



Ireland's Pirate Queen comes to Maungaturoto!

If you and your kids love a grand swashbuckling, sea-shanty-filled show, then head over to the Otamatea Repertory Theatre in Maungaturoto for their latest theatrical production!

Drawing on her Celtic roots and a love of theatre and music, Maura Flower has written *The Pirate Queen*; an epic tale of Gráinne O'Malley, Ireland's infamous Pirate Queen.

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Gráinne was clever, brave and bold and

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Featuring talented kids from around the Kaipara, *The Pirate Queen*, will be showing at the Otamatea Repertory Theatre on July 12th-21st.

To book tickets go to www.ort.org.nz



Mid Winter Christmas Community Dinner

Paparoa Sports Pavilion was all lit up for the mid winter Christmas community dinner, put on by the Sports and Recreation Association. Guests were served a delicious dinner and had a lot of fun catching up with friends and neighbours and meeting new people from the district. MC Pete did his "50% chance of getting the answers right" quiz and raffles were drawn so some guests went home with a bit extra.

A big thanks to all who attended and to the committee who once again put in their time and effort to create a great night and help us all to celebrate mid winter. Keep an eye out on the Press for the next community dinner which will probably be in spring.



Libby

Plastic free July

This is a great time to get into some better habits around single-use plastics. Start with the easy ones and add more as the habits form - and before you know it you'll be nailing it!



Here's some ideas:

- Avoid pre-packed fruit and vegetables- take reusable mesh bags to the shop.
- Reduce the amount of soft drink bottles used (e.g. consume less or make your own 'soda').
- Take a reusable coffee cup with you.
- Avoid pre-packed meat or fish - take your own clean containers.
- Buy dried foods (e.g. grains, nuts, spices) at bulk bins. (At Bin Inn you can pre-weigh your containers and this weight is deducted at the checkout.)
- Source detergents from bulk barrels - take your own containers to refill.
- Avoid buying bottled water (eg by taking a reusable bottle of tap water).
- Avoid take-away food in plastic containers - take your own containers and carry bags.
- Choose bar soaps and shampoos in place of liquids in plastic containers.

Many plastic bags and containers are reusable many times over and soft plastics, and hard plastics numbers 1,2 and 5 are recyclable in your kerbside collection or at a transfer station. They just need to be clean and dry.

Don't be fooled by greenwashing- if it's "made from plants" and "commercially compostable" it won't break down in your home compost - but it will slowly rot in landfill giving off methane.

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New Members wanted!

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Our Objectives: To promote and encourage the prosperity of the Paparaoa community and surrounding area.



To foster and work alongside local community groups to maintain, develop and enhance new and existing community resources, which will assist to promote and

foster opportunities for Paparaoa and its residents.

Did You Know?

• There is NO Membership fee to join.

• Progressive Paparaoa Inc. is a community group founded in 2002. 99% of the team are volunteers, with 1% contracted assistance.

• Our projects include: PPI/ Lions Paparaoa- Pahi Walkway, Paparaoa Press and Farmers Market.

• Subcommittees include: Wastewater Action Group, Village Green and Playground, Farmers Market, Paparaoa Press, Roads and Footpaths, and the Tech IT team who manage the village website.

What being a member means:

- You hold voting rights at our AGM.
- You can nominate and elect members to the committee.
- You can stand for election to the committee.
- You can attend forums to plan our direction.
- You will receive invitations to PPI events.



• You will receive emailed newsletters.

• You are a part of a growing Progressive Paparaoa collective, ready to nurture the community.

We invite you to participate as a volunteer or just join to support us. The more members we have, the better able we are to represent the diverse needs of our community. Growing our membership is also helpful when applying for funding for community projects.

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10 July – Village Café, Paparaoa

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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 Paparaoa Press are the author's own and not necessarily those of the editorial team or PPI.

School speech competition

The Paparoa Lions Speech Competition was held on Monday 17th June, in the Sports and Recreation Pavillion. This is an annual event that the local Lions run inviting local schools to submit in year 7 and 8, and year 9 and 10 categories.

All Schools that participate receive a donation from the Lions.

This year Matakohe School, Maungaturoto Primary School, Paparoa Primary School, Tinopai School, Otamatea Christian School, and Otamatea High School competed. This year's topic choices were "What would life be without the internet" and "Team sports teaches us", for the year 9 and 10s. For the year 7 and 8s it was "The importance of Trees" and "Why do we need storybooks".

There were some lively presentations and our Judge



Olive Hames

Babe Kapa had a tough time choosing just one winner in each category.

The winner for year 9 & 10 was Charlotte Gooch (Matakohe), with second going to Andrew Gooch (Matakohe), and third to Lachie Millard (Otamatea High School). Year 7 & 8 winner was Olive Hames (Paparoa), and second equal were Cohan Tullet (Matakohe) and Lennox Hamlin (Matakohe).

Paparoa Lions would like to thank all the competitors, parents, teachers and supporters for making this event a



Charlotte Gooch

great evening. It is exciting to see our local kids growing up with some amazing ideas and confidence in public speaking. Thank you to Babe Kapa for the tough job of picking winners from this group of amazing competitors. See you all next year.

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How's the serenity?

The residents of SH12 between SH1 and Paparoa (and beyond) and of Paparoa Oakleigh Road could be audibly heard breathing huge sighs of relief from midnight on Wednesday 26 June as the Brynderwyns finally reopened.

Now don't get me wrong, it was a huge job and it threw up some real challenges, but man, is it nice not to be woken all night by engine brakes and horrendously loud engines.

Anyone who's been travelling these roads will know that for the most part the truckies were courteous and pulled over when they were able to, but it could be a pretty frightening experience at night being dazzled by a wall of headlights as truck after truck whizzed past.

The worst drivers were the impatient ones, putting lives at risk by overtaking on corners or failing to give way where required. I'm amazed there were no serious injury crashes.

