



FEBRUARY 2014

Paparoa's Persistent Privet Problem

Have you noticed the striking cream yellow flowers along the roadsides and riverbanks this summer? They're hard to miss. Privet is a noxious weed and causes much distress for



Privet in bloom near Paparoa Hall

many people. If you are a privet-allergy sufferer, this time of year is most unpleasant with breathing problems, hayfever and asthma. The common privet locally is tree privet (*ligustrum lucidum*). It grows up to 10 metres and crowds out native trees.

Privet has for many years now been steadily invading and taking over native bush in the district. The fruit is a favoured food of the native wood



Kereru feast on ripe fruit

pigeon *kereru* - an extremely efficient tree planter. It is common to see 50 or more privet seedlings growing at the base of large totara, kaihikatea etc., beneath a favourite pigeon perch. Leaves and berries can be poisonous to humans and stock. The smaller chinese

privet (*ligustrum sinense*) is also a problem but mostly found further south. Privet is spread mainly by birds eating the seed. Although it is widespread throughout Northland and the upper North Island it would seem that Paparoa has a particularly bad case of the privets! Not only is it very visible along State Highway 12 it is also prevalent in private gardens and in public areas. Perhaps many people do not recognise it? Hopefully the accompanying photos will aid identification.

Because it is such a pest in Northland, the Regional Council has declared privet a prohibited plant under the Biosecurity Act 1993 and it cannot be legally propagated or distributed. And, because NRC is working with a community group on a Pest Management Strategy, private landowners are required to achieve eradication on their properties as well.

Fortunately for Paparoa a valiant band of community-minded people has been tackling the problem from Brynderwyn to Andersons Bridge for a couple of years now. The Regional Council has come on board with free spray (Meturon) and advice. Coordinated jointly by Paparoa Lions and Maungaturoto Rotary, great progress has been made. From Names Rd through to the Old Hospital the dead trees are noticeable, along with some that need a follow-up. The spray is effective but privet is persistent and follow-up is necessary. Emerging seedlings are much easier to deal with. But the task is huge. A few more willing hands would help get on top of what is a major undertaking of benefit to all of us.



Privet flowers & foliage



Privet - dead & thriving privet on SH12

Terry Hanna is leading the charge from the Maungaturoto side and Stephen Findlay is looking after the Paparoa end. The work is not hard - it just requires time. Tools and spray are provided. Are there other community minded people who could lend a hand? Contact Terry on 431 8354 or Stephen on 431 6148.

Wouldn't it be a great community achievement if this pest could be dealt to?

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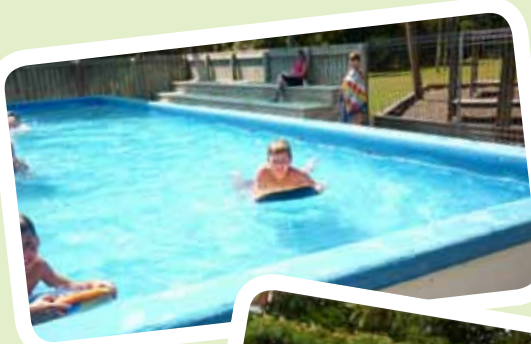
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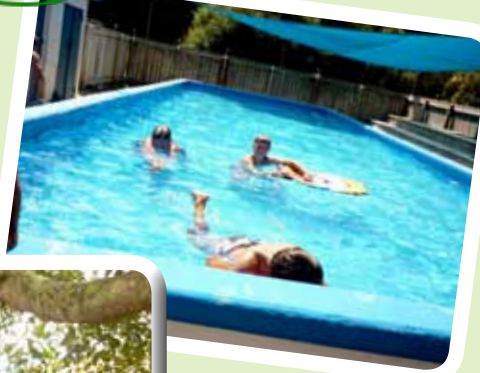
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And The Band Played On ...

Despite fickle weather for the recent Matakahe Music Festival, an enthusiastic crowd of music lovers attended the event. Armed with chilly bins, umbrellas (for both sun and rain) and even the family dog, everyone sported a relaxed and cheerful holiday mood, and the scene was set for a good day's entertainment. It was a great opportunity to catch up with other locals and visitors alike in a carnival-like atmosphere of gazebos and colourful kites- flown by kids and some who still remember how to be kids- on a property so suited to the event with a host of shady trees, what more could one ask for?

