



Has Paparoa a Special Community Spirit?

Events over the past few years would suggest Paparoa has a community spirit that is very much alive and growing in strength. A community is more than just a group of residents in a particular place. It is defined by who they are and what they do, how they relate to each other and how they contribute to the greater whole.



Some activities have been part of the community for 150 years. Others arose from the need of residents to entertain themselves or to promote skills and community wellbeing. The Pahi Regatta and Paparoa Show have been part of the landscape for a very long time. They survived through changing times because they appealed to the wider community as fun and worthwhile. More recently the 150th Celebrations and WAG have built on this community spirit. The effort required to stage these events has been willingly provided by many volunteers who probably get just as much fun from the planning and organising as they do from the event itself. But for a small community these things could not happen without many other groups and individuals putting their

hands up to help. WAG13 relied heavily on Paparoa Lions, Paparoa Sports and Recreation Assn, local businesses and numerous others. Of course these same people help out with the many other things that are part of Paparoa. That is perhaps the community spirit. That 'can do', 'get on with it', 'make it happen' attitude. One of the WAG sponsors from Whangarei commented "we are amazed that a small community could put on such a show".

Community spirit is kept alive and grown by people continually working with it. Getting involved brings many talents out of the woodwork. It creates a sense of belonging. With WAG now cemented as part of the Paparoa scene what will be the next big opportunity to show what we can do? Your ideas are most welcome. PP

Koi Carp Update

Northland Regional Council's Biosecurity Manager, Don McKenzie, reports that since being first sighted in mid-2012, the the banned exotic freshwater fish pest has been eradicated from one of the two ponds on a Paparoa farm and contained in the second one.

Both DOC and NRC are determined to see this area cleared and will be working to eradicate the fish from the second pond when they are confident of a complete eradication of the fish and eggs. The feeding and breeding habits of the omnivore Koi Carp (not to be confused with Grass Carp) quickly impacts adversely by muddying-up the bottom of ponds and rivers, destroying the habitat for native plant and fish life; it quickly becomes dominant.

NRC also surveyed other nearby ponds and the freshwater parts of the Paparoa river and found no evidence that the fish had found its way from the original ponds, but council ask that we all remain vigilant and report seeing any large strange fish, possibly with blotching of black, red, gold, orange or pearly white.

Koi carp can be mistaken for an oversize goldfish, except for two very distinguishing 'barbels' on the lower front jaws (whisker-like feelers) but NRC will investigate any report they receive. These fish are impossible to control once in a free-flowing river and are classed as Australasia's worst pest fish.

For any sightings, contact the regional council on 0800 002 004; staff would be happy to visit anywhere – "we just want these fish gone from Northland now before they become a plague as in the Waikato". PP

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Close-up of the head of Koi Carp - showing distinctive 'whiskers'.



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The show arrives at Ruawai College on Thursday 18th of October and will stay for four days.

During school hours, classes of students from the college and surrounding schools will be visiting the Roadshow. The general public are welcome to visit during this time, but it may be a slightly livelier visit than anticipated!

On site will also be an art educator who will be able to further enrich your gallery experience. There will also be some activities to participate in and the opportunity to purchase souvenirs which will help keep the show on the road.



Opening hours are as follows:

Friday 18th Oct, 9am - 5pm
Saturday 19th Oct, 10am-3pm
Sunday 20th October, **CLOSED**
Monday 21st Oct, 9am - 3pm

Support the *Real Art Roadshow* by visiting it! Then go home and tell all your friends and family to come and see it too. There is no cost involved and it's here in Kaipara's backyard. If you've never been to an art gallery before, now is the perfect time.

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Our apologies to:

- **Distinction Jewellers** of Dargaville who sponsored the *Sci Fi* category,
- **Long Flat Bacon Co** of Ruawai who sponsored the Pat George Award.

Their support is very much appreciated. PP

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Due to the excellent response to our request in the August Paparoa Press for more volunteers, we now have enough people on board to open an extra afternoon weekly.

Thanks to everyone who offered to help and who have been undertaking training for the last few weeks. From 31st October we will be opening on Thursday afternoons, 1.30 to 4.30 weekly. It gives the committee great pleasure to offer more opening hours which wouldn't be possible without our great volunteers, thanks again.

