



Paparooa (and beyond) sure has got talent!

Wow Paparooa! What an amazing time at Paparooa's Got Talent on November 1st. All the acts were amazing! Congratulations to the winners, and all the contestants who got on the stage and showed us what they've got.

Also, a big thank you to the judges and the audience, who made it all so special. They raised some money for the Paparooa War Memorial Hall and everyone had a lot of fun.

The judges had a real job on their hands as there were quite a few stand-out performances. The first prize though, was a unanimous decision, and was awarded to Brooke Chambers from Maungaturoto. Brooke performed an original song and accompanied on a keyboard. It was a very moving piece and some of us had to break out the tissues. Brooke was also a landslide winner of the people's choice award.

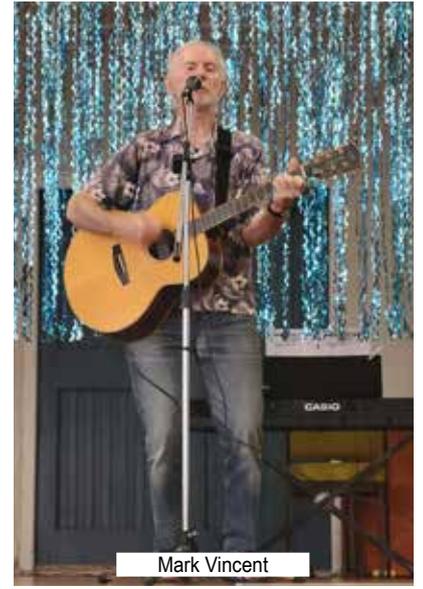
Second place went to The Leaflets (Braden and Kayla Leaf) and third was Tim Magill for his comedy act. The winner of the children's section was Billie and Mia (Smith) singing "Yellow Bird". A special mention also went to the girls' singing group made up of Brooke and Paige Chambers, and Laura and Holly Cullen who harmonised beautifully.

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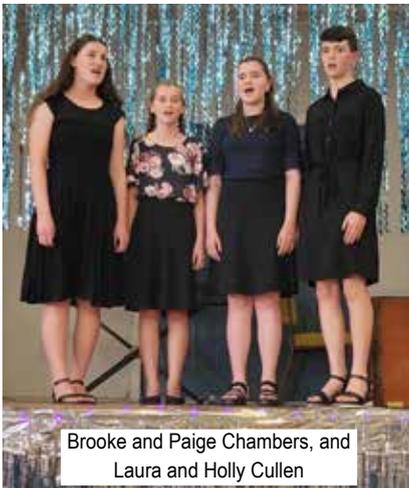
Mangawhai, and Carters, as well as the Hall Committee.



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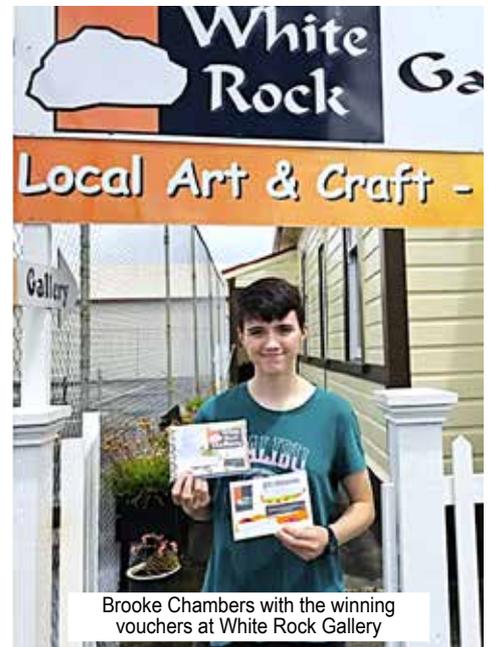


Brooke and Paige Chambers, and Laura and Holly Cullen

Well done to all of you! Every one of you put on a great show!



Paislee Rotherham



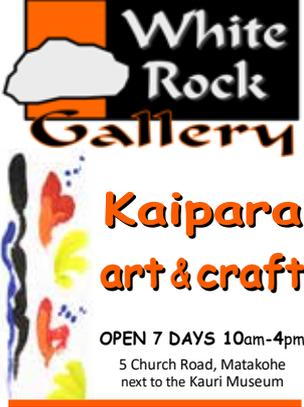
Brooke Chambers with the winning vouchers at White Rock Gallery



All the wonderful contestants!

