



MARCH 2026

Paparoa Lions Walkway

It has been a few months since we installed the new Walkway sign at the entry to the bush walk. Regular track walkers will have seen a number of changes on their travels: the electric fence which ran along the walkway from the entry to the second gate has been removed, and new stock fences completed on both sides of the Pa and the Lions Memorial area replanted.

Our thanks must go out to all the parties involved in these major upgrades to safeguard our walkway. The work was a joint effort by the local landowner, QEII National Trust, Kaipara Moana Remediation (KMR) and volunteers from the Lions Club of Paparoa.

The fencing work entailed installing several kilometres of new fence line and took more than 12 months to complete. The area had to be surveyed to identify how best to install the fences and was undertaken in two stages, the first was managed and funded by

the QEII National Trust as part of their ongoing management of the kauri bush block held under covenant, the second stage was managed by KMR in conjunction with the landowner.

As always nature played its part as to when the work



access easier.

Entry to the track at the Paparoa end over the bridge has been improved to make all year round mower access safer and easier. The raceway has been resurfaced and drainage



could be completed the QEII stage was basically complete in late Autumn 2025, and the KMR stage prior to Christmas.

The Lions Memorial Area has seen improvements: the entry pathway has had some five cubic metres of stone spread courtesy of Huband Contractors to assist with drainage and track repairs. Replacement trees have been planted and the area boundary has been cleared to make mower

issues sorted. This work was undertaken prior to Christmas and thanks must go to the landowner for enabling this effort and Atlas Quarries for the metal. These repairs have allowed access to the mown track through the wet summer months which was something of a challenge in previous years.

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This legendary day is all about great fishing, good kai, awesome prizes, and coming together as a community. And this year, there's something extra important we're fishing for...

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Our pool is a huge part of learning, confidence-building, and safety for our kids, and we're working hard to make sure it's ready for many more summers.

If you or your business would like to sponsor the event, donate a prize, contribute kai, or support us in any way, we would be incredibly grateful.

Every bit of support goes directly back to our kids and our school.

To get in touch, please contact Tinopai School on secretary@tinopai.school.nz, 09 431 7182 or come in and see us.

Thank you to everyone who already supports this much-loved event year after year. We truly couldn't do it without you. We can't wait to see you on the day for tight lines, full bellies, and a whole lot of community spirit.

Saturday 4th April 2026 Tinopai School

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Lions walkway trapping update

The walkway is through well preserved native bush with significant mature kauri trees. To safeguard this unique bush area, local community volunteers undertake regular trapping of possums, rats and mustelids. This effort is part of the wider Predator Free NZ Trust initiative. Recent efforts within the Paparooa and Pahi area has seen pest numbers drop within the bush area, and reduced catch rates. Thanks must go to the local Depot Trust and QEII National Trust for providing funding for new trap technology which makes monitoring easier, safer and more effective.

Overall management of the track is undertaken by the local community led by the Lions Club of Paparooa and Progressive Paparooa. Valued community members Graham Marks and Stu Robertson have hung up their boots and we would like to acknowledge and thank them for all their efforts over many years- they will be a hard act to follow.

So, where to next? Given we are dealing with nature and this summer has been a wet one we have seen the bush regenerate after recent storms, but along with this come noxious weeds, unwanted grasses, washouts etc, all of which affect the lifecycle of our native bush and trees. Management of these issues will depend upon a robust and effective native planting regime. Discussions are ongoing with KMR and QEII National Trust and Te Uri o Hau Environs as to developing a planting plan to address how we protect the walkway for future generations.

There are also plenty of smaller tasks that need to be done on the walkway, so if you are interested in helping please contact Lions Club of Paparooa or Progressive Paparooa. Lions meet twice a month details of which can be found at Paparoolionsclub.com - if you would like any further information about what Lions do in the community, we are usually at the Saturday Paparooa market selling bacon and egg sandwiches, just ask us.

Ric Hughes

Stop the hornet invasion!

An appeal from a very concerned Beekeeper.

The Asian Yellow-Legged Hornets found in Auckland are one of the most damaging invasive insects ever to reach our shores.

We have a very good chance of eliminating them before they become established, but that window of opportunity is shrinking rapidly, and we must not be complacent.

We need everyone to help find them before they go into hibernation over winter. We're not sure when that will be because we've not seen them here before but the urgency is to find them all before the end of March.

MPI are doing an awesome job in Auckland, and it is re-



assuring to hear that none have yet been found outside of their surveillance area in Auckland's North Shore. But MPI can't be everywhere and they need our help to look for them outside of the

area they are focused on.

It is in all of our best interests to make an effort because, if the Yellow-Legged Hornet manages to become established here, they will decimate our already struggling bee population, which is their favourite food. Losses of honey bee hives in Europe have been recorded at up to 80% in parts where the Yellow-Legged Hornet has invaded.

If that happens here, our primary industries like horticulture, dairy, beef and lamb will all suffer from the lack of pollinators. The resultant drop in food production will cause grocery prices to rise dramatically, and none of us wants that. So please be vigilant. Please look around.

They are easy to spot, because they are really big. Much bigger than a wasp or a bee, and they have yellow legs (obviously).

For more information go to mpi.govt.nz/yellow-legged-hornet-2025

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Paparooa School news

We have had an excellent start to the school year and would like to extend a very warm welcome to all our new families. It has been wonderful to see students settling in so quickly and enthusiastically.

Learning is already well underway, with all three classes buzzing with energy and engagement. Classrooms have been full of curiosity, creativity, and a strong focus on building positive learning habits for the year ahead.

Our school-wide theme to begin the year is Surf

Lifesaving, a topic that has captured students' interest and inspired rich learning across the curriculum. This exciting unit will conclude with students participating in the Ruakākā Beach Education Programme, providing a valuable hands-on learning experience.

We were also fortunate to have Northland Cricket visit our school, where students enjoyed developing their batting and catching skills. It was fantastic to see everyone actively involved and giving things a go.

A highlight of the month was our Whānau picnic. It was great to see so many families coming along, connecting with one another, and enjoying time together as a school community.

After 20 months, we are thrilled to finally have a new kitchen roof installed, along with a new commercial rangehood. We are just finalising some noise-reducing materials and then the long journey of upgrading the kitchen will be complete. We are also making the most of the sunny

weather by undertaking some tree removal and giving the school a thorough scrub and spider spray.

