



Farmers' Market has Fiscal and Social Benefits

When something's been around quietly in the background for seven years people could be forgiven for forgetting it's still there, but the Paparoa Farmers' Market has been continuing to quietly make its contribution to the local scene. A recent study of the impact of the Whangarei Growers' Market found the economic benefit to Whangarei to be in the order of some \$9 million per year. While on a much smaller scale, Paparoa's market does make a significant contribution to the local economy. With up to 12 stalls on a regular basis it has been estimated the combined turnover could easily be in excess of \$2000 per market. That adds up over 7 years of fortnightly markets to a contribution of \$364,000 to the local economy. No small sum.

Farmers' markets rose to prominence some 10 years ago as people began to question more where their food came from. Markets became trendy for 'fashion food' and many did not survive. Other communities have jumped on the market bandwagon but struggled to survive unless they diversified with crafts and other items. Some have become just glorified jumble sales. Paparoa has stuck to its principles as a true farmers' market.

For most stall holders it is a supplement rather than a livelihood but it is keeping the money-go-round local. A number of stall holders who go to other markets report that Paparoa is by far the best in terms of sales and atmosphere. For customers it is a chance to get fresh quality local produce, talk to the stall holders about their wares and relax in friendly convivial surroundings.

Of equal importance is the social role of the market in promoting a unique Market Saturday in Paparoa. The managers provide signage which promotes the village and slows traffic with many travellers stopping to see what's going on. Their spending stays in Paparoa. The buskers, paid by the market, provide entertainment, kids get free horse and cart rides, local shops appear to be doing more business and Paparoa for a few hours springs to life.

Real Estate agents and tourism operators mention Paparoa Farmers' Market in their advertising. Who knows what spinoff that may have?

The market operates on a voluntary basis under the PPI umbrella. Surplus income is returned to the community by way of upgrades to the Village Green and supporting the Hall kitchen.

Like an old friend the market could be taken for granted but it has become an institution. It's well worth a visit just to catch up. PP

There's plenty to see at Paparoa Farmer's Market



Helen Poot discusses the benefits of making your own cheese with stall holder Jas Futter



WAG 14 planning well underway

The Wearable Arts Gala is another Paparoa institution that's been around for a while but it still requires people with energy to plan and organise. This year the committee comprises a mix of former members plus a very positive group of newcomers.

Some have never been to a WAG show but they're bringing a new enthusiasm and a load of fresh ideas to the event. Sharlene Lord is Event Manager, with great organisational flair that has everyone focussed. Other newcomers are Vanessa Hartles, Imogen McLeod, Sally Taylor and Renee Morton. Together with members from previous WAGs - Graham Murray, Betty Cairns, Dennise Brownlie, Fay Wilson and Graham Taylor, their combined expertise will ensure success. Although matching last years' success will require something special, the group is confident that WAG14 will be an event not to be missed.

The committee is very pleased to have received a \$1000 grant from the Creative Communities Grants Scheme which will be used to enhance the lighting effects of the show.

Anyone with a creative streak should start planning their WAG entry now. The four open categories - *Pacifica*; *2114*; *Absurdly Ridiculous*; and *Upcycled* are all designed to allow wide freedom of expression and creativity, as are the two special sections *Funtastic Tails*; and *Keep It In The Kaipara*.

Entry forms are available at Skelton's Drapery, on line at www.paparoa.org.nz or from Betty Cairns Ph 431 7615. Entries close 12th July.



Winner of the Rubbish category WAG 2013: Betty Mason's 'A Little Bit Potty'

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www.paparoa.org.nz to get revamp

The Paparoa Website has for some years provided a great service for individuals looking for information about Paparoa and for organisations wishing to get their message out to the wider community.

It has been an ongoing challenge to keep the information up-to-date and to make the most of the opportunity the site presents.

It's amazing how some determined people can manage to utilise the currently available information to sleuth their way

to an outcome or contact they're looking for. But our aim is to provide a site that's a bit more user friendly and up-to-date.

PPI is pleased to announce that Paul Edlin of Pahi has volunteered to become the new Website Manager. Paul has

a lifetime of experience with computers and website design. In the immediate future he will be making contact with those people and organisations with emails to update their details and offer further enhancements to the service.

Paul has his own website design business and is keen to provide this service for the community on a voluntary basis.

Paul will be assisted by Jane Bailey who has kindly offered to make contact by phone with those not on email.

We believe these initiatives will enable the Paparoa website to provide an up-to-date on-line tool through which organisations and businesses can promote their activities.

But of course the site is always dependent upon you the user regularly advising up-to-the-minute changes and detail in respect of your organisation or



Paul Edlin - website designer

event. We need your help too!

Think of it as a kind of Information Centre, Community Directory, Business Directory, Phone Book, Bill Board, and Tourist Brochure - all rolled into one.

PPI takes this opportunity to say a big thank you to Alice Cranston for all her work in upgrading and managing the site in recent years - thank you Alice! PP

Paul can be contacted on 431 7063 or at ampac@ihug.co.nz

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Community meeting well attended

32 people from Paparoa, Matakohē and Ararua attended the KDC community meeting on Sunday 13 April and raised a number of community concerns. Chair Commissioner John Robertson and a number of KDC staff listened, and Community Facilitator Darlene Lang prompted the audience to share their concerns and recorded every item.

First up was a list of all the things we like about Paparoa. That was easy and quickly filled the chart as Darlene wrote. Then came a list of concerns which were prioritised and discussed within small groups. Finally those present were asked to vote on their top two issues.

Among the major concerns were community safety and traffic safety through the village, activities for young people, economic development, weed and pest control, upgrade of the playground, development of the riverbank, and roading in the wider area.

