



White Rock Gallery's new home

Opens Saturday 6 October

Great News! After losing our premises in April - a very long five months ago - we've now found a new home!

White Rock Gallery can be found alongside The Kauri Museum in Matakohē. Opening Saturday 6 October to coincide with the Kauri Museum's annual 'Settler's Day' - a free open day for all comers.

Our membership is very excited about this fresh start, has been busy creating new work, and looks forward to what the future has in store.

Please come and enjoy our art and crafts, and help us celebrate our new beginning!



Settler's Day - This Saturday 6 October ... when the museum comes alive

The biggest day of the year is fast approaching for staff at The Kauri Museum. Diane Macdonald in the Collections department has spent many hours tracking potential exhibitors for Settler's Day. She says that "This year, there has been an awesome response from the community to our invitation to join us on the day. Lots of volunteers who have not been for years are coming back to be a part of this action packed day".

Saturday 6 October, is 'the day the museum comes alive', beginning at 9.30am with a service in the 150 year old Pioneer Church.



Settler's Day in the Pioneer Hall 2017



Staff member, Diane Macdonald organising Settler's Day, the biggest event of the year for The Kauri Museum

You can stay all day (entry to the museum is free) and take in all the demonstrations and displays.

With 'Revolution of Industry' as the theme, craft and trades professionals will show visitors how technology and innovation have brought changes to the equipment used in their work. There's live music all day, raffles and food on sale and lots of activities for young and old, inside and outside the buildings.

Come and join us for this fun day out!

Gala Day Paparoa November 3 Competitions

At last year's gala local cooks and crafters were well represented, and this year the competitions are shaping up to provide more of the same.

The competition categories this year are:

Baking & Food:

- Best Cake or Sponge
- Best Slice or Biscuit
- Best Pie - sweet or savoury
- Best jam, pickle or sauce
- Best overall
- Judges' choice
- Kids - open category for baking... cake slice etc

Beverages:

- Brewing: best beer
- best wine
- best spirit
- best non-alcoholic

Bunting: Best individual flag made to go into the 'community bunting' project
Best complete bunting set



All competitions can be entered on the morning of the gala at the main marquee, between 9 and 10am. Please note, all food and baking entries will be contributed to the shared lunch table, but the beverages will not.

Aside from the judges tasting in the brew section, this is an alcohol free event.

We have loads of lovely prizes again this year, kids games, live entertainment and fleamarket stalls.

We hope you can make it and look forward to seeing you all there!

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Libby's Councillor Corner

It seems to make sense that councils working together would be good for our district as well as the whole region. Certainly when I joined Council this was one of the areas that I was interested in KDC pursuing and I'm pleased to say there's been some progress in this regard.

You may remember a few years ago the Local Government Commission undertook a consultation process looking at whether Northland's three district councils should be combined with the regional council into a unitary authority. The decision was to leave things as they were, but it recommended councils should work more closely together on regional priorities and particularly at any options for shared services.

In 2015 the councils were beginning to work together and this has strengthened over the last three years. Now, in 2018 a collective plan **'Northland Forward Together'** has been created for the four councils to work together with the vision of 'Together lifting the overall wellbeing of our people and our place'.

Some examples of progress of co-operation are basic such as a 'One Calendar' to co-ordinate meeting and conference dates

at places across Northland. More significantly, changes include speaking with 'One Voice' on regional matters, joint procurements of insurance and telephone systems and establishing the Northland Transport Alliance, a four council alliance established in 2016 to co-ordinate work programmes and to align contracts to create efficiencies. Other areas of interest particularly to Kaipara are the 'Digital Enablement Plan', (a group I am part of) and a review of rating policies. The **District Health Boards** in our region (Northland, Waitemata, Auckland and Counties Manukau) have developed a strong regional voice with central government. They have also created extensive regional plans

which direct how we work together to achieve better outcomes for all our people. Shared services occur across some administrative functions, shared procurement is saving us money and clinically there are many care pathways and services that are shared.

As health board directors and councillors it is up to us to set the direction, monitor accountability, make sure we keep our own local voice, and ensure that these programmes and forums are more than just 'talk fests'.

So far I continue to be optimistic about this.

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



A tribute to Nick Thompson

Nick Thompson was a well known Paparooa identity who had moved to Dargaville about 10 years ago, some years after his wife Berice passed away. He was a stock agent who worked hard for the community and was involved in the rugby club, dog trialling and A&P show to name a few. Nick was well known and respected, evidenced by the huge number of people who attended his funeral. He lived in his own home but had failing health in the last few years.



Attending Nick Thompson's funeral, "He was like an uncle to us".
From left - Dave, Felicity, Monique and Victoria Bidgood.

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Trash to Art competition

Labour Weekend - Saturday October 20 @ Paparoa Hall

White Rock's very first Trash to Art competition at Labour Weekend 2017 was quite a success.

The high level of enthusiasm and high quality of entries, along with good numbers of visitors and great feedback has led us to repeat the event this year - again at Labour Weekend Saturday 20 October, at Paparoa Hall.

- Found Objects
- Recycled Trash
- 12 years and under

Deadline for entries is extended to 7 October! Collect an entry form from Skelton's Paparoa, White Rock Gallery, Matakoho or at White Rock Gallery's facebook page. First place prizes of \$500 for the two adult sections, PLUS minor prizes in all sections, and a special under 12's first prize.

Put the date in your calendar to come to Paparoa Hall to see the amazing results for yourself.



Business Directory correction

Please note: The phone number for Lisa Anne's Beauty Retreat has been printed incorrectly on the red card directory distributed with last month's Paparoa Press.

The correct number is 021 455 904.

Our apologies to Lisa - and also to the chap whose phone number is listed. He's definitely not Lisa's Beauty Retreat!

(See advert pg 7) PP

Next dinner October 27



The next popular Paparoa Community Dinner will happen on Saturday October 27, 6.30pm at the Paparoa Sports Pavilion.

All welcome, come along and gather with others.

Tickets available through Libby 021 2080 093 or Jane 4316 148.

Winds of change blow through museum

Recent reversals in income and expenditure for the Kauri Museum have resulted in some changes to the structure of the organisation.

The audited accounts for the year ended June 2017 showed a loss of more than \$180,000. By the time this article goes to press, the size of the loss for the 2017-18 year should be known and is likely to be of a similar size. The museum does NOT yet carry any debt, but there is only so long that such losses can be sustained.

As a result of the restructure, three management positions including the CEO role were disestablished to be replaced by a new General Manager position. The incumbent CEO Lisa Tolich has taken this opportunity to move on to pastures new. "Being at the helm of this much loved Northland icon for the past four years has been a highly rewarding and motivational experience, but I have decided that it is the right time for a change in direction" said Lisa.

A recent public meeting called

at short notice to explain the changes and reasons for them was well attended. A very positive and supportive atmosphere prevailed. It was clear that people want to help. Board chairperson Mark Vincent said: "We're having to go through a period of discomfort while we get the organisation onto a more sustainable footing. I'm proud to say that through this process the museum's Board has grown into a strong, creative and resourceful team; the future is ours to grasp. I also really appreciate the support shown by staff. It's simple - we need to increase income and/or decrease expenditure so that we get to live within our means. Between the Board, the staff and the wider community I know we have the capability to do this."

