



APRIL 2026

## Ninth Paparoa Annual Fun Walk Run

The ninth Paparoa Fun Walk Run was a great success this year even on a grey and drizzly Saturday. The committee has recently completed the connecting track from the showgrounds to the lifestyle village on Franklin road and that was the start and end of the walk. The rest of the 4 and 5km trails were through local farms with lovely bush and grassy paddocks.

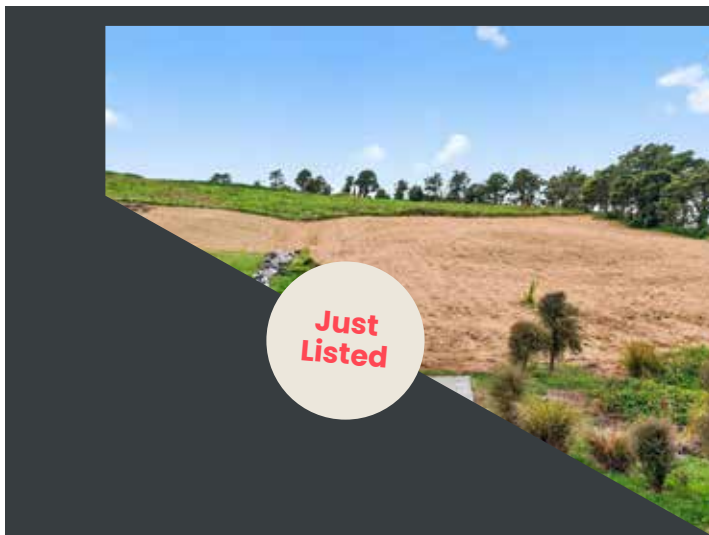
Well done to everyone who came and completed the walk/run. The Paparoa Sports and Recreation committee want to offer a massive thanks to the landowners, the Lions for the marshals and hot chips, and the many businesses who donated spot prizes. Spot prizes included a travel voucher, gym membership, and lots of vouchers and items from local businesses and cool stuff for the kids. Kids were treated to a lolly scramble and the Paparoa fire truck took them on rides up the road and cooled them down with the water hose.

The free event will be back next March for the tenth time and we are hoping for 100 participants and another fun day.



### INSIDE

- Lions Pioneer Luncheon ..... 2
- A Trip from Paparoa to Auckland 4
- Toy Library Awareness Week..... 9
- A Real Kiwi Musical Treat ..... 13
- What's On..... 18
- Community Directory ..... 19
- Tides ..... 19



**Just Listed**

**Professionals**

**2 Arahanga Road**  
*Paparoa*

3770m<sup>2</sup>

**Professionals Maungaturoto**

**David Ayling**  
027 237 8919  
Licensed REAA 2008

## Paparoa Press PP

**PUBLISHED MONTHLY BY**  
Progressive Paparoa Inc. (PPI),  
for Paparoa, Pahi, Matakoho,  
Whakapirau and Tinopai.

**CIRCULATION** 1,050

**CONTACT US:**

- press@paparoa.org.nz
- PPI, PO Box 107, Paparoa 0543
- www.paparoa.org.nz

**ADVERTISING**

Rate Card available by email  
Booking & Copy deadline:  
15<sup>th</sup> of month  
Publication date 1<sup>st</sup> Wed of month

## Lions Pioneer Luncheon

Friday 20th March was the date for the 76th annual Pioneer Luncheon hosted by the Paparoa Lions. Due to a variety of circumstances the number of guests was slightly lower than in recent years, but for those who were able to come we had a lovely day for it.

Donald Rutherford and Sam Taylor provided some great old time music while the guests arrived and caught up with each other, and then we were treated to a delicious lunch catered by Wendy Sheppard and the Caterking team and served by a wonderful group of young people and some

not so young Lions. The beautiful table flowers were grown and donated by Carol Bowden, which added to the ambience of the hall.

Spot prizes were handed out including to the most senior woman present - Dorothy Boyd, the oldest man - Ron Kenyon, and the couple married the longest - Ron and June Kenyon (64 years). June is a descendant of the pioneering Rogers family who farmed on Wairere Rd and there was a large

group of their descendants present.

This year's musical entertainment was provided by the children of Paparoa School who had walked up the new track that links the Manaaki Circle Lifestyle Village to the Showgrounds. Everyone enjoyed their exuberance and singing talents. Thanks to all who came and made it another wonderful Pioneer Luncheon.

PP



**Waterview Farm Services**  
**Rural and Residential**

★

**FENCING**

**Professional ★ Secure ★ Affordable**

Please call us for an obligation free quote  
**PH: 022 645 9560**



## Business and Home Computer Support

**Business Support including:**

- Proactive maintenance and support
- Hardware supply & maintenance
- WIFI design, setup and fine tuning
- Printer supply, setup and support
- Backup and Disaster Recovery planning
- Web Hosting
- Office 365 / Azure setup and migration
- Antivirus/firewall TDR EDR

**Home Support including:**

- Computer upgrades and repair
- New computer supply and data migration
- Setup cloud and local backup
- Smart TV setup
- WIFI design and configuration
- Printer Supply and setup
- Antivirus and security advice
- Friendly, straight forward approach.

## Kaipara IT - Making it Easy

**Contact Wayne**

email support@Kaiparait.co.nz

**Ph 0800 2network (0800 263896)**

**or 0226485713 www.kaiparait.co.nz**



## She did it again!

Congratulations to Paparoa resident Kate Hawley.

Kate not only won the BAFTA but also the OSCAR for Best Costume Design for Frankenstein last month.



## Paparoa School news

Autumn has arrived, and with the change in season we are starting to notice cooler mornings, falling leaves, and a touch of colour appearing on the trees around our school.

February and March has been a full and exciting month, with several of our much-loved annual events taking place. Our Grandparents Day was once again a highlight, with many special visitors joining us at school. It is always a wonderful occasion where students can share their learning and spend time with their grandparents and special friends.

We also held both our Senior Swimming Sports and Junior Swimming Sports, where students showed great determination, sportsmanship, and enthusiasm in the pool. It was fantastic to see so many families come along to support the children. Thank you to Matakohe School for hosting the senior swimming sports, such a well run event.

Another great event this month was the Football Festival with Tinopai and Matakohe Schools. The day was full of fun, teamwork, and friendly competition, and it was great to see our students enjoying sport alongside other local schools.

Over the April school break, a few property upgrades will be taking place around the school. We have a few trees and branches coming down as well as the school getting a wash. Spider spraying is also on the agenda inside and out. We will finally finish the last job in the school kitchen

which is acoustic panels on the ceiling.

Our Preschool Class continues to be a very special part of our school. We currently have one space available due to one of our children starting school. If you have a child turning four and would like them to attend our preschool class on Mondays, please contact the school office for more information.

We are also thrilled with the opening of the new walking track from Franklin Road to the Sportsground. This track allows us to safely walk students without needing to go along SH12, which is a fantastic improvement for our school. We recently used the new track to visit the participants at the Pioneer Lunch, where our students performed waiata for the group. The visitors thoroughly enjoyed the performance, and their singing in return was amazing.

As always, we would like to thank our families and community for your continued support of our school. It is through these strong connections that we can provide such rich opportunities for our students. We look forward to the term ahead and to sharing more learning, events, and achievements with you as the year continues.

Ngā mihi nui  
Karyn Taylor  
Principal

## A reminder to our contributors!

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

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

Opinions expressed in Paparoa Press are the author's own and not necessarily those of the editor or Progressive Papaora Inc.

## Volunteers Needed!

Do you enjoy fresh air, nature, and meeting new people?  
Come be part of something growing in your community!  
No experience needed – everyone welcome!

