







This little figure will be seen a lot more around the place in coming months. Designed by Paparooa artist Helen Budd, it represents everything the Paparooa Wearable Arts Gala is all about. Stylish, creative, innovative, carefree and uninhibited as well as cheeky and full of fun.




This year's WAG is building on the strong legacy of the past taking the event to a new level. With two shows on Saturday August 24th WAG will be seen by a wider audience. Both shows feature the full programme with the 2pm Matinee designed for those preferring not to go out at night and the 7.30pm Champagne Gala promising to be a spectacular evening out.

NEW CATEGORIES AND SPECIAL SECTIONS

Four exciting new categories give full rein to the creative vibe.

-  **Pacifica** - includes the whole Pacific Ocean, its nature, cultures and arts
-  **Bloomin' Ridiculous** - can be floral or just way out
-  **Rubbish** - suggests recycled, renewed or just plain garbage
-  **World of Sci-Fi** - encourages anything futuristic, even unrealistic

WAG encourages young people to participate, as well as less serious adult creations:

-  **Wearable Art Headgear** - special section for children 12 years and under
-  **Bizarre Bra** - expect hilarious adult creations
-  **Curious Codpiece** - a new category for outrageous adult creations

GREAT PRIZES

WAG has always offered a generous prize pool and this year the Supreme Winner receives an expense paid trip for two to WOW in Wellington with stage-side seats, airfares and accommodation worth over \$1000. The other categories and sections all receive cash prizes. A Special Prize – the *Pat George Award*, recognising Pat's long contribution to wearable arts in the district, is limited to first time entrants.

SPONSORSHIP SUPPORT

Local businesses and individuals have supported WAG most generously in the past. With increased costs this year sponsorship is being sought further afield and already is receiving very positive support. A sponsors' booklet has been produced with potential sponsors invited to enter a partnership with WAG. By taking WAG Northland-wide the event is reaching a wider audience both for entrants and patrons. Sponsors receive complimentary tickets to the Champagne Gala Show, invitation to present the prize for their chosen section on stage, and all the subsequent publicity for their business.


A Creative Communities grant has already been received.

ENTRY IS EASY

Right now the organising committee is busy attracting entrants. An info pack has been sent to past entrants, publicity is in local media and a poster campaign is in full swing. Entries close 31 July but expressions of interest are sought now.

A downloadable entry form is on the Paparooa website www.paparooa.org.nz or from Carolyn Skelton 09 431 8636 and Betty Cairns 09 431 6515

WAG keeps the entry fees low, the prizes generous and participation a lot of fun.

Make sure your creative talents get full expression by entering. 



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Paparoa's Own Kaipara Ambassador

15 year old Cheyanne Ball decided after winning the Miss Teen Angel section at the Pahi regatta that it would be fun to enter the very first Miss Kaipara Kai contest held in Dargaville. This proved to be the most amazing experience for her. One of nine finalists, Cheyanne was sponsored by Ken & Karen from Inders Auto One in Dargaville and was then known as Miss Inders Auto One.



Cheyanne Ball with sponsors Ken & Karen of Inders Auto One, Dargaville

Cheyanne's first public outing was to mix and mingle with the crowd at the Kaipara Kai Festival. The girls had a professional photo shoot around vintage machinery and gave the speech they had written; the speech was on 'what the Kaipara meant to me'. Cheyanne did very well at this, she feels truly blessed to live in such a paradise. Tuition in deportment, hair care, make-up, how to pose and generally present themselves

culminated in the excitement of attending the celebration dinner, held at the Lighthouse Function Centre (wearing evening dress and heels).

Each girl went home with a trophy and great prizes. Cheyanne also won the Best Photo Shoot prize donated by Dragon Eye Photography: Cheyanne had chosen 'Outgoing' as the attribute to best describe her personality, and photographer

Mike Collins said *"she was great to work with, had lots of ideas, took direction very well, and every photo showed her attribute well!"*

Cheyanne says *"I recommend anyone to have a go at this; it was a lot of fun and helped build my confidence. Although I wasn't crowned Miss Kaipara Kai, I still will promote this wonderful place"*. And lots of lifetime friendships were formed along the way. PP

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Onward and upward ...