Mark Vincent
Chairman, The Kauri Museum

Coast to Coast Health Care

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WE WOULD LIKE TO ASSURE THE PUBLIC THAT WE ARE COMMITTED AND FULLY INTENT ON RE-ESTABLISHING THESE SERVICES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, ONCE THE PAPAROA MEDICAL SOCIETY HAVE COMPLETED THE APPROPRIATE RENOVATIONS REQUIRED.

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And the winner is ...

The Paparooa Press poetry/song lyric competition has been judged and the results are in.

First place winners of each category:

Mark Vincent (Adult)
Emma of Ruawai College
Michael of Aropohue School
Ariana of Matakoho School

Special mention:

Dallas of Otamatea College

After much deliberation Sam Hunt, our "very private and a very public poet"* finalised his selections and The Press was pleased to find winning entries from a range of local schools. Thank you Sam, and thanks to all those who took the time to enter. Great effort, particularly from Matakoho and Aropohue Schools. Lovely to see people trying to **"Tell the story, tell it true - charm it crazy"** (Sam Hunt). Individual prizes were personally delivered and again, thanks to Skelton's Drapery, Country Blooms, Country Cutz, The Thirsty Tui (Paparooa Hotel) and The Old Post Office Guest House for their support.

* From a review of *Coming to it: Selected poems by Sam Hunt*
North & South Oct 2018



Owed to a Big Tree

Spike Milligan once wrote
*"I talk to the trees,
That's why they put me away."*
Makes you think (well me,
anyway)
Is it possible to communicate
with trees?
And if so, what would I say
To mighty Tane
Hey, I like your grain,
Strong, straight and true
See you round?
And what message might
Matua Tane
Have for me?
"You think you are getting old, boy
You just don't know.
With your fancy tools and devices
You think you have the answers
But come back and see me
In another thousand years
And then we'll really talk"

Mark Vincent



Kauri Tree

In the forest one night
I had a flash light.
I searched for a kauri tree
Taller than me.
I took a snap shot
Because you are hot.

Ariana of Matakoho



Kauri Dieback

Today is my birthday,
I'm off to see Tane Mahuta.
When we arrive my favourite tree
is perfect
As ever.
He tells me "As big as I am maybe
I'm still in danger."

"How?"

"Well you see that other tree
sixty metres away from me?"

"Yes, I do."

"He has a disease called kauri dieback
and I might catch it."

"Oh dear."

"Watch all these people walk past and think that they
might have kauri dieback disease on their shoes."

"But we wash our shoes"

"But not all of them."

"Sometimes they jump over it and continue on."

"When we get home I learn as much as I can and now look
At me I'm a scientist on kauri dieback."

Michael, Aropohue School



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When The Tree Grew



Once long ago
When the forest was alive with
the calls of soaring birds
And the trees huddled tight together
A sapling crawled out of a seed,
When the wispy smoke of cooking fires
Slithered through the night air
The sapling grew branches
and became a young tree,
When the thuds of axes echoed

Down the forest paths

The tree reached higher and higher, becoming part of the sky,
When there was barely a forest

And possums scampered through the branches

The tree stared out at the treeless paths

And the people stared back at the Kauri, the ancient forest god.

Emma, Ruawai College



Lions Annual Update

Over the past year members of Paparoa Lions Club have been very busy indeed. While they're just a small group of approximately 20 local volunteers, their work is felt throughout the wider community.

Lions monthly dinner meetings, held in Paparoa paid over \$5,000 (in the year to 30th June 2018) to local schools and groups which cater for the evening as part of their fundraising efforts.

This year they have stepped up their firewood operations and delivered 220 cubic meters of firewood. Thanks must be passed on to local land owners/farmers who have donated the raw materials and special thanks go to Roger Price and Kerry Bonham for building an amazing wood splitter. Thanks also to Ken Cairns for his help with delivering the firewood around the district.

The mobile food caravan has had many outings during the year supporting events such as Paparoa A&P show, Maungaturoto Christmas Parade, Maungaturoto School Car Show, Hibiscus Coast Car Club, Black Swamp Car Event in Mangawhai, Tinopai Book Sale fundraiser for Emergency



Firewood splitting

Services and Paparoa's Family Fun Afternoon.

In a nutshell, Lions raise funds in order to support requests for help from local schools, individuals, businesses and support services. During the year to 30th June 2018 Paparoa Lions has provided over \$9,500 to such causes.

As well as fundraising Lions are an integral part of this community. In conjunction with Progressive Paparoa and Kaipara District Council they ensure the maintenance of Paparoa bush walkway is carried out. Events such as the Annual Speech Nights, Young Ambassador Evening and evening talks are hosted. Lions members have carried out approximately 1,250 hours (172 days) of volunteer work to either raise funds or be part of community projects.

Lions look forward to another year serving the community and welcome any support - either new members or help with working bees. Contact president Bruce Lydiard, 4316 975.

On behalf of Paparoa Lions
Lawrie Stevens



Mobile food caravan

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What's on at your Museum

Events: Settler's Day 6 October

Exhibitions:

- * Northland Photography Awards
- * Otamatea Quilters' Group Annual Show
- * Tudor Collins - *Man of Many Faces*
- * Textiles - *A Touch of Lace for Every Occasion*

FREE ENTRY to the museum for residents of the old Otamatea District
5 Church Road, Matakoho, Northland. p: 09 431 7417 w: www.kaurimuseum.com

Changes at The Kauri Museum

As a result of the recent restructure at the museum, Dr Tracey Wedge has been appointed Acting General Manager. Dr Wedge can be contacted at the museum, phone 09 431 7417.

Quilters exhibition

The day after Settler's Day (October 7) marks the end of the Northland Photography Awards exhibition.

The artworks will be cleared and the Volunteers Hall prepared for the Otamatea Quilters Exhibition which will run from 19 October through until 18 November. As ever, there will be a large selection of the most beautiful, intricate quilts and quilted objects on display.

This event never ceases to amaze as it's a showcase for the art and craft of patchwork and quilting. Quilts in the exhibition range from entirely hand worked to machine stitched, embroidered, embellished, contemporary and traditional. They reflect many hours of work done by dedicated needle workers.

To help to understand the techniques and determination required to piece together



all those tiny pieces of fabric into an object as big or as small as you desire, the quilts will be in attendance over Labour Weekend. From Friday October 19 to Monday October 22, members of the Quilters' Group will be happy to answer any questions put to them.

Come along, wonder at the quality and workmanship. Who knows, it might inspire you to join the group and give it a go.

Mary Stevens

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Bridge piles arrive and works continue

Matakohe Bridges realignment project is progressing well with the much anticipated transportation of the bridge beams and their setting in place at the site of Bridge No. 1.

The four beams have now been lifted into place with a 400 tonne crane and work will continue on this structure through to November. The transport drivers appreciated the local interest and consideration shown by road users along SH12. It

was rather special seeing the new bridge beams crossing the Matakohe River to their destination over the long-serving, trusted Hardies Bridge.

Bridge No.2 over Matakohe



One of the beams crossing over Hardies Bridge



At Bridge No.1 - one of the four beams placed to form the western bridge span over Parerau Stream.

River is taking shape with all columns now poured. There are three headstocks still to complete. This bridge requires **30 beams** to form 6 spans and beam transportation is scheduled to begin again in early October.

All going to plan, both bridges will be completed by the end of summer 2019.

