have been practising ways to haunt and not just for the upcoming All Hallows Eve, so be warned). And this particular altar to consumer delights is American, so like the majority of our banks, the money will flow offshore. Yippeee.

Benjamin Bratt put it succinctly " We live in a society that, for the most part, is morally and spiritually bankrupt. Our culture is a culture of consumerism. How sustainable is that?" This last point, a culture of consumerism, a society that measures short term economic gain rather than long term costs, is the one that rips my nighty (another useful term used by the late man in the shed). I mean, seriously! If the long- term costs are so heavy, should we not be looking to alter the way of doing things so that we have sustainable outcomes? Thinking of the "need" for a Dome Valley tip for example. If we didn't buy so much there wouldn't be so much rubbish, n'est-ce pas?

Apologies again Reader, I will get off my soap box and re-use, recycle, indeed even upcycle it in some deeply green and environmental way. Although, I really do appreciate James Turrell's belief" In age of consumerism and materialism, I traffic in blue sky and colored air." I am also aware that hypocrisy is my middle name and perhaps people in glass houses shouldn't throw stones (Although what fun!).

As I exit rapidly stage -right I will just leave you with a line from Pink.

"Consumerism diverts us

about Iraq, it stops us from thinking about what's going on in Africa - it stops us from thinking in general."

And perhaps more practically "My first rule of consumerism is never to buy anything you can't make your children carry". Bill Bryson

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Its very easy to rail on about the plethora of orange cones that litter our streets and highways. It might be regret that we

lacked the foresight to invest in a Chinese plastics factory that churns them out by the zillions. Or is it that the authorities use them as a means of avoiding spending our money on much needed road repairs. Maybe they are an alien plot and have embedded microchips that will arise up on masse and take over the world on a given signal from outer space.

Whatever, it seems they are here to stay and maybe we should develop a kinder relationship with the orange beasts.

Looking at it more rationally, it seems road cones do serve a purpose. Traffic management - the purveyor of road cones is a serious business, designed to keep safe both road users and road workers going about their business. A few years ago, three road workers near Tauranga were killed as a result of careless driving. Every Saturday morning, we see the traffic through Paparoa slowed down by the Farmers' Market cones. Drivers do recognise the significance of this safety measure and respond accordingly. Peace and safety for three brief hours!

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Raspberry Frambroise, and Chilli & Mint chocolates. She also won two bronze medals in this category for her Apricot Individual Chocolate, and Salted Caramel Individual Chocolate.

Her Christmas Treat Individual Chocolate was deemed "best in show" In the Christmas and Novelty category, also winning gold. It was applauded by the judges who



said of this chocolate that it was, "Beautiful, exquisite, accomplished painting... with balanced flavour, subtle, gentle, lasting, moreish... a real all occasion chocolate!"

The Supreme Winner was Johnty Tatham, Lucid Chocolatier from Wairarapa, with his 68% Port chocolate bar, in which cacao beans are submerged in a 10-year-old Taylor's Tawny Port.

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Many of what are commonly accused of being "weeds" are actually useful, nutricious plants and we should be making more use of them. At the moment my "garden" is full of them. some I love and some I loathe.

I have yet to find something useful about carrot weed-but

I'm sure it has some purpose in life besides driving me crazy.

But, there are offering things themselves up in abundance that do have uses and I'm slowly

learning how to utilise them in salads, soups or simply in my scrambled eggs.

Onion weed is everywhere and I'm not complaining about a constant and free source of "spring onions". Onion weed is a great alternative - and the entire plant is edible. The stems, leaves and flowers can be added to salads (or scrambled eggs), and the cleaned bulbs chopped into anything, or pickled as tiny cocktail onions.

This year I have made friends with cleavers, aka biddy-bid or sticky willy. A friend put me onto "cleaver water" where you stuff a bunch of cleaver

> stems and leaves into a jar, cover with water, then refrigerate overnight. In the morning you have this lovely, mildly cucumber flavoured tonic.

> The plant is high

in vitamin C (as ascorbic acid), is rich in minerals especially silica, is a diuretic and is one of the best cleansing tonics known for helping purify the blood, the lymphatic system, including spleen, thymus, throat, mammary glands and kidneys. Add it to salads or to soups and stews.



You can make a whole salad from onion weed, cleavers, plantain, nastursium, oxalis, edible flowers and more.