It's been an enjoyable challenge bringing the Paparoa Press to you all each month. Judging by the feedback we've received the community seems to appreciate what the PP offers. It's time now for someone else to put their creativity into the mix. With a great editorial team working hard to find all the raw material it takes to fill the Press each month, and the awesome contributions of our regular feature writers, I'm sure a new editor will also enjoy the sense of achievement that comes with seeing each finished edition go out.

My thanks to the team and to all the contributors for their sterling efforts over the past 14 months. You've been great to work with. Thanks also to all our advertisers for your support. And, last but not least, thanks to you the reader - you're what makes Paparoa the great community that it is - you're what it's all about. I'll be very much looking forward to getting my Press in the letterbox each month.

Signing off ... Kathy, Ed

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Delightful Indian Summer

Although the drought has officially broken, most water tanks are full or overflowing, and the fire ban is lifted, the effects of the most severe drought for 70 years will still be felt in the farming sector.

Low stock prices, feed shortages, and damage to pasture remain. It will take some months for many farmers to recover as ground water levels are severely depleted. However the warm days, cooler nights and gentle rains of early April have made life much more pleasant.

These 'Indian Summer' conditions are also creating some beautiful sunsets. Indian summer is defined as a period of unseasonably warm settled weather after the end of summer proper. The term was first used in 1778 by John Hector St. John de Crevecoeur of rural New York to describe a 'short interval of smoke and mildness'! PP

Wanted : Editor

Progressive Paparoa Inc is seeking expressions of interest for the position of Editor of Paparoa Press.

If you are interested (or know someone who might be) please contact:

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Farming Report

Hi my name is Ken Hames and my wife Janine and I are beef and dairy farmers.

There has been unseasonably little rainfall over the last few months and the effects of this extended dry period have certainly been felt on the farm. While it has been challenging to feed stock, on some farms there has also been an issue around sufficient water for stock. Last week I was at a presentation where the Minister for Primary

Industries was speaking and his main point was that we only collect for storage 2% of rainfall in New Zealand.

In NZ we are lucky compared to other countries in that we do have sufficient rainfall, it's just not spread evenly throughout the year. This has got me thinking about our farm and, while we have got through this dry period okay, we would be struggling if the drought had been two months longer. So next year we will be

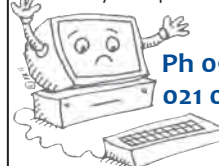
investing in another dam in order to ensure there is a backup supply available. Let's hope it's many years before it's needed to be used. Given that nowadays there is greater volatility in climatic conditions, as farmers we need to ensure that we can cope with that volatility.

As I write this the weather has turned and rain is falling signalling the ending of the drought.

Ken Hames

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2nd	10.06am	4.37pm	18th	10.33am	4.56pm
3rd	11.13am	5.46pm	19th	11.30am	5.56pm
4th	12.21pm	6.55pm	20th	12.27pm	6.56pm
5th	1.24pm	8.00pm	21st	1.24pm	7.54pm
6th	2.20pm	8.21am	22nd	2.18pm	8.17am
7th	3.19pm	9.11am	23rd	3.10pm	9.09am
8th	3.53pm	9.54am	24th	4.01pm	10.00am
9th	4.34pm	10.24am	25th	4.52pm	10.51am
10th	5.11pm	11.12am	26th	5.42pm	11.42am
11th	5.48pm	11.49am	27th	6.32pm	12.35pm
12th	6.23pm	12.25pm	28th	7.22pm	1.28pm
13th	6.58pm	1.02pm	29th	7.55am	2.23pm
14th	7.35pm	1.40pm	30th	8.50am	3.19pm
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Look out for extra traffic on our roads for the International Rally of Whangarei held on Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 May. Reconnaissance day Thursday 16.

The action kicks off from 8am Saturday morning with the route taking competitors over roads



around Parahi in the south-west, Waipu Caves and Brooks – including the Swamp Road 'Hella' jump. They return to Whangarei for the 1.5km Pohe Island 'Super Special' stage. The route is repeated in the afternoon.