And so the music played ... with a variety of music and tempos, something for everyone, and a stroll down memory lane to the 60s and 70s with the likes of Cliff Richard & The Shadows, The Everly Brothers, and many more. *Put On Your Dancing Shoes* was promptly obeyed until *Blowin' in the Wind* became reality and at 2pm when the rain attempted to put a stop to proceedings the electronic equipment was quickly covered *And The Band Played On*, much to the delight of the majority who were by now really *In The Mood*. The extremely skilled harmonica player was very popular and Shane in his watermelon-pink jacket kept things bright and cheerful and was in good voice, backed expertly by our local Alistair and his band.

The hot coffee stand proved popular, along with hot chips and other succulent morsels provided by our Tinopai neighbours raising funds. People purchased plants and mosaics, garden sculptures, rainbow coloured tie-dyed clothing, and art from the Ruawai Art Group stall. All in all a great relaxing day and a credit to the organisers of this annual event which with a bit more support could become yet another success story for our wonderful Kaipara area. PP



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www.paparoa.org.nz to assist the general public, promote Paparoa, and provide information on attractions, events and businesses. Unfortunately the person who has looked after the site is no longer living in Paparoa and it is hard to keep the information up to date.

We are looking for a local person with some IT skills who could take an overview of the site, keep it up to date and be a point of contact for people and organisations wanting to place information. The work is not onerous, only a few hours per month, no meetings! You could suggest ways the site can be developed and made more useful and relevant.

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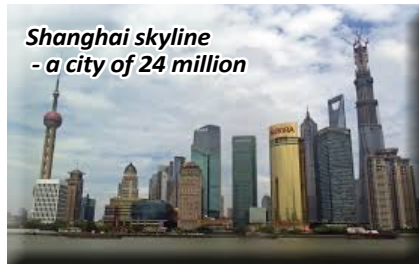
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Jas and Noel Futter of Paparoa recently travelled to China and Jas has given us this run-down of their amazing journey and some of the photos they took along the way:



Shanghai skyline
- a city of 24 million

Where else do you start but at the beginning in Shanghai a city of 24million – vibrant, crowded, exciting and not what you would expect in China. We whizzed up an 88 story building in a lift that took 9 seconds and took a trip on the magnatrain – a train

great experience and a tick on the bucket list.

We travelled on boats, planes and trains and headed up into the mountains, down rivers and valleys, meeting locals, eating amazing food - the best dumplings and Peking duck banquets - and being astounded every single day.



Yu Gardens

running on the track on magnets which covered 32kms in 7 minutes reaching a speed of 421kms per hour. And in the middle of this magnificent city were the historic Yu Gardens – a quiet haven amidst the busy city.

The Panda Sanctuary in Chengdu was amazing and our only

day of rain, much to our advantage as out came the pandas to eat and play!

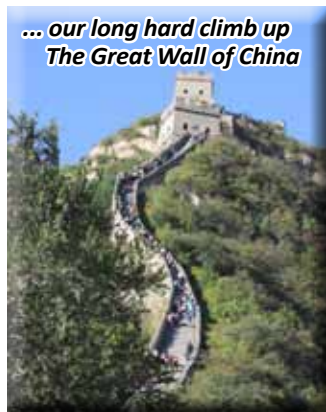
The sheer enormity of the story of the Terracotta Warriors and walking into the first open pit almost 2kms long, left us in total awe of what is yet to be unearthed.

Beijing was a stark contrast from Shanghai mainly because we arrived in filthy dirty smog. On our first day we donned our masks and visited the Olympic Village, barely able to see 20 metres in front of us. Fortunately the smog cleared overnight for our visit to Tiananmen Square, The Forbidden City, Summer Palace and the Temple of Heaven, and again stayed away on the second day when we climbed the Great Wall at Juyongguan Pass - no gondolas just a long hard climb up and up narrow stairs of all different heights – a



Panda Sanctuary

... and the little one said "roll over"



... our long hard climb up The Great Wall of China

Beijing - our only day of smog



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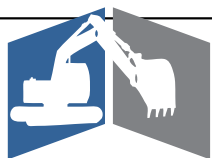
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The Pahi Regatta ...

Pahi's 2014 Regatta last weekend went off without a hitch.

Saturday was a very busy day with great action in the morning, a lovely bbq in the evening and a live band and dancing afterwards.

Sunday's races started at midday. The '2hp Bathtub Race' - hilarious crowd pleaser - was won by *Team Mangawhai*, with *Hoteo 1* 2nd, and *Barf Tub* 3rd. At least one crew member, Leah Greenhall, was seen to fall overboard!

The *Lee Sheppard Memorial Cup* Kayak Race was won by Bridget Leonard; with Shontay Morunga 2nd; and John Leonard 3rd. The Open Bathtub Race was won by *Pinewoods*, *Team Mangawhai's* captain Lee fell overboard, righted herself and continued on to place 2nd; and *Hoteo 1* was 3rd. Winner of 'Most Points for Launches' was *Vesper*. Kerry Bonham's *N'Joy* and Daniel Norstrand's *Franky the Frypan*, tied for 'Most Points for Runabouts'.