KDC staff will write up the afternoon's discussions and present the Action Plan back to the community. Some issues will be dealt with by KDC as part of normal service while others may require a longer term approach if they involve outside agencies or financial considerations. The aim of the meeting as Commissioner Robertson explained was to listen to the community, explain KDC's role and work towards improving communications and better levels of service. Most of those present left feeling satisfied they'd had a good opportunity to be heard. PP

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VOLUNTEERS PLEASE:

Despite repeated calls for extra volunteers over the last few months, sadly, we have not had a single response from the community. We understand that people lead busy lives and that a lot of community members do so much already. We really do need at least two more people though, especially during normal working hours. That is when we struggle the most. We currently have only 4-5 people available to respond to calls during the day. If a couple of them are out of town or unavailable, suddenly we don't have enough people to respond when the alarm goes off. We are an Emergency Service and, when people call 111, they expect a fast, effective response. This can sometimes be difficult to do.

Please give us a call if you think you can be of any help - Cohan or Yvonne 09 431 6668. Even if you're only available sometimes, give us a call and we can have a chat about what options there are.

FIRE BAN LIFTED:

It is nice to be finally getting a bit of rain here in Paparoa, you can see the hills slowly greening up. I am pleased to report that the Fire Ban has been lifted as of 12.00pm 17/04/2014. I'm sure there are a fair few fire piles out there waiting to be lit ... please be careful and make sure it isn't too windy! Check the area surrounding your fire, and check above it for overhanging branches and power lines before you burn.



Paparoa Volunteer Rural Fire Force

CALLOUTS:

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3rd Scrub Fire Ruawai
4th Rubbish Fire ... Ruawai
7th Rubbish Fire ... Arapohe
16th Rubbish Fire ... Ruawai
18th Scrub Fire Ruawai
27th Veg Fire Mangawhai

March

10th Roadside Fire .. Dargaville
29th Medical Ruawai
30th Scrub Fire Matakoho

April

1st Shed Fire Whakapirau
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North Kaipara Coastguard News

For the last two months the North Kaipara Coastguard have concentrated on training for its members.

On the radio side Dorothy and helpers have been very busy setting a record for January with 571 calls received, with a further 408 calls in February, then dropping to 302 for March. We appreciate the calls as it's a good starting point if an emergency or call for assistance is required. You do not have to be a member of coastguard to utilise our radio service so we ask all boaties to please call in when going out.

The month of May this year will see the start of our annual fundraising appeal known as the Mayday Appeal. As a volunteer

unit we rely on donations to assist us with training both on and off the water. Your help to keep the unit running is always appreciated. It is important to note that all monies collected in our area by our volunteers stays with our unit.

We will have a collection point at the Paparoa Market day on May 17th so please keep an eye out for our collectors - we appreciate your donations. Our thanks go to the Paparoa Market organisers for their assistance.

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MANGROVES, MUD ...

MANGROVE ENVIRONMENTS

Low winter temperature and the occurrence of frost set the modern limit of mangroves in New Zealand, and other climatic, oceanographic and geographic effects also control mangrove extent.

A principal factor that determines the width of a mangrove zone is the tidal range and the slope of the intertidal

seafloor. Mangroves typically occur between the levels of the highest tides and mean sea-level (rather than low tide level), so a large tidal range will provide a potentially broader habitat zone, as will a gently sloping sea floor (see diagrams below).

As *Avicennia* produces live young on the plant after flowering (shoots and roots rather than

dormant seeds), seedlings must find a receptive substrate. Mangroves rarely establish on rock platforms or high energy shorelines, and vigorous surf break across sand and gravel beaches degrades the embryonic plant and prevents them taking root. They occur on sheltered, low energy coastal environments such as broad deltaic flats,

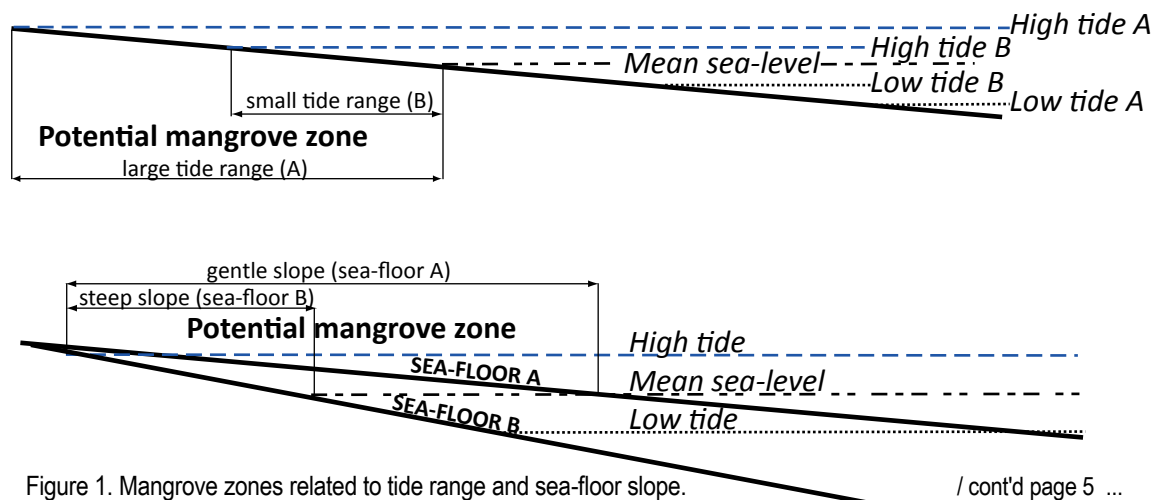


Figure 1. Mangrove zones related to tide range and sea-floor slope.

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art Garden Sculpture

At the art group it's all gumboots and rubber gloves, old clothes and sleeves rolled up as we grapple with 40kg bags of cement, buckets of sand, a heavy duty mixing drill and darjit.