Sunday begins at 6:55am and heads south through Waipu Gorge and on to Marohemo and Batley Road, visiting Paparoa's Wairere-Station Roads and Arcadia-Cassidy Roads. The route

is repeated before the Whangarei Quayside Town Basin ceremonial finish from 3:15pm.

Times for our local roads are:

SATURDAY 18: BROOKS Special Stages: roads closed 7.15am-4pm with two passes starting 9.16am and 2.01pm. The Reconnaissance 1st Pass starts 12.30pm and 2nd Pass at 2.30pm.

PARAHI ARARUA Special Stages: roads closed 8am-5pm, with 1st Pass at 10.09am and 2nd Pass at 2.54pm. On Reconnaissance Day, the 1st Pass starts at 3.45pm and 2nd Pass at 4.45pm.

SUNDAY 19:

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Special Stages: roads closed 6.15am-3pm with two passes starting 8.54am and 1.09pm. Reconnaissance Day 1st Pass starts 9.45am & 2nd Pass 10.15am.

ARCADIA-CASSIDY Special Stages: roads closed 7.15am-4pm with two passes starting 9.27am and 1.42pm. The Reconnaissance 1st Pass starts 11am & 2nd Pass 1pm. A rally map with clearly-marked spectator viewing points is on www.rallywhangarei.co.nz.

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Now is the time to be thinking:

- Could I be a board member?
- Do I have something to contribute?
- Who else might I like to see

on the Board?

Remember you do not have to be a parent to be on the board, you only need to be voted in by the parents and caregivers.

So if you don't have the time yourself, think about who else in the community would have the skills and the interest to contribute.

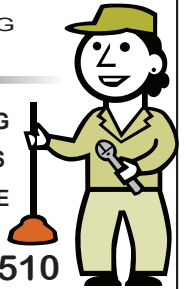
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**5 Questions for
- Don McGuff**

Don can often be seen walking his two dogs, english setter Buddy and golden retriever Cody, about the Village. PP put five questions to Don:

How long have you been in Paparoa? *Nearly 7 years*

Where did you come from?
Te Atatu, Auckland but originally Glasgow although my wife Rosemary is a Kiwi.



Why did you choose to come to Paparoa?

We always holidayed at Whangamata but it was getting too built up. A workmate suggested the Kaipara area so we came to look and the view over Pahi sold us on the area.

What were you doing before you came to Paparoa?

I started work as an aircraft engineering apprentice with Rolls Royce in the UK and then from 1970 with Air New Zealand as an engineer until retiring. I always stuck with engines.

What are you doing now? *I work 2-3 days a week as a volunteer driver with Linking Hands in Maungaturoto and of course walking the dogs to keep me and them fit.*

PP

KAIPARA LIFE - Weird or What?

While the prolonged drought has produced some unusual wildlife behaviour - like the sight of a very large turkey precariously perched on the slender and very bendy branches of an old hawthorne tree while gobbling down as many shrivelled berries as it could before crashing back to the paddock below - other Kaipara critters are doing things that are just plain weird and not drought related at all.

But first some background. Every year, as shooting season approaches, a premonition of danger seems to sweep through the duck community and large flocks abandon their farmland homes and begin to congregate along the sheltering shores of the Kaipara.

So, as it's that time again, Peter wasn't surprised to see a pair of

plump little ducks swimming happily around on the fishing grounds until something very odd caught his eye.

He got out his binoculars and observed two grey fin-wings rising gracefully out of the water in their wake and watched fascinated

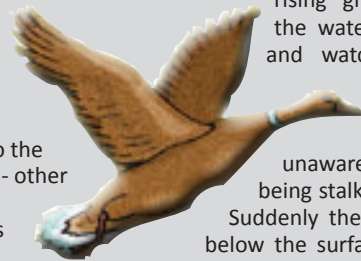
as the ducks paddled on happily unaware that they were being stalked by a stingray.

Suddenly the fin tips slipped below the surface and seconds later both ducks were lifted up on the slate grey back of their stalker. Startled they took flight in a flapping, quacking panic and disappeared around the nearest headland.

