



## IT'S TIME TO GET WITH THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

changes planned for this year's Christmas Carnival  
Saturday 14th December

Aiming to attract a wider audience and broaden the appeal of this annual event has prompted PPI to make changes to the format of the Christmas Carnival.

To be held on Saturday 14th December, commencing with the regular fortnightly Paparoa Farmers' Market at 9am on the Village Green carpark, the day will flow into a festive atmosphere with games and activities for all. The fun and games will start from 11am. Some Market stallholders will keep their stalls open to add to the carnival atmosphere.

A great variety of innovative and challenging activities are planned with fun for young and not so young. There'll also be a sausage sizzle, and drinks for sale.

Past Carnivals have always been well attended. Make sure you're there this year with all the family - from 11am. Festivities will conclude around 2pm.

## Reflections on a Paparoa Life ...



Long time Paparoa identities Pam and Ian Pasley have moved to a new stage of life in Whangarei. Over many years they were very much involved in Paparoa life including, from an early age, Young Farmers, Kaipara Show Committee (President), Paparoa Lions (President), Farm Forestry Assn, and Keep Paparoa Beautiful. The cherry trees were a particular passion of Ian's. Ian has provided PP with his reflections on a Paparoa life:

"Pam and I have just had a moving experience! After nearly 80 years for me, and more than 57 years for Pam, we are now settled in a nice unit in a quiet street in Kensington, Whangarei. After all those years at Ararua and Paparoa, there are some reflections.

Our time here has been enjoyable. I was born in Nurse Cavell Memorial Hospital as were so many locals during the 60-odd years of its operation. When it closed, it marked the beginning of a whole series of closures: the Bank, the Post Office, Dalgety's, the Garage, the Chemist, and the Butcher, and finally our Rugby Club and the Bowling Club.

But the Community did not die. Today, the Village looks neat and tidy, and draws favourable comment from visitors. There is a great community spirit here.

The Pahi Regatta and the Paparoa Show have long passed their Centennial celebrations and we achieved 150 Years of settlement in Paparoa last year.

Throughout that time there continued a strong community spirit. In recent years, the 'New Guard' has filled the space of the 'Old Guard' who have moved on, passed on, or like us, have become much less active than we were in the past.

Many of our people still believe strongly in the maxim: *"If you don't work for your Community, very soon you won't have one"*.

Paparoa is situated far enough from a large town or city to create a need for all the facilities we have. Tennis, table tennis



and badminton have all increased their membership.

The Show has changed its format and attracts large crowds. Our Sports Clubroom and the Memorial Hall have become great assets, as the result of many hours of community work. Not many communities have 15 hectares of parkland right in the middle of the village.

The so-called Holiday Highway creeps slowly northward, and will, no doubt, cause Paparoa to grow. Such growth may be years away, but you will cope, I'm sure.

Pam and I wish you all a happy future."  
Ian Pasley

## North Kaipara - Paparoa - A&P Show Willing Helpers Please ...

The small committee who run the annual North Kaipara A&P Show, to take place in Paparoa on 1st February 2014, desperately need two helpful people - one to take on secretarial duties and the other to take up the Treasurer position. While these are important positions, most of the work is confined to the few months before and after the Show. Stella Clyde is valiantly doing both Indoor Steward and Secretary work at the moment and cannot continue this. So please, it would be good if someone could come on board sooner rather than later. Please contact Stella on 09 431 8040.

Many hands make light work!

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## Festive Cheer

As the festive season draws near for another year, the Lions Club of Paparoa has decided to call upon the goodwill of our Community, to assist with donating canned and packaged foodstuffs for our Christmas hampers. Last year saw this project come to fruition at the suggestion of one of our newer members. Working in conjunction with local community groups we identified four families to assist and they were very grateful for the gift.

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## Paparoa Press Grows Bigger!

The Paparoa Press team is very pleased to take another step in its development. A strong growth in advertising support has given PP the opportunity to increase the number of pages to 16. This additional space will also allow for a less crowded layout and the ability to increase both variety and breadth of content.

We hope you the reader will enjoy the new expanded format. It is evident that advertisers value the PP as a publication that does bring them results. We always welcome feedback and ideas for features and content that will bring value to the wider community. PP



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- kayaking on the full tide  
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## HOOK, LINE & SINKER



The Gravy Boat team has been out contesting the local fishing competitions – two in one weekend.

One Friday saw the team at the Carters' competition where they provided the winners for the Biggest Gurnard and Biggest Snapper. Saturday and Sunday was the Point Curtis competition with the prize for the Biggest Kahawai heading home with the Gravy Boat. The team travelled out past the Graveyard at the Kaipara Heads for one competition day but unfortunately the only catch was sharks. Gravy reports there are large number of 6-7 foot sand sharks about and they are taking the bait, hook and all.

The water temperature has jumped up from 17 degrees to 21 degrees in one week but there have not been many boats out on the water taking advantage of the perfect weather we have had lately. Gurnard have been a little hard to find but there are plenty of snapper about, not large ones, but still a reasonable size. Gravy recommends that you keep an eye to the fish finder when searching for the X spot. Favourite fishing pozzies have been a bit variable and if you can't get anything in half an hour, move elsewhere. There's no shortage of good places to fish in the Kaipara Harbour! PP





## News from The North Kaipara Coastguard

As this is the last Paparoa Press before Xmas we wish all a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year.