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The Education Board was let a portion of the hall in 1927 for the original Taipuha School.

In 1933 a stage, dressing rooms and supper room were added, with water boiled on an open fire. Electricity was connected in 1937 and a Zip water heater (still in use, just) was procured.

In 1964 a new entrance foyer and ladies and gents toilets were constructed - prior to that the toilet had been an outside affair at the rear of the hall.

The hall property was also home to a two-court tennis club and an outdoor bowling green and clubhouse.

Taipuha hall will be celebrating 100 years on Saturday March 21, 2026 from 10.30am - 3pm. If you are a past or present resident, or have a connection to the hall, we'd love to see you there. Please email: taipuhacommunityhallcentenary@gmail.com and we'll send you a link to the online registration form.

Community halls have played an important role in rural New Zealand. They have long been at the heart of communities and used for a wide range of activities including weddings, parties, meetings, drama productions, concerts, fitness classes, polling booths and much more.

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Depot Trust grant allocations

In early December the trustees of Paparoa County Depot Trust met to consider grant applications that had been received.

Thirteen organisations had applied for funding and twelve were successful. A total of \$35,826 was distributed. Most telling, was that the successful organisations represented a total of over \$85,000 worth of projects in our district. That is an incredible amount of mostly volunteer activity that will proceed as a result of the Depot being able to give them a hand up.

The successful organisations were: Maungaturoto Centennial Hall Christmas lunch, Maungaturoto and District Rotary Club student leadership program, Taipuha Community Church and Hall, Otamatea High School student road safety program, Ararua Hall, Otamatea High School student attitude workshop, Paparoa School student camp, Paparoa Lions Walkway, Paparoa Sports and

Recreation Society, Paparoa Medical Society, Paparoa Golf Club and Paparoa War Memorial Hall Society.

The Depot has also funded two Primary Industry Scholarships worth \$1,500 each and granted sponsorships to Maungaturoto Country Club and North Kaipara Agricultural Association worth \$3,000 each.

This allocation of funds adds to over \$75,000 for the year going to worthy causes within our district. The allocations are made on strict criteria and benefit a range of projects from assisting young people in their education and development to supporting organisations building and maintaining infrastructure that benefits the community.

The next round of applications will be in May 2026. PCDT



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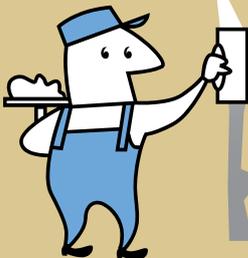
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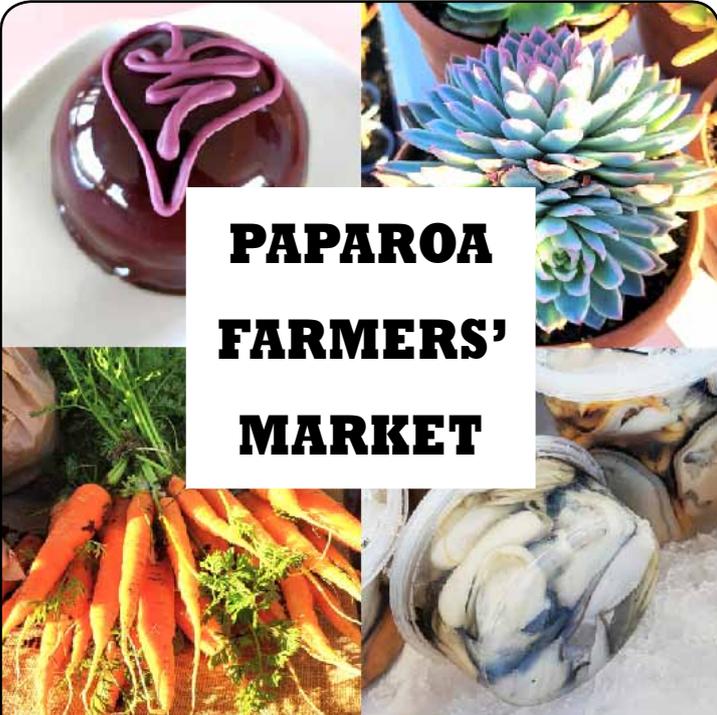
Paparooa Selwyn Centre concluded the year in style with a Christmas party. The morning began with the not-to-be-missed gentle exercises, morning tea, followed by a singalong of favourite songs and carols accompanied ably by guitarist Mark Vincent.