Northland Regional Council has approved a September start to our project's 2018-2019 earthworks season and will continue to regularly check that we meet consent criteria.

The most visible, recent change from SH12 are works at the eastern end of the realignment where topsoil has been stripped ready for the main cut and where a seam of limestone is being used to form subgrade improvements. Across the entire 2.5km length of the project the roadway will be built up for pavement construction. Much will be happening, requiring an increase of large plant on

site and truck movements on the existing state highway. Extensive drainage works and landscaping will also be carried out. We are looking forward to a good, dry summer to help the progress of works largely dependent on weather.

As we build the new road over summer we'll need to shift traffic over onto different alignments, necessitating speed reductions and sections of unsealed road.

Planning and design to ease the corners of both the current SH12/Matakohe East Road/Barlow Lane intersection and the SH12/Ararua Road intersection is progressing well. We continue to work closely with Kaipara District Council which is in consultation with the Transport Agency (NZTA) on plans for the shared path.

We look forward to catching up with the community at **Settler's Day on Saturday 6 October** when we will be in the **Matakohe Memorial Hall**.

For your interest, drone footage is loaded on NZTA's Matakohe Bridges webpage: nzta.govt.nz/projects/connecting-northland/matakohe-bridges

Jenny Scott,
Matakohe Bridges team

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'Lady Hill' quarry - between the bridges - a spot of history

Travel between Paparoa and Matakoho these days holds much visual interest- from the quaint historic Hardies and Andersons Bridges with their attendant hazards, views of the harbour and changes to the Matakoho River at high and low tides through to the recent extensive highway realignment earthworks and the construction of two new bridges.

On the left side of the hill travelling between Hardies and Andersons bridge, it has been fascinating watching the disappearance of the quarry, once known as 'Lady Hill'.



"Lady Hill", Matakoho. The home of Mr and Mrs W Poyner 1914. Photo from Paparoa side of Matakoho River. Photo courtesy The Kauri Museum

Brian Poyner's early memory of this farm would be about 1936. After the family farmhouse on Ararua Road burnt down they came to live with his grandmother, Mrs Marie M. Poyner, (grandfather, William (Bill) had died a few years earlier). Sold to them in 1880 by Mr London, the grandparents farmed the whole hill between the bridges. It was quite a high hill in those days, with an old cowshed and barn up near the house.

In 1939 Brian's parents, Mrs M.M. (Minnie) Poyner and Reginald, built the house which is still at the foot of the hill close to Andersons Bridge and near where Anderson's store and home once was. The roadside paddock across the road, known as 'saleyards paddock' also belonged to the Poyner farm.

Brian started school in 1937 and he and brother Jim walked to Matakoho School, over a mile away, nothing unusual in those days! About this time 'Lady Hill' farm was divided between brothers Ray and Reginald, with Ray obtaining

the quarry area down to Hardies Bridge. Near to Hardies Bridge, the Matakoho wharf No.2 (near Hardies Bridge) and another smaller wharf (beside Andersons bridge) served the logging industry and received supplies for the area.

In the early days the quarry was operated by Fergus Bros. and supplied limestone for farm roads, etc., which was loaded into trucks by shovel! By the late 1940's, Gordie Sutherland opened his limeworks - crushing lime which was of very good quality and in demand by farmers. They shovelled it onto an old 1930 car converted to a ute, and then shovelled it from there into the crusher!

Brother Jim worked for Gordie, eventually taking over the limeworks. When Jim took employment with Otamatea County Council as a mechanic, Brian took over the quarry and built up a fleet of vehicles.

In 1973 he joined Jim at the Council working on the roads. Both brothers were well known in the district.

Around 1976 the old house and buildings were demolished and a strip of land by Hardies Bridge sold to Mr & Mrs Rawlins (where Keith and Janet Stutt live). In 1980 Roy London bought the quarry and carried on with crushing lime and quarrying limestone.

This brings us to 2016 when NZTA purchased the whole area for the 'Matakoho Bridges realignment'.

It is estimated that when the roading is complete, up to 80,000 cubic metres of limestone will have been removed and used for roading, bridge abutments and so on. And so 'Lady Hill' will become just a memory apart from photos held in The Kauri Museum, as it will be unrecognisable being part of the new State Highway 12.

Next year traffic will travel over what used to be 'quite a high hill' and productive limestone quarry. A huge change from horse & buggy travel and bullock teams carting logs!



Lady Hill quarry. All that is left - October 2018

Editor's note: Ray Poyner wrote a booklet "Logs to Lime" which recalls many interesting stories about the early 1900's logging in the district.

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It is hard to believe that Mr Schuster has been with us for a term already and term 3 is over. It's certainly been a very busy and positive period. Our After School Care programme is proving successful, and the children attending are thoroughly enjoying the range of activities on offer.

Our 10th annual Possum Purge and Gala was a huge success. Over a period of three nights 865 possums were culled from our environment. Sunday's festivities at the Sports Pavillion, were enjoyed by a large local crowd. The children loved the variety of entertainment and everyone was impressed with the food selections. We would like to thank all the sponsors who supported us, particularly Treescape and Abel Tasman Forestry.

A representative group of students, Ms Harper and BOT Chair, Lawrie Stevens, attended the official reopening of the Kauri Bushman's Reserve in Sterling Road. It was an honour to take part in this event. Everyone was impressed with the wonderful boardwalk that DOC has created to again enjoy this spectacular remnant of kauri forest while protecting it against kauri dieback.

Later in September we were most fortunate to have Tim Tipene visit our school representing the Duffy Books in Homes programme. Tim is a children's author and also the founder of 'Warrior Kids', a non-profit programme that teaches Toato classes to children aged 5-12, many



of whom face significant challenges in their lives. Toato focuses on personal development and therapeutic martial art skills. As always, the children were thrilled to receive their Duffy books.

Early next term Mr Schuster will hold parent and community evenings to share his vision for our school in the future - so stay tuned for dates. We



would love it if you could join us for these presentations.

Term 4 will commence on Monday, October 15th.

Julie Harper

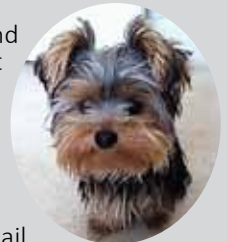
Dogs' Day Out 14 Oct

Paparoa's first ever Fun Dogs' Day Out is all go for Sunday 14 October at the Paparoa Hall and Showgrounds for people of all ages and their dogs!



Along with demonstrations of agility, obedience, fly agility and rally-o and some dog training available, there will be hot/cold food, coffee and all sorts of stalls. The competition classes will be interesting with cutest puppy, best veteran, best pound dog, scruffiest, the judges favourite, the one that looks most like its owner, best behaved best tricks, best dressed, best smile and waggiest tail.

Dogs are to be on a lead at all times and well behaved. Children should have adult support and misbehaving dogs may be asked to leave the event. Enter your pet in as many or as few classes as you wish and have lots of fun.



Registration forms:

Pick one up from Skeltons Drapery or email paparoaprint@gmail.com.

We will take registrations on the day.

\$10 per dog entry, cash only (no eftpos available).

Registration is at 10am; the fun begins at 10.30am.

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A big thank you to ... the FOLK of Paparoa

In the last few years we've grown our business from being a Farmer's Market pop up café, to moving into a café space within Paparoa, FOLK Espresso & Boulangerie, which we've shared with Empire Art & Collectibles.



