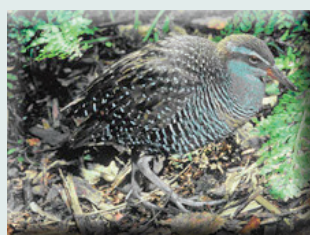




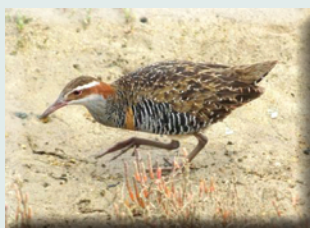
## Threatened bird species resident in Paparoa

### Mohopereru, the Banded Rail - evidence found on Paparoa Bush Walkway

Earlier this year, an exciting find in the Paparoa Lions bushwalk area was a (slightly broken) Banded Rail, or Mohopereru, egg. This confirms that this shy and secretive native bird, once abundant but **now on the list of threatened species**, finds the mangrove, saltmarsh and rush-covered wetland areas around the bush walkway very suitable for habitation.



Mohopereru - the Banded Rail



Similar to a weka but smaller, Mohopereru move quickly through dense vegetation, can run at great speed, swim, and are capable of strong flight. Nesting on the ground as they do, they have many predators, mainly rats and dogs.

Baiting and trapping carried out by Lions members will be contributing hugely to the likely survival of the bird here. They mate for life and generally stay in the same locality so it is hoped one pair at least will be here for the next breeding season.

Banded Rails are a potential indicator of wetland health because they depend on high quality, diverse habitats and rich food supplies. Being more often heard than seen, visitors and locals may report hearing their call – which sounds like the squeak of a rusty gate! PP

## Additional day for Paparoa Community Library

### - Volunteers Wanted!

Hello from your Library volunteers. Have you visited us recently? We are again grateful for some very generous book donations, and there are also new purchases on the shelves for your winter reading pleasure. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Soon the Library Committee hopes to open the library every Thursday afternoon (in addition to Mon, Wed, Fri, and alt. Saturdays) to provide for those who like to call in after school. At present we don't have quite enough volunteers to do this - would any of you out there be prepared to become a library member and volunteer a few hours consistently once a month on a Thursday afternoon to help us achieve this aim? If you are interested please do call in to the library and explore the possibility of joining our desk staff, or ph Faith 431 6324 or Sue 431 6986.

We note that a number of books, especially children's books, are overdue for return. All our books are barcoded and an identifying coloured strip around the base of the spine makes them easy to spot. If you borrow children's books please do have a look to see if you've overlooked any. Books are issued for a period of three weeks and can be renewed for a further three weeks online, just pop into the library to arrange a pin number. To renew more than once you can take the books into the library for scanning, please remember to bring your library card with you.

Council has advised charges for the new financial year, from 1st July (these are available to view in the library), and Dargaville Library has advised new fees for lost or damaged items.

Jenny Fenwick, Librarian

## Come to the Show!

Saturday 24 August

Matinée 1.15pm

Champagne Gala 7.15pm



### Logo a Hit

This little character is popping up all over the place. Four large billboards in Whangarei and more from Dargaville to Waipu ensure plenty of exposure for WAG13. Wearable Art entries and sponsorship support have come from a wide area, and the event has been promoted extensively. Artistic variations of this wee character will decorate the hall on the night.

### Pre-judging Streamlines the Show

WAG13's judges are Edele Mc Donald, Sue Matthews and Laura Burns. Creations will be judged at the dress rehearsal. Winners will be announced and prizes awarded at the end of the Champagne Gala Show.

### Tickets Going Fast

Tickets for both shows are being snapped up. Prices range from \$5 for children and \$15 for Gold Card holders at the Matinée; to \$25 for adults at the Champagne Gala. Something for everyone. Tickets at: Dargaville Sewing Centre, Long Flat Bacon, Skelton's Drapery, Tony's Maungaturoto, Bammis Mangawhai, Hammer Hardware Waipu, and Speedy Signs Whangarei.

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no door sales. PP

### A Choice of Two

Whether to attend the afternoon Matinée or the evening Champagne Gala is the difficult choice facing you this August 24th. Both shows feature the same programme commencing with a 45 minute pre-show Reception in the marquee with complimentary nibbles, musical entertainment, and a professional magician to delight. Paparoa Lions will operate a cash bar for thirsty patrons.