For all Boaties we would ask that you look at the boating checklist below:

- 1 Check the Marine Forecast and Tides.
- 2 Take two means of Communication.
- 3 Always have Lifejackets.
- 4 Avoid Alcohol if you are the Skipper.
- 5 Be Considerate when passing other Anchored Vessels fishing.
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Walter Smith, North Kaipara Coastguard



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Date: Thursday 5th December 2013

Time: 10:00am-11:00am

Venue: To be confirmed, depending on numbers.

Cost: Free. Morning tea will be provided.

To register your interest, please contact May Seager, 027 223 2635 or leave a message on the Plunket phone, 4318 187.

## Congratulations to Maungaturoto



Progressive Paparoa congratulates Maungaturoto's 150th Celebrations Committee on an extremely successful weekend of events.

It all seemed to go without a hitch and comments from participants have been full of praise. With the memories of our own Paparoa 150th celebrations still fresh, it's great to see the tradition of putting on a great show being continued.

Highlights for this observer were the *Meet and Greet* and the *Wharf Opening* with a chance to catch up with many old friends.

However it was the dramatized story of *'The Scandalous Maungaturoto Hotel Licensing Affair'*, with the forebears of current families brought to life, that really stood out. The debates of old are still being played out even today, albeit with new issues.

The committee should feel they have helped to raise what is already a strong community spirit, and provided everyone with a really good time. PP

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## CATTLE & DAIRY GOAT SECTIONS

Last show we had the best turn out of cattle for many years plus it was Lockwood Smith's 'swansong' before going off to England. All competitors enjoyed the day and indicated they would like to be at the next show. If some new exhibitors could fill the gap left by the Woodleigh Belgian Blue team it would help Paparoa maintain its position as 'the best Beef Cattle Show in Northland'.

It was pleasing to see more young people showing their animals and one of the Judges noted that their level of confidence and competence has been steadily increasing each year.

Those competitors who wish to take part in the *Malcolm Hutchings Young Handlers* classes need to read the requirements carefully before thinking of entering as this is a section looking for more exacting conditions of exhibiting. It is, however, an important part of the showing scene and entries

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are encouraged.

Owing to the lack of support and the fact that lambs are more like sheep by that time of the year there will be no more *Pet Lamb* classes and the *Pet Goat* classes are being transferred to the *Dairy Goat* section.

Dairy goat breeders strongly supported the re-introduction of classes at the last show and were delighted with both the facilities and turn out. A trophy was unearthed from the Kauri Museum and another is being donated for the champion dairy buck and dairy doe at this next show.

Schedules for both the *Cattle* and *Dairy Goat* sections can be seen at [www.paparoa.org.nz](http://www.paparoa.org.nz), and click on 'Events' and follow the links. Further enquiries to Janet Poole at either 09 439 2420 or [riverlets@gmail.com](mailto:riverlets@gmail.com).

The combined show schedules, along with entry forms should be available shortly.



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2nd	5.07pm	11.10am	18th	6.36pm	12.41pm
3rd	5.55pm	11.57am	19th	7.12pm	12.54pm
4th	6.44pm	12.45pm	20th	7.48pm	1.50pm
5th	7.33pm	1.33pm	21st	7.38am	2.25pm
6th	7.54am	2.22pm	22nd	8.34am	3.01pm
7th	8.45am	3.14pm	23rd	9.11am	3.40pm
8th	9.38am	4.10pm	24th	9.53am	4.24pm
9th	10.34am	5.09pm	25th	10.41am	5.14pm
10th	11.36am	6.12pm	26th	11.37am	6.11pm
11th	12.42pm	7.16pm	27th	12.41pm	7.13pm
12th	1.50pm	7.56am	28th	1.49pm	7.49am
13th	2.43pm	9.01am	29th	2.54pm	8.54am
14th	3.48pm	9.56am	30th	3.54pm	9.45am
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- The Paparoa Show has the best dahlia display in the north. Garden clubs - come and support our show with entries for flower arranging or flower specimens - it's fun to have a go and see what you can win. There is an awesome prize just waiting for the novice with the most points - a selection of bulbs from Dahlia Haven - so don't be shy - feed and water your dahlias and enter your best blooms!
- Make the children's day - check out what they can enter - schedules are available from Skelton's



*Life's not a  
spectator sport!  
Join in and be part of  
your community.*

Drapery or online from the Paparoa website - and bring their entries along either Thursday night or Friday morning 31 Jan before 11.30am. The expressions on their faces as they check out their prizes is unforgettable!

- For the artistic, there is the opportunity to win the \$250 prize for 'A Local Seascape' - in any medium! And for photographers - there is a large section for you to enter - and the entries are awesome.

There is also an opportunity for knitters, sewing people and other craft workers to show their work and win prizes. Cooking and preserving, too, has a large section - from amazing sponge cakes, iced birthday cakes to the old favourites of ginger crunch, marmalade and lemon honey! It's fun to try and enter - even just a few sections - it doesn't cost much - but it adds to your day.

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## Leadership/Governance Programme for Rural Women

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If any local women like the sound of the course, see [www.awdt.org.nz](http://www.awdt.org.nz) for more information or get in touch with Libby to see whether you would like to apply yourselves. PP



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## New Volunteers on board

The Paparoa Library is now open an extra afternoon per week and this is proving very popular. We have had very good comments and our customers are most appreciative.

