

## Shade at the Gardens

Instant shade arrived at the Paparoa Community Gardens in September. Following two days of working bees, a shade cloth support structure has been built over most of the garden growing area. Volunteers with strong backs and willing hands brought in all the gear, from a concrete mixer to ladders.



First the poles had to be concreted in, about 10 or 12 of them, then a week later the wire and shade cloth was put up.

The shade cloth will make growing over the summer so much easier, as it will help retain soil moisture, so necessary during our Northland summers. Just as important, it will provide protection from the sun for our gardeners.

Volunteers provided a beautiful lunch on both days. Others used the day to clean out our main shed, the tool shed and made a start on clearing out the Garage Sale Shed in readiness to re-open soon.

Look out for more details next month!

**UPCOMING EVENT**

**Composting & Worm Farm Workshop**

Sunday  
4 October  
10am

To register phone Jan  
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## Paparoa Badminton ... Thursday evenings

2020 is going exceptionally well for badminton with lots of fun and competitive games, and with only two courts it can be a bit hectic at times! See 'What's On' Page 19.



## Matai wins scholarship



There are two James Rice Scholarships awarded annually at the Northland Performing Arts Festival Vocal section and last month Matai Hartles of Paparoa won one of them.

In order to be considered, there is an expectation that singers will perform in a wide range of styles. Matai performed songs in the following styles - folk, sacred, classical, German lieder, arts songs and musical theatre. So, you can see that he is very versatile! He also received 8 placings across the categories.

There is a cash prize of \$225 attached to each of the Scholarships which must be used for further singing tuition.

Singing teacher Maura Flower has been teaching him for around six years and she and husband Peter had a large number of successes at the recent Northland competitions. See other results p15.

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## Paparoa County Depot Trust... a brief history

This story began with a phone call from Brian Plunkett to myself, Gary Dallas, sometime in the year 2000. With the absorption of the OCC (Otamatea County Council), Hobson County Council and Dargaville Borough Council into the new KDC (Kaipara District Council), the sale was proposed of the commercially zoned land and buildings which formerly housed the maintenance and fleet servicing of OCC's vehicles in Depot Road, Paparoa.

Brian pointed out that this was the only land zoned commercial in Paparoa at that time and it was Brian's wish that somehow the community could manage it and turn it into a funding mechanism for the district. Consequently, Brian and I approached Council with the idea of forming a trust to take over the land and buildings.

At that time there had been a change of mayoralty and an expanded view of the now enlarged Kaipara District Council was clearly evident, both from the councillors and the mayor himself. Initially Council was very sceptical of the proposal and the mayor gave us a clear message, "You two come back in a month's

time with a Trust Deed and a business plan and we will consider it."

In due course we returned with the appropriate documents and for the princely sum of just \$1 (yes, one dollar!) the land and buildings were handed to the newly formed Paparoa County Depot Trust.

The initial years following takeover were understandably tenuous, but skip forward to 2020 and there are now 30 storage units rented out, the main building is tenanted by a local engineering company and the Paparoa Fire Brigade (Paparoa FENZ). An adjacent small piece of the yard is leased to a local oyster farmer. To date the Trust has given back to this community more than \$120,000 in grants, not just to Paparoa but to surrounding areas under strict criteria laid down initially when the Trust was formed.

Grant Applications for 2020 are currently being called for (see the notice below).

The AGM of PCDT is coming up shortly (see notice below) and we would dearly love some new blood on the committee as some trustees are getting older or moving on. This is a very rewarding community project to belong to. It is continuing to grow and contribute to organisations within our greater area. Please call Chairman Graham Taylor 027 475 4490 for more information. GD



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## Paparoa County Depot Trust AGM

**Wednesday 4 November**

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## Paparoa County Depot Trust Grant Applications are now being called for

To be eligible your organisation must be a  
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The Secretary, Paparoa County Depot Trust

P O Box 169, Paparoa

**by October 31st 2020 5:00 PM**

Application Forms are available from

The Secretary, Stella Clyde  
Email: [stella.clyde@gmail.com](mailto:stella.clyde@gmail.com)



## Election 2020 - 'Vote Compass'

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It has been active in every New Zealand election since 2014. Vote Compass New Zealand 2020 was launched on TVNZ One News' website, 30 August 2020, in collaboration with the New Zealand Electoral Commission, and Victoria University of Wellington and the University of Auckland. Over 160,000 New Zealanders have already used the

application since it went live. It offers detailed insight into how New Zealanders stand on the key issues of the 2020 campaign, such as which party leader would do the best job at managing the COVID-19 pandemic or whether international students should be permitted to enter the country. A comprehensive review is made of public statements made by political parties on the topics included in 'Vote Compass'. All of the parties included were directly consulted throughout this process and invited on multiple occasions to review the

findings and provide feedback.

TVNZ One News has been regularly reporting findings from Vote Compass and will continue to do so throughout the course of the campaign.

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## Otamatea HarbourCare Planting season success

I can now report that if we include the additional plants which landowners themselves provided, we were responsible for more than 25,000 plants going into the ground in our area - with about 21,000 of those grown in our nursery. Last year's grand total was less than 19,000.

Landowners planted most of these, although more than 7,000 were planted by a contractor we employed at three different sites. I couldn't arrange a full-on community planting day this year - blame it on the Covid - but we did have planting events with students from Matakohē School and Otamatea High School. It is something I really look forward to each year - the youthful enthusiasm and the noise levels energise me.

While it may be the end of one season, it is also the beginning of the next. We have just taken delivery of about 6,000 baby flax plants from the propagating nursery for potting up. If you would like to be added to the 'nursery working bee' emailing list please get in touch. Most of the action in the nursery will be between now and Christmas. There is no obligation implied in signing up.

Mark Vincent, Secretary



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## Council Mark says - Ask not ...

" ... what your community can do for you..."

Ask what you can do for your community" (apologies to JF Kennedy).

I've been reading a few books lately about the volunteer experience. My school-leaver year with Volunteer Service Abroad (VSA) nearly 50 years ago was an important part of my growing up and has shaped the person I am today.

In his book celebrating the first 25 years of VSA Neville Peat wrote: "at a simple level, volunteering is about sharing - friendship, skills, technology, values .... The earth is a spaceship in which there are no passengers, only crew, with volunteers among the more

ready, willing and able crew members." I invite you to ask yourself: Am I part of the crew or am I a stowaway?