Our preschool class has started the year bursting at the seams. It is lovely to see such enthusiasm from our youngest learners. We are currently transitioning some children into our new entrant class as they prepare to turn five, and they are very excited about joining the "big kids' class." If you are interested in learning more about our preschool or transition programme, please contact the school - we would be happy to provide further information.

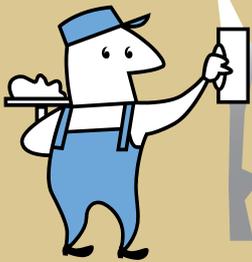
Looking ahead, we are excited for our upcoming swimming sports, as well as what is probably my most favourite day of the year - Grandparents Day. These are always special occasions in our school calendar and we look forward to sharing them with our community.

We hope everyone enjoys the rest of these beautiful summer days.

Ngā mihi nui
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We had such a wonderful response to the Dahlia Display and competition at the recent Paparooa Show a group of us have decided to get a local Dahlia group going if there is enough interest.

We would meet once a month centrally at a local hall.

Proposed date: 21st March 2026

Time: 1.30pm

Show and tell 🌸 Problem patch 🌸 Talks

Visiting experts 🌸 Visits from dahlia groups & growers

Discussions 🌸 Visits to dahlia growers

If you are interested in coming along please email your name and phone number to: Lorraine Richardson



missyangus@gmail.com



At the market

When Faye and Ian McDougall were looking for their new home a couple of years ago, they knew they had to find somewhere they could still go fishing. Fishing is in their blood, and they are really enjoying getting out on the Kaipara, although ironically they don't particularly like eating fish. That just means that their lucky neighbours often get to sample their catch.

Once they had settled in to their new home in Paparoa, Ian and Faye looked around for what they could do when they weren't out fishing. With varied backgrounds that included running a busy landscape supply yard, making outdoor furniture, commercial fishing, setting up and running a fresh fish shop in Maramarua, real estate, and more, they decided to start making wooden garden art to sell at the Paparoa Farmers' Market. Items include brightly coloured figures, bird boxes and pot plant stands, and both Ian and Faye work on these in their garage.

Faye noticed a gap in the market offerings with no pickles, relishes or jams

available and these were things she had been making since she was a young girl, using her nana's recipes. After getting the required Food Plan registration, Faye is now selling delicious tomato relish, cauliflower pickle, plum sauce, hot chili sauces and seasonal jams. You can sample these before you buy at the market every week, or you can order them directly from Faye on 027 453 6515.

A testament to the fabulous flavours of the relishes, pickles and sauces is that they are already getting lots of repeat customers after just a few months at the market. And to prove the point, Faye was awarded several 1st prizes for her preserves at the recent



Paparoa A&P show.

Faye and Ian really enjoy the social aspect of the market and are very happy to be calling Paparoa home. Be sure to check out all their offerings next time you're at the market.

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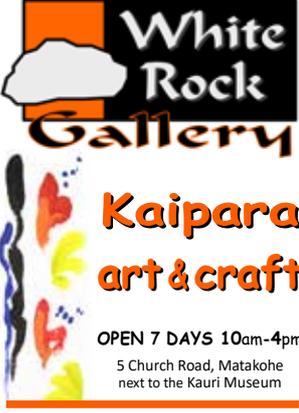
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Paparoa Movement Expo

The Paparoa Sports and Recreation Association celebrated the Paparoa Community Gym being open for one year with a Movement Expo at the sports pavilion. The gym now has 80 paid up members, with over 130 having been members over the 12 months.

The idea for the expo was to get together as a community and showcase the various physical activity and associated groups available in our local area.

There were representatives from group fitness and pilates classes, exercise to music, senior fit classes, line dancing, ballroom dancing, golf, tennis, table tennis, badminton and squash as well as hatha yoga and of course the gym was open for new people to check it out. More details on the various options are available on Proudly Paparoa Facebook page, the Paparoa website and the Paparoa Press.

Gym membership forms are available from Paparoa.org website, outside the gym, Skeltons Drapery or email Libby at hames.jones@xtra.co.nz

The next event on the Paparoa Sports and Recreation Association calendar is the annual Fun Walk Run event on Saturday, March 14. Entry is free and register on the day at 3pm at the sports pavilion.

Phone Libby on 021 208 0093 or see front page for info.

Phone number and contacts

Dance to Music – Paparoa War Memorial Hall Tuesday 10.30am Stacey 021 045 0529

Line Dancing – Paparoa War Memorial Hall Thursday 9.30am, Jackie 027 368 7298

Ballroom Dancing – Paparoa War Memorial Hall Tues 6.30pm, Lisa (text or leave a message) 021 828-531

Mad House fitness and pilates – Various days and times mads@themadhousepaparoa

Box Fit – Paparoa War Memorial Hall Wednesday 6pm Stacey 021 045 0529

Tennis – Tuesdays Adults 5.30pm Juliette 021 143 2560

Table Tennis – Tuesday evenings 7pm Pete 021 0567163

Badminton – Thursday evenings 7pm Pete 021 0567163

Paparoa Golf Club – Golf Course Road – 022 678 1474

Hatha Yoga – Sports Pavilion Tuesday and Friday 9.30am Luciana 022 189 6496

Senior Fit – Maungaturoto St John Hall Tuesday 5.30pm Thursday 9.30am Caitlin 027 849 8917

Harbour Swimming – High tides, year round, at Pahi Jan 021 431 724

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Paparoa Line Dancers

Letters from The Old Post Office...

The more we know, the less we know we know



Dear Reader, hopefully you have figured out that conundrum and realise that we often don't see the trees for the wood and other aphorisms. Which segues neatly into the topic du jour.

Yes, Dear Reader. Trees. And just how jolly useful they are although we often choose to not acknowledge their importance. The world could roll around far more successfully without humans, but not without trees.

So much to say, so little time. (Thankfully, no doubt is the passing thought... all I can say is, scroll on but give a pat to the next tree you pass.)

And trees are amazing.

They:

- Have a pivotal role in reducing climate change through natural carbon sequestration processes.
- Have the ability to limit global warming to 1.5°C. This goal is unattainable without them.
- Form vital shields against extreme weather conditions.
- Are essential for supplying drinking water to nearly half of the world's largest cities.

Just remember that the main drivers of tropical deforestation include the production of commodities such as palm oil, beef, soy, and timber (just check the ingredients of the products that you buy and think of cute furry animals that will thank you).

Trees send messages, share resources, and warn each other about danger. Trees form huge underground networks, "wifi" based on roots and fungi.

Just because we do not see these systems does not mean that they are not there, these hidden connections, that trade nutrients, support weaker neighbours, and enable the entire forest's survival.