The Miss Pahi contest began at 2.30pm - pics & winners in next month's Paparoa Press.

A great day was had by all, and the rain held off all day. PP



In The Kaipara Garden ...

Happy New Year to you all! What a welcome start to the year with some showers to fill up the tanks and keep the gardens going. It's a great year so far for fruit, the plums and peaches are fantastic and we had our first blackberry pie for dinner last night after only 25 minutes picking on the roadside. The other welcome feature was that there were no wasp nests. In fact there have been no paper wasps or for that matter any wasps around so far this year and yet we also have no monarch caterpillars on our large swan plant despite visits from a few butterflies. Not sure why.

From the watering side of gardening, we are using soaker hoses on timers. These work really well if you are using tank or town supply but not so well when using farm supply as the little holes block up. Fortunately we have two large full tanks. The beauty of using this method is that the water slowly seeps in with very little loss to evaporation or run off. It also does not wet the leaves very much, which is good for preventing blight and fungi diseases. It isn't hard to shift the hoses to circle the needy plants and you don't risk wasting water by forgetting to turn off the tap. A watering like this, once every 4 or 5 days works well. This system, along with mulching, hopefully will give us happy plants for the next few months.

We are now harvesting tomatoes, courgettes, garlic, lettuce, green capsicums, small egg-plants, cucumbers and beetroot. The Russian Red tomatoes have been producing for several weeks - great tasting smallish tomatoes. Dahlias, sunflowers, petunias, calendulas and dianthus are flowering well after the rain.

A parting thought - time to plant another courgette plant as the first one, if it's like ours, has been producing a great crop but will be getting "tired" soon and powdery mildew may attack.

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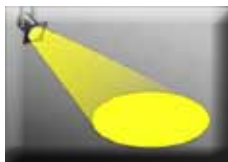
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Spotlight On ... Pat George

Most of you will know and remember Pat George for bringing her vision of the Paparoa Wearable Arts Gala to us for its first six years, an incredible achievement which has become an established annual event carried on by other likeminded locals. WAG was very dear to Pat's heart, in particular to encourage young people with artistic talent. But who is Pat George really? And what other achievements are hers?

Pat's early working life began as a third generation hairdresser, her grandfather being the first to start a unisex hairdressing salon in Whangarei. Later as a young mother wanting an income, she

In 1989 Pat, Steve and their young daughter Sarah Jane moved to England where they resided for approximately eight years. They loved the countryside and the animals and almost became English. Initially Pat was self employed, hand painting tiles at home, and then worked for 'Pot Clays' hand painting ceramics.

In 1998 they returned to their home on Waiheke Island but longed to be in the countryside again, and found just what they were looking for in Matakoho. After much work improving both house and garden Pat and Steve were ready to take in B&B guests and established *Moewaka Villa*.

By now a talented mosaic artist, Pat set up a studio on the property from which she offers mosaic classes. Many locals have benefited and have become talented artists in their own right. These classes are still available several days and nights per week, along with live-in weekend workshops attended by people from Auckland & further afield.

Not content with all of that, Pat still found time to get involved in the Paparoa community by becoming a member of Progressive Paparoa for 4-5 years, and has left us with yet



another legacy by enhancing one of the picnic tables on 'The Landing' with a mosaic of the Paparoa village emblem. In time she would like to also mosaic the other picnic tables on both 'The Landing' and 'The Village Green', hopefully with the involvement of our local school children.

Pat is now becoming well known for her mosaic art and sells her work through several galleries around the country. She will give anything artistic a go, from painting, to pottery, jewellery etc. But Pat gives credit to husband Steve, himself a talented artist, who has supported all her endeavours throughout their years together. May they both long remain part of our community. PP



Pat's beautiful mosaic 'Elegance'

and a friend started their own fashion label called 'George Brullott' which proved to be very popular and Pat soon became involved in fashion shows and some modelling. One of her creations won 'Gown of the Year' in Rotorua.



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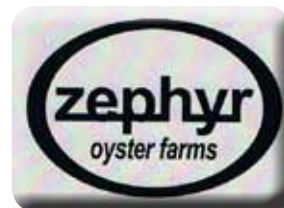
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Of course today, one type suits all. radiata pine has been adapted to almost every timber requirement. Our ancestors were somewhat spoilt for choice, with rimu, totara, pohutakawa and of course the mighty kauri amongst several others. The establishment of an institution solely devoted to a particular timber and the industry surrounding it recognises the importance of the contribution kauri made to the establishment and continued development of communities. Where else in the world might you find a museum that celebrates one particular type of tree?