In these extraordinary times, if we didn't have the boost of Provincial Growth Fund grants for the local economy, your council would not be able to show much more for its efforts than 'business as usual'. A lot of our focus for the next few years is on getting better at replacing so we don't have to do so much repairing. This applies especially to sewerage and water supplies for those areas that have them. And dealing with the effects of growth, which is coming (mostly from the south) ready or not.

All of which brings me back to the volunteering bit - if you want things to be better than they are right now in your community maybe there is something you can do about it yourself. There are lots of networks of people doing great things in our communities. Get in touch with them and see if you can lend a hand.

### Song for the day:

'We are not Helpless'

by Stephen Stills

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=veQxK8bV7cs>

Fifty years on the words are still relevant.

Mark Vincent

Otamatea Ward Councillor  
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There have recently been working bees at the Paparooa Medical Society property to get the clinic roof repainted.

Our thanks to the team of volunteers who have turned out on more than one occasion to complete the job: Libby Jones, Pete Hames, Jim Rowlands, Shoh Biscocho, Les Schultz, Graham Taylor, Don Hargrave, Sue Plunkett, Robyn Skelton and Loraine Rowlands.

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## The Show must go on!

I know February seems a long way away but planning for the next Paparoa show is already well underway. Obviously we're hoping to be 'Level 1' or even '0' at the time to make a really great event, but I'm sure we can manage something even at 'Level 2'.

As many of you will know, it takes a community to run a show so we are on the hunt for as much help as possible.

• **Become a member** - \$15 for an individual and \$25 for a family. This gives you tickets to the show and also all the 11 Northern District shows for the season. If you are showing livestock you can get discounts on entry fees. Forms are available on line or from Skeltons Drapery.

• **Have a stall** - we want to know about local businesses and what you are doing -

these can be as simple or as extravagant as you like. For the big investment of \$10 newcomers can have a stall site plus one free entry ticket, so go on, let us know about what trade, service of skills you have.

• **Become a qualified Traffic Manager** We have an amazing opportunity to offer free training for suitable volunteers associated with the area to do traffic management qualifications.

Obviously we want you to be available to use these skills

on Show Day for us - this is one of the biggest cost for the show and our aim is to get some qualified people in the community to take on this role. But also you then have skills to use for other job opportunities. Email trade@paparoashow.org for details. If you know of a person who might be suitable please spread the word.

• **Get creative** for the indoor entries- we love seeing all your wonderful skills on display. The indoor schedule is available on our website or from Skeltons Drapery and Noel Radds in Maungaturoto.

• **Sponsorship** in any shape or form is greatly appreciated - you can sponsor a specific event or general show sponsorship. Again see our website for details.

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## Hall in good hands

Paparoa War Memorial Hall, an important asset in our community, is set for a 'cared-for' year. Although the last 12 months have been tumultuous in many ways, we are hopeful for a bright and happy year ahead!

At the recent AGM, seven dutiful people sat around the table and elected a new committee - actually, it is the same as it has been for many years now, but with the exception of Megan Stoneham. Megan was a valued member who helped on the social scene but is moving from the area. Thank you Megan for your friendship to us all.

The Hall can be hired for sport and recreation purposes, for all manner of social occasions and for meetings. Rates are very reasonable and bookings/enquiries should be directed to Robyn at Skeltons Drapery (431 7306). Regular events include badminton on Thursday evenings, Line Dancing, Thursday mornings and Exercise to Music, Tuesday mornings.

The committee comprises: Peter Risbridge (President), Kate Battensby (Vice President), Robyn Skelton (Treasurer), Loraine Rowlands (Secretary), Pete Hames, Ken Chambers and Mark Hampton. Volunteers such as these are the backbone of New Zealand community life.

We would value help with the garden and with social events when Level 1 is finished with for good! Talk to Robyn if you would like to help.

Thank you!

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If you are going for a hospital stay bring your medicines with you so the medical team can see what you are taking; take your glasses; hearing aids; phone and charger; any phone numbers you might need; notepaper; books or magazines.

### VISITING HOURS

**Whangarei Hospital** are generally from 11am- 8pm.

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Patients need their rest when in hospital, so if you're unsure give the ward a call. To be considerate to other patients, ideally it is **two** visitors at any one time per patient.

**Dargaville Hospital** has open visiting hours except during ward rounds, or if there are too many visitors at one time.

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On leaving, if you've been

longer than an hour, pay for your parking either at a booth on the hospital ground floor near the main entrance or in the main carpark. On exiting the carpark you need to put your ticket in the barrier machine to raise the barrier arm regardless of whether you had to pay for parking or not.

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This is 'YOUR' rubbish which he has disposed of. It is despicable how some people biff their rubbish out of a car window as they travel along without a second thought. We should be proud of our beautiful country and should not be sullied in this way. Let's speak up loudly if we know anyone who is contributing to this - make them ashamed of their inconsiderate actions.

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Here are a few titles that just might interest some of you avid readers. Some books were not library books from Paparoa but can be sourced elsewhere - so ask a librarian to see if they can find it for you.

### BOOK, TITLE, AUTHOR AND CONTENT OVERVIEW

**The Hollow Ones** by Guillermo Del Toro - *evil demons*.

**The Warehouse** by Rob Hart - *Amazon Company in 20 years*.

**The Secret Runners of New York** by Mathew Riley - *parallel travellers*.

**The Deep** by Alma Katsu - *historical fiction horror novel*.

**The Troup** by Nick Cooper - *horror novel set on a small island*.

**The Yellow Bird Sings** - by Jennifer Rosner - *Poland 1914*.

**The Southern Book Club Guide to Slaying Vampires** by Grady Hendrix - *self explanatory*.

**A Monster Calls** by Patrick Ness - *part giant, part yew tree - story of a young boy dealing with the consequences of his mothers death*.

