



## Ground Breaking!! Work begins on new Paparoa Fire Station

Recently, upon a brisk winter noon, there was held a groundbreaking ceremony to mark the start of construction of Paparoa's new fire station, situated on the main road between the entrance to the showgrounds and the community gardens.

This event was attended by about 30 people, dignitaries from Fire and Emergency, and representatives of Guyco Construction, including the site foreman. A couple of foundation members of the Brigade, David Wilson and Gary Dallas and their wives, were in attendance as well as a group of present members and their families. A lovely group of supportive locals, many of whom are also committed volunteers within our community, braved the cold wind as well.

There were speeches which began with FENZ Area Manager Corey Matchitt welcoming everyone.

David Wilson regaled us with some War Stories from back in the day. Guyco's man and FENZ property manager Mel Tipton both said a few words, followed by Paparoa CFO (yours truly) who relayed what is summarised here.

We were then given a blessing by Iwi Liaison Albert Cash and the sod was turned!

We are very lucky to have this piece of local infrastructure, being built during a time of very tight budgets for FENZ. This is largely due to our Northland management team holding true and being committed to keeping this project on track.

The new station is more than a fire station. It is an emergency hub for the whole community, and will be built



to the highest earthquake resistant standards with in-built emergency power generation.

Looking back on all the past members who have carried the Brigade to where we are now, and the families that supported them, they must all be very proud. There was a time we nearly folded. Kaipara Council held a public meeting to close us down and were confronted by 150 angry townspeople.

Thankfully Council backed down. They then got behind us and supported us very well until we came under FENZ in 2017 with the amalgamation of rural and urban fire under one organization.

Things have gone from good to fantastic for us under FENZ with two beautiful new vehicles and great training and support. The new station is going to dramatically increase our profile in the town, and we are hoping it will help us attract new members.

It has always surprised me how FENZ have promoted Paparoa, with good urban brigades so close by on either side. But as a rural Brigade, we fulfil a different function for which we are ideally geographically situated.

We roll with nine tons of water for fighting wildfires and, with our high four wheel drive appliance and chainsaw specialist skills, we're very useful during extreme weather events.

We cover a large area from coast to coast including the four large Kaipara peninsulas. From Oruawharo in the south up to Ruakaka, across to Waipoua and down to Pouto, on the west. Our specialist rural crew is a very big part of TK, the Northland Wildfire response team.

In answer to the Karakia, exactly at the closing of the ceremonies, two fat Kereru swooped across the site and right through the crowd - from whom there issued an audible gasp.

After the formalities we adjourned to the existing station for tea and treats put on by FENZ. Thank you to all those who came along and also those who were supporting us in spirit.

Ken Ogilvy



### INSIDE

- At the Market ..... 2
- School News ..... 4
- Letters From the Old PO ..... 7
- Meet the Candidates ..... 8
- Rotary News ..... 11
- Books & Bookclubs ..... 15
- What's On ..... 18
- Community Directory ..... 19
- Tides ..... 19

## Paparooa Press PP

**PUBLISHED MONTHLY BY**  
Progressive Paparooa Inc. (PPI),  
for Paparooa, Pahi, Matakoho,  
Whakapirau and Tinopai.

**CIRCULATION** 1,050

**CONTACT US:**

- press@paparooa.org.nz
- PPI, PO Box 107, Paparooa 0543
- www.paparooa.org.nz

**ADVERTISING**

Rate Card available by email  
Booking & Copy deadline:  
15<sup>th</sup> of month  
Publication date 1<sup>st</sup> Wed of month

## At the market

Raylee Over first worked in a florist shop when she was 15. She had just left school as her father had passed away and she didn't want to be a drain on her mother, so she walked from Richmond Rd in Grey Lynn to Queen Street and got herself a job at Star Florist.

Raylee recalls being paid \$10 per week, and was told she got the job because of her tidy handwriting and her short stature - she had to work in a basement!

Years later, after having a family and running a successful signwriting business with her then husband, Raylee was able to buy the florist shop in Queen Street and ran it until her daughter fell seriously ill and she took on more family responsibilities.

Raylee moved up to Paparooa in 2013 to work on her brother's flower farm. When that work ran out, she had already met her partner Kevin and knew she wanted to stay in the area, so she started up a stall at the Paparooa Farmers Market selling mussel fritters.

Floristry was in her blood

though and she started a small floristry shop in the village, then moved into the shop next to the dairy. In 2020 about a week before the first Covid lockdown Raylee closed the doors on that shop, but when she was able, she had a mobile stall built and started selling flowers from that.

These days Raylee has a stall at the weekly Farmers' Market, selling flowers she sources direct from growers as local

as possible. In season she gets beautiful zinnias from Carole Bowden at Matakoho, and a lot of her flowers from a grower in Maungatapere.

Raylee loves her regular spot at the eastern end of the market where she gets to welcome and farewell everyone who comes into the market from that end. Make sure to say hello and pick up some lovely flowers next time you're at the market.

Pete



## Al's Upholstery

Alan Hilton



**Automotive  
Furniture  
Covers  
Seats**

over 30yrs experience

021 0709101

144 Franklin Rd, Paparooa

## JORCO CONTRACTORS

AG & CIVIL SPECIALISTS

SERVICING KAIPARA AND NORTHLAND



Depots at:  
580 Neems Road  
MATAKOHE  
634 Kara Road  
MAUNGATAPERE

Call Trevor for a free  
no obligation quote

☎ 021 259 0459

✉ trevor@jorco.co.nz

Facebook: @jorcocontractors

- Roading and Earthmoving
- Excavators, Trucks, Grader and Roller
- 30tn capacity Widening Transporter
- Bulk Fertiliser and Metal Cartage
- Fertiliser and Lime Spreading with GPS mapping
- 4x4 Truck and Tractor Spreaders
- Silage, Hay Baling and sales
- Cultivation 3-6m Power Harrows and Discs
- Mulching



**REMEMBER!**  
Either way it's 20k  
when you pass a school  
bus that's picking up or  
dropping off children.

## A reminder to our contributors!

We need all advertising material by the 15th of the previous month and all editorial copy by the 20th. We cannot guarantee the publication of any material received after these dates.

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

Opinions expressed in Paparooa Press are the author's own and not necessarily those of the editor or Progressive Paparooa Inc.



**Maungaturoto St John  
Annual Fundraiser**

**TRASH AND TREASURE**

Is being held at Centennial Hall, View Street,  
Maungaturoto

From Monday 29th September  
to Friday 3rd October

9am to 5pm - Monday, Tuesday and Thursday;  
Wednesday will be open until 8pm

If you have items for collection, most will be  
collected in the weekend prior, when staff are  
available. However, Terri (and Kenny) will be at  
the Centennial Hall between 1 and 2pm  
each Sunday afternoon

**Please don't just leave items outside**

Any queries, please call me on 021 142 0357

Eileen Parsons, Secretary

**Paparoa  
Press  
is also  
available  
online at  
paparoa.org.nz**

**W.J.BARKER  
SCAFFOLDING**

A local scaffolding service for  
any renovation, painting, new  
build, roofing & access  
requirements.  
Call anytime for an estimate.  
**0204 186 8964  
09 280 9520**

www.wjbarker-scaffolding.co.nz  
info@wjbarker-scaffolding.co.nz

**WOODLOT  
CONTRACTING LTD**

FOREST HARVESTING

Specialising in:

- Small-Medium Forest Harvesting
- Shelter Belts
- Land Clearing

Peter Martin  
Contact

☎ 0272575119

✉ woodlotcontracting@hotmail.com

**Paparoa War Memorial Hall Society**

At the recent AGM, an enthusiastic group of people  
volunteered to maintain and manage our community  
hall for another year.

Without these people, our  
community would be unable  
to attend the many exercise,  
sporting and recreational  
functions which the space  
hosts. Thank you to you all.