As with anything you may forage, make sure you identify your plants and don't pick plants that may have been sprayed.

For a great NZ guide visit juliasedibleweeds.com.

Margie



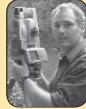
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to be able to enjoy their presentation each year. To help us with our catering, if you would like to come, please call Eileen 021 142 0357, or Stella 021 149 0877 by Friday 18th November.

As many of you know, we help look after the tracks in both Piroa Falls and Nikau Grove. The winter (and stray dogs) have caused some havoc in Nikau Grove and we are in the process of repairing the damage. Thank you Bruce for removing the two fallen trees. We now need to look at ways of replacing the metal on the track so that it doesn't run off. We are also placing netting on the boardwalk so that it is not so slippery. Can we please remind people that dogs need to be on a lead when walking through this area.

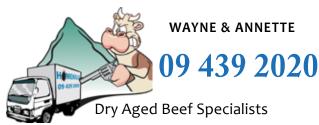
We were able to be present with a display at the Matakohe Kauri Museum's 60th Settlers'

Day. This is always a fantastic day which commences with a church service at 9am in the pioneer church. Our display this year was of an Emergency Response Kit. We fundraise to cover the cost of a kit (\$600) and they are prepacked, ready for shipping to any areas where emergency supplies are needed, especially in the Pacific Islands. The box holds 60 items likely to be needed by a family in an emergency situation. Included are tarps, clothing, tools, cooking, eating and medical essentials. The 78litre container can be used to hold fresh water. This display created a reasonable amount of interest and we were also fortunate to meet a Rotarian from the Netherlands, who arrived at the Museum as part of a bus tour. Once again we became aware of Rotary being a worldwide organization.

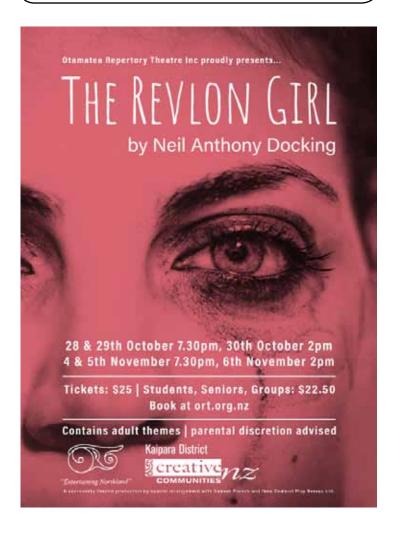
We are interested in hearing from Rotary Alumni – those people in our community who may not necessarily be a member of a Rotary club but who have taken part in one of the many Rotary programmes over the years, including Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA), Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA) or have been on a student exchange overseas. It would be great to get in touch with any of these people in the hope we can reconnect and at the very least hear their stories. If you know of anyone who fits this category, please tell a Rotarian about them or get in touch with me.

Eileen Parsons 021 142 0357 Maungaturoto & Districts Rotary Club

# HOMEKILLS



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catch up with friends and neighbours. There's nothing quite

like a good chat with friends for a couple of hours now and again. For some its also a chance to meet new people, with more and more new residents in the Kaipara district.

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#### **November Dates:**

Wednesday 2nd - Community Lunch at the St John Hall, Hurndall street, Maungaturoto. 10am morning tea and 12 lunch.

*Tuesday 8th - and Wednesday 23rd -* Free shopping trip to Whangarei. Leaving 9am Maungaturoto Retirement Village, returning early to mid afternoon

Phone us on 431 9080 to enquire about any of the above.

Regards from all at OCS



# It's A Dog Thing

Over labour weekend Poppy and I competed in the National Dog Obedience Assembly annual show and represented the Northern Region team in the "excellent" level Rally Obedience Class. We had a super weekend which included no traffic delays to or from Auckland.

I couldn't be happier with how amazing Poppy worked in such an electric and prestigious environment; dogs maybe known as 'mans best friend' they can definitely be a 'woman's soul mate'.

Our results as an individual competing against dogs from around New Zealand are a third and a fifth place in Excellent rallv'O.

The Northern Region rally obedience team were second

to the Southern Region who bought their 'A game'

We had a wonderful time and made memories that will last forever.

Next month I will put some tips and tricks together on how to get through the summer holidays with your canine counterparts.

Ellisia Cleave



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# Paparoa Inc

Grow Paparoa Inc, Whakatipu Paparoa held its AGM on 19th October 2022.