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Council Mark says – I've invented a new word - trumpled

This is a combination of trampled and trumped. Here it is in a sentence: Democracy is a delicate flower and is easily trumpled by abuse of process. The term came to me when I was reflecting on the proceedings of our important council meeting to finalise our Long-term Plan for 2024-27.

I nearly wrote: make decisions on submissions to the draft Long-term plan, but that would be inaccurate. It would be more accurate to describe the purpose of the meeting to be to give effect to the agenda of the Mayor and his deputy. The

normal approach in dealing with an issue is for council staff to prepare a report on it with background information, options and a recommendation, so that we are able to make an informed decision. What we had instead was a series of motions placed before us by the Mayor which had only a tenuous relationship to the information we had been supplied with beforehand. I had no advance notice of this, although others in the Mayor's inner circle may well have. Don't get me wrong, I am all in favour of finding ways to get the Rates increase down, but I'd like to have a chance to understand the "how" and think about it before making a decision. It is easy for decisions made in haste to result in unintended consequences. I found the wanton disregard of due process a travesty of proper governance; democracy was trumpled.

I would like to thank those of you who went to the trouble

of making submissions, and to those who also presented them in person. It helped me in forming my views on the issues we had to deal with. Of course there are always two (or more) sides to an issue, so you cannot expect your view to prevail, but if it coincided with the view of the Mayor/Deputy, then you likely will be pleased with the outcome. At first I was extremely angry and bitter about the way it went, although I got in a few good one-liners I think. My anger may now have subsided but I don't see how I can take it seriously any more; there is no point in reading agendas, for instance, as I have no way of knowing if they will help me to vote on the motion which the Mayor will present. I do intend to have some fun though.

Mark Vincent
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Milky fleshed snapper are being caught in the Kaipara by recreational fishermen.

Why is this happening?

Some experts say it is due to climate change? Others say it's due to a loss of bait fish numbers? Others that it's disease or parasites? Perhaps some of our experienced local fishermen have their own theories?



I don't remember this happening before.

What do our local experienced fishermen (and women) think?

I'd love to hear their thoughts on this.

Stella

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also available online at
paparooa.org.nz**

Paparoa School news

Wow, another year has gone past since the beginning of my time at Paparoa School, hard to believe it has been two years already!

So much has and still is happening at our awesome little school. As I write this, the students are currently learning the technology process to create a Wearable Arts costume. Our theme is 'Under the Sea' and we will have had our performance for our school community at the end of June. At the moment, it looks utterly chaotic and messy with recycling material everywhere, but the costumes are starting to take shape. The kids are excited and can't wait to show them off. I will put some photos in the next edition.

Our kitchen is finally starting to come together, this has been an extremely long adventure. If you have driven past the school your eyes are not deceiving you, yes we have sandbags sitting on top

of the new kitchen's roof as well as a tarpaulin. We have had lots of delays due to water leaks but we are now water tight! After a lot of delays, we are now sprinting to the finish line (which is the beginning of Term 3). I can't wait for the kids to get back in the kitchen to start cooking again for our Garden to Table programme.

We have welcomed more families in the last month and so our whānau is growing. Our team is working hard to put the last bits on our tamariki's reports together.

A huge congratulations to Jed and Olive for participating in the Paparoa Lions Speech Competition. This was a great night and we are so proud of Olive for winning the Year 5 & 6 category. An extraordinary feat for a Year 5 student. Our

junior room will be moving into another class for a few weeks as it is getting an upgrade! More property, I sigh!!

Have a great July and this time I do hope the Brynderwyns will be open by the time the Paparoa Press comes out.

Ka Kite
Karyn Taylor
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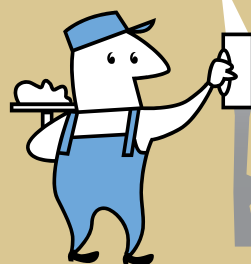
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We had another very successful community lunch at the Good News Church on Hurndall Street last month

with over 60 attending. Our next lunch is set for **August 7th**. This is open to all ages, so come along to meet with others and enjoy good company and good food. The children from Kaipara Kids were delighted with their own table where they could build a burger, with hot chips and tomato sauce and 'traffic-lights' jelly for dessert.

There is plenty of parking and our mini-bus provides transport to and from the Maungaturoto Retirement Village. We appreciate very much our wonderful driver Owen who volunteers his time, and also the great team who help chef Damian with everything that needs to be done to help make the lunch run smoothly. Most of all we thank YOU for coming along to make it all worthwhile.

Our first Board Games night was also a big success with a good number attending. They had a great time playing some of the old favourites with the opportunity to learn new ones.

The Board Games night is on **Fridays from 6pm to 9pm** at The Community House, 153 Hurndall Street Maungaturoto. Games and snacks provided.

The free shopping trips to Whangarei this month are as follows:

Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 24th.

The van leaves the Maungaturoto Retirement Village parking area at 9am and returns in the afternoon.

For information about any of the above, please phone us on 431 9080.

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What's up with the wastewater?

It's been a while since there was much to report regarding the wastewater problems facing Paparoa township. As advised some years ago there are some properties with failing wastewater systems.

Just how many is not really known but Kaipara Council, as a result of lobbying by Paparoa Wastewater Action Group, has produced three reports giving options and three possible disposal methods. The Action Group has met on two occasions with senior council staff to follow up on these reports and most recently presented a submission to the Long-Term Plan hearings. These reports are available as a pdf from progressive.paparoa@gmail.com. Let us know if you would like a copy.

While the Three Waters program was being promoted there was the real possibility of a public system being the answer. Three Waters became a political football but has now been replaced with Four Waters to include sea level rise! The big difference being the expected funding

has been canned and the burden shifted back on local councils.

The problem has not magically disappeared, but the good news is the Better Off funding, as part of signing up to Three Waters, is still available to the council. During its recent Long Term Planning deliberations the council decided to put this funding towards 'water infrastructure' issues throughout Kaipara. Staff have been asked to produce a further report to the September Council meeting on Paparoa Wastewater. This report should identify the scale of the wastewater issue in Paparoa and provide a way forward.