Paparoa Library Committee



Project Promise

If you've been watching this sign situated on SH1 at Brynderwyn you will have noticed that the red mark, which started in 2010 at \$200,000, has been steadily climbing to the current total of \$2million.

The Northland Community Foundation launched 'Project Promise' to raise \$3million for a new oncology centre to be built in partnership with the Northland District Health Board. It does not qualify as a government-funded activity but now that it has reached the \$2million mark, the Health Board has agreed to fund the additional \$2million needed.

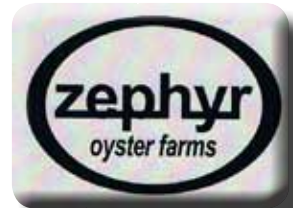
However, Project Promise **needs to reach its \$3million goal by the end of October** and Foundation Chairman Richard Ayton is cautiously confident the final million can be raised within this time.

The cancer treatment centre will provide the information and support needed for newly diagnosed patients including consultations, chemotherapy treatments and expert follow-up care. Those requiring radiation treatment, or more complex cases, will still need to travel to Auckland.

It was the generous donation of \$95,000 from the Lions Club International Foundation which brought the mark up to \$2million; all Lions Clubs worldwide contribute to this fund. The decision to donate to Northland's cause says this is a great thing for our Northland community – a cause for which Northland's Lions clubs have been raising funds individually since 2010.

If you're keen to help, donations can be made at www.givealittle.co.nz, any BNZ branch, or Project Promise donation box. PP

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COMMISSIONER VISITS PAPAROA

Following a coffee at the Village Café, Commissioner Colin Dale from Kaipara District Council spent a couple of hours recently with members of PPI viewing some of the significant locations around Paparoa.

PPI welcomed the opportunity to show Commissioner Dale some of the achievements that PPI and other community groups have contributed to over the years. He visited the Village Green, The Landing, Paparoa Hall, and the Pahi Road end of the Paparoa Lions' Bush Walkway. He was very impressed with everything he saw and said the community should be proud of what it has achieved. He praised PPI and other community groups for getting stuck in and working to improve the facilities and the local environment. Seeing first hand makes it easier for him to represent the Paparoa community's interests when it comes to decision making around the council table.

PPI members were proud to be able to blow Paparoa's trumpet! Increasing Commissioner Dale's awareness of Paparoa will only assist when making submissions to KDC in the future. PP

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OUT & ABOUT around the District

Good luck to Libby Jones for local body elections on 12 Oct.

Condolences to the families of Robyn Healey and Hector McKinnon who both passed away recently.

Jim Rowlands and Reto Jakle returned recently to Orere Point to celebrate 40 years since the establishment of the Orere Point Fire Party. Both foundation members of the group, Jim was also the Deputy Chief Fireman.

Welcome home to Janice Booth and Stuart Robertson. Stuart has already been seen dealing to the bamboo re-growth on the river bank beside the Landing.

For hot rod or classic car fans, put Sat 2nd Nov in your diary now. This is the date of the Maungaturoto 150th 'Through the Ages' parade in which a large contingent of old vehicles will participate.

More for petrol-heads out there, Maungaturoto's *Wheels on the Field* showcases classic, vintage, unique or collectible vehicles, Sat 23 Nov - go to wheelsonthefield@live.com, or ph 09 431 8858.

Paparoa Playcentre is holding its AGM at the Paparoa Hotel on Thursday 24 October at 7pm.

There'll be a Paparoa wedding in

December. Helen Poot's daughter, Linda, is to be married at Helen and Hubert's home in the centre of the Village.

You may have heard that Long Flat Bacon Company has changed hands. New owners Sasha Clark and Scott Thirkell took over the business at the beginning of September. Graham will still be selling the product at Paparoa Farmers' Market, only now it will be for the new owners.

Speech makers Claire Lichtwark-McInnes of Pahi Road, and Kendra Greenwood, a teacher at Otamatea HS who lives at Taipuha, have won their categories at a recent Northland Toastmasters competition. Claire won the *Humorous* speech and Kendra the *Impromptu* speech. They will both represent Northland at the next level on October 12 in Auckland.

Term Four begins for local schools on Monday 14th October. Otamatea High School closes for the year on Thursday 5 December and primary schools have their last day on Friday 13th December.

