



AUGUST 2015

Tinopai School fire Our Rural Fire Services deserve a medal

Principal of Tinopai School, Sonya Kaihe, reports on the recent fire at the school:

On Tuesday 23rd of June Tinopai School had a very frightening experience. We had smelt a weird smell all day, like electrical wires burning but we thought it must have been someone in

evacuated and then we waited ... but not for long!

We are so grateful to each of the four fire trucks that turned up – from Tinopai, Ruawai, Paparoa and

Harmony Day, Tinopai school student gives us her take on the experience:

The Tinopai Rural fire truck came rushing up the driveway with Matua Steve Amesbury first out. Next thing you know there are three fire trucks, a water truck and 15 fire volunteers from Tinopai, Paparoa, Maungaturoto and Ruawai. All joined together in a collaboration of high-vis orange red and yellow. We watched from the field where we could see much rushing around and checking out and then we knew it was okay when Matua Aaron Haines said, "Right let's have a game of soccer!" Whew – even though I wouldn't have minded just one day off, but no – all was good!

We sincerely want to thank all the volunteers and people who came up to the school to help out. We are very grateful and appreciate everyone coming up to support when it wasn't even that much of an emergency in the end but it was still really cool to have everyone up at the school altogether for once! I know Whaea Sonya promised all the four different Services a banana cake and all the seniors are going up to school in the holidays to make these on the days of their meetings.



Tinopai doing a spot of welding. Jenny Battensby and I had been sniffing around like hound dogs trying to track down the smell, but our noses failed us. Things had been tripping all day and then at about 12.30, the lights went out.

I rang 111, the students were safely

Maungaturoto. Even though it was turning the power off that saved any further damage, we were all extremely grateful for their response. I got them all together to take a photo and, as it was Volunteer week, it seemed really appropriate to send them a big vote of thanks.



Eleven striking kowhai trees have been planted along the footpath at the Village Green, some already in flower. This dwarf species should reach around 2m in height. Keep Paparoa Beautiful welcomed the suggestions made for replacements and moved quickly to get new plants established. The aim is that they provide a long-lasting colourful display without too much ongoing maintenance.

Kowhai was chosen for its evergreen nature, dwarf status, as a food source for tui, and that the blossoms appear in Paparoa's logo. It is unfortunate the cherry trees had to be removed due to their pest status and risk of seedlings spreading to surrounding native forest. No-one enjoyed seeing them go as they were part of the village for many years. KPB thanks the volunteers who helped with the task. PPI funded the replacement trees. KPB is a small group of volunteers who have done a great deal to enhance the appearance of the village over many years. They welcome positive support and any help the wider community can give. If you'd like to be involved please contact Janice Booth, email jbee744@yahoo.co.nz

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Kowhai set to bloom

KPB volunteers hard at work planting the new trees



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Paparoa Lions support local communities

Paparoa Lions have had another busy couple of months splitting and delivering a record amount of firewood. They've also helped to organise a gala evening for the opening of Otamatea Repertory Theatre (ORT)'s *Alice in Wonderland* show in conjunction with the Maungaturoto and Districts Rotary Club.

This very successful event is expected to raise approx. \$1000 towards an acoustics upgrade for the Maungaturoto Centennial Hall.

Both Lions and Rotary clubs are grateful to ORT and the Country Club for their support in this project. The additional benefit is that the nearly full house got to see a great show with a talented cast and wonderful costumes.

Looking ahead, the Lions are planning an afternoon where anyone interested is invited to come along and find out exactly what we Lions do.

Find out how easy it is to be a member and to join a group of locals who are happy to support their local community. People often remark that they're too busy

to join a service club, but we find it's often the busy people who find the time to help the most, and we stress that Lions commitments come *after* family and work commitments.

If you have ever considered joining Lions we would welcome you along to this event to be held at the Paparoa Sports Pavilion on Sunday 23rd August from 1.30pm. Afternoon tea will be provided.

Any enquiries to:

Graham Donald 431 8722 or
Pete Hames 431 6822.

*Volunteers do not necessarily have the time;
they have the heart.*

Elizabeth Andrew

Jimmy wins

Jimmy Holcroft, winner of the childrens' section of the recent Paparoa Hotel fishing competition is pictured here wearing his warm shirt and proudly displaying his \$50 prize cheque.



The Wild Boar Hunt and fishing competition hosted in June by the Paparoa Hotel looks likely to be an annual event. PP



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Lesley Elliot -Abuse is Not OK

Lesley Elliott, whose daughter Sophie Elliott was murdered by her ex-boyfriend, spoke in Maungaturoto recently at two events sponsored by Rural Women NZ and the Ministry of Social Development's *It's Not Ok* campaign.

Each year Lesley, and Bill O'Brien, ex-police officer and author, speak at around 50 events throughout New Zealand on behalf of the Sophie Elliott Foundation. Their aim is to raise awareness among all young people, their friends, families and community, of signs of partner abuse, both physical and psychological.

About 150 people attended the evening event at Otamatea High School and were inspired and informed by the story that Lesley shared of the signs they missed in Sophie's relationship with her boyfriend. Nicole Walker, an ex student, also courageously shared her story which showed how partner abuse can be hidden, but that signs are there if friends/family know what to look for.

Lesley and Bill also spoke at a workshop attended by professionals from health, education, social services and

police to discuss what else can be done in the local area to prevent family violence. Lesley and Bill co-wrote the book *Loves Me Not* and have developed a programme of the same name for senior students in schools. This awareness programme is run by the Police and as a result of Lesley's recent visit will be introduced at Otamatea High School. The Sophie Elliott Foundation will continue to spread awareness among young people and communities until our shocking statistics for family and partner abuse improve. Anyone wanting to donate to this work can do so through the Sophie Elliott Foundation at www.sophieelliottfoundation.co.nz.