### WHAT YOU'LL DO:

- Plant, weed & harvest seasonal produce
- Learn gardening skills
- Make a positive impact locally

### LOCATION: GROW PAPAROA

(on the edge of the Paparoa sports grounds next to the new fire station)

Interested? Call or Message 021 431 724



## Commercial Space for Lease Paparoa

Two bay vehicle garage, office space, ablution block.

Three phase power, water and fibre on site.

Formerly FENZ depot.

Available mid-June for long term commercial lease.

Locate your new or existing business in this well-appointed premises located just off State Highway 12, Paparoa

For further details contact Property Manager, Gary 021 431 712

## CROMPTON ENGINEERING LIMITED

Design and General Engineering



Floodgates | Field Rollers | Levelling Bars | Palm Kernel Trailers |  
Hay Racks | Head Bails | Forks | Incinerators | Kumara Handling  
Equipment | Sliding Palm Kernel Storage Bin Cover



We also stock – Pumps & Pressure Systems | Bolts & Nuts | Pipe Fittings |  
Bearings | Drive Shafts

Visit our website | [www.cromptonengineering.co.nz](http://www.cromptonengineering.co.nz)

31 Jellicoe Street, Ruawai 0530 | Ph (09) 439 2393 | email [crompton.eng@xtra.co.nz](mailto:crompton.eng@xtra.co.nz)



**RIVERSIDE**  
Glass & Glazing

**Kyle**  
021 1376353

Glass and glazing needs, cat doors to caravan windows. Winz quotes available. Great rates, mobile eftpos.

## A trip from Paparooa to Auckland

About 30 years ago in August 1907, it was necessary for me to visit Auckland. Even now (1937) we know the road conditions are not the best – well, you might be able to imagine what they were like then.

Returning to Auckland with me was a city visitor, and when she found out we could not use the buggy she was very pleased. To use her words, “We won’t have so far to fall out of the trolley and I am scared of the roads”.

Well, our plans all made, we left our home, “Arcadia”,

after an early lunch – two adults, a toddler, and a baby in arms. The trolley, a low sledge on wheels, had two farm horses with it, and some loose sacks of chaff for seats. We bogged through the mud, covered in oilcoats for the splashes and it took about one and a half hours to get to the Paparooa Post Office where we met the mail coach.

All were packed in and things went well until after we crossed the Cutter Bridge. We got bogged and the horses could not move the bus. The driver said, “There is nothing for it, but all of you must get out”. So out into the mud we got – walking across ti tree he placed for us – and trailed along the edge of the road, carrying the baby, for about half a mile.

The horses rested, we again got into the bus and made a fresh start. But after a short distance we bogged again – so out into the mud we got. This time it was worse, for the elder child made us take him out as well as he was afraid. We walked some distance and then got back into the bus, this time going

right ahead, and arrived at Pahi before dark.

The roads in the days I am speaking of had little or no metal on them. Later they were regraded and really improved.

At Pahi we stayed at the hotel and after a restless night – due partly to aching limbs – we had an early breakfast and took the steamer at seven o’clock.

What a trip we had – so very, very rough. Rolled in rugs, we stayed on deck. We dared not go into the ladies cabin for it was crowded with sick folk.

We arrived at Helensville about two o’clock and the train left about three o’clock. Another weary trip, and we arrived in Auckland about seven o’clock. Across to the ferry – another boat trip – then three miles in a wagonette, and we reached the old home.

Today we get in a car at our door and in three hours we are in the same old home.

*This trip was taken by Rachel J Wilson in 1907 and she wrote this tale in 1937.*

*Shared with us by Gael Johnston, her granddaughter.*

## THE KAURI MUSEUM

Guardians of the kauri story  
Past, present, future

Museum open 7 days 9am-5pm

We are very excited to have opened a spectacular new attraction at the Museum - the Forest Walkway.

Come and see it for yourself!

Gumdiggers cafe: open 10am-3pm

5 Church Road, Matakoho ph 09 4317 417 [www.kaurimuseum.com](http://www.kaurimuseum.com)

## JORCO CONTRACTORS

AG & CIVIL SPECIALISTS

SERVICING KAIPARA AND NORTHLAND



Depots at:  
580 Neems Road  
MATAKOHE

634 Kara Road  
MAUNGATAPERE

Call Trevor for a free  
no obligation quote

☎ 021 259 0459

✉ [trevor@jorco.co.nz](mailto:trevor@jorco.co.nz)

Facebook: @jorcocontractors

- Roading and Earthmoving
- Excavators, Trucks, Grader and Roller
- 30tn capacity Widening Transporter
- Bulk Fertiliser and Metal Cartage
- Fertiliser and Lime Spreading with GPS mapping
- 4x4 Truck and Tractor Spreaders
- Silage, Hay Baling and sales
- Cultivation 3-6m Power Harrows and Discs
- Mulching

## OCS April News

The calendar for this month is as follows:

**Tuesday 14th** - Free shopping trip to Whangarei.

**Wednesday 22nd** - Free shopping trip to Whangarei.

The van leaves the parking area at the Maungaturoto Retirement Village, Riverview Place at 9am and returns after lunch. Phone us on 09 4319080 to book your seat.

**Every Tuesday** - Victoria serves free meals from 12-4pm at the Community House, 153 Hurndall Street, all welcome.

**Every Wednesday** - Also at the Community House, Mike’s Dancing Dollars. Share your ideas for economical and healthy meals, from 11 to 1pm. All welcome.

Take care of each other, keep safe.

Warmest wishes  
from all at OCS

## Commercial premises becoming available

With the impending relocation of Fire and Emergency NZ to their new building on Paparoa Valley Rd, the old 'Fire Party Garage' in Depot Rd will become vacant.

This is great news for Paparoa, with a shiny new Fire Station in the main street and also for the opportunity open for a new business to occupy the old station.

The Paparoa Fire Party, now known as Paparoa Volunteer Fire Brigade, was first established in the 1960s. They have occupied the old premises from the days of the Otamatea County Council, then from 1989 Kaipara District Council as their base. In the next couple of months

the Depot Trust will be looking for a new tenant.

On offer is a high stud double truck garage, office space and ablution block, plus power, water and fibre on site.

Adjacent are established commercial businesses and the property is zoned light commercial. The trustees consider the premises ideal for a new or existing business to relocate and are willing to discuss possible alteration to suit a new long-term

tenant. Agreement will be by commercial lease. The Depot Trust manages the property in Depot Rd and all profits from the business park goes back into the local community by way of twice-yearly grants, scholarships and sponsorships. It's a great asset for Paparoa.

For more information please see advert this issue p3. <sup>PCDT</sup>

**ADAM STEVENS**  
BUILDER

Licensed  
Building Practitioner

For new builds,  
alterations and roofing

021 741 363 A/H 09 431 6245

## St Patrick's Day

Selwyn Centre celebrated St Patrick's Day with a green Irish theme. Most guests and volunteers dressed for the part and ate green-iced cake. They then enjoyed a singing along, with lively music provided by Mark on guitar.

Sue



## FARMWORK SERVICES

12 tonne and 2.7 tonne digger available



Driveways  
Farm tracks  
Hole Boring  
and more

Phone Mike 09 431 6509 or 027 203 2694  
email: farmwork.services@gmail.com

## Need a Shed?



- Timber and steel buildings any size
- We do plans and engineers designs for council
- Farm sheds
- Commercial buildings
- Feed pad shelters
- Goat/Chicken sheds
- Horse stables
- Lifestyle sheds
- Excavation, driveways and concrete floors

Your local builder: Andre Nicolai 021 202 9854

## White Rock Gallery

Autumn is upon us and brings fond farewells, a warm welcome, and our latest 'Autumn Exhibition' opening April 1st and running for eight weeks.