During the past year a CCTV  
camera system was installed  
to help with security of  
the Hall and environs and  
there is a new Facebook

page set up (Paparoa WM  
Hall) with news of the hall  
and upcoming events. Of  
special interest is the fairly  
new Ballroom Dancing class  
(see Out & About, p18), the  
upcoming Lions Pink Ribbon  
High Tea on October 12,  
and Paparoa's Got Talent on  
November 1.

PS- the cake was superb!

Lorraine



Back row: Tim Lord, Pete Hames, Ken Chambers, Helene Kaltak,  
Tina Smith, Stephen Findlay.

Front row: Millie Kenyon (Secretary), Peter Risbridge (President)  
and the wonderful Robyn Skelton (Treasurer and Bookings).

**THE REFILLERY**

kind on your wallet & our world

**Coming Soon - a refill station on wheels!**

Refills for home & body.  
Chemical-free, cruelty-free & made in NZ  
Low waste. Low cost. Simple.  
Just bring your bottles - refill what you need.

The Refillery van hits the road on 20th October  
Popping up at Paparoa Market, Maungaturoto,  
Pahi, Tinopai, Kaiwaka & Ruawai.

Follow the van for locations & times  
**@refillery.co.nz | www.refillery.co.nz**

Start saving your empties.

## Gutter Cleaning

### Residential properties

Single storey from \$80  
Double storey from \$150

Ph or text Patrick  
on 021 0276 5436

with your address for a quote

## Paparooa School news

The sun was shining last week as our school held its annual cross country event. With perfect conditions, every single student took part, making for an impressive 100% participation rate.

The support from families and the wider community was outstanding, with a huge turnout of spectators lining the course to cheer on the runners. It was a true celebration of school spirit, determination, and community pride.

Looking ahead, preparations are underway for several

key events on our school calendar. Our annual Possum Purge fundraiser will take place over the weekend of 12-14 September, culminating in a community gala on Sunday 14 September. This event is always a highlight, bringing people together for a fun-filled day while raising important funds for the school. Planning is also progressing for our much-loved Pet & Show Day, another favourite tradition that students, staff, and families all look forward to each year.

On a personal note, I feel extremely fortunate to have recently travelled to Brisbane for an education conference. It was an inspiring opportunity to connect with educators from across Australasia and beyond. I attended two learning pathways that explored the latest research

around dyslexia, trauma-based education, and school culture wellbeing. These sessions provided valuable insights into how schools can continue to grow and support learners in the current education climate, and I am excited to bring this knowledge back to our school community.

With such a successful cross country behind us and exciting events on the horizon, there is plenty to look forward to. As the days get longer and the weather warms, I am sure everybody is looking forward to enjoying more time outdoors.

Before signing off, I'd like to give a special shout-out to Bill, a long-standing supporter of our school and a regular reader of the Paparooa Press.

Nga Mihi  
Karyn Taylor  
Principal



## FARMWORK SERVICES

For all types of fencing, stockyards, handyman work, tree felling, tractor work etc.



phone

Mike 09 431 6509  
027 203 2694

email

farmwork.services@gmail.com

**12 tonne digger now available  
for driveways, farm tracks, hole boring etc**

**g.a.s.**  
Petrol Service Stations

## Paparooa

Open 7 days  
Mon-Sun 6am-10pm  
gasolinepaparooa@gmail.com

- Petrol, diesel & oil
- Fresha Valley milk
- Pies
- Barista coffee
- Great variety of snacks
- Pet food - cats/dogs
- Cop-Rice biscuits 20kg
- Great variety of bait and all fishing requirements
- Top ups & prepay
- Frozen foods
- Firewood
- Hardware
- TRAILER HIRE



Phone  
09 431 6302

## Last Song?

This is what it's all about - giving back.

On the 12th of August Harcourts Waipu proudly presented a \$42,000 cheque to Linking Hands Incorporated!

This is all the proceeds from the sell-out community production "Last Song?"

This funding will help Linking Hands purchase a much-needed additional vehicle to transport community members to their medical appointments from the

Bream Bay and Kaipara District areas.

We love this community - and together, we made this happen.

Thank you to everyone who helped us achieve this amazing milestone.

Harcourts Waipu





## Otamatea Girls go back to back

On Thursday the 7th of August the Otamatea High School Girls Basketball Team steamrolled Kristen Premier Girls 47-22 to win the North Harbour Senior A competition for the second year running.

It is a testament to the girl's fortitude to make the drive down to the North Shore week after week and maintain basketball consistency. Over two seasons the team has lost only one game and have played an integral role in putting Otamatea and

Kaipara Basketball on the map.

The team introduced three new year nine players this year Natasha, Mia and Iraia. It is quite daunting to be suddenly in a competition playing with and against Girls four years your senior. However, Natasha, Mia and

Iraia equipped themselves well, growing every game in confidence and basketball IQ.

Our Year 11 players Harper, Keira and Trinity have shown improved maturity in their game and attitude and played key roles in the team's success. Saoirse was having a breakout season until she tore her ACL helping our team win a crucial game when we only had 5 players. The team's Vice Captain Jade Ferrari was a defensive stalwart racking up blocks in double digits in some games, while also displaying a lovely shooting touch. Year 13 Captain Anahera Worsfold had a dominant season, leading the league in scoring. We wish her all the best for her future basketball endeavours.

Mauri ora  
Blake Worsfold  
Chair, Kaipara Basketball Association



**White Rock Gallery**

**Kaipara art & craft**

OPEN 7 DAYS 10am-4pm  
5 Church Road, Matakoho  
next to the Kauri Museum

There's something for everyone

# Hilltop

HAIR DESIGN

0210633674

## Paparoa Lions

It has been a busy couple of months for the Lions Club of Paparoa. On July 21st we held our Installation of Officers for 2025-26, welcoming our new President Vicky Hilton. Vicky is the first woman president of our Paparoa Lions Club which was established in 1978.

Over the course of the evening we welcomed and congratulated a new Lion to the fold as well as installing new and existing board members to support Vicky in her new role. Welcome to Paparoa Lions, Sharon Duffy.

Congratulations  
Pete Hames, Alistair Banks, Stephanie Bristol, Pattie Hughes, Stephen Findlay, Dave Porteous, Sarolta

Bernhardt and Patsy Parkinson on your new and existing roles.

We would like to say a BIG Thank You to our Guest of Honour for the night, Past District Governor Ricky Singh who lightened the evening with his fabulous sense of humour whilst presenting these prestigious awards.

A huge thank you to our past President Ken Chambers for his outstanding service over the past year, you are a credit to our Paparoa Lions Club, your final report put a smile on everyone's face with your and Delwyn's musical rendition of the past year completed...



I do have a small video clip of this and will share with everyone another time.

We would like to acknowledge and thank Sue and Dennis Smith (Marsden Lions) for attending our

special evening along with Beverley Pullar (Ruawai Lions President).

Thank you also to Otamatea Netball Club who provided our meal for the evening's event.

Patsy



Ricky Singh and Ken Chambers



Otamatea Netball Club who catered the evening meal



## Cameron Philips CABINETMAKER Matakohe



- Kitchens
- Custom Furniture
- Furniture repairs & restoration
- Custom run mouldings
- Stairs & Timber Doors

QUALITY WORKMANSHIP

09 431 7579

cam@cp-cabinetry.co.nz

http://cp-cabinetry.co.nz

## Breast cancer fundraising events

We are hearing some fabulous reports about Bras that are being decorated for the Paparooa Lions Club Bling a Bra Exhibition happening 10th-12th October. Have you started yours yet?

Items from broken jewellery, fabric, shells and beads are getting blinged onto bras to help this Breast Cancer Fundraiser - it's not too late to complete your entry!

If you don't have an old bra to use, collect a free one from Maungaturoto Op Shop, Skelton's Drapery, Haven Café or contact me (number below). Bra's need

to be delivered to one of these outlets or to a Lions Member before midday on Friday 10th. Entry fee is \$5 per bra for adults and \$2 per bra for children under 16. Prizes are Adults 1st \$50, 2nd \$25, and child's 1st \$30 and 2nd \$15.