Pet Show Days will be held at both Paparoa and Maungaturoto Primary Schools in October. Paparoa Primary's Pet & Show Day:

10am Friday 18th at the School. And M'gto Primary Pet Day & Gala on Sat 19th, Pets 10am-12noon, Gala 12-4pm, ph 431 8462.

Congratulations to new publicans at Paparoa Hotel, Justin & Sam Healey, for running a highly successful 'Wild Boar Hunt' weekend in September and congratulations to the intrepid hunters, known as 'Woody, Dylan, Andrew & Vaughan', for bringing in a 47.7Kg boar to win first prize. Along with a heaviest eel competition and the band 'Black Bean' from Dargaville, the weekend was much enjoyed by everyone who took part.

New Paparoa Hotel chef Brad Gutsell has been a chef in Auckland for 12 years. Bookings for meals Thur-Sun ph 431 7359.

The Managers at Paparoa Farmers' Market advise that, for the first time since the market started almost seven years ago, a market day will be cancelled. The cancelled date is Saturday 2nd November, the weekend of Maungaturoto 150th celebrations. This means that market days will be - October 5, 19, 26 (Labour Weekend), and then not again until November 16th. PP

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Green light for Red Flag Project

The Red Flag programme has been set up by the Kaipara Harbour Sustainable Fisheries Management Study Group to provide a simple way for Kaipara folk to play a vital role in looking after the harbour.

The plan is based on a very simple

premise: that the people who spend time on or around the Kaipara are in the best position to spot changes in the way the harbour is performing. These changes include the appearance

of new species of seaweeds, shellfish, fish, or birds, signs of disease or deformity, pollution or anything

else that looks different from what you would normally expect. We would also like to hear when things are going really well.

Should you come across any of the above all you have to do

is make a note of the location, date and time and, if possible take a picture. This information can then be emailed to me at pcyardley@ubernet.co.nz where it will be logged into the Study Group's records and passed on to the appropriate agencies.



The Red Flag programme - will observe & collect data to monitor changes to the Kaipara Harbour

In this way we can build up a more accurate picture of the state of our precious harbour and hopefully improve our ability to protect and promote its long term health.

Christine Yardley

Paparoa Hall

The AGM in August saw no change in the committee: Peter Risbridge, Kate Battensby, Robyn Skelton, Graham Taylor, Ken Chambers, Pete Hames and Ross Battensby. Hats off please to these same 7 people who keep serving for the benefit of those in the community who use this valuable facility.

The response to calls for donations has been very heartening once again; our sincere thanks to all who've contributed. We hope there are more still 'in the pipeline'. Some of you have been exceedingly generous; this not only helps us keep afloat but also makes us feel appreciated.

It was a busy year with the usual recreational weekly activities, plus Paparoa's 150th celebrations and the A&P Show in January – both brilliant times for the Hall. We spent considerable time and effort painting the interior of the Hall in preparation for the 150th and we're happy with the outcome.

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2nd	4.01pm	10.06am	18th	5.14pm	11.24am
3rd	4.40pm	10.47am	19th	5.56pm	12.05pm
4th	5.17pm	11.24am	20th	6.35pm	12.43pm
5th	5.54pm	12.01pm	21st	7.13pm	1.20pm
6th	6.32pm	12.38pm	22nd	7.32am	1.55pm
7th	7.12pm	1.17pm	23rd	8.08am	2.32pm
8th	7.35am	1.58pm	24th	8.46am	3.11pm
9th	8.20am	2.43pm	25th	9.27am	3.56pm
10th	9.09am	3.33pm	26th	10.15am	4.50pm
11th	10.04am	4.33pm	27th	11.12am	5.54pm
12th	11.08am	5.44pm	28th	12.19pm	7.01pm
13th	12.20pm	7.01pm	29th	1.27pm	8.04pm
14th	1.35pm	8.14pm	30th	2.28pm	8.31am
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Through the Looking Glass : Paul Smith Dines

Since the old National Bank building (ex the *Sahara*) was sold in March, locals have wondered what would happen there. The new owner works for Air New Zealand and runs a side business called 'Paul Smith Dines'. Paul ran the business from a warehouse in Auckland but missed having a garden. He saw the bank building on Trade Me and it was just the type of iconic, heritage building he was looking for. Friends said he was mad for considering a move to a village one-and-a-half hours out of Auckland but as Paul says "I can spend an hour getting from Greenlane to Newmarket, another half hour is nothing."