A big thanks to the new volunteers who have come on board to make this possible. Thanks to Janine, Kathy, Trish and Dianne. If you would like to volunteer to work in the Library we would love to have you. Usually it entails one afternoon or morning a month.

Holiday hours are: closing 4.30 Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December and re-opening 9.30 Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> January. To all our members a very **HAPPY CHRISTMAS** and hope you all have a good holiday.

Paparoa Community Library Committee



## News from Paparoa Playcentre

We've had a fun-filled year at our little Playcentre! Our great group of families make it a really enjoyable place to visit for the children and parents. We always welcome new families to join, so come along and join in our parent run activities every Tuesday and Friday 9.30-12noon.

We endeavour to join in with community events that happen on Playcentre days, like the recent Paparoa Primary School Pet Day. Interacting with the animals there was a great lead up to our trip to Butterfly Creek. We rented a large bus with seat belts so all our families could join in. The children really enjoyed the huge range of animals there, from feeding goats, to close encounters with butterflies, and finishing off with a crocodile show, very exciting and educational.

The children (with help from parents) created masterpieces made from playdoh and vaseline saucers with flower petals. The day was very cute and the children felt a sense of pride receiving their ribbons and certificates of participation from Paparoa Primary School principal Kim Tavinor, who kindly gave her time to do so.

Our new line-up of parent roles is:  
President, Tina Ball;  
Secretary, Stacey Smith;  
Treasurer, Grace Seward;  
Fundraising, Sharlene Lord;  
Equipment and Property, Nadine Hau;  
Rolls and Health & Safety, Di Boon;  
Bi-Cultural, Tina Ball;  
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Public Relations, Sandra Duncan.

We'll be open through January for one day a week, so if you and your children need new surroundings and activities you're welcome to come along. Please phone or text Tina Ball on 021 033 5128 for details.

Keep in mind the best present you could give your children this Christmas is your time and attention, unless ... you're able to give them a unicorn, and then, well ... you should give them a unicorn! Everyone at Playcentre wishes you all a safe and happy Christmas!

Sandra Duncan

## Taking a Moment ...

I like living in the country. I was brought up in small rural villages where you needed your neighbours. Places where you joined in when things needed doing, places where you never passed through without saying "Giddy," and "How're you going?" and the other residents nodded as you passed or lifted that hand in a laconic greeting. I guess places where you had to stop and take a moment to acknowledge others because that's how the country works.

And that's why I like the one lane bridges. I like having to stop for a moment (or two), and taking a moment to check out the level of the tides, to see the wind making shapes in the water. I like remembering to be courteous and saying thanks to the drivers who stop and wait. I really like the bridges because they slow me down and remind me why I live here. And, I just love that Warkworth has to have traffic lights and we don't.

Deb Clapperton

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### BOOK REVIEW DECEMBER

Title:

**SONG OF THE SOUND**

Author:

**Adam Armstrong**

This is a memorable book. I first read it about 10 years ago when we had friends staying and they lent me the book to read, but of course they took it with them when they left. I have thought I would love to read it again but couldn't remember the title, so when it appeared in the Paparoa Library a month or so ago it jogged my memory, and I was able to re-read it.

For Libby Bass, expert in whale and dolphin communication, the job in New Zealand seems like the perfect opportunity. She can provide a home for her daughter while she studies the marine creatures she loves. By chance she meets John-Cody Gibbs who is tied to the area after losing his lifelong love and retreating into isolation, unable to face the world again. Libby and her daughter bring his world back to life and through the wilderness they find a shared goal of protecting the endangered wildlife.

If you have travelled in the Doubtful Sound area you can picture the scenes portrayed and transport yourself there. It is an unforgettable story of love and adventure set in one of the world's last unspoiled wildernesses.


Reviewer: Sue Taylor





## THE BUFFALOES

The earliest surviving records of The Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes show the founding of the first Lodge to have been in 1822 at the Harp Tavern near Drury Lane Theatre in London. It was created by stage hands and theatre technicians denied entry to an older club for actors and variety artists. The reasoning for the inclusion of antediluvian in the title is unclear. It means 'before the flood'. As the members were associated with the theatre and were able to write their own ceremonies, material may have been embellished to impress non-members. It may have been a send-up aimed at the club from which they had been excluded.

In the late 1880s, the advent of the Seditious and Riotous Assemblies Act had a drastic effect on Lodge meetings so in order to show loyalty to the state, the word 'loyal' was added to the title. It soon became 'royal' and has remained so. The RAOB is a philanthropic and charitable body who raise funds through their meetings. The funds are used to assist members and their dependents where necessary or are donated back into the local community. In this area there are three Buffalo Lodges. Jubilee Lodge meets at Tinopai, Kiwi Lodge at Matakahe, and Luxinn-Wellsford Combined Lodge which meets at Maungaturoto. In 2013, the Buffaloes have donated almost \$10,000 to various causes in this area. If you are interested to learn more, phone Owen Stevens 09 431 7123. 

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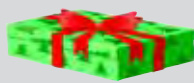
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large dog I thought three boxes would still be a near toxic dose so we brought the dog to the clinic and induced vomiting. Well it didn't take long for the dog to oblige and we had several piles of the prettiest regurgitation you could ever see. Sparkly brightly coloured roses wrappers around the clinic lawn. I decided even if the methylxanthines in the chocolate hadn't harmed him, the amount of tinfoil he

had on board would definitely have caused a blockage in his intestines. Not long later I had another call from a lady whose dog had eaten chocolates. She had put them in a basket ready to take in the car with her and guess what happened ...