A festive buffet luncheon was served while everyone socialised and all went home with a small parcel from the Santa basket.

During the year we had many enjoyable Thursday morning sessions, with various activities and celebrations of special events.

I would like to thank here the regular dedicated volunteers, drivers and other helpers who pitch in so willingly to assist where needed.

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This was a very thoroughly researched project all round.

Second (\$200) - Charlie-Kate Brown

A great project with good research and ways of reducing pollution.

Third (\$100) - Zak Mia-Hakes A well-presented, thoughtful project with research and ideas to solve fishing line pollution in the

ocean.

Bonus Prize (\$50) Billie Smith - great presentation of research done at Pahi.

Bonus Prize (\$50) Elon Arvid Campanelli - Good understanding of what most roadside rubbish is made up of and some interesting ideas for solutions.

It is hoped that these young people continue to encourage others to think about the terrible effect that rubbish thrown onto our land and into our sea has on our beautiful country and its inhabitants.

Thank you to all entrants.

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At the market

At this time of year we reflect on the year past and look forward to the year ahead. For the Paparoa Farmers' Market it has been a year of growth and strong stall holder numbers, with the markets prior to Christmas reaching record numbers.

Progressive Paparoa is grateful to all our stall holders and especially grateful to those who have stuck with us through some inclement weather and tough economic times when customers don't always have much discretionary spending money. We are also very grateful to our wonderful musicians, Donald Rutherford and Sam Taylor, who help create a wonderful market atmosphere week after week.

We also want to thank our stall holder coordinator for

the last couple of years, Alistair Gordon, who has now stepped down from that role. Alistair has put in countless voluntary hours to keep the market running smoothly and efficiently.

We've had some fun times this last year, with highlights being the mid winter market back in June, our first ever Youth market at Labour weekend, and our Christmas market in December. It was great to see Santa making an appearance and our stall holders did a fantastic job of decorating their stalls for Christmas. Winners of the market vouchers were Charis Maw and Deb Hastie, two regular market customers, so we were happy for them.



Looking ahead, we are planning to celebrate 20 years of the market in Paparoa on Anniversary weekend 24th January. We will have another Youth market on the same day to make it an extra special market, so if any kids are keen to sell something they can contact Stephen on 022 480 1066 to book a



table. Stephen Findlay has taken on the stall holder coordinator role for now, so if anyone is interested in being a regular stall holder he is the right man to talk to.

Happy New Year to everyone and we hope to see you at the market soon.

Pete

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Paparooa School news

A year of growth and achievement

School has finished for another year, and what a year it has been for Paparooa School.

Our students, staff, and wider community have embraced change, growth, and new opportunities, with outstanding results to show for it.

This year marked our continued journey with Structured Literacy, alongside the implementation of a new mathematics programme. These initiatives have delivered our best assessment results to date, with more students achieving success than ever before. We are proud to report achievement levels of 88% in mathematics, 83% in reading, and 78% in writing. The benefit of having three classrooms with small class numbers has clearly paid off, allowing for more targeted teaching and stronger relationships that support each learner to thrive.

We have also been delighted by the positive response to

our new initiative, the Paparooa School Preschool Class. This project has been warmly welcomed by our community and provides a nurturing, familiar environment that supports our youngest learners to transition confidently into school life. By building early connections with our school, children and whānau feel a strong sense of belonging right from the start.

As we reflect on the year, we are incredibly proud of what has been achieved together and look forward to building on this success in the year ahead.

On Friday 12th December we had our Prizegiving. We had a great turn out of family, friends and supporters of the school which is such a great way to celebrate the achievements of our tamariki. A huge congratulations to the following students:



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I've been thinking...

Silly season...



So, you're reading this, so you have survived another silly season. Hopefully with happy memories, enthusiasm for the future and reasonably creditworthy financial standing.

The silly season seems to start with commercial summons for us to take advantage of Black Friday bargains to fulfill both our desire to get something cheap and to tick items off the Xmas gift list. This happens some time in November and lasts a lot longer than the Friday after the fourth Thursday in the month.