It is hard to imagine today just what the first settlers were thinking as they landed amongst almost impenetrable primeval forest with vegetation completely outside their experience; even the ferns were as big as trees!

The massive kauris must have been awe inspiring and thoughts of harvesting this, their only source of income must have been daunting. However, necessity bred success and if we walk around the museum today it is humbling to see what they achieved with the limited resources available. The skills anyone had to offer were treasured and essential to the survival of the community. Nor must we forget the gum ... I told you wood was an amazing substance ...

Paparoa Lions PIONEER LUNCHEON 2014

The Paparoa Lions are again looking forward to hosting the annual Pioneer Luncheon at the Paparoa War Memorial Hall on Friday 14 March.

This event was originally held to honour the pioneering families of the district and give the senior members an opportunity to get together and take time out of their busy lives for a shared luncheon. The original pioneers have long since departed and over the years the criteria have changed to include anyone over 65 years who lives, has lived, or has an association with the Paparoa district. The luncheon is run by the Paparoa Lions and includes a delicious lunch, entertainment and a chance to reminisce with old friends and make new ones.

Invitations will be sent out by mid February. Anyone else who would like to attend, or who knows someone who might like to come please contact Pete Hames 431 6822.

PAPAROA FIRE FORCE

Fire Call-outs (from Dec 25th – Jan 21st):

December Callouts

31st.....Scrub Fire.....Aratapu

January Callouts

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17thScrub Fire.....Ruawai

18thHouse Fire.....Central Rd

*"C'mon
Paparoa, the
Fire Force could
really use your
help!!"*



We've certainly had a busy holiday period with 9 calls in 28 days. Most of these incidents have been controlled burns getting out of control. As I write this, the fire ban is not yet in place, but I'm sure it will be any day now. The hills are getting really brown and everybody needs to be responsible and vigilant when it comes to fires. A couple of our calls were to burn offs that were under control – this is fine. If you see a fire and are unsure if it is out of control or not, call it in anyway. The Fire Service will either have it logged with them already, or send someone to check it out. It's better to be safe.

With such a busy few weeks behind us, I have noticed we have a need for volunteers. We had one instance where two guys had taken the tanker to a call-out, and there was another call a few minutes later. We could only respond to one of the calls as we didn't have enough crew for both. So, I'm putting it out there ... **C'mon Paparoa, the Fire Force could really use your help!!** Especially during week days. This is your community and we want to be able to look after it as best we can. But if we don't have volunteers, we can't do our job. Plus you get to ride in a Firetruck! Give us a call on 09 431 6668, Cohan or Yvonne.

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Passenger vessels at Pahi Wharf at an early 1920s Pahi Regatta

Some of the more well-known included the Ruawai, Bahroona, Wairua and Awaroa but there were many more. With the establishment of better roads and railways, especially from the 1920s onward, passenger boat traffic on the harbour declined and died out. These photos show some of the luxurious conditions passengers could enjoy on their journey aboard the SS Awaroa.

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The Lombardy poplar trees that are a feature of Paparoa's picturesque valley are facing an uncertain future. Originally planted as a measure of stream bank erosion control they have been part of the landscape for 95 years and have provided a

native trees. An arborist's report has determined that 3-4 others on the riverbank between the carpark and Franklin Rd are also at risk of falling onto the road. To avoid damage to traffic, power lines or people, Kaipara District Council has arranged for their removal.

Local shop owners have been consulted about the work required as there may be some minor traffic disruption. KDC has also contacted



look of Central Otago colours during the autumn. They also feature strongly in the Paparoa logo designed 12 years ago.

In recent times a number of them have fallen over due to old age and erosion around their roots. In November one fell at the Village Green carpark narrowly missing the water tank but damaging a number of other

representatives of Keep Paparoa Beautiful to look at future re-vegetation options. Janice Booth from KPB said "It will be good to look at ways we can enhance this area of riverbank as it has been a bit of a mess. KPB removed the bamboo some years ago which allowed better views of the river from Paparoa Valley Rd but no further work was done." PP

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Cycling the Otago Central Rail Trail

Paparoa locals Steph Bristol and Chris Morrison braved the privations of the Otago Central Rail Trail recently and have kindly given us their rundown of their experience:

On a beautiful clear day in mid-November we flew into Queenstown to begin our rail trail biking adventure. Only two of our party had done any training, the rest of us hoping that the trail would be easy and biking would come back to us. We had 150km to cycle, between Clyde and Middlemarch, over 5 days.