Next time you are standing in the forest sink your toes into that leaf litter and listen. And think of our hubris as we stand in that humus. (Sorry, bad pun.)

Trees are far cleverer than we ever stopped to recognise. If chewed by pests, airborne chemicals

are sent that nearby trees detect. Those neighbours then strengthen their defences, producing bitter chemicals in their leaves to make themselves less gourmet more bitter herbs. And, if under attack by pests sometimes release chemicals that attract predators of those pests. For example, when caterpillars feed on leaves, certain trees emit scents that lure in parasitic wasps to defend them. What a wonderful world! I wonder if that ability could be replicated on a personal level? Just a thought.

Trees also often give more nutrients and space to their "kin," helping their genetic line continue.

By sharing carbon, forests act more like single living systems than separate individuals. That sharing strengthens resilience, keeping the whole ecosystem healthier over time. Almost a form of socialism, n'est ce pas?

A dying tree releases stored nutrients into the network, feeding nearby younger trees. It is giving back to the community. Thus, older trees leave a legacy. Passing on energy and minerals, they strengthen the next generation and keep the forest ecosystem functioning. Many species also release signals that trigger nearby trees to flower at the same time. Blooming simultaneously increases pollination success, making the community, yet again, stronger as a whole.

It's another reminder that trees are not isolated beings. Perhaps we too, to quote John Donne should remember that, "No man is an island, entire of itself. Every man is a piece of the continent".

"The point, which can hardly be repeated too often, is that differentiation is not separation. The head and the feet are different, but not separate, and though man is not connected to the

universe by exactly the same physical relation as branch to tree or feet to head, he is nonetheless connected - and by physical relations of fascinating complexity."

Alan Watts

NB: Even the bible weighs in on this: You shall not destroy its trees by swinging an axe against them; for you may

eat from them, and you shall not cut them down. For is the tree of the field a man, that it should be besieged by you? Deuteronomy 20:19-20

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I've been thinking... Elections...

It's election year. Impossible to ignore with every politician gallumping and posturing, persuading and asking for support, desiring money and photo opportunities.

The election will almost inevitably deliver a mediocre result. If no Party achieves an outright majority a coalition has to be formed. Negotiations to do this demand compromises which mean abandoning the most radical policies and thus ensuring mediocrity. A blessing for overgenerous and overpromising politicians because they can (probably truthfully) claim that the

pledged goodies have been rejected by their potential coalition partners. But a loophole for cynical candidates to exploit.

That's MMP! All somewhat depressing.

We can settle in to endure. After all, the election process won't last forever.

Or we can get what amusement we can by following arguments, forming opinions and hassling candidates to explain their policies.

How does TPM convince voters to send them to a Parliament they do not believe in?

Will the Greens accept votes from the aged white males who cause most of the world's troubles?

Can Wiley Winnie command control of the middle ground and the Kingmaker role?

Enjoy the suspense as Labour finds some policies.

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White Rock Gallery

We've enjoyed a vibrant and busy summer season, welcoming a wonderful mix of international visitors alongside strong and steady support from our local community. It's been fantastic to see so many passing through the doors - from travellers discovering the West Coast for the first time to familiar local faces returning with friends and family. The buzz of conversation, curiosity, and a shared appreciation for art has made this summer one of our most successful since opening 11 years ago.

Once more we are deeply saddened to share the news that our treasured artist, Susan Taylor, has passed away, only six weeks after her beloved husband Jim. Susan has been a dedicated exhibitor-member at White Rock from the outset, and a highly valued member of our committee. She gave her time generously and played an instrumental role in mentoring new artists. Above all, she was a very talented watercolour and acrylics artist. She will be dearly missed by us all and, most especially, by her three children and sister Kathleen.

Our current exhibition runs until the end of March, and we warmly invite everyone to stop in and experience it before the season closes. Whether you're a regular visitor or have been meaning to come by for the first time, there is something special waiting for you on the walls. Thank you to everyone - near and far - who has supported the Gallery this summer. Your encouragement, interest, and enthusiasm keeps our creative space alive and thriving. White Rock is also the perfect place to find a unique and meaningful gift for that special person in your life. From original artworks to handcrafted pieces, there's something to suit every taste.

We warmly welcome you to drop in, enjoy the warm weather and explore the new collection at your leisure. We are located at 5 Church Road, Matakohē, in the Post and Telegraph Office, next to the Kauri Museum and we're open 7 days 10am-4pm.

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My two cents worth

– FPP vs STV

For those of you who hadn't heard, I failed to get re-elected on the council by two votes. So it goes. I have now started doing some contract work for the Kaipara Moana Remediation programme, which obviously fits with my interests given my establishment of Otamatea HarbourCare more than ten years ago.

The election results were exciting though, weren't they? In the Otamatea ward, only three votes separated the second, third and fourth placegetters. The mayoral race was a real cliffhanger too, with three of the four candidates in close contention. Voting was based on the First Past the Post (FPP) system, a change from the Single Transferable Vote (STV) system which had been used in the previous 4 or 5 elections. Would the results have been any different if STV had been used instead of FPP? Quite possibly. I think the difference would have been greatest for the mayoral race. As it stands, the three main contenders

each won approximately 30% of the votes cast. That means that whichever of them had prevailed, it could be said that they only had the support of about 30% of the people who voted. If it had been an STV election, second and third choices would have influenced the final outcome. A voter could say, even if their first choice didn't succeed, that at least their second or third choice did. Also, the successful candidate would have known that they had more of the electorate's support than FPP would allow. Just to be clear about this, I am not criticising any of the candidates, successful or unsuccessful, I am criticising the FPP voting system. I'd



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OCS March News

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Tuesday 10th - Free shopping trip to Whangarei.

Wednesday 18th – Community lunch for all.

Wednesday 25th – Free shopping trip to Whangarei.

Every Tuesday:

Free meals at the Community House 153 Hurndall St, prepared by Victoria-all welcome.

Every Wednesday:

Mike's Dancing Dollars: from 11am share your ideas for inexpensive, wholesome meals.

The Community lunch is open to everyone and will be at The Good News Church Hall, Hurndall Street, Maungaturoto.

Morning tea at 11am, lunch at 12, and the raffle draw at 1. For those who wish to be picked up at the Retirement Village in Riverview Place, please phone us on 431 9080.

The free shopping trips to Whangarei will be on Tuesday 10 and Wednesday 25th. The van leaves the Maungaturoto Retirement Village at 9am and returns mid afternoon.

