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## For the love of wild horses...

Each year wild Kaimanawa horses are mustered by helicopter from the Kaimanawa Ranges down near Waiouru at the Army base and offered up for rehoming. This is to maintain the herd numbers so they can be kept at a manageable number to ensure there is enough feed for them all and that the herd remains as healthy as possible.

Morgan Chandler-Bruce is 23 years-old and has been involved with horses her entire life. She has been working with wild horses since 2019 when she got her very first Kaimanawa. In 2021, under the guidance of Kelly Wilson, she took on her first stallion from the muster to compete as an amateur trainer in the Ultra-Mox Freedom to friendship Stallion Challenges held at Equifest. She finished in the top six, as well as



taking out the team gold in the event alongside Kelly. In 2022 she competed in the stallion challenges once again, this time finishing Reserve Champion over all, with many wins and placings in each of the classes.

This year, based in Paparoa at Simone Frewin's property, they have five wild horses at the yards- four yearling colts and one 12-year-old stallion, Espresso.



Morgan will compete with Espresso in the stallion challenges later this year. One of the colts belongs to mentored student Stevie-Ray Ball, who is aiming for the Juniors and Juveniles competition at Equifest in October this year. Stevie is a first time trainer, and under the guidance of Morgan, has formed an incredible bond with her yearling colt Cash already!



Stevie-Raye is gaining an amazing understanding of the wild horses and enjoying every moment of working with them. She is really looking forward to showcasing at Equifest.

Simone's business Feed 2U offered sponsorship of feed for a Northlander competing at Equifest and this was won by Stevie-Raye and Cash.

There are another two horses being handled, one is heading to Waiheke Island and the other belongs to Tanaia Jarvis.



The girls would like to thank everyone who has sponsored them with feed so far in this journey, Trevor Rintoul, Bryce Ball and Feed 2U. I'm sure there will be some fundraising coming up for the girls to complete this journey.



Equifest is one of New Zealand's largest equestrian events. This is where Kaimanawa's from the latest muster are selected to compete in their elected divisions, with classes ranging from horsemanship, obstacles and a freestyle. From our yards this year we have three horses aiming for this



competition. Stevie and Cash, Cameron and Ace competing in the Amateurs and Juveniles, as well as Morgan and Espresso competing in the Stallion Challenge.

You can follow the girls journeys on their Facebook pages: "Morgan Chandler-Bruce Equestrian" and "From roaming the ranges to life on the farm".

Stevie-Raye, Morgan & Tina



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## Paparoa School news

At the beginning of the term our Year five and six students went on camp, travelling down to Waihi for four days. Luckily, we had the last of the warm weather to complete all the activities.



There were lots of highlights, but what has stuck in my mind was seeing and hearing the excitement from the students when they discovered a tyre

swing on the beach or the joys of the waterfall we visited. It's not always about the biggest or best but experiencing the little and simplest things together. So the highlights of our trip were having

dessert every night, going for a swim next to a huge waterfall, playing on the tyre swing at the beach, mini golf and an ice cream sundae on the way home.

Our surf lesson was cancelled due to the 2m high waves, but it was pretty amazing to go up to the point and watch them smashing against the rocks! We had an awesome group of kids and parents and I am sure that we have made some great memories.

Our Technology learning has begun, and the students are fizzing with excitement. The planning of their Wearable Arts costumes are on the go and recycled/reusable materials are flowing in through the door. Obviously, the hardest part is yet to come, and mistakes will be made but that is part of the technology process. We will see lots of modifying, probably a few tears of frustration but in the end these students are going to be so proud of their creations. I can't wait until our Wearable Arts Show.

On Thursday 16th May we

celebrated Support Staff Day. We have five amazing support staff and it was lovely to acknowledge their hard work and the part they play in our school. As I shared on our



facebook page - Ehara taku toa I te toa takitahi, engari kē he toa takitini - One's success is due to the support and contribution of many. Thank you to Christine, Matt, Jane, Rebecca and Willow for your contribution to Paparoa School.

Winter is certainly crawling closer, don't forget that we have wood for sale at school if you need more. We also have mulch to help tidy up the gardens or top up paths before the rains come.

Stay warm, stay safe and be kind to one another

Nga Mihi Nui

Karyn Taylor  
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## Council Mark says – We need to disagree!

This column is about confirmation bias. I was listening to my old Simon and Garfunkel Greatest Hits LP (yep, actual vinyl [smiley face]), and out of The Boxer (1970) came the words: "... a man hears what he wants to hear, and disregards the rest".

That very succinctly puts the proposition that if we have a certain mindset about something, the evidence that supports that view is given greater weight than evidence which has an opposing perspective. This has been called confirmation bias, but I think Paul Simon had a pretty good handle on it. I know I do this sometimes, except when I'm right of course! Confirmation bias can be neutralised by independent critical thinking, which means keeping an open mind to other points of view. We need to disagree!