It's been a fun and smooth collaboration which we have enjoyed hugely. However, it is time for us to have a change and try to find some work-life balance again. FOLK will be no more as of the end of October, although Empire will remain the same, and we're hoping a café space will continue under a new operator.

Although the café is open only 2 days per week, the relentless routine that fermented, handcrafted, baked goods requires, has meant that we have very little time off, with Michael, our baker, doing shifts from as early as 1am throughout the week and weekend. So, we've made the call to step back from this demanding routine and focus more on family time.

It hasn't been an easy decision for us, as we just love the community hub which has developed in the FOLK-Empire space. We have been blessed with support from the

community, many of whom have become dear friends. We have also been very fortunate to have a fantastic staff team, all of whom are super professional and awesome people! The café space has become a reflection of the diverse and warm community that we are lucky to be a part of. However, when one door closes many more open, so we look forward to seeing what this talented and creative community develop in place of FOLK. We wish to say a huge thank you to all who have supported us over the years, and we have no doubt you will see us take on another hospitality venture locally in time.

In gratitude, Michael, Jocelyn,
& Awa-Ceilidh McKenZie.

Editors Note:

In the meantime... something's brewing at Empire Art & Collectibles.

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Paparoa Library news



Hello our Paparoa Community Members. Although we've been out of action for a while the committee have still been involved in library matters.

We recently held our AGM and there are some major changes, the biggest being the resignation of our Librarian, Jenny Fenwick. Jenny has given many years of service to Paparoa Community Library, six months short of 30 to be exact. Over that time she's been secretary, librarian and taken on many other roles. All done with thought for you - the library users. We extend our heartfelt thanks for the many hours Jenny has put in and wish her a happy 'retirement', although no doubt we will still see her popping in and out.

But this leads us to a problem ... we are in need of a new Library Manager, so if this sounds like something you would love to have a go at please contact me. We're also looking for more volunteers to be desk staff, a book exchange person, publicity person and even a funding-seeker. So if any of these interest you and you've been looking for a way to be involved in your community, then give me a call please. Many hands make light work and the benefits are great.



A great excitement for the committee was the approval of a \$12,000 grant from KDC Community Grants Board for new library shelving to go up in our new section of the Library. We are super excited and very grateful.

We thank you all for your patience and hope you have found the surrounding libraries just as great a place as Paparoa is. I look forward to your calls offering your time and talents to make our Library a great community asset.

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Book Review

TITLE: And the Ocean Was Our Sky

AUTHOR: Patrick Ness



Patrick Ness' latest book 'And the Ocean Was Our Sky' retells the classic tale of Moby Dick, turning the original upside down. Like the original, this is a tale of obsession and prophecy, told from the whale's perspective. Yes, a whale! Don't let that put you off and if you've never read 'Moby Dick'; even better, as let's face it, it's pretty heavy going. This story is by contrast vastly more readable while still maintaining the depth and darkness of the classic tale.

When I say it turns the original upside down, I mean it literally turns it upside down! The ocean is the sky and in this world whales and men have been fighting a long and bloody battle. A young whale Bathsheba, has joined the crew of the obsessive Captain Alexandra in their hunt against men. While she has seen her own mother torn to pieces by men, it's Bathsheba who starts to question the destructiveness of the conflict between the two sides. Captain Alexandra leads her crew into a bloody and final battle against the fearsome Toby Wicks.

This book is beautifully illustrated but don't let that fool you into thinking it's just for young readers - it's dark, violent and allegorical. And like everything I've read by Patrick Ness, it's completely original. By the same author are 'A Monster Calls', 'Release' and 'The Chaos Walking Trilogy', (start with 'The Knife of Never Letting Go' it's one of my all-time-favourites). Or, you could start by taking out the movie 'A Monster Calls'! All books and movies mentioned, including Moby Dick are available at your Kaipara Libraries. Check out kaipara.kotui.org.nz.

Simie Simpson

October gardening

Now that temperatures are warming up at last it's time to plant cucumber, pumpkin, melon and butternut seeds. Butternuts are a favourite with me, as they keep well over winter, are always sweet and dry for roasting and are easy to prepare for soups etc.

Broad beans are a vegetable I enjoy, so I've been looking forward to them starting to set. Unfortunately there was a large ant colony biting holes in the base of the flowers to get at the copious nectar. I checked on the internet to see if this could be the reason why beans were not setting but got inconclusive results. I put some ant killer on the ant trails and when the ants disappeared, I hoped the bumble bees would now be able to get on with pollination. Unfortunately I think the cold temperatures combined with strong winds have been hampering the bees and there seem to be less bumble bees than there used to be? I knew of some local commercial tomato growers who used to buy in packs of bumble bees to release into their poly houses for tomato pollination. As people went in and out through the doors the bees would gradually escape and the grower would get a new pack as needed. I don't think this happens any more as there are now no local tomato growers. But I could be wrong?



It's also time to prepare your garden for planting out tomatoes, capsicums and egg plants. Make sure you have plenty of well rotted manure, a good watering system and a sunny sheltered place for the best crops. Although everything can be planted now, I choose not to grow cabbages, cauliflower and broccoli from now on due to problems with the white butterfly caterpillar. Some lettuce varieties do not like the heat so plant them in a cooler spot.

Flowers - I've planted calendula, anagallis gentian (these are still flowering from last year in a dry pot- and I love blue and yellow flowers), marigolds, cleome and cosmos seeds. I'm hoping these will fill out the gardens and make a great show. I've also prepared a garden bed for the dahlias which will go into the ground later this month.

Check out the 2019 Paparoa Show Schedule for flowers and vegetables to enter in February. It's available from Skeltons Drapery or online. It's always fun to enter in these sections and see how well you can do, on the day.

Spring is such a lovely season in the garden, get out there and and enjoy it!

Stella

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Twin Coast Blokart Group

Interest in land sailing soared after a local group of enthusiasts were featured recently on TV1's Coast New Zealand where they introduced Scottish TV presenter Neil Oliver to their sport. Like everyone who tries blokarting, Neil soon developed the 'blokart smile'. His excitement and enthusiasm were obvious as the cameras captured his first sail.

Paparoa's Stu Robertson and Tinopai's Greg Schultz discovered blokarts about two years ago and as interest escalated and more and more sailors joined them, they formed a casual group they now call 'The Twin Coasts Blokart Group'.

Greg is quick to explain, "It's definitely nothing formal, we watch the weather and tides and when both coincide we put out a group email and meet at the beach for a fun day's sailing".

The name was chosen as they sail either on the west coast,

usually at Glinks Gully, or over on the east coast at Ruakaka, depending on the wind and tide conditions. "We're extremely fortunate to have some of the best land sailing beaches in the world - right on our doorstep."

Blokarting is certainly an exciting way to



enjoy the great outdoors and is simple to master with no previous sailing experience necessary. It can be as sedate or as adrenaline pumping as you choose. Stu explains, "Simply pull in the sail to go fast and let it out to slow down".

Blokarts are suitable for all ages and abilities so if you are interested in having a go or would like to come out and see what it's all about, either give Stu a ring (021 975 314), or drop Greg an email (itzgreg@xtra.co.nz).

Greg Shultz

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Singing Comps successes

Singing pupils of Maura and Peter Flower were very successful at the recent Northland Performing Arts Festival in Whangarei.