Paul has a very interesting background, with an English father and Indian mother. His mother, sent to England by her father to avoid an unsuitable suitor, met Paul's father and they married. When Paul was two years old, his parents decided to emigrate to Australia, but not by the usual method in the 1960s of flying at a cost of 8 pounds per person. Instead the family of four drove for six-and-a-half weeks overland to

India where they stayed in Calcutta with his mother's family. After three years the family finally flew to Australia and settled in Brisbane where they lived in a tent on a section while 'Dad' built the house. A bit of a culture shock for Paul



and his brother, used to servants in their wealthy grandparent's home. After school, Paul completed his chef's apprenticeship and worked for the Sheraton Hotel chain rising to chef de cuisine (in charge of all kitchen-related things) in Brisbane and Hobart. Following a NZ holiday he moved to Christchurch where he worked at Noah's Hotel for 6 years as Conference & Banqueting

Manager. A chance meeting with a recruiter at a conference led to Paul applying to join Air New Zealand and for the next 7 years he flew for Mt Cook Airlines on domestic routes.

His next move was to Auckland where Paul is now a Galley Specialist on long-haul international flights, working only in the

'pointy end' of the plane attending to food preparation and plating meals for business/premier class passengers. The attraction for Paul in flying is that no two days are ever the same. The hours might be long but "it doesn't feel like work at all". At the moment Paul is on a 6-month secondment on the ground, training cabin crew and pilots in service training and emergency procedures.

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For many years Paparoa farmers Glenda and Grant Blythen hosted young people in their home, from those studying locally to various travellers who somehow became known to

them. Then Glenda heard about 'couch-surfing'. They under-went the rigorous online registration process and waited. Likewise couchsurfers register for the service needing references and, if accepted, plan their trip looking for suitable hosts on the website and making contact online, and it goes from there.

Pictured are Glenda & Grant's most recent 'guests', Austrian couple Dominic and Miriam who, having completed their



Grant & Glenda Blythen
with couch-surfers Dominic & Miriam

Economics degrees, have set off on a trip around the world, starting in New Zealand. After staying 4 nights (having planned just 2) and having Glenda show them highlights of Northland, they toured New Zealand, returning to Paparoa where they felt so much at home. They had couchsurfing where they could but their best memories have been on the farm in Paparoa, out with Grant on the quad bike, possuming at night (Miriam proved to be a pretty keen shot!) and just being 'at home' with the Blythens.

This idea began in San Francisco in 2003: it was envisaged that it would enable a world made better by travel and travel made richer by connection. It's a great way to get to know places and people in a more profound way – the true essence of travel. PP

art ... Paparoa Art Group

"Stir baking soda into white vinegar, add cornflour and glucose syrup ... break the egg carefully and separate the yolk ... mix the cornflour with the PVA glue ..." PVA glue? What exactly were we making?

Led by Lorna, the Paparoa art group experimented in September with paints made from common household and natural materials. Before the days of readily available commercial paints and gesso, artists prepared their own from local ingredients.

Using glue, wallpaper paste or corn syrup with cornflour or ground chalk, we tested ground sealers to prepare boards for painting. Each had its own character and speed of drying.

Egg tempera is still used for its subtle colours and complex behaviour: Graeme Sydney's Central Otago paintings show its possibilities. Egg yolks are used, and must be carefully separated.

Who knew that oxalis flowers would give a glorious yellow, and daisy pollen an ochre gold? Beetroot and tamarillo juice made reds and purples, but despite its effect on carpet, red wine provided little colour. Soft rocks from Tinopai beach yielded wonderful deep reds and browns, and Paparoa limestone, a pale green-grey. We ground up flowers and leaves, clays and rocks, grass and lichens. The colours were varied and subtle and often unexpected.

We learned heaps, and plan to have another session to build on this experience; probably in autumn, when berries and leaves are available.

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The organisers would like to start a trend - don't leave it 'til the last minute. Newsletters can come by email by contacting tim.debbie@xtra.co.nz.