Have a great Christmas and let the humans do all the chocolate eating!

Janine Hames

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.....Scott Owens  
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.....Thomas Macdonald

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Computing .....Mereana Morgan  
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.....Mitchell Mackenzie

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### St Mark's Paparoa:

Sunday 1 December	10am	Advent 1
Sunday 8 December	10am	Advent 2
Carols and Readings for Christmas and Holy Communion		
Sunday 15 December	7pm	Advent 3
Combined Churches Community Carols - supper		
Saturday 21 December	6pm	
Combined Churches Community Carols and meal on Paparoa Village Green		
Sunday 22 December	10am	Advent 4
Christingles and Holy Communion		
Christmas Day	9am	
Christmas Service and Holy Communion		

### St Alban's Whakapirau:

Sunday 15 December	10am
Carols and Readings for Christmas and Holy Communion	
Sunday 22 December	5pm
Community Christingles	

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## Through the Looking Glass : from Auckland to *Fromage* at Franklin

Jas and Noel Futter have lived in Paparoa for 11 years. They arrived here in September 2002, one week after the Hinsches took over Paparoa Store, and just before Fiona and Nic moved into the National Bank building and turned it into *Sahara* restaurant.

The Futter's had been living in Ellerslie, Auckland, Noel working as a fitter and turner and Jas with her own business. A friend who worked in real estate mentioned that he was going up to Paparoa to take photos to market a property there. "*Paparoa*," thought Jas, "*who'd live in that town?*" In a previous life she had been the occupational health and safety nurse for New Zealand Post and had been to Paparoa for work. Shown the photos, they decided to go north for a look. Sitting outside in the sun, and amazed by the silence all around, neither spoke on the way back to Auckland. Within one week, the house was on the market and Jas and Noel had made an offer on the Paparoa property. Six weeks later they were living in Paparoa.

Noel worked full-time in the glasshouses, then on the land, while Jas worked part-time in her health and safety role. Noel has served in the Paparoa Volunteer Fire Force and has been the Fire Chief for several years.

Noel experienced an horrendous cycling accident in October 2007. Jas worked on through Noel's difficult convalescence, while at the same time they continued to operate the produce stall at Paparoa Farmers' Market which they had opened on the very first market day in January 2007.

Finally, Jas had to close the market stall and returned to work full-time in Auckland, while Noel remained in Paparoa. Now, five years on, Jas has returned to working part-time and so now has the time to devote to her new enterprise; cheese making.

Jas first got into cheese-making when she and Fiona attended a course and then made cheese together at *Sahara*. Following a visit to Fiona and Nic in Provence (where she ate a lot of cheese), Jas was persuaded to make cheese again. At the Paparoa Fire Force Christmas function last year, Jas's cheese was such a hit that people commented she should teach others how to make it. Noel converted part of the old packing shed to a cheese room, the necessary certification was

obtained, and the first cheese class was held in February. Jas has had people from as far away as Nelson attend.

She offers a range of classes using cow or goat milk, covering



Jas in her Franklin Road cheese room

the making of: mascarpone, haloumi, mozza-rella, feta, goat's chevre, and butter. Farmhouse cheddar is a new course beginning in the New Year. As well as taking courses at home, Jas has been teaching in Wellington, and at the old Ohura State Prison, now a B&B, which belongs to the mother of Alan - another previous *Sahara* owner.

If anyone is interested to learn cheese-making from Jas, contact her on 022 678 1474. A full range of cheese-making classes will be on offer over summer, or Jas is happy to arrange a class of your choice. PP

## Depot Trust Supports Community

The Trustees of Paparoa Depot Trust are very pleased to support seven local community organisations this year with grants totalling \$10,260. The successful organisations are:

Linking Hands, Otamatea Community Services, Paparoa Hall Society, Paparoa Library, Paparoa Sports & Recreation Assn, Paparoa Tai Chi, Youth & Whanau Family Focus South Kaipara.

Trust Chairman, Brian Plunkett said "*Each helps in differing ways to strengthen our community and our financial support is well received.*"

The funds the Trustees allocate is earned from rentals on the Depot Trust property in Depot Rd and since 2005 this distribution has totalled over \$90,000. "*Paparoa is very fortunate to have this source of funding to give local organisations a helping hand*" said Brian.



## MORE SIGHTINGS OF RARE BIRD LIFE ...

Paparoa Press has enjoyed receiving some good feedback about 'banded rail' on the Lions' Bush Walkway since our editorial in the August edition.