A big thanks to all involved in these events. For information: contact Libby Jones hames.jones@xtra.co.nz

Libby Jones

Kaipara on the media map

At 7pm on August 29 *Country Calendar*, one of New Zealand's most popular television shows will feature our part of the Kaipara as seen by local fisherman Peter Yardley. Not to be missed!

Rumour has it the film crew is looking for an excuse to come back again, thanks to the hospitality they enjoyed at the *Old Post Office Guest House*, though was there a bit of a tale about a tea cozy, Deb ... ?

And a couple of months ago, TV and broadcast personality Te Radar lent his support to

an event organised by the Otamatea HarbourCare group to plant more than 1500 trees along the banks of a small stream that feeds into the Kaipara Harbour.

This resulted in a prominent NZ Herald article which is also widely read online and therefore around the world.

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Weekly Market proposed

After eight years of continuous operation the Paparoa Farmers' Market is looking to make a significant change. A number of stall holders are keen for the market to be held weekly particularly over warmer months. This is a big commitment but they see the benefit for their customers who'll be able to source their products and not have to remember which fortnight it is.

Stalls with perishable produce will welcome the ability to have their fresh produce available. Over warmer months there are more travellers on the road and they seem to welcome the opportunity a market offers for a break and the chance to see what Paparoa has to offer. The proposal is that weekly markets will commence from the 10 October market (Daylight Saving start) on a trial basis until Christmas. Some of the stall holders will still keep a fortnightly attendance.

For this to happen a number of management changes will need to be established. Weekly markets could be extended for the rest of the summer bringing the market atmosphere and additional business to Paparoa.

There is an ongoing invitation to crafts people and artists to sell at the market by arrangement.

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Paparoa Primary PTA Possum Purge

The time is getting near for our annual Possum Purge. It's a great opportunity to help our local environment, support your local school, have a fun day out and win some amazing prizes.

Each year, teams of up to four adults and four children trap or hunt possums over three days and bring them in to be plucked. The plucked fur is sold to raise money for the school.

There are amazing prizes for the first, second and third teams, as well as generous prizes for every team that enters.

Sponsors have donated a wide range of prizes from possum wool gloves to a night's hotel accommodation for two. If you know a local business that would like to be involved please let us know.

The total prize pool looks as if it will be \$5000 again! Entry costs \$10 per adult, children are free. Hunting starts on Thursday 17th September. Prizegiving is at the school on Sunday 20th September. There will be all our usual favourites: face painting; gumboot tossing; bouncy castle and a delicious BBQ to name a few.

We're also adding something new: would you like to have a stall for the day selling your wares?

Contact Hanna or Alison for further details: 431 7379.

Future hope for Matakoho bridges

The NZTA (NZ Transport Agency) has carried out initial investigations on ten of the one-way Northland State Highway bridges that are deemed to be dangerous, and has approved funding for four of them (including Hardies and Anderson bridges at Matakoho). But confirmation that work will be carried out is yet to be given.

Funding provided is for a detailed business case, costing and other information to be considered in order to confirm viability for construction in the 2015-18 period. The National Land Transport Programme for this 3-year period is a dynamic one, and while projects are listed they are not confirmed for funding until approved by the Board. Sue Reyland says that a more detailed timeframe is not available at this stage.



Sue would like to thank those who filed submissions which added weight to the case already put forward. She is in constant contact with NZTA and is positive that the *Total Road Re-alignment plan* to replace the notorious one-lane bridges will happen and result in a safer roading system for Kaipara residents.

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Real Estate Report



Once again it's been a good year for real estate sales. Over recent months higher end priced sections at Pahi as well as lower end bare blocks in the area have been selling. There is always a demand for lifestyle properties.

Properties which had been on the market for a substantial time have sold. Enquiry is steady mainly from the Auckland area. Property prices remain stable.

First National held their annual Australia and New Zealand convention in Queenstown in May this year, and we were lucky enough to go. What a beautiful spot.

Roper & Jones, Kaipara's representative of the First National brand, gained numerous awards for residential, rural and livestock block sales.

For Region One Sheila Boon was awarded Top Sales Consultant for Sections & Project Marketing. Rhoda Morrison was placed in the top 20 agents from Auckland North, and the Maungaturoto Office won the award for Top Rural Sales Office.

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Lifestyle Village on track

When Progressive Paparoa Inc. formed the Lifestyle Village Steering Group over eight months ago, little did it expect to make such quick progress. In that time the group has surveyed the community, consulted with Council and other community groups and developed a workable Scheme Plan.

The Steering Group is tasked with exploring all options to see if the concept of a Lifestyle Village for seniors is feasible for Paparoa. It is not the group that will construct or operate the project.

Recently the Group reviewed its progress and reaffirmed its original goal. Members of the group felt that not only had they achieved a lot but that they had remained true to the original purpose. The next task is to determine the cost of constructing the development. This will involve approaching KDC to institute a change to the District Plan, purchasing land, constructing roadway access and infrastructure and

then building of the village itself. Once this information is available the Steering Group will make a recommendation to PPI as to whether or not the project is viable.

Graham Taylor, Chair of the Steering Group, said "Keeping the public informed via regular updates in PP is important. Ultimately it will be the people of Paparoa who determine the success of this venture".

"It is a project driven by the community for the long term benefit of Paparoa. There is no private profit motive and this is what makes this project unique. If the information shows the project to be viable then it will be PPI who will need to find the appropriate structure and personnel to make it happen". The long term impact on Paparoa will be considerable.

