



Governor General opens local Exhibition

The Governor-General, Lt Gen The Rt Hon Sir Jerry Mateparae visited The Kauri Museum in Matakohē, to officially open a special exhibition dedicated to the memory of Matakohē's most famous son "The Man From Matakohē: The Extraordinary life of Joseph Gordon Coates".

The Governor-General paid tribute to The Rt Hon Joseph Gordon Coates, who was MP for Kaipara for 32 years and served as Prime Minister of New Zealand between 1925 and 1928.

The exhibition is part of The Kauri Museum's WW1 Centenary programme of activities. Captain Coates was a decorated soldier who received a bar to his Military Cross for action at Mailly-Maillet, France, on 26th March 1918. Not a stickler for rules and regulation, he was greatly admired and respected by his men who knew him to always put their welfare ahead of his own.

"The Man From Matakohē" exhibition re-tells Coates's amazing story for a new generation of New Zealanders so

they can understand the significant role he played in local, national and international events of his day. His legacy is far-reaching, extending to elements of our hydroelectricity network, the road and railway system, family allowances, the Reserve Bank Monetary policy and the establishment of the first Maori Trust Board for Te Arawa to help settle land disputes.

The exhibition showcases memorabilia from The Kauri Museum's own collection, as well as artefacts on loan from the Ruatuna Collection, property of Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga.

To mark the special occasion, Gordon Pryde



and Barbara Easterbrook, grandchildren of Gordon Coates, displayed two of their family heirlooms alongside the *Freedom of the Cities* collections from The Kauri Museum. This included the gold *Freedom of the City of London* casket presented to Gordon in 1926 and the *Silver Spade* presented in April 1925 to mark the occasion of turning the first sod for the Hutt Valley Railway deviation.

Lisa Tolich, CEO, The Kauri Museum



Officially opened by the Prime Minister, Mr Holland, in May 1950, the Coates Memorial Church is dedicated to the memory of the Rt Hon J.G. Coates.

The then Leader of the Opposition, Mr Fraser, proposed building the church, and the government, after consultation with Mrs Coates, family members and the people of Matakohē, authorised the beginning of the building. The inter-denominational church was designed in the beautiful 'English village' style we see today and was situated in the Matakohē Cemetery grounds. Aimed at meeting the needs of the district which MP Gordon Coates called home, it was

had travelled far and wide to pay their respects. In his tribute, Prime Minister Holland said of this brilliant man "[He] possessed the great gift of a magnetic personality, was at home in any company, and worked day and night in the interests of his country. His sudden death in his parliamentary office in 1943 was a great loss and now, with the presence of the church, he will never be forgotten".

The second memorial to Gordon Coates is the Signpost Memorial at the Brynderwyn corner. In 1944 three anonymous friends had the monument erected. On returning from his many trips away, turning for Matakohē, Coates was known

Lasting memorials to "The man who got things done"

to be a fitting memorial to one whose services to New Zealand, in both peace and wartime, will ever be remembered.

In its commanding situation on the hilltop the church can be seen from miles around. The opening was attended by over 1,000 people who

to have said, "Well, I'm home again".

It is made of handsome black & white Channel Island granite which came from London's old Waterloo Bridge piers which were presented to various Commonwealth countries. The blocks somehow came into the possession of the three friends. On all four sides at the top are direction arrows, Whangarei-Auckland, with two sides pointing towards Matakohē. Originally, the monument was placed prominently on an island at the junction of the main road Auckland - Whangarei (SH1) and the road to Matakohē (SH12).

When road re-alignment occurred around 1979, it was deemed to be dangerous for traffic safety, and was resited at the back of the carpark where it is less noticeable.



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Farmers' Market update

After a fairly wet and miserable series of winter markets where everyone just had to hang in there, we are now welcoming the finer weather and a good turnout of customers.

There will be an extra market on 20 December to give customers an opportunity to stock up before Christmas. It is amazing how many of the goods sold at the Farmers' Market make excellent gifts. Whether it is goat's milk soaps, olive oil, pickles, honey, plants or a fruit bowl - all can make a very affordable gift-wrapped surprise!

Markets will be held on
1, 15, 29 Nov, 13 & 20 Dec.

New J.P. for Paparooa

Robyn Skelton being presented with her Justice of the Peace badge by Sue Farrant, Registrar Northland Justice of the Peace Assn, at the conclusion of her swearing-in at Whangarei Court by Judge John McDonald.



from left:
Judge John McDonald,
Robyn Skelton, Sue Farrant

The Glass Guy



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Lions care for Coates Monument

At the request of The Kauri Museum, the Paparooa Lions gave the monument a spring-clean. With advice from Heritage New Zealand, the correct detergent was procured, and the scrubbing began in October by Lion Jim Rowlands and Pete and Ian from the Museum.



A further scrub will get the stone even brighter and some more remedial work carried out so that the monument can continue to attract attention. Three plaques tell the story; if you have not done so already, stop and have a good look at this special structure.

Accolade for Paparooa

We picked up your amazing paper while on a visit to Paparooa. It was a pleasure to read and capped off a fantastic day in the beautiful Paparooa.