**Transmission** by Hari Kunzru - *world of computers*.

**The Secret Daughter** by Kelly Rimmer - *forced adoptions of the 1970's in Australia*.

**The Ladies of the Jacaranda Retirement Village** by Joanna Nell - *it's never to late to grow old disgracefully*.

**The Comfort Food Cafe** series by Debbie Johnson - *each book x 5 has a message about life*.

**Librarian of Auschwitz** by Antonio Iturbe - *keeping the magic of books alive during the holocaust*.

**Tattooist of Auschwitz** by Heather Morris - *love story*.

**Solider Sun Trilogy** by Robin Hobb - *fantasy magic and dragons*.

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Jas Futter  
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## News from school

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We've had a big science focus- theme of forces - with all Years 4-6 students working in pairs/

small groups to produce a 'Science Fair' display. We're sure you'll be impressed with their work. See it on display early next term to coincide with our 'Pet and Show Day'. The final week of school saw our students run and walk for 45 minutes in our fundraising 'Fun Run'. They all had a fabulous time, particularly enjoying the slip'n'slide, and the 'haunted house'. The House hockey tournament was won by Kowhai House.

No doubt you will have noticed a lot of construction and maintenance activity happening over the past few weeks. A brand new school sign, created by Nick Tetzner, has been installed at the school entrance, and we're extremely excited about the upgrading of our swimming pool. This includes resurfacing and painting of the pool, and renovating the changing rooms. Roll on summer! Our dental clinic is also being remodeled to create a new office space and whanau room. This will be of huge benefit for our school as it will allow our Learning Support Coordinator, teacher aides, and other support agencies to have a pleasant environment to work with students and families.

We trust everyone will have an enjoyable holiday break and we look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Monday, October 12th for an exciting Term 4.

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## I've been thinking ... I had a dream...

I had a dream the other night. Nothing remarkable about that. The remarkable thing is that I remembered it in the morning. Something about an octopus.

Now I am not acquainted with any octopus: nor have I been reading about them, or watching wildlife programmes or anything octopusish. A worry.

I consulted Dr Google. Wow! Who'd have thought there was so much to be said on this topic? Apparently an octopus is a symbol of greed what with eight tentacles and suckers.

Its significance in my dream depends on the situation. Was I eating it? Fighting it? Making a pet of it, and so on. Depending on this you can understand my greed, clinging or vampire nature, intelligence etc etc. So much scope for navel gazing and self psychoanalysis.

I do care that my subconscious served me this. I rely on my subconscious. It saves me the bother of making rational, logical decisions. All I have to do is sleep until the decision becomes apparent. And there have been times when I have been unable to fathom some person or problem and my subconscious has come to

the rescue allowing me to positively leap to a happy conclusion. I am grateful that my subconscious has expelled the octopus but I am really worried about what other things may be lurking in it.

Symbols, associations and connotations are fascinating. They can be personal: yours alone. A certain sound, image or smell can instantly remind you of a person, place or event in your life but leave others quite unmoved. Other associations or symbols are more universal. For example most of us will see an archway as something to pass through probably with pleasant or triumphant connotations. If it's a golden arch we will add associations of sun, warmth and riches. A touch of red is a touch of excitement. Make it two arches in a M shape. You get the picture.

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in this sort of manipulation when trying to persuade us to buy a product or take some action.

At the moment folk with political aspirations are trying to persuade us to vote for them. Of course they are explaining their policies and promising reforms, but they are all hoping to achieve name recognition with favourable associations. When you think about it a baby is symbolic of the future. Holding a happy baby is a good photo op. Pity about social distancing.

Of course all you readers are making reasoned and principled decisions. But me? Well I am waiting for my subconscious to decide between teeth, eyebrows, suavity, rather odd looking private school classrooms and the sort of anonymity the other guy projects.

What would the octopus suggest? Sleep on it!  
RS

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## Art Exhibition

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New work on display

To keep the Gallery fresh and interesting, White Rock has a new display of artwork every eight weeks plus new crafts constantly arrive from our clever crafters, so it is always well worth a visit.

### PAINTING WORKSHOPS

Recently held at the Ruawai Art Studio, funded by Creative Communities and administered by White Rock Gallery saw ten artists participate and all had a wonderful day learning about getting 'Light' into their paintings.

The next workshop will be held during October.

### GUMDIGGERS CAFE EXHIBITION - CHRISTINE SMITH

This exhibition (supported by White Rock Gallery), is now on at Gumdiggers Cafe, Matakoho. Pop in, have a coffee and view the paintings on show by Christine Smith, the late mother of Matthew Smith.

### VOLUNTEERS:

White Rock is always on the lookout for volunteers to go on to the duty roster for a couple of hours a month. This is a nice relaxing way to spend half a day per month welcoming visitors to the gallery!

### PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

You are always welcome! If you enjoy creating pieces of art, painting, doing photography, sewing, pottery, woodwork, jewellery, mosaic - absolutely anything creative, then please get in contact. We would love to hear from you. Contact Lorraine at [whiterockgallerynz@gmail.com](mailto:whiterockgallerynz@gmail.com) or 021 250 8613

White Rock Gallery Committee



## Kaipara Marchers need your help!

For those of you who don't know about Senior Ladies Leisure Marching, there are over 80 teams throughout New Zealand. Our aims are fitness, mind health and fun, and our local team includes those aged 40-80.

It may surprise you that those in their later years could do such things, and NO, we DON'T wear short skirts, but we do wear smart uniforms and shoes! These, plus travel to join other teams at an annual event, mean we must fundraise as much as possible. We're fortunate to live in this supportive community, and we hope you will assist us again.



We're deeply indebted to Laurel and Willy at the Ladies Mile for the use of part of their premises on those dates.

We're holding a **GARAGE SALE** at Ladies Mile Cafe in Paparoa-Saturday & Sunday of **LABOUR WEEKEND 24/25 October**.

Goods can be delivered to Ladies Mile Cafe from 17th October, after 2pm each afternoon.



## The past month at Rotary ...

Like everybody we are trying to adjust to the new normal in the safest way for our members. During the past month we have had a diverse range of speakers and had a successful sausage sizzle which has helped our fundraising efforts by almost \$400.

Nyree Alcock from Otamatea High School spoke about the William Pike Challenge. Despite the severe impact 'Covid 19' limitations had on outdoor activities, 31 Year 7-8 students have completed aspects of the challenge where they must step outside their comfort zones, take risks, build confidence and strengthen relationships. Our club has contributed \$1,200 towards the scheme this year.