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Update from the Maungaturoto Edible Village Project

After a bit of a slump over the Christmas break, the MEVP is back up and raring to go!

A wander around the village will show the citrus trees in front of the Good News Church holding their own and the fruit trees on the Bickerstaffe Road footpath steadily growing.

The fruit trees in the View Street Playground are thriving with their eucalyptus support trees. The eucs grow fast, drawing up nutrients from deep in the clay soil and then will be cut back to provide biomass for the fruit trees. (See p.65 Lifestyle Block Magazine Sept/Oct 2024 and p.55 On the Land Magazine Nov/Dec 2025 for more on this topic.)

The Centennial Hall is looking truly amazing with flourishing trees and super

healthy understory support plants such as sorrel, peppermint, rosemary, lavender etc. The lemongrass hedge is pumping and I ate the most delicious peach I've ever tasted last week - fat and juicy and more to come! Yay! It's well worth a visit to check it out!

The Maungaturoto Country Club Paddock is looking lovely with the fruit trees beginning to establish and the food forest growing so fast! We harvested our first pumpkins and it felt awesome to gift them to Tiny Totaras Home Base Childcare for their lunch-time soup making, and to the local Food Bank.

We are part of this year's **Northland Edible Garden Trail** and look forward to sharing our inspiring story with those that come to visit.

The Garden Trail is a great way to check out what, and how, other people are growing in Te Tai Tokerau (Northland).

We are in the process of building a website to widely share what's been going on here in Maungaturoto with heaps of gorgeous footage, photos and stories. More to come soon.

We have started **Grow & Grow**; a weekly meet up of parents and children at the Maungaturoto Country Club Paddock to garden, chat and grow together. This is a super lovely way to meet other like-minded parents & kids in this area.

What's Next for the MEVP?

- **Working Bees** to plant herbs and support plants under fruit trees at the



Maungaturoto Country Club and along the Bickerstaffe Road footpath.

- Putting in vegetable planter boxes outside Kaipara Kids Childcare Centre

- Regular **Grow & Grow** meet up in the Maungaturoto Country Club Paddock – Mondays 9.30-11.30am. Free. See poster for more info.

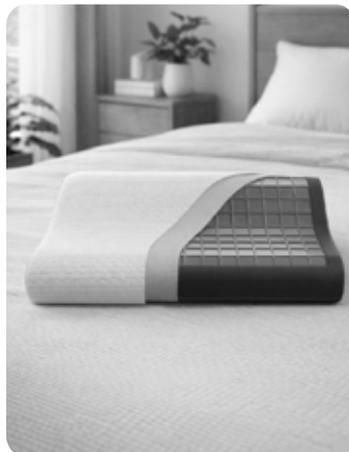


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•Regular **Plan & Plant** sessions. The 4th Sunday of each month we will meet at the Centennial Hall for planning & gardening. 4-6pm. All welcome. Contact Josie for more info.

•**Wha Kaupeka-Four Seasons**
A linked project run by Joss Martin & Josie Gritten offering four fun, interactive workshops for youth aged 14-24 around learning to create food & medicines from everyday plants. Dates are 21st March, 20th June, 19th September and 19th December. To register email joss-martin@hotmail.com or josiegritten@gmail.com.

What Can We Eat Now?

•**Sorrel from the Centennial Hall Orchard.** Sorrel is a part of the dock family, but is very different in flavour! We have planted Common Sorrel (*rumex acetosa*) which has sword-like green leaves and a delicious lemony flavor, much loved by small children! Sorrel is super high in Vitamin C and is a good cleansing and

detoxing remedy and can help the body in its pursuit of wellness.

Caution: As it is high in oxalic acid Sorrel should not be over consumed, or cooked in aluminium or iron cooking utensils. It is the Oxalic Acid which gives sorrel (and oxalis) its citrusy zing. A few leaves are yummy, but don't eat handfuls all day long!

•**Peppermint from the Centennial Hall Orchard.** Peppermint (*mentha x piperita*) is part of the mint



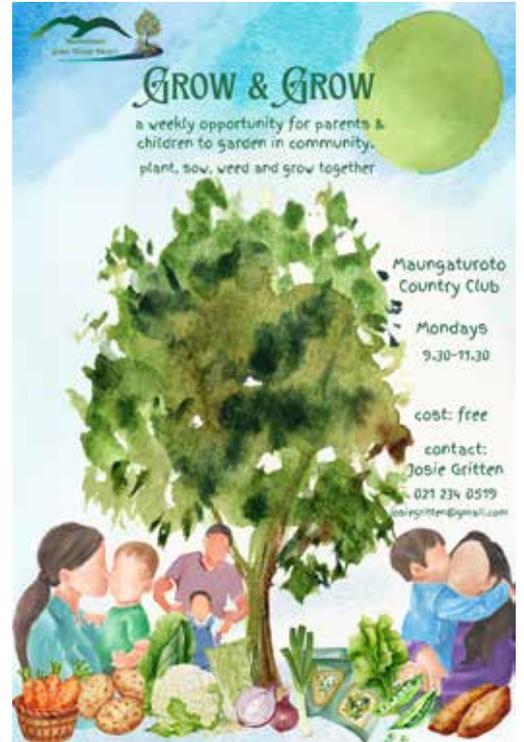
family. It's a natural hybrid of spearmint and wild mint. The leaf and oil are widely used as medicine. Pick a few leaves or flower heads from the Centennial Hall to dry and use as a tea to boost winter wellness and prevent migraines, headaches and insomnia.

What Help is Needed?

•We have funding for printing signage, but are looking for someone with artistic flair and vision to create some branded boards and signs that will be placed around the different planting areas. Is this something you have time and enthusiasm to volunteer for? For more

information on the Maungaturoto Edible Village Project and how you can get involved, call Josie 021 234 0519 or email josiegritten@gmail.com

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BOOKS AND BOOKCLUBS

In the more leisurely days of summer it is pleasant to catch up on all those books you've always meant to get to, or to reread some old favourites. After discovering Kate De Goldi's "Eddy, Eddy," I wanted to get back to her earlier novel published in 1980 – "The 10p.m. Question". I had forgotten I had already read it, although the magpie on the cover seemed familiar. Basically a family story seen through the eyes of a 12-year-old boy, set in a New Zealand city. Quite brilliant! Kate De Goldi has a way of putting the reader inside the heart and mind of her character so that you live their experiences along with them, which can be alarming, joyful, provocative and in young Frankie's case, incessantly worrying. Family dynamics are intriguing because every family is unique inside the framework of sibling rivalry, marital function or disfunction, parent/child misunderstandings and so forth. We can sympathise and empathise. Sadly beautiful.