Graham Taylor

Cryptic Community Dinner

Saturday 29 August

Paparoa Sports & Recreation Association will hold a *Cryptic Community Dinner* on Saturday 29 August which is also fundraising for the Sports Pavilion. It will be held at the Paparoa Sports Pavilion from 6-10pm with BYO drinks.

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Argentinian Ants

Since arriving in New Zealand in 1990, these unwanted guests have become a nuisance across parts of the country. Argentinian Ants are now widespread in Northland, with several known sites around Paparoa. Since 2005, there has been a dramatic increase in public complaints about the ants, mainly during the summer.

The ants are light brown, only 2-3mm in length, and move fast in determined continuous trails - getting into cupboards, sealed jars, electrical areas, and behind walls and beds.

In some cases, people are unable to garden, to socialise outdoors or even to let their children play outside due to the ants' aggressive swarming and sometimes biting. Although the ant bite is not poisonous, it can cause an unpleasant reaction in some people. There have been reports of pet lizards and birds being killed in their cages by swarms.

Luckily these ants have a relatively slow rate of natural spreading. The queens do not fly, but instead multiply



their colonies by "budding".

A fertile queen with workers will split off from the nest and build a new colony nearby, usually within 150 metres.

Containment is a good way to control the ants, but this requires a dedicated approach to localised eradication.

In 2009 there were five (large) known infested sites around Paparoa, but this has since increased. NRC do not actively come out to control infested areas, but they are happy to assist landowners who wish to try and control them.

A good place to find more information about the Argentine Ant and how to control it, is:

www.landcareresearch.co.nz

White Rock Gallery

Winter is well and truly upon us. Personally, I love winter. It's a time to get cosy, there's less to do in the garden and we can live at a slightly slower pace.

No one told our artists and crafters this however and there is no sign of them slowing down on the creative front! Rather than NOT slowing them down any, winter seems to have inspired work with a lot of bright and breezy colour and you could be forgiven for thinking spring has come early to the gallery.

If you are looking to brighten a dull winter's day, take a wander through and check out the lovely colourful items we have in right now.

Jillaine Murray
on behalf of
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Letters from the

Golf, thought for a day

As we know, the man-in-the-shed is very much of-the-shed. One could even say he is welded to the place, except on the rare occasion where force is applied and he is flung out involuntarily.

However, there is an occasion (or rather occasions) which will cause his hasty and *voluntary* exit. A game which, along with Mark Twain, I feel is 'a good walk spoiled'. I refer, of course, to Golf. Golf (spelled with a capital to imply its high status). A game that appears to so focus the mind that all else is forgot, in fact is even made invisible.

(Note to self, if those suffering from VIDs* in the soccus department can suddenly be cured on the golf gourse, then this should be of interest to the medical profession)?

Why grown men (and women) find that hitting that little white ball into sundry hidden and inaccessible places on the course is more appealing than nice warm yoga, knitting or macramé is beyond me. However, what cannot be cured must be endured, and I have hit on a pleasing answer.

Golf day has become my planting of the Rose day. Barely has the rumble of golf trolleys faded than out comes the new rose, the spade, the plant food and the gloves. Even the dog knows the routine and prances around the garden suggesting suitable spots. We both try walking past the possible new rose site, we try flinging our arms about. We ask ourselves, is it safe from mowers, weed eaters and the manly gaze? If it is a yes, then we plant.

Golfers return, satisfied or often not, and continue, oblivious to the day's activities. May they rest in peaceful ignorance.

* See previous month's 'Letters' for clarification

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Fire Force - Why a defibrillator?

The Paparoa Fire Force would like to thank the generous people who donated towards the purchase of essential supplies for our defibrillator. The Paparoa A&P Society donated a water pump that was sold and also contributed to this important upgrade.

- Each year more than 1,000 New Zealanders will suffer a cardiac arrest outside of hospital.
- For 56% of cardiac arrests that occur in public a bystander will perform CPR.
- Many people show no warnings of prior symptoms and fewer than 8% survive a cardiac arrest.
- Use of an AED can increase the chance of survival by up to 40%.

Defibrillation along with effective chest compressions are the key indicators to whether a person survives a cardiac arrest. With the defibrillator on the fire truck plus volunteers who are trained in CPR, the chances of survival are greatly improved. We attend all cardiac arrest calls in the community.

Bystander CPR is just as important as it keeps blood flow

going to the heart and brain. Often people are reluctant to start because they fear hurting the person or don't want to do mouth to mouth. Even chest compressions alone are better than no effort because without them irreversible brain damage is done.

There are many first aid courses offered and they are all fantastic. And there are some great resources online as well (you can even get an app for your smart phone).

The current ratio is 30 compressions to 2 breaths no matter who - from infants through to adults. I would encourage everyone to get along to a first aid course and learn this vital skill if you have never learned it before.

Amanda Brown,
Paparoa Fire Force,
Clinical Nurse Specialist,
EMT St John Ambulance

MUSEUM MUSINGS ...

The Kauri Museum is well known for its much admired collection of antique kauri furniture, crafted by Victorian cabinetmakers. More contemporary items have been added over the years using recycled and/or swamp kauri timber.



One such beautiful but underrated example is the beautiful Kauri Display cabinet at left, crafted by Mal and Mary Wilkinson, and commissioned by the museum to recognise and pay tribute to the contribution of volunteers, both past and present. It was presented as part of the 30th birthday celebrations of The Kauri Museum on 1st February 1992.

The custom designed cabinet houses prized kauri gum from the Rintoul, Wallace, Bowmar and Rawnseley collections. The carving and marquetry on the four corners of the case are inspired by photographic archives from the museum's collection.