Over the first weekend of competition for Juniors (aged 12 and under), Matai Hartles placed 2nd equal in the overall championship. Liana Cullen, Oscar Longdon, Jodie Wellwood, Summer French and Kasih Sahuburua also won prizes. Ten pupils competed.



Two weeks later at the Intermediate and Senior competitions, a further 17 singers, also taught by Maura and Peter, competed against many talented performers.

Sam Birchall (who played Jack in ORT's 2018 production of 'Into The Woods') has studied singing with Maura since 2011 and won the Intermediate Championship. To be competitive at this level, singers must perform a broad range of styles - classical, German lieder, folk, musical theatre, art songs and oratorio. Sam took out five 1sts, two 2nds and was awarded one of two James Rice Scholarships to go towards musical tuition. He intends to study classical voice at Auckland University in 2019. Local songstress, Katrina Poyner was joint runner-up

in the Intermediate Championship. With songs in five different languages, English, Latin, Italian, Spanish and German, Katrina won two 1sts, three 2nds and several other minor placings. She and Sam won the duet competition performing from Gilbert and Sullivan's 'Iolanthe'. Katrina commenced her voice training with Maura in 2011. In December this year, both Sam and Katrina will sit their Trinity Grade 8 singing exams.

Many more of Peter and Maura's students also won prizes and trophies in the singing festival including Zoe Meehan, Molly Curnow, Chiannae (CJ) Smart, Tyga Daniero, Kate Cotching, Natalia Orchard, Majestic Emery, Brittany Dyer, Mosese and Saoirse Hurley-Brown, Kallan Brooks-Owens, Haydn Dyer and Anna-Marie Russon. Adjudicator Geoffrey Coker selected CJ Smart to win the special 'Voice Studio' Trophy for 'showing great potential'.

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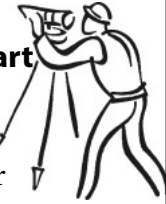
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Community Connexions

- Arty Farties Inc.

Sunshine - WOW! The gardens are looking good, and there are lovely smiles on everybody's faces. Thoughts of spring cleaning, gardening - maybe too much work - so a cup of coffee and relaxing in the sun sounds good.

On Saturdays with the Paparoa Farmers Market on from 9-12, shops are open; cafes for coffee and food, (maybe get fish and chips to eat in the playground), the hairdresser, the florist for beautiful spring flowers, Skeltons drapery, corner store, local pub for lunch or brunch, as well as the village buzzers - like our Bee. So join in our community, meet our people and see what we get up to in our spare time.

As in all communities we have people struggling, so that's where the Arty Farties Community Gardens come into the equation. We donate fruit and veges to the local food banks at Paparoa and Maungaturoto.

We grow fruit and veges in season and on Sundays gather the crop from our gardens. Several volunteers pick the food while others pack and deliver to the food banks. So if you have any fruit or veges to spare we would appreciate it to pass on to the needy. Maybe when you plant your vege garden you could put in an extra seedling or three so you can pass on the excess food to a neighbour.

Cheers from Anne and team Arty Farties

Arty Farties Joke of the month:

A man walks into a florist shop.

"I'd like some flowers please."

"Certainly sir. What did you have in mind?"

He shrugs. "Well I'm not sure. I uh, I uh, I uh -"

"Perhaps I could help. What exactly have you done?"



Kaipara Hunting and Fishing

The Club's 2018 hunting season is now over and by all accounts it's been a successful year. However, through winter fishing has been a bit slow except for kahawai, plentiful on most outings.

CURRENT LADDER STANDINGS

Seniors

Snapper:

Dylan Thompson - 9.1kg

Kingfish:

Andy Thompson - 15.89kg

Kahawai:

Jenny Mclean - 2.4 kg

Game fish - striped marlin

Andy Thompson - 102.3 kg

Juniors

Kingfish:

Bronson Wrathall 10.4 kg

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Growing Pains - A Cabaret ... Oct 6

There's no dress rehearsal for this crazy thing called life! Local professional performers Alex McKellar and Whitney Channings have united to create 'Growing Pains- A Cabaret'.

"Growing Pains is a comedic look at the ups and down of life. The choices we make and the effect they have on our overall journey" says McKellar.

"Travel, motherhood, career, all of these are universal experiences and we take you on this journey through well loved musical numbers" says Channings.

Growing Pains is on for two shows only, at the Otamatea Repertory Theatre, Saturday October 6th, 2.30 and 7.30pm. Adults: \$20 Concession: \$16.

Email for tickets:
growingpainscabaret@gmail.com.

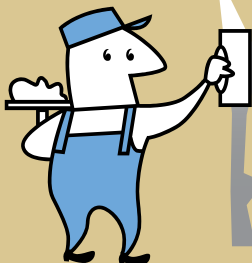
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Duke of Edinburgh awareness night

Otamatea High School celebrated the benefits and successes of the Duke of Edinburgh award programme which has ongoing at the school for many years.

Special guest, John Gully, founder of Youth to Everest Treks, spoke about the programme and about the extensive volunteer work he has been a part of in Nepal over the last 30 years.

Teacher Wayne Maclennan spoke about the different aspects of DoE, and the benefits it creates through learning resilience and achieving goals.

Alex Parr then gave the student perspective on this programme, talking about how he's benefited from it and some of his most memorable



Robyn Bruce (centre) with her 2018 gold DoE recipients Rebecca Robertson, Kate Hallissey, Rita Hames & Ben Morley

moments, including waking up in a river one morning after picking the wrong place to camp.

Another feature of the evening was to make people aware of the fundraising being undertaken for Robyn Bruce to be able to experience one of Everest Trek's programmes next April, an effort that has almost been fulfilled.

Robyn has been the tireless leader of the Duke of Edinburgh youth development programme at OHS for many years. She has voluntarily supported numerous students through this life changing

programme. In some areas, without someone like Robyn coordinating and leading the fundraising, students and their families have to pay hundreds of extra dollars to participate in DoE. We are so thankful for her continued

efforts. Therefore, the idea was proposed to give Robyn herself the opportunity to trek through and experience Nepal through Everest Treks. It was supported straight away by everyone who heard about it and we're now nearly at our fundraising goal!

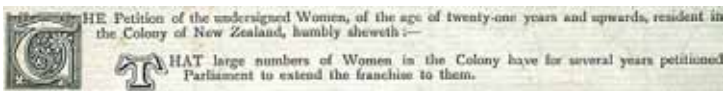
Robyn Bruce thanked everyone for their generous support and commented that there are now up to 90 students participating in the DoE programme at Otamatea High School and in a school of 400 students, that is an amazing achievement.

Maggie Hames



Rita Hames participated in Youth to Everest 2015 programme for her gold level of DoE

Women's right to vote 125yrs



In early colonial New Zealand, as in other European societies, women were excluded from any involvement in politics. Most people, men and women, accepted the idea that women were naturally suited for domestic affairs, such as keeping house and raising children. Only men were fitted for public life and the rough-and-tumble world of politics.

Later in the 19th century, some women began to challenge this narrow view of the world. New opportunities were opening up for women and girls (especially those from wealthy or middle-class families) in secondary and university education, medicine, and in church and charitable work. Attention soon turned to women's legal and political rights.

This is the list of women of Paparoa who signed the Women's Suffrage Petition submitted to the New Zealand Parliament in 1893.