Progress has been faced with delays, outside council

control. However, it is clear the continued efforts of the Action Group on behalf of the community are slowly producing results. Keeping up the dialogue and maintaining a positive relationship has been the focus. From the experience that Kaipara Council faced at Mangawhai when the Northland Regional Council threatened to close the beaches due to wastewater pollution there is a salutary lesson. It would be most unfortunate if Paparoa properties were red stickered or devalued from a failure to act.

Like to know more? Come along to the Paparoa Farmers' Market on 20 July and meet members of the Action Group.

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Pot luck dinner

July 20th, 6pm at Marohemo Hall, 403 Whakapirau Road.

This is a fundraising event with great company, music, and table challenges with spot prizes. There will also be raffles to raise money for hall renovations.

There will be tickets for sale on the night and are \$5 or \$20 for five. There are different prize packs including fuel vouchers, portable gas cookers, fleece pack and more. They will be drawn on the night.

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Letters from The Old Post Office...

Beat of a different drum

"If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the music which he hears, however measured or far away." Henry David Thoreau.

Dear Reader, as the days turn drear and the wind is a guttersnipe, biting at ankles and unprotected throats, the cat and I turn to philosophical discussions. Gazing out through rain and truck exhaust smeared windows we ponder the mysteries of life. Instead of cleaning them. The windows I mean.

Mysteries such as how are "differences" measured, judged and found wanting. From whose perspective? And, why is one point of view considered more valid than another? Why, why, why hooted the more questioning ruru. (Well, we have a good idea).

Another tangent Dear Reader. And down the metaphorical rabbit hole we go. Pass the marmalade as you plummet. I think it was marmalade, it may have been jam.....

Why does it take three hours to set up a new TV that is advertised as just plug in and go. Go to hell in a hand cart more like. Not to mention the packaging invented by some satanic babbling cabbage head.

Why is dancing to music in the supermarket viewed with suspicion while dancing at a party is considered acceptable. Why else do they play music?

Why is drinking gin in a teacup not done (the cat and I do accept that perhaps drinking gin for breakfast may affect brain/physical activity during the day) but it certainly adds a gleam. And, as the cat pointed out daylight hours are for lolling and eating. Who are we to evaluate another species' characteristics and find them undesirably different. "Have you looked in the mirror recently?" demanded



the cat. And, proceeded to cite the impact that loss of habitat has on native species in NZ. He is quite a well-read cat, if pompous and self-opinionated.¹

Why is the wearing of overalls mocked when I visit the local hostelry? There is only a slight bagginess around the posterior after all. Room to grow and it is a fashion item that some of the pub habitués might well consider?

Therefore Dear Reader, away we go, the cat and I, to dance as we imbibe gin from teacups and flap our capacious overalls in mad dervish twirls. And, if like Alice you "...don't want to go among mad people" then as another sagacious cat said "Oh, you can't help that... we're all mad here. I'm mad. You're mad."²

Deb

1. The failure to protect habitats is reflected in the reduction in ecosystem diversity: 62 percent of the ecosystems classified as rare are now listed as threatened, and more than 90 percent of wetlands have been destroyed. This loss is not confined to the past. Estimates are that 214 wetlands (1,250 ha) were lost between 2001 and 2016, and a further 746 wetlands declined in size.

Protection levels of marine habitats are even worse. New Zealand's marine area is 15 times larger than its land area, but marine biodiversity is poorly regulated. Only 0.4 percent is covered by "no-take" marine reserves. www.wgtn.ac.nz/news/2019/05/nz-has-worlds-highest-proportion-of-species-at-risk

2. From Lewis Carroll Alice's adventures in Wonderland.

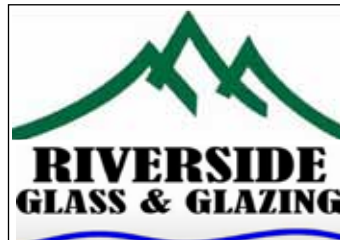
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If this sounds like a bit of you, please email us maungaturotocountryclub@gmail.com

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Up Coming Events

Otamatea Repertory Theatre - The Pirate Queen 12-21 July
Kaipara Wool and Fibre Festival 18th August.

Maungaturoto Primary School 150th Jubilee 19th October.

Check our Facebook page for further information.

Update on the Strategic Plan

As you may be aware four meetings were held over an eight-week period in Feb/March and involved around 100 attendees representing

all areas of the community.

From this we have developed a plan for the next five years to ensure the club can continue to provide spaces for sport, arts and community activities and events.

The plan addresses critical issues identified including ensuring a sustainable business model, commercialising the operations to provide a return on investment, employing a manager to support volunteer effort, investing in building maintenance and renewal and selling parts of the land that are not being used productively.

For more information contact Tina Holst - maungaturotocountryclub@gmail.com

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I've been thinking... Scamming

It is rare for a week to go past without reports of someone being scammed out of their hard earned money.

Investment scams. Fake romances. Operations needed for non-existent sick children. Nigerian princes fallen on temporary hard times.

These scams always end in the same way. Someone is convinced to send money to a bank account or (worse yet) sharing their bank details/ passwords with another person. Money is whisked away never to be retrieved. The victim is left bereft. The police are unable to find the fraudsters.

It's a difficult situation for the banks who are often seen, particularly by the victims, as somehow responsible in spite

of the many systems they have in place to protect their customers. I would guess that we have all been contacted by our bank asking us to ok some unusual payment we have made. But, if we insist on making a payment in spite of such cautions, what can they do? It's our money!

I never thought I would sympathise with banks, but they really are between a rock and a hard place in this situation. (Or between a gleeful scammer and an irate customer.)

Perhaps it's time to look at the larger picture.

Scams start in a variety of

different places: Facebook, online marketplaces, random emails and phone calls.