Or if you are not in the mood to be deeply moved, something trivial like Amanda

James "The Garden of Memories," might be more your cup-of-tea. When I tell you that it is about a group of people named Flora, Lily, Daisy and Rose, each planting something in a shared garden that has memories significant to them, you will know that it is rather flowery in content. They each have problems, along with those of a few other minor characters, which are significantly solved just by spending time in the garden. All you gardeners out there will be able to relate to that, and you may enjoy the variety of plants on display throughout.

Have you watched the TV series "Vera"? I back-to-back followed all 40 in the series. (The joy of retirement.) First written as novels by Ann Cleeves. The whodunnit "The Killing Stones" is in the same vein. Police detectives solving a murder. Set in the Orkney Islands in the middle of a storm a few days before Christmas, it is loaded with colourful characters and history. Ancient stone henges and Viking runes along with the quirky dialogue, accents, and customs of the Shetlands add to the drama and interest, reminiscent of the Vera series. Plenty of red herrings and surprises. This is a stand alone read, but it may be one in a series of Detective James Perez murder mysteries. From the cover blurb; "A setting so vivid you can feel the chill of wind and rain on your face." Now that we are safely over Christmas, you might like to do it again in this very different setting while trying to catch a murderer.

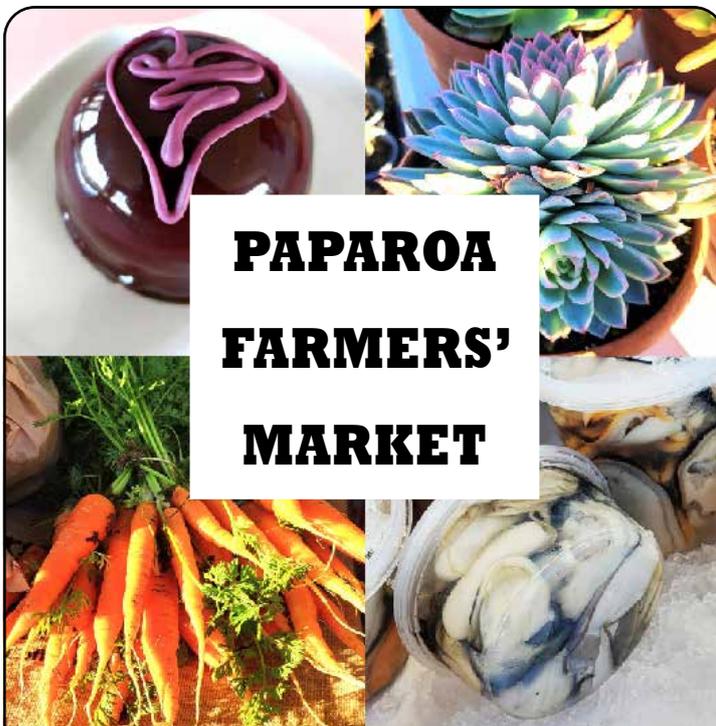
Big question of the month- will we get a proper summer this year? Keep plenty of books handy either way.

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Maungaturoto Swim Club

This club has been in recess for the past two years, mainly because we have found it difficult to get a committee together.

Because of recent changes to legislation we now need to complete a new Constitution- something I am in the process of developing.

However, we only have two active members at the moment and I really need to get more interested people on board to not only approve this, but also to look at possibly bringing the Club out of recess for the 2026/27 season. We are one of the few rural areas that still have access to a pool.

If you would like to talk about this, please give me a call on 021 142 0357 (leave a message please and I will get back to you). Or you can email me at: eileen.parsons16@gmail.com



Thank you for considering this.

Eileen



Maungaturoto and Districts Rotary



We started the year in the traditional way of having a BBQ at the home of President Tim. This is a potluck event and a special way to enjoy fellowship together. A number of us were able to support the Paparoa A&P show event early in February. I would like to congratulate one of our members, Stella Clyde, on becoming Patron for this organization which turns 150 next year.

December sadly saw the passing of Dan Mills. Both Dan and his wife Jewell were huge supporters and hard workers for Rotary over many years. Our condolences go to the family.

In December we provided an afternoon tea for the seniors in our community. This is an annual event and once again we were fortunate to be entertained by Maura Flower's singers. Each year we notice the progress made by these talented young people, often starting as shy individuals, but gaining in confidence year by year. Whether they sing as individuals or as a group, their presentation is quite inspirational. We wish them all the best for the coming year.

President Tim couldn't separate the two President Scholarship applicants so he has decided that each one will receive \$750. Congratulations to Connor and Sophie. We look forward to see what 2026 holds out for you.

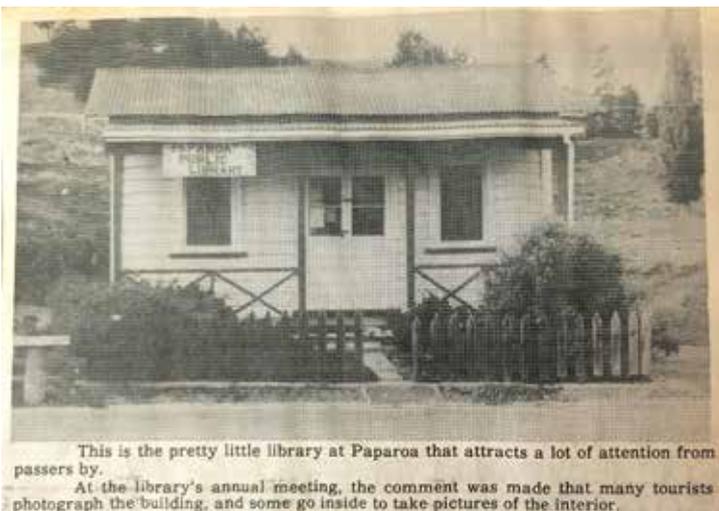
Amy Weber really enjoyed her two weeks attending the Rotary Science and Technology Forum. We are looking forward to hearing more about this experience which we will share in the near future.

Our Exchange student, Alina, spent the Christmas holidays in Norfolk Island- believe it or not, along with a number of Pacific Islands, is part of our District. Alina is now staying in Dargaville and is attending Dargaville High school. I hope to catch up with her in the near future. We are supporting Penny Worsfold, for her year long visit to Argentina. She left New Zealand in the middle of January so is only at the start of her overseas experience.

