



Paparoa Fun Walk Run fun!

The eighth Paparoa Fun Walk Run was a great success this year with 75 participants, 30 up on last year. It was a hot afternoon but participants took that in their stride. Vicky and Al provided a cold drinks stop heading up the hill to Franklin Road, and there were marshals along the course, courtesy of the Paparoa Lions, to make sure everyone went the right way.

We had some great spot prizes including a weekend's accommodation at Harbour View Retreat won by Juliette Clark and others from



Woolworths Dargaville, and Bunnings and New World Mangawhai.

The committee and helpers cooked a delicious bbq and the Lions cooked their famous hot chips. Kids were treated to a lolly scramble and the Paparoa fire truck cooled them all down.

The Paparoa Sports and Recreation committee want to offer a massive thanks to the Lions, the landowners, the sponsors and to everyone who came and made it a great day. See you again next year.

Libby



Pioneer Luncheon

Paparoa Lions enjoyed hosting the 75th Pioneer Luncheon recently at the Paparoa Hall. One of the highlights of this annual event was hearing the buzz in the room as people re-connected, shared stories and reminisced about days gone by.

The 120 participants included descendants of original European settlers, those returning to the district to catch up with old friends and neighbours, seniors who are still living in the area, and some new residents of the district. They enjoyed a catered lunch, Don Rutherford playing the piano, spot prizes and a celebration

cake made by Helen Poot.

The Kauri Museum provided photo boards of some of the early luncheons and museum director Jason Smith gave a fascinating talk about the initial years of the Albertlanders and the relevance of the luncheon over the years.



The celebration cake was cut by Joy Bonham and Ella Hames who have been instrumental in organising the luncheon over many years.

The Lions want to thank everyone who helped and all those who came to make it such a great event, and are already looking forward to next March.

Libby

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Council Mark says – It's dry!

There will probably be a delay of about two weeks between me writing this column, and you reading it. I just hope my headline proves to be completely wrong by then.

It's bad enough

having Dargaville and Baylys on extreme water use restrictions, but for people across the district relying on tank water the problem is, if anything, more extreme because of the demands on the various water suppliers to deliver. And then there are the challenges faced by cockies still trying to keep water up to their stock where the feed is, by having to pump from one dam to another, to another. I can't offer much more than sympathy at this stage. I may well be joining the queue for water in a few weeks if we don't get a decent downpour soon. As a council we have a couple of options to solve the West coast's supply reliability problem, but it will take time - and money. Bullets will need to be bitten.

We are also grappling with the requirements of the Three Waters replacement "Local Water Done Well". There should have been an announcement about this by the time you read this article. It might well be titled: "Local Government Done Poorly". I hope that is not the result.

You know that I am frequently at odds with the Mayor but I am not bagging him or anyone else on the council about this. With the benefit of hindsight, the preferable solution would have been for the incoming government to streamline the complicated governance structure of the Three Waters model and maybe delete stormwater from its scope and KDC would have been the greatest benefactor from

being part of Entity A. But the Government can say that it has just done what local authorities asked for. There must be a Tui advert in there somewhere. Watch this space. It is likely to get messy.

The main issue I had intended to write about was the upcoming public notification of the Proposed District Plan, which will ultimately replace the current 2013 version. Please do look out for it at the end of April. You should be able to find it at the intersection of private (property) rights and public good. Councils only exist because of laws enacted by the Parliament, and councils only have district plans because Parliament requires it. And yes, it does impose restrictions on the free use of your land and what you can do where as of right. The trouble is that what you do at your place can have an impact on other people or the physical environment we all share, or could make a difference to how much a council has to spend on infrastructure in the future. As a member of the district plan working party I can say that we have done our best to make the new plan as simple and enabling as possible within the labyrinthine requirements of the Resource Management Act. It is in your interests to find out what the implications are for what you might want to do and where you do it. You will be entitled to contribute a submission for or against any part of it.

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Paparoa School news

As we move closer to the end of Term one, there have been some challenges and successes over the last four weeks, but this only demonstrates the resilience and community spirit that makes our rural school so special.

One of the ongoing challenges has been everything to do with 'WATER'. With the dry spell persisting, water levels in our tanks became critically low very quickly, and we have continued to explore ways to manage this issue effectively. We have added a water gauge to the tanks so we can keep a better eye on the water levels.

Additionally, our school pool has unfortunately been closed due to a crack in its structure. This has been a disappointment for our students, especially with the warmer weather continuing, but we will work towards a solution to have the pool repaired as soon as possible.

Despite these hurdles, we have also had wonderful moments to celebrate. Our recent Grandparents Day was a heartwarming success, bringing together multiple generations in a day filled with laughter, creativity, and shared memories. Grandparents and students participated

in crafty activities, creating keepsakes that will be cherished for years to come. The event was made even more special with a delicious morning tea and lunch prepared by our dedicated kitchen staff. A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to making this day so meaningful.

In the classroom, our students continue to impress us with their enthusiasm for learning. Room two has recently started learning Sign Language, a valuable skill that not only broadens communication abilities but also fosters inclusivity within our school. It has been fantastic to see these students take pride in sharing their new knowledge with the younger children, creating an environment of support and learning across all age groups.