Tracey Wedge from The Kauri Museum spoke about planned upgrades, possible with the Provincial Growth Fund grant. Plans are for a forest corridor at the entrance) and a Science and Discovery Centre with information and hands-on experience on carbon-dating and ecology. Gumdiggers' Cafe is to be upgraded and themed. Rotary is forging a relationship

with Maungaturoto Primary School. Plans are being drawn up to build a school cycle track and planting out of native trees and grasses near the creek by the school has been done.

At Piroa Falls, the track needs considerable restoration work after heavy rainfall and work needs to be done to repair erosion up at the falls when water flow drops.

World Polio Day is the 24th of October. We will undertake some form of activity in relation to this. With the help of vaccination programmes endorsed and supported by Rotary, there are now only a few pockets of wild polio which need to be obliterated.

While we will not have calf litter this year, we are hoping to have mulch to sell by the trailer load. We will advertise this when it becomes available.

**The President's Scholarship** is now open and forms can be obtained from a Rotarian or the OHS office. This closes on 27th October.

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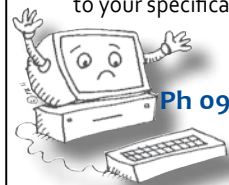
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## The Tree of Pahi

1

It was said to be planted in the year eighteen sixty three,  
A Moreton Bay fig, the most magnificent tree I ever did see.

With a National Heritage Order to protect it for ever,  
And the Kaipara District Council being so vital and clever.  
Its height of thirty metres was measured in the year twenty ten,  
The spread of the branches averaged some fifty metres then.  
Many roots form a buttress that twist and squirm above ground,  
Like some prehistoric monster that has never been found,  
The fine texture of bark on the roots, trunk and limbs.  
So smooth and bright, the grey colour of its satin like skin.

2

Surrounded by a beautiful lawn of grass so green,  
just like a Constable olde world English picture scene.  
On the Kaipara Harbour next to a picturesque shore,  
Unique to New Zealand's history and a short detour,  
turn off the Highway twelve at Paparooa, signposted to Pahi  
And just past the beach shop and you'll be able to see,  
across the green to this stately and magnificent species of tree,  
which has matured and developed by the fine climate and soil,  
and if trees have a heritage it should be called Royal.

3

Some historic happenings over the years of its eventful life,  
The first Albertland emigrants told of much joy and strife,  
And the first years were tough and food and shelter a must,  
No shops or provisions or regular shipping they could trust,  
The Maoris were noted as generous with goodwill and grace,  
With kumaras fish and fruits and help for the settlers place.  
Not knowing the emigrants avid love for more and more land,  
Bought from the Maori by a Government Agents hand.

4

Paid a pittance for the Government by a missionary hound,  
The Pahi Peninsula cost them only Nine Thousand Pound,  
Two hundred and forty thousand acres, how can that possibly be?  
Nine pence an acre, the work of God's minions are a mystery to me.  
Some settlers flourished and thrived and others barely survived,  
Working at logging the Kauri or digging for gum to stay alive.  
Captain Cook's wild porkers and the Kaipara's Harbour's fine fish  
The fruit orchards and vegetable gardens were all they could wish.

5

Harvesting Kauri in days long ago, was a dangerously difficult task,  
Scarfing, felling, cross cutting and skidding huge logs a big ask,  
Milling, loading and shipping out through the harbour's head.  
This hair razing rip tidal passage in a sail boat was something to dread.  
These arduous labours the only income to fund and develop their land,  
Build a home, buy stock and earn farm funds to help them expand,  
Some astute farmers built their homes with timber from the Kauri tree  
And one hundred and fifty years later, still a fine sight to please.

6

Reminiscences from nineteen twenty three by the sole charge teacher at Pahi,  
"A very isolated area seems to come alive at the annual Regatta spree,  
With steamers from Helensville and Dargaville making a grand display,  
And the big brass band from the flagship came ashore to play,  
For the crowds on the green and the shade of the Moreton Bay fig."  
There is a photo of horseless carriages, and horses, buggys and gigs,  
Parked in the shade of the branches of the sixty year Moreton Bay fig.  
The amazing family of Puriri Point, Pooks, so fit athletic and strong,  
Mrs Pook sat under the big fig tree, her children could do no wrong,  
Accepting the tributes and prizes that her seventeen children had won,  
Taught by their father Ted Pook, as experts at boating and fishing had become.  
Much more information of this historical place can be found of early Pahi days,  
If you visit the Kauri Museum well sign posted from Paparooa on your way.

Peter Newson

The winner of the Kauri Museum's National Poetry day - Poetry and Song Lyric Awards August 2020 was Peter Newson with 'The Tree of Pahi' (as printed above. This poem, 'The Tree of Pahi' was judged the winner for several reasons. The most powerful of these being the passion the poet clearly felt for his subject. His verse was traditional in his extoling of the histories of Pahi and the Kaipara and it was very much in the Bardic tradition of praise-making. A bard was a professional story teller, oral historian and composer. In fact, the word is from old Celtic and could be interpreted as "he who makes praises." Something this poem certainly does.

Deb Clapperton, on behalf of the Judges



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## Letters from The Old Post Office Language ...

Dear Reader,

I have been thinking about language **again**. A previous outraged vent regarded the use of "like" as some sort of virtual reality indicator. As in, "It's like, a really nice day." Really? How is it **like** one? Blue sky? No rain? No clouds? No wind??

Really people! Expend some effort. How about lashing out and trying something like "Golly, isn't it lovely to feel the warm breath of Spring on your cheek?" (Facial cheek that is, although *of course* I'm not suggesting that naturism isn't ok). Now, many of you were unaware that the man-of-the-shed *did* put effort into his language. Not just explosive epithets but his mechanical metaphors. The images painted by his phrases "Rolling your trolley, clipping the ticket, tyre kicker" create true pictures and his, "Throwing your toys out of the cot" particularly apt. (Mainly, as he never spoke a truer word!)

Similarly, the word "impact". Now most of us do not like any sort of impact as it leads to pain. For instance, "The impact from the falling slab of concrete proved fatal". Oh, how I wish. This misuse is constant. The media is over fond of saying things like "This really impacted on Sonja" or "She found the message so impactful!" AAAGh, send me a train and I'll show you impact.

Now language is very powerful and certainly influences the recipient. Effective speakers realise this and choose emotively laden words in order to sway their audience. Some words have negative connotations and some positive. For instance, if the eccentrically clad woman of a certain age is referred to as alternative chic or an old hippie, what effect is created and which one would you prefer? (I know which one my children prefer!)