One of these, at right, depicts a gum digger with his pump which was used to extract water out of flooded gum holes and creeks or to provide water for small gum washing plants. These pumps were adapted from sailing ship pumps for this use and each stroke could deliver up to four gallons (18.2 litres) of water.



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Taxi-ing Northland style

There's a bit of a buzz going on around electric cars in Northland. Whangarei currently holds the title of 'electric car capital' with around 35 electric car owners, including NZ's first 100% electric taxi, a Nissan *Leaf*. As the driver of this taxi, I receive many very positive comments from passengers.

A V8 mechanic I transported was so impressed with the car's power that he wanted to have a look under the bonnet. It wasn't quite what he was used to and I left him in his driveway shaking his head as I zipped away silently up the road. Northpower have a free charging station with two standard chargers plus the only fast charger in the country at their Alexander St substation. I pop in for a top-up charge a couple of times a day where I often meet other drivers, usually from a bit out of town or who are drivers of the Northpower cars. Andre van den Berg from Maungaturoto often drives in for a top-up before heading home.

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This means I can top-up between jobs and have enough power for another couple of hours.

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A taxi company in Cornwall, England, runs 6 Nissan *Leaf*s and as technology improves we should see more electric taxis popping up all over NZ. Whangarei's fast charger makes the taxi operation viable and as these chargers get set up around NZ, long



trips will become easier. A Whangarei company, Blue Cars, is currently setting up an electric car rental business.

Northland Nissan *Leaf* owners recently distance tested their cars until they completely ran out of power. The best result was 140.5km in a mix of highway and town driving. My electric taxi is more suited to short trips with its standard range of around 120km. Within the next few years, there should be 240-300km range batteries available.

Now, if you're ready to move from petrol to electric any time soon, you can get a good secondhand *Leaf* through evimports.co.nz, or for the real car enthusiast check out the Tesla, but that's another story.

Margaret Baker, Taipuha

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Motoring Matters

Over the years it has become a well known fact that Kiwis excel in all sorts of sports. However, since the days of McLaren, Hulme and Amon, motorsport has not featured so highly.

But suddenly, Earl Bamber and Brendon Hartley came first and second at Le Mans, while Mitch Evans came second in his class (the fastest driver, but with gearbox problems early in the race), and Richie Stanaway was the fastest in the Aston Martin until his co-driver had an accident. In rallying, Hayden Paddon is holding the flag high in the famous 12 mile hill climb at Pikes Peak, USA. Rhys Millen, son of Rod Millen, set the record for electric cars, not far off the outright time of Sebastian Loeb. At the Goodwood Festival of Speed, Rod himself, along with Mike Whiddet, kept all the other competitors honest.

Meantime, as well as all this motorsport activity, we have to be proud of Ian Wright from Dargaville who is changing the face of the trucking industry in the USA. He has designed a turbine driven generator which, when fitted to an electric motored heavy truck, produces enough electricity for the truck to drive all day with no limit to its range, and in silence.

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Despite being an old reactionary who is in love with the internal combustion engine, I think I am beginning to look forward to the new age of electrically powered cars and trucks!

Graham Roberts

Mahia Nga Harakeke (working with flax)

Those who attended the recent raranga workshop enjoyed a successful weekend which was sponsored by Arty Farties Community Gardens.

The participants were willing to learn how to raranga and I am very proud of these special ladies who each had an eagerness to learn and to finish their projects.



Well done to them all and a big thank you to Anne Shanks and Sue Clayton for without their involvement none of this would be possible.

Geraldine Jenkins
Raranga Tutor

Paparoa hosts QEII Trust

Very recently Paparoa was honoured to be chosen by the Queen Elizabeth II National Trust to host a Covenantor's Day for the Kaipara area and showcase our Lions Paparoa Pa Walkway.



Around 60 people attended, many of them landowners with native bush blocks which have been placed under the protection of the Trust. It was heartening to realise how many covenants we do have in the Kaipara area and to hear of the problems which need to be overcome in order to protect our precious native bush for the benefit of wildlife and human population alike.

Trust Chairman James Guild opened the event and explained the duties of the Trust. Guest speakers from the Northland Regional Council spoke on kauri die-back disease, and how to care for

kiwi for anyone fortunate to have them living nearby.

Our own Jim Rowlands, representing the Paparoa Lions, gave an insight into the historic values of the site (originally covenanted by landowners Tom & Kathy Pow and Clyde & Glenys Roach in 1988).

The lunch and walk along the track were a fitting end to a very enjoyable sunny day with much praise for the hard work and forethought which went into the opening of the track to the public.

May we keep it that way for future generations. PP

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From our family to yours ... putting down roots

At this time of year, the garden takes a lot of my focus - well, it takes a lot of my focus any time - but this is planting time! It's like the earth has done a big exhale out, and we have to work fast to get everything comfortably in, before the inhale of spring.

There's nothing like establishing an edible wilderness to leave you feeling rooted (by which I mean grounded) and firmly in place. Trees are long term links tying us to the land; each one a new cover for the earth, feeding bees and insects above, worms and microbes below.

Living in a big city can leave you feeling detached from the earth. Even when landscaping a section, it can sometimes be just a focus on monetary gain, rather than to help the environment. In all my years in Auckland, I never felt attached enough to care for the land; I never felt that it was *my* place.

Moving to Paparoa was an eye opening epiphany that the sky didn't end at the neighbour's

fence. Each and every thing is inter-connected in a delicate web of life. For us, seeing the sheer amount of land that has been cleared since colonisation, it feels only right to want to wrap the earth, as it were, in a bandage of life, and redress the open wounds. For what are we without the earth? We don't exist.