Our school community has created a 'Paparoa Friends of the School' which are a group of whanau and friends lending a hand with projects and fundraising for our school. Their first

project is selling firewood. If you are interested in buying some cut firewood for \$80 per cubic metre please contact Ngaire Hames on 021 272 4490

Enjoy the upcoming Easter break.

Nga Mihi
Karyn Taylor
Principal



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Show News.

A special award was presented in February to Jeanette Caudwell for her outstanding services to the Paparoa Show. The RAS Centennial medal was provided by The Royal Agricultural Society of New Zealand which was celebrating 100 years of being in existence (not as long as The Paparoa show has been around - we're up to 148 years!). Jeanette is well known in equestrian circles as



she is involved in lots of show organisation and judging. She has been the Equestrian Co-Ordinator for the show for at least 12 years and was judging before then and even further back was a competitor. Her knowledge of the complex rules and structure of the A and P showing is essential for the Show to run at the correct level of competition. We were very pleased to be able to present Jeanette with the beautiful medal as a token of her contribution to the success of our show.

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Village in the Valley

I recently attended the wonderful annual Paparoa Lions' Pioneer Lunch in March, where Dr Jason Smith gave an informative and stirring address on the origins of the settlement of the Otamatea area by the Albertlanders in 1862, and later others.

The 1950s saw the birth of the idea of what was originally named the Pioneer Museum, now The Kauri Museum, at Matakohē.

I felt compelled to dig out and air the lyrics of a song written in 2012 by my late husband George and myself, for a play staged at ORT on the occasion of the 150th Anniversary celebrations of Paparoa.

It felt evocative of that spirit of the settlers who sought a freer style of life with its challenges and new horizons beckoning.



Paparoa Anthem

The districts of Paparoa are something you've got to see

There's no getting away from tomorrow, it's always going to be;

The history and the future already joined as one;

Paparoa you'll always be here, everlasting in the sun.

A sanctuary in the making from busy city hum;

the Otamatea is calling all those who wish to come.

There's pleasure in your valley, your rivers and the bush;

a home for every stranger to settle where they wish.

Oh many have to leave here and some they do return.

The lifestyle that you give us is one that lots do yearn.

Our Village in the Valley though many years have gone;

You still can find a welcome

One fifty (150) years and on.

Sue S

The McSweeney Brothers

Presented by Maungaturoto Rotary Club at the Country Club

What an awesome night of music we were treated to!

A stand in member, Jono Loney, joined the three regular players to add not only the violin and Irish whistle but also the most incredible mandolin playing. He was amazing!

Line dancers and others couldn't sit still and danced the night away to the great music (after an awesome meal from Jane and her team in the kitchen).

We don't often get the opportunity to hear such talented musicians in our town. Unfortunately, the date clashed with other events so our audience was not large, but those who went were given a real treat.

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At the market

Those of you who are regular readers of this wonderful publication will know that this column usually profiles one of the regular stallholders at our weekly Farmers' Market, but this time I want to highlight the other vital part of the market- the customers.

I categorise our customers into three main groups. Firstly, we have many regular and loyal customers who come to the market every week to stock-up on whatever it is they need. Secondly, there are the passers-by who are travelling through and see the market is on, so call in to check out what is available. Then there are the other locals who come to the market occasionally (or not at all) and it is this group of customers we want to appeal to.

For a small village we punch above our weight by holding a weekly market, but our stallholders need all of our support to make it worth their while to attend each week. We would really like to encourage everyone to come down to the market at least once a month and enjoy the atmosphere, catch up with friends and neighbours, and maybe buy something from a local stallholder, and

by so doing, help the local economy thrive.

As an incentive Progressive Paparoa has agreed to put up a \$50 market voucher for every Saturday in April. Simply turn up at the market and put your name into the draw and at the close of the market one lucky person will be drawn to receive that week's voucher, to be spent at the market the following week.

At times parking right outside the market can be at a premium, but there is usually plenty of parking available at the medical centre/library as well as at the Landing or Franklin Rd, and from either way it is only a short stroll along to the market.

We have a great group of stallholders with a range of locally produced products and we hope you'll come along and support them this month.

Pete



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Letters from The Old Post Office...

Water...

Dear Reader, under considerable duress I reluctantly put finger to keyboard. Reluctant, as there are so many other things that it could be pointed at. However, swallowing my bile I will attempt to walk in the paths of righteousness whilst wishing to behave more like Mae West who once famously said, "If there is a choice between two evils, then I prefer to choose the one I haven't tried before". Bless.

Back to the object of my biliousness, or at least one of them. Water! Water, that staff of life that we constantly use and abuse. Add this, take this away, waste, re-route and of course, given the opportunity, charge for it like a grievously wounded bull. Having said that I believe it is eminently preferable to be charged by a bull than a maddened cow. (Just saying,

please refer to previous article).