These amazing creations can be viewed on Friday 10th 2pm-4pm, Saturday 11th 10am-3pm and Sunday 12th 10am-1pm.

Bring some gold coins (or notes) to vote for your favourite bra with all funds raised going into our Breast Cancer Fundraising total.

The bras will be exhibited anonymously and the winning bras are the ones that raise the highest amount in donations.

This fundraising weekend will conclude with a Pink Ribbon High Tea on Sunday



12th at 2pm. Tickets are \$20 and are on sale now from Skelton's Drapery and Haven Café or contact me on 021 270 2135 or one of our other members. Sorry, for catering numbers there will be no door sales.

## THE KAURI MUSEUM

Guardians of the kauri story  
Past, present, future

Museum open 7 days 9am-5pm

We are very excited to have opened a spectacular new attraction at the Museum - the Forest Walkway.

Come and see it for yourself!

Gumdiggers cafe: open 10am-3pm

5 Church Road, Matakohe ph 09 4317 417 www.kaurimuseum.com



www.battensbybrothers.co.nz



Call to book us now for ...

- ◆ Ground Cultivation
- ◆ Silage and Hay
- ◆ Fertiliser spreading
- ◆ Firewood (WINZ approved)



Contact Glenn on 021 983 734

Email: battensbybrothers@xtra.co.nz

You are invited to a



*Pink Ribbon High Tea*

Sun 12th October - 2:00 PM

Paparooa Hall

Breast Cancer Fundraiser

hosted by the Paparooa Lions Club

\$20 ticket - buy from Haven Café,  
Skelton Drapery or a Lions Club member  
Door Prizes + Prizes for Best Pink Outfit  
Raffles available to buy at the event



Bring money for great raffles and auction items, plus there will be door prizes and a prize for the best PINK outfit! Eftpos will be available at the hall all weekend. The winners of the Bra Exhibition will also be announced here.

Please help us fundraise for this great cause that I know we have all been touched by somehow - either personally, through a family member or a special friend.

Sarolta



## Paparooa Volunteer Fire Brigade Join our team

It's Life  
Changing

Contact Ken Ogilvy  
021 129 4042



*Letters from The Old Post Office...*



Cats, brats and attitude or, as A.N. Whitehead said, "The phrase 'domestic cat' is an oxymoron."

And so, Dear Reader, we leap apologetically into the topic du jour. An ode to the now defunct cat of the house. But what a cat. He was born a male termagant, lived as a wild fury and died true to his evil spirit.

After the passing of the earlier black cat model, the youngest offspring requested a kitten, but of any shade except black and so an order was put into the rescue place for an adorable, gentle little tabby. We viewed her and found her good.



Naturally on pick up day we were presented with a small, male black devil.

The daughter, extremely miffed, passed him over to me and thus our partnership was born. Condescending to at least name him, Timothy Arthur C-R, she then exited from his proximity. I have often felt that the heavy responsibility of such a name contributed to his behaviours. The daughter claims that he was always evil to the bone and that if not for her grandiose name he would have been even worse.

Within days he had terrorised the neighbouring Birman breeder's queens. (The Doberman and I had to retrieve him at midnight on several occasions as he had scaled the netting of their cages.) You try catching a black kitten on a black and moonless night. That stupid, wiggly toy called a buzzy bee had to be employed as we backwards shuffled our way home. Several saintly neighbours complained of the unsaintly language that bounced around the valley. The dog and my response was less than polite.

Nevertheless, the dog soon

obeyed the cat's every whim and allowed him to accompany us on our 6am walks, waiting with resignation as Timothy's yowls indicated we needed to slow down. The neighbour's cat killing staffy soon also toed the line and residents were treated to

the sight of the three stooges trotting down the road (the rooster sometimes joined in as well). The children claimed that obviously I had chosen to set up house on a ley-line and subsequently all the available loonies had migrated to the vicinity. Strangely, they say much the same of Paparoa. How rude.

Never-the-less, Timothy Arthur kept the water rat population down and entertained himself in the night watches by catching eels and posting them in my boots. He seemed to derive much enjoyment from my subsequent athletic leaping about.

Later, he kept the man in the shed in line. A slow learner that one. He may have been kind enough to give my cat a snack in the later evening but in Timothy Arthur's opinion that did not extend to the liberty of patting his head. A scratch in time earns nine he clearly thought. However, the scars that habitually ensued bore testimony of a different kind. Perhaps NCEA might have been adjusted earlier for the man in the shed's benefit.

So many scrimmages, so little time. Although the

riding on the last doberman's back was a sight and sound to behold. Such a splendid cacophony. He certainly taught her a lesson. As he did other visiting dogs (Koa continues to start uneasily as if his shade still walks) and the neighbour's shepherd also keeps his distance.

Much like the visitors who did not meet Tim's approval. At least now I will not have to replenish my first aid kit so often.

And I doubt he will rest in peace.

Vale Timothy Arthur Clapperton-Rees

Ka kite ano, Deb



## COLOUR & CUTZ

Ladies & mens cuts  
Colours & highlights  
Weddings  
Gift vouchers

All colours & products used at the salon are organic

**Salon 09 431 7255 Gaylene 021 115 8506**

**OPEN TUESDAY - SATURDAY**  
1994 PAPAROA VALLEY ROAD

# YOUR TYRE SPECIALIST

**Providing 67 years of service in the heart of Kaipara.**

- Tyres
- WOF
- Servicing

- Brakes
- Suspension
- Alignment

- Wheel Balancing
- Batteries

**Garnetts Tyre Service**

📍 2 Gorge Rd, Maungaturoto

☎ 09 431 8255



**The Naming of Cats by T. S. Eliot**

The Naming of Cats is a difficult matter,  
It isn't just one of your holiday games;  
You may think at first I'm as mad as a hatter  
When I tell you, a cat must have THREE DIFFERENT NAMES...

First of all, there's the name that the family use daily,.....(like shithead!!!)

**Keith the TV Guy****Freeview digital TV**

21 TV and 9 Radio/Music channels are currently being transmitted.

Satellite dishes, decoders, cable etc., supplied and installed.

phone Keith  
021 239 4251

**Meet the candidates evening in Paparooa**

Progressive Paparooa is once again holding a Meet the Candidates evening for those standing in the upcoming local government elections. The evening will be held on Monday 8 September from 7pm, at the Paparooa War Memorial Hall.

All candidates will introduce themselves, then questions will be asked of them via the MC for the evening. You can write your questions to be included beforehand or on the night.

We have invited all the mayoral candidates, those standing for the Otamatea ward, as well as candidates

standing for the Kaipara ward and Te Raki Māori ward of Northland Regional Council. We have a number of people to choose from this time, so make sure you get along to meet them and hear them speak.

These roles are critical for our district, so also don't forget to vote. Voting is postal and delivery of voting papers begins on 9 September, and the last day for votes to be received is Saturday 11 October.

For this election our council has decided to go back to the old system of First Past the Post (FPP) where we vote by ticking the preferred candidate/s. This is a change from previous elections when we used the Single Transferable Vote (STV) system where we ranked them in order of preference. FPP means we only get to tick

one mayoral candidate, two Otamatea ward candidates and one Regional Council candidate (or two if you are on the Māori roll as the ward is across the whole of Northland), so it is even more important that we get a chance to hear from all the candidates before making an informed vote.

A light supper will be provided by Progressive Paparooa at the end of the evening and this will provide a chance for the public to chat one on one with the candidates. Let's fill the hall for this important event so we can choose the best candidates to run our councils for the next three years.

PPI

**KAIPARA PLUMBING LTD**

**DRAINAGE  
YOUR LOCAL  
PLUMBING  
SPECIALISTS**

**ALL  
GENERAL  
PLUMBING  
AND  
MAINTENANCE**



**Master  
Plumbers**  
Representing Excellence

**PH GRAHAM**  
**027 244 5430**

**White Rock Gallery**

White Rock Gallery in Matakoho is buzzing with fresh creativity as the Late Winter exhibition continues to excite visitors.