Paparoa is where we have put our roots, I feel it doesn't matter where one is born. We are all born on the earth and demarcations of countries and towns are just lines on maps. What is important is our intention to care and create a community to make a strong place for the future.

In gratitude,
Jenny Gilbert-Longdon

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Norm's Notes - Valuable Volunteers

There are those who wait for things to happen and there are those who try and make it happen. Typically, small rural communities are not adequately served by those charged with the administration of the district, as resources available will always be moderate. Those of us living in a rural environment know that if you want something to happen, then do it yourself. In contrast, many urbanites who can't find what they're looking for locally, will probably write a letter to the paper suggesting somebody else should do something about it!

Thanks to the enthusiasm of our local interest groups, (30 at last year's Lions get together), we continue to punch above our weight. However, continuation of activities in a small community is always fragile, dependant on organisers willing to give their time and effort and also to those who are prepared to offer their support.

We have longstanding community assets: Paparoa Press, Farmers Market, A&P Show, Pahi Regatta, Keep Paparoa Beautiful, the Paparoa website, and Progressive Paparoa Inc. (PPI) which is always on the lookout for new opportunities. White Rock Gallery is a new and exciting attraction; while the lifestyle village plan is an ambitious project to be run by a community trust.

If we want to maintain our identity we need a strong dedicated community that doesn't take our lifestyle for granted. We need people willing to 'walk the talk'; as age increases, energy decreases! We need volunteers with youth on their side to continue to guide Paparoa in the right direction. Please, take an active interest in your community.

Norm Holloway



Kids, you will love this. Another Disco is to be held on 8 August at the Paparoa Sports Pavilion (the old rugby club rooms). The dress up theme is 'Dudes and Divas' - or whatever you like. There will be lots of fun with music, dancing, games and spot prizes.

The doors open at 5pm; lights out and music starts at 5.30pm. There will be hot chips, popcorn, ice cream, chocolate bars and glow sticks for sale.

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Method:-

Put whole oranges, lemon juice with 2 litres of water in a large preserving pan (keep fruit submerged with a large plate) and simmer about 2 hours, or alternatively in a pressure cooker about 10mins, until orange peel is soft to a fork.

Pluck the oranges out of the hot liquid, cut in half on a chopping board and leave to cool.

Scoop the insides out of the oranges leaving all the pith on the orange skin (if it's not too thick) and put the pulp back into the liquid in the pan. Boil 6 minutes. Strain through a sieve using a wooden spoon to push it through. (you need this stuff for the pectin).

At this point you can divide the mix into 2 (unless you have a very large pan as when you boil the jam it may rise and cover your stove).

Cut the peel into match sticks or shreds and add half of this to your liquid in the pot with half of the sugar. Stir while heating with low heat until the sugar is dissolved (about 10 min).

Now boil hard for 15-20min - it should froth double or triple in size - DO NOT LEAVE IT at this stage - be careful not to let it stick to the bottom and burn.

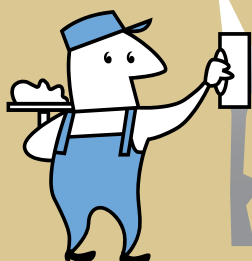
Do the usual setting checks - put a saucer in the fridge before you start - and drop a gob of jam on it to see if it will set. Use Jam Set at this point if it is not reaching setting point following the instructions.

Leave to cool slightly and pot into sterilised jars and cover immediately

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There are a number of Poetry competitions happening nationwide; those with a fear of poetry might best go hide.

There is a famous local, his poems are known; Let's get more poets to call Paparoa home!

It's been eighteen years of poetic fun; a poem can be anything under the sun.

Sing song rhyming verse, haiku, lyric, sonnet; shape poem, riddle, ballad, acrostic.

Why not write one of your own; and then at my effort you cannot moan!



P-eople are friendly, the people are nice
A-wesome place to live and play
P-lenty of wide open space
A-round the Landing is so pretty
R-eally glad to live here
O-ut on the Kaipara boating fun
A-nd my poem about Paparoa is done!



Elelephony

by Laura E. Richards

Once there was an elephant,
Who tried to use the telephunt—
No! No! I mean an elephone



Who tried to use the telephone—
(Dear me! I am not certain quite
That even now I've got it right.)
Howe'er it was, he got his trunk
Entangled in the telephunk;
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August gardening ...

Spring is not too far away – although I seem to remember that August often brings more wintery rain and wind.

Hopefully you have now pruned your roses and fruit trees, and planted your garlic. I find garlic, along with leeks (and silverbeet) to be one of the easiest things to grow – no pests, it grows in any soil, but does like plenty of compost. I had to use the fattest bulbs from my last year crop as the shop had sold out when I went to buy some new ones.

By now I like to have summer seeds sown in a warm place; tomatoes, egg plant and capsicum. Last season my best tomatoes grew in the place where my son had buried his fish guts etc the previous summer. A much better use of the fish waste products than being dumped on the road side as I have seen quite a few times in the past!

Planting in the garden now should include peas, carrots, coriander and maybe carnations for their beauty. Your potatoes should be sprouting (15mm sprouts are a good length) ready for planting. *Rocket* and *Cliff's Kidney* are good early ones and I discovered *Purple Passion* last season. These purple potatoes are purple right through, with a waxy texture and, instead of going green if exposed to the sun, they turn black. They cropped well and were tasty.

Spray copper fungicide on fruit trees (only if no blossom) and roses. Feed your hydrangeas with lime for pink flowers, and aluminium sulphate for blue (white flowers won't change).