Helpers are needed for many and varied things, so if you would like to help contact Albie 09 431 8148, Kenny Finlayson 09 431 8599, or Nyree Alcock 09 431 8462.

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of his nostrils. Often animals like this are elderly and it's a toss-up whether to risk an anaesthetic to fix the teeth or not. Doing some dentistry work a few years earlier would have improved the quality and quantity of the dog's life.

Now I know going to the dentist is not everybody's favourite pastime but if Fluffy's breath smells like fish before the jellymeat is opened,



or Rover only chews food on one side of his mouth, or even if Neddy drops a bit of grass, then refer back to the opening sentence. Animals can be very good at adapting to oral pain and not show obvious signs that things are not as they should be, so let someone who knows have a look and decide if a bit of action is required. I guess the same goes for people!

Take care, Janine

Paparoa Tennis

SEASON STARTS:

Paparoa Tennis will be starting the summer season with an open session:

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Anyone for Trash-to-Art?

Previous Wearable Art Galas have included a 'Trash to Art' competition. This year the WAG organisers decided to drop it in favour of a purely 'wearable' competition and the constraints of space in the Paparoa Hall. There was some disappointment that it was not part of WAG13. Are you interested in helping organise, or entering, a separate 'Trash to Art' event? Please ph Betty Cairns on 431 6515 to register your interest.



Motoring Matters

You may have heard the term 'Barn Finds', referring to cars that have been discovered having been abandoned for many years in lock up garages, sheds, and even a blackberry thicket. Many such vehicles turn out to be very valuable and insane prices have been paid for what are, to all intents, wrecks.

In my time, I've been lucky to 'find' several. The first a 1934 Lancia Augusta, lying neglected in a scrap yard, I paid ten pounds for it and drove it home! Only a year or so later, I was involved in the rescue of a very rare Riley racing car of which only five were made. A friend and I had to dismantle a shed to remove it from its prison, it was restored, raced very successfully, and now lives in Switzerland.

The third was a 1923 Bentley in the coach house of a mansion in South Wales. It belonged to a colonel retired from the Arab Legion who lived with his Arab servant in the tiny, grubby kitchen of a lovely mansion, full of all sorts of desirable artefacts. But he would not sell the car, it was to be left to his 'boy'. I visited him again three years later, but still he would not sell. In 2001, chatting to a gentleman from South Wales in a bar in the Waikato, I told him about the Bentley. Would you believe, he knew the car and informed me that when the old colonel died, it was bought by a Motor Club and is now in a museum in just the same condition as it was in the late sixties.

Finally, around 1968, I replied to an advert offering an old motor-cycle-engined racing car for sale. I dashed over to see it, only to find it had no engine or gearbox, and was half buried in a garden. Very bravely I paid fifty pounds for it and trailered it home, but only restored the chassis, then sold it before coming to New Zealand. Some years later I met up with another motor enthusiast (I dislike the term 'petrol head') and it turned out that he had chased after the same car, but I lived much nearer to it than he did! That car is now racing again and the fellow I 'beat to it' also contributes to the magazine you're reading!

Graham Roberts

Progressive Paparoa - AGM

Progressive Paparoa welcomed new member Pete Hames along with a number of familiar faces at the AGM in July. The new committee is Graham Taylor (chair), Betty Cairns (sec), Maurice Kirton (treas), Graham Murray, Mary Stevens, George Skelton, Ken Chambers, and Pete Hames.

In his Annual Report the chairman noted the considerable achievements during the past year of the PPI subcommittees, namely – Paparoa 150th Celebration, Paparoa Press, Keep Paparoa

Beautiful, Paparoa Farmers' Market, Paparoa Walkway, The Print Shop, and WAG13. He felt these activities contributed positively towards Paparoa's community wellbeing and were valued by residents.

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Primary School PTA Possum Purge

The 5th annual Paparoa Primary School Possum Purge was a great success, with 29 teams bringing in 805 possums to be plucked for the school's fundraising.

The prizegiving and mini gala saw several hundred people enjoying the activities including bouncy castle and slide, face painting, gumboot throw, coconut shy, quick fire raffles, mini auctions, and a delicious bbq lunch. This year the day finished with a new highlight, a monster banana split where kids and adults alike munched through 70 bananas, cream, icecream and

toppings, laid out in guttering on the field. All teams took away a goodie bag of sponsors prizes.