Our journey started in Clyde, over-nighting in Dunstan House, a beautiful old heritage hotel built in 1900.

DAY 1: Destination Omakau, 37km. After a refreshment stop in Alexandra off to Chatto creek for lunch. Next we tackled the steepest part of the route up Tiger Hill with a run down into Omakau. Feeling OK after the first day.



DAY 2: Destination Oturehua, 29km. Today was the best day (although we are all a bit saddlesore). The longest bridge, 2 long tunnels, the Poolburn Viaduct, and the Idaburn dam as featured in the cheese ads. Plus amazing scenery and no hill climbs.

DAY 3: Destination Ranfurly, 25km. At this stage I'm not sure if it hurts more sitting down or standing up! Today we reach the highest point of the trail at 618m above sea level at the top of the Wedderburn Hill. Downhill to Ranfurly in time for lunch. The rest of

the afternoon was spent sight-seeing in a rental car.

DAY 4: After a quick visit to Naseby and St Bathens it was back on the bikes, destination Hyde, 32km. Today we cross the 32m high Prices Creek Viaduct, and the last long tunnel before arriving in the bustling metropolis of Hyde. Population 50ish. The Hyde Central Hotel is the authentic pub with no beer!

DAY 5: 29km to Middlemarch. Today is the first day it has rained. This was a pleasant change from the 30+ temperatures and sunburn we had experienced. A final 3 hours cycling (no longer saddle sore) and we are in Middlemarch ready for the train trip through the Taieri Gorge to Dunedin.

This was an amazing journey. Considering it must be at least 10 years since I sat on a bicycle, the trip was quite do-able. Only about 14 hours actually biking.

I'd recommend this to anyone wishing to see another part of historical NZ. Like taking a step back in time, enjoying old fashioned hospitality, soaking up the local history and taking life at a slower pace.

Steph Bristol
and Chris Morrison



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Motoring Matters

Recently I read a headline in a newspaper about the dangers of stock wandering onto roads, it brought to mind an incident in England many years ago.

A colleague, who was the son of a baronet and who had been educated at Eton and Oxford and who also had a distinctly upper class accent, owned an Austin Healey sports car in which he travelled between his home near Newcastle on Tyne and Coventry.

One Friday night, he was bowling along the A1 at about 70mph when he collided with a cow peacefully minding its own business in the middle of the road!

The said cow rolled over the low bonnet, crushed the windscreen, landed beside the unfortunate driver and deposited you-know-what all over him!

Other motorists stopped and before long the police and ambulance arrived expecting the worst, but the driver was unhurt, although he had to be taken to hospital in order to be thoroughly cleaned up. Unfortunately no amount of cleaning up could save the poor old cow

Graham Roberts

Paparoa Primary School 2014



Paparoa primary school is looking forward to another busy year. The school will be running three small classrooms.

There have been changes in rooms with Mrs. Tavinor moving to room one and teaching the year 4 to 6 children, while Mrs Cadman is staying in room 3 but is teaching the year 1 to 3 children. Ms Harper will be teaching in room 2 and continue to teach the new entrants. She will also be teaching reading recovery and so Ms Tayla-Rose will be working in room 2 to release her. We are very lucky to have such an exciting staff who can't wait to pass on their expertise to our students. School opens on Thursday 30th January at 8.30am. New enrolments welcome.

Mrs Kim Tavinor, Principal

Pets in the Valley



Casey aged 20 years

If Casey was a person she would have received a letter from the Queen by now – not the New Year Honours type but the reaching 100 years old kind!

Casey is a special 20 year old golden lab x who was bought for \$20 as a 10-year-old boy's birthday present. At the end of last year she was presented to me by my sister in law, with a nasty tumor in a personal place which had to be removed. So no pressure- the list of potential complications was long and scary but it was literally do or die.

Well good old girl that she is she didn't miss a beat during the anaesthetic and made a great recovery afterwards. Obviously she didn't know what the fuss was all about I'm sure her laid back personality is the key to her longevity. She doesn't run along Uretiti Beach like she used to, just going down the driveway is an achievement these days assisted by a few arthritis pills, but hopefully we will be blessed with her company for a wee bit longer!

Hope you are enjoying the lovely summer days, Janine



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With figs starting their extended ripening season, fig-fans are gleefully harvesting these delicious fruits. Figs are unusual in that they ripen one at a time on each branch and need to be picked before they over-ripen, becoming exceedingly attractive to birds, wasps and the like. In Northland we are indeed fortunate to have these ancient fruit trees (originally from the Mediterranean and southwest Asia area) growing so readily and so wildly even!