I write this on the threshold of the hearing of submissions to the KDC draft Long-term Plan, and as I have been reading the submissions I have made myself rethink my views on a couple where my first response was to be quite dismissive, but I'm interested

now to hear more of what they have to say.

Groupthink is also related. That is a risk where the individuals in a homogenous group work towards a conclusion that each one believes that is what the majority thinks. Confirmation bias is also in play. This can mean that alternatives are discounted, so there is no 'Plan B' if Plan A doesn't work out. You might be able to come up with your own example of this, say a Police investigation where credible alternative scenarios were ignored- Arthur Allen Thomas maybe? And what about the Bay of Pigs fiasco in 1961, or the search for weapons of mass destruction in Iraq 20 years ago?

I wish more of my council colleagues would engage in independent critical thinking rather than following the group line, but that might be setting an undesirable

precedent, although they might disagree with me on that.

Mark Vincent  
Otamatea Ward councillor  
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## Wellbeing Hub draws a crowd

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Veda is a water researcher, public speaker, mother, artist and author. She has dedicated the last 10 years to observing and photographing the life of water. She believes that water is fluid intelligence, observing itself through every living organism on the planet and in the universe.

Veda became a water

researcher after having a horrific car accident and receiving injuries that required eight surgeries and started her on a journey of learning to heal her own body. She has collected thousands of photos of frozen water and is collating evidence from her helpers all around the world to gain more knowledge of water's living intelligence. You can find more information from Veda's website [vedaustin.com](http://vedaustin.com)

There will be no Wellness



Hub in June so keep an eye out for details about the next one in July.

Vicky



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Come along and enjoy morning tea, then a buffet-style lunch at 12. This is followed by the raffle draw - you may be the lucky winner!

All ages welcome. This is the perfect opportunity to get out of the house and mix with others. Make new friends, or meet up with old friends and neighbours.

There's plenty of off-street parking.

We have space available in the Community House for groups, clubs or businesses needing a venue for meetings etc. Phone us on 431 9080 to find out more.

### This month's calendar at a glance:

Tuesday 11th June, free shopping trip to Whangarei.

Wednesday 12th June, free community lunch.

Thursday 27th June, free shopping trip to Whangarei.

Phone us on 431 9080 to enquire about any of the above.

Take care of yourselves and each other

From all at OCS



## Our footpaths!

On a recent beautiful autumn morning a group of concerned locals met with council staff, including a Road Safety and Traffic Engineer, to discuss the state of the Paparoa footpaths.

As we walked down from the Hall carpark, they could clearly see for themselves. The overgrown footpath and constant enormous trucks made for a terrifying journey. Then, over Cliffs Bridge, past the many metres of destroyed footpath to the store, and through the village.

As the sun shone upon us, we pointed out that in wet weather this was even worse. Cliffs Bridge became a paddling pool, the bank footpath a ski slope and the g.a.s. forecourt a circus. Villagers walk with trepidation, often being forced to make dangerous moves onto the road to dodge the numerous obstacles. It's

a problem for anyone but imagine what it must be like for our disabled residents. These are all clearly in the realm of serious health and safety issues.

We discussed who was responsible for what between Waka Kotahi and the Kaipara District Council. The conclusion was that these issues would be brought up with the appropriate agency but not to hold our breath!

The strong advice to us is to **make a lot of noise** about these issues. Keep hounding the council. Write to the local councillor and cc him into all correspondence - Mark Vincent 0210898037 mvincent@kaipara.govt.

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Rural Support Trust Northland are dedicated to providing rural communities with services and events that focus on well-being and connectedness. With this in mind, Rural Support Trust Northland are proud to bring you a dinner and evening event with 'Limb-it-less' Shaz Dagg on Wednesday 3rd July at Paparoa Sports Pavillion.

Sharon 'Shaz' Dagg is an Amputee & Paratriathlete who has an inspiring story & mindset. Shaz or limb-it-less-shaz-dagg to others, started her journey with a freak farm accident, which saw her arm smashed between a post and a large gate while working on a goat farm. When taken to hospital and not getting the proper attention needed, she was left with a redundant arm which she chose to have removed to move forward with her life. And so began an unbelievable journey with "Stumpy", learning and adapting life situations to her advantage. This led to a remarkable sports journey, with many highlights and achievements, including being a recipient of the Kiwibank New Zealander of the Year- Local Hero Award.

Doors open at 6pm with a buffet dinner. Programme begins at 7pm, followed by supper and connection at 8pm. Tickets are \$10 per person and include dinner and keynote speech from Shaz.

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## Honouring our volunteer fire brigade

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As our first honours occasion it was a bit of a catch up with certificates, medals and bars given to both current and previous members who had served within the last 10 years and achieved their five year Silver Star. Members receive the silver star after five years and then a silver bar every two years thereafter.

There were also two long service good conduct medals awarded

which are a Queens (now Kings) medal awarded for 14 years service with good conduct. All together the awards on the night represented 142 years service to our community.