The new exhibition highlights a diverse mix of work, such as the unique pottery of local artist Sharon Clayton. Pottery lovers will be delighted by the range on display - from functional pieces that bring elegance to the everyday, to sculptural works such as these cute geese pictured here.

There is also a new range of paintings, mosaics, quilts, vintage cutlery, jewellery, decoupage items and wood work on show. The new exhibition has been warmly received and has had plenty of positive feedback. With the warmer weather on its way, visitor numbers are slowly increasing.



The gallery welcomes everyone to stop in, explore the exhibition, and experience the creativity firsthand. We are located at 5 Church Road, Matakoho, in The Post and Telegraph Office, next to the Kauri Museum and we're open 7 days 10am-4pm.

*"Spring is nature's way of saying, 'Let's party!'" - Robin Williams*

## KDC Candidates (Alphabetically) Mayor

**Jonathan Larsen:**

Affiliation: Independent  
Current Deputy Mayor, and four term Councillor.  
www.jonathanlarsen.co.nz

**Ash Nayar:**

Affiliation: Independent  
Current Councillor  
www.nayarformayor.com

**Jason Smith:**

Affiliation: N/A  
Kaipara Mayor 2018- 2022  
Facebook: Dr Jake's Better Kaipara Again

**Snow Tane:**

Affiliation: Independent  
Wide range of community leadership experience  
www.snowforkaipara.com

## Otamatea Ward Candidates (two positions)

**Roger Billington**

Affiliation: ACT Local

**Joel Bouzaid**

Affiliation: N/A

**Fiona Kemp**

Affiliation: N/A

**Denise Rogers**

Affiliation: N/A

**Mike Schimanski**

Affiliation: Independent

**Mark Vincent (Current Councillor)**

Affiliation: Independent

**Stephen Wood**

Affiliation: Independent

Candidate statements can be found at:

[www.kaipara.govt.nz/council/local-elections/local-elections-2025/candidates-for-otamatea-ward](http://www.kaipara.govt.nz/council/local-elections/local-elections-2025/candidates-for-otamatea-ward)

## Blast from the past (around mid 1987)



The Paparoa School catering committee, Jan Dallas, Helen Bonham and Mary Stevens, pictured as they prepared delicacies for the Northland Dairy Company's shareholders meeting.

The team, assisted by school parents who produced pizzas, cakes, sausage rolls and other 'finger foods', catered for over 200 people and at the same time raised funds for school equipment.

## Painter & Decorator

Tradesman's quality work guaranteed



- Interior
- Exterior
- Minor GIB stopping
- Spray finishes
- Roofs
- Waterblasting

For your free quote  
call Mike 021 529 025

do you need a  
**WEBSITE ?**

Local, friendly  
website design  
& management.  
sme-sitedesign.co.nz

Contact Paul for more information:  
E: paul@sme-sitedesign.co.nz  
T: 09 431-7063  
M: 022 625-4156

**Get More Customers  
Cost Effective Marketing**

**EVERY SATURDAY  
THE VILLAGE GREEN 9-12**

Market Manager  
Alistair Gordon  
027 52 54 782



## OCS September News

Apparently, it's now officially Spring. So, Winter hasn't been too bad overall, has it. We did have quite a lot of rain at times, and some very strong, cold winds, so the heaters or log fires have been working overtime. Let's now look forward to all that Spring usually brings, e.g. beautiful blossoms, slightly warmer temperatures and changing weather patterns. All leading up to summer again.

Here at OCS we remain very busy with the normal events and services, which are provided by our qualified, professional clinicians. These include counsellors, financial mentors, social workers, family support worker and parent coach. These are overseen by our Manager and Clinical Supervisor and supported by reception and administration staff. We appreciate the Governance Board which meets monthly to ensure the smooth running of all that the agency does.

We have another of the **Community Lunches** this month, on **Wednesday 17th**, at The Good News Church in Hurndall Street. Everybody is welcome, so come along and enjoy good company, good food and a happy social day out. Our van will be available to collect people from the Maungaturoto Retirement Village parking area and deliver back after lunch.

If you would like to be picked up please phone us on 431 9080.

The **free shopping trips** this month are **Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 24th**. The van leaves the Maungaturoto retirement village parking area at 9am and returns after lunch. If you'd like to be on one of those trips, please phone us on 431 9080.



**Dancing Dollars every Wednesday** at The Community House, 155 Hurndall Street 11 - 1pm. Plan, shop, cook and serve tasty economical lunches and keep the dollars from dancing out of your pocket.

### Those dates again:

Shopping trip to Whangarei Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 24th

Community lunch at Good News Church Wednesday 17th

Dancing Dollars Community House 155 Hurndall Street each Wednesday, 11am- 1pm

We welcome everyone to enquire about our services, just call in to Brooks House at 153 Hurndall Street Maungaturoto, or phone us on 09 431 9080. Our services are free or a koha is welcome if you choose to do so.

Stay safe and well. From all at OCS



## Paparoa Roadside Delivery Service

We deliver to Maungaturoto & Paparoa every Thursday.

It's simple! Order your pet food online.

We meet you in Paparoa at 1pm Thursday.



Or visit our store at 41 Moir St, Mangawhai  
8am-5pm weekdays | 9am-2pm Saturdays

Call Steve 027 292 4891 [www.bobandben.co.nz](http://www.bobandben.co.nz)



## Maungaturoto and Districts



Members of the Otamatea Interact Club have enjoyed participating in activities at the Riverview Rest Home in Maungaturoto. During the first session bingo was played and, in the second, a trivia quiz based on general knowledge from '50s and '60s provided some challenges.

It is quite special the way these young people relate to the residents and they always work alongside one or two residents. After the games there is a time for sharing, so that each group is able to learn more about the other. This has turned out to be a very positive initiative.

At 7pm on the 17th September, at the Maungaturoto Country Club, there will be a chance to meet the Otamatea candidates for the upcoming elections (who are able to make themselves available).

The Club is affiliated to the Maungaturoto Country Club and we do endeavor to support that facility when we can. We did have a team in at the recent Quiz night but have decided that for those quizzes, a good mix of ages is an essential element, something we didn't have.

However, a much more successful initiative was the invitation to Paparoa resident Kate Hawley to speak at the Club about her career as a costume designer. Many of us were unaware of her accomplishments but she was able to hold her audience enthralled throughout the presentation. Kate was a winner of a Radio NZ Young Achiever's award which took her to London then, on her return, she met Peter Jackson. Her involvement in films has seen her work with a number of well-known directors including Peter Jackson and Guillermo del Toro.



In the near future she will be going to America for the post-production of Frankenstein, in which she was able to work with archived jewels from Tiffany's, which Audrey Hepburn wore in Breakfast at Tiffany's. (Only the second time they have been used since then.) Kate says that home is a creative, inspiring place.

The mist and colours of Arcadia valley inspire her. "Small things matter", such as the dew on a spider's web that can look like jewels. Kate uses many natural dyes and textures, designing each of the hobbits' costumes individually. Prior to developing costumes for the actors in Tolkien's work, she made copious notes and at the same time she also referred to Tolkien's original drawings. As a result of this presentation, Kate has very generously offered her time to work with some of the budding young artists who attended.

If you would like to join us for any activities, even if you don't want to join us for a meal, please get in touch with a Rotarian. We are eagerly seeking new ideas.