I have never felt so welcome and made to feel at home as I was by all we met, in particular Zephyr Oyster Farms shop and the truly amazing Kauri Museum.

You folk have a beautiful town and must be so proud of the community spirit which one can feel.

We live in Kaiwaka, which is my paradise, but I must say Paparooa rocks my world and I will be telling everyone I meet that a visit is a must.

Thanks again to all.

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A trip of a lifetime ... Tanzania

If you imagine a straight line running 6kms into the sky it would seem a long way up.

Thankfully to get to the top of Mt Kilimanjaro we started at 1950m which is already a third of the way up vertically. Another factor making ascent easier is the fact you can walk to Uhuru Peak (the summit) without any technical climbing.

But, in saying that, Summit Day was the hardest physical thing I've ever done. We set out at midnight from Kibo Hut at 4700m; one advantage being that we couldn't see how far up we had to go! Much of the climb was in scree which is like walking in heavy sand. Due to the cold we were wearing multiple layers of clothing, which I never took off during

Gilman's Point 5686m, before a 2 hour trek across the crater top to the summit. The last 150m of climbing from Stella Point to Uhuru was so hard, due to a combination of the high altitudes, low oxygen and physical tiredness.

There are 100s of people going up to the summit each day and all routes converge for the final ascent. It was a very busy place for photos at the top. Thankfully no one lingers there long as it was so cold, noticeable as soon as we stopped walking.

Heading back downhill was wonderful, but with any slight uphill gradient our pace dropped back rapidly. At Gilman's Point, when we stopped on the way down to admire the fantastic view across miles of the mountain, I made a silly mistake. Asking where our next campsite was and finding out it couldn't be seen from there was a bit soul destroying! When we arrived back at the point where we had started from,

we still had a 4 hour walk to the next camp site. As one of our group said, you don't know what you're capable of until you have to do it. What an amazing experience with the most amazing people to travel with; highly recommended!

Janine Hames



Janine & David Hames at the Kibo Hut

the eight hours to the summit. My water bottle froze despite it being in a woolly sock! The guides told us to keep our bottles upside down so they froze at the bottom, but mine was a bit leaky so upright it remained.

By 6am the sun was up. We had a quick cup of tea at

Arty Farties .. Community Connexions

Giant pumpkins: We are currently growing pumpkins, all kinds, with giants for the A&P Show.



Recipe for growing giant pumpkins:

Plant now, grow with plenty of water and fertiliser (mix water, manure, and sugar together in a 10 litre bucket); dead head flowers (all but two) near top of plant as it grows; place a tile, or similar to keep the pumpkin dry; AND harvest in time for the A&P Show – February 2015.

Mahia nga harakeke.. "traditional flax weaving course"

is to be held at the Paparoa Sports and Recreation Pavilion on 22 and 23 November with tutor Geraldine Jenkins. An amazing opportunity to learn harakeke (flax), kete (baskets), putiputi (flowers), and wairakau (dyeing of flax).

For bookings ph Geraldine 431 6742 or Anne 431 6229.

Join in – have fun!



STUNNING PET & SHOW DAY

Paparoa Primary School began term four with another successful and stunning Pet and Show Day with over 40 animals entered including a large Pre-Schooler section.



Supreme Calf winner:
Stevie-Raye Rawaho-Ball;
Reserve Supreme Champion:
Shayden Peele

The animals looked amazing and the four judges had a very challenging job selecting award winners for Champion and Reserve Champion calf, lamb and goats. New trophies for winners of each section added to the excitement of the day. Also new were 'Best Friend' awards. Everyone walked away with ribbons and huge smiles. The hot sunny day encouraged many parents, grandparents and community members to come and support the school.

The now famous cake auction didn't disappoint with the many cakes creatively decorated.

Funds raised will go towards an end of year treat for all the students. Indoors the exhibits looked great and visitors admired the new flooring in classrooms, library and office and hot water in the bathrooms.

Thanks to all who came to support the school and also to our judges, both indoor and outdoor. Special thanks to Tina Ball for her part in organising another successful day. Well done to all our winners and for everyone who entered their animals.



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Mrs Kim Tavinor, Principal, Paparoa Primary School

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Paparoa Market looks to expand

Following consultation with stall holders the market managers have decided to invite local artists and crafts people to join in the special pre-Christmas market on 20 December. A wide range of work will be accepted but it must be the original work of the seller and contain at least 80% locally sourced (Kaipara) materials.

Intending stall holders need to register by contacting the managers on info@paparoa.org.nz by 1st December. Applicants will be required to provide evidence of the standard of their products by way of a written description, photographs or reference to a website.

If this trial is successful it is likely to become a regular occurrence. The managers will notify successful applicants and only those notified will be permitted to take part. The strict conditions are intended to preserve the existing high standards and reputation of the Paparoa Farmers' Market.

