



Riverview 30-year Anniversary Celebration

30 years ago in 1989, a group of visionary locals implemented a bold plan to set up a Community Trust and transform the old post office and house into a rest home and medical centre for Maungaturoto. On the 16th of July 1994, Riverview Maungaturoto Rest Home opened its doors for the very first time.

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support and aroha for you and your loved ones on this journey, one we at Riverview understand is not always easy.

To celebrate our 30 Year Anniversary, we are holding an open day community event on Saturday the 9th of November.

Bring the whanau, visit



loved ones, and enjoy a tour of the secluded grounds while the kids jump on the Bouncy Castle! Come and share some kai, enjoy the musical items and kapa haka performance because, Riverview's 30th birthday is a community milestone!

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Michael Juer
Business Manager



Paparoa Lions

A contingent of Lions were out on October 11th attending to pest control on the Paparoa Lions bush walk. They were also erecting extra signage asking walkers to please stay on the walkway provided in order to help prevent the spread of Kauri Dieback disease.

With help from NRC and DOC, the Paparoa Lions club have, for a number of years, been working hard to prevent the pathogen infecting the Kauri in our bush.

The pathogen *Phytophthora agathidicida* lives in the soil in many parts of Northland and is easily spread by animals and humans alike. Close attention to having spotlessly

clean footwear, using the disinfectant supplied before entering the bush and keeping on the track will hopefully preserve the bush for generations to come.

Because there are endangered wildlife species in and around the area, **NO DOGS** are allowed as they can also be responsible for spreading the disease. No dogs is also a condition of the agreement with the farm owner whose farm is

crossed to enter the bush."

Let's all do what we can as a community to help stop the spread of Kauri Dieback Disease

Paparoa Lions



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Council Mark says –

"A rose by any other name would
smell as sweet"¹

But what if that other name was "honky"?
I was driving to a council meeting recently
when a song called "Just Another Honky"
came up on the radio.

I got to thinking I could make a name for myself out of that: Justin Other Honky. When I got to my meeting I took the opportunity to update my nameplate accordingly. This was after the most weighty business of the day had been dealt with - the cancellation of the Memorandum of Agreement with Te Uri o Hau, and the Mana Enhancing Agreement with Te Roroa. I had argued unsuccessfully for the retention of these agreements while new ones were being negotiated. I just thought it would have been a basic courtesy.

Anyway, someone in the room requested me to cover over the word honky, as he said "it is offensive". So I looked it up. The Merriam-Webster dictionary defines honky as an insulting and contemptuous term for a white person. I am happy to own that. My ancestors came from England, Ireland, Scotland and Sweden. But am I a European? Nah. I'm a honky New Zealander, and content to be so. If I take ownership of the term "honky", you can't hurt me with it. If I make the joke on me, how can I offend someone else? I have filled in the ethnicity question on census forms with that word in the past. Part of my motivation too is to ensure

I don't take myself too seriously, which can be a risk with advancing age.

What I do take seriously is my relationship with family and friends as well as the constituents I represent on Council. I prefer not to be addressed as "Mr" or "Councillor" unless there is a formal occasion which requires it, although I quite like the Brethren approach for young people when addressing greyhairs, by the honorific of Mr, followed by their first name.

The American Democratic Party has a donkey as its symbol, and I believe that is intended to serve, at least in part as self-mocking. That has been my motivation when introducing myself on a marae, as being from Ngati Honky. I think it was received with good humour.

I also have asked a number of people how they feel about the use of the honky word, and none was offended by it although they understood it to be a derisory term for people of European extraction.

I hope your day comes up roses, or something else just as sweet. Honk if you agree!

1. William Shakespeare, Romeo and Juliet Act II Scene II.

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

Opinions expressed in Paparoa Press are the author's own and not necessarily those of the editorial team or PPI.

At the market

Saturday mornings in Paparoa have become the place to be in recent times with the market buzzing at near capacity number of stallholders.



With up to 20 stalls to choose from there is something for everyone from locally grown spray free vegetables and fruit, free range eggs, delicious baking and patisserie goods, some great craft stalls, plant seedlings of all descriptions, local olive oils, fruit trees and more. Our long serving seafood stallholder Lucille, has decided to retire after nearly 18 years, but at the time of writing we are hopeful that we can get a local replacement so that seafood will still be at the market. There is always some hot food available, or you can cross the road and enjoy a coffee and treats at the local cafe.

Normally in this column I profile one of our stallholders and tell you about what they are selling, but this month I will tell you a bit more about how the market is run.