The awards service was broken up with a delicious meal and followed by a dance party until the wee hours.

The evening also represented a few final closures in the NZ Fire Service/Rural Fire Authority amalgamation into one organisation, now FENZ, with Paparoa being fully kitted out in FENZ dress uniform for the first time. Some new ranks were conferred on members that have been previously unavailable in the rural space. All of this seems to be appreciated by our brigade and is a fitting thank you for their amazing service.

Stacey Watson



Graham Marks receiving an award from Corey Matchitt



Ken Ogilvy, Shaun Holland, Nigel Bernie, Dan Dare & Amanda Brown

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## Fun at Otamatea Day Camp

Otamatea Day Camp was a huge success again.

Held in the first week of the school holidays, 140 children aged six to twelve years and 37 teen helpers and at least 60 adult helpers had a great time over three days.

The venue was the Millar's Farm, Paparoa Station Rd, Paparoa.

For much of the day, children were in age group teams with teen leaders, and an adult helper. They learnt some new songs and participated in a Bible-based learning

experience and met some new friends. They also explored the bush, built a bush hut, and built a campfire on which to cook part of their lunch. In the afternoon there were electives such as dam building, craft, horse-riding, archery, woodwork, cake decorating, bush cooking, etc. The children could choose from 20 different electives. The camp is sponsored by our local churches.

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## Dogs on the loose or not?

Walking the dog is great for the dog and no doubt the owner too. It is great to see many people using the newly available walking track encompassing Twin Streams, Arahaanga Rd and Manaaki Circle. Paparoa is fortunate to have these pathways available.

However, as with any public spaces in Kaipara it is imperative to keep your canine under control. As the newly developed properties do not have fencing, your pooch may not recognise the boundaries and will rely on your control (ie on a lead) to keep them from becoming unwanted intruders on private property.

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## At the market

Denny Clayton is a market gardener and has been nearly all his working life. He just likes to grow things, so when he and wife Karen bought their 10 acre block at Matakoho it wasn't long before the tractors were working up the ground in preparation for growing more vegetables.

He has been a stall holder at the Paparoa Farmer's Market since 2021 but had to take a year off in 2023 due to ill health.

Denny grew up in the Hawkes Bay where his parents were market gardening and orcharding on a 300 acre block supplying potatoes, pumpkins, cabbage and

cauliflowers as well as plums and apricots. After a few years of working for his father Denny moved north, and after a short stay in Auckland he went back to market gardening for a family

hay as a mulch to increase the organic matter of the soil and have had great results from the areas that they have done this to. They grow up to 18 different vegetables, all spray free, through the



at Maungakaramaea. Apart from a couple of stints back in the Hawkes Bay where he helped on his father's farm, this is where Denny spent most of his working life. Over the years he has worked for others, leased blocks to grow vegetables, and owned a small piece of land at Whatitiri, where he enjoyed working in the volcanic soil.

Denny and Karen bought their retirement block at Matakoho about four years ago and they are steadily working away at improving the soil. They collect seaweed from the east coast beaches, add some fish, and make their own fertiliser. They also use

spring and summer months, with a bit less variety available now. On a typical Saturday in May Denny sells butternuts, kumikumi, carrots, zucchini, beans and more. As well as being at the market every Saturday morning they also make a weekly trip to Whangarei to supply an outlet there. With his wealth of knowledge and experience Denny is the ideal person to ask about vegetable gardening. He is always happy to chat to customers, so do say giddyay to him when you come down to the market on Saturday morning.

Pete

## Possible Community Gym for Paparoa

The Paparoa Sports and Recreation Association are looking at setting up a small community gym at the Paparoa Sports Pavilion.

This would have a limited amount of gym equipment and be available for community use, with an affordable membership fee. We are hoping to have instructors to help get users started and personal trainer options. We are wanting to gauge interest from the community for potential

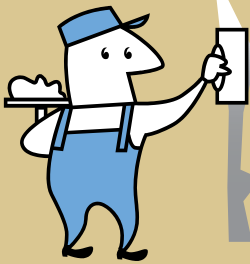
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## Letters from The Old Post Office...

And if you don't like it, just turn the page....

Dear Reader, thinking this should become a personal motto. Or simply, maybe just scroll on by, to put it in a more modern context.

After the revealing of my own antipathy towards Hamlet (amongst other characters both fictional and non) a friend and I took to critiquing other wet sops in literature.

Firstly, Ophelia. Wet, both literally and figuratively. Taking Hamlet's many insults to heart instead of smacking him around the face with a dead herring (a popular Danish fish) she cast herself into the river in a green melancholy. Perhaps she was suffering a Vitamin D deficiency from the reduced sunshine hours in Denmark's winter. Of course, gender/social inequalities in 16th C Denmark may have made slapping Princes about the face difficult and not without consequences.

Nevertheless, the girl was clearly no Boudicca.

Our conversation re soppy females meandered in a gentle sort of way to the other great tragedies. Usually involving a woman scorned, wronged and sullied.