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Book Review : October

TITLE: **THE WINNER**

AUTHOR: **David Baldacci**

When LouAnn Tyler is offered the chance to win millions of dollars in a crooked lottery scheme she refuses, although it would mean the chance of a lifetime for the 20yr old single mother. But shortly after, when she is falsely accused of murder, she changes her mind. After 10 years of false identity and moving continuously in foreign lands, she returns to the USA where her past comes back to haunt her and threaten the life of both her and her young daughter.

This is a tale which grips from the outset with strong characters and melodramatic plotting. It can only be described as a 'flat-out, hard to put down, fun to read mystery'. Suitable for both male and female readers who love a good thriller, this one reads like a screenplay which would be sure to have you on the edge of your seat.

JB



DO YOU LIKE TO WRITE?

Are there any aspiring journalists out there? The Press welcomes contributions of interest from readers, articles, reports, yarns, or are you a budding cartoonist, who can perhaps lighten things up a little for us? Also, Tinopai is included in our distribution but you're a bit of a mystery out there! What goes on in your slice of paradise? Someone please tell us!

Finally, age is no barrier; we aim to be relevant to the whole community, how about some contributions from the teens and twenties brigade? Tell us your interests and activities. As with all publications, we do reserve the right to edit copy if necessary or decline any unsuitable material but always with a light hand!

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The website address is also proudly at the top of every inside page of the Paparoa Press. There is no excuse now for not knowing what it is!

Landing sign - Have you noticed that the information sign on The Landing has had a makeover. After being in place for 8 years, the surface of the old sign had deteriorated badly. PPI have paid for a complete replacement in new materials that should have a much longer life. Thanks to Visual Solutions Ltd and Ken Chambers for getting the replacement up so quickly. It's all part of keeping Paparoa looking great.

Matakohe Yoga - Wednesday class has moved one hour later to 5-6.30pm which should suit everyone better.

"Problem Solving Mathematical Olympiad" The fifth and final round of Otamatea High School's 'Australasian Problem Solving Mathematical Olympiad' competition was held last month with great results for two of our local students: the Year 7 Champion is Maggie Hames and the Year 8 Champion is Isaac Sheppard. In the last round, Isaac gained 5 out of 5 correct answers! Congratulations to both students.

Kaiwaka Community Cinema
Movies are screened regularly. The latest are "Chef" on 31 October and "Mr Peabody" 2 November 2pm. Adults \$10, Children \$5, family pass \$25

Christmas Carnival will be held in Paparoa on the village green, 20th Dec with games, Santa, Christmas Carols and lots more.

Matakohe's eCRP (Electronic Community Response Plan) is now on-line at <http://www.nrc.govt.nz/civildefence/Community-Response-Plans/#M-O>. Trevor Andrews, Emergency Management Officer, NRC.

Free medical care for under 13 year olds

Recent reports about the new initiative for free medical care and prescriptions for children 6 – 12 years in Northland did not originally include the hundreds of children living in the south of Northland.

Our area which straddles the borders of both Northland and Waitemata DHBs, has now been included which is great news for our communities. Our area includes approximately 7000 people who live in Kaiwaka, Mangawhai, Maungaturoto and Paparoa districts, and 640 of these are in the age range 6 – 12 years. This means that all children under 13 in Northland will now receive free health care prior to the nationwide rollout on 1 July 2015.

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Last month's *Spotlight* article featured web designer/webmaster Paul Edlin. Now we have the opportunity to develop this 'must use' information site, of value to the local community and the world at large. If that seems a trifle over-ambitious, you may be surprised at the number of hits we get from the global community.

We intend to build a resource directory covering every aspect of community activities as well as services available throughout the Paparoa Press distribution area from Whakapirau through to Tinopai. For quick access Paul has also added a dynamic 'events calendar' at <http://paparoa.org.nz/events>. No more excuses for missing out on local activities!

We need your help! If you operate a business or run a social activity, please let us know, you should be in the directory, which is free. Contact info@paparoa.org.nz



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Paparoa Line Dancers are toe-tapping again ...



Jackie Cornes
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The Paparoa Line Dancers are toe-tapping again with new teacher Jackie Cornes. Jackie and her husband have recently moved to Mangawhai from Canterbury, where she danced in Rangiora for about 15 years. They have two sons and five grandchildren.

"I was lucky to have a really great teacher in Rangiora", she says, "and I try and teach the same way she does. Line dancing is really good exercise – both physically and mentally. Each song has its own dance which is a challenge to remember, as well as getting your feet going the right way! We have lots of fun, and the dancers here in Paparoa are lovely people and very friendly!"

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Samuel Marsden - 200 Years

Brought up on a farm in England, Samuel Marsden trained in the Christian Ministry at Cambridge University. As chaplain at the convict station in New South Wales, he befriended several Maori and invited them to his farm in Parramatta. By degrees he came to consider them to be a fine and noble race whom he wanted to help.

On 17th December 1814, encouraged by Chief Ruatara of the Ngapuhi, Marsden arrived in Whangaroa Harbour, New Zealand.

On the 22nd December he landed in the Bay of Islands, and prepared for his first Christmas Day message, which was based upon Luke chapter 2, verses 10 & 11.

"Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord."

Marsden visited NZ several times and saw as much of the people and their country as he could. His last voyage to NZ was 9th February 1837. The party landed at the Mangungu Mission Station in the Hokianga. News of his arrival had been heralded in every direction. Maori were drawn as by a magnet, scores and hundreds of them from forest, coast and river, to look once more upon the face of "Te Matenga". They wanted him to end his days with them.

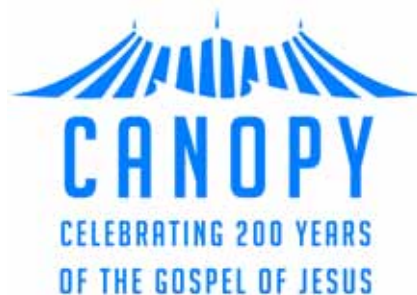
The father of "Maoriland Missions" was about to look for the last time upon the country and people he loved and had served devotedly. He returned to Port Jackson in July 1837. On 12th May 1838 "Greatheart" reached the end of his pilgrimage.

Lynaire Porteous

Referenced from:

Samuel Marsden – Greatheart of Maoriland, A.H. Reed (1939)

<http://www.teara.govt.nz/en/biographies/1m16/marsden-samuel>



From 25th to 30th November 2014 at Paparoa Showgrounds the combined Christian Churches of Otamatea Region will be commemorating the 200 year anniversary since Rev Samuel Marsden's visit and preaching at Oihi Bay in Northland at the invitation of Ngapuhi Chief Ruatara.

'CANOPY' is a term that represents the temporary Court of a visiting King.

A Large Tent will be set up at the Paparoa Showgrounds, where there will be worship and various presentations from local and visiting preachers and musicians.

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MUSEUM MUSINGS ...

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The invention of photography was both a fortunate and timely tool for the historic visual record of New Zealand's early European colonisation. The first usable chemical process was discovered in the 1820s, but it was impracticable outside of the laboratory. A successful exposure could take several hours or even days!

It was not until 1851 that the wet plate collodion process was developed. This was a practical breakthrough and, with variations, was widely used until the gelatin dry plate was developed during the 1870s. All plates were of glass and their use continued long after an early type of film was invented in 1884. Once the process had been perfected, film lasted throughout the twentieth century. Kodachrome practical colour film came in 1935; but has been totally superseded by digital technology introduced in the 1990s.

Equipment used by early pioneers was heavy and cumbersome and the glass plates were fragile. Bush photographers carried their gear on horseback or often on their own backs. They achieved astounding results considering the crude technology of the time and in darkrooms where safe lights were kerosene. Each picture captures a moment in history, more accurately than any other medium.

Fortunately the museum has a treasure trove of images recording the early history of Otamatea. Names such as Percy Stevens, Mr. Stout, Frank Blackwell, George Gallie and J Edwards (who ran a darkroom at Toka Toka) would otherwise be largely forgotten today. The Northwood family, and Harold Marsh, are better known and Tudor Washington Collins (1898-1970) has a whole gallery display of his own. Two magnificent books are available from the museum shop, 'Kauri Cameraman' and 'Images from Albertland'.

Oh, and a tip for those valuable old prints, write the identity of the subject on the back! (In pencil please).

PP

Thank you...

Pat Sutton and family wish to convey their heartfelt thanks to all in the community for their help and support since Tom passed away suddenly in August.

Most especially they want to thank the Lions Club of Paparoa for all their organisational help. Tom very much enjoyed his 20 years as a member of the Lions in Paparoa.

A special thank you to Sheryl Corbett who answered Pat's initial call for help, and to neighbours Gabriella and Lance for all their ongoing support.

Pat will move into her new place in Maungaturoto in early November with the help of her daughter from the UK.

Otamatea Community Services 'Your Community House'

Recently a well attended AGM was held where we welcomed new board members Cilla Kaiser and Lianne Wilson, and co-opted member Debbie Brooks. They join Hazel Kaio, Gail Donald, Derek Christensen and John Hoggard.

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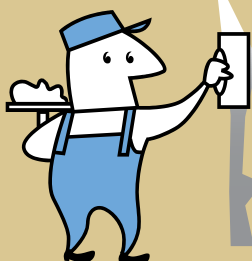
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Lions information evening identifies host of community activities

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- if you are new to the area then the Tuesday morning Exercise to Music group is a great place to meet new people and get some exercise at the same time,
- Pahi Possum Patrol has a vision for Pahi peninsula to become pest free,
- the Paparoa Selwyn Centre is part of a nationwide organisation which meets on Thursdays from 10am at St Marks Anglican church, providing friendship, help and support for older people,
- the Paparoa Toy Library is still going strong in Paparoa after more than 7 years and is part of a worldwide network,
- the Paparoa Art Group meets monthly at Helen Budd's studio in Paparoa Valley Road.

These are just some of the many and various activities on offer in and around your community.



WAG to take a break

Unfortunately it looks like WAG 2015 will not occur. In spite of asking, insufficient people came forward to fill the key positions to make running the event in 2015 possible.