The performance starts immediately all patrons are seated, and features a professionally choreographed visual spectacular of all the creations ... then the magician will entertain ... and then ... all entrants will parade their creations individually, together with commentary from the MC describing in detail the ideas and materials each designer has used.

At the Champagne Gala evening Show there'll be complimentary bubbles and juice on arrival to add to the glamour, followed by the entire performance of all the Wearable Art creations. Judges' decisions and prizegiving will follow immediately.

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## Falling between the cracks

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- PAPAROA CHILD SERIOUSLY INJURED IN FALL FROM FOOTPATH

We could so easily have seen this headline, and mourned together. The hole beside Cliff's bridge opened up again after recent storms, leaving a gaping, deep, jagged hole. It undercut the edge of the footpath and fell steeply

to the stream below, and was big enough to swallow a small child, or even an adult. The wire fence hung in the air, providing no barrier at all.

I rang the council helpline, and reported it. There was no action. A week later, spurred on by the concerned mother of a small child who walks past there to school, I rang the council again. They knew about the hole, I was not the only person who had reported it, but it is on State Highway 12. "Highway 12 is not our problem" said the council help person, "ring Transit NZ".

I rang the Transit number. "On the outside of the footpath? That's the council's responsibility. Our responsibility ends with the kerb and channel." Now here is where the difference in approach begins.



Grant Clark from Opus, who handles the NZTA helpline could see that the problem, whoever bore responsibility, needed action urgently. He rang the Downer's crew who were carrying out road works nearby and alerted them. They were having lunch but

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immediately went along and put in place a secure temporary fence and board covering the hole. Well done guys!

The transit people will talk to the council people and it will all be discussed at length and sorted ... eventually. But the action needed has been taken, **now**.

So it's worth knowing: Opus, acting for Transit NZ for issues relating to State Highway 12, has a helpline: 0800 111 655

I found it really did help.

Helen Budd

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## NEWS FROM NORTH KAIPARA AGRICULTURAL Assn.

We are the organisation which looks after the Paparoa Showgrounds and holds the annual A&P Show. Thanks to all who came to our recent AGM. Trevor Brljevic is our new Patron; Kate Battensby is Chairman; Stella Clyde, Indoor Steward; Ross Battensby, Grounds Man; and Janet Poole, Beef Steward. Committee Members: Mike Poyner, Gerard Sullivan, & Jan Robinson. **We still need a Secretary and a Treasurer.** Please phone me on 431 7040, and see how you could help! Many hands make light (and fun!) work.

The Team Roping people, who hold Roping days every 2nd Sunday over summer, and lease the grounds to run their young stock, decided to enlarge their carpark so they swapped the hay made on the grounds for some metal. Derek Robinson and Ross spent two days spreading and levelling; Ross on his tractor and Derek on his bulldozer. We are in the process of doing up the grandstand - a big thank you to Ken Chambers and Pete Hames for their help.

It was great to see the grounds full of people a few weeks back, with the Tennis Club using the courts, Team Roping using the arena, JMB using the fields, and Ken, Pete and Ross working on the grandstand.

A very big thank you to Mike Poyner who single-handedly painted the Dairy Pavillion roof. No small feat!

It's subs time again, thank you to those who've paid already. The subs money goes toward paying rates and insurances (please see page 11 for details of our fundraiser Community Roast Dinner night on Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> August).

Lastly a big, big thank you to all who've helped/volunteered their time on Show Day. It's a big job to organise the Show but it's great to see people's smiles as they walk through the gates. Lastly a huge thank you to the Lions Club members who man the gates on show day: without them we don't know what we would do.

Kate Battensby

## Out with the old ... in with the new New Fire Truck for Paparoa

The time for a change has come and the Big Red Truck has sounded its final siren. The much loved & loathed 1976 Dodge has served Paparoa well over the years, but it's out with the old and in with the new as we welcome an official Kaipara Fire Force truck to our station.

The new truck is a 2006 Isuzu 4x4 painted bright yellow so you can't miss it! The truck is specially designed for fighting rural fires and will be an asset to Paparoa and the surrounding areas.

With a new truck it would be awesome to have some new members, so don't be shy in coming down to the station to say hello.

Training nights are Monday the 5th & 19th of August and 2nd & 16th of September at 6.30pm. Any questions call 09 431 6668.