Think of Madame Butterfly. She should have got a job on a boat and hid herself to the States rather than swanning about on bridges and mourning her absentee American soldier "alleged" husband. And then when the faithless one returns! Well, we thought we could leave that to your imaginations. Boiling oil sounded effective, although quite difficult to apply.

Then Giselle, from that famed ballet. Another girl scorned, doomed to disappointment, and killing herself with her lover's sword she is forever cursed to dance any stray

man in the forest to death. Yes, I know. It is a ballet. Lots of slow poignant pas de deux, lovely frocks etc, etc But what does this forgiving wench do? Rather than allow her erstwhile lover to be pirouetted to death by the Willis (vengeful female ghosts who do ballet) she saves him. She should have used his sword for other purposes. Or as the song says "Not believed the lies of handsome men".

Dear Reader, think too of the ballet Swan lake. Another woman left to die, abandoned. I mean surely being tempted by a black swan rather than the usual white swan might have given the prince a clue? Clearly, not the brightest biscuit. Another in-bred dynasty. More in the tights than in the head.

However, as I did point out to the now comatose friend. There are examples of strong females fictional and non-fictional, it is just in a Barbie sort of way the prevailing view seems to be that girls are frail, weak and easy to take advantage of. And look better in pink.

Therefore, I will just mention Lady MacBeth (you didn't mess with her), and the aforementioned Boudicca. Affixing swords to your chariot wheels is truly inspired, Cleopatra (allegedly her brother was in the way of her path to power and clearly did not step away in time) Margaret Thatcher, her of the iron knickers, and any woman who forages for mushrooms.

Thus on balance, in a soporific sort of way, we decided that there are plenty

of strong female characters, it is just that they tend to not be so comfortable to know. Even turning to vengeance if wronged. Possibly crying "Deus hoc vult!"\* as they went.

And perforce, finally you may turn the page.

Deb

\*Latin, meaning God wills it.



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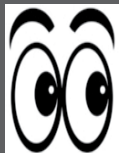
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## We need you!

At White Rock we strive to keep the Gallery open 7 days, 10am-4pm. We're in need of help with our roster, and

so we invite you to join us, either as an Exhibitor Member, or as a Friend of the Gallery (see details below).

Sales and visitor numbers have been brilliant since our move to Matakoho in July '23. The gallery space is much admired by visitors, and we have high quality, original, local work on display from our members. (We're located in the Post & Telegraph Office opposite Gumdigger's Cafe in Matakoho.)

The wonderful Kaipara community supports us by 'buying local' and many come to the gallery for that unique gift for someone special.

A visit to White Rock brings you to oh-so-peaceful Matakoho, with it's amazing Kauri Museum and awesome Gumdigger's Cafe - come for a coffee, or lunch, bring your visitors, make an outing of it.

A fresh art/mosaic/quilt exhibition is curated every two months next up is July 1st, while craft items are replenished continuously.

**EXHIBITOR MEMBER:** Are you a Kaipara-resident artist or artisan who would like to exhibit & sell your work? Cost of membership is: \$12 monthly; \$25 annually; and 20% commission on sales payable to the Gallery. Exhibiting members are also required to manage the gallery desk for two 3-hour shifts each month.

We believe the costs and time-commitment are relatively low when compared to similar galleries. We've operated as a volunteer collective since we first began in Paparoa 9 years ago. Membership charges are necessary to cover lease of premises; gallery running costs; and eftpos/credit card fees.

**FRIEND OF THE GALLERY:** Perhaps you have a little time on your hands and would like to be involved as a volunteer Friend of the Gallery? As little as 3hrs per month would be a huge help to us. Full training is provided and we now offer help with petrol costs for Friends.

Please come and see us, or ph or text Stu: 021 975 314, or [whiterockgallerynz@gmail.com](mailto:whiterockgallerynz@gmail.com)

Hoping to hear from you ...

White Rock Gallery Committee

## 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.

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## New Community Activator for Paparoa

Progressive Paparoa (PP) is excited to welcome Luciana Orr as the new Community Activator for Paparoa and surrounding districts. Luciana moved into the Kaipara district around eight years ago, after returning home from Australia where she worked for the University of Melbourne coordinating events and functions.

Since then she has had a variety of roles including a stint as Marketing Manager at the Kauri Museum, which inspired her to record a series of short stories called *Forgotten Tales of the Kaipara*. Partnering with the museum in 2022, she created an exhibition by the same name which was seen by over 20K visitors.

Luciana is a professional artist, illustrating heritage architecture for over twenty years and creating installations for public events.

She now offers yoga classes at the Paparoa Sports Pavilion,



teaches art to tamariki at Paparoa Primary and puts on art and health focused workshops for locals.

You may even have met her at the Farmer's Market a few years ago, selling home-grown organic fruit and veges in a bright red velvet jacket!