If information is referred to as scurrilous gossip, as opposed to useful background detail, then which one will you find favourable? If travellers in their campervan are referred to as freedom campers rather than a retired couple touring the country in their motor home, which one seems more respectable? OR .. the innocent bystander discovers the break-in when walking past but the adolescent **claimed** he discovered the break-in as he walked past in the early hours of the morning...I rest my case.

And finally, the pet phrase of

telemarketers, organisations and other profit gathering entities. "We are reaching out to you!" Urgh. Please don't, I didn't ask you to, I don't want you to and just plain don't. What an abhorrent image is created. Sweaty hands reaching through phones and laptops, reaching out to touch, to grasp, to haul in. A picture straight from one of Breughel's tortured paintings. *And*, they are not even wearing gloves.

Dear Reader, I will leave you with the words of George Orwell. He of the writing that leaves you bleak and lacking in the will to live. "But if thought corrupts language, language can also corrupt thought." from the novel 1984 .

Or perhaps we can remember "Silence is the language of god, all else is poor translation."

- Rumi  
Yours, in poor translation  
Deb



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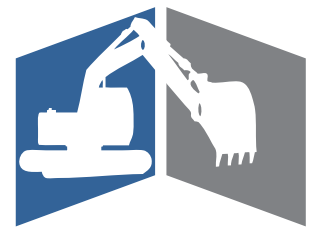


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*From the files...*

## The Great Flood

*It was the recent heavy rains in the area and the rising of the river running through Paparooa that brought back a memory, dating back some 60 plus years...*

As small boys growing up in Paparooa and as such fascinated by water and adventure, a group of us decided that we should build our own vessels to navigate the river and explore as far as we could.

The design was quite simple, two sheets of corrugated iron, 6-8 ft long, folded at the ends over a piece of 4x2 - imagine a kayak hull - and sealed with hot tar (which was somehow purloined from the Ministry of Works tar heap which used to be straight opposite Skelton's Drapery). Somehow the tar was reheated so we could reuse it ... I cannot quite remember how we did this and perhaps that's just as well.

By a system of bracing the two hulls about a metre a part, and by fashioning a seat in-between, with a foot in each hull we could quite easily paddle and navigate the river.

We kept these boats under

the bridge, away from parents' sight and knowledge and had many happy excursions ... we would explore from Skeltons Bridge upriver as far as was navigable usually about the bottom of Trounson Hill and downriver beyond the Pahi Road Bridge.

Such fun was had by all four of us that year...

### UNTIL THE GREAT FLOOD...

The water had risen to a point where it was lapping the tarseal opposite the current GAS station and on this day, at lunchtime at school, we boys panicked thinking our boats would surely be washed away.

After hastily and secretly exiting the school grounds we were delighted to find our boats were still tethered under the bridge, and watching this huge mass of water I

remember looking at the others and I realised we all had the same thought: Let's Go!

Imagine if you will, four boys aged 10 and 11, at almost road level, paddling down the river, but once spotted by locals, all hell broke loose. Parents, headmaster, passers-by all rushed to give sound advice as to how to make landfall.

We were having such a good time, completely oblivious to the dangers of a 10-15 knot current, but eventually we did make land-fall, just past the rear of the hotel. Next stop could have been Pahi.

Sadly, this brought our boating adventures to an end and all boats were confiscated by respective parents.

C'est la vie...

GD

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## Film Review - Fatima

**Director:** Marco Pontecorvo

**Writers:** Valerio D'Annunzio, Barbara Nicolosi,  
Marco Pontecorvo

**Stars:** Alba Baptista, Harvey Keitel, Goran Visnjic,  
Joaquim de Almeida, Sônia Braga

**Rating:** PG-13

**Running Time:** 1h 53m

Fatima is a dramatic retelling of three Catholic children's apparent meeting with Our Lady. The three young Portuguese children and their families are among the many enduring the horrors of WW1. Standing in the square as the Mayor of Fatima calls out the lists of the deceased, wounded or missing, the close focus on the faces of mothers hearing of their losses is hard to bear, let alone to experience. Little wonder then that some wish to believe so fervently in the children's retelling of their visions.

The film opens with dark shots of shadowy caves and the sense of foreboding and mysticism is emphasised by glimpses caught of religious paintings depicting agonies suffered by souls in torment. For the message received from the Lady is one of the need for suffering and atonement. She says that the Father has been insulted and foretells major world events if the offending continues. As beautiful as her manifestation is, her message hardly seems motherly. In fact, Lucia's own mother disbelieves her and punishes her for her deceitfulness in continuing her insistence that she is telling the truth.

The film continues to highlight just how astonishing is Lucia's ability to stand against, not only her mother, but the dictates of the town mayor himself. (A firm non believer, angry with the superstitious nonsense espoused by many of his town's people).

And it is this that makes the film compelling. The apparent conflict between faith and reason. For many of us, we will struggle with the nature of the miraculous appearance of the Madonna yet Lucia (the oldest and most obdurate) of the three children remains convinced of the authenticity of her visions for the rest of her life. Interviewed by a clearly sceptical academic, Lucia, now a nun, simply states "I can only give you my testimony, I don't have answers for everything."

There are no answers given, no absolutes. However, the audience may well exit pondering the nature not only of their beliefs but the absolute place that reason has been given in our present-day life. If we can not touch it, record it, analyse it (or buy it) then it is now not seen as valid. Yet Maori philosophy of Hauora takes into consideration not only physical health but mental, emotional, social and spiritual well-being.

Perhaps this film will cause us to question not only our values but the value of our personal beliefs.

Deb



## October news from OCS

### Otamatea Community Services AGM

Wednesday 7 October, 3pm at Community House,  
155 Hurndall Street OCS. All welcome.

We must continue to keep a daily watch on the latest news and information regarding our situation with Covid 19. It's so important to keep within the guidelines given to maintain our health and safety. We're fortunate in the north to have been spared the large impacts from the virus that other areas have, so we must do what is required to stay that way.

Also very big on everyone's calendar is the upcoming general election on Saturday 17 October. As I write, polling booth locations are being finalised, so I'm not able to list the venues here. They will be made public as soon as possible. Be sure to vote, take care in selecting your candidates, your vote will be counted. Let's hope for the right outcome for all New Zealanders.