The old truck with current members: from top left, Errol Birt, Peter Risbridge. 2nd row, Liz Valk, Mike Poyner. Front row, Cohan Yorke, Kevin Cotterill, Dennis Brown, Graham Marks, Gerard Sullivan, and Noel Futter. Absent, Alice Cranston.



### June callouts

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### July callouts

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## Through the Looking Glass - Thane & Marlene Colquhoun

Thane and Marlene Colquhoun love living at Pahi so close to the water and the source of their livelihood. They first came to Pahi in 1994 when they purchased an oyster farm. For a while they stayed in a caravan on the camping ground, while commuting back to their home in Pataua North, before buying the old Pahi Hotel building in 1998. A serious flood

and Moana could continue at their schools, consumed a lot of time for the next few years.

Before coming to Pahi, Thane and Marlene had been the biggest quota holders for pipis and cockles in Northland. These were harvested for shell-only export. The vagaries of farming oysters from a standard marine farm saw Thane and Marlene purchase



Thane & Marlene launching their oyster barge at Pahi

the old mussel farm down river in the entrance to Deep Creek. Thane was certain that oysters would grow well in this total immersion situation and this has proven to be correct. Spat is caught in the late summer and the young oysters stay on the farm for 15 months. They are

then big enough to harvest. Any that are too small are put back in plastic containers for another three months when they are harvested again. This process continues until all have been collected.

The Colquhouns also own an oyster farm at Mahurangi. This is a "relay" farm where a special permit allows oysters from the Kaipara to be sent to the Mahurangi farm when there is a likelihood of the Kaipara Harbour



Tube of MT Farms total immersion oysters

being closed to oyster harvesting after rain. The oysters stay at Mahurangi for two weeks and are then relayed back to Pahi for processing. This alternative arrangement allowed the business to continue even when the Kaipara was closed for three weeks in

April this year.

These days, Thane and Marlene do the oyster harvesting and daughter Moana and her partner Simon, take care of the processing. When the oysters go 'off' in the spring, the business processes mussels from Coromandel. All the team then open and process up to 8 sacks of mussels at one session. The business is wholesale only and doesn't supply locally, but sends product by courier to outlets from South Auckland to Mangonui. The majority of customers are wet fish shops.

The total immersion oyster does not look like a normal farmed oyster. The shell is very pale and so is the oyster meat. In contrast, the frill looks very black against the flesh. Marlene is very particular about presentation and each tube of oysters is carefully packed to show off the divinely tasty contents. PP

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## MUSEUM MUSINGS ...

Mr Singer produced the first commercially successful sewing machine in the early 1850's but it's doubtful if the pioneer settlers arriving in Otamatea from 1862 onward had much access to the technology which was likely unaffordable anyway. The craft of hand sewing has been around for about 20,000 years and so was just another skill that wives and mothers were expected to have at their fingertips. A new addition to any family is always a momentous event and especially so in earlier times when high infant mortality was commonplace. Religion also played an important part in the community and so early christenings were always the rule. As all ladies know, a special occasion means a special outfit and that includes babies, particularly when they're the stars of the show!

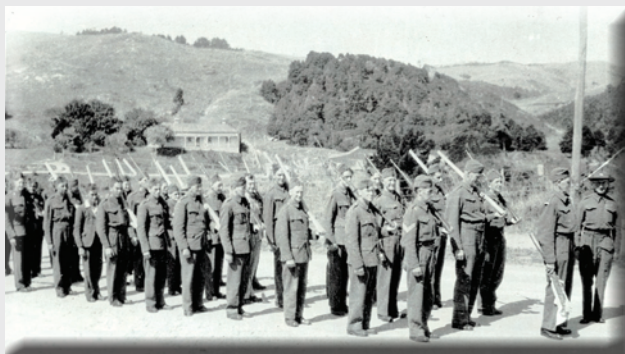
Among the museum's many treasures is a magnificent collection of christening gowns, all donated by local families descended from those early settlers. A number of these artefacts, some used for many generations, are currently on display and are prime examples of what was achieved with the few materials at hand, sometimes recycled from a wedding dress with the remainder perhaps being used for a bassinet cover. The delicate workmanship is quite exquisite, probably stitched in the evening after a long hard day with only the glow of a candle or smokey oil lamp to see by. One gown, sewn by French nuns, is nearly 200 years old and in perfect condition, there are several more made before the turn of the last century. Another, made in 1843 for the donor's great grandfather, was used 100 years later for her own christening. There's nothing new, and even 'unisex' featured, just a little triangle sewn at the neck, out for a girl or tucked in for a boy, just so that the vicar would know.