Luciana says "It's great to be able to offer support to the dedicated volunteers at PPI, helping them to realise the important community focused projects they have on the go.

So far I've been working with the Tech Team to get the [paparoa.org.nz](http://paparoa.org.nz) website update moving along,

and I will be organising the Business Community Showcase later in the year. Do come and have a chat when I'm next at the market with my Progressive Paparoa hat on."

The PP committee is also looking forward to Luciana helping us make progress on projects such as the Playground refresh, village signage, our footpaths and more. Do make yourself known to her when you see her at the market.

Pete Hames

## Matariki

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Matariki represents more than just a celestial event; it's a cultural tapestry that weaves together stories, traditions, and values. The Māori people celebrate this time with various activities, including cultural performances, stargazing, storytelling, and gatherings that foster a sense of community and connectedness. It's an occasion to learn about Māori heritage, share in the rich cultural experience, and honor the spirits of the ancestors.

"The Nine Stars of Matariki" hold immense cultural significance in Māori tradition. These stars have been part of Māori heritage for centuries, serving as celestial markers for seasonal and cultural events. They are associated with a rich tapestry of stories, rituals, and teachings that have been passed down through generations.

One of the remarkable aspects of Matariki is its inclusivity. Matariki celebrations are open to everyone, regardless of cultural background. It's a unique opportunity for individuals from diverse walks of life to come together, learn about Māori traditions, and celebrate the New Year as a community. Matariki bridges cultural gaps and fosters cultural understanding and appreciation.

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You will have heard of the brothers Grimm, they wrote fairy tales. Well, I have been reading some grim stories this last month and they are not fairy tales, though not all true.

"Dying to Know," by Rae Cairns is a fictional thriller. If you are a motorcycle enthusiast you will love this as there are many descriptions of bikes and rides around New South Wales Australia, but they are a sideline to the plot which is about solving how and why a beloved sister died, leaving her children to be raised by their aunty.

Then there is "The Lost Storyteller," by Amanda Block, another fiction about finding a lost family member and this time the clues are contained in several little fairy tales written by a Dad for his daughter. He used to be an actor in a very popular children's TV show and suddenly was never heard from or seen again. A journalist is hoping to write an article along the lines of "Where are they now?" but of course they must find him first, and it seems the family are very happy to never see him again. You just don't know where this story is going

to lead you, and I can't tell you the "grim" bit. Be of good cheer, it is a pleasant read until the end, and even then, some may not find it too bad. I'm like the daughter in the book, I hoped for a better ending.

"Auschwitz Lullaby," by Mario Escobar is a fictional novel based on the true story of Helene Hannemann and her five children. Just from the name "Auschwitz" you will know it is not going to be an easy read. Helene was a German woman who married a gypsy. He and the children were sent to the section of the prison camp set up for Gypsies (who were also considered by Hitler to be inferior along with Jews and homosexuals). Although Helene, being German, was exempt, she chose to stay with her children. This part of Auschwitz is where Mengele conducted his experiments on twins. Two of Helene's children were twins. Helene was chosen by Mengele to run a children's nursery and school with slightly better conditions from the rest of the camp. Trying to keep her own children safe while caring for all the gypsy children, and keep in favour with Mengele is why her story is still being told today.

Now for a true story, an autobiography set right here in Aotearoa/New Zealand. In "Excommunicated," Craig Hoyle tells of his childhood growing up in the Exclusive Brethren, his growing realisation that their practices aren't very "Christian", and that he is, and always has been, gay. After being put through "conversion therapy" he "comes out" on National Television, exposing the injurious heart of the Exclusive Brethren hierarchy, and he no longer has to make the hard decision for himself to leave his family, his home and his church. He is excommunicated.

Lots to think about and ponder over. The "Auschwitz Lullaby" even has Bookclub Discussion Questions at the back, believe it or not.

Anne Bate

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## Maungaturoto and Districts Rotary

**President: Babe Kapa**

Well, since I last shared with you, we (Rotary District 9910) have had the most amazing District Conference at Waitangi. Our logo this year has been "Create hope in the world", and all those who presented showed how they had contributed to this.

The Conference started with a presentation by the International District Governor. He stressed that in today's world, there seems to be a poverty of love, time, understanding and finances, and we were reminded that we all needed to share our values and take time to care for one another.

It is difficult to summarise the speakers, but some of the ones who impressed me, for different reasons were those who had worked tirelessly in Hawkes Bay after Cyclone Gabrielle, including Martha Tainui (originally from Northland but who has moved to the Bay). She was supported by many Rotarians (and others) who spent a week at a time in the area after Gabrielle. In many cases the silt was over the roof of homes so after a bulldozer had cleared a path, they would find out where people had their valuables in their homes and aim to remove the silt to retrieve them. Martha was heading up to Wairoa with a group of 40 people, aiming to strip the interior of 120 homes so they could be re-gibbed inside. A Rotarian from the Bay, who was heavily involved in the cleanup is now trying to organize a national body (Rotary Disaster Network of Assistance) that will have access to resources and equipment should they be needed in the future.