Darjit is a product that contains stone dust and paper pulp, which is mixed with cement and sand to make lightweight garden sculptures. The first coat is smeared roughly onto an armature of metal and wire mesh: next comes a smoother top coat that can have acrylic paint added to improve flexibility and strength. This layer can be moulded and decorated for a final effect.

We made the armatures last month, wrestling with awkward, scratchy chicken wire to produce the varied creative shapes we had in mind. Artists often use the same materials and tools that are used in

the trades. The difference is that there they are used for their intended purpose, whereas artists always are attempting to stretch the boundaries to create something entirely new.

Each of us took an entirely different approach, and it showed one of the values of working alongside others. It's not that you copy: most artists are much too individualistic to do that, but seeing how others work helps you gain inspiration to try different techniques and ideas.

The cement component of the sculptures means that they take time to cure and dry to maximum strength, so they are still standing decoratively around the studio yard waiting for their makers to take them home. I'll miss them.

Helen Budd

... AND THE KAIPARA (Part 2)

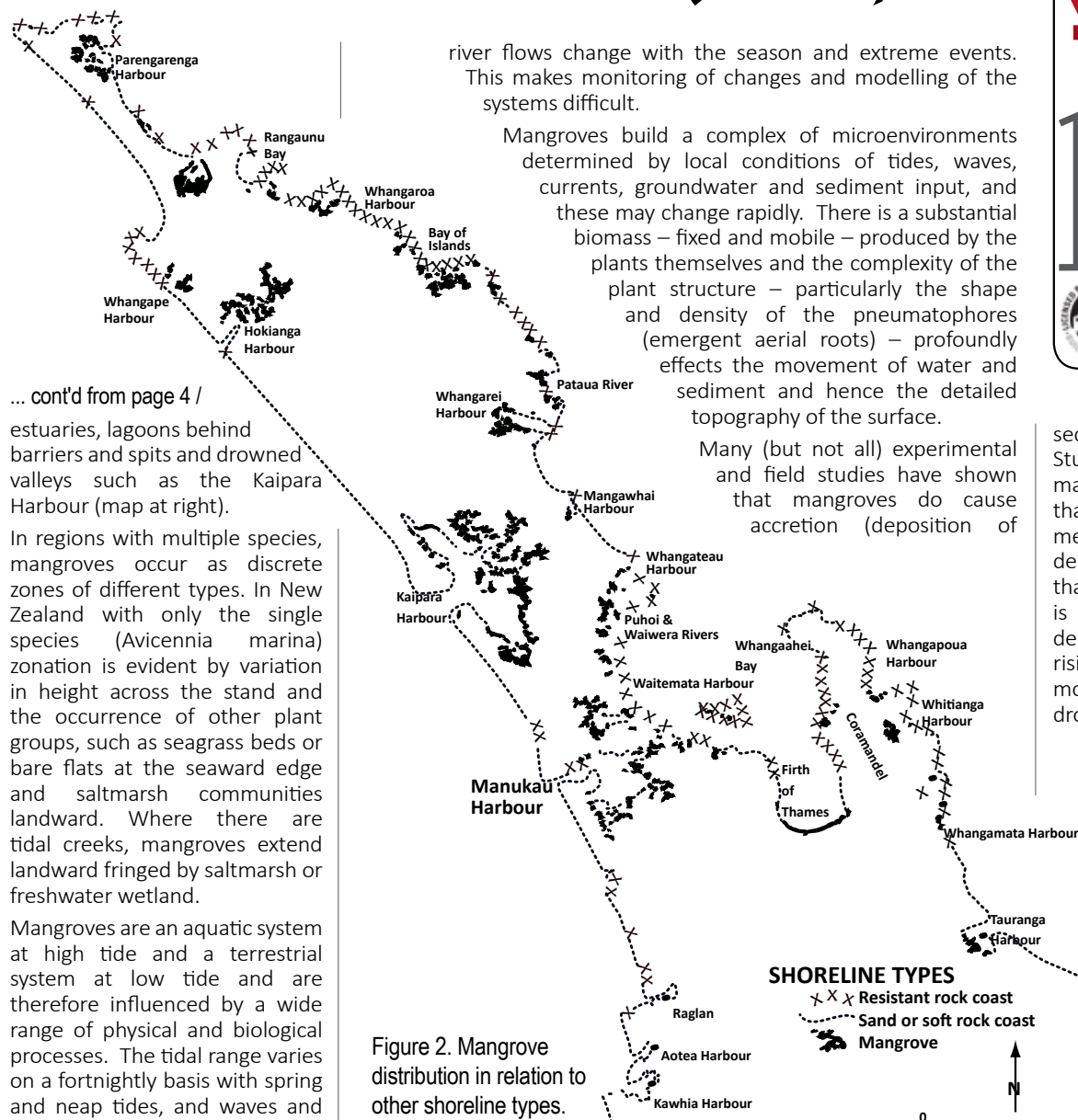


Figure 2. Mangrove distribution in relation to other shoreline types.

river flows change with the season and extreme events. This makes monitoring of changes and modelling of the systems difficult.

Mangroves build a complex of microenvironments determined by local conditions of tides, waves, currents, groundwater and sediment input, and these may change rapidly. There is a substantial biomass – fixed and mobile – produced by the plants themselves and the complexity of the plant structure – particularly the shape and density of the pneumatophores (emergent aerial roots) – profoundly effects the movement of water and sediment and hence the detailed topography of the surface.

Many (but not all) experimental and field studies have shown that mangroves do cause accretion (deposition of

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sediment) across the tidal range. Studies have also shown that mangroves spread onto sediment that is deposited seaward of mean sea-level and has been derived from catchments rather than offshore. Where there is excessive river sediment deposition, or where sea-level is rising rapidly, mangroves suffer mortality by smothering or drowning!