## Heritage Hotspot



Members of the Paparoa Home Guard lined up for the camera



The Paparoa Home Guard halted outside the Garrison Hall on what is now SH12, the Fenwick homestead in the background. There was a shortage of weapons at the time. NOTE: the wooden rifles used by some volunteers.

## The Paparoa Home Guard

In the months after the beginning of WWII, there was much agitation in New Zealand for the formation of a citizen army to defend "hearth and home". There was much speculation on what form this would take until eventually, on 2 August 1940, the War Cabinet approved the establishment of the Home Guard. The Home Guard was to be a semi-military body, with a Dominion commander, three Military District commanders, and 16 area officers appointed by the government from those nominated by the RSA. Individual units would be based on communities rather than geographical boundaries, with schools and public halls as the usual meeting places.

The Home Guard would be voluntary, unpaid, open to all males over 16 not already in the armed forces, and it would operate in the evenings and at weekends. It would give physical and military training based on Army manuals, and would provide pickets, patrols and sentries as needed. Paparoa residents were just as patriotic as the rest of New Zealand and soon had a unit. Paparoa's Home Guard was based at the Garrison Hall and trained on the showgrounds. As well as drill work and weapons training, some volunteers were trained in first aid and bandaging.



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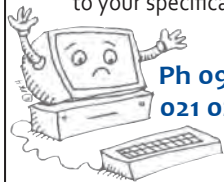
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You never know who you'll run into at Paparoa Farmers' Market. At a recent market, Anne Briggs from Maungaturoto bumped into someone she had last seen 35 years ago in England.

**Congratulations to Doreen and Robyn** at Skelton's Paparoa Drapery. July 3rd marked the 46th anniversary of the day in 1967 when Doreen and her late husband, Ron, took over the business.

**PPI submitted** to the KDC Annual Plan seeking funding to upgrade the Village Green playground, and for the Lions Bush Walkway maintenance, but have been turned down on both counts. KDC has not funded any community projects this year but is developing a policy for future funding.

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**Bon voyage to Bob and Elaine Hooker;** off on a trip to Russia for Bob's 70th birthday.

**The Plunkett descendants** are increasing at a fast rate. Rose and Brian report that they have two more great grand-children. Ella Rose Grace was born on 4 May to parents Megan and Damian of Kamo, and Daniel Kenneth Craig

arrived safely on 23 July. Craig Plunkett has a job in Christchurch, so now that Daniel is here, Craig and Kashmir will be moving south. Rose says that the Plunketts are taking over the South Island as that means there will be eight Plunkett boys living there!

**Jim Rowlands has set traps** for rats and mustelids in the bush on the Lions Walkway. Jim was given the traps by DOC & by Northland Regional Council, but has had to refurbish them. Within a few days of setting the traps, two dead rats and a weasel were discovered. Good work Jim! PP

## art ... Drawing People

Drawing people is hard. Move a hill over a little or leave a branch off a tree and nobody will notice. But we all have a clear intuitive understanding of the proportions of human bodies, with all their wonderfully varied sizes and shapes.



In graphics these can be exaggerated; a childlike enlarged head makes a comic figure appear friendly, an excessively tall figure with a smaller than normal head reads as a superhero or villain. Fashion drawings favour the proportions of runway models, long and skinny and throwing exaggerated poses.

But an artist attempting to paint believable figures, even where they are somewhat abstracted, must have an awareness of proportion, three-dimensionality, weight and movement. Art schools have traditionally included life drawing in the curriculum, and regular drawing from a nude figure provides a sound base for understanding the form of the human body. Nude drawing classes are run with clear protocols of professionalism for model and students and are conducted formally: these are not easy to find outside an academic setting.

Those of us working in small informal groups, however, can find it worthwhile to draw from the clothed model, and perhaps surprisingly, this is much harder. We can model for each other; a three minute pose is not too hard to hold. It is challenging to show the effect of the form under layers of draping clothes and express the roundness and weight of the arm in the sleeve, the curve of the shoulder and hip. We will surely improve with practice.

Helen Budd



## Medical Society Stalwarts Retire

A combined total of 91 years' service was recognised recently at the AGM of the Paparoa Medical Society. Doreen Skelton and Tony Louisson have stepped down after 27 and 34 years' service respectively. Retiring from the chairmanship but remaining on the committee is Bill Smellie. Bill has spent 30 years on the committee, with the last 17 as chair.