Now I have to wonder. Was this simply an example of 'interspecies mischief'?

Or is some enterprising hunter out there training sting rays to put the 'harbour' ducks up so he can get in a good shot?

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This means the Fire Ban has been lifted and you may now light fires in the open air without a permit.

Please be careful, check the area around your fire is clear and you have no overhanging branches or power lines. Also, be sure to have a water supply at hand.

Recently a small fire was ignited by fallen power lines. Some members of the public had put the fire out before we arrived.

PLEASE DO NOT DO THIS! Downed power lines may potentially be alive or be re-livened without notice, and electrocution can occur up to several meters away. Those involved are lucky they were not seriously injured or killed.

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to report it.

Your life is more important than a bit of burnt grass or property.

March Callouts:

27th Medical, Paparoa
31st Alarm Activation, M'gto
Rubbish Fire, Paparoa
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April Callouts:

3rd Horse Rescue, Paparoa
7th Medical, Paparoa
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Memorial Roping Event

The Northern District Team Roping Club had a busy weekend mid-April at Paparoa Showgrounds. A large turnout of members gathered for a Memorial Roping to acknowledge 12 months since the passing of Warren Boyce-Bacon, and to recognise his outstanding efforts for the Club over many years.

After two days of team roping Peter Wilson and Roddy Thompson (both long-time family friends of Warren) were drawn equally for 1st place with 60 points each and the organisers had to go back over the results to find the fastest average times of all the catches, with Peter coming out on top. Peter was presented with the Warren Boyce-Bacon memorial trophy by Warren's widow Sherie. The Trophy - a truly beautiful piece - was designed over the last 12 months and made by Garry Pocklington also a long-time friend of Warren. Garry incorporated Warren's love of horses, playing guitars and his efforts at shoeing horses into a beautifully fitting trophy.

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Paparoa Primary School



Term one has been both busy and enjoyable. Senior students have been working on their literacy and numeracy skills and developing their use of ICT. The school roll has grown to 38 students and we are opening an emergent classroom for new entrants for term two. Five year olds will go into Room One for literacy and numeracy lessons until lunchtime four days a week to develop the fundamentals and be ready to work in small group situations.

Further changes are being implemented to reduce class sizes and increase teacher attention time. Principal, Mrs Kim Tavinor said, "Our ultimate goal is to continue increasing our school roll so that we can open another full time classroom. We hope to achieve this by the beginning of term three this year." Paparoa Primary School welcomes any new enrolments and stands by their motto of "Success through effort - Na to mahi kaha ka whiwhi ai".



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February 11th 1925

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left to right:
goods shed platform
and station building



left to right: Stationmaster's house, water
tank, stock-loading yards (across line),
and 3 officer's houses



When you drive past Paparoa Railway
Station these days, it's difficult to
envisage what this spot once looked like
and how busy it was ...

Justice has been done to settlers in the anticipation of substantial traffic from Paparoa and contributing districts westward to the Northern Wairoa River by the erection of well-equipped buildings at Paparoa railway station. The station building comprises five rooms, including the stationmaster's office, two waiting rooms and a storeroom, with an extensive platform, roomy goods shed, and stock loading stage. The stationmaster's residence is furnished with up-to-date conveniences. Other railway officers' houses were built some time back.

The approach roads to the station are finished and metalled. The station is the next largest in size to Waitotira

on the Huarau-Portland section. Foundations are laid for a large tank for the engine. The metalling of the main road is proceeding down Paparoa Valley to the township, and is being rapidly pushed on. This road is on splendid grade. It is popular with motorists, it avoids steeper grades on the road to Huarau and Maungaturoto stations, and it completes the metalled highway from Paparoa station to Northern Wairoa via Matakohē, Ruawai and Mititai.

Newspaper article re activities at Paparoa Railway Station 1925

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The North Kaipara Volunteer Coastguard has now finalised its communications network across the Northern Kaipara Harbour with the linking of channels 61 and 66. This means for all boaties we have full coverage on the water on one radio regardless of which channel is used.