**FIRSTLY:** an email from Robin Franklin of Matakoho ...

*"It was great to read your report of the banded rail in August. When we began to occupy our block on Metcalfe Road in 1999 we were amongst the first in an undisturbed area. We heard strange calls in the night and saw an unknown bird take flight along the shoreline when disturbed.*

*Although born on a shoreline property elsewhere in a time when we had, amongst others, bellbirds in the buddleia outside the back door, a kaka ripping bark off the gum trees and fern birds in the manuka covered swamp, I had not seen or heard of the rail. The specimens in Auckland's Museum were no use for identification, having gone brown with age, but a friend produced a coloured picture which clearly identified the banded rail.*

*We realised that they were crossing from the shore from our north to southern side of*

*the Metcalfe Road Peninsula (off Tinopai Road). Then I met a mother with a large clutch of small black chicks following a natural watercourse. Sadly the sightings got increasingly rare. Since the peninsula has been largely occupied and dogs and cats are always included, the rails have disappeared at least from here. I hope they may still inhabit the thick mangroves in the quieter shore areas. Being similar in size and movement to bantams they are 'easy meat'."*

**SECONDLY:** Leslie & Karyn Tilby reported that they have a family of banded rail living in the vicinity of their home in Paparoa Station Road. Before the drought last summer they could be seen early morning and at dusk on the lawn, and were spotted a few times with three young chicks running behind them. Leslie has been trapping rats and mustelids and baiting possums for four years and this would be helping protect these birds; he says neighbours do not have cats which also helps the cause. The Paparoa Station Road valley has numerous areas of bush but also areas of wetland swamp, much of which is fenced

off, and birdlife is abundant.

**ALSO:** An early morning runner tells us she often sighted such a bird fleeing from her approach. And Pahi Road resident Merle Hartles reports seeing a bittern (also an endangered bird and rarely seen), crossing SH12 going



the dam is a damp swampish gully. Merle had to slow her vehicle down as the bird stood with neck upreached in 'camouflage' pose – possibly not a useful strategy when standing beside the white line you might say!

**AND FINALLY,** last month, while Jim (Rowlands) was busy monitoring mustelid traps on the Walkway, he saw a banded rail hen with two chicks in tow, on the mangrove mudflats. Perhaps there are more of you out there enjoying the sight of these endangered wild fowl!

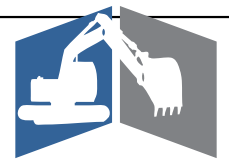
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## Motoring Matters

Last month I wrote about the Hillman Imp, an advanced rear engined car which turned out to be a production disaster. The vehicle which inspired the Imp's design was the VW Beetle, a car that everyone knows and was a complete success. What is less known is that the Beetle design owed a considerable amount to a Czechoslovakian gentleman who owned the Tatra factory near Prague. He in fact held several patents which were stolen by the Nazis, but could do nothing about the situation as Czechoslovakia was overrun by the Nazi forces.



1941 Tatra T87

From those designs, Dr Porsche (whose cars are named after him), with considerable pressure from Hitler, designed the Volkswagen, which was built in many factories around the

world. After the war ended, the Tatra company took Volkswagen to court and won damages amounting to three million deutsche marks in 1961. The Tatra company, the third oldest car maker in the world, still exists, building heavy trucks for cross country work. They have won the truck division of the Paris Dakar Rally several times. Their car production ceased in the early nineties, every one was rear engined. The pre-war cars in particular were very advanced, although rather strange looking with a huge fin over the engine cover at the rear of the car, which enabled the car to reach 100mph when most of its rivals struggled to do 70.

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## Heritage Hotspot Pahi Wharf

On any day during the year, visitors or locals can be seen strolling out along Pahi Wharf. Along with the Moreton Bay Fig tree, the wharf is a major focal point for the reserve area at the end of the road. The original structure; heart totara piles with kauri decking and rails, 168 feet (51.2 metres) in length, was built in 1881. Over the years, the old wharf fell into disrepair and was demolished in the mid 1960s by a Navy blasting team on a training exercise. The outer piles were removed at ground level leaving the inner piles intact. These piles were then boarded across to form a groyne from the shore, approximately 10 metres in length, and that's how things stayed for the next 20 years.

In 1987, the then Otamatea Regatta Club celebrated its centenary with a three-day event. Dick Scott's book, *Seven Lives on Salt River* (winner of the 1988 NZ Book Award), was launched by then Prime Minister David Lange, who also officially opened the new wharf the next day, 10 January. The result of an idea raised at a club meeting about 20 months before, the new wharf had been realised so quickly due to a tremendous local effort collated by the Regatta Club. The plans (drawn by a local resident), were approved by the

Pahi Wharf 2013, 27 years old



Kaipara Harbour Authority who were then the administrators for the harbour, in record time and the hard work started.

Two farmers at Ararua donated all the trees necessary to provide the piles, and committee members felled, peeled and stacked them. Trees for the decking were provided by Pahi Road farmers and Otamatea County Council who gave permission for trees to be removed from the road reserve. The local sawmiller and timber treatment plant gave huge discounts for



Old wharf loaded with people  
on Regatta Day 2<sup>nd</sup> January 1960

their work, and cartage was also provided cheaply by another local resident.

The first pile was driven by a long reach digger early in November 1986. Bronze and copper bolts for the bracing were manufactured by a team working on the shore, from transformer rods sourced from an Auckland scrap metal dealer. The nuts for these were made by the local engineer from copper ingots cast in Whangarei. With the framework in place, a dedicated team spent many days hammering down the decking and the whole project was completed with time to spare. During the construction phase, the workers were well-fed and watered every day by a group of Pahi women as their contribution to the project. The total cost for the project was \$4,000, a tribute to the organisers and volunteers who gave so much time and hard work to see the project completed.