Stallholders are now managed by Alistair Gordon whose job it is to find a spot for all the stalls. They start arriving from as early as 7am, and soon after, the morning shift of helpers head down and start

setting up the market gazebos. We are lucky to now have a rostered team of helpers whose job is to get everyone in place, get the traffic management organised, and make sure the gazebos are held down if the wind decides to blow. Then it's time for you, the customers, to arrive and enjoy the market.

By midday it's time to pack up and the second shift of helpers is back to reverse the process and tidy everything away. With our container on site and a simplified traffic management plan the job has become a little easier, but we are still very grateful that a good number of people are willing to give up a bit of their Saturday to make the weekly market viable. Thanks go to Alistair Gordon, Gill McNaught, Graham Taylor, Davender Singh, Ian Guthrie, Alan Jensen, Mike Poyner, and Keegan Lydiard.

Come on down and support your local market, you never know what you might find or who you might meet.

Pete

St John Trash and Treasure

Thank you to all who contributed to this week. For all the people who helped set up and pack down. For all those who kept the sale items coming out. (And for those who provided these items.) I will not name you for fear of missing someone out, but, Maungaturoto, you are fantastic!

This sale seemed to involve the whole community, young and old. And for those workers who just "pitched up" and helped. All the raffle winners have been notified. With your support we raised in excess of \$16,000. Thank you!

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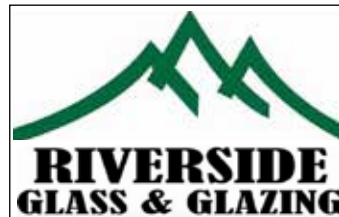


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First at the accident**

**I also want to thank
All the first responders
Julian Brown**

Paparoa School news



Calves, calves and more calves! At the time of writing this Article we are in the lead up to our Pet and Show Day.

The temperature is rising, the calves are sleepier, and the kids frustrated. Still fun though!! The students who are working with the school calves have given up their morning tea and lunchtimes to put in final preparations for the calf competition. The artwork, craft pieces and handwriting are looking spectacular and the students are looking forward to sharing these with their parents.

On another note, I have a problem! Our carpark is extremely big as it caters for the buses dropping off and picking up students each day. If it was only the buses that used the carpark to turn around in, my problem would be minimal. However, up to 10 trucks and 20 cars use our carpark as a turning bay every day. I get that people use it but due to the excessive use (mainly by the traffic management trucks, stock

trucks, etc) we now have huge holes in our carpark. The funny thing is that this doesn't even stop it from being used. Previously, Ventia (road management for the Kaipara) were kind enough to pop in every three months and fix any potholes. Now that this doesn't happen, I have huge potholes in my carpark that I need to fix using school finances. That doesn't seem fair to me when it is not the school making the mess. So, if anybody has a contact at Downers (new contractors) or any other ideas, I would appreciate some help finding a solution so that I don't have to close the carpark or spend money on what should be for the students at our school.

Enjoy the warmer weather and keep safe while you are out and about.

Nga Mihi
Karyn Taylor
Principal

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Start planting for the A&P Show!

The countdown for Paparoa's biggest event, the annual A&P Show has begun, and it's a great time to start planning- and planting- to enter the Show's 'Indoor Competition'.

2025 Paparoa A&P Show
Saturday February 1, 2025.
There are dozens of different classes for adults and children ranging from flowers, fruit and vegetables, to baking, photography and knitting. There's also home brew!

"Anyone can enter", says Indoor Coordinator Melinda Birt, "and the photography section is always popular". She says it pays to start thinking about what you might enter before show day. "You can never tell what the weather will do to your garden, but there are plenty of sections where preparing before Christmas, or even in January, makes entering easy."

The Show Committee is also taking bookings for Trade Sites. Over 1,000 locals attend the Show, looking for tradies, animal care, lifestyle block maintenance, equipment, and lots more. Food and gift stalls are always popular too. Any businesses in the area are welcome to promote their goods and services at the show, and with sites available from just \$10 it's an excellent way to promote sales.

The full range of categories for the Indoor Show and information on trade stalls can be found on:

www.paparoashow.org.nz

Grant O'Neill



Letters from The Old Post Office...

"Your car is your story, so don't let someone else write the book."¹

Dear Reader, next on my scintillating list of writing topics, chosen specifically to depress us even further, was modern day fascism.

Unusually our beloved leader (editor) suggested, nay commanded, that a lighter topic was necessary so that you Dear Reader, could pick up your local press without fear of your brain frying with fear and trepidation. (She is quite venal really, the editor that is, an eye to the dollar not the writer's soul.)