It was a balmy morning several weeks ago that, Dear Reader, I thought that I might spend half an hour or so floating like a basking whale in the pellucidly fresh water at the Warkworth Cement Works prior to an unpleasant appointment. Imagine my dismay when, upon arrival, clad in a winsome

arrangement of fairly non transparent garments found in the boot of the car (having omitted to pack the togs) I approached the grassy slope. Quelle horreur and I really mean horror of a magnitude only surpassed by certain people, who shall remain nameless. (For a small fee am quite happy to share.) A large sign indicated that the water was not safe to swim, drink or any other use that the general public might be inspired to try. The ducks however, not realising the danger they were in continued to paddle and even chase the fish that also continued to swim quite energetically. I did wonder if they glowed slightly at night, and as is my wont, thought translated to action and I joined the ducks, carefully keeping my bill above water and all other orifices

clenched. Frightfully good for one.

No immediate effects presented themselves, although I did notice when reading that night I really didn't need a sidelight.

Ka kite ano
Deb

NB for reference

<https://environment.govt.nz/facts-and-science/freshwater/why-freshwater-matters/we-need-to-look-after-the-wider-environment> (like our land and our trees) because these need to be healthy to keep our water healthy. It's all about having respect and caring for our water.

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Since our final summer harvests work has been going on upgrading and reinforcing the garden beds, we hope the new higher beds will last for many years to come. Our next job is to fill them with good soil and once we get some rain we will plant out our winter crops. We would like to thank Hiab Services Northland for the excellent friendly service delivering the wood for these beds.



Volunteers are always warmly welcomed at the gardens. We work Thursday and Friday mornings from 9am - 1pm and harvest on Sunday mornings for 2 hours (though we have finished harvesting for the summer season of course). Even in between seasons like right now there is always plenty to do in the gardens and too few volunteers. Do join us if you are able.

Aladdin's Cave

Aladdin's Cave has now been back up and running for just over 16 months. We have been really pleased and thankful for the amount of community support we have received over that time. Should you have any donations that you are unable to drop off on a Saturday morning could we please ask that you contact Jenny on 0276888296 and

Sports Update

As the summer draws to a close it is time to wind up tennis for the season. We have enjoyed having lots of junior players improving their skills this summer, and it has been good to see a few adults enjoying a hit too. Our Blind Low Vision (BLV) player Lissie Cleave is rounding off her season with a trip to Melbourne for the Victoria BLV tournament, and we wish her all the best for that.

During Term two of the school year we will once again have junior table tennis at the Sports Pavilion on Tuesday evenings. At the time of writing times are yet to be confirmed, but we will get the message out prior to the first junior session which will be Tuesday 29th April. In the meantime, high school players and adults are welcome at our weekly sessions held every Tuesday at 7pm. We have plenty of bats available for use and would love to see some new or returning players.

Badminton continues to be held every Thursday evening at 7pm in the Paparoa War Memorial Hall. This is also for high school aged students and adults of all levels, and we also have some racquets available for use. For enquiries regarding table tennis or badminton, call or text Pete 0210567163

By the way, the new community gym is now open for use 24 hours and we welcome new members. To find out more email Libby at: hames.jones@xtra.co.nz

either arrange a suitable time or we can try to collect from you. We have recently had a few donations dumped and while we appreciate it is generally intended in the best way we have had some items that we cannot resell. As a small volunteer organisation the money



it costs us to dump these items does impact us and the community gardens as these are funds that do not go into it. Please do get in touch if you wish to donate as we will always do our best to help.

Lastly but far from least, we at Grow Paparoa sadly farewell Kim and Tony Brewer from our organisation as well

as our district. The Brewers moved to Pahi Road 5 years ago and quickly became involved with the gardens. Kim was introduced as a committee member within a year and her love of growing fruit and vegetables, knowledge of soil structure and composting has been a huge asset to the gardens. Kim has worked tirelessly most Friday and Sunday mornings and has helped with all of our fundraising events. With her husband Tony they built the two big raised beds out of old roofing materials and some purchased wood and proved how cheaply one might make a raised garden bed that allows gardeners to sit on the sides as they garden to save an aching back from bending. Kim encouraged and organised the use of soaker hoses through most of the beds, running from the 1000ltr water tanks we have set all around the gardens thus keeping our crops viable throughout the summer months - especially helpful this particularly dry season. The difference in the soil between the beds that have these hoses and those that do not has been obvious. Kim has also been involved with OCS and Tony has been involved with the Depot Trust for the last few years as well.

We wish Tony and Kim the very best for their future move and consider whichever area they choose to live in will be very lucky indeed to have such a community minded couple in their midst.

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Kaimanawa Legacy Foundation - urgent mission

Join Kaimanawa Legacy Foundation and Kelly Wilson on an urgent mission to save 100 wild horses in just 100 days. The project aims to protect the most vulnerable Kaimanawa horses from the 2025 Kaimanawa Horse Muster, which is set to halve the southern herd population in late April.

With 279 horses targeted for removal, any unhomed horse will be culled. This initiative literally saves lives.

The mission:

To save 100 wild Kaimanawa horses in 100 days through a structured taming, training, and rehoming program based at Kelly Wilson's purpose-built facility in Taupō.

The trainers and process:

Horses will be tamed by a team of professional trainers, all of whom have trained under:

- Kelly Wilson, one of NZ's leading wild Kaimanawa trainers, and Hannah Catalino (USA), who specialises in taking Kaimanawa and Mustang horses at liberty.