- Cliff, Elizabeth
- Cliff, Elizabeth A.
- Cliff, Clara
- Cross, Dora
- Fenwick, Annie
- Gerrand, Elizabeth
- Goodall, Selina
- Hames, Priscilla
- Hames, Clara
- Hames, Mary
- Hames, Mary Jane
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From our family to yours
... October Abyss

At the time of printing, our newest arrival has not made his/her grand entrance, and as Press deadlines do not wait for babies, I write this in the final days of patiently waiting... And I will try to focus on something totally unrelated to babies or ducks.

Unbeknownst to you, dear reader, at that point I had to walk away from writing this piece, due to ducks and babies being such encompassing points of my daily life. What else is there?

Chickens. Yes, now we have chickens, (again), Mango and Strawberry are the friendliest feathery friends evolving from Velociraptor ancestors... I can't see how anyone could dispute this link, after simply looking at a chicken.

Well, ours aren't actually that friendly, in the sense of a cuddly kitten, but they are entertaining nonetheless.

Probably all standard chicken behaviour, but I've been indoors too long now to remember what life was like outside ... I hear it was all an illusion anyway, out there, so it's nice that thought has dropped away and all that's left are meandering visions out of the window panes ... the wind moving the grass, trees standing around, flowers reaching for the sun, marauding ducks engaged in brazen springtime behaviour on the lawn ...

Oh well. Back to waiting ...
Have a great month!

Jenny

PEGs in cosmetics and skin care

If you look at the ingredients list of your moisturizer or foundation (unless you're using dermaviduals prescribed by me), chances are you will find one or more PEGs in there

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This penetration enhancing effect is important because:

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undesirable ingredients like colours, perfumes or preservatives, PEGs will make it easier for them to get down

deep into your skin.

2) By altering the surface tension of the skin, PEGs may upset the natural moisture balance.

3) PEGs are not always pure, but often come contaminated with a host of toxic impurities such as ethelene oxide and 1,4 dioxane which are known skin carcinogens.

So it is very important to avoid products with PEGs if your skin is not in tip top condition.

Considering PEGs may contain toxic chemicals that are known carcinogens and we know that these chemicals can build up over time, why would we want them on our skin even if the skin is healthy?

Nina Quan
Skin Therapist, Skin Image
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Letters from The Old Post Office

The man-in-the-shed and the art of customer service



Read any instructional manual on attracting and retaining customers. These manuals all refer to creating pleasant spaces, offering a welcoming smile, assessing the customer's needs quickly and quietly, displaying good manners NO MATTER what, and an almost Uriah Heep* like desire to make their experience as pleasant as possible.

The man-in-the-shed's manual however, seems to read somewhat differently. His manual appears to omit welcoming smiles (unless of course the customer is 'tidy', one of his many mechanical metaphors), absolutely no assessing of any needs ('they can see where the bathroom is can't they?'), and not in anyway can his attitude be construed as obsequious. There is no polite enquiry as to their wellbeing, nor the offer of local knowledge (unless of course, ... please refer to previously stated exception). Claiming ignorance, he can leave the guest in a slurry of doubt and concern. What to do? Where to eat? How to play DVDs... Make tea or coffee... Can they walk in the garden... Is the cat friendly? (The answer to the last they can work out themselves).

Of I return to find the guests still hovering uncertainly in the entryway, querulously uncertain of their right to venture further. When the man-in-the-shed (briefly masquerading as B&B host) is taken to task his tart rejoinder is "If they don't like it, they can go somewhere else". Tout suite. He seems to have taken Basil of Fawlty Towers as his role model, and in my role as Sybil, I find myself hastening to shut him back in his shed and obsequiously wringing my hands in "umble" apology.

Sybil (aka Deb)

*Uriah Heep is a fictional character in Charles Dickens' novel David Copperfield. Picture him wringing his hands in cloying humility and obsequiousness. And constantly referring to his own "umbleness."

*Please be aware that the above writing bears very little resemblance to any character living or dead!

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The Science

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If you're wondering how carbon dioxide bubbles formed, it was because you created a chemical reaction when you added the lemon (an acid) to the baking soda (a base).

Science Corner



Barefoot is best!

A recent article on the Herald app talked about a study done that concluded 'children in NZ going barefoot were not related to poverty'. What a waste of time - I think we all knew that! Another science article (Australian) stated that children who go barefoot learn better in school! Podiatry articles state that small children are much better off going barefoot or at least to wear soft shoes that allow the cartilage like bones to walk naturally. Being barefoot allows for better balance, better posture and generally helps development.

I remember the sandals I was supposed to wear to primary school. I removed them as soon as I was out of sight of my mother as it was considered 'sissy' to have shoes. We had no problem walking barefoot on gravel roads and breaking ice on the puddles on winter mornings. We all had tough feet! Not so sure that this made us smarter in the classroom though.

It took millions of years for the unique human foot to develop and only a few hundred years for carelessly designed shoes to wreck its efficiency.

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- * Better body awareness
- * Become more 'tuned in' to the environment. Feet have over 200,000 nerves - one of the highest in the body.



Going barefoot is a joy to the senses. Think of walking on cool dewy grass or walking on the sand on the edge of the ocean.

The only downside is having to buy wide fitting shoes as an adult! Let's keep our NZ tradition of allowing children to go barefoot for much of the time- except of course on dangers like sharp rocks or thistles.

Stella

JMB rugby season round up

Paparoa JMB had a great season this year with an awesome turnout of players for both under 9s and under 7s.

We had so many under 7s that we often had some of our team playing for the opposition to help them out with numbers. Also this year it was really good to see lots of four year olds joining in, starting to learn the basics and having a great time! Often the rainy weather was a real drawback for the under 7s just so they could get muddy.



The two home games we hosted went really well with lots of families helping to keep the day running smoothly. So it's a big thank you to all. It was also great to see so many people in the community coming to watch and support the teams. As this was Melanie McClune's first season involved in Paparoa JMB she's found it a great club to be part of and is looking forward to another great season next year.

The under 9s also had good numbers throughout the

season and it was great to see lots of new faces. This will be a great basis for next year's team. With the majority of players new to the game for many it was their first season at tackle.

Paparoa played against three others, Wellsford, Maungaturoto, and Eastern, all of which were great competition. A big thank you to the parent helpers and caregivers who made the effort to get the kids to games and practices.

Melanie McClune and Paul Howse

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The latest news from OCS

MRS JOYCE BROOKS: Our landlady, a Maungaturoto identity whose name belongs in so many areas of the town's history, passed away Tuesday 9 September. The late Mr Dudley Brooks, his wife Joyce and their family have contributed hugely to the success of Maungaturoto for over 40 years. We pay tribute to this very special lady who has gone to rest in peace after a long illness. Our sincere sympathy goes to her devoted family in their grief. OCS is so fortunate to have been Mrs Brooks' tenants and we're grateful for the patience and kindness shown to us over the years.

SPRING has arrived, and with it comes warmer temperatures and the increasing presence of sunshine. Now is the perfect time to get some of that vitamin D and melatonin goodness into you, good for our mental and physical health so get outside, go for a walk in the sunshine - it just feels so good. Sunscreen is important too so be wise about how long you are exposed to those rays.