New chair, Graham Taylor, thanked Doreen, Tony and Bill for giving such long service to the community, commenting that it has not been an easy task in recent years with changes to the way doctor services have been provided in the area. That medical services are still available in Paparoa is due to the efforts of the Medical Society.

During its existence, the Medical Society has had only three chairmen:

Ron Skelton 20 years, Murray Hames 10 years, and Bill Smellie. Perhaps keeping close to the medical fraternity is good for longevity! Although sadly both Ron and Murray passed away well before their time.

The Society owns the former

doctor's residence and clinic adjacent to the former Nurse Cavell Memorial Hospital. The service currently provides Dr Mitchell plus a nurse on Tuesday mornings, and on Fridays a nurse-only clinic. Prescriptions generated at the Paparoa clinic can be faxed to Maungaturoto Pharmacy for same-day delivery (during school term) to Skelton's Drapery.

The new committee comprises:

Graham Taylor (Chair),  
Joy Bonham (Secretary),  
George Skelton (Treasurer),  
Libby Jones,  
Robyn Skelton,  
Sue Plunkett,  
Tony Lee,  
and Tom and Pat Sutton. PP

## Community Service Projects

The Lions Club of Paparoa is usually able to assist community groups in one of two ways. Firstly, through its membership to attend and assist at community working bees, or secondly, through its fundraising activities.

The three primary fundraising activities for us are the Food caravan, Firewood and the Rally.

At this time of year, firewood is in good demand as winter's grip ensures wood stoves and fires are running hot. As a Community entity, we are always looking for donations of trees in order to fill our orders each year. We find that macrocarpa, wattle, totara and gum work best for the majority of our supporters. Currently we're cutting a huge gum tree that has been standing dead for ten years, along with some totara which has been down for two years. We recognise and appreciate the generosity of our donors as they continue to keep us stocked up.

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4th	3.23pm	9.23am	20th	4.06pm	10.12am
5th	4.04pm	10.07am	21st	4.54pm	11.02am
6th	4.41pm	10.47am	22nd	5.59pm	11.48am
7th	5.15pm	11.23am	23rd	6.23pm	12.32pm
8th	5.49pm	11.57am	24th	7.05pm	1.14pm
9th	6.22pm	12.31pm	25th	7.48pm	1.55pm
10th	6.57pm	1.06pm	26th	8.13am	2.37pm
11th	7.35pm	1.42pm	27th	8.56am	3.22pm
12th	8.04am	2.23pm	28th	9.44am	4.14pm
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Take care, Janine

## Fundraising Success

### at School Quiz Night

The Paparoa Primary School PTA annual quiz night was a great success at the Sports Pavilion, with 14 teams scratching their heads for answers to questions from Quizmaster extraordinaire Guy Smith.

The hotly contested Winners Cup was taken out by 'Almost All A's', a Maungaturoto team with three teachers – Daniel Alcock, Maungaturoto Primary; Arina Bosch, Otamatea High; and our own Alison Cadman, Paparoa Primary, giving us confidence our kids are learning the right things! Also on the winning team were Alistair Banks, Nyaire Alcock and Jared Bosch.



Winning crew: 'Almost all A's'  
showing off their prizes

2nd place went to team 'Eager Beavers', and 3rd to 'The Amazon Principle'. A bottle auction was a fun way of earning quite a few more dollars for the school, and bidders went home with bottles filled with everything from - nothing at all, to home-made tomato sauce, jigsaw pieces, slug pellets, flea powder, wine, beer and cider.

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## KAIPARA LIFE - the winterless North



I grew up in Christchurch - a place where winter settles in each year for three long, bleak months of either chilling drizzle or skin searing frost - leaching the landscape of every colour except grey.

How different it is to spend the same season up here in the so called 'winterless north.' Having lashed us with screaming winds and torrential rain, each year almost exactly half

way between autumn and spring, winter appears to lose its way.

A calm, mild spell arrives - a breather of sorts!

Suddenly rampant clusters of bulbs push through the Northland mud. Bouquets of fat buds burst open to reveal the glory of daffodils and the sweet scented, cream and butter petals of jonquils and erlicheer. In sheltered paddocks newborn lambs scamper and bleat and the wobbly legged calves bellow for more milk.