I have been making fig jam for many years and have a list of male friends who look for the gifts of a jar (or two or three) each autumn. Here is the recipe I use- by *Tui Flower* - at every opportunity.

I recommend the making of this jam to store away for winter solace!

Select firm, ripe, undamaged figs and wipe or rinse to clean- 1.5 kg- trim off stem and cut into quarters. Place in a non-metallic bowl, cover with 1kg sugar and leave to stand overnight. Next day, place figs and sugar in a preserving pan together with 2 tsp grated lemon rind and 1/4 cup lemon juice, 1/2 cup malt vinegar and 1 cup chopped crystallised ginger. Bring to boil, stirring to dissolve the sugar. Boil briskly with occasional stirring for about 30 minutes until setting test is positive. Pour into hot dry jars and seal. PP



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Tinopai Fishing Contest 2014

The 14th Tinopai Fishing contest on January 11th got off to a great start. The first sprat came in around 10am and then it was a steady flow of sprats and fish until the Kids Sprats Prizegiving at 3pm and then the big event; Inner & Outer Harbour Prizegiving at 4 o'clock. The day flowed smoothly due to an amazing effort from volunteers and supporters, not only on the day, but weeks of preparation beforehand and of course the clean-up afterwards. Incredibly the majority of people who helped don't even have students at our school – they just have a vested interest in the Tinopai community and that is simply breathtaking! Some are past students, others are parents of past students, and some just want to help – ngā mihi tino nui ki a koutou!

On behalf of Tinopai Primary School, an enormous thank you to all who helped in any way, big or small; to those who attended and had an awesome time, and also very importantly to the Sponsors whose generosity was also breathtaking to this new principal. At this stage, notwithstanding any other invoices that might still be coming, we have raised a good \$10,000 which will definitely help us in our aim of purchasing a van for the school. Once again simply thank you! Arohanui ki a koutou katoa!

Sonya Kaihe, Principal



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2nd	7.52pm	1.30pm	18th	8.07pm	2.08pm
3rd	8.10am	2.38pm	19th	8.18am	2.42pm
4th	8.55am	3.24pm	20th	8.55am	3.20pm
5th	9.43am	4.11pm	21st	9.38am	4.04pm
6th	10.33am	5.01pm	22nd	10.31am	4.58pm
7th	11.30am	5.57pm	23rd	11.35am	6.04pm
8th	12.36am	7.00pm	24th	12.50pm	7.19pm
9th	1.49pm	7.49am	25th	2.08pm	8.02am
10th	2.57pm	9.02am	26th	3.18pm	9.16am
11th	3.53pm	10.00am	27th	4.08pm	10.18am
12th	4.38pm	10.46am	28th	5.10pm	11.12am
13th	5.18pm	11.25am			
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Book Review : February



TITLE: A Tale of Two Cities
AUTHOR: Charles Dickens

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair ..."

The opening of Charles Dickens' *Tale of Two Cities* has to be one of the most attention grabbing of beginnings. (Although Orwell's 1984's first line "It was a bright cold day in April, and the clocks were striking thirteen" has to be up there too.) The paradoxical images play on the mind and it is clear that this novel, like our own times, is one of contrast.

The novel is also one of hope and redemption. Set in England and France in the 1770's, a time of Revolution and social unrest, we follow the intertwining lives of Lucie Manette, Charles Darnay and Sidney Carton.

Dickens details the life of these two cities and shows the possibility of social and personal redemption. A France cleansed of social injustices as envisaged by Carton, and a man saved by his act of sacrifice.

A novel that is well worth a read, or a willing re-read now that the school teacher isn't forcing it down your throat.

Reviewer: Deb C

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The Long Arm of the Champagne Police!

At last year's Wearable Arts Gala the evening show was dubbed a 'Champagne Gala' as bubbly, juice and nibbles were included in the ticket price to add a special feeling to the event.

Imagine our surprise to receive the following letter (abridged) by registered post:

*Progressive Paparoa Incorporated
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Epernay 18 December 2013

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It has come to our attention that you organised a "Champagne Gala" as part of the "Paparoa Wearable Arts Festival" where a glass of Champagne or juice was offered as part of the ticket.

In this respect, we are concerned that the name "Champagne" will be weakened if used inappropriately especially if the wine you offered was not Champagne. If so, this would leverage off the Champagne reputation and it could mislead or deceive the consumer as to the true nature or essential qualities of the product.

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Letters from the Old Post Office

The War of The Roses

A rose by any other name. I take this to mean that if a thing is beautiful then it matters not what it is called. I view a rose as a thing of beauty, of history, perfume and a visual delight. To the man in the shed it is a thing of thorns, an obstacle in the way to be battled with and vanquished. To me, their petals can glow with the gentle iridescence of moonlight while to others they have a similarity to the fatal shine of Chernobyl.