Interim chair, Graham Taylor said he was disappointed as WAG has built a solid reputation over the past nine years and to complete 10 straight years would have been great.

However in order to ensure success people with energy are required to commit to 9 months of planning. There has been interest from potential entrants and from people willing to assist behind the scenes but it is front line support that is needed. We will gauge the support in 12 months to see if there is potential for a WAG in 2016. PP

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Stranded on the OK plateau

I have seen many paintings lately on display in exhibitions, art trails and other public places. By showing work publicly, with it usually priced for purchase, the artists must be open to critique; to have their pieces open for comment and assessment.

I have found much of the work extremely disappointing, and the main reason for this is that many artists appear to be "stranded on the OK plateau".*

When a person is learning something (and this doesn't apply only to art) they struggle to learn new skills, techniques and proficiencies. After some time they reach a certain standard where their achievements are, well, OK. They can produce recognisable representations of pretty subjects. Sadly, many then give up the struggle. They go on to repeat their formula over and over, becoming slick at producing superficially attractive work in their familiar style. Signs of this are: painting directly from others' photographs, working with a narrow range of colours straight from the tubes and choosing only familiar subject matter.

There are pathways off the OK plateau for those who dare:

Observational drawing. Draw from nature, from life, outdoor drawing, still life.

Learning to mix colours. Experiment with colour blends and find how colours work together.

Studying composition. More on this next month.

Take risks! If you work only within your safety zone you will never learn anything new. Try challenging ideas; some will fail, but some will lead in exciting new directions!

*Joshua Foer "Moonwalking with Einstein" Penguin Books 2012

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Pegasus Engraving

The first month's prize will be from Lynne Warbrooke's *Pegasus Engraving*. The winner can choose to have their photo put on a 5x7 chromalux board, with optional caption, or put on to a white or a black colour-change mug.

Please send entries to press@paparoa.org.nz by 5pm on the 3rd of each month, starting 3rd December and finishing on 3rd March 2015.

- Photographs must be taken between 1st November and 3rd March, and a maximum of 2 entries per person per month will be accepted.
- The photos need to be sent as high-res jpg files with your surname and name of entry in the subject line.
- Photos must be inspired by our area of the Kaipara, be it landscape, flora, fauna or people, and showcase our 'collective personality'.
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During September, fourteen students from Otamatea Christian School attended the A.C.E National Convention in Auckland at Willow Park Christian Convention Centre. They competed against other A.C.E students from all over NZ in Academics, Photography, Athletics, Art, Craft, Vocals, Instrumental, and platform events. The year long preparation and effort paid off as each student competed in anywhere from 8 to 18 events.

The students gained 38 first places, 26 second places and, 24 third places between them. Finalists could choose to go to South Pacific Convention and compete with students from around the Pacific and then on to International Convention. Principal and Senior Teacher, Lynette Bell said, "I am very happy with the effort my students put into their work and the results reflect their diligence and hard work. We usually attend two yearly as cost to attend can be a financial burden to some.

Convention challenges the students to learn new skills and build upon skills already learned from year to year. We like to release the gifting in our students and help them to discover their creative side."

Otamatea Christian School patchwork group pictured here at work:

Paparoa's Betty Cairns has contributed many hours teaching Patchwork at OCS.



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Letters from the Old Post Office

The garden is reborn. Every spring, barring the October equinoxial gales, the wisteria blooms. This year the long supple branches are laden with purple flowers and every evening their scent seems to grow stronger. Everywhere there is the promise of abundance; the plum tree has fruit (as some may remember, minus the wood duck depredations), the currant bush is leafing up and the broccoli fattening nicely.

And again, this spring new projects are sprouting. Winter had been spent in a state of suspension, hope became wan and listless. Grey day followed grey day and inspiration was felt to be dead. However, winter is the season of rest, and hope only lay fallow. It may be said that some, who shall remain nameless, consider that hope and new projects should remain buried ... buried under a thick muffling layer of straw.

But spring has sprung and the list of things to do has already been, not so much discussed, as put in motion. The headboard has been painted and stencilled and is now in place in the main guest bedroom, the stained glass windows discovered in the demolition yard now grace the lounge of the cottage and the art deco hanging light has been repainted.

Now, all that remains to be sorted is the best way to fill the rather large raised vegetable garden. I *rather* fancy Option A: the wheelbarrow through the shed (yes, an invasion of the-man-in-the-shed's shed) and then across raised planks, supported by trestles, from the edge of the deck. *Rather* than Option B: down the side of the B&B, across the back garden, through the gate, up the cottage garden, and finally up and into the raised garden.

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Paparoa A&P Show news

Planning is well underway for next year's A&P Show. It's now very easy to find out what's happening at the Paparoa A&P Show.

A brand new website has been developed: go to www.paparoa.org.nz for up-to-date information.

There's a range of new email addresses which will be listed on the website. Please email info@paparoashow.org.nz with any questions whatsoever. In November large new signs will go up at the entrance to the Showground. One sign will inform viewers about the Show, its events and date. The other will be a dynamic "What's On At The Showground" sign. This will be updated regularly by the Show Committee with the latest events and activities news.