#### Our October calendar is as follows:

**Monday 5** - Fun & Games, The Footprints Room,  
Anglican Church, 10am

**Wednesday 7** - Seniors' lunch at St John Hall. From 10am  
- OCS AGM 155 Hurndall St, 3pm

**Tuesday 13** - Free shopping trip to Whangarei

**Wednesday 21** - Chocolate Bingo, The Footprints Room, 10am

**Wednesday 28** - Free shopping trip to Whangarei

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## Exciting days for gardening!

October is one of the most exciting months on the gardening calendar especially for us home gardeners. It's the traditional time to set up, sow and plant both flower and vege gardens. Increasing daylight hours brings both warmer air and soil temperatures and garden plants start springing to life.

Test the PH level in the soil by placing a bit of soil in a container then add half a cup of vinegar. If the vinegar begins to fizz and bubble the soil is too alkaline so add a light dressing of sulphur and peat moss to even out the soil's acidity. Acid levels in the soil can affect how well plants grow.

Time spent last month preparing soil in both flower and vege gardens before planting will now pay dividends giving the plants a 'kick start' by allowing their roots to get quickly established, producing a strong healthy plant which in turn rewards the gardener with good quality produce along with helping reduce pest and disease infestations.

Very small seeds, eg tomato seeds, can be raised in shallow seed trays in good quality seed raising mix. Sprinkle seed sparingly, no covering is necessary as the seeds when pressed firmly into the surface of the mix naturally work their way into the soil, but if covering is preferred sieve mix finely over the surface. Ensure even moisture levels are maintained during germination.

Seedlings previously sown in pots need to be hardened off by exposing them outside in a warm spot during the day and bringing them back under cover at night. After a week or so they will be ready to plant out in the garden.

Plain old baby powder has its uses in the garden - before planting flower and vege plants if the soil is still quite wet sprinkle a little on the roots to protect from being water logged. To keep rabbits away lightly sprinkle baby powder around young seedlings, for older plants try garlic powder. Also possums will steer clear of your vege plants surrounded with a sprinkling of baby powder which irritates their feet.

Now that the risk of frosts is behind us hibiscus plants can be pruned and if showing signs of yellowing leaves, feed them with tomato or citrus fertiliser. You could also put some slow release fertiliser around them and mulch well before summer sets in.

Mother Earth is so kind ...

**"Just tickle her with a hoe and she laughs with a harvest"**

Happy gardening  
Jan R

## Pets in the Valley



Well pets don't catch Covid but they can still be affected by it!

The day of our second lock down announcement started like a normal day. One of our cats, Lola Rose, had to be taken to Auckland for radioactive iodine treatment. This treats cats who have hyperthyroidism- over production of thyroid hormones by the thyroid gland. They are injected with radioactive iodine which is taken up by the gland and then it destroys some of the tissue - hopefully the right amount so they have normal thyroid levels again. Anyway once treated the cats have to stay at the Auckland clinic for at least a week until they are no longer radioactive.

Lola was dropped off on Tuesday morning but by Tuesday night lockdown was announced! So my big concern was how was I going to get her back again? She is quite a stressy cat and rather scared of strangers. I didn't want to leave her in 'lockdown' any longer than necessary. Doing a contactless pick up was



easy but how to convince the road block team it was essential to go to Auckland to get a cat? Well it took a few phone calls, some paperwork and an extremely tolerant husband, but the cat was duly collected and was ecstatic to be home by the fire again.

Now we are just waiting for the final blood test to (hopefully) confirm it was a successful ordeal. Yes Covid 19 can affect animals! Hope daylight savings is not making it too difficult to get out of bed in the mornings.

Take care, Janine.



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Unfortunately, after the arrival of Europeans and the diseases they brought, the Amazon civilizations collapsed and these growing methods were lost. Much later in the 20th century large areas of black soil were discovered and no one knew why they existed until the 1990s when scientists discovered these fields were man-made. The soil covered an area twice the size of Great Britain and in places was up to nearly 2 metres deep! The carbon in the soil is spread by earthworms and acts like a sponge encouraging beneficial micro-organisms, helping to hold water during droughts and to hold in soil nutrients. Biochar acts as a carbon sink. Every ton of biochar in the soil is capable of holding about 3 times its own volume of carbon.

As shown on Country Calendar and on the TV news recently, you can make biochar on your own property from waste trimmings and small branches or alternatively buy ready-made NZ biochar. Check out fertilefields.co.nz for NZ made product.

This looks to me like a great byproduct from saw milling and forestry operations.

Stella

HOW TO MAKE BIOCHAR

This method is using a cone pit. (Note this fire is very hot and must not be left alone or made near trees etc)

1. Dig a cone shaped pit- less than 1 metre in diameter- in bare soil.
2. Get a pile of wood ready - in about 30cm lengths- put well away from the pit.
3. Build a small fire in the base of the pit using dry twigs. Once this is going well add some larger pieces of wood and burn until they start to turn white.
4. Keep doing this layer by layer until you reach the top of the cone and the top layer has started to form white ash on the sticks.
5. Now quench the fire with water - keep pouring it on until the pit is full or you are certain the fire is out.
6. Remove the charcoal and break it up into small pieces. The finished product should be able to pass through a garden soil sieve!
7. Activate your charcoal by using seaweed liquid fertiliser, aerobically produced compost or a slurry of cow or sheep manure or check out other possibilities online (allotment-garden.org) Do not use the charcoal without activating it first or it will remove the nutrients from your soil.

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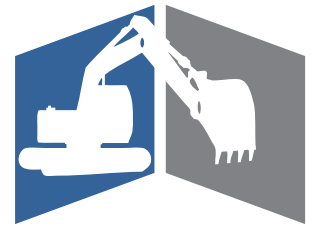
Maura and Peter Flower's senior & intermediate pupils did exceptionally well at the Northland Performing Arts Singing Festival in Whangarei.

In addition to Matai Hartles' successes (see Front Page), other Paparoa students also did well.

Of note, Katrina Poyner gained placings in the 18 yrs and over sections of folk song, 20th Century Art Song, operatic aria, oratorio, light opera/musical theatre, vocal solo, sacred solo, NZ/Aust composer solo, German lieder & classical solos.