Racking my own brain, I considered writing about cats, so beloved as they are to many of us FB users. Forget war, strife and famine just send me a cat meme. However, even Timothy Arthur poured feline scorn on this idea. So, I thought I will write about cars that I have known and loved (see I just changed one letter, clever eh).

I have always been attracted to cars that have some small endearing habits. Initially dictated by monetary considerations, of course. Actually, that is still a main consideration. Despite my best efforts one just couldn't marry money (or stay married for that matter).

Never mind, the first car that brought a smile to the lips, and a tear to the eye, was a little old Morris Minor 1000. She was so round and chubby and erratic. Students all, we would pile in and chortle on our merry way to whatever hostelry was offering half price drinks for ladies. (Yes, we realised that was possibly not an accurate description, but we had all the requisite visible parts).

And every trip involved various little incidents. She, Gertie, was prone to dying at the traffic lights. One of us armed with a hammer, would leap out and tap the battery terminals smartly. Gertie would hiccup to life and off we would trot. In retrospect there must have been a loose connection, but it never occurred to us to get it fixed. The hammer worked, so why worry. The driver's seat was also only anchored to the floor in some gently tentative

way so that the driver could disappear suddenly if Gertie had to come to a rapid stop. The back passengers simply pushed the seat back into position. The driver would remove the headband that had slipped down thus obscuring vision and once again we were good to go. Such fun.

Another car that stays in my heart, not necessarily the sainted offsprings, is the lovely Falcon XR, 1976. I learnt to drive in that station wagon. Column shift, double the clutch to get it into second gear, drum brakes (remember not to drive through that deep puddle) and a radiator that was too small. Bliss. On our return from the UK I bought it from the parents and proceeded to use it as child wagon (just drop us off round the corner from school mum, we can walk etc) stock and hay transporter, haulage duties (tied rope to fallen wattle and attached to towbar... just would say not a good idea) and as extra pasture in the back tray (spilt wheat, car leaked, grain grew..the goats loved it). So sad to say goodbye.

Then I was quite fond of my Alfa Romeo, Julietta. She made a lovely low burbly sound and the styling was exquisite, just a pity the mechanics not quite so much.

Currently, as you Dear Readers know, (assuming you have memories longer than a goldfish which I believe is a fallacy) I have an old Audi TT. The electrics are stuffed and on occasion can not open neither the boot nor petrol cap. I often drive along to the percussive clicks of the windows deciding whether they will stay up or down. However, does she go, go, ago go.....

As is the way of the world I have left mention of that old 1994 stalwart Toyota Corolla until last. But, she keeps driving along, whirring like

an old sewing machine. Smelly, no safety features, yet an old faithful.

And finally, I will just leave you with a safety tip (irony much).

"The best car safety device is a rear-view mirror with a cop in it." Dudley Moore

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Pre-christmas exhibition opens 1st November

Our next exhibition opens on Friday 1st November so do come and check us out for those early gift items. Christmas offerings will be added to our display over the coming weeks, advent calendars, Xmas stockings, Xmas tree decorations and much more.

PAPAROA BUSINESS SHOWCASE A WINNER!

White Rock, among other businesses, was well represented at the 12 October Paparoa Business Showcase held at the Paparoa Hall. Founder members of the Gallery Stu Robertson and Janice Booth put together a fine display of some of what we offer at the Gallery and participation in the event was well rewarded by the exposure gained. One new member joined White Rock on the day, and several more enquiries were made regarding membership.



And so, the Gallery welcomes new member Birgit Rahm a quilting and sewing artisan, whose work will complement the very popular and uniquely crafted pieces of our quilter of many years' standing, Barbara Lee.

Creativity takes courage (Henri Matisse)

OCS need you!

Are you interested in supporting a great team of staff and volunteers? This could be an opportunity to help your local community with a chance to know you are an important part of their future and ongoing success.

Otamatea Community services (OCS) are looking for Board Members to assist with the Governance of this great group who have a responsibility for Mangawhai, Kaiwaka, Maungaturoto, Paparoa, Pahi, Tinopai and Ruawai.

The Board meet every third Wednesday each month at 11 am except for January and an AGM in late November

If you are not sure of what is required or are interested to learn please consider applying and assistance is available.

If you are interested please leave your name and contact details with our receptionist. Phone 09 431 9080.

If you are unsure please come to our AGM which will be on Tuesday 26th November at St John Hall Maungaturoto starting at 11 am.

OCS



OCS November

New things are happening at the Community House.

We have **Mike's Dancing Dollars** on **Wednesdays starting at 11am** in the Community House. People buy ingredients at the local Four Square for a tasty and affordable lunch to share, while discussing the money spent on it, and then sharing ideas for saving money. It all began when some of the financial mentor's clients said that their dollars keep dancing out of their pockets. The Wednesday group aims to have a look at getting those dollars back into pockets.