Once again records showed a very productive year for this small volunteer organisation, bringing much needed food to our local communities; many happy hours of fellowship whilst gardening, catering, workshops enjoving participating in working bees. On average 25 to 30 hours per week are spent working in or around the gardens on Thursday, Friday Sunday. This does not include administration work done from home by our Secretary, Treasurer and myself. Nor the hours spent cooking for fundraisers or baking for our volunteers. The gardens bring many locals and visitors to our premises, sharing knowledge, morning tea and a chat. Long may this continue, but it will only do so as long as we have volunteers. Would YOU like to donate a couple of hours of your time per week?

• There can never be enough water in summer for a garden the size of ours.

In November 2021 a volunteer suggested the roof on the grandstand building behind our main shed to gather water for the gardens. After much discussion over the next few months between NKAA, Sport and Rec and ourselves we now have, almost a year later, a new 25,000ltr tank that receives water from the large Sports Pavilion building. Grow Paparoa now publicly thank all of the donated labour and private machinery from NKAA and Sport and Recreation. Our sincere thanks and gratitude to Hubands for supplying the digger needed, Graham Slatter of Kaipara Plumbing Ltd, The Depot Trust for their generous grant. And to PGG Wrightson for offering the tank at such a competitive price.

• Last November we had a large working bee with 25 people offering their time and expertise helped to bring the gardens up to speed for the summer. We finished the evening with fish and chips from The Ladies Mile, at a kindly discounted price.

It's now time for another working bee... if you are not already on our database send me a text so I can update you on this and all GP events.

- Twice Covid Lockdowns prevented our Community Dinner fundraiser from going ahead. Finally we had this on Saturday 1st October and was a great success, catering for 76 guests and helpers. Thank you to all those who helped prior and to those who supported us by coming to the dinner or leaving their funds in if the new date did not suit them.
- · Regarding fundraising, our main and regular source of income is Aladdin's Cave (our weekly garage sale). Vivien and Ralph Paulger open up each Saturday unless the weather is too wet and/or windy. This is a huge commitment for both of them and their helpers. Grow Paparoa recently met with FENZ and NKAA to progress the building of our new Aladdin's Cave.

Like cheese, good things take time, and there will be a grand opening when it finally happens. This new building and shelter for the goods on sale will enable Aladdin's to be open far more regularly.

• There have been a few weeks during the past year when we have not had food available to distribute to the food banks or it has been too wet to harvest. We note what we give away each week and are basically a small commercial production unit. Again, without those volunteers giving 2 or 3 hours on a Sunday we would be unable to do this much needed work.

To give readers some idea of what we have harvested in the 7 months from April... and sometimes the pickers and packers are too busy to remember, so there will likely be much more than this:

25 Beetroot, 1 bag broadbeans, 31 broccoli heads, 23 bunches broccoli sprouts, 43 red or green cabbages, 9 cauliflower, 84 bunches celery, bags of feijoas, bags of garlic, 43 bunches herbs, 47 bunches kale, 15 bags kumara, 4 bags lemons, 8 jars lemon honey, 113 lettuces, boxes mandarins, 32 Pak Choi, 4 pumpkins, 101 bunches rhubarb, 136 bunches silverbeet/spinach, 8 bunches tatsoi, 3 bags tomatoes, 1 bag ugli fruit. AND this is our off season!

- Our new treasurer has successfully raised funds through Rabo Bank to buy Passata machines to enable us to run a Passata Day once tomato season is upon us again. The date set down for this is 11th February 2023. This will be another opportunity to bring the community together in a positive and fun way to the gardens and Sports Pavilion.
- Katie who does a great job of our publicity has brought us into the 21st century and handles our facebook page and along with Laura these women each have young children which helps us to keep in touch with the vounger people in our community and constantly bring new ideas to Grow Paparoa.
- As well as the Passata Day over summer, we hope to Continued on p13...

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# **Giant Pumpkin** Competition

Grow Paparoa has 6 plants to give away. Ph Jan on O21 431 724 for registration and collection of your pumpkin.

#### Continued from p12...

run a workshop teaching Vegan Cooking, plus another workshop proposal is Water Wise Growing, incorporating Wicking Pots and Beds.

When Rose and Brian Plunkett left the district after many years of community service, we were left wondering who would take Rose's place as a foodbank and distribution centre. Fortunately we found Taira Phillips, an energetic and passionate young woman involved with the Otamatea High School, who along with a local policeman runs a foodbank distributing to those in need who have children attending OHS.