[NB: Pahi Wharf has been and is still, maintained by Pahi Regatta Club. No names have been mentioned in this story to avoid giving offence by omission.] PP

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**When:** Saturday 21<sup>st</sup>. December, 2013

**Time:** From 6.00pm

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Christmas Parade,  
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Games,  
Sausage Sizzle,  
Lollies Scrambles  
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*For to us a child is born, to us  
a son is given, and the govern-  
ment will be on his shoulders.  
And he will be called Wonder-  
ful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of  
Peace (Isaiah 9:6)*

### CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCHEON

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Christmas Day, (Wednesday 25th) Combined Churches

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## OUT & ABOUT around the District ...

Congratulations to Jake Powell of Pahi on becoming joint Dux of Otamatea High School for 2013, and to the other local high achievers - see page 7 for details.

Success in raising funds for the new Cancer Unit in Whangarei means that building could begin before Christmas. In the October Paparoa Press, we reported that the Northland Community Foundation hoped to raise the final \$1million by the end of October - and thanks to the generosity of Northland people, they did it. This is great news for Northland.

Term dates for secondary schools in 2014 are:

### Term One

Tues 28 Jan - Thur 17 Apr

### Term Two

Mon 5 May - Fri 4 Jly

### Term Three

Mon 21 Jly - Fri 26 Sep

### Term Four

Mon 13 Oct - Thur 11 Dec

Our best wishes to Adelia Hallett currently in hospital recovering from injuries sustained in a riding incident. Get well soon.

The Matakoho Music & Art Festival will be held on Sunday 5 January 2014. Following earlier successes, the festival will again be held at *Moewaka Villa* garden, Barlow Lane, Matakoho. There'll be non-stop music from popular bands - some of whom enjoyed themselves last year and asked to return - food & wine stalls, artists' stalls, and activities for the children. Enquiries are welcomed from artists who would like to exhibit their work, or anyone wanting to have a food stall, phone Pat George on 431 6351. If there are any local bands who would like to join in, please contact Alistair Taylor on 431 7058. This is a very pleasant relaxed day in the tree-studded garden of Pat & Steve George. See local papers for details.

Libby Jones was disappointed not to be re-elected to the Northland District Health Board this time, but offers sincere thanks to everyone who voted for her and supported her in her campaign. She has found the experience of being a Director on the board extremely rewarding, and enjoyed having the opportunity

to assist with improving the health of Northlanders.

**Art Galleries:** Next time you're in Dargaville check out the Muddy Waters Art Gallery - it's a friendly little gallery and has nice ideas for gifts, vouchers etc. (opposite Ad Focus by the river carpark). The Ruawai Art Studio is also well worth a visit next time you're passing through Ruawai on a Monday between 10am and 12noon (adjacent to Ruawai Primary School). Works by Paparoa and other local artists can be seen at both of these galleries.

The last Farmer's Market for 2013 will be Saturday 14 December. There will be a full range of products available. Look out for Jas Futter who will give a cheese making demonstration and have samples of her cheese to give away. And the Christmas Carnival will follow on from 11am (see front page article).

The Maungaturoto Christmas concert will be held on the 21st December, in the Primary School grounds, starting at 5pm. There will be local acts, the annual pie eating competition; food stalls. Bring chairs/blankets and picnic baskets. It will be a great family night out.

The village poplar trees - we've been advised that these large trees were planted 95 years ago.

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### In Residence:

- Janice Clemson ..... formerly of Mangawhai
- Grace Phillips ..... formerly of Auckland, has a son at Mangawhai
- Agnes Hill ..... Jan Schimanski's mother
- Helen Simpson ..... formerly of Kaiwaka
- Doreen Smith ..... formerly of Auckland and Don McKay's aunt
- Patricia Vaulkenburg... has a daughter at Oneriri
- Ailsa Wood ..... lots of connections in Maungaturoto
- Clyde Chapman ..... formerly Whangarei District, sister of Nicky Stutt (Pahi)
- Mona Webber ..... formerly of Ruawai
- Audrey Couper ..... Maungaturoto

## art ... Greetings!

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Any small artwork or cut pieces of painting, printing or fabric can replace the photo, or you can use the copier to shrink a child's drawing to size.

Have fun with your scanner creating interesting images by placing small fresh flowers, leaves, ferns, thread, ribbon, sequins etc. on the glass. These can be modified with crushed fabrics - layers of net, fine silk, lace in front or behind. Check the results in the 'preview' window of your scanner, and when you are satisfied, print onto everyday quality photo paper. Cut to photo size and use as above.

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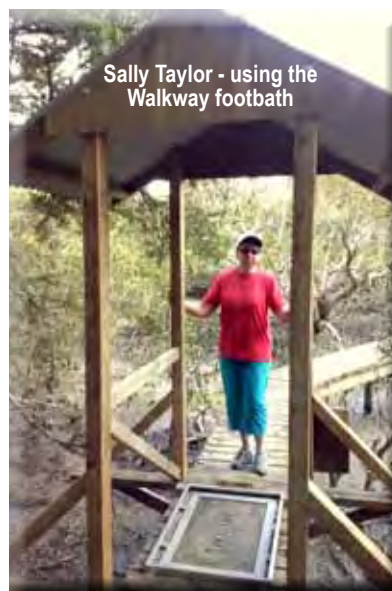
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Jim Rowlands donated the timber and, with Lions help, constructed the shelters. PPI and Lions jointly funded the footbaths. A good example of two groups working together to preserve this unique asset.