Eileen

### BEDS & MORE OUTLET STORE

SALE ENDS SEPTEMBER 2025

#### Atlas Pop-Up Bed with M1 Mattresses

**ONLY \$899**



WAS \$1295

RRP \$1995

**45% OFF RRP**

#### Atlas Folding Bed - 79cm

**ONLY \$199**



WAS \$249

RRP \$499

**40% OFF RRP**

#### Double M1 Mattress & Kitset Base

**ONLY \$499**



WAS \$664

RRP \$1040

**43% OFF RRP**

22 Freyberg Road, Ruawai  
09 699 4050  
ruawai@bedsandmore.nz

**BEDS & MORE OUTLET STORE**

## ADAM STEVENS BUILDER

Licensed  
Building Practitioner

For new builds,  
alterations and roofing

021 741 363 A/H 09 431 6245

## Believe it, or not...

2024 was Aotearoa New Zealand's 10th-warmest year on record. The nationwide average temperature was 13.25°C, (0.51°C above the 1991-2020 annual average). Eight of our 10 warmest years on record have occurred since 2013. (NIWA)

This century, climate change will alter New Zealand's natural water cycle significantly. It will change how much rain and snow we receive, and at what time of year. It will change how much water is stored in the soil, snow, glaciers and aquifers. It will change how much water evaporates back

to the atmosphere and how much flows through streams and rivers to the coast. And it will change the severity of droughts, floods and power shortages. (Deep South)

Globally 2024 was the warmest year on Earth since observations began and recent warming appears faster than expected. (Berkeley Earth) Atmospheric carbon dioxide has risen sharply since preindustrial times.

The Southern Ocean, which plays a major role in our climate, is almost entirely responsible for 'uptaking the planet's ocean warming'. The oceans have absorbed ~93% of warming and are heating up 40% faster than was estimated ten years ago. This Southern Ocean warming and its associated impacts are effectively irreversible on human time scales, because it takes millennia for heat trapped deep in the ocean to be released back into the atmosphere. (Huguenin et al, 2022)

The atmosphere holds ~7% more water for every 1°C warming; resulting in more intense precipitation, and more heat = more energy, winds are getting stronger. But, the condensation of water vapour to make rain droplets releases heat. This, in turn, can fuel stronger convection in thunderstorms, which can then dump substantially more rain. This means that the intensity of extreme rainfall could increase by much more than 7% per degree of warming. What we're seeing is that thunderstorms can likely dump about double or triple that rate - around 14-21% more rain for each degree of

warming. (Dowdy et al, May 2024)

in May 2025, for the first time, global average concentrations of carbon dioxide, (CO<sub>2</sub>, a greenhouse gas emitted as a byproduct of burning fossil fuels) exceeded 430 parts per million (ppm). The last time there was this much carbon dioxide CO<sub>2</sub> in the Earth's atmosphere was during the Pliocene era, when modern humans didn't exist and megatoothed sharks prowled the oceans.

We are already experiencing extreme weather and increased evapotranspiration (10% more since 2003). There were around 6,681 climate-related extreme weather events reported during 2000-2019, compared to 3,656 climate-related events reported during 1980-1999. This relates to floods, storms, droughts, landslides, extreme temperatures (like heat waves or freezes), and wildfires.

This is increasingly costly for all of us in a multitude of ways, from marine heatwaves that supercharge NZ storms and affect fish and bird populations, to drought, floods (rain and/or rivers), rising sea levels, ocean acidification, and loss of critical ecosystem services we need to survive.

Any drop in emissions won't reverse warming or return us to a 'normal' climate as there's a long lag time between emitting greenhouse gases and their effect. The best we can hope for is that our efforts to reduce our CO<sub>2</sub> emissions now will result in a better place for our descendants.



# LATTO BUILDERS

021 7727 66

House Construction, Alterations  
Renovations or General Repairs




**Unichem**  
Proud to support the health  
of our local community

Orrs Maungaturoto

**Free Prescriptions** for under 13 years old, over 65 years old and Community Services Card holders (aged 14 to 65 years). Only for fully funded medications and if prescription is from a GP or Public Hospital.

If you are facing any financial constraints and are unable to pay for your medications, talk to us as we also have funding available to help cover the cost of medications for eligible patients or families.

Vaccinations (Covid, Flu, Shingles, MMR, Tetanus (Boostrix) etc)\*  
Vitamin B12 Injections\*  
Covid-19 Antiviral Tablets\*  
Flu, Cold and Sore Throat swabbing and Antibiotic Treatment\*  
Recurrent Herpes Treatment (Cold sores/ Genital herpes)\*  
Melatonin and Sleep Problems Consultation\*  
Shingles Treatment (Antiviral tablets)\*  
Rosacea Consultation\*  
Emergency contraceptive pill\*

Oral contraceptive pill\*  
Treatment (Antibiotics) for Urinary Tract Infection (for women 16 to 65 years)\*  
Passport Photos\*  
Smoking Cessation Consultations\*  
Erectile Dysfunction (Sildenafil) Consultation\*  
Blood Pressure Check\*  
Ear Piercing\*

\* Some services are fully funded while others are self-funding by the patient or family. Eligibility criteria and Pharmacist discretion applies. Talk to the Pharmacist or staff to discuss available options.

**Delivery Options:** We deliver to Skelton's Drapery Paparoa (Licensed Medicine Depot) Free of Charge.

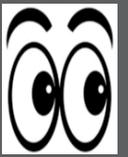
**Delivery available via RD1** (\$5 charge + medication cost, if any) to Marohemo, Whakapirau, Pahi, Tinopai and Matakoho.

**Open Monday - Friday 9am - 5pm.**  
**Closed Weekends and Public Holidays.**

144 Hurndall Street, Maungaturoto  
maungaturoto@orrs.co.nz

Phone (09) 431 8045  
Fax (09) 431 8808

**BE SEEN...  
LIGHTS ON  
In fog or rain**



## First Light Flower Essences of New Zealand

Since time immemorial, healers and ancient wisdom keepers have been aware of the powerful intelligence that is embedded in nature.

Hildegard Von Bingen in the 12th century and Paracelsus in the 15th century wrote about collecting dew from flowering plants to address health imbalances and assist with natural healing and Dr Edward Bach, the pioneer of modern-day flower essences, re-popularised flower essences when he developed the range of 38 Bach remedies in the 1930's.

Flower essences are designed to support emotional, mental, spiritual, and physical well-being. They are often used to help individuals address emotional challenges, release past fears and traumas, and promote personal growth. Users report feelings of peace, energy, and joy when using these essences, as they align with their true selves.

First Light Flower Essences of New Zealand® were created with native New Zealand flowers, ferns, trees, seeds and plants- a unique range of vibrational plant preparations designed for holistic healing, utilising the native flora of New Zealand. They support us in dealing with the unique challenges of the 21st Century.

You can choose from a selection of bespoke holistic healing and spiritually empowering blends or have a blend made especially for you. Each of the flower essence blends has been specially designed for your total holistic wellbeing and will help you experience more joy, harmony, personal growth and holistic wellbeing.

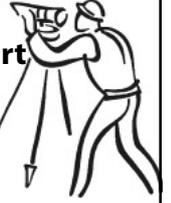
For confidential enquiries and consultation contact Sheree Anderson: Ph 021 183 0726 or email sheree.a@xtra.co.nz



**KMU SURVEYS LTD**  
MAUNGATUROTO

**Ken Urquhart**

Licensed  
Cadastral  
Surveyor



**09 431 8705**  
**021 161 2344**

kenurquhart@xtra.co.nz

## Compost Workshop

An introduction to the Maungaturoto Edible Village Project, at Maungaturoto Centennial Hall.

13th September, 2-4pm. Followed by shared kai.

Learn how to transform food scraps & green waste into beautiful compost to feed your garden and find out more about The Maungaturoto Edible Village Project.

We will look at:

Basic composting principles.  
Troubleshooting and dos and don'ts, as well as other food scrap diversion systems such as worm farms and Bokashi.

Join us for an afternoon of hands-on learning and community connection. In this interactive composting workshop, you'll discover how to turn your food scraps and garden waste into rich, living soil that feeds your garden and reduces waste. Great if you're new to composting or want to deepen your knowledge. This is an opportunity to

build your practical skills for a more sustainable lifestyle.

You'll also hear more about the Maungaturoto Edible Village Project, an inspiring local initiative focused on growing food resilience and creating shared edible spaces for the community to enjoy.

We'll finish the day with a shared meal, so please bring a plate of kai to contribute. It's a chance to connect with others and celebrate the mahi being done in our community.

**Bookings are essential.**

To register go to [www.sustainablekaipara.org](http://www.sustainablekaipara.org), click events, then Maungaturoto Compost Workshop, then tickets. Koha on the day.