We still sometimes supply the Pataka Kai at Tinopai as well as the local one at Paparoa Primary School - particularly during summer school holidays when Otamatea Community Services close down for a few weeks and we have a lot of summer produce. At this time food is donated to the Maungaturoto Rest Home as well.

sincerely think organisation runs best if both older and younger people are involved. We need both men and women. New ideas are always needed and appreciated. We all have differing skills that makes everyone involved in Grow Paparoa Inc a valuable volunteer. Please consider our organisation as one you might like to join – there are many things you could do, even sitting/standing holding a hose frees up those who are able do the bending and digging, for example.

recently nominated committees is: Jan Dallas Skelton (Chair), Sue (Secretary), Laura Kately-Cullen (Treasurer), Robert Elder, Sue Pearce, Kim Brewer, Katie Fullerton, Bev Symonds, Jenny MacKinnon, Jacob Lord.

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# **PULLED BBQ JACKFRUIT**

I recently attended a significant birthday party (my own) and offered this for the vegans and vegetarians.

In typical fashion, the carnivores there present thought it was pretty darned tasty, refused to believe it wasn't pork, and scoffed the whole potful.

2 tins jackfruit, drained

1 tblsp oil

1 med onion

2 cloves garlic

1/2 tsp cinnamon

1/2 tsp cumin

1 tsp smoked paprika

1 c tomato puree or passata

1/2 c water

Hot sauce to taste

Salt



Heat oil and gently cook onion until translucent. Add jackfruit, garlic and spices and stir until it starts to stick. Stir in water and tomato puree and simmer gently for 20 minutes. Allow to cool then shred the jackfruit using 2 forks. Return to the heat and add hot sauce and salt to taste. Cook at a higher heat for at least 10 minutes until the sauce thickens. You can alternatively place it in a slow cooker for 6 hours, or until thickened.

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# From our family to yours

#### Life and Children

Recently I ran into a lovely lady I know at the shops, as we do, but she murmured at me-I thought you were peaceful now... well-it was the last week of the school holidays, shopping with 3 boys in tow, each going opposite

directions, filling my trolley with a hundred processed items not on the list, and I was wearing a frazzled face in a moment many mums would agree is less than peace filled... After all, I am a human. Frazzled feelings come and go, they aren't 'me', they are moments of life bombarding us and as she murmured those words- the peace was still there. It was just under a layer of life.

I reflected upon parenting late October just passed, as the little one turned 4. (Not sure where those 4 years went...) He is turning into quite a little character, he loves to play the drums, daily and loudly, please imagine this for yourselves if you are somewhere quiet... It was a bittersweet moment, as he wasn't going to be the littlest, till we lost the next baby mid 2021, at 13 weeks.

Plans are out of our hands. All the best laid intentions and decisions can fall away in a heartbeat, as life is out of our control. So much anxiety is built around trying to hold life in a state of control, as if we possibly can, but we can't. Some days are long and weary. Some breeze by like a leaf in a storm. I don't mean this as a negative hopeless reflection. Its not. That's the human layer of explanation we put upon events. Things just happen out of our control.

Do we need to understand every 'why'? It sits us in a place of always staring in the rearview mirror. But the car, as it were, is in drive; forward motion. For me, I am no longer pretending to be in the drivers seat. The Power in the drivers seat knows where my car is going, and I am okay in full surrender to sit as a passenger, in the mystery of the journey; in trust- not in control. And to enjoy the challenge of just loving my kids in all situations. If its drumming at dawn, screaming

Pets in the Valley

The first Maremma sheep dogs I met belonged to Doctor Lynne Mitchell. As Lynne passed away recently I thought I'd mention this interesting breed. Think of a large pale Labrador that has gone fluffy and that is what a Maremma looks like.

They are large dogs that come from Italy where they have been protectors of sheep flocks for centuries. They were protecting them against predators, such as wolves, so they



had to be big and strong animals. Their coats are very thick - I guess Italian winters could be cold - and apparently they were shorn at the same time the sheep were. They are very independent minded and not the easiest to

work with. As Lynne was quite tiny they could tow her along when they decided it was time to go! I diagnosed my first case of discoid lupus on one of her dogs and of course Lynne knew more about the drugs used to treat it than I did. Thank you Lynne for the interesting conversations- you will be missed.