While the skeletal trees of Christchurch remain stoically etched against their grey southern sky crops of ripening citrus are brightening Northland's orchards with a golden sweet abundance of oranges, mandarins and grapefruit.

Yes I certainly prefer Northland winters to the dreary Christchurch version. And knowing that this false spring will pass and the worst of the weather is still to come only makes this brief interlude all the sweeter.

Christine Yardley

## Daffodil Variety Concert

A variety concert of many top class Whangarei groups is to be held on Wednesday 28th August at 7.30pm at the Capitaine Bougonville Theatre.

It is instigated by Rick & Joan Kennaway (who have strong links with many farming and Repertory circles locally) to raise funds for a very worthy cause - the running of the Cancer Society's *Domain Lodge*. A strong desire to do what they can to help comes about because they, along with many others in our community, know firsthand what an experience of the Lodge means.

The Concert so far includes many musical items, backed by Opera North singers and many of Joan's younger pupils, WBHS 'Testostertone' choir; top cheerleading team 'Fantasy', a string Trio; 'Fiddlore' fiddler group; and WBHS performing excerpts from Shakespeare's 'Gentlemen of Verona'.

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I was 17 at the time and keen to see the new models. A rally control had been set up about ten miles from home, so my parents and I decided to drive over and inspect them.

However, another team of cars caught my eye, three Alvis 'Grey Ladies', beautiful cars with what seemed like an abundance of power as they accelerated away from the control. I can still picture them today.

We came to New Zealand in 1974 and soon came across an identical Alvis, I remember driving it along Dominion Road and being just as impressed, why I did not buy it I do not know. Over the following years I followed up two more, one was very neglected and the other didn't seem to drive very well.

Then, last year, members of the Alvis Club arrived at The Kauri Museum, among them were several cars the same in almost every detail as those 'Grey Ladies'.

My enthusiasm for the Marque was immediately rekindled ... how I wished I could still afford one. A few weeks ago, a friend spotted a 'Grey Lady' advertised in a magazine, rang up and bought it. What a lucky fellow! Now I'm hoping he will at least take me for a drive.

Graham Roberts



Alvis 'Grey Lady'

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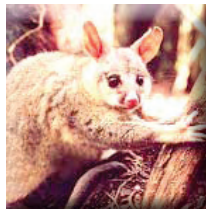
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## Possum Purge : 6-8 Sept



Paparoa Primary School PTA Possum Purge will be held over the weekend of 6-8 September, with prizegiving, sausage sizzle and lots of fun activities on Sunday 8th at the school from 11am.



This year, for the first time, there'll be an enormous banana split to be created and consumed! Fantastic prize packages for the teams with the most possums, great prize for most hand plucked fur (start stashing it away now), and heaps of other spot prizes for children and adults. The major spot prize will be a holiday weekend sponsored by Acacia Lodge Mangonui.

Registration forms are available from Paparoa Primary School, Paparoa Hotel, 100% Fergus Appliances Maungaturoto, Stirling Sports Whangarei, or visit [www.paparoa.school.nz](http://www.paparoa.school.nz), or ph Libby or Pete 09 431 6822.

## No 'fishy stories'

**KAIPARA FISHERMAN DOESN'T TELL 'FISHY STORIES' ...**

No indeed, and Chris Williams of Paparoa has the photos to prove it! Chris came to live in Paparoa over five years ago. He has been a commercial fisherman out of Mahurangi West for 25 years and lately, following hip problems, has worked for 'Rhodes for Roads'. He tried fishing on the East Coast when he first moved up here and caught some good fish from Marsden Point but, after trying the Kaipara, declares it's the best! He finally settled on fishing from Pouto beach; surf casting being

drives the two hours' trip most Saturdays unless he has to be working.

He is renowned in the area for being a pretty good fisherman, using three lines if he has the time to get them set up: often activity on the first line keeps him busy before he can manage to get the other two out! Mostly fish caught are kahawai, trevally, gurnard, snapper and kingfish. Of course, sometimes the line gets stolen by a shark or a stingray but that's all part of the game. PP

the method from there. He has that piece of coastline well sorted, knows which tides are the best, and says he 'almost always comes home with something for the frying pan'. Chris has many local friends who benefit from his catches; and it's not just every now and then. No, Chris



The photo at left shows Chris holding a beautiful 20.4 kg kingi caught in May; the photo at right is a kingi he caught in early June being held by well-known Pouto identity, Jock Wills and his friend Diane.