Natanahira Hirewini (Crown Prosecutor in South Auckland) was a participant in Rotary Youth exchange some years ago where he said, "it was a year in a lifetime and a lifetime in a year. Judge

Greg Davis (Matariki Courts) who spoke about changing perception and the need to change underlying drivers of poor behaviour.

Pat Sneddon (he wrote the book "Pakeha and the Treaty - why it is our Treaty too". He spoke about kawanatanga (governorship) being applied to all citizens, whakapapa (survival and belonging), Rangatiratanga (collective concerns for the other).

Tawera Nikau also spoke to us, not only about his league career but also his response to his situation when he lost his leg in a motor bike accident. His message was, "it is not what happens to you that is important, but how you handle it".

As our District stretches up into the Islands, we also had presentations from Rotary clubs in those areas. Many had made use of District Grants to complete their projects. All of them had a humanitarian aspect which provided a much better quality of life for the citizens.

Free time on the Saturday was spent on the Waitangi Treaty Grounds attending a powhiri and then spending time (not enough) to look at the fantastic museum on the grounds. I will be going back when I can allocate more time to do this facility justice.

Conferences like these remind me how fortunate many of us are but also how life can be improved for many others when we work together on projects.

If you would like to know any more about Rotary, please don't hesitate to get in touch with any Rotarian or give me a call on 021 142 0357.

Eileen



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### Bumble bees

It seems to me that there are more bumble bees around than honey bees this year. Like the honey bee they are not native (unlike the tiny native bees we see around), and were introduced in 1885 to pollinate the red clover used to develop pasture. Bumble bees are essential for the reproduction of about 90% of flowering plants and 33% of human food crops. *Bombus terrestris* is the scientific name of the most common of the four species found in NZ. They are especially useful in glasshouses as honey bees can't work in this environment and can pollinate about 450 flowers per hour.

They have a special mechanism for getting the pollen from flowers like the tomato flower. This is called buzz pollination as the bee 'buzzes' the flower which causes the pollen to fall onto the bee. They can carry 90% of their body weight in food and fly up to 54km/hour, foraging up to 1.5km

from their hive. They can work in hotter, colder and wetter weather than honey bees as they have a special body temperature control system. They leave a 'smelly footprint' on flowers they visit that lets other bees know they have already collected food from it.

**Life cycle** - The queen hibernates during cold winters underground. When the ground warms-up she makes a nest in dry grass and then lays about 12 eggs which hatch into sterile female worker bees. These bees do have a sting but are generally not aggressive. The worker bees collect nectar and pollen to feed later eggs which also hatch into workers. Some workers protect the hive and help look after the eggs. A hive can have up to 250 bees. In autumn the eggs produced hatch into queen bees and male bees. The bees mate and the queens go off to hibernate until the next season.

Awesome creatures!

Stella



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## Murder in Matakoho!

Otamatea Weed Control Group is working away on removing privet in Matakoho. With the help of four new members from Matakoho itself, Totara House property has been cleared of privet along with the majority of Wharf and Horniblow Roads. Big thanks to Christine and Rex Birt and Marek and Glenda Weber for coming on board!

Our next target is the Matakoho walkway area where you will find us on Saturday morning on 8th June from 9-12. Come along and join in on the day as we have jobs big and small. Secateur work is useful for the little seedlings, loppers or pruning saws for the bigger trees and chainsaws for the big fellas. We have gloves, pruning saws, secateurs and loppers you can use, just come along! Refreshments are provided afterwards.

Contact OWCG if you live in this area and have an overwhelming privet problem and would like some assistance getting

underway - or some free herbicide (funded by NRC) to do it yourself. Ph Jacque 021488822 email jacqueline@rahui.co.nz





## GROW WHAKATIPU Paparoa Inc

June is the month to appreciate all volunteers everywhere. It goes without saying that our community gardens would not run without volunteers from the president of the organisation to every person in the garden we are all volunteers giving up varying amounts of time where and when we can. Each and every one of you is very much appreciated no matter how much or little you do. We could not run without you!! Thank you.

We would also like to thank everyone who attended our fruit tree pruning workshop last month. We appreciate your attendance and support. It is from events such as these that we get to meet community members, learn together and even help each other out.



Grow Paparoa has recently become a member of Tai Tokerau Timebank. Timebank is a global organisation and Tai Tokerau Timebank is the Northland branch. Members swap time credits for skills, such as gardening amongst any other skill you can think of. For example one of our members who is also a timebank member recently swapped her ability to scan negatives of old photos for time credits. She in turn used these instead of a koha for our recent pruning workshop. The timebank organisation is very much centred on community and sharing, things that also ring true for us at the community gardens. For more information on Timebank please head to their website and check it out: [www.taitokerautimebank.org](http://www.taitokerautimebank.org). We will also be holding an information morning on Sunday the 9th June at 10.30am. While this is primarily for our current volunteers anyone is welcome to pop along and find out more.