Neville Rosengren, Hukatere
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Sustainable Rural Development Group Paparoa – New Community Garden

The NorthTec Paparoa group at the Community Church is in full swing. Eleven enthusiastic students are enjoying themselves, learning about organic gardening and creating a community garden. The design includes raised beds, an herb spiral, tool shed, polyhouse to raise seedlings, a pergola for grapes and passionfruit, and a seating area to relax and have a cuppa and a chat.

The raised garden bed is the centrepiece of the garden. The shed was built by NorthTec construction students. Winter vege seedlings are growing and waiting to be planted out. Next the new polyhouse will be constructed, compost bins put together and composting will begin. Please come and have a look!

Semester 2 (Aug 7th - Dec 19th) is a fees free Certificate in Sustainable Rural Development (Level 3) open to anybody from age 17 on. No prior knowledge of Level 2 is required.

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3. Advanced Composting – the gardener's gold.
4. Practicum – design and implementation of chosen project.

To enrol for Semester 2 contact Heidelind Luschberger, 09 431 2887 or 021 0230 6465.

Otamatea Cooperating Parish hosts these courses to provide access to learning for the community, the opportunity to up-skill in horticulture and to build gardens to support the community Food Bank. A church based project like this is expected to be long term because the church will always be here and because the church exists for its community.

We are deeply grateful for the help we have received from various people and businesses in the community. Our ongoing need is for topsoil for the beds. For information or to help please contact Miriam Adomea at (09) 431 7106 or 027 586 817.



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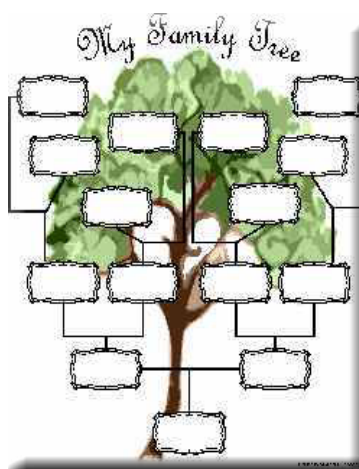
NOSTALGIA: TRACING OUR ROOTS

Alonging for the past, curiosity? We're all affected to some degree by who or what has gone before. Museums, antiques and collectors' fairs, clubs and societies catering for the preservation of artefacts and the practices or skills of a bygone age: all these feature at some time in almost everyone's lives.

How often do we wonder who our ancestors were, what they did and what they were like? How many undiscovered relatives do we have? Where are they now? Are there any skeletons in the closet? Most of us have regrets over not paying attention to our family forebears before their passing or not questioning our family history before it was too late.

Memory is a strange thing, long term, short term, as we grow older, it seems easier to recall incidents from childhood than those that happened only last week! So how important is it to pass on to our children and grandchildren the family stories that we know or experienced ourselves? The family may appear uninterested now but could be grateful in years to come.

Family history is big business today. There is a multitude of sites with vast amounts of data



reaching back hundreds and in some cases almost a thousand years of family records, yours is certain to be there. So ... where to start and most important, how to avoid costs?

THE MORMON CHURCH: The world of genealogy owes a debt of gratitude to the Mormon Church whose creed dictates that all families should be reunited and to that end, they have dedicated their energies to developing a huge resource at their base in Salt Lake City. This information is global and available online and free to all,

just enter *Family Search* and follow the instructions on the LDS site.

NZ INTERNAL AFFAIRS: Most Kiwis will want to start with New Zealand records and these can be found at the NZ Internal affairs website for Births Deaths and Marriages, just click on the *Trace your family history* icon. Privacy laws dictate some date limits on the accessing of information (shown on the site). *Passenger Lists* are now available online which allow us to trace the arrival of our ancestors together with their families and even where they disembarked (google *NZ Passenger Lists*).

WHANGAREI PUBLIC LIBRARY: has a dedicated genealogy section but more importantly there is almost always an experienced genealogist on duty to help.

PAPERS PAST: Another excellent local resource- all available from your own computer.

FREE BMD: For those whose ancestors emigrated from England as many Albertlanders did, this website is invaluable for discovering previous births

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In The Kaipara Garden ...

Gardening last month wasn't helped by drought though some lucky people have had a few heavy showers. On the bright side, the plague of green stink beetles has gone, late tomatoes are still going strong and some monarch butterfly caterpillars are now surviving!

I've been lucky to take a few students to learn about biological farming where it's all about looking after the soil rather than just fertilising the crop. An incredible number of tiny soil organisms provide food for the plant while in return the plant gives them some of the sugar made by photosynthesis. Kind of a "you scratch my back I scratch yours" system. They do all this for free as long as we don't kill them off with nasty chemicals.

So we need to nourish our soils with the right balance of elements - calcium, magnesium, potassium, phosphorus, nitrogen, boron etc- by using products that are gentle- not too acidic or strong - and that provide the nutrients which the soil needs. It's all about getting the balance right.

Just as humans and animals need a balanced diet, so does the soil - too much sugar is just as bad for us as too much nitrogen is for the soil (but in a different way - haven't seen earthworms getting a sugar high). The nitrogen just washes away if not used- into our waterways and harbours. Seaweed, compost and compost teas are all good as long as we have water and there are other products available. This is a change of emphasis - from short term gain (immediate food for grass or crop) - to sustainably good crops/grass over a longer period helped by the soil life.

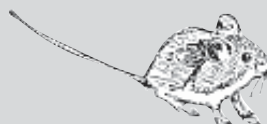
Our students will be trialling an area just next to the Maungaturoto Country Club using information from a Perry Soil test. BUT we have to wait until we have some decent rain on the soil first. It will be interesting to see what happens.

Stella Clyde

Pets in the Valley



Mice are they pets or are they pests?



With the start of autumn rains mice move inside for winter, or they are caught and released inside by the cat. I think people come in two varieties - those that scream at the sight of a

mouse and those that don't mind them. Personally I think they are rather cute but I still don't want them living in my pantry. Worst is when they are caught in the mouse trap by one leg and are still alive. This causes a professional dilemma - it is not right to let them go knowing they have a broken leg and will die anyway but I am not hard enough to hit them with the frying pan. I confess at this stage I get a cat to come and deal with things for me.