If you think you would like to join us, please chat to a Rotarian. We are always looking for new members to give us ideas of ways we can be involved in the community.

Eileen

Blast from the past



This is the pretty little library at Paparoa that attracts a lot of attention from passers by. At the library's annual meeting, the comment was made that many tourists photograph the building, and some go inside to take pictures of the interior.

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March On

I'm at a loss for words this time. There's plenty of things to write about, plenty going on, but how can you adequately do justice for the depth of life's twists and turns in a snappy, upbeat kinda way to leave you, dear reader, with a sense of optimistic fulfilment? The world isn't big on optimism. I guess it doesn't sell papers or fuel hopes and future dreams. We're shown the issues, the endless bad stuff, the hopeless enormity of a culture spiralling out and down out of control. As darker and grittier awfulness becomes revealed, we're offered choices such as burying one's head in the sand. Or, getting really angry about everything and turning everything into a justice fight. Overloading into anxiety, tightly winding up into health issues, with no off switch for the mind. Or, another way.

If you know me, you know where this is going. My hope isn't in this world. What I see with my eyes is not the full picture of the eternal reality. We "could" debate about the unseen forces at play, which I'm not interested in doing, after all the world is mostly in full denial about the unseen- we're rational, logical beings, right? But I will say clearly and simply: There are two kingdoms. One is in God's light and one is in darkness, evil.

The Bible is a book that's probably the most argued about book ever. It is stories of history, of generations and generations of hope and getting on with life, after all, people were too busy surviving and raising families to be sitting around washed in anxiety and crippled by overthinking global problems. We who follow Jesus- the apex hero of the Bible, who restored us who accept the gift of intimate relationship with God- celebrate the birth of new generations to come. We receive the oil of joy for mourning. What is seen is temporary, what is unseen is eternal. We are focussed on the eternal- maybe its time to shift focus? March on.

Blessings, Jenny



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Paparoa Annual Fun Walk Run

Paparoa Sports and Recreation Association is once again holding its annual Fun Walk Run and Family afternoon on Saturday 14 March. Walkers and runners can enjoy a track of 4km mostly flat, or 5km which includes a grassy hill. The Kaipara Play Trailer will be at the showgrounds as well as some fun activities. The free event is followed by a gold coin bbq at the Showgrounds supported by the Paparoa Lions.

The organisers have secured a major spot prize in the form of an accommodation voucher valued at \$500 at the gorgeous Harbour View Retreat in Mangonui. Anyone over 18 years who registers will be eligible to win this great prize. Kids get your parents to come along as there will be kids spot prizes too.

Registrations on the day are at the Paparoa Sports Pavilion at the Showgrounds from 3pm.

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Memories of Ararua Church

Truly Godly people are greatly underestimated in a community. They are generally scoffed at for holding on to outdated beliefs while being the first to be relied upon when anything needs doing. Paparoa District has had generations of such people, it would be fair to say, they and their descendants are its foundation.

Most Sunday mornings my late husband and I would drive from Pahi to Ararua. There is a point in the road where it crests a hill and rounds a bend, and there, amidst a panorama of green farmland, stands a little white church with a red roof. We would pull into the gravel carpark where cows stared at us from the paddock over the fence. The front door was no longer used and we ambled past the lavender bushes and up the ramp to the side entrance where we were warmly greeted by our faith family.

In our time, 2017-2022, it was a small whanau, between twelve and twenty, that doubled in size when young people from all over the globe, in training at YWAM Camp Zion, attended our local churches. The congregation was usually one extended family, another with several daughters, and a few add-ons such as ourselves. That meant that everyone had a role to play.

One of my fondest memories, strangely enough, was cleaning the church, on a week day, on my own, not having to hurry, pondering what memories that building held, reflecting on all those who had donated time and effort to its upkeep over the years and singing out loud as no-one could hear but God (and maybe all of Heaven), but they appreciate a "joyful noise".

Another fond memory is taking our turn at teaching Sunday School, usually just the younger Leaf children (now grown) with sometimes one or two others from visiting families. One year we put on an Easter play with enthusiastic audience participation. We witnessed the birth of "The Leaflets"

vocal group. Ernie often played the organ with Julia Leaf on the piano.

Ken and Delwyn Chambers, who are well-known in this community for their generosity with time and talents, were the leaders at that time. We had put a house on a paddock at Pahi and Ken was a much-needed mentor to husband Ernie. Ken arrived unexpectedly one day to put in our back steps. Thinking we were in Auckland for the weekend he had planned to surprise us. Anyone who knew Ernie would tell you, he was very much in need of a wise mentor. With Ken in that role, time and wisdom freely given, they successfully built a ramp and extended the deck at the front of the house.

Ken and Delwyn were present when Ernie died in Whangarei Hospital. The right people, in the right place, at the right time. Delwyn drove their car back to Pahi and Ken drove me and my car back home. They were hugely present and supportive throughout that time. Ken spoke at both Ernie's funeral in Whangarei and at the Memorial Service in Helensville.

The genuine pastoral care of Ararua Church continued throughout my widowhood, with working bees around our large section, mowing my lawns, getting rid of wasp nests, right up until my last day at Pahi when two women from the church strew an entire bale of straw around the orchard and drip lines, ready for the new owners.

And my final precious memory is when I returned to visit a year later and was greeted with the kindest words I have ever heard said

about me. I am still moved to tears writing this. We were sent to Otamatea to be blessed and to be a blessing as have many others over the years. I am forever grateful that I was given five out of the 125 years of the story of Ararua Church.

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Science Corner

The common fruit fly (*Drosophila melanogaster*)



This common fruit fly has been used since 1901 as a model organism for science and to this day is commonly used for biological research. It was the first animal to be launched into space in 1946. Since 2017 six Nobel Prizes have been awarded to Drosophilists for their work using the insect.

It is used because it has a rapid life style and relatively simple genetics- only four pairs of chromosomes- and has large numbers of offspring per generation.

It originally came from Africa. *Drosophila* have both X and Y chromosomes but the Y doesn't make them male but it does code for the genes for sperm.

Many years ago, when I was a laboratory assistant at Otamatea High School I had the job of breeding the fruit flies in containers at home and collecting

the virgins as they hatched in the early mornings. (A bit of a talking point with visitors after dinner). Fruit fly individuals have different coloured eyes (like humans have different coloured eyes) and when mated the resulting offspring could be counted as to which eye colour was dominant. Genetic studies for students.