Lastly, check the Paparoa Show Indoor Schedule (online or from Skelton's Drapery) and plan your vegetable planting so you'll have lots of fantastic vegetables ready in February.

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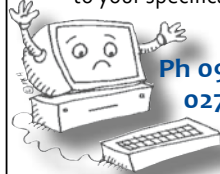


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Edith Cavell's heritage

Heritage New Zealand has completed an inventory project on WW1 memorials and collated the information into one database, linking in with this year's centennial commemorations of Gallipoli and World War I.

One of these memorials is the Nurse Cavell Memorial Hospital, named after Edith Cavell, the British nurse based in Belgium in the early stages of WWI, who was executed by the German military for treason after betrayal by a French collaborator.

Cavell was a nurse dedicated to caring for patients irrespective of their nationality. She admitted to German authorities that she had helped 200 Allied soldiers get back to safety from behind enemy lines, and was tried and sentenced to death as a result.

Her execution provoked international condemnation of the Germans and was said to have been a significant factor in the United States eventually entering the war. Her sacrifice was commemorated in monuments throughout the British Empire.

Heritage NZ's Northland manager, Bill Edwards says

"Like many war memorials, the memorial hospital building, which was first used as a hospital in 1917, is now almost 100 years old and so it is important that we record information about it and other memorials."



Paparoa's Nurse Cavell Memorial Hospital

art ... The excitement of the new

Artists and crafters are always eager to embrace new things. New materials, new techniques and other people's ideas come to us through exhibitions and workshops, from Youtube videos and Pinterest pages.

Although it is exciting to immediately try these out, it takes time, practice and reflection to assess how the new discoveries can most effectively be incorporated to add to one's existing work.

Art and craftwork of depth and quality comes from practising skills and building up a repertoire of personal style. Basic skills require an understanding of materials, proficiency with tools, and developing knowledge of colour use, composition and form, harmony and balance: and practice, practice, practice.

To improve our work we need to be willing to undertake the equivalent of musicians' scales and exercises; these are learning tools and are not part of a performance.

Similarly, artists and crafters need to be prepared to draw - to sharpen observation - and to carry out colour exercises and trials of new technical processes and materials. These can be repeated and varied, pushing the extremes to explore all the possibilities. Art journals are a great way to keep these tests and samples along with notes so they can be repeated - or avoided - in the future.

A wise piece of advice I was once given was, "When you have tried very hard to achieve something new, set it aside for a time until the excitement dies down. Then you will be able to evaluate it realistically."

Helen Budd

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A2O - Alps to Ocean cycle adventure

Earlier this year, seven members of our family cycled the 260km South Island *Alps to Ocean* trail. This followed on from our *Otago Rail Trail* experience last year. This trip was definitely more challenging physically and not for the very young.

On a beautiful morning we loaded up in the 'sherpa' bus at Twizel with our bikes on board. Our starting point was the Hermitage, Mt Aoraki.

As we set off back down the road on our bikes the day quickly turned to showers with freezing head winds. It was the same the next day riding along the canal road from Twizel to Lake Ohau. Fortunately conditions improved as we joined the wonderful cycle trail around the edge of the lake and we watched a local catch a salmon by the weir.

The 300m hill climb to Omarama was certainly a highlight, and even though I had to walk parts of it, this gave me time to admire the view (otherwise impossible on the narrow track while pedalling). The teenagers made it up the hills quickly, waiting for the rest of us to catch up, only to fly winding and bouncing downhill at a great rate. Amusingly, a puncture from the very rough track slowed them down big time.

Our day's ride to Otematata gave us another huge downhill at the end, with time to spare for a look around the town that afternoon.

Another highlight was riding to Kurow on the trail around Lake Benmore. It was a perfect morning, though as the air chilled down quickly a strong tail wind saw us speeding

alongside the hydro dams, arriving before heavy rain set in. At Kurow motorcamp we met hunters hunting wallaby, which have evidently become a major pest on farms in this area. (I had thought those dead animal bones on the roadside looked a bit strange for sheep!)

Back on the highway from Kurow to Duntroon, there was little traffic and we stopped to see Maori rock art. In Duntroon we visited the Fossil Museum and stayed at Kowhai Cottage where we were invited to pick raspberries, peaches and



pears, and to dig fresh potatoes from the garden, plus we were met with homebaking!! What a lovely place!

The last day, 53km to Oamaru, was a mix of experiences with on and off road trails, the film set of *The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe*, elephant rocks, a railway tunnel, a few hills,



no shops and the lovely park trails into Oamaru town, then to the sea!! What's more, the bike hire company provided icecreams and hot showers!!

This trail is still in the development stage, with a lot of road riding and not many food and drink stops. One cafe owner said they'd been very busy all summer with cyclists coming through. The scenery is wonderful. *Book-a-Bach* is a great way to find great accommodation. I think some of the old pubs, shops and accommodation places will open to cater for cyclists.

The best part of these rides is the off-road tracks through both farms and reserves.

Why aren't we in Kaipara making a cycle trail too? We have no mountains but riding through farms, up and over hills, alongside harbours and bush is fun too. Just think it could go all the way up to Donnelly's Crossing then over the old Coach road to Waima and meet up with the Bay of Islands ride!!

If you want a great family holiday with teenagers A2O is a great option! "It was just great!" Kate said at the end, "let's just keep going!"

Stella Clyde

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Pets in the Valley

... a tribute to Jenny

I first met Jenny Metcalfe-Ginger when I started working at The Vet Centre, Maungaturoto nearly 20 years ago. Jenny lived at Matakahe, and she and husband Tom ran *MG Boarding Kennels*, which I'm sure many have made use of.