Their very names recall so much history and a sense of people past. Anais Segales, Madame Hardy, Souvenir de la Malmaison. The rose Malmaison is said to have been bred in memory of Josephine Bonaparte by the breeder Deluz of Lyons in 1843. A man so jealous of this rose's beauty that he would watch any visitor like a hawk to ensure they did not take cuttings.

It is said that Josephine spent much time in the gardens of her country chateau whilst Napoleon was off battling it out with the English. She obtained the de la Malmaison during his Egyptian campaign (it is noted that he was very cross) and established a renowned rose garden. This rose is a beautiful, many petalled pale pink, its scent is exquisite and can fill a room with perfume. It also has the most magnificent thorns.

Like Josephine (just not so beautifully) I wander the garden at twilight admiring the sheen of the petals and lingering over the scents. Hopefully, I will not catch cold from this habit and die with pneumonia as did Josephine. Apparently, she would refuse to wear anything more than a light shawl, it was so unfashionable to be warm.

However, if he from the shed ventures out he will return from a brief foray into the garden torn and bloody from an unexpected encounter with this same magnificent rose.

And, I have been known to mutter "C'est la vie."

Deb C



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OUT & ABOUT around the District ...

Old, presumed lost – an A&P Show 'Team Shearing' cup, last handed out in 1968, was recently handed back to the A&P Show committee, who are delighted to have this historic cup returned to their showcase. If you think you may have such a cup/trophy in your cupboard or in the back of your trophy case, please do check; any such cups can be left at Skelton's Drapery. Their return would be very much appreciated.

Sport- Badminton will start again sometime in term 1. Table tennis and Tennis continue over the summer holidays.

L'art de Beauty's new owner, Jasween Gill, is now a fully qualified Beauty and Body therapist, having completed her course at the Evolution School of Beauty in Whangarei in November last year. Jasween was pleased to graduate with 'credit'. This now means that L'art de Beauty is fully staffed. Look for a *Spotlight On* feature on Jasween, Andria and L'art de Beauty in the next edition of Paparoa Press.

Our condolences to the family of Geoff Dick of Pahi who passed away recently. Also to the family of Guy Lynch, who also passed away recently. Guy and Pat farmed for a long time on what is now Ariel's Lane and were well known in local community organisations. Our condolences as well to the family of Lyn Harvey. Lyn and Twane lived at Gallies Rd, Matakohe and Lyn worked as a stock agent.

Print Shop update - following our article last month on the printing services offered by Paparoa Drapery, Robyn Skelton reports an increase in work for the printer. Thanks to those supporting the service.

A warm welcome to those new residents who have moved into Paparoa in the last few months. PP is aware of at least three new residents who have bought property and no doubt there are more. We hope you enjoy your new life in Paparoa.

Paparoa Sports Association is very grateful to the Paparoa County Depot Trust for a funding

grant which will enable them to purchase 20 more chairs for the Sports Pavilion. Thanks so much.

Congratulations to Zane Polkinghorne and Sam Lockett who were married in December. And also to Di Boon and Craig Hardisty whose wedding took place on New Year's Day in Matakohe.

Our thoughts are with Tina Ball and her family following a disastrous house fire. It is great to see the community rally around in support.

Yoga classes make a welcome return to Paparoa - see separate article on page 12 for details.

The Paparoa Lions Pioneer Luncheon will be held on Friday 14 March at the Paparoa Hall. See article page 8 for details.

Do let us know if you have, or know of, any interesting info about comings & goings and important happenings in the district. We'll be pleased to include in *Out & About around the district*. PP