For our stalwart Dorothy Quaife this means that the weather now goes out on both channels at the same time without having to be repeated. In addition we have a clearer voice reception over the channels.

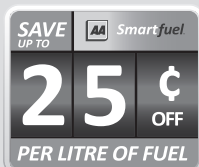
A reminder that our Mayday Appeal starts on the first of May and you may see our Coastguard buckets in different

stores. There is also a website which can be accessed to place donations. the website is: <http://www.givealittle.co.nz//cause/coastguardnorthkaipara>

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Homebuilders' History

Homebuilders Community Services has now become *Otamatea Community Services*, and this seems a good time to consider its history and how it came to be.

The first *Homebuilders* was set up in 1989 as Rose Plunkett of Maungaturoto Care and Share responded to a Government initiative to provide home-based support for families with at-risk children. The group came together: Rose, Rosemary Jones, Jan Robinson, Stephanie Wilson, Sophianna Tipene, Ann Dewhurst and later on Patricia Hunt. All underwent rigorous training including study at The Auckland College of Education, and of The Treaty of Waitangi. Peter and Martha Walters were Kaumatua and Kuia, advising on cultural issues. Most of these people continued active involvement for over a decade of dedicated work as the clientele expanded rapidly.

Homebuilders' policy was to have a small infrastructure, with a discreet office, set up in Rose Plunkett's home, for paperwork and for contact with government agencies. This was approved by the Community Funding Advisor as a secure environment. The prime focus was giving confidential support within the client's home. The Management Committee included lawyers, counsellors and local identities providing skilled supervision and community input.

The Department of Social Welfare and Community Funding Agency put in considerable time and effort setting up *Homebuilders* in accordance with Government directives, and in the early years used it as a pilot group working with consultants to write and test new systems.

Rose, Rosemary, Jan, Patricia and several others left a changed organisation some five years ago, but Rose and Rosemary, still seeing a need for an organisation run strictly on the founding principles of *Homebuilders*, started **Youth and Whanau Focus South Kaipara Inc.** This organisation is approved under standard S403 of the CYFS Act 1989 and receives referrals from CYFS, police, schools, health providers, as well as self-referrals.

Rose, Rosemary and those involved in the early *Homebuilders* thank the community for their support, and for their much appreciated ongoing support for *Youth and Whanau Focus South Kaipara Inc.*

Salt river songs

Sam Hunt

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| <p>1.</p> <p>Never the sparkling waters
or the beautiful daughters</p> <p>as sparkling as they be -
it's a muddy creek for me</p> <p>twisting and turning
on Kaipara time</p> <p>floating down stream.
On the next tide, returning.</p> | <p>4.</p> <p>On Kaipara time
a patriarch lay dying -</p> <p>tears for what he'd done,
the cheating and lying -</p> <p>family gathered round him
he said, I know I'm dying.</p> <p>There's only one problem:
I can't. But, God, I'm trying.</p> |
| <p>2.</p> <p>The Landing built roughly
where early settlers landed -</p> <p>months at sea behind them,
more months' uncertainty.</p> <p>They ended up in a land
they never had in mind.</p> <p>I'll be leaving by the Landing
on Kaipara time.</p> | <p>5.</p> <p>On Kaipara time
he died and the family</p> <p>joined hands like the five
salt rivers of the Kaipara</p> <p>each of them knowing
it would soon be for them</p> <p>the tidal clocks chime
on Kaipara time.</p> |
| <p>3.</p> <p>A fisherman from Pahi
got a mermaid in his net -</p> <p>good as a man can get
when he falls in love at sea</p> <p>on Kaipara time,
the nets well set: that,</p> <p>and immaculate
timing of tides.</p> | <p>6.</p> <p>I see you up in town,
we meet on the street:</p> <p>good to see you I say,
you say it's good to see me.</p> <p>You're moving east you tell me.
I wish you a clear sea . . .</p> <p>meantime, Kaipara time,
it's a muddy creek for me.</p> |

Upcoming Speech Contest

On Monday 20 May, The Lions Club of Paparoa will host its annual speech contest in the Paparoa Community Hall.