All horses will go through their wild horse milestone training system, used for both Kaimanawa and Mustang horses. The team includes experienced New Zealand, Australian, and American trainers who will be under the mentorship/supervision of Kelly Wilson.

The facility

Kelly Wilson's Wild Kaimanawa Sanctuary is based in Taupō and has been purpose built to:

- Yard 50+ horses per muster.
- Train 20 horses at a time, with three round pens.
- Undercover round pen and yards for all-weather taming.
- Additional yards, stables and paddocks for tamed horses who have reached the haltering and leading milestones.
- Full-time, on-site trainers.
- A purpose built obstacle course for training.
- Trucks and trailers to train with, to prepare the wild horses to travel to their new homes.

- 120 acres of farmland to lead the horses out on adventures. Every three to six weeks, a new group of horses will begin the taming process as previous horses move into training paddocks or homes. This rotation ensures smooth, continuous progress throughout the 100 day project.

Donations

All donations will be paid directly to Kaimanawa Legacy Foundation, a registered charitable organisation. This partnership ensures:

- Tax deductible donations for NZ based supporters.
- Full financial transparency via a clear reimbursement system.
- Public accountability for how every dollar is spent.

The project is overseen by Kelly Wilson, a funding board



Adopt a mare and foal combo

member of the Foundation, who is volunteering her facilities to ensure extra lives are saved.

Why this project is needed

Applications to save Kaimanawa horses are open until April 14, and most applicants require a trained horse. However, training spaces nationwide are nearing capacity. Without immediate intervention, horses approved for rehoming may be left behind simply because no trainer can take them.

By stockpiling and temporarily yarding horses at our Taupō property until training spots become available, we remove that barrier and ensure more horses are saved.

How it works

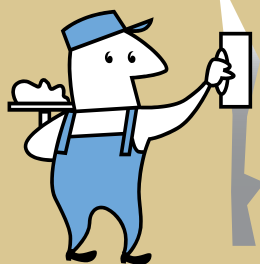
- Initial Intake (Rotation 1): 18 horses will be trained immediately and sent to their homes within four to six weeks.

- Subsequent Rotations (2, 3 & 4): Additional horses will be stockpiled until space opens up in the training rotation. These horses will require daily feeding and care, incurring higher costs.

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3. Subsidies for Owners:

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- Repairs to yards, fencing, and infrastructure due to wear from 100 wild horses (we are committed to returning the generously donated facilities to their original condition).

5. Public Transparency:

- All funds raised, horses

saved, and expenses incurred will be recorded in publicly accessible spreadsheets.

- Every dollar will be traceable and focused on saving and rehabilitating horses.

If additional funds are raised

- Ideally every horse coming through the program will already have a Kaimanawa Heritage Horses approved home lined up. However, Kaimanawa Legacy Foundation may take ownership of extra horses that do not yet have approved homes if we have excess funds, yarding space, and horses lives are still at risk.

- These horses may require two - nine months of care and training before being rehomed or sold

- Every \$2,500 raised allows a juvenile horse to be rescued and trained

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Maungaturoto and Districts Rotary

During the past month we have had some very interesting meetings. During the first one, we had our Exchange student, Jaime Warrington-Grace, speak to us about her sojourn in Belgium last year. Obviously this trip held both challenges and highlights for Jaime but she believes that it has enabled her to learn more about herself and what she would like to do in the future.

While Jaime was in Belgium she was hosted by three different families, each of whom were quite different. By the time she reached her third family, she was becoming quite proficient in French (which was just as well because that family spoke mostly French). Jaime spent most of her time in Bastogne but was able to visit different cities, along with other exchange students, each month. Jaime has decided that the people in Belgium love carnivals as they were very frequent. Extra trips arranged included one to Paris to see basketball at the Olympic Games, and she spent two weeks in the Swiss Alps which she thoroughly enjoyed. Another highlight was her membership of a local Scout group which

had her camping for a two week period, in which the Scouts were not able to use any tools or manufactured materials to create their environment. Just before she came home, Jaime was hosted by the family of Lars (who had been an exchange student from Switzerland at Otamatea in the previous year). Jaime believes that there have been huge areas of personal growth which include her becoming more independent and she has a different perspective on life. Attached is a photo of Jaime's jacket covered in pins - these are collected by swapping with other students from many different countries. The back is also very impressive.

In thanking the club for their support, Jaime also mentioned her willingness to lead an Interact group at Otamatea High School. This is a group of 14 to 18 year olds who select their own leaders and decide what activities they want to be involved in, which may include fundraising but can also involve community service. We, as Rotarians are there to support these young people and are grateful for the support we have been given by the Principal, Mr Todd Malcolm, in enabling this to happen. We are very excited about the establishment of this group and look forward to ways in which we can work together.

We are now looking forward to an exciting new chapter in our Club, so watch this space. If you would like to join us, don't hesitate to get in touch with me.

Eileen

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If you weren't familiar with some of these clubs or misplaced their contact details, please see below.

Check out our Facebook page for updates on affiliated clubs' events and news.

Maungaturoto Bowls Club - Club days Tuesdays and Saturdays, Events, Tournament's, Coaching. All welcome. Contact Kevin Robinson 0274 793 659.