**Farewell to white rock founders:** We bid a special farewell and sincere thanks to our founding member artists **Stu Robertson** and **Janice Booth** who sadly, after more than 20 years in Paparoa, have left for pastures new in Thames. It was Stu & Janice who, in 2015, first had the idea of creating an art gallery in Paparoa and, together with other keen locals, brought it to fruition. Their support



has continued throughout our 11 years of operation. They've both been exhibiting artists, and Stu has also been so much more - Mr build-it, fix-it, source-it, design-it, you-name-it, he made it happen! They leave behind a thriving little art & craft gallery providing local creatives with a great space in which to exhibit their work. Thank you guys, we're sure going to miss you around here.

A fond farewell also to White Rock artisans **Tina de Suza**, **Nan Gardner**, **Ruth Webb**, **Gay Neels**, and **Esther Thomas**, who have all made their unique contribution to the gallery's character, their presence will be missed. We're grateful for the creativity they shared with our community.

We are delighted to introduce a new artist to the gallery: **Willy Lawrie** of Dargaville. Willy is a textile artist, creating beautiful pieces from reclaimed fibres. And last but not least, a special welcome to our new Friends of the Gallery **Daphne Ilton**, **Lynda Cooper** and **Marie**

**Wimmers**, who have kindly volunteered to help out with rostered shifts - we're very grateful for your help. We warmly welcome you to drop in and explore our new collection from 1st April. You'll find us open 7 days 10am-4pm at 5 Church Road, Matakoho, in the Post and Telegraph Office, opposite Gumdigger's Cafe.

**There's something for everyone!**



## Paparoa Roadside Delivery Service

We deliver to Maungaturoto & Paparoa every Thursday.

It's simple! Order your pet food online.

We meet you in Paparoa at 1pm Thursday.

**NEW!**

**HORSE FEED, CHAFF, SUPPLEMENTS**

Or visit our store at 41 Moir St, Mangawhai  
8am-5.30pm weekdays | 9am-2pm Saturdays

Call Steve 027 292 4891 [www.bobandben.co.nz](http://www.bobandben.co.nz)

## Letters from The Old Post Office...

"The fault, dear Brutus, is not in our stars, but in ourselves..."  
Or perhaps "A plague on both your houses..."<sup>2</sup>

Dear Reader, once again gird your loins if you intend to venture further into the murky world of my writing.

Whiling away the afternoon, after listening to a stimulating discussion based on what seemed to be largely personal opinion backed up by no immediately verifiable evidence, I flicked through an old copy of self sufficiency in the home garden. The pictures were bucolically beautiful and the hazelnut vegetable frames artistically bound with some native English vine. As you know that crass and rampant weed kikuyu would soon swamp any such endeavour here. And as a side note do NOT plant plumbago beside a path. Pretty, it may be, but it grows like Topsy, whoever that was and is sticky. Much like some people I know.

Of course, self sufficiency is much on peoples' minds at the moment. Refer to second quote in the header. (Electric car owners are justifiably smug as are those off grid.) I believe that many nurture some vision of idyllic rural bliss. All I can say is Dear Reader, that it is bloody hard work. Having attempted this life-style in the past my body now wears the scars, lumps and bumps. Not to mention the offsprings' claims of mental, emotional and physical sufferings.

I still state that chasing their pet goats in the pouring rain was their responsibility. I did apologise for the gander taking exception to their cavorting around the paddock, but that was the goats' fault not mine. True, that gander was a mean sucker and when I fed him he often had to sustain a

swift knock to the head with the metal feeding pot. (Note to Reader, much easier to snag a few at Lake Pupuke if you fancy roast goose.) Understandably, when the offspring were requested to feed the poultry there was much dissatisfaction in the ranks.

And, they enjoyed taking baby duckie away camping and teaching it to swim at the Kaihu river and do not care what they claim in retrospect.

They also enjoyed watching the neighbours' kids taking a short cut through the field and then sprinting in fear with our vigilant farm dog on their heels. Such fun. We would give points for the best freestyle leap over the boundary fence. Subsequently, several of those young offenders did quite well in the relay races at school. I felt quite complacent with our role in their training programme.

Less fun was the carting of firewood to keep the solid fuel cooking throughout winter. However, that great Stanley ran six radiators and heated all our water, and casseroles could simmer away in its oven. Some fun was generated when mother had to use an accelerant in the fire box. That was awfully exciting and my eyebrows did eventually grow back. Naturally, the offspring claim that they are now scared of fire. Really, what wusses.

Do stay tuned for further self -sufficiency anecdotes.



## Birt & Currie Surveyors Ltd



Local Phone  
09 280-9591

**Timely,  
friendly &  
personal  
service**

[info@landsurveyors.co.nz](mailto:info@landsurveyors.co.nz)  
[www.landsurveyors.co.nz](http://www.landsurveyors.co.nz)  
PO Box 120 Paparoa 0543

Believe me (or not) there are a few.

Ka kite ano, Deb

1. Shakespeare's "Julius Caesar", Cassius to Brutus.
2. Romeo and Juliet, Mercutio, a friend of Romeo, as he lays dying.



# ASSET

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

Asset Chartered Accountants Limited  
Tessa Parlour  
[tessa@assetca.co.nz](mailto:tessa@assetca.co.nz) [www.assetca.co.nz](http://www.assetca.co.nz)  
0220957665  
Unit 2, 1994 Paparoa Valley Road, Paparoa



## PAPAROA FARMERS' MARKET

**EVERY SATURDAY**  
**THE VILLAGE GREEN 9-12**  
Stallholders Manager  
Stephen Findlay  
022 480 1066 or 09 431 6148



## PAPAROA PRINT SHOP

At Skelton's Drapery



For all your printing needs  
paparoaprint@gmail.com

**Paparoa  
Press  
is also  
available  
online at  
paparoa.org.nz**

## Taipuha Community Hall Centenary a huge success!

Around 120 people celebrated the centenary on March 21st, coming from both near and far.

The organising had been going on since last October and the hall committee should be very proud of themselves.

The crowd included past and present residents and their families enjoying catching up with old friends and neighbours.



# LATTO

## BUILDERS

021 7727 66

**House Construction, Alterations  
Renovations or General Repairs**



## Paparoa Store

Proudly Supporting Paparoa

OPEN 7 DAYS

Monday-Sunday 7am-7pm,



We stock a great selection of  
CONFECTIONERY, ORGANIC, DELI, MEAT,  
FRUIT, VEGES, FROZEN GOODS, BEER, WINE  
and a wide range of grocery items at excellent prices

EFTPOS NZ HERALD POST CENTRE

Phone / Fax 431-7320

Cnr. Franklin Road and State Highway 12



### LBP builder - we want you!

Expressions of interest are sought for work on a long-awaited playground upgrade project.

Our playground design is fully approved and signed off by all relevant parties, funds are available and we are keen to get the work carried out as soon as possible

Do you have the skills and a team to be able to deliver and project manage this important community project?

If you are interested in helping us get this project completed email us on:

progressive.paparoa@gmail.com



# Toy Library Awareness Week 5-11 April

The country may have celebrated Toy Library Awareness Week in March but here in Paparoa/Ararua we do things differently. Just like in 1984 when Ararua chose not to change their clocks like the rest of NZ to daylight savings times and instead had "Ararua Time".

Our local Toy Library has decided to celebrate a month later than our NZ counterparts.

The Paparoa Toy Library started 20 years ago and was the brain child of the late Hilery Poyner. Our Paparoa community raised funds and we purchased an amazing collection of toys that could be borrowed by families for their pre-schoolers.

Our reasoning is that play is not frivolous or a way to fill in time. For children PLAY IS THE WAY they learn and develop.