VISITS to Community House are welcome. Drop in if you have something troubling you and would like to speak to a counsellor, or if you just feel like having a chat and a cup of coffee. There's no charge for any of our services. As well as counsellors, both male and female, we have male and female financial mentors to help you manage your money. We have someone who can visit anyone experiencing difficulties such as simply being a parent, and someone else dedicated to the well-being of seniors, whether it's in the form of a chat on the



phone or a visit in their home.

REGULAR EVENTS:

Seniors Lunch at St Johns Hall, the first Wednesday of each month.

Chocolate Bingo Holy Trinity Church Footprints Room, third Wednesday each month.

Whangarei shopping: in the mini-bus, second Tuesday and fourth Wednesday each month. Phone to book a seat and for any other enquiries call 431 9080.

Otamatea Community Services.



Whānau Talk Baby and toddler parenting course

Parenting a young child is a special time from when we welcome our new baby into our family and community, lovingly observe their first smiles and steps and then spend the next few years literally chasing after them!

Sometimes parenting a young child can be demanding, exhausting and like foraging into the unknown. Would you like guidance in setting boundaries, limits and how to gain more cooperation from your young child? How about exploring insightful, practical and well researched strategies in a comfortable, encouraging and secure environment.

Come along to the upcoming six weeks 'Baby and Toddler Years' Toolbox Parenting Course happening in Term 4. This is for parents-to-be and parents of children aged 0 to 4. Grandparents and caregivers are also welcome.

Course outline:

- Session 1: Love is the foundation
- Session 2: Parents
- Session 3: Stronger, deeper, closer
- Session 4: Heart-led parenting
- Session 5: Discipline without shouting, force or fluster
- Session 6: Putting it all together

Subsidies are available. You may nominate an amount up to the full cost of \$75 per person or \$110 per couple or you can even come for free! Being involved in a group course has many benefits and is a wonderful way to make new friends. As well as learning heaps we have lots of fun!

The 'Baby and Toddler Years' Toolbox Parenting Course is being hosted by the Kaipara Kids Early Learning Centre, 182 Hurndall Street, Maungaturoto. To be held over six consecutive Tuesday evenings 7.15 to 9.30pm from October 16 to November 20, bookings are essential as spaces are limited.

There will be more community Toolbox Parenting Courses, also from The Parenting Place, for parents of older children and teenagers.

Diane McKinstry

dianeeducator@gmail.com, 021 2924 105

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Adventures in Spain & Portugal

In this, the final instalment of the Robertson's travel diary following visits to Morocco and Gibraltar, Bruce and Jan visited Spain for just two days before crossing the border into Portugal (both countries use Euro currency).

Traversing Spain's open Andalusian countryside, home of flamenco music and dance, there were huge areas of land devoted to wind and solar electricity generation, providing 16% and 5% respectively of the country's energy needs.

In Seville city we enjoyed tapas and flamenco shows among a maze of narrow streets, small squares, courtyards, gardens, orange groves, and jacaranda trees in full bloom. Historic buildings include Columbus' tomb and huge cathedrals, and we walked up the 35 ramps of La Giralda Tower (designed for horses in 11th century) for a stunning view of the city.

Leaving Seville we toured through orange groves and whitewashed villages, arriving at the Spanish/Portuguese border to change coaches, guides, and our watches (by one hour) for our 11 days in Portugal. We enjoyed this visit, friendly locals (with good English), quaint towns of paved black and white (basalt and limestone) roads, and many historic buildings. Unlike their Spanish neighbours, the Portuguese don't

have siestas!

On an evening stroll along Valamoura beach on the Atlantic coast the sand was noticeably coarser than NZ. Between Valamoura and Lisbon, plantations of eucalyptus (introduced from Australia in the 19th century) come to maturity in 10-15 years and are used for paper and oil. Their extensive root systems suck moisture from nearby crops and create a high fire risk.

Cork tree plantations are common-place, sections of bark are taken from the trunk only after 30 years, and every 9 years thereafter. It was amazing to see what is made from this very durable, light product - handbags, overnight bags, wine corks, hats, glasses cases and shoes to name a few.

The many bridges are quite a spectacle, and near Lisbon we crossed Vasco da Gama bridge, at 17km the longest in Europe, connecting north and south Portugal. Between Lisbon and Coimbra we visited Obidos a town encased in fortified walls, its narrow streets lined with craft shops

selling handmade cotton lace. On Nazare beach, racks of fish were drying in the sun, and a gypsy woman in traditional costume of seven brightly coloured skirts was selling dolls. Coimbra, 'city of knowledge', is home to Portugal's oldest university (one of the oldest in Europe), occupying what had been the Royal Palace. With fees at 1000euro pp, students in capping gowns sold pens (blue engineering, red medicine, black for law). Children start school age 6, with nine years at primary and three at



Seven night Duoro River cruise, Portugal

secondary focused mainly on science and economy. An average grade in final year dictates which university they qualify to attend - public or private. We heard the public system is the most successful.

At Porto, renowned for Portugal's port wine, we were amazed to see NZ pohutukawa and cabbage trees in full bloom as well as petunia, geranium, marigold and daisies.

Our Portuguese tour rounded off with a 211km, 7-night return cruise up the Duoro river as far as the Spanish border, through 5 locks including Europe's highest lock at 37m. Steep hills up to 700m high on the river's edge are planted with hundreds of acres of vineyards. Older



Coffee with custard tarts for Bruce & Jan

vineyards and those with more than a 40deg gradient set out on narrow terraces are hand-picked, whereas those set out vertically and below 40deg gradient are mechanically harvested.

We sampled many traditional Portuguese dishes - kale/potato based soup, codfish pie, rice pudding, smoked salami, and pig cheeks, and visited a bakery for delicious traditional custard tarts. One evening we were served NZ lamb, a highly sought after product there!

At our final dinner, gypsies of all ages, in old fashioned dress, entertained with music and dancing. Then farewell to Portugal for the 25-hour flight home - Porto via Madrid, Doha to Auckland. Losing a day on the way, we arrived in Auckland to be greeted with cold wintery conditions, hard to get used to after a fantastic month away!

Jan Robertson



Stunning city view atop Giralda Tower



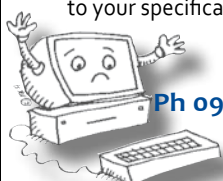
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OUT & ABOUT AROUND TOWN

Paparooa Lions Bushwalk in the middle of Paparooa is still closed and will not re-open until November 1st. The weather is too unsettled and the track still very wet.

Paparooa Walking Group - are there interested people who would like to meet each week to walk- around the village and/or Pahi, or further afield at times? - For fun, companionship and fitness. If so contact us at the Paparooa Sports and Recreation Association and we'll link you together. Let us know the day and time that would best suit you too. Contact Libby 021 2080093 or hames.jones@xtra.co.nz

White Rock's Trash to Art Competition Labour Weekend, Saturday 20 October 9-4pm, Paparooa Hall. Exhibits are created from all sorts of 'found objects' and 'recycled trash', including a children's section. Entries deadline extended to October 7!

Did you know that you can find all the past issues of Paparooa Press online at paparooa.org.nz

and search for specific articles.

Matakohe Cycleway meeting was well attended and three options are being considered for the proposed trail connecting Te Kowhai Road in Ruawai with the centre of Matakohe and the new NZTA's 'old bridge trail'.