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Otamatea Repertory Theatre - An artistic outlet for young and old, on stage or behind the scenes. Producing a variety of shows. Visit FB: Otamatea Repertory Theatre or email info@ort.org.nz

JMB (Junior rugby) - Local competition played between 4 clubs in the area in grades Under 7 Rippa Rugby, Under 9, Under 11, and Under 13. Get in touch at maungaturotojmb@gmail.com

Otamatea Hawks - Our own local rugby team. Follow them on Facebook for updates on games to get out and enjoy some local kiwi rugby.

Otamatea High School - Supported by local businesses and community groups and providing a local fitness centre. For more information visit www.otamatea.school.nz

The Rotary Club of Maungaturoto and Districts Incorporated - (in conjunction with the Satellite Club of Mangawhai) contact 021 149 0877 or 021 1420357 - Rotary supports many activities within our community.

The Den - If you are looking for any household items, this is the place to go. check out FB or call 09 280 9598

How to become a MCC member

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Apple Ketchup

Based on an old Digby Law recipe that I've tweaked. A delicious alternative to tomato or plum sauce and goes particularly well with roast pork or sausages.

Ingredients

4 kg apples - tart ones are best but any will do
6 large onions
1 tablespoon ground cloves
1 tablespoon ground allspice
1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper
2 kg sugar
5 tablespoons salt
2.5 litres malt vinegar

Method

Roughly chop the apples, removing stalks and cores. Combine all the ingredients in a large pot. Bring to the boil, stirring to dissolve the sugar, then simmer, covered, for 1 - 1/2 hours until the fruit is pulpy.

Let it cool a bit so it's not burning hot, blend with a stick blender, then push through a large sieve (if desired) to remove any unwanted bits of skin. Bring back up to a low boil then pour the thickened sauce into hot, sterilised bottles or jars, and seal. Makes about 5 litres.



Science Corner

Labord's Chameleon

The shortest life span for a four-footed animal, but a spectacular finish!

Labord's Chameleon live in West Madagascar in a very harsh environment with a short, wet season and a longer dry season.

These animals spend eight to nine months as a developing embryo inside an egg, then hatch when the wet season begins. They develop to sexual maturity in two months, then the males die after mating, and the females die after laying up to 11 eggs and burying them in the ground. This life span enables the species to survive, but they are losing numbers.



Like other chameleons they have external body cells that expand and contract and contain nano crystals which alter how they reflect light giving them the ability to change colour. This colour show is not used for camouflage but instead used to find mates and show emotion. Strangely as they die the females' bodies put on a light show of many colours. Beautiful, but sad. Stella

Have your say on fees and charges

Kaipara District Council will soon be asking the community for feedback on its proposed fees and charges for the coming year.

Every year Council reviews its fees and charges. Fees and charges are used to support the operation and maintenance of a variety of services provided to the community. They are set on a user-pays basis so that the costs passed onto ratepayers are kept to a minimum where possible.

The key changes suggested in the proposed fees and charges (2025/2026):

- General increase: Most fees not set by statute are proposed to increase by 2.2 percent to account for current inflation, in line with the Consumer Price Index.

- Dog fees: The permit fee for keeping more than two dogs in a residential area is proposed to increase from \$84 to \$180 (this is a one-off fee per property reflecting actual costs to permit). The non-working dogs annual registration fee paid by due date is proposed to increase from \$76 to \$78, and working

dogs annual registration fee from \$50 to \$51, an increase of 2.2 percent (CPI).

- Temporary road closures: An increase has been proposed for temporary road closure fees for events from \$621 to \$1994; bond from \$6,029 to \$6000-\$10,000 and an introduction of a fee for temporary road closure inspections of \$897. Note that these fees may be reduced for charitable events.

You can read the full Fees and Charges Statement of Proposal highlighting the changes on the council website (available from 7 April).

Feedback on proposed fees and charges for the coming year will open from 7 April for a month. New fees and charges will take effect from 1 July 2025. Some fees and charges are set by statute, such as the new MPI Domestic Food Business Levy*, and do not go through consultation. KDC

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BOOKS AND BOOKCLUBS

It is a very sad fact that many debilitating illnesses go undiagnosed for years, especially in women who are considered to be hysterical, attention-seeking, nervous, hypochondriacs, by unwise, uncompassionate know-it-all men. (No apologies guys, it happens, I know you are not all bad.) It was a surprise to me that one of my favourite British comedians, Miranda Hart of the television "Miranda" show, is one of them (a long-suffering patient I mean, not an unhelpful doctor). She tells of what was going on behind the scenes in her non-fiction book of helpful treasures, "I Haven't Been Entirely Honest With You". After decades of illnesses she was finally diagnosed correctly with Lyme disease, contracted when she was 18. In dragging herself back to living fully she read numerous how-to-get-well books (what else do you do but read when you collapse into being house-bound and bed-ridden, but read) and has brought the key points together in one book, just for us. Living well means feeling confident and at home in ourselves, trusting we are loved, and that our life has meaning. "Isn't that what we all need and want My Dear Reader Chum?" Written with typical Miranda boisterousness and "such fun" M.D.R.C. Work that out for yourself. Not too difficult if you are a fan, and the treasures she has found are worth knowing, we are never too old or too wise to learn how to live our lives more authentically.