Most of my memories of Jenny involve animals - from being my anaesthetist when we removed a tumour from a rat, to holding a goat while we syringed charcoal solution down its throat - and of when she was walking down the road with half a dozen dogs on a lead and all under perfect control.

Over the years I got to meet many of the delightful dogs she bred; mainly Cavalier King Charles spaniels with their soft brown eyes. One day I saw the most beautiful cat I had ever seen when Jenny started breeding Ragdoll cats.



I know animals brought a lot of joy into Jenny's life and the animals she bred have brought joy into many other peoples' lives.

My last memory of Jenny is of her asleep in her bed with two loyal dogs lying with her. It made me think of the lovely book that is making the rounds with *Oscar* (by David Dosa). Jenny died on 6th July and she will be missed by humans and animals alike.

Janine

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OUT & ABOUT

Paparoa Hall AGM will be held on Wednesday 19 August, 6.30pm at the Paparoa Hall. Everyone is welcome.

AGM Otamatea HarbourCare Society is to be held 26 Aug 7.30pm, Country Club Maungaturoto. All Welcome.

Gilmore Brown Kaipara Art Awards 2015 exhibition at The Kauri Museum runs from 7 August to 18 September.

Our sincere condolences to family and friends of Jenny Metcalfe of Matakahe who passed away recently. See Janine's *Pets in the Valley* tribute to Jenny (at left).

Our condolences go also to the family of Ian Budd who has passed away. Ian & Pam have latterly lived in Maungaturoto, after farming in Ararua, and Ian was a treasured longtime active Lions member.

Our thanks to Stu Robertson, Graham Murray and Clayton Danswan for removing the fallen poplar from the Paparoa Stream above The Landing. It was threatening to be a hazard if a flood had swept it downstream.

Another Disco has been organised for the kids by Tina Ball and sponsored by Gary Frazer Fabrications, to be held Saturday 8 August at the Sports Pavilion (see details page 10).

Paparoa School Calf Club is asking for help by way of sponsorship of calves, milk powder, or orphan lambs or kids, to give to children (who otherwise wouldn't have the chance), so they can be involved in calf club. Tina Ball 021 033 5128, (details pg 4).

The Paparoa War Memorial Hall Society committee gratefully acknowledge that Kaipara District Council have met the cost of insuring the Hall for a second year. KDC 'views our hall as an important community infrastructure that is a core service of local government which can contribute to some of Council's 'Community Outcomes'. Insurance is a major expenditure of Hall funds.

NZTA (New Zealand Transport Authority) contact details have changed: Ph 0800 444 449, email info@nzta.govt.nz. to report problems or request any State Highway repairs.

Kaipara Yoga, taught by Jenny Gilbert-Longdon, has moved to her studio, Anamana, in Pahi Road. Winter timetable (\$10 per session) is as follows:

Monday	6-7.30pm
Tuesday	5.30-7pm
Wednesday	4-5.30pm
Thursday	11-12.30, 5.30-7pm
Sunday	8-9.30am

Chair Yoga is at the Sports Pavilion, Mon & Thurs 9.30-10.30am. For details ph 021 114 3370, 09 280 9694, or email longberd@gmail.com

Mullet Muster organised by the Pahi Boating & Fishing Club is another community event for boaties and fishermen to take note of. It is to be held on the 21-22 Aug with prizegiving, dinner and music afterwards. See details advert pg 6.

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Paparoa JMB Rugby Saturday 15 August Home game in Paparoa
Paparoa Hall AGM Wednesday 19 August 6.30pm Paparoa Hall
Pahi Boating & Fishing Club 'Mullet Muster' 21/22 August see advert pg 6
Paparoa Lions Information afternoon Sun Aug 23 from 1.30pm Pap Sports Pavillion
Otamatea HarbourCare Society AGM Wed 26 Aug, 7.30pm, M'gto Country Club
Paparoa Sports & Rec Assoc. 'Cryptic Community Dinner' 29 August 6-10pm
 Bookings Vickie 431 6432, tic.vic@xtra.co.nz - details page 5
The Kauri Museum exhibitions 'Wonders of Wool' 16 Jul-4 September
 'Gilmore Brown Kaipara Art Awards 2015', 7 Aug-8 Sept