Christmas 'Trees for Charity' 2018. Expressions of interest are sought. We provide the tree - you provide the decorations (and name your charity of choice). Anyone (or group) interested please get in touch with Eileen: 021 142 0357 or email b.Parsons@xtra.co.nz

Hospice Grief and Loss talk on October 18 at Paparooa Sports Pavillion from 1-4pm. See last month's press for full information and advert pg 2.

Newborn lambs have gone missing from a farm in Pahi Road during August. It has been reported to police as suspicious activity happened in darkness early one morning. The farmer has had many enquiries for lambs and has obliged when there are some, but not every

Mgto dinner 'Pot Luck'

The Maungaturoto Hall Committee is holding a 'pot luck' community dinner on Friday November 16 at 6pm at the hall in View Street. Entry with a gold coin donation.

This is a chance to come and meet others in the community and there will be some games organised for the youngsters.

Come and have a look around our hall and if you have any ideas of ways we can promote it and make more use of it, this is a great chance to put such ideas forward.

Eileen Parsons

lamb is an orphan. It can be assumed that lambs are in high demand for upcoming school Pet Days and more so this year as calves are not able to be exhibited. Very disappointing if people are reduced to helping themselves!

HOOK, LINE & SINKER

While there have been slim pickings in the fish department this month, a few snapper have been caught, so it is slowly picking up.

There are still a few kahawai around, but over all it is very quiet.

Happy fishing



Annual General Meeting

Paparooa Medical Society Inc.

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Good quality items (NOT TV sets) are gratefully accepted. Please make sure electrical goods are in working condition. Items can be brought in Sunday October 7 (between 12noon and 4pm) or early in the week of the sale. We can usually arrange pickups locally during the week if needed.

Open hours are: Mon, Tues and Thurs - 9am to 5pm
Wed - 9am to 7pm
Friday is pickup from about 2pm on.

Any enquiries, please call Eileen: 021 142 0357

Maungaturoto St John Youth



If you have an affinity with young people and would like to help with our St John Cadets (who recently won a regional award for their efforts), please get in touch with Nyree Alcock (Youth Leader). She is at the Station on a Thursday from about 3.30pm to 5.30pm.

Feel free to come along and have a look at the activities they are involved in. Youngsters are involved in three groups. One of our former Cadets who helps Nyree, has been chosen to attend a Cadet Leadership event in Christchurch. Congratulations, Inaya.

Eileen Parsons

WHAT'S ON - OCTOBER 2018

The Kauri Museum open 7 days, free entry to Otamatea District residents

Events : Settler's Day, 6 October, free admission all day
 Exhibitions: 'Tudor Collins - Man of Many Faces'
 Northland Photography Awards
 Otamatea Quilters annual show

Trash and Treasure Otamatea St John's fundraiser week 8-12 Oct, details pg 18.

Dogs' Day Out Sunday 14 Oct, Paparoa Hall & showgrounds, details page 2
Hospice Grief and loss talk Oct 18 1-4pm Sports Pav, Hospice 09 4393 330 ext 6716 Lisa
White Rock Gallery's Trash to Art Competition display Pap Hall Sat 20 Oct
Community Dinner Sat 27 Oct, Sports Pav 6.30 Libby 021 2080 093 Jane 4316 148

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 4316 822

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, Mgtc

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

Music Makers Second Wed, monthly, Pap Sports Pavillion, 7pm. 4316 722

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 Primary School Term 4 starts 15 October ends 19 Dec

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
 6.30pm Depot Rd ph Cohan 431 6668

Plunket Ready Steady Wriggle Mon 10am Sports Pav. Tina Ball 021 033 5128

Qi gong Wednesday 9.30-10.30am at Paparoa Sports Pavilion 021-1353222

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 In winter recess (Fri 9.30am if dry) 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 Re-opening 6 October at new venue The Kauri Museum

Yoga: with Jenny (in recess) Chair yoga Tues & Friday, 9.30-10.30, Pap Sports Pav
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OCTOBER TIDES - CALCULATED for PAHI-WHAKAPIRAU

DATE	LOW	HIGH	DATE	LOW	HIGH
1st	9.42am	4.08pm	17th	11.28am	6.05pm
2nd	10.39am	5.12pm	18th	12.39pm	6.43am
3rd	11.47am	6.29pm	19th	1.53pm	7.56am
4th	1.05pm	7.03am	20th	2.54pm	9.00am
5th	2.21pm	8.21am	21st	3.43pm	9.51am
6th	3.26pm	9.29am	22nd	4.23pm	10.33am
7th	4.21pm	10.26am	23rd	5.00pm	11.10am
8th	5.09pm	11.16am	24th	5.36pm	11.46am
9th	5.53pm	12.01pm	25th	6.12pm	12.21pm
10th	6.35pm	12.43pm	26th	6.50pm	12.57pm
11th	6.57am	1.22pm	27th	7.10am	1.35pm
12th	7.37am	2.01pm	28th	7.52am	2.17pm
13th	8.17am	2.39pm	29th	8.37am	3.03pm
14th	8.57am	3.19pm	30th	9.28am	3.58pm
15th	9.39am	4.03pm	31st	10.26am	5.03pm
16th	10.28am	4.58pm			

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Official re-opening Bushman's reserve

Around 50 people, including, Department of Conservation officials, local Iwi, representatives of The Kauri Museum, Kaipara Council, Matakoho and Paparoa Schools and some interested members of the public attended the official re-opening of the Kauri Bushman's Memorial Scenic Reserve in Sterling Road on September 18.

The reserve has been closed over the winter while Department of Conservation constructed the raised boardwalk and for a 'state of the art' footwear cleaning station (which, on the day was yet to be installed) to help protect the trees of this bush from kauri dieback disease.

The formal ceremony began with a powhiri and karakia, followed by guest speakers Bob Sterling, whose family made the reserve available for posterity, and Jason Smith, Mayor of Kaipara. The track was then declared officially open, the ribbon cut, and the track blessed by Hone Matenga. DOC then provided a shared light lunch in the Matakoho Hall with guest speakers Stephen Soole (DoC), Taoho Patuawa-Nathan and Dr Tracey Wedge (The Kauri Museum).

You are all encouraged to visit the reserve, on Sterling Road; it's suitable for all ages including access for wheelchairs. PP



Paparoa School students on the boardwalk with Mayor Jason Smith and Lawrie Stevens



Bob Sterling and Mayor Jason Smith cutting the ribbon



Mayor Jason Smith



Land owner Bob Sterling



June Weber with Manu

5 Q's for Rachel Clothier-Simmonds Principal, OHS

Where did you grow up?

In Bristol, England. I came travelling to New Zealand in 2000 aiming to stay for six months but fell in love with the country and people and stayed!

What made you move to Paparoa?

The job opening at Otamatea High School, and then we found a great little house on a bit of land in Paparoa, I thought it was healthy to have little distance from school.

What do you enjoy doing in your free time?

I don't have a lot of free time, but I enjoy walking on the beach with the dogs, swimming, connecting with friends and reading.

Why did you choose teaching as a career?

I've wanted to be a teacher ever since I was 5 years old and I've always loved sport, so I trained to be a physical education teacher.

What are you most proud of in your five years as principal at Otamatea High School?

Creating a more positive school culture, and the roll is increasing again.

He waka eke noa - we're all in this waka together, without exception, which is our school whakatauki. PP



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