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### Science Corner

# Whale Songs

Scientists, having the interesting task of studying whales, have found that in recent years blue whale songs have been shifting down in pitch and getting lower and they wondered why?

Firstly though - why do whales sing?

Two of these reasons- to communicate with other whales and to catch their next meal.

Toothed whales use sound (echolocation) to catch their prey. Sending out high frequency clicks and listening to the echo as they bounce back, hopefully from their next dinner.

Baleen whales use low frequency sound to communicate, sometimes over long distances, using their larynx or what land animals call their voice box.

Sound travels as vibrations through matter and because water is denser than air it travels 4

times faster. The whale's biosensor is far more sensitive and subtle than the human sonar devices.

Blue whales are the world's largest animal. They call to each other in a rather tectonic rumble sound. These rumbles have dropped 3 white keys on the piano ever since the 1960s amongst the Antarctic whales. This has also occurred amongst the fin whales.

So, being scientists, they thought up a few theories as to why this could be happening.

1. Increased noise from shipping vessels interrupting the whale communication. But this theory has been dropped as whales living well away from shipping zones have also lowered their voice pitch.

2. Maybe because most of the whale populations are now increasing to larger populations after near extinction caused by indiscriminate whale killing. Out of an estimated 239,000 whales in the southern ocean at the start of the 20th century only 360



were left by 1970. It is thought that the louder the whale song the higher pitched it is - so maybe now there are more whales around they don't have to "yell" to find a mate?

**3.** A more ominous reason proposed is that the drop in pitch is due to the fact that sound waves travel farther in oceans made acidic by the absorption of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere. So, no need to shout if fellow whales can hear you more easily.

#### Some Conclusions -

- 1. Ocean noise is complex and difficult to correlate so not thought to be a major reason.
- 2. Hopefully the song pitch will stabilise as the whale populations recover and they can find their mates without having to send messages over such long distances.
- 3. No conclusive evidence that the warming and increasing acidity of the ocean is the cause of this yet. Hopefully its good news!

Note - Japan's government subsidises whale hunting of minke, sei and Bryde whales (as well as killing dolphins) killing over 300 per year while Norway kills over 1000 minke whales each year. Stella

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# November Gardening Notes

This month is a nice time of year to be working in the garden. The earlier sowing/planting of veges and flowers are relishing the longer daylight/sunshine hours, warmer soil temperatures and still a little moisture. Successive sowing/ planting veges every 4-6 weeks will ensure a continual supply of fresh crops throughout the summer into autumn.

Strawberries planted back in July are flowering and starting to produce the first fruit. Earlier, by picking off the first flowers these plants are now reaping rewards in showing better and stronger growth thereby producing more berries in the long run. Apply, and water in well, a fertiliser high in potash before putting down a layer of pea straw mulch to protect the plants from the elements and keeps dirt off the berries. Removal of the runners with offshoots helps minimise stress producing even more berries.

Feed citrus trees with citrus fertiliser.

Tomatoes will now require staking, removal of small side shoots between the main stem and leaf, regular deep

watering, and feeding with a tomato mix manure. Apply a fortnightly copper spray to help guard against blight and fungal diseases. This, mixed with a liquid plant food, encourages good healthy plants and tomato production.



Now is a good time to think about companion planting in

the garden to help deter pests and diseases together with attracting beneficial insects eg, bees, beetles, lacewings, dragonflies, hoverflies and braconid wasps as these will feed on garden pests. Plants include:

BASIL AND MARIGOLDS - Planted amongst tomato plants, these act as a natural insect repellent helping to ward off whitefly. Basil also improves the tomato flavour. Marigold also helps repel nematodes in the soil by planting in a block in infested area then, at flowering, chop and turn under the entire crop.

CALENDULA - Helps repel pests eg aphids, brassica eating caterpillars, and army worm, while attracting a lot of beneficial insects eg, ladybirds and lacewings to help reduce damage from aphids. They lay their eggs on your crops which hatch into larvae with each gobbling up to 150 aphids a day.

**NETTLES** - Attract cabbage white butterflies thus keeping them away from brassicas.

NASTURTIUM - Attracts bees, luring the butterflies that lay brassica eating caterpillars away from valuable crops eg, kale, broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage, radish, cucumber and lures aphids from beans. Their leaves, flowers and spicy seedpods are edible.