Schools in the Tinopai, Matakoho, Paparoa and Maungaturoto catchments are invited to encourage participation of Juniors years 5 and 6, and Seniors years 7 and 8. Both sections have a choice of two topics; and every school is encouraged to put forward two contestants in each section where applicable.

The judge, selected from within

our communities, sets criteria, whilst critiquing, encouraging & inspiring contestants. The night starts with a welcome from our President, followed by a meal prepared by a Community group; whereupon our youth get the opportunity to establish their oratory skills with a presentation to a gathering of around 100 comprising family, friends, teachers, Lions and their partners. Prize giving rounds off the evening. Please contact Bryan Walker on 431 9077.



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PAPAROA TENNIS

Paparoa Tennis wound up the summer season with a great adult-child fun tournament. 24 keen participants took part and played 10 minute games scoring as many points as they could. Adult winners: Simon Kjellberg, Grant van Dalsun & Kathy Allardyce. Kids: Maggie Hames, Petuera Kingi, & Tayla Allardyce.

Tuesday and Saturday sessions have now finished for the summer, due to daylight savings and winter sport. However Friday social sessions continue at 10am and we are starting Sunday afternoon twice a month on the first and third Sunday from 1pm (weather dependant). The courts are open all the time for casual play, which is free for club members, otherwise PLEASE put your \$2 in the honesty box.

A recent Saturday morning saw lots happening at the A & P showgrounds – kids tennis; JMB rugby games; working bee on the grandstand; and a Pony Club working bee, followed in the afternoon by a Team Roping event in memory of Warren Boyce-Bacon, so it was great to see this area being utilised by the community.

Libby Jones

OUT & ABOUT around the District

Those of you who lived in Paparoa in the 1970s will remember Grace Davis, the new entrants' teacher at Paparoa Primary School. Her husband, Rome, was the Principal and they shared the School house with their family. Grace was an extremely caring person and a great teacher. First days at school were never a problem when she was in charge! Grace died at her home in early April.

The Keira Animal Shelter at the top of the Brynderwyns has a new address – 824 Whakapirau Road. Julie Harbin has been offering respite and geriatric care for animals for 20 years and is happy to be off the beaten track and in a quieter place now. She also plans to have a bird sanctuary and to be fully functional in early April.

Our condolences go out to Margareta Cherry and extended family on the sad and sudden death of Paul following a short illness.

Condolences also to friends of Bob Ward of Pahi who died very recently in Dargaville Hospital.

Pahi Neighbourhood Support team has been invited to join Civil Defence meetings as the database which has been developed will also be used in civil defence emergencies. PNS has also been liaising with local Police as required. It is hoped to extend the Neighbourhood support system throughout the Kaipara district. For more information, phone Sherryl 431 7127, or email kaipara.ns@gmail.com

Shirley Warner-Summers and James Lyon have been coming regularly to the Paparoa Farmers' Market and giving free horse and cart rides to the children. This is much appreciated by the children and the market stall holders and is another added attraction at the market. Thanks Shirley and James!

Congratulations to Ken & Janine Hames on their farming achievements. In the 2013 Ballance Farm Environment Awards they won three categories. The Ballance Nutrient Management Award, Beef+Lamb New Zealand Livestock Farm Award and WaterForce Integrated Management Award. With Sam and Vanessa Hartles' recent Regional Council award for sustainable land management, Paparoa's farmers are showing the way in Northland.

Paparoa students are doing interesting things at home and around the world: David Hames (son of Ken and Janine) is presently in Japan with other students from Otamatea High School. David is in year 9 and has been learning Japanese for a year. The trip includes a one-week homestay and then another week visiting various Japanese cultural icons. David's sister, Susan, a pupil at Matakohi School is learning Mandarin through the Correspondence School. Rebekah Sheppard (daughter of Bill and Janine) and Alf Hunt (son of Sam), both senior students at Ruawai College, are off to Vietnam in July with five other students for two weeks of visits to heritage sites. The visit aims to bring greater understanding to their history lessons. Funds for the trip have been raised by helping with catering at various events all over the district. Michelle Blythen (daughter of Grant and Glenda) is presently in Calgary, Canada. Michelle works two jobs; assistant at a department store and front of house at a restaurant. You never know where someone from Paparoa might turn up!