Rural farming folk, you might enjoy "Diddly Squat, Home to Roost," by gentleman farmer Jeremy Clarkson, also of television fame- or maybe not. He has millions of English pounds to throw about while he "plays" at growing food and beer ingredients. This book is a compilation of articles written for the Sunday Times in which he does a lot of griping about the world (Greta Thunberg), UK politics in general, and government interference in farming in particular. There are humorous sketches throughout with no acknowledgement to an artist. My journalist daughter and I speculated as to whether Jeremy is also an artist, or assisted by A.I., or if the publisher had come up with appropriate illustrations. They are specific to the farm, "Diddly Squat" and embellish the work rather nicely. Jeremy has had over 20 works published, so if you enjoy this one, there are more! As a wise man (Jeremy) once said, "There's no man alive who couldn't have fun with a digger". Or a book about a digger!?

Grandmothers and Nanas, here is one for you - "Days Like These," by Sue Margolis. It is basically about family relationships between four generations, with different ideas about raising children, and many of us can relate to that. Mum and Dad leave their two children aged five and nine with Gran'ma while they go off to "save the world". Gran'ma is recently widowed and is also looking after her elderly mother. The posh, expensive school and numerous after-school activities present some entertaining (for the reader) situations. For me it is in the "light-reading" category as I didn't really warm to the main character, but other grandmothers in my Bookclub enjoyed it immensely.

I haven't read any Alexander McCall-Smith novels for years, I grew tired of his rather patronizing view on life and pretentious poems, and I never liked the series set in Edinburgh, it was the "No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency" books set in Botswana that were most popular worldwide. And still are. "Are they still going?" I was asked recently. Yes, they are, and I thought it might be fun to read one of the latest ones, "The House of Unexpected Sisters". All the same characters were there, in the same settings, and the same thread of two or three cases to be solved by the end of the book. It was cosy, sweet and lovely, and I unexpectedly enjoyed catching up with the simple African life as portrayed by the author in this series. Definitely fictional. Even so, it is my feeling that our world has become more cynical, griping, selfish and inward-looking since Covid. It was a relief to reclaim something of the joy of days gone by. An excerpt from "The Good Husband of Zebra Drive" was read at my wedding in 2013- seems like yesterday! Ah well.

So, M.D.R.C., stay well, look after yourself, stop griping, love your unlovable family and enjoy the simple things.

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Pets in the Valley



I have a question. Should people owning cattle be required to have a yard? I have grumbled for years that a simple yard and race should be part of every small block subdivision. I personally am not a big fan of lots of rules and regulation but the uncommonness of common sense and the conveniently helpless attitude of animal owners, "I didn't know....", "She wasn't supposed to be pregnant....", etc, makes me want to advocate for a license to own stock.

The inspiration for my renewed enthusiasm for a minimum standards for owning livestock too big to hold by grabbing, was an after-hours call in early March. The heifer's owners had noticed she was having calving issues a week earlier (yes you read that right) but hadn't been able to get her into the yards. Yes they actually had a yard! But unfortunately it hadn't been looked after and the race was unpassable. We had to build a pretend gate in front of the loading race, get the animal into the race and with my super fence climbing and rope handling skills managed to get a halter on the beast and tie her to a post.



A much longer and more complicated than necessary calving ensued, with some elements of risk, (which unfortunately I must admit make things more exciting) and the heifer at least now has a chance of survival.

This did not need to be so difficult. A simple race with the ability to put a bar behind the animal is often all that is needed. Head bails are a bonus. For the welfare of animals and those working with them please, please build a yard.

Janine

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We can't be everywhere and know that there are many goings-on that simply pass us by.

Email press@paparoa.org.nz by the 20th of the previous month.

If you would like to make a regular contribution we'd also love to hear from you.

From our family to yours

Toy Time and Tantrums

This winter will mark 15 years of us living in Paparoa, but recently, I joined in with a few groups I have never joined before. You'd think having a lot of children like we do, that we would have already been present in these groups. But Mr six was not a social little boy, he was prone to growl at strangers and other children alike. So stepping into Mainly Music (Paparoa Church, Wednesdays, 9.30am) was not familiar territory. But now we have a daughter who likes people, and likes music. Each week she has grown more confident in enjoying the songs, rather than trying to find an exit under a gate, and definitely enjoys the morning tea afterwards. As does her mother!

And then we discovered the Toy Library! This operates from the same space, run by amazing volunteers, between 10.30 - 1pm on Wednesdays. For a miniscule joining fee, you can hire clean, wonderful toys for two weeks for an even smaller cost. 50 cents to hire a toy?! It's almost outrageous. Miss Mary likes to choose a toy,



usually something we already have at home for some reason, and then I proceed to hide it whenever Mr six is around. That one is a destructive force, I'm ashamed to say. If you see him wielding a hammer, nothing is being built. Something is about to die. We're currently on a new "good boy" reward chart system. Day one went well. He has to make it to 10 days to receive a reward and whilst I'd like to be optimistic, I'm not.

The other force that engages him in sibling fights, is Mr 14. He's prone to parent as if there were no parents here. Mr six takes exception to this, as we can all see there is a parent here, and this quickly escalates into shouting and throwing whatever comes to hand. No stars for those days.