On **Friday nights from 6pm until 9pm**, we have **Board Games Night**, in Brooks House, next door to the Community House. This is a great night and there is a regular group attending with occasional newcomers arriving to see for themselves what all the talk is about. This is most suited for teens and adults.

On Wednesdays in Brooks House there is currently a course running called **Decider Skills** attended by some clients and some who responded to our notice in our Facebook page. The current course is fully booked and part-way through but there will be another one running, possibly in the new year. We will advertise in plenty of time for people to register interest. Decider Skills provides excellent ideas on managing your thoughts and feelings at times when you might be feeling overwhelmed and in situations when things get too much.

On **Thursday 28th** come along at **10am until noon** to **Made Do and Mend**, bring your sewing machine or use ours. If you have something that needs a bit of tricky sewing and need a hand, we can help. Just a button on a shirt? No problem.

These groups are all proving popular and it is keeping the agency humming. Also, the professional staff have full work schedules in the areas of counselling, parenting, financial mentoring.

November calendar

Our **Community Lunch** is on **Wednesday 16th** at the Good News Church in Hurndall Street. Come along at **11am for morning tea, then lunch at 12**. Be in to win the raffle at 1pm.

The mini-bus will act as shuffle between the retirement village and the lunch venue, from 10.45. Owen will take you to the lunch and bring you back.

Our mini-bus is going to Whangarei on **Wednesday 23rd, and Tuesday 8th at 9am**. It leaves from the carpark at the Maungaturoto Retirement Village and returns around mid-afternoon.

Wednesdays 11am at the Community House for Dancing Dollars.

Thursday 28th Make Do Mend sewing group with Viv. 10am until noon.

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Best wishes from all at OCS



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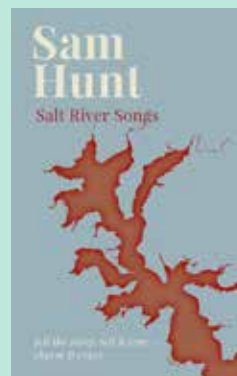


How can we abolish loneliness forever in our neighbourhood and community? We know that's not possible, right? But a small group of people in a London suburb give it a go, and don't just end their own loneliness but inspire thousands to get out there and befriend their neighbours. "All the Lonely People," by Mike Gayle. In one way this is the life story of a Jamaican man who emigrates to London, suffers the cold and racist attitudes, marries a white woman, raises two children, cares for his wife through dementia and death and his son through drug addiction, and sets his daughter free to follow her career in Australia. And in another way, it is a tale of people coming together and making a difference. He now lives alone. A young Welsh woman and her daughter move in next door. She is determined to make friends and fight loneliness. She is just what he needs. At first I thought this was light reading, a "cute" story, but it becomes so much more. Our caring community doesn't need to learn the lessons portrayed here, but you will find it inspiring nevertheless.

"The Survivors," by Jane Harper is a mystery set in the aftermath of drownings in a small coastal community in Tasmania. A new Dad, his wife and baby return to their childhood home to help his parents pack up and move to the city. Past shipwrecks, disasters, survivor guilt, unsolved missing persons, and a fresh body on the beach leave any of the characters as "persons of interest," but you won't solve this one easily. Loads of "rabbit trails" to keep you puzzling, and the truth once revealed is not what you would expect. To tell you more would reveal too much, but I can share that I loved the glimpses of present-day life by the beach in Tasmania, the sights and sounds of the ocean, gulls screeching and waves crashing over rocks. Jane Harper has that gift of putting you there in the scene.

"Wild," by Kristin Hannah, is a very different crime novel. It has the usual, the small town Cop, unsure of her ability, and assorted quirky towns-folk, the disgraced psychologist, the handsome doctor and love gone wrong, but the crime may not even be a crime. A little girl, filthy, ragged, starving is discovered hiding in a tree in the park. She doesn't speak, but rather growls and scratches. She is clutching a live wolf puppy. And there unfolds the mystery and how to solve it. Is she mute, or too traumatised to speak. Is she lost or was she kidnapped? How did she survive in the depths of the nearby woods and how did she get there? Lots of heartbreaking stories within the lives of the characters,

and the statistics about missing children in America are phenomenal. I read it in two afternoons- it's "one-of-those" books.