Clinically I haven't seen many mice- I remember treating one for itchy skin with frontline, but I doubt I could ever top one of my classmates stories she told at a class reunion. She did a caesarean on a mouse which was having twins and had even brought the x-ray along to show them both trying to enter the pelvis at once! I didn't ask how much surgery cost but I'm sure that would be one of the most valuable mice around!

Now rats they are a different story

Happy autumn, Janine

... EXPLORING THE PAST

Perhaps as we age the urge to discover our own past becomes stronger. With the advent of the internet, genealogy has become the second biggest interest on the 'net.

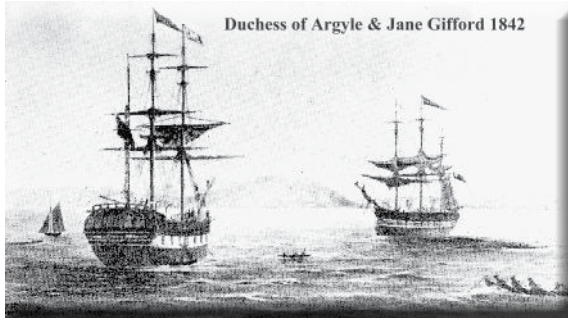
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marriages and deaths back as far as the September quarter of 1837 when these official government records began. UK time restraints are much more liberal than ours.

FREE REG: This sister site to *Free BMD* is gradually building up a database of church records. The BMD data is essential if you wish to progress to purchasing an official certificate which at some stage you surely will. Ahh ...

so now there's money involved! Yes, but if you want to make progress and break down a 'brick wall' it sometimes can be the only way. Birth certificates show names of both parents, including mother's maiden name together with occupations and an address. Marriage certificates show the status of the couple ie: bachelor or widower, spinster or widow, an address together with the names and occupations of

both fathers. Death certificates are not usually of interest unless you are perhaps researching a possible hereditary disease.



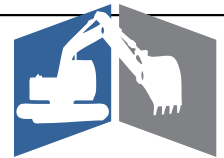
hard copy of data isn't free. Initial information from the *National Probate Calendar* is available and some military records can also

be sourced but no great detail. Criminal records also appear in period newspapers, now they could be interesting! Most people have heard of *Ancestry.com* - most definitely a 'pay site' and there are many others. Enthusiasm often wanes at this point. Well it shouldn't, you can get *Ancestry* and also *Find My Past*

free at a public library such as Dargaville or Whangarei.

These sites contain an unimaginable amount of world wide data so wherever you come from some family details will be on record. For those with UK interests, census records provide a detailed snapshot of family profiles at 10-yearly intervals from 1841 onward. Currently the 1911 census is the latest

OTHER RESEARCH SITES: *Curious Fox* or *Genes Reunited* have message boards where you can post or respond to an enquiry concerning your ancestor. Or you can simply Google your ancestor's name which can sometimes lead to a message board enquiry for the same person. In the UK all counties have records offices, most have online historical databases and will respond to queries although



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available (there is a 100 year embargo on UK census returns). *Ancestry.com* has recently added divorce records to their site.

So there you have it, mountains of info for free! It's simply a matter of finding your way around the various sites and applying a bit of persistence. Other than that, you need access to a computer and a printer, simple storage files (ring-binders and A4 pockets are good), plus small change for the library pages at 20c a sheet. And ... oh yes, do allow for plenty of time, it passes like water through a sieve! PP



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Community Development Website Full of Ideas

If you have an interest in community development this website has a wealth of ideas. Although it is based in Australia it draws on examples from all over the world. It is managed by Peter Kenyon, a world renowned enthusiastic speaker on community development who spoke at a gathering in Maungaturoto a few years back.

There are many ideas that could be applicable to Paparoa.

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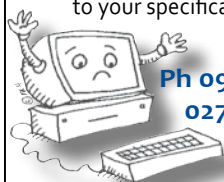
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Funds Raised for Child Cancer Foundation

Several Kaiwaka educational facilities banded together on 4th April to fundraise for the Child Cancer Foundation.

The project was instigated following the news that local girl Heidi Holden was diagnosed with cancer in March last year. Small Poppies early childhood education, Kaiwaka Primary school and Kaiwaka Playcentre all became involved.

The children made a gold coin donation, dressed up and paraded their costumes, and with the help of parents held a sausage sizzle and a coin trail.

Volunteers from Country Caterers and John Lee from Small Poppies sold the left over sausages outside Jaques Four Square in Kaiwaka.

Bread, sausages, sauce, napkins & manpower were kindly donated by Bidvest, Country Caterers, Jaques Four Square, Penguin & Small Poppies.

Total Raised: \$1085.95



Heidi (right) & twin sister Bella
all dressed up to raise funds.

MUSEUM MUSINGS ...

Community Glue

Several museum exhibits made me ponder the ingredients of 'community glue'. No, I don't mean yet another use for kauri gum! What turned a group of strangers from disparate backgrounds into a co-operative and sustainable community? Obviously a common need to survive demanded that they helped one another and lent their various skills wherever needed. This would command respect but what of friendships? What common bonds existed across social and cultural borders? How did they socialise? How did families share their domestic leisure?

Although Sunday was a religious day, leisure activities also took place. Cards and sport were popular but then there was music for everyone to enjoy. Today, it's hard to imagine a world without radio, TV, CDs or iPods. Electricity wasn't even on the horizon! Singing in church to pedal organ accompaniment started the day. Traditional folk singing reminded some of home, or new compositions reflected the life they led. The museum has a large and varied collection of sheet music and musical instruments. The ability to play an instrument or sing was an important accomplishment, especially for young ladies who would provide musical after-dinner entertainment for family guests. As communities developed, brass bands were formed and these became an important source of civic pride. Locally there were competitions which were keenly contested by both the Pouto and Paparoa bands. Later small 'combos' were formed to play the latest hot dance music as heard on record.