Paparoa Lions and Progressive Paparoa are planning to install permanent footbaths at each end of the Paparoa Walkway to help prevent the spread of Kauri Dieback disease. Liquid for washing footwear is currently provided from bottles but the new setup will mean that walkers will have to wade through the liquid instead. Overhead shelters for each footbath will also be built. Thank you Lions and PPI!

Elaine McNamara (nee Sheppard) celebrated a significant birthday recently with a dinner evening for family and friends in Pahi Hall. A very pleasant evening was had

by all who attended.

If you hear lots of loud noises on the morning of Saturday 4 May, don't be alarmed. It's the first day of the Shooting Season. Shooters can visit website:

<http://northland.fishandgame.org.nz/sites/default/files/NFG%20game%20regs%202013.pdf> to learn this seasons' shooting regulations for Northland.

Weekly Soup-er Friday begins at Paparoa Community Church, Hook Road on Friday 24th May at 6.00pm. Soup is served each Friday at 6.00pm until August 2013. It is for anyone and everyone who likes Hearty Soup during the cold Winter months.

Don't forget, the date for this Year's Mother's Day is Sunday, 12 May.

Editor Wanted - Progressive Paparoa Inc. is still looking for an Editor for the Paparoa Press. If you, or someone you know, would like to know more about the position please email grnt@xtra.co.nz.

If you have snippets of news that might fit in Out and About please send them to paparoapress@orcon.co.nz by 15th of each month.

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MUSEUM MUSINGS ...

On Wednesday 5th April a small group of staff and volunteers drove up to Towai to watch Kauri logs, buried for over ten thousand years, being excavated from what is normally a swamp, but with the drought which has lasted nearly three months, conditions are just right to locate and bring to the surface such examples.

Johnathan Palmer first introduced us to his colleagues; another scientist in the field of dendrochronology, and two German scientists who wished to film the proceedings for a documentary to appear on German TV.

Johnathan explained how the timber was located. There are three methods: the most sophisticated being the use of ground radar using satellite technology, secondly by watching for areas of dried grass, and third with a kauri gum spear, which can be more accurate than either of the other two methods.

A large digger was used to find and dig up the logs and it was quite uncanny to see how easily the driver was able to just put the bucket into the earth and immediately bring up sizeable pieces of timber which had not seen the light of day for millennia.

After a short break for lunch, the digger started up again and within minutes it was struggling to lift what was obviously a substantial log. A bulldozer was called up, a deep hole dug on either side of what was now obviously a tree trunk and a hawser passed around it, the bulldozer took the strain, its front well up in the air, and, with the help of the digger, over ninety feet of trunk and a limb were lifted.

That was the crowning moment of a fascinating day, and all the time, traffic was passing by on State Highway one, blissfully unaware of the little piece of history unfolding only two hundred metres away.



art ... Finding Inspiration



Where do the ideas for artwork come from? There is a popular impression that inspirations are like butterflies, floating free in the air and some people are just naturally better at catching them than others. But actually, they are more like plants, growing slowly from carefully nurtured seeds within your life and your practice.

If you are considering making a piece for this year's wearable art gala, try these three steps. Firstly, what making processes do you enjoy: dressmaking, patchwork, metal craft, collage, embroidery, knitting, painting, construction? What materials do you like to work with and can find easily? Then, what interests you in your life: love your garden, fishing, dance, science, children, collecting?

Looking at entries from WOW in Wellington shows how these come together; a saddler making a surreal horse from leather, a dress made from souvenir teaspoons, another from fine laths of wood by a boat builder. Pieces based on children's story characters, Pacific legends, mythical animals: waste materials from the farm, industry, the home.

Making art to wear is a unique field with such a short history that it carries no burden of expectation of how to "do it right". As a Kiwi specialty we approach it with an open, experimental, accepting approach, and value everyone who attempts to give it a go.