We are open throughout winter on a Thursday and Friday morning 9am til 12 noon, please pop in for a chat, cuppa and maybe a quick pull of some weeds!

Katie Fullerton

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## June in the Garden

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Keep planting your winter greens - all the hearty crops of silverbeet, brassicas, leeks, swedes, parsnips, kale and colourful swiss chard.

Cover your resting beds to prevent weeds and reduce the amount of hard winter rains washing all the good soil into the lower levels. Our clay soil seems to pull down a lot of the top layers in winter. A natural carpet or rugs work well, I have also used old billboard signs.

Clean your hardworking garden tools, sharpen blades and oil moving parts. This is a good winter gardening inside job.

June is also a great time to sit in front of the warm fire and plan new garden beds and dream of the fruit trees you would like to plant.

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## Orangutans of Sumatra

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This protected forest has been in place since 1994 and the orangutans carry on their lives undisturbed, living a completely free life.

A male adult orangutan, Rakus, was observed to have a nasty gash on his cheek. He collected leaves from a plant known to be antibacterial, anti-inflammatory, and anti fungal. He chewed them up and carefully applied them to his wound. Five days later, it had closed, and less than a month later was healed with no sign of infection.

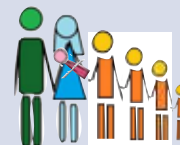
This is the first recorded instance of a wild animal treating a wound precisely with a medicinal plant.

The plant Rakus used, known as akar kuning or yellow root, is also used by people throughout Southeast Asia to treat malaria, diabetes and other conditions. Much of the knowledge of healing is handed down from ancient times.

Stella



## From our family to yours Fact or fiction?



All the leaves are brown and the sky is grey... which is fantastic, as we were praying for some rain!! Our house tank ran dry in May, for the first time in 14 years- but I was living a decadent lifestyle. You know, four loads of washing a day, running the dishwasher twice before dinner, kinda decadent. There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens, (which is Ecclesiastes, not the Mamas and the Papas...) so I can be forgiven for thinking just because its the 'rainy season', that there should be rain. Like that wet drought we had over summer, it's now a dry rain.

Lately I've been reflecting on a story that I see playing out in modern culture. And depending on one's bias, you can relate to it however you wish. Chicken Licken (aka Chicken Little or Henny Penny). Chicken Licken thought the sky was falling, when a seed or leaf or something inconsequential, fell on his head. And he whips many friends into a frenzy to go and tell the King who, it is assumed, has power to stop the sky from falling. Really all that occurs is an enthusiastic mob is gathered, pleading with all who will listen that the very worst is about to occur, so we all need to stop what we are doing and drink from paper straws, (or something like that). The ones who ignore Chicken Licken, in modern terms, are mocked and cancelled. The mob who gathers are free to insult and harass others at their pleasure- as they KNOW the sky is falling, because Chicken Licken TOLD them so. Do you think the more people that believe something, the more likely it is to be true? Evidence? Of course not. What will the King do? He spies an opportunity. If you pay extra tax, I can stop the sky from falling. Can he? Of course not. But when hapless farm animals are whipped into a frenzy, they are easy to placate with ridiculous conclusions, as they have lost touch with all common sense. They have lost touch with the time and the season, forgetting from one year to another that leaves grow and fall, that tides rise and drop, that the sun gets hot and then less hot. Is the sky falling? Nope. Is it a time to keep, or a time to throw away?

In the actual conclusion of Chicken Licken, a part I had forgotten, the animals do not get to the King. They are met by Foxy-Loxy, who tells them he knows the REAL way, and instead leads them to their deaths. They are so frenzied by anxiety about an apparent problem, they don't discern they are being led to a dinner party. A time to mourn or a time to dance? Likewise, we are bombarded with well intentioned others telling us all day what to think, what the REAL story and issues are, but are we being swept up by a fox? Time will tell. Where do you put your faith?

Jenny



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## Pets in the Valley



Hopefully it won't be too long until the Brynderwyns are open again - after driving through the gorge on a pouring wet night to go to a calving I am very keen on having a bit more tarseal at our disposal.

Recently Jenna and I headed to Auckland for a day with Veterinary Associates in Karaka to learn more about x-raying horses' legs. Veterinary Associates are an equine practice that has a lot of specialist vets. We were well looked after by a vet who deals with all the x-rays for the thoroughbred yearling sales, working with animals that can sell for six or seven figures. We started with looking at the x-rays you need to get to evaluate each joint accurately - as with humans,



some joints are much more complicated than others. The fetlock joint, which is equivalent to our third finger joint, is comparatively simple to do with just a lateral shot being necessary. Knees and hocks, equivalent to our wrists and ankles, are much more complex and require several views from various

angles. This gets all the target bone prominences where lesions can occur. We then looked at many x-rays and discussed how useful they were and how they could be improved.