Perhaps we have lost something in this modern age. PP

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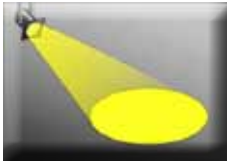
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Spotlight On ... John Ecuyer

Well known and highly respected artist and wood turner John Ecuyer and his family came to Matakoho from Whangarei about a year ago seeking a more self-sufficient lifestyle.

You may assume from his unusual surname that John has come from the other side of the world, but although the name is French, he is New Zealand born and bred. His great-great-grandfather moved from Switzerland to London leaving approximately 100 years of family history in England, after which members dispersed all over the world.

Following in the footsteps of his grandfather, John's artistic pursuits began with photography as a hobby until he discovered woodturning. After being made redundant from his job he became more serious about his talent at a time when woodturning was becoming more of an art, along with pottery and other craft pursuits. In time, materials such as glass and metal were added to his creations, so that a metamorphosis took place and he realised he no longer considered himself simply a woodturner. Although in the early days he was inspired by

John Ecuyer with one of his 'Shield' series of artworks



American turners, currently his inspiration comes from sculptors, painters and other craft artists. John finds this to be a challenging time for all artists with art no longer pigeonholed into separate categories. Rather he sees it becoming very diversified due to computer controlled design in the modern world and believes that up and coming young artists

will have a huge effect on the art scene. He enters as many art competitions as possible to keep himself motivated, and has attained awards in National Woodturning and Glass Art. He was also fortunate to receive an Arts Council Glass Grant. He entered the Wallace Art Awards, and in 2013 was a winner at the Gilmore Brown Kaipara Art Awards held at the Matakoho Museum with his environmentally inspired piece *Starshield*.

John's work is exhibited through prestigious galleries such as Te Papa Wellington, Piece Gallery Matakana, Kura Gallery in both Auckland and Wellington, and the Master Works Gallery Auckland plus others. In the future he hopes to establish his own home-based gallery in Matakoho so that he is less dependent on commercial gallery sales. His art can also be viewed on his website www.johnecuyer.com PP

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SCHOOLS SPEECH COMPETITION

The Lions are looking forward to the annual schools' speech competition at the Paparoa Hall on Monday 19 May.

Anyone is welcome to come along, for dinner - \$17 cost, or after dinner to listen to the speeches.

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Over the last two weeks the 'Barn find' market seems to have gone crazy in UK.

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Two Aston Martins and a pre-war Lagonda made well over double their pre auction estimate despite requiring total restoration.

Meanwhile, another auction in East Anglia sold a very sad looking Triumph TR5 for very little less than its restored value.

Recently, I came across some photos of a replica 'Blue Train Bentley' a magnificent looking vehicle, built to an unbelievably high standard.

The original car still exists, it is alleged to have been used to race the French 'Blue Train' from Nice to Calais in 1928. The Bentley won and actually reached London before the train reached Calais, despite delays from punctures.

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Paparoa - Enviroschool

Paparoa Primary School has now completed term one of another busy year. There has been a lot going on over the term and we are pleased with the levels of engagement from all our students.

Reading Recovery has been run by Ms Harper and she is excited to report the excellent progress already being made by her four students. Each day these four boys get a half-hour session with Ms Harper to work on their reading, letter/sound recognition, writing skills and overall literacy knowledge. Congratulations to all these children and their families for their hard work over the term.

In the classrooms we have worked on our literacy skills through a Ministry of Education funded programme called ALL (Accelerating literacy learning). This has meant intensive teaching of writing in all the rooms. Children are ability grouped and teaching is focused on areas of weakness. It is wonderful to see this progress and growth in oral and written language across the school.

Technology and our environment have been a focus over the term.

Paparoa Primary School has now joined a large bank of schools who are now an Enviroschool. This means that we are working on ways of enhancing our environment and coexisting so that all can live to enjoy our clean green country. We are planning a new poly house to grow seedlings, developing a native tree plantation with mini-beast sanctuary, extending our fruit tree area, developing our gardens and utilising our worm farm by-products. *"It is an exciting time"* said Ms Harper, the lead teacher, *"We can't wait to get started and to see what we can accomplish in our school grounds"*.

Duffy books have again been celebrated in the school, with every school member enjoying two books generously donated by our school's Duffy Book Sponsors. *"Our students are very lucky to get four books over the course of the year and these are treasured in homes, so thank*



Children get to see close-up the caterpillar's magical metamorphosis

you to our sponsors." said Mrs Tavinor, Principal.

Next term the school will be looking at running a Reading Together programme in the school. This programme was founded in 1982 and is highly beneficial to all families. It will be run over the course of four 1½ hour sessions where 15 families will be personally invited to attend sessions to look at how we can support and enjoy reading in the home and school.

Our roll is continuing to grow steadily. If you are new to our area or considering a change, please come and see us as we have a lot to offer all students. We set high standards for ourselves and our students and provide support in all areas of learning so students can thrive in education. Paparoa Primary School is *"the best little school in the country"*.

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KAIPARA LIFE - Kaipara Kids

Sometimes I have cause to consider just how lucky our Kaipara Kids are. At a time when we hear of the serious concerns as to how young kiwis are coping with the all encompassing world of technology and the challenges and pressures it places them under as well as worries about academic standards it is refreshing to see that, here on the Kaipara, our youngsters can still enjoy some of the simple, age old pleasures of growing up around this great harbour.

For example recently the local school had a teacher only day and, while in some cases this can be a problem for parents, in this instance it turned out to be a win for all concerned. In place of a day behind the desk one of our family's young and budding fishermen cheerfully gathered up his rod and bait and headed out for a day's fishing.