"Salt River Songs," by Sam Hunt. Published in 2016 and now out of print. How have I missed it until now? Too busy creating my own little block of paradise I suppose. I love the lilt of Sam's poems so if anyone out there has a copy, please share it around, I couldn't find it on a library search. And if not, you can hear and watch Sam reading it himself from

his home, available free on Youtube, just Google, Salt River Songs, Sam Hunt, and you will find it. It's "A muddy creek for me" too, and if I had the talent I would love to write one about "Moonrise over the Pahi River".

Anne Bate

I've been thinking... Sport

I used to believe that sport was a good thing. Good for participants who exercised mind and body and learned new skills. Good for participants, supporters and fans because they socialised and, really importantly, had fun.

But times have changed. Media interest and professionalism have turned sport into big business with big opportunities to make money, achieve fame, become powerful. Sport has become super competitive, right down to the grass roots levels.

We've all noticed parents on the sidelines encouraging kids yes, and sometimes abusing the refs. Tiger Mums analysing games and doing a little coaching. It gets serious. Think of the Dad who hospitalised a woman coach not so long ago.

It's no longer a given that kids will join with a neighbourhood team. They may go across town to a "better" club. Then, especially if they make age group or district teams, carted about the countryside for practices and matches. Think of the transport costs, the greenhouse gasses, and the

parents' time which could be spent mowing lawns or cooking meals at home.

Become an elite sportsman and the pressure's really on. You become a performing part in a machine aimed at securing a world cup or an Olympic gold. Every move is analysed: every performance critiqued and possibly discussed very publicly. Some people cope. Others don't.

Such intense training costs money. It may come from the sports organisations, but Government involvement is continually sought either to build facilities, finance training programmes, or host international events. How much does it cost to buy a World Cup or an Olympic gold? Would you rather have a hospital?

Is sporting success tied up with our National psyche? There's

nothing new in that idea. Think of the Roman circuses which cynically diverted the minds of the common people from political problems.

Sport as the opiate of the masses?

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Paparoa Lions Pioneer Luncheon

The pioneer Luncheon was initiated by the local Women's Division of Federated Farmers to honour the early settlers and our forefathers who worked so hard to make our community what it is today. This celebration has been an annual event held each year on the Friday nearest to St Patrick's day. At the Closure of the Women's Division Paparoa Lions took up the task of continuing this Celebration.

In 2025 the 75th Pioneer Luncheon will be held on 14 March. To be eligible to attend this event you must be over 65 years of age and be a descendant of an early settler, a long time resident of the community, a current member of the community, or have made a significant contribution to the community.

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Paparoa and surrounding areas Business Showcase!

Thank you to everyone who attended the Paparoa and Surrounding Areas Business Showcase on Saturday, 12th October! There were around 30 vibrant stalls inside the Paparoa Memorial Hall, offering a variety of products, services, and delicious food tastings that the public thoroughly enjoyed.

Stallholders added to the fun with engaging demonstrations, quiz questions, and prizes, creating a lively and interactive experience. Many said they appreciated the chance to meet new customers and network with other businesses. Others praised the welcoming vibe and friendliness of our community.

The gazebos and fairy lights added a nice touch to the atmosphere, and we were delighted with the number of people who came through over the afternoon. We will defiantly hold this event again.

A big congratulations to Carole Bowden, who won the \$500 Shop Local Prize with a ticket from Haven Café and Curios. Thanks to the Progressive Paparoa Team for putting on the event and providing the big prize, and a special thanks to the Lions of Paparoa for their support with the food truck.

We'd love to hear your feedback, so drop us a line at paparoa.ca@gmail.com

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Progressive Paparoa year in review

The following is the Chair's report to the AGM of Progressive Paparoa.

The last year has been one of significant achievement for Progressive Paparoa with some really good outcomes on many fronts, tempered by some ongoing frustrations in other areas, but overall I feel that we have made good progress.

We are now working well using smaller subcommittees to concentrate on our wide ranging responsibilities, with monthly reports back to the full committee.

One of the highlights for me has been the upgrading and refreshing of the Paparoa website. Paul Edlin, Alistair Gordon and Karyn Taylor have done a lot of work to update the business and community directories and improve the functionality, as well as the visual appeal of the website and we thank them for that. This is still a work in progress, but it is certainly great progress.

The Paparoa Press has been ably managed by Margie Baker who continues to produce a very high quality monthly publication, of which we are justifiably proud. Margie now has office space in the community library and we have recently purchased a new computer and updated software to make the editing job a little easier. We are very grateful for all Margie's efforts as well as all the regular contributors and proofreaders. The Printshop based in Skelton's Drapery continues to provide a great service for the district under the management of Robyn Skelton and the oversight of Mary Stevens. Robyn has the monthly task of printing the Press, often under some pressure, to have it ready for the rural delivery team, so we thank her for that.