Moving on to year 2024, a major breakthrough came through when an international scientific team managed to map the neural wiring connections of the fruit fly brain (called a connectome) paving the way to produce similar maps for larger organisms.

Now in 2026, at Massey University Palmerston North Campus, researchers are using fruit flies to investigate a process in the brain that may contribute to neurological disorders such as Parkinson's and Alzheimer's diseases. Helen Fitzsimons (a molecular biologist) says fruit flies can be trained to learn something and then their memory be tested to see if they retain the knowledge. They can turn genes on or off or move proteins and test how this affects them.

Research using this technique has identified how disruptions in a certain protein, (HDAC4), can lead to harmful clusters that interfere with healthy brain cell growth. This protein is one of a group that turn genes on and off. Helen has been working on this for a decade. It appears that people who suffer severe Alzheimer's have more of this protein present in their brain and the theory is that this protein may hinder other proteins from doing their job, causing memory loss.

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The 'Listener' has a more in-depth article on this.

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Do you know anyone in a band or group that could perform or do a display for us? All ideas will be gratefully appreciated.

If you know anyone on the show committee contact them otherwise email secretary@paparoashow.org.nz.

Lets show the world what Paparoa is capable of!

New fire station nears completion

A few weeks ago local fire brigade members had a chance to give the new facility the stamp of approval. Expected to be completed ahead of schedule, the new station will also be a community emergency hub.

It features doors each side so the fire appliances can be driven through from the showgrounds side ready to drive straight out onto the road when needed again.

The building also has a locker room, changing area, showers, a kitchen and office.

Ironically, the new station is

on the site of the old Paparoa Bowling Club which was destroyed in an arson attack in 2012. At the time it was the home of Arty Farties.

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Other cool animals at the show were the jousting horses up in the roping arena and the smallest donkey in New Zealand being led around by her lovely owner Karen for people to pat.

I'm always impressed by how effortlessly it appears that the sheep turn up for the shearing competitions but I'm sure there is a lot of skill and planning that goes into it.

Thanks to everyone who visited and helped with the show and made it into such a lovely day. See you all again next year!

Janine



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431 7087 or 027 272 6676
By appointment.

Anglican Parish of Paparoa

March 1st	Holy Trinity – Café
8th	Holy Trinity – Eucharist Followed by AGM
15th	St Albans – Morning Prayer
22nd	St Marks – Morning Prayer
29th	Holy Trinity – 5pm Soup, Rolls and Evening Prayer

Parish Office: at Holy Trinity, Maungaturoto
PO Box 8, Maungaturoto
Phone: (09) 431-8193

In Memorium

*It is with great sadness that we announce
the passing of Charlee Kerr
(nee Shahida Abdoelrahman), aged 73.*

*A devoted daughter, sister, mother and friend, she is
survived by her two children, Adam and Ra.*

*She was an avid gardener, cook, crafter and
philanthropist. She was involved with various charities,
including the New Zealand Rural Womens Association
and Lions charters in the upper North of Auckland over
many years.*

*A memorial gathering will be held, date
and place to be confirmed.*

*In lieu of flowers, the family would like to ask for a
donation made to the
Hestia Rodney Women's Refuge.*

WHAT'S ON - MARCH 2026

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

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

Paparoa Annual Fun Walk Run - Sat Mar 14, from 3pm. Paparoa Sports Pavilion.
See front cover for more info.

Taipuha Community Hall Centenary - Sat Mar 21, 10.30am - 3pm. Email
taipuhacommunityhallcentenary@gmail for registration forms. Or visit the FB page.

Maungaturoto Edible Village Project - Variety of regular events and workshops,
etc. See p10/11 for details.

OUT & ABOUT AROUND TOWN

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

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

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

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

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

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.

Tea & Talk Come and enjoy good food and some activities on the first Saturday of each Month at the Footprints Room behind the Anglican Church, 132 Hurdall St East, Maungaturoto. March 7. Theme St Patricks Day. Cost \$8. Contact Kirsten to book a place on 021 1807 321.

Condolences

We were deeply saddened to hear of the untimely passing of Tim Lord. Tim and his wife Sharlene have run Kaipara Cleaning Company in Paparoa for many years and will be known to a lot of you.

The family are devoted members of the Good News Church in Maungaturoto and Tim has been involved with many mission projects.

Tim has also been a valued member of the Grow Paparoa community of volunteers since his son Jacob joined as a young 12 yr old. Tim then helped the transition of their produce from Otamatea Community Services Food Bank to the Good News Food Bank every week.

He will be greatly missed by all who knew him and our thoughts are with Sharlene, Jacob and Marcus.