The Sponsorship campaign has been another key activity for the N.K.A.A. Committee. During August & September over 75 North Kaipara organisations were approached with a multi-option opportunity to sponsor. The response has been excellent. The funds raised will be used to improve the infrastructure and quality of the N.K.A.A. showground and the Paparoa A&P Show. Details about sponsorship options are also on the website.

Information about Market Stalls and Trade Sites for 2015 has been sent to prospective stallholders. Please go to the website if you want to know more.

Event Schedules and entry forms are now available on the website at www.paparoa.org.nz



Paparoa Lions Info Night

Twenty-six local groups were represented at the recent information evening hosted by the Paparoa Lions. This wasn't all the groups that operate in the area but was a great turnout for the first event of this kind. Some Maungaturoto groups had information booths and spoke as the Lions area now includes Maungaturoto.



President Mark Pilkington concluded the evening with acknowledgement of the many groups who serve in our communities to make them a better place to live.

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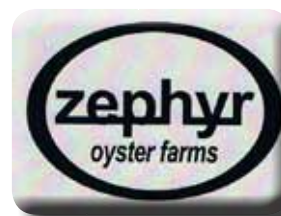
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ORT Family Show: a must-see

'The Wind in the Willows' by Kenneth Grahame is hailed as one of the classic greats of children's literature.

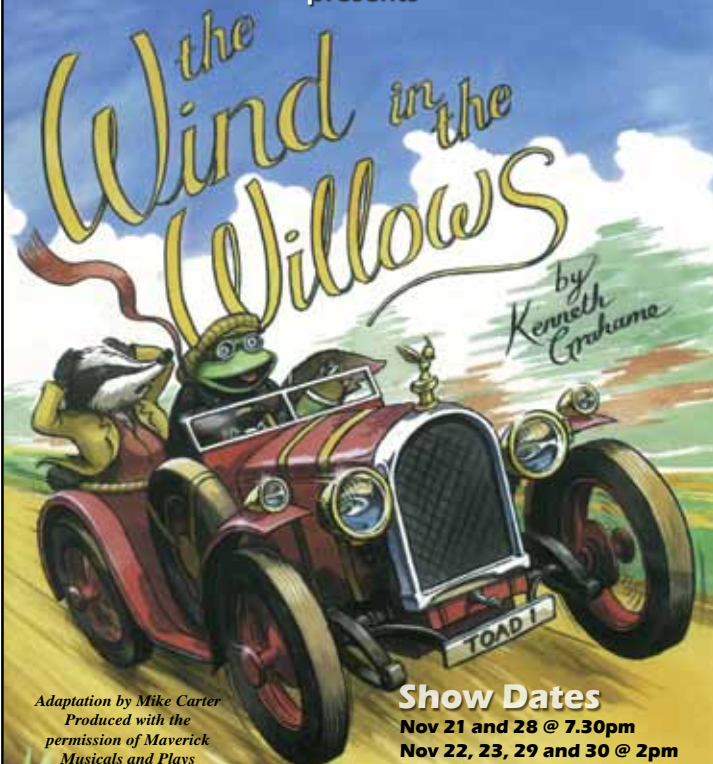
With its themes of friendship and loyalty, the gentle and whimsical story features the well-loved characters of Ratty, Badger, Toad and Mole. Mike Carter's delightful adaptation recreates the simple charm and magic of this timeless story. It was first staged in the UK at Christmas in 1985 where it broke all previous box office records for a Christmas show.

Tickets are available online at www.ort.org.nz or at Tony's Lotto Shop in Maungaturoto.



The Seagers – May, Gabriella and Teina, well-known in the area, are all involved in ORT's 'The Wind in the Willows'. May is organising props for the show, Gabriella plays a weasel and Teina, a fieldmouse.

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Motoring Matters

... a mystery resolved

I am sorry to have to relate that the story of Riley TT Sprite AVC20 will have to come to an inconclusive end. After much research and discussion with a fellow Riley enthusiast in England, we have both come to the conclusion that AVC20 no longer exists as one unit.

It seems that after the car was involved in a bad racing accident, the chassis was written off in 1969. A replacement chassis was built along with three more, all of which seem to have been used, either in the rebuild of AVC20, or in copies of the same.

In addition, it is believed that the damaged chassis was rebuilt in the late seventies or early eighties. One of the chassis was included in a rebuilt car which was given the registration AVC21 but, there never was a Riley factory car given that number.

As a result, we have AVC20 in Western Australia, another one in Switzerland, and, we believe, another in Germany, plus the AVC21. All of these cars have some part of AVC20 in them.

Personally, I wish I had not started this search for the real identity. I have helped to bring back to life a unique car with an enviable history which has been destroyed by the desire to profit from it.

Sadly, this is by no means the only vehicle to have come to such an ignominious end. A host of other cars have been copied, which, if declared as replicas, is OK by me, but, there are several which, like AVC20, have dubious histories.