The Farmer's Market has had a good year with stallholder numbers stronger through the Winter months than the previous year, and nearing capacity in the Spring. Alistair Gordon has taken over the management of the stallholders from Linda Allan, when she resigned from the Community Activator role. We now have a team of helpers who are rostered to assist with the set up and pack down of the market and deal with the traffic management.

A very successful meeting with council and NZTA representatives has resulted in a new and simpler traffic management plan that does not require qualified staff to execute it.

The Paparoa Lions Walkway is still proving to be a popular attraction for the community. Unfortunately it has been confirmed that the kauri dieback pathogen is now present in the bush on the walkway, making the boardwalks and steps installed over recent years hugely beneficial. It is so important that walkers keep to the tracks and use the hygiene stations provided to help stop the spread of this devastating pathogen. Thanks go to Graham Marks and Ken Chambers, our contractors who maintain the track, and to the Lions who organise working bees, pest control and have dealt with the issue of livestock on the track, which has been a problem.

A highlight of the year was the recent Business Showcase where we brought together about 30 businesses, locally based or serving our district, to showcase what they have to offer. The hall was packed with great displays and plenty of locals checking them out. The shop local campaign, run in conjunction with the showcase, was not overly well supported but we ended up with a delighted winner. My thanks go to the PP committee members involved in the organising, setting up and cleaning up of this successful event and especially to Luciana Orr, our new Community Activator, who led this really worthwhile project.

We have had mixed success in our dealings with Kaipara District Council this year. We have been delighted to welcome Annika Tierney Lemisio to our committee as the community liaison in Gail's absence. I have already mentioned the successful Farmers' Market outcome



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and we had another great result in getting two sections of the footpaths replaced after plenty of agitating and a constructive onsite meeting. However the wastewater issue has made very little progress despite our best efforts, and the playground extensions are yet to have any ground broken, despite that sub committee working tirelessly to keep things moving. We are confident that this will happen in the upcoming construction season. We have also been looking into refreshing the Welcome to Paparoa signage and hope to progress this soon. An exciting development for PP is the establishment of an environmental subcommittee. This is still in the development stage, but we are proposing to create a fund that will be used to help community groups and individuals in the area with projects to enhance the environment.

We are once again thankful to have received funding from both COGS and the Lottery Northland Community fund. The latter has been used

to employ our community activators. Linda Allan resigned early in the new year after securing full time work, and Luciana Orr has proven to be a very capable replacement. Thanks to both of them for their efforts.

As you can see from the length of this report, we have had another busy year and I want to sincerely thank all the members of the committee who have put in huge numbers of volunteer hours on the various projects and administration. Special thanks to Lissie Cleave (secretary), Sally Taylor (treasurer) and Vicky Hilton (vice chair), who have had heavy workloads on behalf of our community. Through the year we have had resignations from Tony Bozzard, Michael Juer and recently from Karyn Taylor. I thank them all for the time and energy they have given, and in Michael's case we are grateful that he continues to work on two of our sub committees.

We look forward to another year progressing Paparoa.

Pete Hames

Paparoa gym progress

Paparoa Sport and Rec has been progressing well with the new community gym at the sports pavilion. We have received some funding from the Paparoa County Depot Trust and have cleaned out one of the old changing rooms and the shower room, which have now been painted. Bryce the Locksmith has kindly installed a new keypad lock on the external door, and the next step is to improve the lighting, then



install some rubber flooring and bring in the equipment.

We are hopeful that we can have the gym up and running soon and will keep everyone updated via the Press and Facebook.

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Maungaturoto and Districts Rotary



A change of date for the Senior's afternoon tea. This will take place at the Centennial Hall on Friday 6 December. Once again we will be treated by the singers trained by Maura Flower. We should have been in touch with you by now, but if not, please call Eileen (021 142 0357)

This has always been an enjoyable social occasion.

Applications are now open for the Rotary President's Scholarship. This is worth \$1500 and is aimed at any young person aiming for tertiary education. They do not need to be school leavers. Application forms are available at Otamatea High school. However, if you would like one emailed to you, please text me your email address and I will ensure that you get one. (021 142 0357). Applications close on the 5th November.

Several working bees have been held in Nikau Grove during October. While the natives are growing well, so too is the ealeagnus. We hope to have that under control very soon. To protect the trees, the polythene barriers we have in place will be extended. It is hoped that this will encourage people (especially cyclists) to keep to the path.

Because this is a shorter version this month, I thought I would include a recent Parting Thought – different members share these gems at the end of each night's meeting. A recent one was: "Don't close the book when bad things happen in your life. Just turn the page and begin a new chapter."