Why can't social media companies, internet providers and banks get on the same page to prevent scams?

In the meantime we all know that if something looks too good to be true, it probably is.

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At the market

One of the more recent additions to the Saturday Paparoa Farmers' Market is Trish Stanley-Hunt.

Trish and husband Nelson bought a small lifestyle block at Paparoa back in 2020 and moved in around the time of the first Covid lockdown, after previously living on the Hibiscus Coast.

Trish has always been a keen seamstress and enjoys doing craft work, so the opportunity to sell some of her wares at the local market just made sense.

Trish upcycles recycled blankets into cosy kids' sleeveless hoodies, perfect for this time of the year when the cold winds come through. Also perfect for this time of year are her knitted slippers, and homemade wheatbags

which are great for relieving aches and pains. Trish also sells handmade soaps, kawakawa balm (which is like a natural VapoRub), and a natural lip balm.

Another of Trish's hobbies is doing mosaics, and she usually brings a few pieces down to the market to sell.


Trish is loving the camaraderie between stallholders at the market and always enjoys catching up with familiar faces, as well as meeting new people as they browse the stalls. Make sure you check out her full range of products and say hi next time you come to our friendly market.


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Since our last report, we have been involved with RYDA (Rotary Youth Driving Awareness). About 60 year 12 students from Otamatea joined a similar number from Rodney, in Wellsford, to take part in six modules which are aimed to make them safer drivers. The object of the day is to make them think about the choices they make, and the implications of them. One handy tip for us all is to keep our cellphone in the glovebox or the boot. This will help avoid any unwanted distractions from a call coming through while one is driving.

I have also had the chance to travel to Auckland to meet our Rotary International President, Gordon McNally, a Scot. He is very impressed with Cat Levine's program in Te Tai Tokerau, which is aimed at improving the mental health of our primary school children with her "Think and Be Me" presentation. This was a District 9910's initiative and our RI President has committed to promoting it throughout other countries. Our Club is looking forward to being involved with this program next year.

We are actively involved in helping both DOE and Netball fundraise as they provide our fortnightly meals. We also support the William Pike challenge in which Nyree Antunovich involves 30 year 7 and 8 students each year to help grow resilience by completing Outdoor activities, Community service and taking up a new hobby.

From July our new Rotary year commences and our incoming President is Tim Magill. Each President brings their own "flavour" to the position and we look forward to working with Tim for the following 12 months. We will be saying farewell to our Assistant District Governor, Sally McCarthy. Sally lives on the Shore and her trips to us have been hampered by frequent road closures, especially over the past two years. We have appreciated her persistence in visiting us (and giving us a catchup on things Rotary) under difficult circumstances.

Eileen




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Maungaturoto Primary School 150th Jubilee

Saturday, 19th October 2024 is the 150th Jubilee of Maungaturoto and Districts Primary School.



Past and present staff and students are invited to join us, reminisce, and catch up with old friends whilst enjoying our annual Pet and flower show.

Powhiri 10am, followed by official speeches and cake cutting.

Guests will then be invited to tour classrooms, have decade photos, and pick up registration packs.

Dinner will be held Saturday evening at the Maungaturoto Country Club. Bar opens at 5pm.

The committee would appreciate registrations ASAP to help us with our planning.

How do I register?

- School website
- Scan QR code
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- Email: jubilee@maungaturoto.school.nz



Fun and art at the Kauri Museum in July

Visit the Kauri Museum this July for half price and see the Matariki Art Exhibition from eight local schools starting on 2nd July:

The schools are: Tinopai, Ruawai, Matakohe, Paparoa, Maungaturoto, Kaiwaka, Mangawhai and Te Kura Kaupapa Maori O Ngaringaomatiriki.

In line with their Half Price July entry they have new scavenger hunts available for your children and grandchildren.

Easy, medium and hard options are available to accommodate all age groups.

If you complete the scavenger hunt by finding all the objects on your sheet then you'll get a prize!

The museum also celebrated their amazing volunteers during National Volunteer Week, 16-22 June. For more than 60 years the volunteers have been the heart of the Kauri Museum family.

"We honour those who have come and gone before, as

well as those supporting us now and those who may be yet to join us in the future."

Thank you to wonderful volunteers here and everywhere.



New local book on the way

Aotearoa by Toni Spellmeyer

The author has recently moved to Paparoa and the book is two to three weeks away from being published as a softcover, ebook & audiobook.

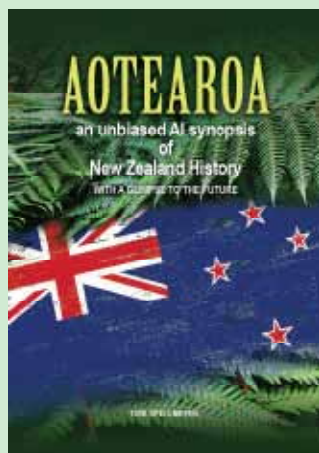
This book is an invitation to see New Zealand's history through an AI lens, unclouded by judgment, aiming to respect and represent all perspectives.

From the arrival of the Polynesians to the colonial era and beyond, this book delves into the rich heritage, significant events and key figures that have shaped the nation.

Through an objective lens, readers gain insight into the land's Māori origins, European settlement, the Treaty of Waitangi, socio-economic developments and contemporary challenges.

You're invited to join in this exploratory journey, armed with curiosity and an open mind as we navigate through the annals of New Zealand history; to re-examine historical accounts, providing a narrative both expansive and inclusive, avoiding political and cultural bias. It has been inspired especially for New Zealand history students of all ages, travellers and aficionados.

We will hopefully have a review of the book in the August Paparoa Press.



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Blind tennis wildcard

My name is Lissie, I am a legally blind local. As a child a coach told me 'I could not play tennis because I was blind' so I gave up. When I moved to Paparoa 3.5 years ago I was unwell and while recovering I had an opportunity to have a hit against the wall at the Paparoa tennis club courts to help me get moving again.