Step inside our Toy Library and you'll find toys to encourage many types of a child's development: physical (fine and gross motor skills), social (toys that encourage empathy and sharing), emotional (losing at a game helps with self-regulation) and creative (making, dressing up). And of course, the toys are fun! Learning through play is crucial for positive, healthy development, regardless of a child's

situation. We aim to keep fees low so that PLAY is accessible for all. We charge \$10 subs per term (\$5 for grandparents) and 50 cents per toy or \$2 if the toy has batteries (that are supplied) or is large.

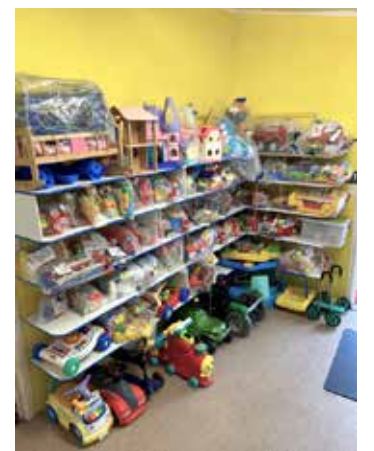
**Since COVID, the number of families borrowing toys has reduced and we are seriously looking at shutting our door. So if you want to keep the Toy Library open, please come and use it.**

The Paparoa Toy Library is located at the Community

Church in Hook Rd. It is open from 10.30am to 1pm every Wednesday during term time, however if you can't make it, phone Aileen to arrange a different time that suits you better.

Contact: Aileen Hames on 0274316794 or find us on Facebook.

Rebecca Borger



## New Product Eco-Coil M3 Mattress

The Mazon Eco-Coil M3 mattress has a pillow top, pocket spring design, also featuring gel infused cooling technology - *Queen Size Only*

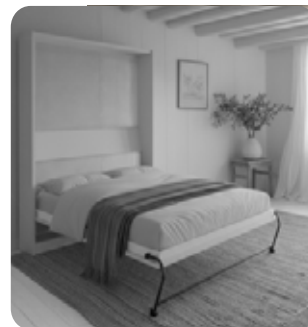
**Mattress only \$499**



## Too hot, to sleep? ActiveCool Pillow

Featuring a cooling gel pad, this pillow is designed to relieve temperature build-up and provide comfort and support.

**\$99**



## Need more space? Hide-a-beds

Unlock extra space in compact spaces with the Mazon Hide-A-Beds.

**From \$ 2,795**



## Instant Comfort Boost Mattress Toppers

Give your bed a \$5,000 feel with one simple, affordable topper.

**From \$279**

**BEDS & MORE OUTLET STORE**

22 Freyberg Road, Ruawai  
09 699 4050 | www.bedsandmore.nz

# FIREWOOD

Macrocarpa/sappy pine

\$250.00 per 2m<sup>3</sup> load

Free delivery within 30km

Phone Roger or Karen

0272880944 or 094314590

## Rhoda Morrison

Consistent Award Winning Salesperson

20+ years in the industry

0274 800 691

09-431 6912

rhoda@fnkaipara.co.nz

www.roperandjones.co.nz



**first national**  
Dargaville Realty Ltd | Roper & Jones  
Licensed REAA 2008

4 Hook Rd  
Paparoa  
Northland  
phone  
Sam Turner  
022 317 1507

## Paparoa Community Church

Connecting with God  
Creating Community  
Communicating the  
Gospel



Church Service on Sunday at 10 30am  
6pm for fellowship, prayer and sharing.

**Everyone Welcome**

## My two cents worth – Dogs...



I have had quite a few dogs over the years, both working and dogs-in-the-house dogs. When I started out as a shepherd, my dogs were not even allowed inside the house section, let alone at the back doorstep, but circumstances changed over the years thanks to Buddy, Bungy, Buddy II, and Sophie.

Having recently lodged submissions to the Government's proposals for reform of both the Resource Management Act and local government as a whole, I think I will also be putting a few words together for the Government about dog control. I would go along with the idea that for wandering dogs which are unregistered, the owner would need to pay the registration and infringement fees as well as the cost of desexing, otherwise the dog have its contract with life terminated. I would consider a similar approach for registered dogs found wandering as well. It may not take much of a change to the Act to achieve this. I think something more radical than voluntary desexing is called for to deal with the problem. I'd be interested in what other people think about this.

This column comes out in April. ANZAC Day is a big deal for me, as I pay tribute to my father, whose main

distinction in WWII was to spend over four years as a Prisoner of War. At the site of the last camp he stayed at, which was in Germany but is now Poland, the residents there are going to hold their own ANZAC Day service in honour of the mostly NZers and Aussies who were impounded there. They have recently been in touch with as many relatives as they can find, due in significant part to the efforts of my brother, actually. I hope you will give thought to how you might pause at the right time and reflect on the lives of those who have gone before us and put their lives in jeopardy for our sakes.

And to finish I have a couple of sentences for Deb. Irregardless of conditions I like, dove into the water. I could of like, pled insanity as I like, injured myself. Go figure.

Mark V  
021 0829 8037

## After The Epilogue

Watch, the camera zooms out to a wide shot, the car disappearing down the highway into the bright sunset, music fading, and that's the end of the story, everyone leaves the cinema, put the book on a shelf til it's eventually demoted to the second-hand store, forget the plot points just remember it's the one where she grows up and gets the guy

Then you breathe again

The playlist ticks over and another song comes on, and don't you know you can be whoever you want when no one's watching, there's no neat little hero's journey arc you need to follow anymore, scream to the thrum of the car engine, shrug off all the archetypes and throw consistent characterisation to the wind, the highway rolls on forever and that's a long time to live in the epilogue

Pull over only to break up with happily ever after on the phone, then keep driving

Emma Phillips

## BOOKS AND BOOKCLUBS

We are never too old to fall in love, I know, I met the love of my life when I was 65 and he was 73. "Room on the Sea" by Andre Aciman is 158 pages of how a retired man and woman meet and fall in love. Because they are both already married with children and grandchildren, we don't know the outcome until the last pages, will they stay stuck, out of loyalty, in dead and unhappy relationships, or dare to risk all and begin an affair or something more? I expect there are quite a few dull marriages out there but I doubt there are many elderly people who throw caution to the wind and take on someone new. I have heard of mid-life crises and rest home romances though, so anything is possible. These two are being screened for jury duty which is a week-long process apparently with lots of time sitting about waiting, taking lunch and tea breaks. Starting up a conversation

on day one, they begin to take lunch and coffee together and find they have lots in common and an easy rapport, even reciprocal growing romantic feelings... I leave you to find out the ending for yourself.

Many of us have read and loved "All the light we cannot see," by Anthony Doerr. It has also been made into a movie, keeping all the poignancy, horror, excitement and beauty of the book, now available on Netflix. Which spurred me on to search the library for more by this author and I came across "Cloud Cuckoo Land". The saying "Living in Cloud Cuckoo Land" comes from an Ancient Greek Comedy, "The Birds," by Aristophanes. I don't know much about the writings

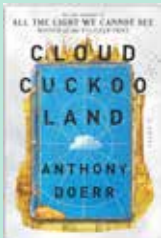
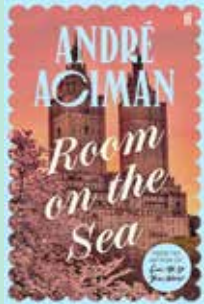
of the Ancient Greeks, but a common theme would be adventuring through many places and trials to reach a paradise of peace and plenty. In "The Birds" a lonely shepherd boy wishes he was a bird who could fly to Cuckoo Land in the clouds. He is transformed instead into an ass, then a fish, then a common crow. He reaches paradise to discover that he prefers what he already had to what he so desperately sought. I have told you this because the shepherd's story is woven into, amongst and between a myriad of other stories, past, present and future that make up this extraordinary novel that took Anthony Doerr seven years to write. It is a kaleidoscope of a tale that changes at every turn of the page, from a bomb attack in present day Idaho, to the siege of Constantinople in 1453, the Korean War and its aftermath, and a multi-generational space flight to a distant planet some time in the future. This is a giddy experience in the first few pages, but once you get going you won't be able to stop. Best book I've read since his earlier one.