When that hype calms the serious Xmas messages start. These include suggestions for presents, ideas for food and drink and worthy charities seeking donations. There are lots more so called bargains and increasing pressure to spend. Don't be a Grinch.

The world, the shops and the media are crammed with traditional timely images of snow and decorated trees, yule logs, fruit cakes and puddings, holly, ivy and mistletoe, Santa and reindeer and jingle bells. Xmas music saturates the air.

Theoretically 'tis the season to be jolly, a time of peace and goodwill and joy to all mankind. One can only be disappointed. One can suggest that the only real

evidence that this is a Christian festival is in the name. Perhaps there are some religious hymns and carols in the Xmas music or you can argue that presents are carrying on the tradition of the wise men even if gold, frankincense and myrrh are lacking.

The day itself provides some respite. You can celebrate your way.

Celebrate before the Boxing Day sales become the commercial focus. Again, the name is misleading. The sales go on and on.

Then New Year. A party. Maybe some fireworks at a beach. The annual overindulgence is made much of in the media.

The silly season is doubtless a joy to shopaholics, gourmards and enthusiastic imbibers.

If you do not fit into these categories, do not despair. It is possible that hot cross buns, bunnies, eggs and other symbols of fecundity are more your style. In a store near you very soon. Easter is coming.

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From our family to yours Thailand Dinner Holiday

When you have a family the size of ours, Overseas holidays are a laughable dream- just the cost of purchasing passports is over the budget. So when the 'Tiny Thai House in Pahi' opened its roller window basically at the top of our driveway, no longer did I need a holiday to an exotic location to try the culinary delights- it came to me! And boy, am I glad it did.



I have declared, I will never cook on Friday and Saturday nights again. Not that Fong and Kerry need this advertising. They will sell out every week they open because her cooking is ah-maze-ing!! What I realised is that growing up I never actually tried Thai food. My grandma was Irish. We had meat and two (boiled) veggies. There's no faster way to ruin zucchini and silverbeet (and most veggies) than by boiling it to death, and for a long time I would never eat these, thinking that was what they tasted like. But I digress...

Thai food can be spicy- this is not a complaint- we were just glad we knew this. So, the first night we ordered, I especially asked them to "make it super mild for wussy white people". And it was perfect. I could write quite a detailed explanation of how wonderful it all was, and most of that was because I wasn't cooking. But my favourite part was that afterwards you don't feel like you've eaten a greasy ton of oil. It was fresh, clean and healthy tasting.

So keep an eye on facebook for the Tiny Thai House menu, especially if you've lived a life of boiled spuds and mushy zucchini. Come and give Thai a go!

And have a wonderful January! Welcome to 2026!

Blessings, Jenny

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Yule...

Dear Reader, now that Christmas is over, that "dedicated" day of celebration, the presents unwrapped and stowed away, I thought it was timely to talk about Yule! Such fun. (Yule is a winter/December festival celebrated by Germanic peoples that later became merged with Christmas. Much like the merging of the pagan celebrations of spring- and I won't even start to tell you about the Babylonian goddess Ishtar and her festivities...)

However, I rather like the Icelandic Christmas traditions. Santa with more grit really, and his mother, not to mention the cat. I just wish, Dear Reader that I had known more of these rituals when the children were

younger. Perhaps I could indoctrinate, I mean tell, the grandchildren?

Back to Yule. Iceland followed the Julian calendar, and thus Christmas Day fell approximately 13 days later than it does on the Gregorian calendar. When Iceland started to use the Gregorian calendar (circa 1700) the celebration of Christmas and the Yule season shifted, but the tradition of the 13-day celebration remained. And what fun that is.

Essentially 13 Yule lads, Icelandic Jólásveinar, prance about for the days leading up to Christmas or Yule, being quite naughty and playing pranks. Although, it seems that essentially they were all about nicking anything that wasn't tied down. Maybe that is where the name Saint Nick came from... These days the boys have been saccharined down and just put small gifts into shoes that children have placed on the windowsill.