The very friendly Paparoa Tennis Club have encouraged me, they even encouraged me to play doubles with them and I enjoy helping at fundraising events and picking up balls for the junior coaching held during summer, I have gained a wonderful sense of

community.

Since then, my love of tennis has been reignited and I found Blind and Low vision tennis, and it has changed my life. BLV tennis is growing in NZ, I am driving the development of the sport with an excellent group of supporters, it is invigorating to see other people excited just like I was that they CAN play tennis.

I have gone to Australia twice this year to compete, I am getting better every trip, so much so I came to the attention of the international blind tennis association, and they have offered me a 'wildcard' into this year's world champs in Venice, September 23-29.

This is such an amazing honour to represent NZ on an international stage, there are twenty countries attending with approximately 140 athletes invited. I will be the first player from NZ to attend any IBTA event, this is a special achievement for the



Paparoa Tennis Club.

I have paid for previous trips myself, and fund my own coaching, however, this trip is going to cost a lot of money. I don't want a handout, but

I'd love a hand up, so if anyone could donate to my Give a Little page (QR code) or give me local fundraising opportunities I would very much appreciate it.

Lissie





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My Kitten Is a Ninja by Ken Nesbitt

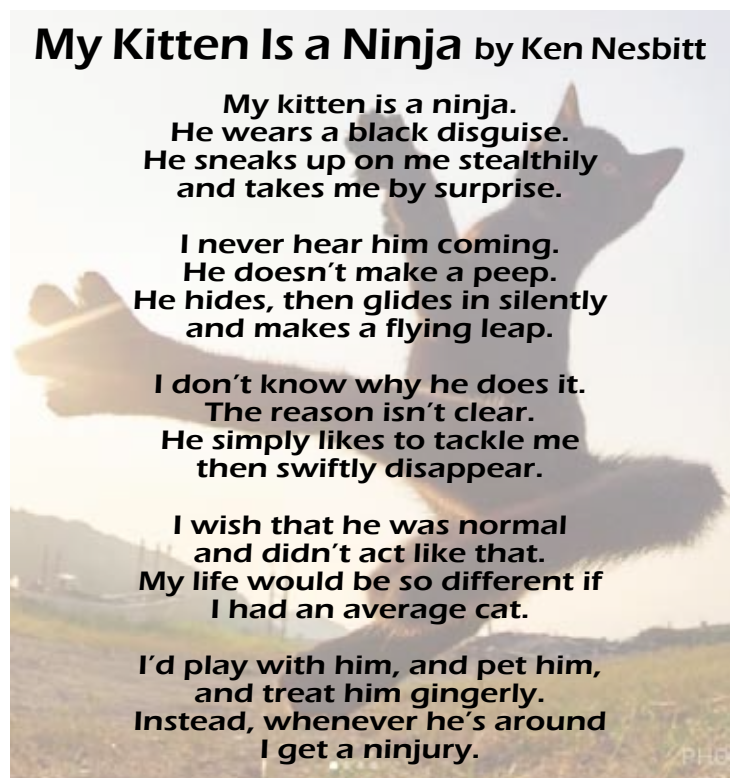
**My kitten is a ninja.
He wears a black disguise.
He sneaks up on me stealthily
and takes me by surprise.**

**I never hear him coming.
He doesn't make a peep.
He hides, then glides in silently
and makes a flying leap.**

**I don't know why he does it.
The reason isn't clear.
He simply likes to tackle me
then swiftly disappear.**

**I wish that he was normal
and didn't act like that.
My life would be so different if
I had an average cat.**

**I'd play with him, and pet him,
and treat him gingerly.
Instead, whenever he's around
I get a ninjury.**



BOOKS AND BOOKCLUBS

Bookclubs vary according to the reading tastes of their members, but some common themes run through them all- avid readers and favourite authors. Funnily enough a lot of these favourite authors have the first name Kate. And not all of these Kates write fiction novels about women.

Kate McDougall has written an autobiography that will be of great interest to many of our local dog lovers. "London's No.1 Dog-Walking Agency," is a real life expose of doggie tales (and waggy tails) to delight you. From the blurb: "This is a glorious romp of a book starring a cornucopia of canines and their hapless humans." It carries a between-the-lines message of how interfering mothers can cause low self esteem and self-doubt in their offspring. The author was in her early 20s when she started out on this rather different way of earning a living, and as well as all the lovely anecdotes about dogs, their owners, and her staff, there is the story of her struggle to believe in herself and keep going through countless obstacles and difficulties. My one criticism is with the publisher. There are mistakes on almost every second page, words and letters put in, left out, areas of confusion, the proof-reader needs to be sacked, if they even had one. Probably Al.

Kayte Nunn (The Botanist's Daughter, The Silk House, among others) has written a fictional novel set in Puget Sound in America, "The Only Child". It is a fact that some young girls have to suddenly leave high school, to return nine months later and carry on where they left off. Many of the "care" institutions for unwed mothers in our past were not caring at all. And there were few choices in years gone by for girls in that situation. This is a murder mystery involving three generations of women with sufficient historical fact, family secrets and surprises to keep you turning the pages.

Another murder mystery, not just for the girls, is "Black Widows," by Cate Quinn. Blake's dead. His wife killed him. The question is, which one? My first thought was that this man had been married three times, but no, he was married to all three at the same time. And I also thought that all the characters in this book were in need of a psychiatrist and any one of them could be guilty, right until the last pages.

Kate Funnivall has written 12 best-selling novels. "Child of the Ruins," is set in post-war Germany, in East Berlin. Anna lives with her mother in abject poverty. A mother who left Anna's 3-month-old baby boy on their doorstep without her knowledge, for someone, anyone, to take him off their hands. Ingrid was a circus performer, but no need for that in Berlin in the early 1950s. Their stories intertwine in an alarming way, midst Russian soldiers, continuous overhead planes, American spies, starving street urchins, murder and intrigue, not just one for the girls. If you enjoy un-put-downable page-turners, this is one for you and is my favourite of the month.