REGULAR EVENTS, MEETINGS AND ORGANISATIONS

Anglican Church St Marks 1st, 2nd & 4th Sundays 10am, Hook Road, Paparoa
Ararua Church 10.30am every Sunday, All welcome ph 431 6622
Art Group Paparoa 1st Sun in month, Helen Budd's Studio, ph 431 6192
Art Studio, Ruawai Mon 10-12noon; Tue 7-9pm, ph Frances 439 2554
Arty Farties Summer Markets 9am-noon, opposite Village Green; Thur/Fri in the 'Tile Shed' ph Anne 431 6229; Crafty Kids Club alt Saturdays 10-2pm, Rm 5 Paparoa Primary School; Beginners Patchwork Group, Mon 7pm, Te Pahi River Dr.
Badminton kids 5.30pm; older/experienced 7pm, Paparoa Hall
Crafternoons 1st & 3rd Wed in month, 1-4pm, Tinopai Hall ph Lyn 431 6090
Exercise to Music Tue 10.30am Paparoa Hall \$5 ph Rose 431 7418
Farmers' Market Fortnightly Sat 9-noon, Village Green; Aug 8, 22; Sept 5, 19
Fire Force 1st & 3rd Monday in month 6.30pm Depot Rd ph Cohan 431 6668
Gardening Club 2nd Wed of month, ph Lea 431 6296
Grey Power Last Wed in month, 1pm, Anglican Church Hall, M'gto
The Kauri Museum 'The Man from Matakohē' exhibition ongoing daily
Library Mon 1.30-4.30pm, Wed 10am-12noon, Thu 1.30-4.30pm, Fri 9.30am-1pm.
 Open Market days - alternate Saturdays 9.30-1pm
Line Dancing Thurs 10am-noon Paparoa Hall ph Rose 431 7418
Mainly Music Wed 9.30am Paparoa Comm Church, ph Rebecca 431 7550
Matakohē Music Makers Wed 8 Apr 'St Patrick's do' 7pm BYO Sports Pav'n \$2 pp
Otamatea Quilters 1st & 3rd Mon month 10am, Paparoa Hall 09 439 2262
Outdoor Bowls Maungaturoto Green ph Tony 431 6026 or Brian 431 6884
Paparoa Community Church 10.30am every Sunday, Hook Road
Paparoa Hall Functions venue ph Robyn 431 7306 or a/h Loraine 431 7290
Paparoa Lions Dinner Meetings 3rd Mon in month 6.30pm, Sports Pavilion
Paparoa Playcentre Tues & Fri 9.30-12.30 Visitors welcome ph Tina 021 033 5128
Paparoa Plunket Society Coffee Group 1st Tue/month, 10am Franklin Rd
Paparoa Primary School Term 2 finishes Jly 3, Term 3 commences 20 Jly
Paparoa Toy Library Wed 10.30-1pm, Paparoa Comm Church, Hilery 431 7330
Sacred Soul Circle 2nd Sundays, 10am-12 Marohemo hall ph Helen 021 938 024
Selwyn Centre Thurs 10am for over 65's, St Marks, Hook Rd, ph 431 8193
Sports Pavilion Functions venue, ph Vickie Owens 431 6432 for bookings
St Mary's Catholic Church 10am Wed, 6pm Sat, Maungaturoto
Table Tennis Tues 7.30pm, Sports Pavilion \$2 Pete 431 6822
Ukelele Players Beginners / experts, Thur 4pm Matakohē, ph Dennise 431 7012
Waka Ama Tues & Thur evenings 5pm, Sunday 10am, Pahi Domain
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PLEASE UPDATE US WITH YOUR DETAILS: press@paparoa.org.nz PP

HOOK, LINE & SINKER



Fish are still being caught in the Kaipara, you just have to move around a bit to find them.

If you don't get anything in the first 10 minutes, then move and try somewhere else. 20th July was a good day; there were 8 snapper caught - one about 10lbs, another 6lbs, and the rest average legal. A few kahawai hooked, but no gurnard. So good luck and remember, just move around.

Gravy

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Bee Swarms

If you see any bee swarms, phone Mike
 431 6008 or 021 134 3747



What's Hot

Keep Paparoa Beautiful volunteers working to keep the village beautiful for us all

What's Not



Filletted snapper frames dumped from Lions Bridge on Village Green

LOCAL TIDES for August 2015

AUGUST TIDES - CALCULATED for PAHI-WHAKAPIRAU

DATE	LOW	HIGH	DATE	LOW	HIGH
1st	5.34pm	11.40am	17th	6.33pm	12.44pm
2nd	6.20pm	12.26pm	18th	7.07pm	1.16pm
3rd	7.07pm	1.13pm	19th	7.43pm	1.49pm
4th	7.55pm	2.01pm	20th	8.05am	2.25pm
5th	8.24am	2.50pm	21st	8.44am	3.05pm
6th	9.14am	3.41pm	22nd	9.28am	3.51pm
7th	10.07am	4.37pm	23rd	10.19am	4.46pm
8th	11.05am	5.42pm	24th	11.19am	5.12pm
9th	12.10pm	6.50pm	25th	12.26pm	7.04pm
10th	1.18pm	7.58pm	26th	1.36pm	8.12pm
11th	2.23pm	8.25am	27th	2.39pm	9.38am
12th	3.18pm	9.23am	28th	3.35pm	9.37am
13th	4.06pm	10.13am	29th	4.25pm	10.29am
14th	4.48pm	10.56am	30th	5.13pm	11.19am
15th	5.26pm	11.35am	31st	6.00pm	12.06pm
16th	6.00pm	12.11pm			

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 For urgent after hours medical service (Wellsford)..... 09 431 8086

DISTRICT NURSE Dargaville Hospital 09 439 3330
 Healthline - 24 hour service..... 0800 611 116

HOSPICE KAIPARA Dargaville Hospital 09 439 3330

KAIPARA DISTRICT COUNCIL Helpline 0800 727 059
 Mangawhai Office..... 0800 100 388

LINKING HANDS Health Shuttle Service, Maungaturoto 09 431 8969

LIONS CLUB PAPAROA Secretary Alistair Banks 09 431 6373

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Our visit to *Alice in Wonderland* was a fresh experience for us (my sons and I) as we hadn't visited the ORT Theatre before.

Said Oscar: "It was very, very cool. The Dodo was weird. Alice was cool."

I liked the part when the Mad Hatter, the March Hare and the Dormouse had their tea party."



Kate Cotching as Alice

We were very impressed by the vibrant cast and seamless stage production that made the show a great afternoon out. Catchy songs, colourful costumes and excellent skills from a cohesive family of amateur actors, made me wish we had discovered the ORT theatre sooner!

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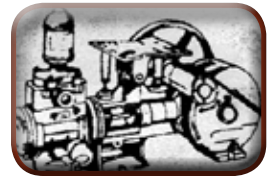
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He was a mathematician, logician and lecturer at Oxford University for 26 years. He used the pen-name to distance himself from his more serious writings, but wrote a total of 10 books, some childrens works, and others about maths and logic. He was one of 11 children, but never married nor had children of his own.