Graham Roberts

JUST A CHILD

*I came home from school today,
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I wanted you to see my picture
But there was no-one there
You took a job because you said
That we were in a fix
Mum, I'd rather we were poor
Mum, I'm only six.*

*I came home from school today
The house was cold and bare
My knee hurt, I needed love
But there was no-one there
So me and Joe, he's my mate
We drank the beer from Daddy's crate
You came home and belted me
Mum, I'm only eight.*

*I came home from school today
The house was cold and bare
Hey Mum, I'm captain of the team
But there was no-one there
So me and Joe and his friend Ben
Had a smoke behind the school shed
Then we broke into the
neighbour's house
Mum I'm only ten.*

*I came home from school today
The house was cold and bare
Teacher says to help with homework
But there was no-one there
So my reading I did shelve
And, into glue I did delve
Mum, I'm only twelve?*

*I came home from school today
The house was cold and bare
I'm hooked on dope and real sick
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Spring in the Kaipara garden

Spring, such a fun season for gardeners, seems to be earlier this year. Our tomatoes have gone out into the garden in sheltered, warm, north-facing places and they appear to be doing well – just have to keep everything out of that persistent southerly wind.

Now is a good time to set up a herb garden – not just parsley, thyme and sage but try some others.

Peppermint is good to have on hand for tea and for its antiseptic and anti-inflammatory properties, but make sure you grow it in a container so it can't take over. Also great to have are chamomile (for a calming tea), coriander (but it doesn't like it too hot as it will go to seed but benefits carrots if you grow them side by side), basil (a real softie that likes warm temperatures and helps tomatoes and beans if grown next to them). Bergamot, borage, rosemary and catmint help your garden by encouraging beneficial insects.

Just remember to plant the tough herbs like sage, thyme, marjoram and oregano in fairly dry poor soil as too much water or fertiliser will spoil their flavour.

Lastly, try something different like stevia – used for sweetening instead of sugar! It's always fun trying new things.

Crispy Herbed Potatoes

Recipe using those new potatoes that appear in your garden as leftovers from last season's crop plus herbs (thanks to Annabel Langbein).

Turn your oven to 200 degrees C.

Boil lightly scrubbed potatoes in salted water approx 10min.

Drain potatoes and put on a roasting dish and slightly flatten them with a fork.

Drizzle with extra virgin olive oil, sprinkle with chopped fresh herbs and flaky salt.

Roast until crispy and golden brown – about 40min. Serve hot.

Stella Clyde

Medical Society update

After some delays, Coast to Coast Healthcare are moving to install computer cabling throughout the Medical Society house in preparation for occupying the whole building. This was heralded some months ago as a move to make better use of the opportunities the house offers. The Medical Society and C to C have also engaged with Northland District Health Board on the possibility of expanded health services being provided.

Meanwhile the Paparoa Medical Society have installed ceiling and underfloor insulation throughout the building making it much cosier for all users. The Society is looking forward to patients being able to enjoy more spacious and comfortable surroundings when they visit the doctor. PP

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Experienced 10.30–11.30am

Adults at all levels are welcome on Tuesdays from 6pm. A daytime session is planned for Fridays (if enough interest). From Sat 8 November, we'll have specialised coaching sessions with Grant van Dalsum over the season. Some racquets are available. Any enquiries to Sue Skelton ph 431 6224.

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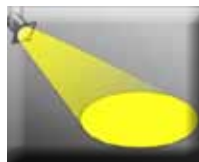
Hospice Kaipara

... wishes to thank all who attended the recent luncheon at Matakohē Hall. Over 100 attended to hear Alexandra, Lady Smith talk about her lifestyle change from Otamatea High School staff member to life in central London with husband His Excellency the Rt Hon Sir Lockwood Smith, High Commissioner to the UK.

Ticket sales, auction and raffles raised \$5,242 towards equipment for home nursing of Hospice patients. Hospice Kaipara is a small hospice dealing with approx. 60 patients and their families per year, representing 15-20 at any one time.

Shannon Price is now Clinical Care Co-ordinator while Marie Breed moves to the Cranford Hospice, Hawkes Bay. Guests were reminded of the ongoing need for new people to join the successful and happy group who help as volunteers in this area.

Contact Hospice, Dargaville Hospital, 09 430 3330, with enquiries.



Spotlight on ...

**Laurel Greaves
and Rosalind Dick**

It never ceases to amaze what a diversity of interests and hobbies occupy the lives of people in our community. As the above mentioned ladies have been spotted on the old Bowling Green on several occasions with their dogs, curiosity was a magnet to finding out just what they were about.

Both Laurel and Roz, residents of Pahi, have a common interest in training Border Collies (and their owners) in the sport of Obedience Trialling for competitions held in New Zealand. The most regularly entered are those in Ardmore South Auckland, though the NZ championships take place annually in three alternative regions throughout the country.

As members of the Whangarei Obedience Club, both became interested in the sport in their early years, although in those days methods were not as gentle, with dogs being chained and led. In the early 1990s, following changes in England, training became more positive and reward based making it more enjoyable and fun for both owners and dogs.