So if you have a non-destructive little person living at your house, under the age of five, come down and check out Mainly Music and or the Toy Library! It's well worth the visit.

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Natural Perfumery Workshops - Wed April 9. Limited spaces. See p7 for time and booking info.

Ukulele Workshop & Concert - Sun April 13. See ad this page for details.

School Holiday Sewing Program - Tues, Wed Thurs 15, 16, 17, 22, 23, 24 April. See back page for times and booking details.

Circus Holiday Program - Wed April 16, 10am - 2pm. Paparoa War Memorial Hall. See back page for more info and registration details.

OUT & ABOUT AROUND TOWN

Paparoa's Farmers Market Happens every Saturday morning, 9am-12 at the Village Green. Fresh fruit & veges, sweet treats, plants, fish, eggs, assorted crafts, live music and so much more. A great place to catch up with friends or make new ones.

Grow Whakatipu Paparoa Drop in for a chat, hands on experience, or a cuppa. Every Thursday & Friday 9am - 12pm. Next to the showgrounds.

Paparoa Golf Course Winter golf programme every Sunday from 2 March- 10am start for 18 holes, 12.30 for a 1pm start for 9 holes. \$10 haggle includes food. Eftpos available. Enquiries 022 678 1474.

Ballroom Classes Monday evenings at the Paparoa Memorial Hall, 6.15 - 7.45pm. An hour of tuition (social foxtrot, waltz, cha cha, rumba, slow jive etc) followed by a half hour of free time to practice, laugh and socialise. \$15pp. For more info ph Lisa on 021 828-531.

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School Holidays!

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Other services:

6th - 11am - St Pauls, Kaiwaka, Eucharist.

13th - 11.30am - Palm Sunday Holy Trinity, Maungaturoto.

Holy Week:

Monday 14th - 10.30am - Mid-day prayer, Christ the King, Mangawhai.

Tuesday 15th - 10.30am - Mid-day prayer, St Paul's, Kaiwaka.

Wednesday 16th - 10.30am - Mid-day prayer, Holy Trinity, Maungaturoto.

Maundy Thursday 17th - noon, Holy Trinity, Maungaturoto.

Good Friday 18th - 9am, Christ the King, Mangawhai, 11.00am, St Paul's, Kaiwaka.

Easter Sunday - 9am - Christ the King, Mangawhai, 11.30am, St Albans, Whakapirau.

27th - 11am - A combined service of both parishes: St Mark's, Hook Road, Paparoa - Patronal Festival.



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Art Studio, Ruawai Wed 10-12noon ph Frances 439 2554

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Farmers' Market Every Saturday 9-Noon, Village Green, Alistair, 027 525 4782

Grey Power Last Wed in month, 1pm, Anglican Church Hall, Maungaturoto

Grow Paparoa Thur/Fri 9am to 12pm at the Community Gardens

Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Maungaturoto, All welcome. Ph 431 8193 for services information.

Kaipara Marching Team Weds 4-5.30pm, M'gto, Ph Lyn Hutchings 022 070 8674

Line Dancing Thurs 10am-noon Paparoa Hall Ph Jackie Cornes 027 368 7298

Mainly Music Wed 9.30am Paparoa Comm Church, Lynaire Porteous 431 7520

Matakohe Garden Circle 1st Weds each month, 1pm, J Mackinnon 431 6689.

Maungaturoto Opportunity Shop Open Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri 10am-3pm.

Alternate Sat mornings 10am-1pm.

Maungaturoto and Districts Rotary Club Maungaturoto Centennial Hall, Tuesday evenings 6pm, Ph Stella 021 149 0877

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 Tina 0210335128

Paparoa Community Church Sundays 10.30am, 4 Hook Road, 431 6795 or Dave Porteous 0274 180 676

Paparoa Box Fit Every Wednesday 6-7pm, Stretching/Cardio/Boxing \$10, Paparoa Hall, Stacey Watson 09 283 9931

Paparoa Dance to Music Every Tuesday 10:30-11:30, Stretching/Balance/Resistance/Bands/Zumba, \$5, Paparoa Hall, Stacey Watson 09 283 9931

Paparoa Garden Circle 2nd Wed of month. Contact Raylee Over 021 2565 893

Paparoa Hall Functions venue Ph Robyn 431 7306 or a/h Loraine 431 7290

Paparoa Library Mon, Wed 2-4.30, Tues 10-1, Thurs 10-4, Fri 11-1.30, Sat 10-12. Library Manager 09 431 7555 during library hours. Returns Box at Skeltons

Paparoa Lions Dinner Meetings 3rd Mon in month 6.30pm, Sports Pavilion

Paparoa Mah Jong Group 1st & 3rd Tues, Paparoa Hall 10-noon, Sara 021 0774947

Paparoa Playcentre Tuesday and Thursday 10am-1pm. Franklin Rd. Visitors welcome. paparoa@playcentre.org.nz

Paparoa Primary School 2025 - term 1 starts Thursday 30 Jan, ends 11 April. Term 2 - 28 April - 27 June. Term 3 - 14 July - 19 Sept. Ph 431 7379