More Kates: Kate Morton (Australian, 'Homecoming'), Kate Atkinson ('Life after Life', also a TV series), Kate More ('The Woman They Could Not Silence', based on fact), Kate Robb ('This Spells Love', romance), Kate Messner (Young Adults, 'Ranger in Time' series, sci-fi), Kate di Camillo ('The Tale of Despereaux', children) and in NZ Kate De Goldi ('The 10p.m. Question', Young Adults, and 'Clubs A Lolly Leopold Story', children). A cornucopia of Kates.

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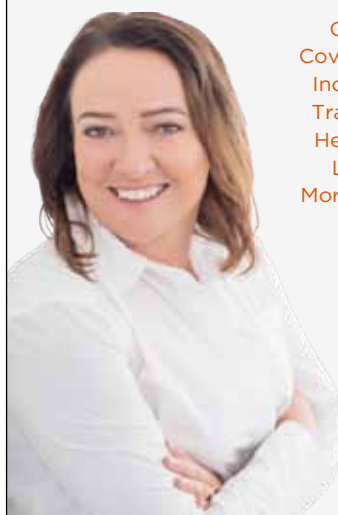
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Some sponges have a fragile silicon skeleton and are known as glass sponges. Others have spicules of calcium carbonate and are quite



small. Then there are the demosponges which are very large and brightly coloured.

Sponges are hermaphrodites (both male and female). Male sperm are released into the water and float around until they float into the body pores of another sponge where fertilisation takes place. The little larvae swim out using flagella (hair-like filaments) and cruise around until they find a rock or hard place, if this is needed, to grow on.

Sponges have a strange ability- if they are collected and blended into a slurry with other sponges, then put back into a suitable aquarium, the cells all reorganise, find their original cell mates and go back to their original sponge shape!

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July in the Garden

July is the best time to get planting!! Our soil is softer now so digging is much easier. Watch how the water flows through your land and plant on higher dryer ground. Make sure you add lots of compost to each new hole.

Let's get some new fruit trees in this month and plant for future generations to enjoy.

Planting by the moon - the most fertile time is between 8th-18th July.

Fertilise fruit and citrus trees, berries and roses this month. Give your rhubarb and banana plants another helping of manure.

Keep planting your brassicas in a six weekly cycle - what a season it's been so far - the best broccoli and cauliflower I have ever grown!

The rain brings the return of slugs and snails so try and keep on top of these.

Treat yourself to a new rose bush, there are so many beauties to choose from (or try growing some from cuttings)



Pick and enjoy another citrus season - I am going to try making lemoncello this year.

Happy Gardening
Smiles, C

GROW WHAKATIPU Paparoa Inc

I think we are all truly feeling winter at the moment but this hasn't halted any of the work being done within the gardens this last month! All of our garden beds are now planted or ready to be planted and we are back to harvesting almost every Sunday. Some weeks we don't have enough for both food banks however

we are getting a reasonable amount out to either one or both regularly again. In June we put a call out to help us plant a couple of hundred seedlings and it was answered by 3 extra volunteers, we are very grateful for the work they put in getting this round of plants in the ground with us. They contributed six hours in total which will ensure we continue to supply the local area as best we can for months to come. It doesn't take a lot of time to make a difference in someone else's life!

Even though it takes only a couple of hours to plant, it can take months for some seedlings to get to full size to be harvested. We have some regular volunteers who take the time and effort to ensure this comes to fruition. It is therefore understandably disheartening if something happens to these vegetables. A couple of weeks ago we had someone enter the garden and help themselves to veggies that were not yet ready to be harvested. This means that the time and space that should have fed up to 36 people would have only fed only a couple, if lucky. We are more than happy to give and share these vegetables (please come see us) but we want to see our hard work pay off and feed the maximum amount of people it can so please do come see us and we are happy to share what is ready.

Aladdin's Cave, our second hand shop, has been doing very well since reopening. We are very happy with our new space and undercover area. It means that we can be open every Saturday regardless of the weather. If you haven't been in to check it out please pop in and say hi to our lovely volunteers there! If you happen to have anything you are looking to get rid of please drop it off on a Saturday morning during our opening hours of 9.30-1pm, unfortunately we are unable to accept donations at any other time and please could we ask that you do not dump or leave anything at our garage. If it is unsuitable we have to pay to dump it and as a relatively small charity organisation this is costly for us to do.

Lastly, we would like to thank all who came along to our timebank information morning last month. We believe this is an organisation that really aligns with our beliefs in building community and helping one another. We are delighted to be able to give back to our volunteers (who are timebank members) and hope that many more individuals as well as organisations join in the future. Please check out our facebook page for a link to Tai Tokerau Timebank if you'd like any more information.

July's Volunteer profile is from Kim:

We moved to Paparoa in early 2020 and COVID followed close on our heels, so we could not immediately meet our neighbours. Isolation did give me time to start my own veggie garden and as soon as it was possible I joined the Grow Paparoa volunteers. It seemed a good fit - I like to grow and I like to contribute to the community. This group of friends quickly drew us into Paparoa life.

Volunteering at GP has so many benefits: physical exercise, social interaction, a place to relax, a chance to learn new skills and not least, a network of welcoming people who can provide information and help. Those bonds of friendship are more than enough reward for a few hours of work per week.

Katie Fullerton



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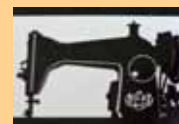


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Hopefully everyone will get to know our community better, connect with like minded individuals and save money by sharing and caring.

Simply post on the Facebook group "Sustainable Swap Paparoa" asking if anyone has what you're looking for or asking if anyone wants what you have.

Since starting in September last year trades have included fruit, veges, cuttings, eggs, yoga sessions, appliance repairs, food scraps for worm farms, hay, trees, seeds, seedlings, and more.