And then, a modern-day murder story with a difference, set in Melbourne, Australia, Sally Hepworth's "Mad Mabel". Published in 2025 it is the fictional story of Mabel Waller, the youngest Australian in history to be convicted of murder. It begins when she is 81 and slowly peels back the layers of the onion to the original murder of who and why. It is a sad story of bullying, how public opinion is so quickly and judgmentally formed with little basis on fact, and the horrors of media sharks.

I couldn't help being reminded of the true story of another history-making Australian court case told in "The Girl in the Green Dress," by Jeni Haynes, reviewed in the Paparoa Press in March, 2023.

Plenty to ponder over. Enjoy!

Anne Bate



**W.J.BARKER**  
**SCAFFOLDING**

A local scaffolding service for any renovation, painting, new build, roofing & access requirements.

Call anytime for an estimate.

0204 186 8964

09 280 9520

www.wjbarker-scaffolding.co.nz  
info@wjbarker-scaffolding.co.nz



### ENGINEERING SERVICES

- Precision Machining
- CNC Machining
- Long & short run production work
- Machine building and repairs
- CAD Modeling
- Mild & stainless steel welding

Phone: 021 066 4338

Email: trengineer232@gmail.com

**gas.**  
Petrol Service Stations

**Paparoa**

Open 7 days

Mon-Sun 6am-10pm

gasolinepaparoa@gmail.com

- Petrol, diesel & oil
- Fresha Valley milk
- Pies
- Barista coffee
- Great variety of snacks
- Pet food - cats/dogs
- Cop-Rice biscuits 20kg
- Great variety of bait and all fishing requirements
- Top ups & prepay
- Frozen foods
- Firewood
- Hardware
- TRAILER HIRE



Phone  
09 431 6302

**Keith the TV Guy**  
Freeview digital TV



21 TV and 9 Radio/Music channels are currently being transmitted.

Satellite dishes, decoders, cable etc., supplied and installed.

phone Keith  
021 239 4251

**Painter & Decorator**

Tradesman's quality work guaranteed

- Interior
- Exterior
- Minor GIB stopping
- Spray finishes
- Roofs
- Waterblasting

For your free quote call Mike 021 529 025

**Paparoa Golf Club**

New Casual Player Rates (non members) from 1st April 2026

- 9 holes \$15
- 18 holes \$20
- Children under 15 free
- 15-19 year olds \$5

Consider encouraging your under 19 players to join the club for just \$25 a year (junior fee). They not only save money but have the added bonus of being able to access the NZ Golf App to check their scores and progress.

For further information contact 022 678 1474 and check our FB page: Paparoa GOLF for updates.



## DEZINACOMP

Need any help with your computer issues then call. I can help with computers, Laptops, Printers, scanners etc...

**Julian Brown**  
Comp TIA A+ Certified Computer Technician  
With over 30 years experience

Mobile Number :027 2773943  
Home Number :09 431 6890  
Email julian@dezinacomp.co.nz  
1980 Paparoa Valley Road  
Paparoa  
Northland

**Blast from the past**

**PAPAROA**

LOCAL BODIES, SOCIETIES, Etc.

- OTAMATEA COUNTY COUNCIL—**  
County Office: Paparoa.  
Councillors (1939-40):  
Rodney Coates (chairman), T. Dodds, R. Hastie, E. R. Jenkins, W. J. Littin, D. McCracken, A. V. Page, W. A. Preston, L. Ramsbottom, T. H. C. Snelling.  
County Clerk and Treasurer: E. G. Aickin. Engineer: R. J. Baff.  
Area: 421 square miles. Population: 5,350.  
Valuations: Capital, £2,105,591; Unimproved, £872,453.
- NORTH KAIPARA AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION—**  
Secretary: G. E. Cairns, Maungaturoto.
- PAPAROA GOLF CLUB—**Links about 1½ miles distant.
- PAPAROA BOWLING CLUB—**
- PAPAROA TENNIS CLUB—**
- PAPAROA CROQUET CLUB—**
- PAPAROA BASKETBALL CLUB—**
- MASONIC—**Lodge Franklin, 2138, E.C.

Paparoa is situated on a branch of the Kaipara Harbour. At high water launches and small boats can get close up to the town.

Service cars run from Auckland through Paparoa daily, en route to Dargaville. The settlement may also be reached by rail to Paparoa Station, thence four miles by service car, connecting with train.

Paparoa was one of the original Nonconformist settlements, those who settled here arriving in 1862-4. The other settlements were Port Albert, Matakoho and Maungaturoto.

The land is splendid for grazing, the principal industries being dairying, sheep-farming and stock-fattening. Fruit also does well, but little attention has so far been devoted to this industry.

The Cavell Memorial Hospital is pleasantly situated in an elevated position, close to the town.

**E. T. BIRTLES**

SADDLER, BOOT & SHOE IMPORTER

"Right by the Post Office"  
LARGE STOCK OF LEATHER GOODS, FANCY GOODS SILVER WARE, TENNIS AND SPORTS GOODS AND PRESENTATION ARTICLES, CONFECTIONERY, ETC.

PAPAROA PHONE 21M



**KAIPARA PLUMBING LTD**



**DRAINAGE  
YOUR LOCAL  
PLUMBING  
SPECIALISTS**

**ALL  
GENERAL  
PLUMBING  
AND  
MAINTENANCE**



**Master Plumbers**  
Representing Excellence

**PH GRAHAM**  
**027 244 5430**



## A real Kiwi music treat!

On the afternoon of March 22nd, a crowd of about 400 people attended a free gig at the Wellsford Community Gardens. Included in the line-up was Paparoa's own Jed Town (The Features, Fetus Productions).

The event was mainly organised by Andrew McLennan (Pop Mechanix, Coconut Rough) and the crowd was treated to performances by a veritable who's who from the NZ music industry.

The impressive line-up was John Hanlon, Geof Chunn (Split Enz, Citizen Band), Mark Bell (known most

for Blam Blam Blam), Tim Mahon (Blam Blam Blam), Brian Jones (The Exponents - and he bought the rest of the band, including Jordan Luck for a surprise appearance), Harry Lyon (Hello Sailor, Coup D'Etat, and more), Josh Bright, and a backing singer slot by Nick Hansen (Spelling Mistakes). Not forgetting the aforementioned Jed and Andrew. Plus, to end the day, a couple of guys, D&B doing covers.

The weather held off as the audience listened to classic after classic.

Here's hoping this was not a one-off event!



The Exponents



Jed Town



John Hanlon

**White Rock Gallery**  
**Kaipara art & craft**  
 OPEN 7 DAYS 10am-4pm  
 5 Church Road, Matakoho next to the Kauri Museum  
 There's something for everyone

# TINOPAI PLASTERERS

WE GUARANTEE THE HIGHEST QUALITY FINISH

35 Years experience in...

- GIB Stopping
- Fibrous Plastering

for FREE quote, call us now!  
 Trevor 021 0300 073

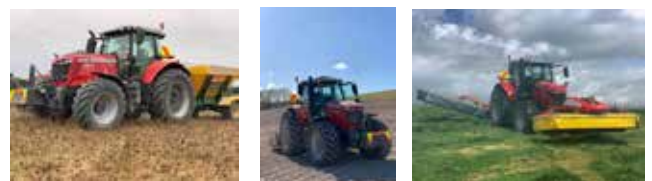
**Battensby Brothers Contracting Limited**

www.battensbybrothers.co.nz

Facebook, LinkedIn, Instagram icons

Call to book us now for ...