Jaden Sheppard also came away with placings in the 17yrs & under sections: in Duet with Matai Hartles, song in costume and a song in light opera/musical theatre.

Well done!



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# How to bridge the divide...

In a time where views can be polar opposites apart, I've seen people disown family members, unfriend people on Facebook... the fear of rejection is high... More than ever, we need to love and understand each other, this is the greatest gift of kindness we can do for another, whether they are a stranger or a dear friend that thinks differently to you.

Regardless of what topic is being discussed, and whether or not you agree, here's a couple of universal truths to consider.

- 1) All people will be doing the best they can with what they've got,
- 2) Everyone wants to be loved and accepted for who they are regardless of how they look, what they think or believe.

When you are communicating on a topic where you don't see eye to eye with someone, whether face to face, on the phone, email or Facebook, use these simple steps:

### Step 1: The 3 Gates

Before replying to a comment, take a deep breath and filter your thought through these 3 questions: Is it true? Is it necessary? Is it kind? If the answer is "yes" to ALL three, go ahead and say what you were going to say. If the answer is "no" to ANY... You could choose to say nothing and skip to Step 5 or...

### Step 2: "I don't understand, tell me more."

This simple statement invites openness into your conversation. Make sure you are genuinely curious to know the answer without forming your next question or statement before they have finished. Let them speak, repeat back what you heard, did you hear correctly?... really make an effort to understand their perspective – it doesn't mean you have to agree!



### Step 3: "I could be wrong, but..."

When you admit that you could be wrong, it disarms the person you are talking with and allows you to gently make your point. Check to see if they understood what you are saying. "Does it make sense?", "do you have any questions?". Be okay if they don't "get it."

### Step 4: Practice

Practice Steps 1-3 whenever you can and notice how good it feels when you genuinely listen and accept another (if not their opinion). If you catch yourself slipping into old habits ask yourself "How could I have done it differently?"; "Next time I'll..."

### Step 5: Agree to Disagree

Reject the idea, not the person. This is the key to unity! Unity is not about all of us thinking the same thing, but accepting each other for who we are regardless.

By following the steps above you are living by the following virtues (and probably many

more): Respect, Acceptance, Loyalty, Service, Courage, Forgiveness, Humanity, Unity, Love and Kindness. When we aspire to live by such values our world becomes a much better place for every one.

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## From our family to yours Who? Little Guy is Two!



October, the month of Hudson's birth, has rolled around again, and I would much prefer to discuss my children than political allegiances and opinions for - HE IS TWO! For two years I have been subjecting the public to hearing the tales and hi-jinks of this happy little guy, with his wild blonde curly locks.

Recently he has been discovering lots of new words - like green, pigs, and counting to 5. Whilst also tyrannical, as expected of a toddler, his cute ways of saying names like "Wash" (Josh), and entirely renaming Elder Brother as "Boardy", make up for the tantrums. (Boardy is always seen with a skateboard, so that's where the name came in.) And after so many early months of being an awful sleeper, he is now 12 hours a night silent. Ah, bliss... I will enjoy it while it lasts, because it comes in waves, this sleeping business...

Hudson loves Playcentre, (held in Paparooa) and is at the age where he now notices other children, particularly as he needs to share things with them. At home, he seems to get whatever he wants from the older brothers - but other little people aren't so willing to hand over toys or balls just because he is squawking in their face. And that's why I love Playcentre. Its like parliament. Everyone's trying to keep the good stuff for themselves, making a giant mess, and leaving someone else to clean it up. Oops!

I vote for more toddlers exploring the world freely, and talking in cutsie voices about farm animals!

Have a great October everyone!

Jenny



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## Maungaturoto Swim Club



While we have run a very successful Swimsafe program in Term 1 each year, largely thanks to Rachel and her helpers, the Club has not functioned in the past season. Many of the executive

have moved away and we need to know who would be interested in helping us form a committee to get this under way again. We also need to know the availability of coaches to help us run the programme. The coaching programme will depend on the availability of pools in our area.

## Kaiwaka Athletic Club



This is another club that is in need of new members. We have traditionally operated on a Monday from 5 to 6.30pm at Otamatea High School but this season we are looking at changing our night to a Wednesday. In the past we have enjoyed a large amount of parental support (this is essential if we are to run an effective programme). We seem to have mainly a junior focus- 5 years to 14 years, but we try to support families with preschool children as well.

If you are interested in either/both of the above could you please leave me (Eileen) a message on my cellphone: 021 142 0357 or email me at b.parsons@xtra.co.nz. I look forward to hearing from you. Meeting times will be arranged that are suitable to those who are interested

## Local identity....

There are times when we all want to identify with a place. Overseas travellers will be New Zealanders or maybe kiwis. People from Auckland are Aucklanders or maybe JAFAS. It is easy to use the English suffixes of -er, -ian and so on to make that identification if the place names are English. Harder to get a workable word from multi vowelled Maori names, beautiful as they are.

So let's get creative.

\* Perhaps we should concede that 'Pahitian' has already been coined, so we accept that and believe it will never be confused with Tahitian.

\* 'Paparoarer' is unlikely to become popular. May we suggest 'Papalion'.

\* 'Maungaturotoite' could well be 'Maungibro'.

\* Whakapiraian sounds ugly and we suggest 'Whakapaddler'.

We leave the formation of other identifiers for the local areas like Kaipara, Marohemo, Huarau, Taipuha, Ararua, Matakoho, Mararetu, Hukatere and Tinopai to you, the dwellers therein. It doesn't pay to get too serious. (If it's good enough for Liverpoolers to be Liverpoolians, it's good enough for us to have a laugh at ourselves too)) Please enter into email correspondence with any identifiers either established or suggested.

Have fun.



## It's School Holidays!!

We hope you are all enjoying the school holidays and getting out and about.

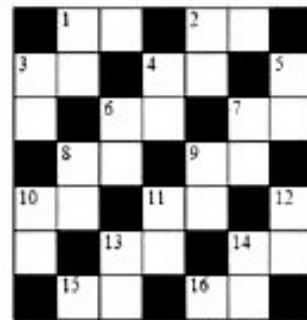
Here's a number puzzle to keep your brains active and be ready to go back for the last term.