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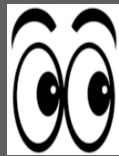


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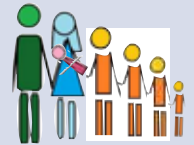
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From our family to yours Chicken Licken Part 2

Faith : Never a more polarising word have I written, apart from, maybe, 'paper straws'.

We all have a measure of faith. We have faith the sun will rise, we have faith in good



OR bad things happening, we have a choice as to where we place our faith. Faith is a "Belief; the assent of the mind to the truth of what is declared by another; reliance on testimony." Another definition of faith, "That which is believed on any subject, whether in science, politics, or religion." Last month I left you hanging, dear reader, on whether your faith is placed in a ditzzy Chick who thinks the sky is falling; a gaggle of farmyard chooks, who aren't tempered in their enthusiasm to agree the sky is falling, regardless of first hand evidence; in the hungry Fox, who has a full PR campaign running that he's 'simply trying to feed his hungry children'; or in the King. Who is not available for comment.

The gaggle of kooky chooks had faith that Chicken Licken was telling the truth, they relied on faith in his testimony. Chicken Licken placed his confidence in the King, in faith that he would fix the sky from falling, or set him straight on what was really happening. He took his eyes off the King when he heard the Fox's promises.

We take the analogy on a turn herein : The world are like the gaggle of chooks. They will gather around you, chirping and repeating your words, fluffing up your ego with agreements, so when the Fox appears (aka Evil), also claiming to agree and wanting to assist, the little Chick is off guard. The Fox is promising what the Chick wants: in faith, he follows the Fox. It doesn't pay off. The Fox is crafty and smooth, he looks like your friend, but the truth becomes apparent the moment the door locks behind you.

Faith in this world is fleeting. Material possessions will fade, or not even be there in the first place. People will agree with you, when they really just want to be a part of something exciting. Evil lurks, ready to devour you. Where do you place your faith?

For me, solely in the King. Of whom, I am not meaning Charles, or Elvis- I have faith in the Creator of Nature and the Universe; Almighty God. Who loves us, whether we like it or not. Many are devoured by the Fox and turn around to blame the King- but we have free will to choose where we place our faith . Choose wisely, dear friends.

Many blessings on your home this July.

Jenny

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Pets in the Valley



Pain is an interesting thing. I know it's not politically correct, but I admire stoicism- those humans and animals who have painful problems occurring but don't make a big fuss about it. It can have its drawbacks though- probably more so in animals.

I recently met a beautiful huntaway who has been a bit off colour for a few days, and had vomited a few times, but was still pretty happy. She didn't indicate she had any pain in her abdomen but I was suspicious that she was just very stoic.



We put her on a drip and a bit later she said she was hungry and wanted food which made me question whether she was just a medical case rather than surgical. However overnight she had deteriorated and so onto the surgery tablet she went. Firmly stuck in her intestines was a corn cob which we successfully removed.

When she came back for a check a few days later she was bouncing all over the clinic as if nothing had happened. It would probably have been better if she has shown a few more symptoms earlier to save her a day or two of nasty abdominal pain. I bet she would eat the corn cob all over again!

Have fun keeping out of the mud,
Janine

Protect your privacy

Did you know that your name and address are available to certain parties through Waka Kotahi (NZTA)?

If these people or organisations are "authorised" they have direct access to vehicle registration information. They seem to mainly be companies involved in Insurance, finance, towing, car sales and parking- which is perfectly legitimate. NZTA do have processes for vetting those who want to access this information - but who is to say your details will only be used for genuine reasons?

Say someone is wanting to find out where you live, with not the best of intentions, and they have a mate who works for one of these companies who can obtain your personal information for them? I'm not sure I'd be comfortable about that.

There is a solution though. You can revoke authorised access to your details by opting out on the Waka Kotahi website: <https://transact.nzta.govt.nz/transactions/PersonalInfoAccess/entry>.

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021687226
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Graham Withers, Tinopai
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Paparoa Library AGM

**Friday 26th
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WHAT'S ON - JULY 2024

The Kauri Museum - open 7 days, 9am-5pm. Half price July.
Schools Matariki Art Exhibition on now.

White Rock Gallery - 5 Church Rd Matakoho (Kauri Museum) Open 7 days 10 - 4
School Holidays - July 5 - 21.

Natural Perfumery Workshops - Mon July 8 & 15. See ad p8 for booking info.

Meet with the Mayor - Wed July 10. Village Cafe. See p2 for more details.

Otamatea Repertory Theatre Presents "The Pirate Queen" - July 12 - 21.
Go to .www.ort.org.nz for booking details and times.

Marohemo Hall Fundraising Pot Luck Dinner - Sat 20 July. See p6 for info.

OUT & ABOUT AROUND TOWN

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

Artisan & Collectibles Market Quarterly. Paparoa Memorial Hall 10am-2pm. Next market September. Email artisanmarket.paparoa@gmail.com or ph Steph 027 452 7124 or Ruth 021 433 969.

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

Paparoa Golf Course Winter Sunday golfing. 18 holes (\$20) tee off 10am, 9 holes (\$10) 12 midday. Includes food afterwards. Enquiries to club secretary on 022 678 1474.

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



Linking Hands Fundraiser

Funds are being sought to replace aging vehicles in the Linking Hands fleet, and to help with day to day running costs. This is a free shuttle service to get people to and from medical appointments and has been running for 16 years with volunteer drivers.

To make a donation to this essential service you can scan the QR code or go to: givealittle.co.nz/org/linkinghandsinc



REGULAR EVENTS, MEETINGS AND ORGANISATIONS

Anglican Church St Marks Hook Road, ph 431 8193 or 431 6224 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 9-Noon, Village Green, Linda 021 362468

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

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

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

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

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

Paparoa Mah Jong Group 1st & 3rd Tues, Paparoa Hall 1.30-4pm, Sara 021 0774947

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

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

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

Alternate Sat mornings 10am-1pm.