Spaces are limited, so be sure to secure your spot.



## Rhoda Morrison

Consistent Award Winning Salesperson

20+ years in the industry

**0274 800 691**

**09-431 6912**

rhoda@fnkaipara.co.nz

www.roperandjones.co.nz



**first national** | Roper & Jones  
Dargaville Realty Ltd Licensed REAA 2008

## Paparoa Store

Proudly Supporting Paparoa

OPEN 7 DAYS

Monday-Sunday 7am-7pm,



We stock a great selection of  
CONFECTIONERY, ORGANIC, DELI, MEAT,  
FRUIT, VEGES, FROZEN GOODS, BEER, WINE  
and a wide range of grocery items at excellent prices

EFTPOS NZ HERALD POST CENTRE

Phone / Fax **431-7320**

Cnr. Franklin Road and State Highway 12

## Birt & Currie Surveyors Ltd



Local Phone  
09 280-9591

**Timely,  
friendly &  
personal  
service**

info@landsurveyors.co.nz  
www.landsurveyors.co.nz  
PO Box 120 Paparooa 0543

## Primary Industries Scholarship applications open

The Paparooa County Depot Trust is inviting applications for its Primary Industries scholarship. The Depot Trust is a volunteer organization that runs a storage facility in Paparooa.

It was bought from the council when the Otamatea Council merged into the Kaipara District Council. All profits are returned to the community in the old Otamatea County Council area by way of grants, sponsorships and this scholarship.

The Scholarship opportunity started in 2021 and aimed at helping school leavers to

gain qualifications they can bring back to our northern area. The focus is on students intending to follow a career in the primary industries, such fields as farming, horticulture, veterinary, new agriculture fields, research and scientific endeavour. The scholarship is for one year of study and is worth \$1500 per year.

Applications open September

20 and close 5pm October 31st 2025.

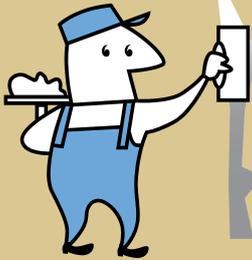
The scholarship is open to students from Otamatea High School and Ruawai College intending to begin tertiary study in a Primary Industry Field.

Application forms are available from your school office or from stella.clyde@gmail.com

PCDT

## TINOPAI PLASTERERS

WE GUARANTEE THE HIGHEST QUALITY FINISH



35 Years experience in...

- GIB Stopping
- Fibrous Plastering

for FREE quote, call us now!  
Trevor 021 0300 073

## Medical Society AGM Sept 21

Paparooa Medical Society is holding its AGM on Sunday 21 Sept, 4pm at Paparooa Hall.

The Society owns the property in Paparooa that houses the Coast to Coast Health Care clinic and the Community Library. There are also two residential tenancies.

The society meets quarterly to review the property management and to decide on maintenance and other issues. While the workload is light the responsibility for this community facility is significant. If you would like to know more or think that you would like to contribute to this community group, please come along to the AGM. You will be very welcome.

## Paparooa Motor Camp

CABINS | TENTS | CARAVANS | MOTORHOMES

17 Pahi Rd, RD1, Paparooa, Northland. Ph: 09 431 6515 Email: paparoamotorcamp@xtra.co.nz



Set in a quiet rural area, within easy walking distance to picturesque village with shopping facilities, a general store & post office, service station, restaurant, friendly country pub, takeaways, café, gallery, bush walks. Only 6kms to the Matakoho Museum.

www.paparoamotorcamp.co.nz



**Self Contained Cottages  
Cabins with TV  
Tent and Campervan sites**

**Contact  
09 431 6515  
Cnr SH12 and Pahi Rd**

MAUNGATUROTO  
EDIBLE VILLAGE PROJECT

## UPCOMING PROJECT DATES

- Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> August: **Food Forest Film Night.**  
Maungaturoto Country Club, 6.30pm
- Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> August: **Fast Track your Food Forest Workshop 1**  
Maungaturoto Country Club, 9.30-4.30pm
- Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> Sept: **Composting Workshop**  
Maungaturoto Centennial Hall, 2.30pm
- Sunday 21st Sept: **Fast Track your Food Forest Workshop 2**  
MANGAWHAI, 9.30-4.30pm
- Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> Oct: **Citrus Tree Planting Working Bee**  
Maungaturoto Good News Church 10am
- Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> Oct: **Food Forest Film Night**  
Maungaturoto Country Club, 6.30pm
- Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> Oct: **Fast Track your Food Forest Workshop 3**  
Maungaturoto Country Club, 9.30-4.30pm

more details coming soon

josiegritten@gmail.com  
021 234 0519

## BOOKS AND BOOKCLUBS

Sometimes I come across a book that I love, and want to share, but there is no way that I can explain it without ruining the experience of journeying through the story for yourself. "Hold Back the Night" by Jessica Moor is just such a novel. So, I will give you some of the cover blurb:

'Heartbreaking and life-affirming in equal measure. This is a story of redemption and hope as much as it is of grief and shame'. It tells the story of a girl who always wanted to be a nurse, but discovered she couldn't cope with blood, so became a psychiatric

nurse instead. It is told in three stages, her time as a "mental nurse" in the late 1950s-1960s, where she meets her lifelong friend, another nurse; then as a newly widowed middle-aged woman; and finally, as an elderly woman grieving the death of her friend. I thought this was a book about nursing, but it isn't entirely. More an indictment of human failing, as individuals and

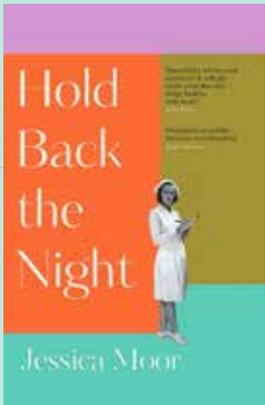
as society. For me it lost impetus around the middle pages, but it is well worthwhile to persevere until the end, because then you find out what the book is really about.

"Hope Nicely's Lessons for Life," by Caroline Day, is certainly an education. The narrator is a

young woman with foetal alcohol syndrome, so we have a glimpse into the world as she sees it, and as she travels in it. Her account of events is simplistic and authentic, the author has done her research. Caroline Day is a University-educated journalist who has written several books and also holds workshops for would-be writers. She practices all that she teaches, the number one rule of writing- show, don't tell, and all the other rules as well that today's publishers deem necessary in a good novel. (How Dickens, Tolstoy, Austen etc. managed without these rules, I couldn't say.) Her character, Hope, attends a writing group, as her adoptive Poet Mum thinks that by writing her own story she may find some answers as to why her birth mother left her as a baby in a box outside a church. The author's own experience shines through as we are introduced to the quirks and foibles of the other members of the group as seen through Hope's eyes. This book is funny, sad, enlightening, clever, mysterious, romantic - I don't think there is anything it hasn't got. It is not just one of those books to educate ignorant humanity about disability, although it does that too.

Many years ago I read "Flowers in the Attic," by V.C. Andrews and found it chilling and sinister. That same feeling prevails in the following two books, recommended by my Bookclub to be read in sequence, "The Family Upstairs," and "The Family Remains," by Lisa Jewell. I did as I was told, and found that I read both novels, without stopping, in two days. Thrillers, definitely, suspense, well, both in two days without stopping speaks for itself, and crime, certainly, and against young people which is what gave me flashbacks to that previous book. I am not sure if some of the suspense in the second book was lost because we already knew how the story began, it didn't seem quite so chilling to me, and it had a happy ending. If it was read as a stand-alone novel the sinister references to the background of the children now grown up, would have kept the reader guessing more. But vice versa, if read out of sequence, too many secrets revealed in one, would spoil the excitement of the other. I don't read psychological thrillers, fantasy or Sci-Fi much as you probably have noticed, I am gentle of nature, but I LOVED the adrenalin rush of these two books. You might too.