Finally, we actually had a horse and took x-rays of each joint until we had the correct views. Obviously much easier when you have top of the line equipment, great facilities and the guidance of an expert, but hopefully we are now better placed to get the best images we can when we need to. Then we headed for home and got stuck in the Auckland traffic. Tarseal doesn't solve all our driving issues!

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**OCS Community Lunch** - Maungaturoto. Wed June 12. See p4 for more info.

**Paparoa Community Dinner** - Sat June 22. See p19 for booking details.

**Kaiwaka Lantern Festival** - Sun June 23, 3-8pm. Kaiwaka Sports Complex,  
14 Gibbons Rd Kaiwaka.

**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](mailto: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](http://paparoabeats.radio12345.com). If you would like to get involved and play your own tunes you can contact them on [paparoabeats@gmail.com](mailto:paparoabeats@gmail.com).

Our thoughts and prayers are with Darren and their five children, on the passing of Myra Sheppard. A beloved mother, wife, aunt and sister, Myra passed peacefully at home surrounded by whanau at the end of May.

**Paparoa Sports and Recreation Association****Community Dinner****Mid Winter Christmas**

**SATURDAY 22 June 2024**

FROM 6.30pm BYO Drinks

**At the Paparoa Sports Pavilion**

**For bookings** contact Jane Bailey 4316 148

or [lillian.jane.bailey@gmail.com](mailto:lillian.jane.bailey@gmail.com)

ADULTS \$20.00

CHILDREN \$10.00 (up to age 14)

FAMILY \$50.00 (2 adults & 2 children)

**Vale Harold Sweet**

Market goers will remember Harold Sweet, the older gentleman who sold bromeliads, hibiscus and other tropicals at the Paparoa Farmers' Market for many years.

Sadly, Harold passed away last month aged 84, and our thoughts go out to his wife Lina (Morina) and their family. Lina often accompanied Harold from their home in Glink's Gully. Harold was an early participant at the market and always helpful with growing advice to his customers.

It was his idea to place a wooden seat for market customers at the western end of the market. The plaque names it the 'Sweet Seat'.



His memory will live on.

PP





## 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** 2023 Term 1 2024 starts 31st Jan 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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## LOCAL TIDES for JUNE 2024

TIDES - CALCULATED for PAHI-WHAKAPIRAU

DATE	LOW	HIGH	DATE	LOW	HIGH
1st	12.05	6.00	17th	13.13	7.12
2nd	13.05	7.01	18th	14.04	8.02
3rd	14.03	8.00	19th	14.53	8.50
4th	14.58	8.55	20th	15.39	9.36
5th	15.50	9.47	21st	16.23	10.22
6th	16.38	10.38	22nd	17.06	11.07
7th	17.25	11.26	23rd	17.50	11.54
8th	18.09	12.14	24th	6.16	12.41
9th	6.37	13.00	25th	7.04	13.30
10th	7.22	13.45	26th	7.54	14.20
11th	8.08	14.30	27th	8.45	15.12
12th	8.55	15.16	28th	9.39	16.07
13th	9.43	16.05	29th	10.35	17.06
14th	10.34	16.57	30th	11.34	18.09
15th	11.26	17.52			
16th	12.20	6.19			

## 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)

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

**PAPAROA PLAYCENTRE** ..... paparoa@playcentre.org.nz

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

**PLUNKET** Helpline ..... 0800 933 922

**PAPAROA PRIMARY SCHOOL** ..... 09 431 7379

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

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

## The Southern Lights in Northland

People across Aotearoa and around the world were given a rare glimpse into the effects of the Sun on our planet the weekend of 11/12 May, after a strong solar storm caused auroras to be visible across many parts of the world.

The sun is undergoing a period of intense activity, which occurs in 11-year cycles. Solar flares and coronal eruptions from a cluster of sunspots were tracked by scientists since 8 May. The cluster is estimated to be 16 to 17 times the diameter of the Earth. It was the largest such solar storm for more than a decade in New Zealand, but not as big as those of 2003 or 2001.

In the Northern Hemisphere, the light display is known as the Aurora Borealis and in the Southern Hemisphere it's called the Aurora Australis. The Southern lights spectacular colours were visible in and around Paparoa.

Usually, particles from solar flares bounce off the Earth's magnetic



Saturday night

field, but when there is a severe eruption, they can penetrate the ionosphere and interact with gases around the magnetic poles - causing the ribbons of colour.



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The different colours of the aurora are caused by the particles interacting with different gases in the upper atmosphere, which release specific colours when bombarded by solar radiation. Oxygen emits

greenish-yellow light - and nitrogen emits blue, purple light. The wonderful scarlet red colour is caused by very high altitude oxygen interacting with solar

particles. This only occurs when the aurora is particularly energetic.

Auroras are usually confined to areas near the south and north poles, which makes them relatively rare to observe in most of



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New Zealand, especially in places such as Northland.

It certainly brought me joy seeing the lights in our night sky.

Libby Jones



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