Maungaturoto and Districts Rotary Club Maungaturoto Centennial Hall,

Tuesday evenings 6pm, Ph Stella 021 149 0877

Otamatea Quilters 1st and 3rd Mon month 10am, Paparoa Hall 09 439 2262

Outdoor Bowls Maungaturoto Green Ph Tony 431 6026 or Brian 431 6884

Pahi Hall available for hire Ph Tina 0210335128

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

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

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

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

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

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

Library Manager 09 431 7555 during library hours. Returns Box at Skeltons

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

Paparoa Playcentre Tuesday and Thursday 10am-1pm Visitors Welcome

Ph Kirstin 431 7373 txt 021 525 425 or Jane 431 6148 paparoa@playcentre.org.nz

Paparoa Primary School 2024. Term 2 ends 5 July, term 3 starts 22 July, ends 27 Sept, term 4 starts 14 Oct, ends 13 Dec. Ph 431 7379

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

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

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

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

Sports Pavilion Functions Venue Bookings ph Jane Bailey 431 6148

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

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

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

Yoga For Everyone Tues and Fri, 9.30am, Sports Pavilion. Hatha yoga & more.

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TIDES - CALCULATED for PAHI-WHAKAPIRAU

DATE	LOW	HIGH	DATE	LOW	HIGH
1st	12.36	6.32	17th	13.18	7.13
2nd	13.39	7.33	18th	14.18	8.13
3rd	14.39	8.35	19th	15.13	9.10
4th	15.35	9.33	20th	16.03	10.03
5th	16.25	10.26	21st	16.49	10.53
6th	17.11	11.15	22nd	17.34	11.41
7th	17.53	12.00	23rd	6.01	12.28
8th	6.19	12.42	24th	6.47	13.14
9th	6.59	13.21	25th	7.34	14.01
10th	7.39	13.59	26th	8.22	14.49
11th	8.18	14.38	27th	9.12	15.40
12th	8.58	15.19	28th	10.05	16.37
13th	9.41	16.03	29th	11.04	17.41
14th	10.27	16.53	30th	12.09	6.05
15th	11.19	17.51	31st	13.21	7.15
16th	12.16	6.14			

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

Mangawhai Office..... 0800 100 388

KAIPARA PHYSIOTHERAPY Lyndsay Bargh/Lynne Rhodes... 09 4391656

LINKING HANDS Health Shuttle Service, Maungaturoto. 09 431 8969

LIONS CLUB PAPAROA President Jim Rowlands..... 09 431 7290

MAUNGATUROTO PHARMACY 09 431 8045

MAUNGATUROTO REST HOME 09 431 8696

OTAMATEA COMMUNITY SERVICES Community House 09 431 9080

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

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PAPAROA PLAYCENTRE paparoa@playcentre.org.nz

PAPAROA PLUNKET .Plunket Nurse Louise 027 2823987 or 09 438 2508

PLUNKET Helpline 0800 933 922

PAPAROA PRIMARY SCHOOL 09 431 7379

PROGRESSIVE PAPAROA INC (PPI) Pete Hames 021 0567163

PARENT PORT Inc. free help for families Linda 09 425 9357

Winter cheer at Selwyn Centre

Paparoa Selwyn Centre continues to provide a friendly weekly social occasion for Seniors, hosted at St Mark's Anglican Church, Hook Road on Thursday mornings from 9.45am- 12pm.

New guests will be very welcome, whether attending regularly or when suitable. The session begins with a gentle exercise DVD designed to assist with balance and suppleness of limbs and joints.

Morning tea follows and a varied programme of activities and quizzes



encouraging all to participate, accompanied by fun and laughter.

Volunteers: We have a wonderful, though small group of dedicated volunteers. However, there are times when someone needs to be away, or is unable to attend regularly. We would love to hear from anyone who may be interested in becoming a volunteer, even for one or two Thursdays a month.

Transport: We endeavour to facilitate transport where possible for those who are unable to travel independently.

For further information please ph Sue 027 417 4626 or 431 6224.

Manaaki House opening

The culmination of many years of planning and hard work in Paparoa came to fruition on June 7th with the opening of Manaaki House and the three rental homes in the new Twin Streams Wai Oranga Rua subdivision off Franklin Road.

Paparoa Community Charitable Trust (PCCT) Chair Graham Taylor welcomed distinguished guests including Honourable Mark Patterson (Minister of Rural Communities, Assoc Minister of Agriculture and Assoc Minister of Regional Development), local MP Grant McCallum, Deputy Mayor Jonathon Larsen, as well as representatives from MBIE, GJ Gardner Homes, KDC, real estate agents, legal advisors from Henderson Reeves and engineer Richard Smales. Also present were the Trustees of PCCT and spouses, Andrew Hames (whose family generously sold the land under very favourable terms), as well as a number of former supporters and community members who were involved in the early stages.

Graham briefly outlined the

story of the subdivision, from the initial vision of creating retirement living for the residents of Paparoa, through a long and sometimes convoluted process, to what we have today. With a total of 29 new sections, including 14 retirement lots, the Twin Streams subdivision is probably the largest addition to Paparoa since the early European settlers arrived. With the help of a grant from the Infrastructure Reference Group (MBIE), our community now has three rental homes on Manaaki Circle specifically for people over 60 years old, as well as a community centre for the residents of Manaaki Circle, known as Manaaki House.

Before handing over to the Minister for the official opening, Graham thanked everyone who had helped achieve this goal, and



especially the Trustees who have given up so much time and energy over the last eight years. Special mention was made of Ken Chambers who has worked tirelessly over the last few years to improve and maintain the grounds and tracks of the subdivision. The walking tracks formed as

part of the development are a welcome enhancement for all of the community to use.

The Trust is looking forward to seeing the lifestyle village continue to develop in the coming years and providing a place for the senior members of our local community.

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