Anne Bate



## PAPAROA PRINT SHOP

At Skelton's Drapery



For all your printing needs  
paparoaprint@gmail.com

## Lions - Ruawai and Districts FIREWOOD PROJECT

Macrocarpa/sappy pine

\$250.00 per 2m<sup>3</sup> load

Free delivery within 30km

Phone Roger or Karen

0272880944 or 094314590

Anne Bate



4 Hook Rd  
Paparoa  
Northland  
phone  
Sam Turner  
022 317 1507

## Paparoa Community Church

Connecting with God  
Creating Community  
Communicating the  
Gospel



Church Service on Sunday at 10 30am  
6pm for fellowship, prayer and sharing.  
**Everyone Welcome**



**RIVERSIDE**  
Glass & Glazing

**Kyle**  
021 1376353

Glass and glazing needs, cat doors to caravan windows. Winz quotes available. Great rates, mobile eftpos.

## Science Corner

### Xanthommatin - cool stuff from animals!!

Man can learn so much from nature (if we don't destroy it first).

**O**ctopus (and other cephalopods like squids etc) can change their skin colour instantly to match the background and hide away from creatures wanting to eat them. For this they have chromatophores in their skin.

Chromatophores are specialised cells that produce colour through pigments or reflecting plates, enabling camouflage, communication and thermoregulation. Many species can rapidly change their colour by

physically moving these pigments or plates within the chromatophores. The chromatophore cell

contains a stretchy sac, that is filled with pigment which can be either red, yellow, brown or black in colour. When muscles around the cell tighten, they pull the sac wider making more pigment visible on the skin of the octopus or it can contract the whole chromatophore making it turn white showing the underlying skin cells.

These cells contain a naturally occurring substance called xanthommatin, which is derived from an amino acid called tryptophan through a metabolic pathway. This brownish coloured substance is found in many invertebrates such as insects and cephalopods. It provides colouration, enables camouflage, acts as a light screening pigment in eyes and possesses antioxidant properties. It is also able to change colour in response to light and electrochemical stimuli.

**Colour changing properties** - Xanthommatin is very unusual in natural pigments as its colour can shift from yellow to red when exposed to light or changes in local electrochemical environment.

**Light screening** - Xanthommatin is found in the pigment surrounding the photoreceptors in the compound eyes of insects like the fruit fly (*Drosophila melanogaster*), where it concentrates light to improve vision in the day time and increases sensitivity at night.

Man has learnt from nature to use this substance and its ability to change colour in products such as UV protective material and in rapid colour reversible display boards.

Stella



turning/milling/welding/fabrication

☎ 021 0664 338

✉ trengineer232@gmail.com



## Business and Home Computer Support

### Business Support including:

- Proactive maintenance and support
- Hardware supply & maintenance
- WIFI design, setup and fine tuning
- Printer supply, setup and support
- Backup and Disaster Recovery planning
- Web Hosting
- Office 365 / Azure setup and migration
- Antivirus/firewall TDR EDR

### Home Support including:

- Computer upgrades and repair
- New computer supply and data migration
- Setup cloud and local backup
- Smart TV setup
- WIFI design and configuration
- Printer Supply and setup
- Antivirus and security advice
- Friendly, straight forward approach.

## Kaipara IT - Making it Easy

Contact Wayne

email support@Kaiparait.co.nz

Ph 0800 2network (0800 263896)

or 0226485713 www.kaiparait.co.nz



## Paparoa Community Library

(Behind the Medical Centre)



### Opening hours:

Monday & Wednesday 2pm - 4.30pm

Tuesday 10am - 1pm

Thursday 10am - 4pm

Friday 11am - 1.30pm

Saturday 10am - 12midday

Out of hours books can be returned to the returns box inside the door to the right at Skelton's Drapery. Library Manager 09 431 7555 (During library hours)

Many of you know that this year we decided to upgrade some of our garden beds as they were crumbling. We made the decision to make these higher as this will not only help our volunteers but allowed us to make them deeper with more soil in them.

There has been much trial and error with the new soil and while some beds are thriving others are underperforming. We aim to have made amendments before spring to ensure we have maximum output for our main growing season.

Since July we are happy to report we have produced the following:

- 41 Broccoli heads
- 12 Cabbage (red & green)
- 2 Broccoli sprouts
- 47 Cauliflower
- 2 Fennel
- 15 Herbs (bunches)
- 22 Lemon Honey (Jars)
- 6 Lemon (bag/bowls)
- 67 Lettuce
- 12 Pak Choi
- 15 Potatoes (bag or crate)
- 2 Pumpkin
- 38 Rhubarb (bunch)
- 13 Silverbeet & spinach (bunch)



Whilst we are looking forward to Spring we have also reflected on the past seasons of this year. We have been thrilled to have offered a number of learning events at the gardens. We feel that with a wide range of activities and a strong educational focus, the garden is not only growing fresh produce- it's growing minds and relationships too.

Our ever growing Passata Day was held in early March this year. This is where community members gathered to turn homegrown tomatoes into delicious, homemade passata. It's hands-on, fun, and brings people together to celebrate food and sustainability.

We also regularly host four children from Paparoa Primary School and a number of children and teachers from Kaipara Kids in Maungatoroto when they can. These sessions offer young learners the chance to get their hands dirty, explore where their food comes from, and build a deeper connection with the natural world.

In addition we ran a pruning workshop, giving those who signed up the chance to learn practical skills from an experienced gardener. The two workshops over the last two years have proved especially popular with home growers eager to improve their fruit trees and shrubs.

The garden also proudly supports youth development by welcoming Duke of Edinburgh students, who contribute their time and energy as part of their award programme. It's wonderful to see young people learning new skills and giving back to the community. We look forward to offering even more opportunities like this in the future.

Katie Fullerton

**GROW**  
WHAKATIPU  
Paparoa Inc

**REX BROWNE CONTRACTING**

- Limestone & Metal Cartage
- Truck & Digger Hire
- Farm Roads
- Earthwork & Dams
- House Sites & driveways
- Wrapped Silage & Hay
- Cultivation
- Fencing & Mulching

**Maize Silage planting & harvesting**

☎ 09 431 7556  
☎ 021 720 590

## DENTURE CARE

**Repairs and adjustments**  
Maungaturoto local  
Decades of experience  
All work done in-house  
Same day or next day service



phone: 0274 942 674  
boident@xtra.co.nz

## Need a Shed?



- Timber and steel buildings any size
- We do plans and engineers designs for council
- Farm sheds
- Commercial buildings
- Feed pad shelters
- Goat/Chicken sheds
- Horse stables
- Lifestyle sheds
- Excavation, driveways and concrete floors

Your local builder: Andre Nicolai 021 202 9854

## Big Butt Starfish

Lives up to 4000m deep in the ocean in the Mar del Plata Submarine Canyon in the South Atlantic off Argentina. This bright orange creature has been nicknamed "Big Butt" for its resemblance to Patrick from the TV series SpongeBob SquarePants.



## Paparooa Medical Society AGM

Sunday 21 Sept, 4pm

Paparooa Hall

All Welcome

## Local JPs

**Robyn Skelton, Paparooa**  
4317306 or 0272922787  
Business hours only

**Val Faulkner, Paparooa**  
021687226

Evenings and weekends

**Graham Withers, Tinopai**  
2809552 or 02102545799

**Derek Birt, Mareretu**  
4316847

**Karen Weber, Matakohe**  
431 7087 or 027 272 6676  
By appointment.

## WHAT'S ON -SEPTEMBER 2025

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

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

**Tea & Talk** - Sat Sept 6, 3 - 4.30pm. \$8. Contact Kirsten on 0211807321 to book.

**Meet the Candidates** - Mon Sept 8, 7pm at Paparooa War Memorial Hall. KDC Mayoral and Otamatea Ward, and NRC. See p8 and p20 for more info.

**Bream Bay Community Trust Drop In** - Thurs Sept 11, 11am - 1pm. Taipuha Hall, 171 Taipuha Station Rd. Community support, counselling, advice and more.