Who benefits? We all do as the Walkway brings visitors who support local business, and provides recreation for anyone who chooses to take the walk. Have you walked it lately? Just remember to keep your shoes clean. PP

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## The Evans Family - Tin & Coppersmiths, Hook Road

James Poynton Evans came to New Zealand, with his wife Emma and their nine children, in 1883 on one of the first steam-driven ships to come to this country. He first operated an



The Tin & Coppersmith workshop - 1962



... and in 2013



The Tinsmith's villa - 1962



... and in 2013

ironmonger's business in Christchurch but was advised to move north for health reasons. He came to Paparoa in 1884.

James Evans was an expert tinsmith and he, and his youngest son after him, served the district in this field. James' son built the house and workshop opposite the Methodist Parsonage in Hook Road and operated from there as a Tin & Coppersmith. Daniel was known for his copper 'Danny Kettles', some of which can now be seen in the Kauri Museum.

James Evans was noted for his walking feats as well as for the severe seasickness he suffered if he travelled by boat.

It was in 1885 that he took his wife to Pahi and saw her safely on board the steamer that was to take her to Helensville where she would entrain for Auckland. James then set out for Auckland on foot and completed the journey in time to meet his wife's train when it arrived! Once when walking from Opotiki to Paparoa he was offered a bottle of whiskey to help him on his way.

"I took it," he said, "but I've seen too many men ruined by that stuff ever for me to drink it. I rubbed it on my feet which were beginning to get sore."



Photo taken from the top of Franklin Road prior to 1924, shows the Methodist Church, with the Evans' house & workshop opposite. Hook Road was later re-aligned

His son, Ernest, was an expert horseman who took pride in his good horses and readily accepted a challenge from his father for a race to Auckland with the young man on horseback and the father on foot. The horseman was far in front for the first 40 miles but the eventual winner by a substantial margin was the man on foot.

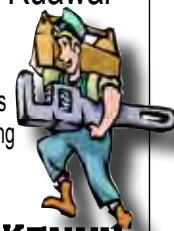
Many of James and Emma Evans's ten children settled in Northland.

EDITOR'S NOTE: some material taken from 'A Paparoa History' covering the first 100 years of European settlement in the district, from 1862- 1962

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## Travel : Russia - Yes or No?

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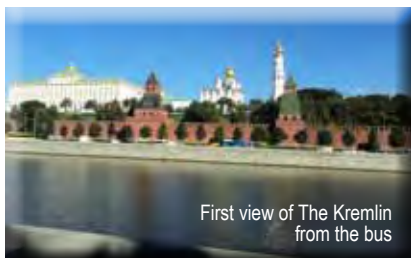
This trip came about because of a long held hankering to see the Kremlin and Red Square which have been described in so many books we have read, both fiction and non-fiction.

We took advice and opted for a conducted tour, the first we have ever done as we usually manage to get around on our own. However, in this case, the language is definitely a lot more difficult to work out than say French or Spanish.

Our many preconceived ideas of what Russia would be like were so wrong. Mind you, our trip was limited to St Petersburg and Moscow so we can't give an opinion on other parts - not yet anyway!

The two cities are full of so many beautiful palaces, churches, monuments etc., and it just took our breath away. So much had been destroyed but their determination to rebuild is very strong. There is still a lot to restore but they will do it.

St Petersburg, known as the Venice of the North because of the waterways it is built on, was our first stop. Catherine's Palace, the Peterhof Gardens, Hermitage



First view of The Kremlin from the bus

Museum are just a few of the incredible places we visited.

We arrived in Moscow by fast train from St Petersburg and set about seeing as much as we could in the few days we were there. The Kremlin and Red Square did not disappoint – fabulous.

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Would we do it again? YES.

Would we recommend it? YES.

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## End of Year School News

Paparoa Primary School is very busy with end of year preparations. All the children are looking forward to performing in their class groups for Parents on the 4th, and Grandparents on the 6th, of December at 1pm at the Paparoa Community Hall. Room One are busy learning about the *Gruffalo*, while Room Two are *Kooky Kiwis*, and the seniors are doing a variety of acts from singing through to plays. It's a chance for the children to showcase what they have been learning throughout the year and celebrate with family and friends.

2013 has seen many changes in the school from staff to physical improvements: two new *Activboards* installed in Room One and Two, swimming pool refurbished, playground development, iPads donated, and refurbishments of the staffroom and office. New resources were bought and teaching and learning programmes critiqued and developed to ensure top quality lessons for all students.

2014 looks like not slowing down. Property projects and upgrades

are scheduled for term one with an upgrade of technology in the school. The three classrooms will all have at least ten computers in each and next year we will focus on Technological Practice, designing and creating products that are needed in the school, from woodwork tables through to a sandpit toy box to house all the playground equipment. Students will be busy making plans and involving the community with their projects, and getting real, hands on experiences in their learning.

The end of year assembly is on Thursday 12th Dec, 10am at the Paparoa Hall. Everyone is welcome to come along and join in singing Christmas songs and congratulating winners on their achievements.