Their names give small clues as to what they used to be known for. Stekkjastaur (Sheep-Cote-Clod) said to suck milk from sheep and was known for having two wooden feet. Peg-legged Giljagaur (Gully Gawk) was known to hide in barns and steal the froth off the milk buckets. Stúfur (Stubby) was unusually short and stole pans to eat the crust left in them. Þvörusleikir (Spoon-Licker), Pottaskefill (Pot-Licker), Askasleikir (Bowl-Licker), Hurðaskellir (Door-Slammer), Skyrgámur (Skyr-Gobbler) Bjúgnakrækir (S a u s a g e - S w i p e r), Gluggagægir (Window-Peeper), Gáttaþefur (Doorway-Sniffer), Ketkrókur (Meat-Hook), and Kertasníkir (Candle-Stealer) are all self explanatory. Back then

candles were made from fat, possibly reindeer - so good for you.

However, their mother! What a woman. Grýla, as she is known (almost an Icelandic Ma Baker) leaves her home in the mountains at Christmas time to hunt down naughty children and make stew out of them. Leppalúði, the lazy husband, who is really only known for his liking for children stew and lazing about on reindeer couches (RIP Rudolph etc), possibly risking life and limb to occasionally, tentatively, pat the Yule Cat (Christmas Cat). Jólakötturinn, a vicious black hairy animal that



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hunts children who have not something new to wear for Christmas (one way to reduce the poverty stricken) – bringing them home to lay on the mat and then EATS them!

I do think some of these traditions could work really well here and I am planning ways of introducing them to my offspring. Am thinking a graphic novel in the style of a felonious advent calendar type booklet. Wishing you all a happy and adventurous new year. Skál!

Ka kite ano, Deb

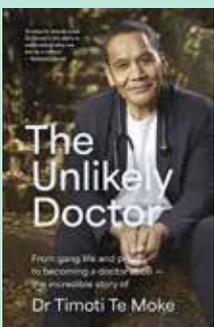
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BOOKS AND BOOKCLUBS

The Star on the Grave, by Linda Margolin Royal is a novel based on a true story, written by a descendant of a Polish Jew who escaped the Nazis in WWII. If it wasn't for the compassion and courage of the Japanese diplomat in Lithuania she would probably never have been born. Chiune Sugihara has since been called the Japanese Schindler. You will have heard of Schindler's List, but few people have heard of Sugihara. Polish Jews fled to Lithuania when Hitler invaded, but only to have to flee again with the imminent invasion by Russia with similar antisemitic policies. Against the Japanese Government's direct orders, Chiune Sugihara along with the Dutch Ambassador, issued visas allowing thousands of refugees safe passage through Curacao to Japan, America, Australia and anywhere else neutral. This novel is not written as his story though. It begins in Sydney in the 1970s with a young nurse, raised as a Catholic, who knows nothing of her family history. When she announces her engagement to a Greek doctor, and her intention to convert to the Greek Orthodox Church, her grandmother feels forced to reveal the truth.



"The Quiet Spectacular" by Laurence Fearnley is exactly that. A book to journey through in your own way, I would spoil your experience if I revealed too much. Enough to say that if you ever made huts in the bush or slept under the stars, if you love birds and nature, then you will love reading this. Definitely NOT for the men, sorry fellas, very much promoting women with three strong main characters and two female nasties and many, many references to heroic women of the past. Funny, sad, beautiful, set mostly in the wetlands adjacent the airport of a South Island New Zealand city, my guess would be Dunedin. This author is now on my list to look out for as she has written several books.



Another Kiwi book recently published is the memoir by Dr Timoti Te Moke, "The Unlikely Doctor". Unlikely because he graduated from medical school at the age of 56 having mis-spent his youth on drugs and in gangs with several stints in Mt Eden jail. His first six years of life were very happily spent in the care of loving grandparents but once he was reclaimed by his mother and stepfather nightmare years of abuse began which shaped his life from then on. Add victimisation from the police for being Maori and you have the recipe that makes a drug trafficker and gang leader, here and in Australia. There were moments in his misery when he had the epiphany - "it doesn't have to be like this," and acting on this realisation he cleaned up his act. Not being enough to just regain himself and his life, he is determined to make a difference for others, especially Maori and Pacifica peoples. I didn't find his story inspiring as he no doubt intended, because sadly, he is the exception and others, even with better circumstances, would not have had the will and determination that he had to turn his life around. I would like all politicians and police to read this book and take note. Wouldn't that be great!

May the New Year bring us, not everything we wish for, but everything we need, strength to weather life's storms, and joy in times of sunshine.