**Paparooa School Possum Purge** - 12 - 14 Sept. Gala 14th. See p4.

**Compost Workshop** - Sat Sept 13, 2 - 4pm. Bookings essential See p13.

**OCS Community Lunch** - Wed Sept 17. Ph 431 9080 to book. See p10.

**Grow Whakatipu Paparooa AGM** - Wed Sept 17, 5pm, Paparooa Sports Pavilion.

**Meet the Candidates** - Wed Sept 17, 7pm at Maungaturoto Country Club.

**Paparooa Medical Society AGM** - Sun Sept 21, 4pm at Paparooa Hall.

**St John Trash & Treasure** - Mon Sept 29 - Fri Oct 3, 4pm at Mungaturoto Centennial Hall. See p3 for hours and drop-off info.

### Coming up

**Paparooa's Got Talent** - Sat Nov 1, 3pm, at Paparooa War Memorial Hall. See p20.

## OUT & ABOUT AROUND TOWN

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

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

**Paparooa Golf Course** Winter golf programme every Sunday from 2 March - 10am start for 18 holes, 12.30 for a 1pm start for 9 holes. \$10 haggle includes food. Eftpos available. Enquiries 022 678 1474.

**Ballroom Classes** Monday evenings at the Paparooa 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 ph Lisa on 021 828-531.

**Lynn's Ukulele Group (L.U.G.S.)** Tuesdays 1.30- 2.30pm, Paparooa Sports Pavilion. \$10. New players welcome. Also beginners guitar class 1pm. Ph Lynn 0274 583 691.

**Paparooa Beats 88.3fm** Community radio based right here in Paparooa. 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.



## Obituary

*Paparooa Lions were sad to hear of the recent passing of Bryan Walker.*

*Bryan was a member of the Lions Club for many years, including a year as President. A resident of Maungaturoto until last year, Bryan also volunteered with Linking Hands. We send our condolences to Connie and the family.*

*RIP Bryan, thank you for your service.*

**Grow Paparooa Inc.**  
*Whakatipu Paparooa*

## AGM

Wednesday 17th  
September 2025, 5pm

Paparooa Sports Pavilion

All welcome

Secretary  
S. Skelton

## 6TH SENSE

In those silly games people play, and ask

"Would you rather be deaf or blind?"

she always thought neither.

She was grateful for all six of her senses.

A.B.

### Traditional High Tea

*Come and enjoy good food and some activities*  
September 6th *Theme: Music*



Sep 6<sup>th</sup>  
Saturday  
3- 4:30pm

Contact Kirsten to book a place – 021 1807 321 Cost \$8

## Anglican Parish of Paparooa

Service at 10am each Sunday  
Phone or email for venue:

St Mark's  
23 Hook Road, Paparooa

St Alban's  
Oxford Street, Whakapirau

Holy Trinity  
Hurdall Street, Maungaturoto

Parish Office: at Holy Trinity, Maungaturoto

PO Box 8, Maungaturoto

Phone: (09) 431-8193

Email: maungaholytrinity@xtra.co.nz

Vicar: Rev Henk LupsPh: 022 021 9673

**REGULAR EVENTS, MEETINGS AND ORGANISATIONS**

- 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 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 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, 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 Community Gym** To join email Libby at hames.jones@xtra.co.nz
  - 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 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 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, 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 Junior.4pm, Adult 5.30pm, Ph Sue 027 417 4626, Pete 0210567163
  - Yoga For Everyone** Tues and Fri, 9.30am, Sports Pavilion. Hatha yoga & more. \$15. Equipment provided. Beginners welcome. Ph Luciana for more info 0221896496
- PLEASE UPDATE US WITH YOUR DETAILS: [press@paparoa.org.nz](mailto:press@paparoa.org.nz)

**Paparoa Press CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING**

**Storage Available**

In Paparoa: Secure 20 foot Containers - contact Gary Dallas 021 431 712 Paparoa County Depot Trust



**Marohemo Hall (Whakapirau Rd)**

Available for bookings.

Small group meetings in the dining room or 100 people in the hall.

Contact: Marie 021 18 25 311



**Your Ad Here!**

Paparoa Press classified ads are a great way to buy, sell, or promote services. This ad \$5 + \$5 for a photo. Email [press@paparoa.org.nz](mailto:press@paparoa.org.nz)



**LOCAL TIDES for SEPTEMBER 2025**

TIDES - CALCULATED for PAHI-WHAKAPIRAU					
DATE	LOW	HIGH	DATE	LOW	HIGH
1st	10.39	17.21	17th	13.14	07.13
2nd	11.54	05.53	18th	14.23	08.28
3rd	13.15	07.12	19th	15.15	09.23
4th	14.20	08.21	20th	15.57	10.08
5th	15.09	09.14	21st	16.35	10.45
6th	15.51	09.59	22nd	17.09	11.19
7th	16.30	10.40	23rd	17.42	11.51
8th	17.10	11.19	24th	06.00	12.21
9th	17.50	11.59	25th	06.32	12.51
10th	06.14	12.39	26th	07.03	13.22
11th	06.56	13.21	27th	07.37	13.57
12th	07.41	14.06	28th	09.15	15.37
13th	08.29	14.57	29th	10.00	16.29
14th	09.23	15.57	30th	10.59	17.40
15th	10.29	17.14			
16th	11.49	05.48			

**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 4317443
- 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** Plunket Nurse Louise 027 2823987 or 09 438 2508
- 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](mailto: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

# Paparoa's Got Talent

Are you ready for Paparoa's Got Talent?! The Paparoa War Memorial Hall is hosting a fundraiser with a difference- our very own talent show!

Are you a musician or a singer-songwriter? Have you got a magic show up your sleeve? Dance troupe, family band, poet, rapper... Do you want to share your talent with your community?!

Save the date! **Saturday 1 November at 3pm.** More details coming soon.

We also need your help! This is a big undertaking and we'd love to have your support. You could help with the show, stage management, posters, sound or social media management. This is a great way to contribute to your community and have some fun. Perhaps this could

work for Duke of Edinburgh or William Pike charity volunteering hours?

We're having a planning meeting at the Hall on **Saturday 30 August at 3pm** - all welcome! Come and get involved.

If you don't fancy performing or helping out there's other ways you can get involved - donate a raffle prize, lend us a microphone, or simply come along and enjoy the show.

Check out our new Facebook page at Paparoa WM Hall for our events and updates.

Millie  
For Paparoa WM Hall  
Committee





Maungaturoto's haven  
for senior living

## Job Vacancy – Registered Nurse

**Lead a team covering both rest home and secure dementia care at our Kaipara facility.**

- Full time – Mon to Fri, plus some on-call
- 1-3 years exp., leadership dev. provided
- Afternoon shift – 2:45pm to 11pm
- Email [cherie@collab8.co.nz](mailto:cherie@collab8.co.nz)

136 Hurndall St  
09 431 8696  
[info@riverviewliving.nz](mailto:info@riverviewliving.nz)  
[www.riverviewliving.nz](http://www.riverviewliving.nz)



## Buy Local Support Local

Help your community thrive  
and businesses survive

Otamatea ward. Mayoral & Regional Council

# MEET THE CANDIDATES

Monday September 8th  
7:00pm start

- Introductory speeches
- Moderated question time
- Supper provided



MEET WITH THE PEOPLE WHO WILL BE MAKING DECISIONS FOR YOU

If you would like to submit a question for candidates, email [progressive.paparoa@gmail.com](mailto:progressive.paparoa@gmail.com)

**Location:**  
Paparoa War Memorial Hall  
2052 Paparoa Valley Rd

Hosted by: Progressive Paparoa



For more info, call:  
021 0567163

★ Professionals

Schultz Realty Ltd Licensed Under REAA 2008  
Maungaturoto  
[www.professionals.co.nz/offices/northland/maungaturoto](http://www.professionals.co.nz/offices/northland/maungaturoto)

## Let's get your property





Thinking about selling?  
Give me a call today to begin our journey with a no obligation appraisal.

Passion. Integrity. Sold.

## David Ayling

027 2378 919  
[david.ayling@professionals.co.nz](mailto:david.ayling@professionals.co.nz)