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**Art Studio, Ruawai** Mon 10-12noon; Tues 7-9pm ph Frances 439 2554  
**Arty Farties** • Summer Markets 9am-noon, opposite Village Green  
 • Thur/Fri in the 'Tile Shed' ph Anne on 431 6229 to enquire  
 • Crafty Kids Club alt Saturdays 10-2pm, Rm 5 Paparoa Primary School  
 • Beginners Patchwork Group, Mon 7pm, Congregational Hall, M'gto  
**Badminton** Thurs, years 5-11 5.30pm; older/experienced 7pm, Paparoa Hall  
**Bahai Faith** Enhancing community-building Wed 12.30 or 7.30 ph 431 8488  
**Community Dinner** Sat 3 Aug, 6.30pm Sports Pavilion, family \$40/\$15pp 4317040  
**Crafternoons** 1st & 3rd Wed in month, 1-4pm, Tinopai Hall ph Gay 09 929 9778  
**Daffodil Variety Show** Wed 28 Aug 7.30pm Ticketek or Forum North \$25pp  
**Exercise to Music** Tue 10.30am Paparoa Hall \$5 ph Rose 431 7418  
**Farmers' Market** Fortnightly Sat 9-noon, Village Green Aug 10, 24; Sep 7, 21  
**Fire Force** 1st & 3rd Monday in month 6.30pm Depot Rd ph Cohan 431 6668  
**Gardening Club** 2nd Wed of month, ph Sharon 431 7159  
**Grey Power** Last Wed in month, 2pm, Hall next to Resthome, M'gto  
**Indoor Bowls** Wed 2pm, Paparoa Hall ph Loraine 431 7290 or Robyn 431 7306  
**Kaiwaka Market** Sun 11 Aug, Sun 8 Sep Kaiwaka Hall 10am-1.30pm  
**Library** Mon 1.30-4.30pm, Wed 10am-12noon, Fri 9.30am-1pm  
 open all Market days - alternate Saturdays 9.30-1pm  
**Line Dancing** Recommendations soon ph Rose 431 7418  
**Mainly Music** Wed 9.30am Paparoa Comm Church, ph Rebecca 431 7550  
**Music Makers** 2nd Tues of month 7.30pm @ Cruiser Bar & Grill  
**ORT - Seussical** throughout Aug, www.ort.org.nz adults \$30, students \$15  
**Paparoa Community Church** 10.30am every Sunday, Hook Road  
 Weekly Hearty Soup-er Fridays (until Aug) 6pm, everyone welcome  
**Paparoa Hall - AGM** Wed 7 Aug, 7.30pm, Paparoa Hall - All welcome  
**Paparoa Lions Dinner Meetings** 3rd Mon in month 6.30pm, Paparoa Hall  
**Paparoa Playcentre** Tue & Fri 9.30-12noon, Visitors welcome ph Renee 431 6336  
**Paparoa Plunket Society Coffee Group** First Tue/month, 10am Franklin Rd  
**Paparoa School** Term 3: 29 Jly - 27 Sep; Term 4: 14 Oct - 13 Dec  
**Paparoa St Marks Anglican Church** 2nd & 4th Sundays, 10am, Hook Rd  
**Paparoa Toy Library** Wed 10.30-1pm, Paparoa Comm Church, Hilery 431 7330  
**Possum Purge** 7-8 September - see details page 10, or ph Pete 431 6822  
**Sports Pavilion** Functions venue, ph Vickie Owens 431 6432 for bookings  
**St Mary's Catholic Church** 10am Wed, 6pm Sat, Maungaturoto  
**Tai Chi** Tues 1pm, Paparoa Hall, ph Shirley 431 6408  
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**Wearable Arts Gala** Sat 24 Aug, Paparoa Hall, www.paparoa.org.nz/wag  
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PLEASE UPDATE US WITH YOUR DETAILS: paparoapress@orcon.net.nz PP

## HOOK, LINE &amp; SINKER

Gravy reports that there are still snapper in the harbour, they're just a little hard to find. Gurnard are making a return and there are so many kahawai around that he has been throwing them back.

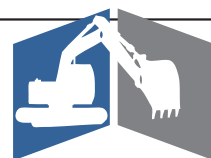
The Point Curtis Cruising Club's annual snapper-only fishing competition is coming up in August. In anticipation of this event, the Gravy Boat will be sporting a brand new chilly bin that Gravy has just finished building.