Rosalind Dick and Laurel Greaves training their Border Collies

Laurel has two Border Collies; her current trialist, four year old 'Cooper', and a young pup in training, as well as her pet poodle with a talent for Line Dancing with Laurel at the Paparoa Hall.

Roz is the owner of three Border Collies; two year old 'Trace' who is a working dog and described by Roz as a 'teenager' or a 'naughty novice', plus two others. She is also involved in 'Rallyo' training based on obedience but with twists.

Watching these dogs and their owners perform was an unexpected treat. Obviously a great deal of time, patience, love and respect for trainer and dog is the secret ingredient. PP

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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

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 Nov 1, 15, 29 Dec 13, 20

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

Line Dancing Thurs 10am-noon Paparoa Hall ph Rose 431 7418

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

Matakohe Music Makers 2nd Wed in month 7.30pm @ Sports Pavilion, \$2 pp

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

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

Tennis Coaching for the children Sat am; adults Tues evening Ph Sue 431 6224

Ukelele Players Beginners / experts, Thur 4pm Matakohe, ph Dennise 431 7012

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

Yoga Paparoa Sports Pavilion Mon & Thurs 8.30am, Thur 5.30pm, ph 09 280 9694

Special Events & Meetings

Canopy - celebrate 200 yrs Gospel of Jesus. 25-30Nov Paparoa showgrounds

Flax Weaving Course, Sports Pavillion, 22&23 Nov (ph4316229)

Otamatea Quilters Annual Exhibition The Kauri Museum October Nov17

Paparoa Primary School Athletics Day, Nov 14,
year 6 Tabloid Day(Otamatea High Shool)Nov 25

The Kauri Museum 'The Man from Matakohe' exhibition every day ongoipo
Settlers Day Out 22 Nov from 10am

Weed Workshop Paparoa Hall, morning 22 Nov (ph Jan 9469990)

HOOK, LINE & SINKER

There are some snapper and gurnard around which are hard to catch, but kahawai are more plentiful. Scallops are very poor, three drags for about 10 scallops and they're not in great condition. The Gravy boat was out-fished last week by a neighbour who came home with his share of fish, and the Gravy boat came back with none. Looks like I'm not the only one who knows where to go.

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2nd	1.21pm	7.57pm	18th	2.36pm	8.45am
3rd	2.30pm	8.34am	19th	3.29pm	9.38am
4th	3.31pm	9.36am	20th	4.17pm	10.25am
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10th	7.44am	2.13pm	26th	8.14am	2.42pm
11th	8.23am	2.51pm	27th	9.01am	3.31pm
12th	9.01am	3.29pm	28th	9.52am	4.23pm
13th	9.42am	4.12pm	29th	10.48am	5.21pm
14th	10.28am	5.01pm	30th	11.50am	6.22pm
15th	11.23am	5.59pm			
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Local boys Zack Hamlin and Isaac Sheppard were selected for the Northland team to play in the annual Northern Roller Mills Rugby Tournament. Committed, determined and passionate about rugby, this squad of 12 & 13 year old boys began round play on 31st August when they beat Bay of Plenty 21-7; and won again on 14 September against Thames Valley 48-5, with Zack scoring one of the tries. 20th September, they hit out hard from the first whistle and scored first, North Harbour fought back, finally beating them by 17 to 7.

Their last round game was played in Dargaville on 27th September against a strong Auckland West team. Great local support cheered them on and the going was tough. Although they finally conceded defeat, it was with a less than 7 point difference so they made it to the semi-finals, played in Tauranga during October. Their semi-final games against Auckland East and Auckland West were hard fought losses and it was Auckland East who became the 2014 NRM Champion team. Congratulations to the team for representing Northland so well and for coming 4th in the Tournament. The NRM Rugby Tournament is one of the very oldest in the country and has set the careers of many top All Black players: Colin Meads, Grant Fox, Kieran Reed, Keven Mealamu and Sonny Bill Williams to name just a few.



Showing pace and determination, Zack Hamlin carries the ball to the try line with support from Isaac Sheppard at left.

photo courtesy of Catherine Stewart

JMB Rugby

This season we have had an awesome bunch of kids playing for Paparoa. Our Under 7s had a fantastic season with lots of wins and our Under 9s made some huge improvement and had a majority of wins too. Our club couldn't field enough Under 11s so we combined with Kaiwaka to make a team and by the end of the season they had jelled together and made new friends. All players will be rewarded for their hard effort over the season at the prizegiving.

We also got to try out our new light towers with a night game – wow! I would like to thank all the coaches and parents for their commitment to our great little club and I hope all the kids had a fun season. Next season we would love new kids to join our club and we are always looking for keen adults to coach.

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Under 7s - Tawhiti Tilby has the ball, with brother Awatea Tilby, and Matthew Johnson behind.



Under 9s Latesha Southern-Vasey leading Shayden Peele, Jaydon Connett, Aaron Johnson, Elijah Pumipi, Ethan Lydiard



Under 11s vs Maungaturoto
Sam Parker fights to keep the Ball