This summer has been a boomer season for snapper on the Kaipara and he had heard the stories of good catches of pannies so fat that the fillets could slip through your fingers and coat your knife with a thick layer of rich, creamy white.

Consequently he was keen to try his luck and he didn't have to go too far or wait too long before he was pulling in some beauties - the biggest a 7 pounder - and still in sight of home.

What better way for a kid to fill in some spare time but the story doesn't end there. Having caught his quota and carried them home the next stage of the process was to cook tea. Being a budding chef as well as an accomplished fisher he proceeded to dice up a good pan full of this exquisitely fresh fish, marinate it in his own recipe of soy sauce, garlic and herbs and then fry it in butter to a tasty golden brown. By the end of the day he was a very proud and satisfied young man.

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5th	8.52am	3.12pm	21st	10.02am	4.31pm
6th	9.43am	4.04pm	22nd	11.05am	5.37pm
7th	10.38am	5.03pm	23rd	12.10pm	6.45pm
8th	11.39am	6.05pm	24th	1.13pm	7.50pm
9th	12.38pm	7.07pm	25th	2.12pm	8.11am
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Letters from the Old Post Office ... Seeking Solace

Thinking about the plants that pioneer women may have treasured, led me to remembering some of their letters and diaries I've read. Women who found themselves in an alien country, surrounded by dense dark forests isolated from family and friends. Women who found solace in writing their personal thoughts, in communicating with loved ones.

Imagine setting sail from your home (in a leaky boat) to such distant shores. Imagine knowing it could take six to eight weeks to reach your destination. Imagine knowing that it was almost certain that you wouldn't see your friends and relatives again. (Of course for some this could have been a relief, even a motivating factor.)

This life in New Zealand was one of great change and social upheaval. Pioneer women had left behind an established order and found themselves having to forge a new one, often separated from their husbands.

One pioneer woman wrote "My hand must write what my heart dictates ... though I fear my tears will make all unintelligible."

Mrs Anne Wilson, 35 years of age, found herself stranded in Waimate in March 1837, her missionary husband John Wilson, remaining in Tauranga mediating between warring parties. She writes to him of her pain when she understands the "reality of your leaving me". Her life in New Zealand was one of many separations from her husband, though her constant affection is shown clearly in her regular letters



as is her sense of connection through the written word.

In August 1885 another wrote in her diary of the joy she took in her flower painting, and the delight when its beauty was praised. A visitor said, "such works should be looked at with reverence." Yet, Emily Cumming Harris of Nelson found little time to concentrate on her art simply because of time consuming household chores.

These women leave a record of their lives in early New Zealand and an understanding of the things that brought them comfort and joy.

Correspondence received was "A red letter day, a domestic jubilee, a day to be remembered with a golden mark."¹ A great solace for those so isolated from their former lives.

Deb C

¹ Martha Adams Nelson, Sept 1851. Notes from "My hand will write what my heart dictates". Edited by Frances Porter and Charlotte MacDonald.

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 Average Weight Snapper Myra Sheppard

The Lucky Draw for the Stihl chainsaw donated by Maungaturoto Auto Centre was won by Blue Vallance, and the power drill donated by Downtown Tools Whangarei was won by Gayle Vallance - so they went away pretty happy.

Duck Bucks - 6 out of 10 of the decoy ducks released the night

before were retrieved from the harbour and great prizes were won for this.

There was a great turn out of contestants and others for the prizegiving and raffles. The Pahi Fishing Club would like to thank everyone who supported this event. They were 'blown away' with the number of people who bought tickets, food, raffles and just the overall support.

Thanks to everyone that donated prizes, cash or just came along. The Club hopes to plan an even better one next year. PP



Justin Healey :
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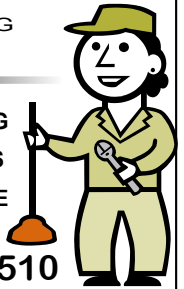
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How to look good in front of the camera ... part 3



Last month I spoke about focusing on good posture. Have you been standing tall and looking confident? Yes? Good.

This month I'm starting out by telling you the truth. The camera is cruel, it warps the way we appear, it adds 10lbs and shows us things we don't want to see. You knew it all along and now I'm saying you are right, IT'S TRUE the camera is mean; it distorts things and alters reality.

Perhaps not what you wanted to hear, I know, but now I'll let you in on a secret ... you can use the camera distortion to your advantage, it can be manipulated and forced to make us look better rather than worse. But how?

Essentially objects that are close to the camera look significantly larger than objects that are further away. I understand that is how we see the world anyway; but the camera takes that theory to the extreme and actually changes the proportion of whatever is being photographed.



Carnival 'distortion mirror'

The technical term is 'lens distortion'.

The key to using this to our advantage is to move objects that we want to be smaller further from the camera. I'm talking about shifting your body weight.

When you stand in front of the

camera, keep your feet shoulder width apart, stand at a 45° angle to the camera, stand tall (good posture), and place your body weight on your back foot. To do this keep your back leg straight, push your shoulders back and keep your front knee bent slightly. When you do this you will be moving your booty away from the camera in relation to the rest of your body. This is great for those ladies who want to slim down their lower half or enhance the shape of their waist.

For men I suggest that instead of pushing the bodyweight back; push the chest forward. This brings the top half of the body closer to the camera and increases the width of the chest, making you look broad and strong.

Next month I will be going over how your arms and hands show meaning and hidden feelings in photos.

Sarahlee Cobb

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Book Review : May



TITLE: **What Remains Behind**

AUTHOR: **Dorothy Fowler**

Two parallel stories are interwoven in this fascinating Kaipara tale. I found this a very satisfying read and became thoroughly involved with the characters in both the present day and those from back in the 1880s. The story is all the more interesting because of its local setting.