I'm doing it again this year, with my granddaughter as my model once more. As she says, "It's our 'thing'". And for Paparoa it is too, our 'thing'.

Helen Budd

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Gravy's been in the wars again. He had his plaster off on a Thursday and on the Friday was back at the hospital with another injury to his damaged tendon. He accidentally moved his leg the wrong way and tore the repairing tendon, but thankfully not a full rupture this time. He's now having physio to keep the tendon from stiffening but no crutches or plaster this time.

You can't keep a good fisherman down though and at the Point Curtis fishing competition, the Gravy Boat team won 1st & 2nd biggest snapper, and 1st, 2nd, 3rd biggest kahawai. The harbour is still fishing well with plenty of good fish about.

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Pets in the Valley



How observant are you? The two boxer dogs, Bronte and Benson, belonging to John and Nicky Eddy of Paparoa GAS are a familiar sight as they are walked around the village but if you look more closely one has changed colour and halved in width.

Unfortunately at the start of April Benson number one developed a neurological condition and deteriorated rapidly resulting in the decision to have him euthanased. This left a big gap in John and Nicky's household so after a bit John looked on TradeMe for another dog. In a twist of fate there he discovered a boxer dog, also named Benson, looking for a home as his owner had died. How perfect is that!

So now the new Benson, who is a brindle colour, is discovering the joys of living in Paparoa and Bronte is teaching him that she was here first so she is the boss! John has promised me he won't let Benson II get overweight! Time will tell.

Janine Hames

Waka Ama - Nga Hoe Uranga

An update on what's been happening this season from Pahi base. Not only do we now have a strong and very competitive men's senior masters team but we also have a women's team training, plus a girls under-16 team. This under-16 team, after attending a couple of regattas, finished their season by attending the Northland Secondary Ngatu, where they competed against girls 2-3 years older and more experienced than themselves. They improved with each race and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

The women's team which has yet to enter into competition

this season has a combination of some seasoned and experienced paddlers with some newcomers.

Our senior master's men's team is currently going from strength to strength. In August 2012 three of our members Kim, Bill and myself (Grant) teamed up with three members from the Parihaka Club in Whangarei, and were selected to represent New Zealand at the 2012 World Waka Ama Sprint Championships, held in Calgary Canada. We made all three finals and were placed 4th in one, and 6th in the other two. We were racing against approx 22 teams from 16 countries.

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This photo shows the closeness of competition in the Raglan 2013 race, 200m from the finish line

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/cont'd from p10 ... This season our seniors masters team known as 'Team Kaipara' won a gold medal at the New Zealand National



Sprint Championships in January in the W12 500m sprints.

Following on from the sprints the long distance events have been running. We currently have two paddlers from Parihaka once again to complete our six. To date this year we have won first place at the Takapuna Cup 35km Iron Man event, the 24km Tauranga Harbour Challenge and just recently also won the 25km Whangaroa Hoe on the Raglan Harbour. We would like to thank the

Kaiwaka Sports Association for the funding assistance we had received for the 2012 World Cup campaign and also for the financial assistance to purchase more club paddles with our influx in membership.

We are always on the lookout for new members of all ages. So if you are interested come along to club trainings Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 5pm or Sunday mornings at 9am at Pahi Domain, or contact Grant Eager on 027 4743 856.

**** STOP PRESS **** On Sat 27 April we came in 3rd in the New Zealand Long Distance Nationals!



left to right: Grant, Wuzz, Kim and Bill with the trophy after winning at Raglan. Absent - Dave McFarland & Dave Wetere from Whangarei

LIONS FAREWELL

Paparoa Lions say fond farewell to Peter and Karina Gulik.

Peter has been a real stalwart of the Club, always happy to get stuck in to any job in hand; Karina has been his willing supporter.



They moved up to Paparoa from Orewa ten years ago and now they're going down to Papamoa in the Bay of Plenty.

Wherever he goes, Peter will always join the local Lions Club as he believes in helping his community – come back up to see us any time!



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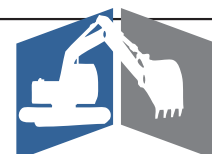


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