- ◆ Ground Cultivation
- ◆ Silage and Hay
- ◆ Fertiliser spreading
- ◆ Firewood (WINZ approved)



Contact Glenn on 021 983 734  
 Email: [battensbybrothers@xtra.co.nz](mailto:battensbybrothers@xtra.co.nz)

## Paparoa Community Library

(Behind the Medical Centre)

**Opening hours:**  
 Monday & Wednesday 2pm - 4.30pm  
 Tuesday 10am - 1pm  
 Thursday 10am - 4pm  
 Friday 11am - 1.30pm  
 Saturday 10am - 12midday

Out of hours books can be returned to the returns box inside the door to the right at Skelton's Drapery.  
 Library Manager 09 431 7555 (During library hours)

**Al's Upholstery****Alan Hilton**

**Automotive  
Furniture  
Covers  
Seats**

**over 30yrs experience**

**021 0709101**

**144 Franklin Rd, Paparooa**

**Maungaturoto and Districts Rotary**

Once again a number of us were able to help in various ways at the Paparooa A&P show which was incredibly well attended. President Tim did a great job in shoulder-tapping more helpers. Next year will be the 150th celebration for this organization. We would like to congratulate Stella Clyde on becoming Patron of the Show Committee.



Driver Mentoring is building up again. We are unsure at this stage, what the new regulations will mean for our young drivers. However, we will continue to progress them through the stages as we can. It is interesting to note that more of them want to sit their Restricted in a Manual car (ours is automatic). I can understand their wish to do this as having a Manual restricted means they can drive either. If you happen to be



following a person with an "L" plate, please give them the space they deserve. We all had to learn once (and for many of us, getting our licence was much easier than it is today).

We have heard that Penny Worsfold has settled in with her host family in Argentina. I am sure her efforts to learn Spanish, prior to leaving NZ, have been very beneficial.

Amy Weber, the Student rep to the Board gave a very interesting presentation to her fellow students about the time she spent in January at the Auckland Uni campus while attending the Rotary National Science and Technology Forum (alongside 168 Year 13s from throughout NZ). To quote Amy, "the forum, academic modules and the tech visits were all very enlightening in helping me find my specific passion for science". One piece of advice that stuck with Amy was "Be comfortable with the uncomfortable, for it means you are growing". We look forward to the path that Amy follows in the future.

We continue to look for new members, so if you are interested in coming on board to help us in any way, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me, Eileen, on 021 1420357.

Eileen

**COLOUR & CUTZ**

Ladies & mens cuts  
Colours & highlights  
Weddings  
Gift vouchers

All colours & products used at the salon are organic

Salon 09 431 7255 Gaylene 021 115 8506

**OPEN TUESDAY - SATURDAY**  
1994 PAPAROOA VALLEY ROAD

**NAME CHANGE NAME CHANGE**

FORMALLY MAUNGATUROTO MECHANICAL SERVICES

**NOW**

**BIZZY BEAVERS MECHANICAL**

TYRES / BATTERIES / OILS / SPARE PARTS

**WOFs**

CARS - BOATS - CARAVANS - TRAILERS - MOTORBIKES  
BRAKES - SUSPENSION - STEERING - WHEEL  
ALIGNMENT - TRAILER REPAIRS - WELDING

**SMALL ENGINES - AGRICULTURAL  
MARINE - AUTOMOTIVE**

1030 SH12 MAUNGATUROTO

PH OR TXT KEITH FOR BOOKINGS: 021 761 946

WINZ QUOTES AVAILABLE

VEHICLE SERVICING ACCREDITED

EFTPOS - AFTERPAY

Email: raround@hotmail.com

THE TEAM - Keith, Craig and Bundy

## PAPAROOA PRESS NEEDS YOU!



Things happen in our little village (and surrounds) but we often don't hear about them until weeks or months later... or not at all...

If you have a story, event, obituary, or news item you think the community should, or would like to hear about - then please, please, send it to us.

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

Email [press@paparooa.org.nz](mailto:press@paparooa.org.nz) by the 20th of the previous month.

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

## From our family to yours Expansion



Having five kids is relatively rare these days, children seem to be regarded as some kind of enemy to "doing what I want", as though my own selfish desires are the be all and end all to humanity's hopes. My career IS being a mother. It's the highest calling I could be honored with, to raise the future. So, on that note, we're joyfully expecting baby number six!

One of our big boys turned 18 this past month. Aside from being made by his work mates to drink a beer out of his workshoe, we're very proud of how he's turning out. Flattering, working fulltime, respectful, sociable, he's really all we could of hoped him to be at 18. And honestly, it is amazing and we can only thank God, because for the first 13 years of his life we inadvertently were awful parents. Entirely selfish, running after our own addictions, liberal as a wet flannel, we really did nothing to instill any sense of discipline, ethics or morals into this boy. You know I won't be thanking society, or his schooling, for how he now is. After all, I've written enough about the transformation Jesus brought into our family 5 years ago that I now literally hear your collective atheist eyeballs roll from a distance each time I mention it. Oh but I still will!!

And... back to babies: Our next little one is due end of June, long enough to give Margie (editor) a chance to add a new pictogram at the top of the column, and I'm very pleased to have a winter baby after four out of five not being. I won't lie that I'm not feeling my age this time round, having babies in your twenties is much preferred to your forties, (listen up young ladies!) but I'll see my eight o'clock bedtimes as a blessing, and count it all joy. For what joy babies bring to a family! Little hats, tiny socks, babbling gurgly smiles and the close bonding it brings between each of my children, no matter their age. Each new life is a blessing, and I'll never get too old for feeling that.

Have a great April,  
Jenny

**Hilltop**  
HAIR DESIGN  
0210633674

**BISON**   
**BUILDSNZ**

HOMES, SHEDS & EVERYTHING INBETWEEN!

 021 273 8258  
bisonbuildsnz@gmail.com

## Feijoa Loaf

There's plenty of feijoas around at the moment and if you're inundated you can google more ideas.

### Ingredients

- 1 heaped cup peeled and sliced feijoas
- 1 cup boiling water
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 50g butter
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 egg, beaten

### Method

Preheat oven to 180 C.

Place feijoas, sugar, butter and water in a saucepan and bring to the boil, cook gently for 5 minutes and then remove from heat and allow to cool.

Carefully stir in the dry ingredients and egg.

Mix until dry ingredients are just moistened.

Bake in lined loaf pan for 50 minutes until loaf feels firm and a skewer inserted comes out clean.



**Paparoa Motor Camp**  
CABINS | TENTS | CARAVANS | MOTORHOMES  
17 Pahi Rd, RD1, Paparoa, Northland. Ph: 09 431 6515 Email: paparoamotorcamp@xtra.co.nz

 Set in a quiet rural area, within easy walking distance to picturesque village with shopping facilities, a general store & post office, service station, restaurant, friendly country pub, takeaways, café, gallery, bush walks. Only 6kms to the Matakohu Museum.  
www.paparoamotorcamp.co.nz

**Self Contained Cottages  
Cabins with TV  
Tent and Campervan sites**

**Contact  
09 431 6515  
Cnr SH12 and Pahi Rd**

**KMU SURVEYS LTD**  
MAUNGATUROTO

**Ken Urquhart**

Licensed  
Cadastral  
Surveyor



**09 431 8705**  
**021 161 2344**

kenurquhart@xtra.co.nz

## Grow Paparoa News

In contrast to our lovely Passata Day we have some sadder news.