Everything leaves a trace. Chloe, a contract archaeologist, is excavating the site of a religious Kaipara Harbour community, which burnt to the ground in the 1880s. As the site is uncovered, what unpalatable truths will be revealed about the events on the night of the fire? Chloe's own family has farmed this land, and she is caught in the conflict as local resistance to the excavation mounts. When Chloe digs up more than shards of pottery, she realises that the site holds secrets that will not stay buried, and their effect on the present is devastating. Moving seamlessly between a diary written in the 1880s and the current day, this compelling novel has murder, mystery, love, lust - and archaeology.

The story is well paced and gently leads you ever deeper into the mystery, linking all the various threads along the way. I look forward to more Dorothy Fowler offerings.

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WHAT'S ON - MAY 2014

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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, 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
Community Dinner Sat 24 May, Sports Pavilion. Bookings 431 6432
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 May 3, 17, 31; Jun 14, 28
Fire Force 1st & 3rd Monday in month 6.30pm Depot Rd ph Cohan 431 6668
Firewood for Sale Paparoa Lions - ph Stephen 431 6148
Gardening Club 2nd Wed of month, ph Lea 431 6296
Grey Power Last Wed in month, 2pm, Hall next to Resthome, M'gto
Hospice Kaipara - Poker Car Run Dargaville-Paparoa, Sat 17 May, 09 439 3330
Indoor Bowls Paparoa Hall ph Loraine 431 7290 or Robyn 431 7306
Kaiwaka Movies 2 May *The Hobbit* 7.30pm; 4 May *Frozen* 2pm,
 16 May *Mr Pip* 7.30pm
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 Thurs 10.30am Paparoa Hall 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 Horticulture Thurs, Community Church, Hook Rd, ph 021 0230 6465
Otamatea Quilters 1st Tue/mnth 7pm & 3rd Mon 10am, Paparoa Hall 09 439 2262
Paparoa Community Church 10.30am every Sunday, Hook Road
Paparoa Hall - Functions venue ph Robyn 431 7306 or a/h Loraine 431 7290
Paparoa Lions Dinner Meetings 3rd Mon in month 6.30pm, Sports Pavilion
Paparoa Playcentre 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 Toy Library Wed 10.30-1pm, Paparoa Comm Church, Hilery 431 7330
Rugby - JMB 4-14 years, Thur 4.30pm Paparoa Showgrounds ph 431 7028
Schools Speech Comp Mon 19 May, Paparoa Hall. All welcome (see pg 9)
Scrap Metal Collection ph Ken 431 7443, Pete 431 6822 or Vickie 431 6432
Selwyn Centre Thurs 10am for over 65's, St Marks, Hook Rd, ph 431 8193
Sports Pavilion - Functions venue, ph Vickie Owens 431 6432 for bookings
St Mary's Catholic Church 10am Wed, 6pm Sat, Maungaturoto
Tai Chi Tues 11am, Sports Pavilion, Showgrounds ph Shirley 431 6408
Table Tennis Tues 7.30pm, Sports Pavilion \$2 Pete 431 6822
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Ukelele Players Beginners / experts, Thur 4pm Matakahe, ph Dennise 431 7012
Waka Ama Tues & Thur evenings 5pm, Sunday 10am, Pahi Domain
Yoga Pap Sports Pavilion Mon 8.30am. Matakahe Hall Wed 4pm; ph 09 280 9694
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HOOK, LINE & SINKER



There still seem to be plenty of fish in the Kaipara.

A morning trip on 23 April saw three people take home 22 snapper, 2 gurnard, 1 kahawai and 1 trevally, so they were very happy with a morning's fishing.

It has been a bit windy out there for the kayaks. There seem to be some nice kahawai around at the moment, and the favourite bait is still pilchard.

Gravy

(See also Pahi Fishing Competition report- page 13)

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 Healthline - 24 hour service..... 0800 611 116

HOSPICE KAIPARA Dargaville Hospital 09 439 3330

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

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continuing to provide free
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(and some not so young)
on Market Saturdays

What's Not

The lack of new
volunteers for our
local Fire Force
(see article pg 3) PP

Otamatea Day Camp at Paparoa

230 children attended the Otamatea Day Camp in Paparoa Station Road in late April. The 3-day camp was a great success and all the children had a wonderful time.

In the mornings the children were divided into teams to build their Bush Huts in the bush on the farm, and after lunch they could choose from a list of 20 electives to participate in. All seemed to enjoy what they had chosen. The camp finished at about 3pm for the first two days, with a BBQ meal on the last day with all parents invited.

One of the bush huts built by the children on the Paparoa Station Road farm - venue for the Day Camp.

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5 Questions for ... Stuart Robertson

How long have you been in Paparoa? 10 years.

Where did you come from? Originally from England in 1970 to Auckland until I moved to Paparoa. (Coincidentally two other Paparoa residents hail from the same 15km radius in England.)

Why did you choose Paparoa as a place to live? I met my partner who was already living in Paparoa, and was impressed by the small, friendly village atmosphere which reminded me of my childhood in England.

What were you doing before you came to Paparoa? I kind of ran away to sea at 18 and spent 22 years in the Merchant Navy as a Radio Officer on anything from fishing boats in the White Sea between Russia and the Arctic to tramp steamers and tankers. I was driven by the excitement and adventure of it all, going round Cape Horn many times. In 1988, while working for The Shipping Corporation of NZ I was made redundant. I became self-employed in several marine associated businesses followed by commercial flower growing in Whenuapai.

What are you doing now? Since retiring about 5 years ago I consider myself as being on holiday for the rest of my life. Together with my partner I enjoy walking, kayaking and cycling, travel both overseas and around New Zealand, maintaining our large garden and assisting the community where I am able.

Stuart is very active in assisting with maintaining the Paparoa Walkway and Keep Paparoa Beautiful. PP