## Minimaths

Calculate the clues and fill in the grid with the answers

### ACROSS

1. 20 + 73
2. 42 + 22
3. 70 - 42
4. 40 - 22
6. 30 + 37
7. 50 - 28
8. 8 + 12
9. 62 + 12
10. 93 - 56
11. 78 + 13
13. 26 - 12
14. 33 + 3
15. 98 - 28
16. 37 + 17



### DOWN

1. 95 + 3
2. 20 + 48
3. 52 - 29
4. 5 + 12
5. 79 - 47
6. 4 + 56
7. 16 + 8
8. 22 + 5
9. 26 + 45
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**Next Paparooa Connections** group meeting is Sunday 11 October, 5pm, Paparooa Sports Pavilion to be followed by a pot luck dinner. Bring dinner and desert to share. Any queries contact paparooa.connections@gmail.com

**Hospice Kaipara's 'Living well with Grief'** sessions start October 20th (see notice pg 3)

**Paparooa's playground** is being upgraded with another shade sail and the oldest equipment replaced. Some landscaping to integrate the playground with the riverbank is also in the pipeline. Keep an eye out.

**Want to play tennis?** Now daylight saving has started Tuesday evening sessions from 6pm as well as Monday 9.30am. All comers welcome! Sue 431 6224, Pete 431 6822

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

**Rumours were rife** last Saturday morning in Paparooa when there was no internet, cell phone coverage or eftpos. Well, contractors had inadvertently cut the cable on Friday at the roadside near the 'old hospital' and it was **NOT** a sabotage/fire at the cell phone tower! It was a good 24hrs before services were restored.

**The community dinner** last Saturday night was a grand success. With a 'full house', a 3 course dinner and with plenty of new people, there was much socialising and fun.

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Fishing is a bit slow at the moment, unless you go out past Tinopai.



A few nice kahawai are being caught at the Pahi jetty at night.

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**Ngā Taonga, Te Hononga Tāngata** - The treasures that bring our people together  
**Creating with Kauri Exhibition** - Jewellery - 12 Jun-30 Sept  
**St John Trash & Treasure** 28 Sept- 2 Oct Maungaturoto Centennial Hall  
**Paparoa Community Gardens workshop** 4 October (see front page notice)  
**Kaipara Marchers Garage Sale** Labour Weekend at Ladies Mile (see page 9)  
**Paparoa Connections meeting** 11 October. 5pm, Pap Sports & Rec  
**Otamatea Quilters Annual Exhibition** The Kauri Museum 23 Oct - 22 Nov

**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 Community Gardens Sundays 10am to 2pm;  
**Badminton** Thursdays 7pm Paparoa Hall \$2 students, \$3 adults, Pete 431 6822  
**Exercise to Music** Tue 10.30am Paparoa Hall \$5 Ph Rose 431 7418  
**Farmers' Market** Every Saturday 9-Noon, Village Green, Graham 027 475 4490  
**Grey Power** Last Wed in month, 1pm, Anglican Church Hall, Mgto  
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**Line Dancing** Thurs 10am-noon Paparoa Hall Ph Rose 431 7418  
**Mainly Music** Wed 9.30am Paparoa Comm Church, Lynaire Porteous 431 7520  
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DATE	LOW	HIGH	DATE	LOW	HIGH
1st	17.40	11.53	17th	18.02	12.08
2nd	6.00	12.25	18th	6.27	12.53
3rd	6.32	12.55	19th	7.12	13.38
4th	7.03	13.25	20th	7.59	14.24
5th	7.33	13.55	21st	8.47	15.13
6th	8.05	14.27	22nd	9.38	16.07
7th	8.39	15.02	23rd	10.35	17.11
8th	9.18	15.43	24th	11.42	18.25
9th	10.04	16.36	25th	12.58	7.06
10th	11.04	17.46	26th	14.12	8.21
11th	12.18	19.05	27th	15.11	9.22
12th	13.36	7.35	28th	15.57	10.09
13th	14.44	8.45	29th	16.37	10.49
14th	15.40	9.44	30th	17.12	11.24
15th	16.30	10.35	31st	17.46	11.57
16th	17.16	11.23			

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Powell's digger makes the repairs to the slip

After the digger work came willing helpers Hubert Poot, Bruce Lydiard, Stephen Findlay and Stu Robertson who planted up the lower bank with plants donated by Kauri Park Nurseries. Our thanks to Grant Hodges of Kauri Park Nurseries.



The planting of the bank below where the slip occurred

## Walkway slip repaired ...

During August a serious slip on the pathway alongside the river bank closed the Paparooa Lions Bush Walk, but it has now been repaired. Lions Club member Jim Rowlands says he was grateful for Shane Powell's quick response with digger driver Josh Powell making an excellent reinstatement of the pathway as shown in the photo.



Part of the extensive boardwalk being built through the grove of kauri at the Pahi Road end of the track

## ...and boardwalk nearly done

All going to plan ... the new boardwalk on the Lions Bushwalk will be completed by Friday 2nd October.

Lions members joined by several other willing hands turned out to carry in the consignment of timber for the project. No easy feat when you consider the amount of boardwalk being built. And this saved a helicopter charge of something in the vicinity of \$20k! Thanks go to the contractor and his gang of workers plus all those Lions and community volunteers. More news next month!

## Often heard but seldom seen!

The Riroriro or Grey Warbler is a lovely little songster, our second smallest bird, that weighs about the same as a heaped teaspoon of sugar! Only the rifleman is smaller as it has a shorter tail.

- \* Found all over NZ it is the most widely distributed endemic bird species and Chatham Island has its own species of this bird.
- \* Usually found in dense vegetation the grey warbler lives totally on caterpillars, beetles, flies and other insects.
- \* This is the only NZ bird that can hover above vegetation to catch insects.

- \* It has a loud trilled distinctive song - quite loud, considering its size. Only the males sing!
- \* While looking a bit like a wax eye bird it is smaller with no green feathers or white eye. It is olive/grey above and white underneath with red eyes.
- \* Unfortunately, the shining cuckoo uses them as foster parents. By pushing out a single grey warbler's egg, the shining cuckoo replaces it

- with one of its own. The grey warbler doesn't reject the egg and hatches out a cuckoo chick who then pushes out all the other eggs to get undivided attention. Our northern riroriro usually only have one batch of eggs each spring.
- \* Grey warblers stay in pairs the year round in their chosen territory.
- My pair live in a holly hedge - a great place - as it's dense



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