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My two cents worth

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It's almost as though the Government is trying to 'flood the zone' by introducing multiple reform proposals in quick succession...

Fast tracking, rates capping, cancelling regional councillors and replacing the RMA are a real challenge for the public to understand and get to grips with. These proposals amount to reform of the whole of local government both in form and function. The Government seems rather coy about admitting that there will be large scale amalgamation of district councils and cities until we have about 17 unitary authorities across the country. Great timing though, when lots of people are busy trying to get six week's worth of work completed in three weeks, and looking forward to a break over Christmas. Not the first government to pull that trick. Perhaps we should just accept it is going to happen and make the most of it.

If the Government had wanted to take a proper

comprehensive approach it could have started with central government and Parliament itself. It's a bit rich to criticise elected representatives of regional councils for being anonymous. The same could be said for a lot of the List MPs in central government. I suspect that List MPs feel more of an obligation to their party than to the people of the country. I reckon the interests of improving accountability and saving money would be better served by replacing MMP with the Single Transferable Voting system and reducing the overall number of MPs. Under STV all MPs would be accountable to an electorate with a smaller geographical area, and the people elected would likely have more widespread support within their electorate.

Onward and upward
Mark



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Pets in the Valley



It's that time of the year again- kitten time. Despite the SPCA providing funding to desex hundreds of cats and dogs we are still having cats and kittens dumped. The sad thing is that they are friendly and healthy, so they have been looked after before people decided that dumping them was the best option.

At the Ruawai clinic we have speyed around 160 cats in the last year. At 8 to 18 kittens per female cat per year that is 1200 to 2800 kittens we have stopped entering the overpopulation. You would think it would make a difference but it is still not enough.

Well done to the responsible owners who have made the effort to ensure their animals are not contributing to the unwanted kitten pool. Please do come and talk to us if you know people who have unspeyed cats that need fixing as there is still funding available to help.



And if you do have space in your life for a little furry monster (or two) there are plenty to choose from who would love to come and pull the decorations off your Christmas tree!

Merry Christmas, Janine.

Paparoa Sports and Recreation Association Wrap Up

The community gym at the sports pavilion has been a great success in 2025. We have around 70 paid up members enjoying the three rooms of cardio machines, free weights and multi function weight machines. We have just purchased a refurbished rowing machine which is as good as new.

Thanks to the Depot Trust for their funding for that and the new air conditioner in the sports pavilion. Thanks to Stacey for doing the induction for new gym members, and to Garry Fraser and Gary Dallas for keeping the machines in good working order. Thanks also to Bryce Frewin for his help with locks and he has now installed security cameras to keep it extra safe.

We are always open to feedback from gym users on which cardio machine we should next replace as we build it up with great equipment, and anything else you want to share.

A big thanks also to Ken Chambers and Gary Dallas for their mowing and spraying around the pavilion and around the walking track. Facilities such as the pavilion and gym take a bit of work to manage so it is great to have a team of people all chipping

in with their skills and expertise.

Our latest addition is the box outside the pavilion made by Mervyn Foote, which stores gear to use on the courts. Initially it has tennis racquets and balls and a basketball which we expect to be put back in the box after use, so they are there for the next people to enjoy. Thanks to everyone for your cooperation. If anyone else has spare sports gear they want to share with the community feel free to add it in.

Hoping you are all having a great holiday break of some sort, and getting in some fun physical activity in between the fun socialising and indulging.

Mauri Ora- Good Health,
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Coming in February

Paparooa A&P Show - Sat Feb 7, 9am. Paparooa Showgrounds. See p2.

Coming in March

Taipuha Community Hall Centenary - Sat Mar 21. See p2 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).

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- Badminton** Thursdays 7pm Paparoa Hall \$2 students, \$3 adults, Pete 021 056 7163
- Farmers' Market** Every Saturday 8.30-Noon, Village Green, Alistair, 027 525 4782
- Grey Power** Last Wed in month, 1pm, Anglican Church Hall, Maungaturoto
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A huge thank you to everyone who volunteered to help with the preparation and service. It's a huge job to gather, chop, peel, cook and slice for a large crowd, and every single person who turned up did so with a smile and can-do attitude. A special mention goes to the unstoppable Eileen Parsons who is the main driver behind so many community projects, including this one.

And to everyone who turned up, we hope you had an enjoyable day!



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