Eileen

From our family to yours



Once upon a time...

I had a problem with drinking. Rather, I had a problem with stopping drinking. If you've never had a problem with alcohol, this can be taken lightly - well, if you don't like doing it, just stop?! Yes. Quite. I really wish I could... but addiction is an ugly beast, and supposing the addict is quite functional, then the problem remains entirely personal. Or in denial. I was very good at stopping drinking, actually, but then I would usually start smoking something herbaceous instead...

This November marks the three year anniversary of my sobriety of both - not that I wear it as a badge or celebrate it as a personal achievement of overcoming. I do like to bring out the calculator and celebrate not spending \$14,000 on booze, however. (FYI - That's an approximate total over three years.) The fact my three years of sobriety lines up to the day of my re-born life in Christ, well, any old cynic would write it off as entirely coincidental. I'm not so ignorant of the link, but I was completely not expecting such a wonderful gift.

There's nothing I miss about alcohol. Sorry. I don't judge drinkers; I just don't need to be one anymore. I don't need it to have fun. I don't need it to relax. I don't need it to comfort me, or encourage me, or help me to forget. Same with that wacky green stuff. I don't know who I thought I was fooling but, looking back, I was the fool.

There is a free, happy world beyond the roller coaster of substances. What can start off as a way to relax you at the end of a long day, can easily slip into a dependency and its wonderful that conversations are much more open these days about addiction, because reaching out and talking brings no shame. It can bring support. That's why I wanted to share about my journey. If you feel to reach out, get in touch with me via the editor.

May you have a wonderful November.

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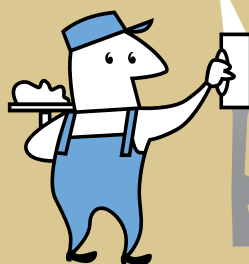
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Pets in the Valley



Q. What do snails and dogs have in common?

A. They can both be killed with slug bait (metaldehyde). Spring seems to bring on an outbreak of this horrible poisoning in dogs. The worst poisonings don't seem to be from the bait that has been sprinkled on the garden, but from when the garden tools are moved for spring planting and old boxes of bait get disturbed. Being made of cardboard the boxes absorb water over winter and fall apart, spilling large volumes of bait. For certain types of dogs that eat all sorts, unfortunately they find the bait attractive and quickly consume fatal volumes of toxin. Many people were unaware that the bait was even there let alone spilled.



I would love slug bait to be sold in plastic (politically incorrect) or metal (lovely old-fashioned) boxes to help prevent some of these incidents. If food scraps are thrown into the garden even cats may ingest some slug pellets while they are eating other tasty bits. Usually cats are more discerning in their eating but with their small body weight it doesn't take much to affect them.

Signs of slug bait poisoning are gastrointestinal and neurological so drooling, vomiting, diarrhoea, muscle shaking, incoordination and convulsions. Treatment involves trying to control seizures and remove as much stomach contents as possible.

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Happy gardening, Janine.

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In the flower beds the roses send delightful perfumes into the air, so keep up with dead heading. The more you do this, the more flowers the plant will produce for a huge summer show. Watch for aphids - zap them with the hose or squash with your fingers. Have a spray bottle handy with a simple DIY spray of dishwashing liquid, water and crushed garlic. This has always been my go to (you can pre-prepare big bottles of this).

To help fight fungi try a half and half spray of water and milk and repeat every 2-3 weeks.

In the flower beds it's time to plant all the summer stunners like dahlias, cosmos, scabiosa, larkspur, zinnias and sunflowers.

Feed your citrus now as this helps the flowers and new setting fruit. You can use a specific citrus fertiliser or a good helping of manure. Citrus are heavy feeders so repeat every six weeks. Stronger plants produce better fruit with less bugs.

It's also time to think about mulching to keep in that spring rain water. Also look at placing shade over the more tender plants like lettuce and basil.

Take early action with mildew. As the weather becomes warm and dry, courgettes, pumpkins, cucumbers and melons are prone to mildew so here's a diy fungicide to help prevent this: 1 tsp baking soda, 2 litres of water and a squirt of dishwashing liquid. Spray this on the foliage in the evenings once or twice a week (more often if it rains).

Happy Gardening
Smiles, C

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Bring along a picnic lunch or purchase from the many food stalls that will be there on the day.

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Riverview Rest Home 30th Anniversary Open Day - Sat Nov 9, 11.30am.
136 Hurndall St East, Maungaturoto. See p1 for more details.

Tomarata Fireworks - Sat Nov 9, 4 - 9.30pm, 10am. See p3 for more info.