**PYRETHRUM**- The yellow-centred flowers contain pyrethrums which act directly on the nervous system of insects like aphids and mites. They stop and warn the spread of sap sucking insects away from your garden. It kills thrips that ingest pyrethrum from the plants as well as attracting predators eg, ladybirds.

ALLUMS - Strong smelling veges eg, leeks, onions, garlic planted near carrots masks their sweet carroty smell confusing the carrot fly and reducing slug damage.

BORAGE - Nectar producing, grown in orchards and around strawberry beds to attract honeybees.

ALYSSUM - A hardy ground hugging annual. Its flower attracts hoverflies, and is ideal for slotting in amongst aphidvulnerable crops eg lettuce as well as planted along garden edges.



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**Grow Whakatipu Paparoa** Drop in for a chat, hands on experience, or a cuppa. Every Thursday & Friday 10am-1pm.



#### Bereavements

Condolences to the families of Colin Bayer (aka Aspro) and Craig McPherson, both of Te Pahi River Drive, who passed away recently.

# **Paparoa** Selwyn Centre

Paparoa resident, Dorothy Quaife, recently celebrated her birthday at Selwyn Centre with a special cake and a sociable morning tea with the other guests.



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- Types of Diabetes
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- Ways to reduce risk of type 2 Diabetes
- Best foods for Diabetes
- Weight Management

# Dr. Lynn Mitchell

We also mourn the passing of Dr. Lynn Mitchell, on September 25th, at Tinopai.

She was a doctor at Paparoa for many years and was well respected for her diagnostic abilities and her dedication to her patients.

Condolences to Lynn's family and friends. RIP

# Victorious Victoria Sponges

After much deliberation and repeat tasting (one has to be sure) the results of the Victoria Sponge Competition at the recent Kauri Museum celebrations are as follows:

First: Sharyn Philips. The judges said the cake had a wonderful lightness and exceptional flavour.

Second: Kay Wilson

Third: Loraine Rowlands (This cake was also gluten free so we may need the recipe for the next press please Loraine!)

Congratulations ladies!

Where do we sign up to be judges for next year?



#### WHAT'S ON - NOVEMBER 2022

The Kauri Museum open 7 days, 9am-5pm

Otamatea Quilters Annual Exhibition - until 20 November See the ad on p4 for ongoing exhibitions

Tennis Open Day & AGM- Sat 5 Nov from 3pm, See p2 for more details. Lions Diabetes Awareness - Mon Nov 14, 7pm, Sports Pavillion. See p3 & p18. Community Dinner - Sat Nov 19. Bookings essential. See p4 for details. Paparoa Artisan Market - Sun Nov 27, 11.30 - 3.30pm, at the Paparoa Hall Paparoa Connections Workshop - Sun Nov 27, 3-5pm, at the Sports Pavillion. See p4 for details.

#### REGULAR EVENTS, MEETINGS AND ORGANISATIONS

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# More photos from the Kauri Museum 60th Birthday Open Day

#### Clockwise from right:

Geraldine Flax weaver Jenkins; Cameron Philips demonstrating his woodworking skills; A fine collection of vintage sewing machines; Classic and vintage cars at Gumdiggers Cafe; Crispin Caldicott and Anna Curnow cutting into a competition sponge.











### 5 Questions for Linda Allan

How long have you lived in the area? I grew up in Otago and have been gradually working my way north since I graduated from University. I was a nomad for several years, living out of my campervan and acquired my lovely paddock in Matakohe around six years ago.

#### What brought you here?

"Had a dream about buying some land". After a long career in social policy and big business, doing hard maths, management and governance, I was approaching retirement. I checked out a lot of promising blocks until I finally found the right place and still can't quite believe my luck.

What do you do here? Mostly plant things- converting paddocks into richly biodiverse habitat. I arrived with a van full of bare rooted trees and got started. I love learning things and that early trial and error planting taught me so much (sorry peaches). I also love to sew, mainly quilts and clothes, messing about with vintage machinery, mainly sewing machines, and helping out in the local community

What do you like about the area? I adore the feeling of just being in this environment where the land meets the sea. The welcoming, supportive and inclusive community I stumbled into nurtures me every day. Ohh noo here comes an organised and competent woman, hide your volunteering opportunities- said nooone ever.

What things would you like to see happen here? Creative hub, constructive community communication, community resiliance.



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