REGULAR EVENTS, MEETINGS AND ORGANISATIONS

- Aladdin's Cave Op Shop** At Grow Paparoa Community Garden open Sat 9am-1pm
- Anglican Church St Marks** Hook Road, ph 431 8193 for services info
- Ararua Church** 10.30am every Sunday. All welcome Ph 431 6622
- Art Studio, Ruawai** Wed 10-12noon ph Frances 439 2554
- Badminton** Thursdays 7pm Paparoa Hall \$2 students, \$3 adults, Pete 021 056 7163
- Farmers' Market** Every Saturday 8.30-Noon, Village Green, Alistair, 027 525 4782
- Grey Power** Last Wed in month, 1pm, Anglican Church Hall, Maungaturoto
- Grow Paparoa** Thur/Fri 9am to 12pm at the Community Gardens
- Holy Trinity Anglican Church**, Maungaturoto, All welcome. Ph 431 8193 for services information.
- Kaipara Marching Team** Weds 4-5.30pm, M'gto, Ph Lyn Hutchings 022 070 8674
- Line Dancing** Thurs 10am-noon Paparoa Hall Ph Jackie Comes 027 368 7298
- Mainly Music** Wed 9.30am Paparoa Comm Church, Lynaire Porteous 431 7520
- Matakohe Garden Circle** 1st Weds each month, 1pm, J Mackinnon 431 6689.
- Maungaturoto Opportunity Shop** Open Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri 10-3, Thurs 10.30-3. Alternate Sat mornings 10am-1pm. Check FB on Sat.
- Maungaturoto and Districts Rotary Club** Maungaturoto Centennial Hall, Tuesday evenings 6pm, Ph Stella 021 149 0877
- Otamatea Quilters** 1st and 3rd Mon month 10am, Paparoa Hall 09 439 2262
- Outdoor Bowls** Maungaturoto Green Ph Tony 431 6026 or Brian 431 6884
- Pahi Hall** available for hire Ph Tina 0210335128
- Paparoa Community Church** Sundays 10.30am, 4 Hook Road, 431 6795 or Dave Porteous 0274 180 676
- Paparoa Box Fit** Every Wednesday 6-7pm, Stretching/Cardio/Boxing \$10, Paparoa Hall, Stacey Watson 09 283 9931
- Paparoa Dance to Music** Every Tuesday 10:30-11:30, Stretching/Balance/Resistance/Bands/Zumba, \$5, Paparoa Hall, Stacey Watson 09 283 9931
- Paparoa Garden Circle** 2nd Wed of month. Contact Raylee Over 021 2565 893
- Paparoa Community Gym** To join email Libby at hames.jones@xtra.co.nz
- Paparoa Hall** Functions venue. For bookings ph Robyn 431 7306
- Paparoa Library** Mon, Wed 2-4.30, Tues 10-1, Thurs 10-4, Fri 11-1.30, Sat 10-12. Library Manager 09 431 7555 during library hours. Returns Box at Skeltons
- Paparoa Lions** Dinner Meetings 3rd Mon in month 6.30pm, Sports Pavilion
- Paparoa Mah Jong Group** 1st & 3rd Tues, Paparoa Hall 10-noon, Sara 021 0774947
- Paparoa Playcentre** Tuesday and Thursday 10am-1pm. Franklin Rd. Visitors welcome. paparoa@playcentre.org.nz
- Paparoa Primary School** 2025 - Term 3 - 14 July - 19 Sept, Term 4 - 6 Oct - 16 Dec Ph 431 7379
- Paparoa Toy Library** Wed 10.30-1pm, Paparoa Community Church, 4 Hook Rd
- Paparoa Volunteer Rural Fire Force (VRFF)** 1st and 3rd Monday of the month 6.30pm Depot Rd ph Ken Ogilvie 021 129 4042
- Plunket Ready Steady Wriggle** Mon 10am. At playcentre. Tina Ball 021 033 5128
- Selwyn Centre** Thurs 9.45am for over 65's, St Marks, Hook Rd, Sue 027 417 4626
- Sports Pavilion** Functions Venue Bookings ph Jane Bailey 431 6148
- St Mary's Catholic Church** Maungaturoto 10am Wed, 4pm Saturday
- Table Tennis** Tues 7.30pm, Sports Pavilion. \$2 Pete 021 056 7163
- Tennis** Tues Jnr 3.30 & 4.30pm, adult 5.30. Juliet 021 143 2560, Pete 021 056 7163
- Yoga For Everyone** Tues and Fri, 9.30am, Sports Pavilion. Hatha yoga & more. \$15. Equipment provided. Beginners welcome. Ph Luciana for more info 0221896496

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LOCAL TIDES for MARCH 2026

TIDES - CALCULATED for PAHI-WHAKAPIRAU

DATE	LOW	HIGH	DATE	LOW	HIGH
1st	16.34	10.41	17th	16.59	11.04
2nd	17.21	11.29	18th	17.36	11.40
3rd	18.03	12.10	19th	18.14	12.16
4th	06.21	12.48	20th	18.52	12.53
5th	06.58	13.23	21st	19.32	13.32
6th	07.33	13.57	22nd	20.14	14.14
7th	08.06	14.30	23rd	21.00	14.59
8th	08.40	15.03	24th	21.50	15.50
9th	09.16	15.40	25th	22.49	16.50
10th	09.57	16.23	26th	11.38	18.06
11th	10.50	17.17	27th	13.00	06.54
12th	12.02	18.28	28th	14.19	08.21
13th	13.27	07.17	29th	15.23	09.29
14th	14.42	08.41	30th	16.14	10.22
15th	15.37	09.41	31st	16.58	11.05
16th	16.21	10.26			

Community Directory

EMERGENCY: FIRE ■ POLICE ■ AMBULANCE dial 111

COAST TO COAST HEALTH CARE

- Maungaturoto Medical Centre: 8am-5pm Mon-Fri..... 09 431 8576
- Paparoa Clinic: Open Tues and Thurs 8am-5pm..... 09 431 7222
- For urgent after hours medical service (Wellsford)..... 09 423 8086
- DISTRICT NURSE** Dargaville Hospital 09 439 3330
- Healthline - 24 hour service..... 0800 611 116
- HOSPICE KAIPARA** Dargaville Hospital..... 09 439 3330
- KAIPARA DISTRICT COUNCIL** Helpline 0800 727 059
- LINKING HANDS** Health Shuttle Service, Maungaturoto..09 431 8969
- LIONS CLUB PAPAROA** President Ken Chambers 09 431 7443
- MAUNGATUROTO PHARMACY** 09 431 8045
- RIVERVIEW REST HOME** 09 431 8696

- OTAMATEA COMMUNITY SERVICES** Community House 09 431 9080
- PAPAROA LIBRARY** Free Membership. Ph 09 431 7555 (Bus hours) Mon, Wed 2-4.30, Tues 10-1, Thurs 10-4 Fri 11-1.30, Sat 10-12
- PAPAROA PLAYCENTRE** paparoa@playcentre.org.nz
- PAPAROA PLUNKET**Appointments/enquiries 0800 184 803
- PLUNKET Helpline 0800 933 922
- PAPAROA PRIMARY SCHOOL** Principal Karyn Taylor.....09 431 7379
- PHYSIOTHERAPIST**At Paparoa Medical Centre, Mon, Tues, Wed Book on 431 9062 or email admin@maungaturotophysio.co.nz
- PROGRESSIVE PAPAROA INC (PPI)**.....Pete Hames 021 0567163
- PARENT PORT Inc**free help for families 425 9357 or 027 280 5093

A&P Show a huge success

The 2026 Paparoa A&P Show held on Saturday February 7 was one of the biggest in recent years, with over 2,700 visitors during the day. Organisers were particularly pleased that 1,000 of these were children, who were able to enjoy free rides and games, as well as experience all the other activities of the show.

Highlights this year were the classic and vintage car display and a demonstration of medieval jousting.

Food stalls were very popular, along with the equestrian, woodchopping and gumboot throwing events, and the many entries in the indoor competition, featuring giant pumpkins and a huge range of other produce and crafts.

Next year will be the 150th Paparoa Show, and organisers are already planning major celebrations to mark the anniversary.

Grant O'Neill

Pictured right is the winner of the Judges Choice Best Vintage Vehicle, Lloyd Webb of Paparoa. Lloyd has been the proud owner of his Austin 7 for 13 years.



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