*"It has been a very busy year this year at Paparoa Primary School and everyone has worked very hard. We can't wait for 2014 and to continue to see our school roll grow. We welcome new enrolments and would love to see more families join our amazing school."*

Mrs Kim Tavinor, Principal

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## WHAT'S ON - DECEMBER 2013

**Anglican Church** Sundays 10am

**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 until 17 Dec, re-opens Feb  
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, Te Pahi River Drive

**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

**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 Dec 14, Jan 11

**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, 2pm, Hall next to Resthome, M'gto

**Indoor Bowls** Wed 2pm, Paparoa Hall ph Loraine 431 7290 or Robyn 431 7306

**Kaiwaka Market** Sunday 8 Dec & 12 Jan, Kaiwaka Hall 10am-1.30pm

**Library** Mon 1.30-4.30pm, Wed 10am-12noon, Thu 1.30-4.30pm, Fri 9.30am-1pm  
open all Market days (Dec 14 & Jan 11) - alternate Saturdays 9.30-1pm

Holiday Hours: Closing 4.30 Mon 23 Dec, re-opening 9.30am Saturday 4 Jan

**Line Dancing** Recommences soon ph Rose 431 7418

**Mainly Music** Wed 9.30am Paparoa Comm Church, ph Rebecca 431 7550

**Matakohe Music & Art Festival** Sun 5 Jan 10am-4pm, Barlow Lane, Matakohe

**Music Makers** 2nd Tues of month 7.30pm @ Cruiser Bar & Grill

**Paparoa Community Church** 10.30am every Sunday, Hook Road  
See details of Christmas Services & Celebrations on page 10

**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 Primary School** Term 4 ends 13 Dec. End of Year Assembly Thur 12  
Dec 10am at Paparoa Hall - All Welcome. 2014: Term 1 Jan 28-Apr 17;

Term 2 May 5-July 4; Term 3 July 21-Sep 26; Term 4 Oct 13-Dec 11

**Paparoa St Marks Anglican Church** 2nd & 4th Sundays, 10am, Hook Rd

See details of Christmas Services & Celebrations on page 8

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

**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

**Table Tennis** Tues 7.30pm, Sports Pavilion \$2 Pete 431 6822

**Tennis** Adult Sessions Tuesdays 6pm Junior Saturdays 9.30 & 10.45am

Prof Coaching Sessions Sat 7 Dec ph Sue Skelton for more details 431 6224

**Ukelele Players** Beginners / experts, Thu 5.15pm Matakohe, ph Dennise 431 7012

**Waka Ama** Tues & Thur evenings 5pm, Sunday 10am, Pahi Domain

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## Merry Christmas

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## PONY CLUB for Younger & Adult Riders ...

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Interested parents with children are invited to attend with or without their horses for an introduction to the opportunities and facilities of the Pony Club, to discover how it all works, and why Pony Club has been the backbone of horse riding for the last 60 years or more- please phone Paul Smith, 431 6359.



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Adult riders will organise a variety of social and leisure based activities and outings as well as meet regularly at the show grounds for training and light competitive interaction.

Ph Michelle Beeler 431 6100, or go to 'Ararua Pony Club' on Facebook.

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**PAPAROA PLUNKET** Cynthia Keay..... 09 431 8187

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## Deal or No Deal

The Sports and Recreation Association put on another lovely three course meal at the upgraded sports pavilion in November.



Ken Chambers ran an entertaining 'Deal or No Deal' with quite a lot of chocolate bars given away for the many participants who correctly guessed what was in their 'Case'. Shame the last case only had 10c not \$200! Thanks to everyone who came and had fun, and to the wonderful committee for the delicious dinner.

## Historic Kauri Villa lives on ...

It was a perfect spring morning in a beautiful setting for the official opening of the Kauri Museum's latest 'exhibit' - Totara House. Built in 1896 and bequeathed to the museum, to be preserved and enjoyed by generations to come, by its owner the late Matakohē matriarch Mavis Smith, whose home it was for all of her 102 years. It is a journey back in time. The house will be open by appointment only. PP



### MADE IN PAPAROA

The opening of Totara House was the perfect occasion for Kelly Blythen, a member of the summer staff at The Kauri Museum, to wear a dress made in Paparoa by 15 yr old Scott Owen.

Scott has just become a volunteer at the museum with the Textiles volunteers. It is hoped to nurture Scott's extraordinary talent.



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## 5 Questions for ... Shirley Warner-Summers

Shirley can often be seen at the Farmers' Market taking kids for rides on the Village Green with her miniature horses. She was also the driving force behind last year's very successful Parade at the 150th.

How long have you been in Paparoa? 12 years

Where did you come from? I came from the UK but spent more than 20 years on Waiheke Island.

Why did you choose to come to Paparoa? I had been visiting my daughter here regularly and came to know many Paparoa people. When the opportunity came to move here I already had a set of friends.

What were you doing before you came to Paparoa? I started my working life as a groom on a horse stud in the UK and came to NZ in 1966. Apart from raising a family I have had a number of administrative jobs. The most interesting was with the Spirit of Adventure Trust.

What are you doing now? My partner James and I are enthusiastically involved with our 6 miniature horses and 2 donkeys. We don't breed or sell horses, we just enjoy training and showing them. We go to shows and events that test our driving and dressage skills. Of course we love taking kids for rides in the carts. There is always an event on somewhere so our weekends are busy. I was also involved with the Otamatea Repertory Theatre (ORT) for a couple of years, and performed in their 'Dad's Army', '3 Musketeers' and 'Jack & the Beanstalk' productions, which was a lot of fun. PP



Shirley with two of her miniatures  
Parsley and Dreena