While he has been resting his foot (in between making the new bin), Gravy has taken to fishing from Pahi Wharf. He's caught so many fish off the wharf that some lucky campers and road workers have received freshly filleted fish dinner parcels. Gravy's also seen kingfish lolling in the water about three meters from the shore when he's taken the dog for a walk. PP

## Sports Pavilion Community Dinners

A delicious roast dinner was served to 65 people at the first Community Dinner at the Paparoa Sports Pavilion in June.

The Paparoa Sports & Recreation Assoc. catered for the dinner as a fundraiser and an opportunity for the community to get together. The evening was a great success with lots of positive feedback. We're now planning to do this more regularly. The next dinner is on Saturday 3 August catered by the Paparoa A&P Show committee. For tickets ph Kate Battensby 431 7040, adults \$15, kids \$10, family \$40. 6.30pm start.



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At the Paparoa Lions Club July dinner meeting Otamatea High School students Elese Cocking and James Finlay took listeners along on the journey they've recently taken toward becoming more informed individuals, and building on their strengths, interests and personalities in attaining gold level in the 'Duke of Edinburgh-Hillary Award'.

Both have found that the experience has pushed them beyond their comfort zone, whilst boosting their confidence in building new friendships, and testing their abilities in decision making and time management.

The Award is open to anyone from 14 to 25 yrs, regardless of gender, background or ability. Each level; **Bronze** (6 mnths), **Silver** (12 mnths) and **Gold** (18 mnths), comprises four sections:

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In NZ approximately 700 organisations are licensed to operate the Award. They are schools, voluntary youth entities, and other community and welfare groups. It is a not-for-profit organisation with funding coming from local and national grants bodies and businesses. The Paparoa Lions Club helped our local students to raise funds earlier in the year.



OHS students Elese Cocking & James Finlay

## Rural Leadership Course

Applications are being called for Agri-Women's Development Trust Escalator programme for 2014. Libby Jones is completing this year's 10-month leadership course and recommends it as a fantastic opportunity for women to develop their leadership and governance skills, focusing in particular on the rural sector.

Participants may already have a strong agricultural background or be involved in their rural communities. They need to be motivated with a desire to enhance and build on the skills they have accumulated in their business or community. Libby has just completed the 3rd of 5 Wellington-based modules - three days of Institute of Directors training.

Libby has found the programme excellent in her governance roles on the Northland District Health Board and school boards of trustees, increasing her knowledge of the rural sector and helping to turn challenges into opportunities. She says there are often big or little things that we would like to do but something holds us back, this programme has helped her to identify what they are, and develop actions to achieve them.

Part of the focus of the Trust is to increase the number of women involved in leadership and governance, but not just from a numbers point of view, rather to use their skills, ways of thinking, and networks to provide a different perspective in these roles. Rural women interested in the programme should check out [www.awdt.org.nz](http://www.awdt.org.nz) or ph Libby 431 6822.

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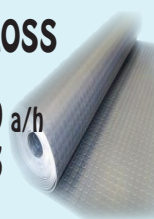
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## Talented in so many ways ...

Jessica Moulds grew up on a dairy farm in Ararua, attending Matakoho Primary and Otamatea High Schools. She excelled in the sport of netball from the start (being tall, always in the Goal Keep position), and played in the OHS Senior 1 team in Year 9 (very young); she went on to play for Rodney Netball Centre Under 17's team and in Netball North Under 19's team. Jessica attended Otago University studying for a B.Sc & Human Nutrition degree, and was selected for the Otago Lois Muir team, winner of many competitions; she also played in the NZ Under 21's competition, in 2009 touring to the Rarotonga World Youth Cup where they won silver (Australia won gold).

In 2010 Jessica captained the NZ Under 21's; she made the NZ Accelerant Squad in 2011, and is currently still playing within that. That same year, she moved to Auckland to continue studying and played for the Mystics. Due to an injury she's unable to either play out the last three games of this season or trial for the Silver Ferns.

Jessica was selected among a small number of students to study for her masters degree and is now a NZ-registered Dietician, working for a top group in Auckland called 'Mission Nutrition'. Achieving what she has, has taken a lot of dedicated hard work and of course encouragement from family. "It takes a village to raise a child", so they say, so we can all be proud of Jessica and give her our own top achievers award. PP



High achiever Jessica Moulds