Even though we have had an excellent growing season this past summer, as our donations towards our two local food banks can testify. We are looking to potentially reduce our growing capacity by up to 50% due to the fact that we just cannot do it without more manpower. This will unfortunately directly impact those most in need in our community as we will not be able to supply everyone until this issue can be resolved.

In the past year a key member of the gardening team moved away and this loss is still heavily felt as along with her husband they were amazingly generous with their time and energy. Sadly we will also have another incredibly valuable team member leave this winter. We need a number of volunteers who can commit a couple of hours a week or every other week (even once a month). We supply all equipment and instructions that may be needed.

In return we offer tea, coffee and cookies as well as lots of laughs. When we have a surplus of vegetables volunteers are welcome to take some home.

We currently work Thursday and Friday mornings, generally from 8.30 or 9am to around mid-day. We harvest (when produce is available) and also work on Saturday mornings. Other days can be used to fit in with time you may have available.

Please contact Jan on 021431724 alternatively email [janmaredallas@gmail.com](mailto:janmaredallas@gmail.com)  
Katie Fullerton



Residential / Commercial Drainage  
Sewerworks - Landscaping - Driveways  
Free no obligation quotes

**NPL NORTHLAND DRAINAGE LTD**

Gavin Parlour 022 103 6097  
[info@northlanddrainage.nz](mailto:info@northlanddrainage.nz)  
[www.northlanddrainage.nz](http://www.northlanddrainage.nz)

**PAHI BOATING & FISHING CLUB**

**APRIL 11TH 2026**

Tickets \$25

LUCKY TICKET DRAW \$500

Bar open Fri & Sat  
**Bar**  
No BYO

**OPEN FISHING CONTEST**

PRIZEGIVING 6PM

1ST, 2ND & 3RD - SNAPPER - GURNARD - KAHAWHAI

FISH ANYWHERE IN THE KAIPARA HARBOUR FROM MIDNIGHT FRIDAY

AVERAGE WEIGHT \$500

FINAL WEIGH BY 4PM

Tickets sold @ Paparoa Store, Pap Gas, Pahi Boat Club & Maungaturoto Hotel

# YOUR TYRE SPECIALIST

Providing 67 years of service in the heart of Kaipara.

- Tyres
- Brakes
- Wheel Balancing
- WOF
- Suspension
- Servicing
- Alignment
- Batteries

**Garnetts Tyre Service**  
📍 2 Gorge Rd, Maungaturoto  
☎ 09 431 8255



## Science Corner

### Sea Sponges (Porifera, with over 8500 different species)

These ancient sessile (non-mobile) animals are without any organs, tissues or nervous systems but have a porous jellylike structure that pumps water, oxygen and food. They may be thought to be very simple creatures but they are almost description defying with some being rock hard while others are 'spongy'. Like humans, sponges have varying amounts of microbes living within their bodies.

They feed by filtering the sea water to obtain their microscopic food. Water goes in through pores (ostia) to the choanocytes (internal chambers with whip-like hairs to pull the water in) that capture the food and pass it onto the cells that deal with digestion, secretion, excretion, reproduction and defence! The water then passes out through the choanocytes out to the (oscles) exhalent holes.

Their waste products in turn feed other small creatures along the food chain.

Sponges have huge variations in form, colour, texture and microbe content. They use two types of building materials - spongin (a type of collagen) and spicules either singularly or together. Spicules are structural elements found in most sponges. Spongin gives the typical spongy bounce back texture while spicules are inorganic silica or calcium carbonate.

The meshing of many spicules serves as the sponge's skeleton, provides structural support and potentially defense against predators. These spicules, under the microscope, have an incredible variety of shapes- hearts, claws and one even has the shape of a great white shark jaw. The spicules of some carnivorous sponges also help snag small crustaceans- then the cells of the sponge migrate from the body and cluster over the body of the trapped creature ingesting the prey!

Sponges don't move so have evolved chemical ways to defend themselves. These defence chemicals contain the potential to be used by man as anticancer, antibacterial and antifouling. The first anti-leukemia and breakthrough HIV-AIDS drug AZT were developed from a Caribbean sponge.

A current problem is how well sponges will cope with sea water temperatures rising. NZ scientists are carrying out an experiment on sponges to look at the relationship between the number of microbes living in the sponge species and their ability to survive future marine heatwaves.

Our ocean - Love it, Restore it, Protect it!

Stella



do you need a  
**WEBSITE ?**

Local, friendly  
website design  
& management.  
sme-sitedesign.co.nz

Contact Paul for more information:  
E: paul@sme-sitedesign.co.nz  
T: 09 431-7063  
M: 022 625-4156

**Get More Customers  
Cost Effective Marketing**

## DENTURE CARE

**Repairs and adjustments**  
Maungaturoto local  
Decades of experience  
All work done in-house  
Same day or next day service

phone: 0274 942 674  
boident@xtra.co.nz



**Unichem**  
Proud to support the health  
of our local community  
Orrs Maungaturoto

**Free Prescriptions** for under 13 years old, over 65 years old and Community Services Card holders (aged 14 to 65 years). Only for fully funded medications and if prescription is from a GP or Public Hospital.

If you are facing any financial constraints and are unable to pay for your medications, talk to us as we also have funding available to help cover the cost of medications for eligible patients or families.

Vaccinations (Covid, Flu, Shingles, MMR, Tetanus (Boostrix) etc)\*

Vitamin B12 Injections\*

Covid-19 Antiviral Tablets\*

Flu, Cold and Sore Throat swabbing and Antibiotic Treatment\*

Recurrent Herpes Treatment (Cold sores/ Genital herpes)\*

Melatonin and Sleep Problems Consultation\*

Shingles Treatment (Antiviral tablets)\*

Rosacea Consultation\*

Emergency contraceptive pill\*

Oral contraceptive pill\*

Treatment (Antibiotics) for Urinary Tract Infection (for women 16 to 65 years)\*

Passport Photos\*

Smoking Cessation Consultations\*

Erectile Dysfunction (Sildenafil) Consultation\*

Blood Pressure Check\*

Ear Piercing\*

\* Some services are fully funded while others are self-funding by the patient or family. Eligibility criteria and Pharmacist discretion applies. Talk to the Pharmacist or staff to discuss available options.

**Delivery Options:** We deliver to Skelton's Drapery Paparoa (Licensed Medicine Depot) Free of Charge.

**Delivery available via RD1** (\$5 charge + medication cost, if any) to Marohemo, Whakapirau, Pahi, Tinopai and Matakoho.

**Open Monday - Friday 9am - 5pm.**

**Closed Weekends and Public Holidays.**

144 Hurdall Street, Maungaturoto  
maungaturoto@orrs.co.nz

Phone (09) 431 8045  
Fax (09) 431 8808

20

**REMEMBER!**  
Either way it's 20k  
when you pass a school  
bus that's picking up or  
dropping off children.

**BE SEEN  
.....  
LIGHTS  
ON  
IN  
FOG  
OR RAIN**



## Local JPs

**Robyn Skelton, Paparooa**  
4317306 or 0272922787  
Business hours only

**Val Faulkner, Paparooa**  
021687226  
Evenings and weekends

**Graham Withers, Tinopai**  
2809552 or 02102545799

**Derek Birt, Mareretu**  
4316847

**Karen Weber, Matakohē**  
431 7087 or 027 272 6676  
By appointment.

## Anglican Parish of Paparooa

April	5th	Easter Sunday Holy Trinity - Communion - 10am
	12th	Holy Trinity - Cafe Service - 10am
	19th	St Albans, Whakapirau Morning Prayer - 10am
	26th	St Marks, Paparooa Morning Prayer - 10am

Parish Office: at Holy Trinity, Maungaturoto  
PO Box 8, Maungaturoto  
Phone: (09) 431-8193  
Email: maungaholytrinity@xtra.co.nz

*Condolences to the Weber family  
on the recent passing of*

*Gary Weber*

*Gary was a well respected member of the Matakohē  
community and will be missed by many.*

*Our thoughts are with Penny and the entire  
Weber family at this time.*

Condolences to the Williamson family on  
the passing of

**Peter Williamson**

Peter was a longtime resident of Taipuha and then Pahi, who will be remembered as an exceptional stock truck driver who served the farmers of this district for many years.