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- 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, re-opens Feb 3
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
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- Badminton** Thurs, years 5-11, 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 Starts 4 Feb Paparoa Hall \$5 ph Rose 431 7418
- Farmers' Market** Fortnightly Sat 9-noon, Village Green Feb 8, 22; Mar 8, 22
- 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** Paparoa Hall ph Loraine 431 7290 or Robyn 431 7306
- Kaiwaka Market** Sundays 9 Feb & 9 March Pub carpark 10am-1.30pm
- Library** Mon 1.30-4.30pm, Wed 10am-12noon, Thu 1.30-4.30pm, Fri 9.30am-1pm
open all Farmer's Market days - alternate Saturdays 9.30-1pm
- Line Dancing** Recommences soon ph Rose 431 7418
- Mainly Music** Wed 9.30am Paparoa Comm Church, ph Rebecca 431 7550
- Music Makers** 2nd Tues of month 7.30pm @ Cruiser Bar & Grill
- Northtec Sustainable Rural Development** Thu 20 Feb, Paparoa Community Church, Hook Rd, ph Heidelind 021 0230 6465 / Miriam 431 7106 (see ad pg14)
- Otamatea Quilters** 1st Tues of month 7-9pm & 3rd Mon 10-12noon, Paparoa Hall ph Lyn 09 439 2262
- Paparoa Community Church** 10.30am every Sunday, Hook Road
- Paparoa Lions Dinner Meetings** 3rd Mon in month 6.30pm, Paparoa Hall
- Paparoa Playcentre** Tue & Fri 9.30-12noon Visitors welcome ph Tina 021 033 5128
- Paparoa Plunket Society Coffee Group** 1st Tue/month, 10am Franklin Rd
- Paparoa Primary School** Term 1 Jan 28-Apr 17; Term 2 May 5-July 4;
Term 3 July 21-Sep 26; Term 4 Oct13-Dec11
- Paparoa St Marks Anglican Church** 2nd & 4th Sundays, 10am, Hook Rd
- Paparoa Toy Library** Wed 10.30-1pm, Paparoa Comm Church, Hilery 431 7330
- Pioneer Luncheon** Friday 14 March, Paparoa Hall, ph Pete 431 6822
- Sports Pavilion - Functions venue**, ph Vickie Owens 431 6432 for bookings
- St Mary's Catholic Church** 10am Wed, 6pm Sat, Maungaturoto
- Tai Chi** Tues 1pm, Paparoa Hall, ph Shirley 431 6408
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Time to start Planning for WAG14

After the hectic success of Paparoa's Wearable Arts Gala last August a break in activity was welcome but with the new year it is time to start planning for this year's event. Already we have expressions of interest from enthusiastic new people.

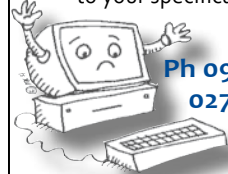


A meeting for anyone interested in forming this year's committee will be held on Tuesday 11 February in Paparoa Hall at 7.30 pm. Past committee members are urged to attend with their enthusiasm and to invite along others who they think can make a contribution. If roles and responsibilities can be allocated early it will make for another successful WAG.

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Hospice Kaipara's : Memory Tree

Once again Hospice Kaipara is very appreciative of the support we received for our Memory Tree and Christmas raffle. A special thank you to *Paparaoa Store* for allowing us to use their verandah area.

The results of the raffle are: 1st Draw Christmas Cake - Jenny Battensby, Pah; 2nd Draw Christmas Hamper - Pat Merrett, Pah; 3rd Draw Santa Bag - B Ball, Maungaturoto.

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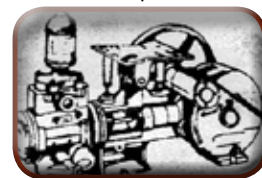
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Happy Endings ...

In our January *Animal Shelter* feature, one of the photos showed *Shakira* a 9yr-old German Shepherd who had been in need of a home.

Shakira's new mum contacted us to say that *Shakira* has been with her since before Christmas, and told us: "*She is a wonderful dog, great with my dog and good with the cats. Shakira has been well trained by someone, she is a good horse ride companion too, and polite going through cattle. We couldn't have found a better dog.*"

Don't you love a happy ending? PP



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5 Questions for ... Graham Murray



Graham at the wheel of his favourite Morris

Graham and Faith Murray are well known for their community involvement and enthusiasm for 'all things Paparaoa'. PP asked Graham five questions:

How long have you been in Paparaoa? *Thirteen years.*

Where did you come from? *I was born and raised in Papatoetoe and lived there all my life, apart from two years in Paeroa, until moving to Paparaoa.*

Why did you choose Paparaoa as a place to live? *We had good friends here, had visited often and liked the feel of the village and the people. We had had enough of the pressure of life in Auckland and wanted a slower pace.*

What were you doing before you came to Paparaoa? *I had been a motor mechanic with a contracting firm working on heavy machinery. After it closed I continued for 20 years as a solo mechanic. I never advertised and many customers became personal friends. Faith and I brought up a combined family of five boys and also looked after a number of children with disabilities.*

What are you doing now? *For a number of years I continued working from home as a motor mechanic. I have been able to participate in the community with PPI, Coastguard and The Kauri Museum, and follow my passion for classic cars. My apprenticeship was in a Morris garage so I have had a lifelong interest in Morris and particularly Morris commercial vehicles. Recently we bought a Morris 1800 as a more comfortable means of following the Dargaville Car Club events that we both enjoy.* PP