Ruawai Lions Fun Run Walk Cycle - Sat Nov 16. See p17 for more info.

Paparoa Golf Club AGM - Sun Nov 24, 10am. At the club, Golf Course Rd, Maungaturoto.

Otamatea Community Services AGM - Tues Nov 26, 11am. St Johns Hall, Maungaturoto.

Aladdin The Pantomime - Fri Nov 24 - Sun 24. By Mangawhai Players, at Otamatea Repertory Theatre. See p14 for info and booking details.

Ballroom Classes - Saturday evenings at the Paparoa Memorial Hall : 6.15 - 7.45pm. An hour of tuition (social foxtrot, waltz, cha cha, rumba, slow jive etc) followed by a half hour of free time to practice, laugh and socialise. \$15pp. For more info contact Lisa on 021 828-531."

Rotary Seniors Afternoon Tea - Fri Dec 6. See p14 for info and contact.

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17th - Café Service, Holy Trinity, Maungaturoto, 10am.

24th - We will join Mangawhai, Christ the King, 10.30, for their Patronal Festival - their church's birthday.

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Badminton Thursdays 7pm Paparoa Hall \$2 students, \$3 adults, Pete 021 056 7163

Farmers' Market Every Saturday 9-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 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. Franklin Rd. Visitors welcome. paparoa@playcentre.org.nz

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

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

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

Plunket Ready Steady Wriggle Mon 10am. At playcentre. 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

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LOCAL TIDES for November 2024

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DATE	LOW	HIGH	DATE	LOW	HIGH
1st	17.42	11.51	17th	18.41	12.46
2nd	18.14	12.22	18th	7.03	13.32
3rd	18.47	12.54	19th	7.49	14.18
4th	7.05	13.27	20th	8.36	15.06
5th	7.41	14.02	21st	9.24	15.58
6th	8.19	14.41	22nd	10.16	16.55
7th	9.04	15.29	23rd	11.14	17.58
8th	9.56	16.28	24th	12.19	19.02
9th	10.58	17.38	25th	13.26	7.30
10th	12.09	6.17	26th	14.26	8.30
11th	13.21	7.27	27th	15.17	9.22
12th	14.26	8.32	28th	16.00	10.07
13th	15.24	9.31	29th	16.39	10.47
14th	16.16	10.24	30th	17.17	11.25
15th	17.06	11.13			
16th	17.54	12.00			

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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 Ken Chambers 09 4317443

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The George family

Over two days at the end of September, the George family of Matakoho experienced both great joy and profound loss. Pat and Steve George have been integral to the local community for over twenty years. After moving from Waiheke Island in the early 2000's, they quickly became fixtures in Paparoa and the surrounding area.

From hosting music and art festivals at their Moewaka Villa, helping to establish the Paparoa Wearable Arts, and creating community art pieces such as the mosaic picnic table at The Landing, to being regulars at the coffee shop after visiting the Saturday Markets, they contributed greatly to the cultural fabric of the community.

Patricia "Pat" George was selected for this year's King's Birthday Honours List, and on Thursday, September 26th, she travelled to Auckland to receive the King's Service Medal for her contributions to mosaic arts



Cindy Kiro, followed by a lovely high tea. It was a day greatly anticipated by the George family, especially by Pat's husband, Steve, whose support and encouragement had been steadfast throughout her long artistic career. Steve's own artistic talents also shaped much of the couple's creative legacy in the community.



and the community. The investiture ceremony was a joyous and emotional day at Government House, presided over by Her Excellency, the Governor-General of New Zealand, The Rt Hon Dame

Although Steve's health prevented him from attending the ceremony, he was excited to celebrate with Pat upon her return home. Tragically, the very next day, Friday, September 27th, the George family was faced with heartbreaking loss. Steve George passed away peacefully in the early hours

of the morning at the age of 84. Steve had been struggling with health issues for several years, and while his passing was not entirely unexpected, it has left a profound sense of loss among those who knew him.

Steve lived a life full of adventure, creativity, and connection. His love for music and art was evident to all who met him. Whether playing his guitar or ukulele, during his younger days at sea, by the fireside



at Moewaka Villa, or on the veranda during family gatherings, Steve's passion for music was ever-present. A skilled artist, he worked in various mediums throughout his life, with his mosaic sculptures gaining particular recognition in recent years. Steve's warmth, humour, and storytelling made him a beloved figure in the community. His presence will be deeply missed by his family, friends, and all those who had the pleasure of knowing him.

In this moment of great joy for Pat and immense sadness at the loss of Steve, the George family is held close in the hearts of their community.

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