Paparoa Toy Library Wed 10.30-1pm, Paparoa Comm Church, Hilery 431 7330

Paparoa Volunteer Rural Fire Force (VRFF) 1st and 3rd Monday of the month 6.30pm Depot Rd ph Ken Ogilvie 021 129 4042

Plunket Ready Steady Wriggle Mon 10am. At playcentre. Tina Ball 021 033 5128

Selwyn Centre Thurs 9.45am for over 65's, St Marks, Hook Rd, Ph Sue 431 6224

Sports Pavilion Functions Venue Bookings ph Jane Bailey 431 6148

St Mary's Catholic Church Maungaturoto 10am Wed, 4pm Saturday

Table Tennis Tues 7.30pm, Sports Pavilion \$2 Pete 021 056 7163

Tennis Tues Junior from 4pm, Adult 5.30pm, Ph Sue 431-6224, Pete 0210567163

Yoga For Everyone Tues and Fri, 9.30am, Sports Pavilion. Hatha yoga & more. \$15. Equipment provided. Beginners welcome. Ph Luciana for more info 0221896496

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LOCAL TIDES for APRIL 2025

TIDES - CALCULATED for PAHI-WHAKAPIRAU

DATE	LOW	HIGH	DATE	LOW	HIGH
1st	7.40	14.05	17th	7.08	13.29
2nd	8.27	14.52	18th	8.46	14.09
3rd	9.19	15.44	19th	8.33	14.57
4th	10.17	16.43	20th	9.31	15.57
5th	11.25	17.53	21st	10.40	17.07
6th	11.44	18.13	22nd	11.52	18.20
7th	13.01	7.03	23rd	12.58	6.55
8th	14.04	8.11	24th	13.56	7.55
9th	14.53	9.02	25th	14.48	8.47
10th	15.34	9.42	26th	15.37	9.36
11th	16.11	10.18	27th	16.24	10.23
12th	16.44	10.50	28th	17.11	11.10
13th	17.17	11.21	29th	17.58	11.58
14th	17.48	11.51	30th	6.23	12.47
15th	18.19	12.22			
16th	6.34	12.54			

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COAST TO COAST HEALTH CARE

Maungaturoto Medical Centre: 8am-5pm Mon-Fri 09 431 8576

Paparoa Clinic: Open Tues and Thurs 8am-5pm..... 09 431 7222

For urgent after hours medical service (Wellsford)..... 09 423 8086

DISTRICT NURSE Dargaville Hospital 09 439 3330

Healthline - 24 hour service..... 0800 611 116

HOSPICE KAIPARA Dargaville Hospital 09 439 3330

KAIPARA DISTRICT COUNCIL Helpline 0800 727 059

LINKING HANDS Health Shuttle Service, Maungaturoto.09 431 8969

LIONS CLUB PAPAROA President Ken Chambers09 4317443

MAUNGATUROTO PHARMACY 09 431 8045

MAUNGATUROTO REST HOME 09 431 8696

OTAMATEA COMMUNITY SERVICES Community House 09 431 9080

PAPAROA LIBRARY Free Membership. Ph 09 431 7555 (Bus hours)

Mon, Wed 2-4.30, Tues 10-1, Thurs 10-4 Fri 11-1.30, Sat 10-12

PAPAROA PLAYCENTRE paparoa@playcentre.org.nz

PAPAROA PLUNKET Plunket Nurse Louise 027 2823987 or 09 438 2508

PLUNKET Helpline 0800 933 922

PAPAROA PRIMARY SCHOOL Principal Karyn Taylor.....09 431 7379

PHYSIOTHERAPIST At Paparoa Medical Centre, Mon, Tues, Wed.

Book on 431 9062 or email admin@maungaturotophysio.co.nz

PROGRESSIVE PAPAROA INC (PPI).....Pete Hames 021 0567163

PARENT PORT Inc. free help for families.. 425 9357 or 027 280 5093

Selwyn Centre goes Irish

Guests and volunteers got into the theme of the day for a St Patrick's Day celebration. Most came dressed in green or with a splash of green, ready for some fun and games.

These included an Irish picture Bingo, quiz and an impromptu singsong, led by Patricia.



Volunteers Estelle and Gael



Group enjoying a cuppa



Selwyn guests Karl, Roy, Pat and Una enjoying morning tea

For morning tea there were green-iced cakes, sweets, and green cordial (for those willing to try!) New guests are welcome at Paparoa Selwyn Centre for Seniors, each Thursday morning. For information phone Sue 431 6224 or 027 417 462.



Have you ever wanted to run away with the Circus?

These school holidays youth aged 8-18 get that chance with this FREE school holiday programme! (Keen 6/7 year old's can be included as well)

With a mixture of circus skills, games and activities each day, youth can learn at their own pace and our skilled instructors are great at teaching both tricks and confidence!

Free holiday program! One day only!

Public - open to anyone

Paparoa Memorial Hall

Wednesday 16th April, 10am-2pm

BYO drink bottle & lunch.

Register at www.circuskumarani.co.nz/holiday-program

We have other 1 day programs across Kaipara as well!

Check out the website or our facebook page for more details.

School Holiday Program Sewing for Beginners

Tuesday 15th & 22nd

Wednesday 16th & 23rd

Thursday 17th & 24th

10am - 2pm & 2pm - 4pm

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