## WHAT'S ON - APRIL 2026

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

**White Rock Gallery** - 5 Church Rd Matakohē (Kauri Museum) Open 7 days 10 - 4.

**Tinopai Fishing Contest - CANCELLED!** Sat April 4. There will still be a Mini Gala from 3pm. Food, raffles, Easter egg hunt for our tamariki, best dressed competition with a cool prize. Hangi meals \$15 each for collection from the school 4pm. Pre-sales only, text 0211575629 to order.

**Pahi Open Fishing Contest** - Sat April 11. See p16 for more info.

## OUT & ABOUT AROUND TOWN

**Paparooa'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 Paparooa Community Garden** Drop in for a chat, hands on experience, or a cuppa. Every Thursday & Friday 9am - 12pm. Op Shop open Sat 9-1. Next to the showgrounds.

**Paparooa Golf Course** The course is open for casual play - \$10 for 9 holes and \$20 for 18. Children under 18 free. Contact 0226781474 for all enquiries. 91 Golf Course Rd, Maungaturoto (off Golden Stairs Rd).

**Ballroom Classes** Over the school term on Tuesday evenings from 6.30- 7.30pm, \$12 per person, at the Paparooa War Memorial Hall. Contact Lisa (by text or leave a message) on 021 828-531.

**Music Group** Paparooa Sports Pavilion every second Thursday, 6pm. Ph Lynn 0274 583 691.

**Paparooa Beats 88.3fm** Community radio based right here in Paparooa. A "Beautiful Resistance" to the mainstream. Also available online at paparobeats.radio12345.com. If you would like to get involved and play your own tunes you can contact them on paparobeats@gmail.com.

**Tea & Talk** Come and enjoy good food and some activities on the first Saturday of each Month at the Footprints Room behind the Anglican Church, 132 Hurdall St East, Maungaturoto. April 4th, theme Easter. Followed by BE CREATIVE painting plaster mementos at 4:30pm. Cost \$8. Contact Kirsten to book a place on 021 1807 321.



**Celebrating their  
80th birthdays in  
late March were  
Gael Johnston &  
Sue Skelton.**

**Congratulations ladies!**

**Paparooa Volunteer Fire Brigade**

**Join our team**

**It's Life Changing**

**Contact**

**Ken Ogilvy**

**021 129 4042**



## REGULAR EVENTS, MEETINGS AND ORGANISATIONS

- Aladdin's Cave Op Shop** At Grow Paparoa Community Garden open Sat 9am-1pm
- Anglican Church St Marks** Hook Road, ph 431 8193 for services info
- Ararua Church** 10.30am every Sunday. All welcome Ph 431 6622
- Art Studio, Ruawai** Wed 10-12noon ph Frances 439 2554
- Badminton** Thursdays 7pm Paparoa Hall \$2 students, \$3 adults, Pete 021 056 7163
- Farmers' Market** Every Saturday 8.30-Noon, Village Green. Stall info Stephen Findlay 022 480 1066 or 09 4316 148.
- 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 Comes 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, Tues, Wed, Fri 10-3, Thurs 10.30-3. Alternate Sat mornings 10am-1pm. Check FB on Sat.
- 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 Community Gym** To join email Libby at hames.jones@xtra.co.nz
- Paparoa Hall** Functions venue. For bookings ph Robyn 431 7306
- 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 3 - 14 July - 19 Sept, Term 4 - 6 Oct - 16 Dec Ph 431 7379
- Paparoa Toy Library** Wed 10.30-1pm, Paparoa Community Church, 4 Hook Rd
- 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, Sue 027 417 4626
- 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 Jnr 3.30 & 4.30pm, adult 5.30. Juliet 021 143 2560, Pete 021 056 7163
- Yoga For Everyone** Tues and Fri, 9.30am, Sports Pavilion. Hatha yoga & more. \$15.

## Paparoa Press CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

### Storage Available

In Paparoa: Secure 20 foot Containers - contact Gary Dallas 021 431 712 Paparoa County Depot Trust



### Your Ad Here!

Paparoa Press classified ads are a great way to buy, sell, or promote services. This ad \$5 + \$5 for a photo.



# Buy Local Support Local

Help your community thrive and businesses survive

## LOCAL TIDES for APRIL 2026

TIDES - CALCULATED for PAHI-WHAKAPIRAU

DATE	LOW	HIGH	DATE	LOW	HIGH
1st	17.37	11.44	17th	16.43	10.43
2nd	18.14	12.19	18th	17.26	11.25
3rd	06.30	12.53	19th	18.11	12.10
4th	07.04	13.25	20th	06.34	12.57
5th	06.36	12.57	21st	07.24	13.49
6th	07.10	13.31	22nd	08.20	14.46
7th	07.46	14.08	23rd	09.23	15.50
8th	08.28	14.52	24th	10.33	17.01
9th	09.21	15.47	25th	11.46	18.18
10th	10.28	16.55	26th	12.56	06.58
11th	11.42	18.09	27th	13.55	08.00
12th	12.52	08.48	28th	14.45	08.51
13th	13.48	07.17	29th	15.28	09.34
14th	14.36	08.38	30th	16.08	10.13
15th	15.19	09.21			
16th	16.01	10.02			

## Community Directory

EMERGENCY: FIRE ■ POLICE ■ AMBULANCE dial 111

### 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 Chambers ..... 09 431 7443
- MAUNGATUROTO PHARMACY** ..... 09 431 8045
- RIVERVIEW 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** .....Appointments/enquiries 0800 184 803
- PLUNKET Helpline ..... 0800 933 922
- PAPAROA PRIMARY SCHOOL** Principal Karyn Taylor.....09 431 7379
- PHYSIOTHERAPIST** .....At Paparoa Medical Centre, Mondays. 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

## Grow Paparoa's Annual Passata Day

The community came together in great spirits for the 4th Annual Passata Day, which was our most successful yet. With a relaxed, friendly atmosphere and plenty of helping hands, the event was enjoyed not only by locals but also by several visitors who travelled a few hours to take part in the day.

Throughout the morning many jars of passata were produced using our two passata-making machines and a total of 68 people sat down to share lunch. It was especially encouraging to see more individuals stepping up this year to take on the role of supervising and operating the machines, helping everything run smoothly and efficiently.

The day was made possible thanks to the efforts of those who helped with setting up and organising the lunch, ensuring everyone was well looked after. There was also a moment of reflection, with a short silence held in memory of Tim Lord, a respected member of the community who is sadly missed.



Adding to the enjoyment, Ian kept everyone entertained with freshly made pizza, and kindly

organise, to those who rolled up their sleeves to make passata, and everyone who came along to enjoy the day - your contribution is truly appreciated.

Katie Fullerton



provided focaccia and pesto for all to share. Also a special thanks to Stephen for boiling and sealing all the jars of passata for us.

A big thank you goes out to The Farm Vets, Paparoa School and NAAA for generously lending us gazebos for the day. Events like this simply wouldn't be possible without the support of the wider community.

From those who helped



# Kaipara Septic Services

027 2468 791

kaiparaseptic@gmail.com



Bruce and Vicki Erceg

Dirty Deeds Pumped By Us!