Competition was fierce between teams and this year's winners were the 'Purple Possum Eaters', with Gary Fraser, Ross & Kate Battensby, Willow Fraser and Amber Corble, taking out the trophy and top spot with 177 possums. 2nd place went to 'Scrappys' with 129

Frank Mannes' team, 'Last Night Out', winners

for the last four years, were 3rd this year with 85 possums.

The school is very grateful to all involved - the possum hunters, the professional pluckers Craig & Jeff, the fantastic prize sponsors, everyone who helped, and all those who came and enjoyed the prize giving



Kids tuck in to monster banana split

day at Paparoa Primary School.

MUSEUM MUSINGS ...

Strolling amongst The Kauri Museum exhibits, I wondered at the sheer physicality of pioneer life. A lady whose family has farmed in the district for over 100 years mentioned recently that, at the local community fairs, there were many competitive displays of skill and strength, and she clearly remembers her mother being the equal of men by driving a six inch nail right into a log of wood at a single blow. Looking at some of the domestic exhibits, I began to see why!

Society was very judgemental then and standards had to be kept or the community would soon let you know about it. Copper and brass had to be polished, (local tinsmith J P Evans of Paparoa made his Danny kettles, named after his son, from 1884) the stove and pots blacked, clothes and linen not only washed whiter than white but starched before the application of a coal heated iron. There was no power at the touch of a switch; even 'labour saving' devices were hand powered. Not only that, they were built to last, which means solid and very heavy! Just go and look at the huge cooking pots (families were bigger then) made of cast iron, storage containers made of thick and robust earthenware, there is a magnificent example of a compressed charcoal water filter on display, I think I might want to be somewhere else if it ever has to be moved!

There are many ingenious utensils, all hand cranked, some locally made from our beautiful Kauri. No wonder the ladies were strong, they had to match their menfolk in many aspects of heavy daily toil. I found one rather ambitious gadget on the shelf, a No.4 three minute bread-maker, it must have been a godsend in 1904.

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- Ararua Church** 10.30am every Sunday, All welcome ph 431 6622
- Art Bus - Real Art Roadshow** 18, 19, 21 Oct, Ruawai College, see page 2
- Art Group Paparoa** 1st Sun in month, Helen Budd's Studio, ph 431 6192
- Art Studio, Ruawai** Mon 10-12noon; Tues 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, Congregational Hall, M'gto
- Badminton** Thurs, years 5-11 5.30pm; older/experienced 7pm, Paparoa Hall
- Bahai Faith** Enhancing community-building Wed 12.30 or 7.30 ph 431 8488
- Crafternoons** 1st & 3rd Wed in month, 1-4pm, Tinopai Hall ph Lyn 431 6090
- Exercise to Music** Tue 10.30am Paparoa Hall \$5 ph Rose 431 7418
- Farmers' Market** Fortnightly Sat 9-noon, Village Green Oct 5, 19, 26; Nov 16, 30
- Fire Force** 1st & 3rd Monday in month 6.30pm Depot Rd ph Cohan 431 6668
- Gardening Club** 2nd Wed of month, ph Lea 431 6296
- Grey Power** Last Wed in month, 2pm, Hall next to Resthome, M'gto
- Indoor Bowls** Wed 2pm, Paparoa Hall ph Loraine 431 7290 or Robyn 431 7306
- Kaiwaka Market** Sunday 13 Oct & 10 Nov, Kaiwaka Hall 10am-1.30pm
- Library** Mon 1.30-4.30pm, Wed 10am-12noon, Fri 9.30am-1pm
open all Market days - alternate Saturdays 9.30-1pm
plus - from 31 October - also open Thursdays 1.30-4.30pm
- Line Dancing** Recommences soon ph Rose 431 7418
- Mainly Music** Wed 9.30am Paparoa Comm Church, ph Rebecca 431 7550
- Maungaturoto 150th** 1-3 November, details www.maungaturotomatters.co.nz
- Maungaturoto Primary School Pet Day & Gala** Sat 19 Oct, 10am ph 431 8462
- Music Makers** 2nd Tues of month 7.30pm @ Cruiser Bar & Grill
- Paparoa Community Church** 10.30am every Sunday, Hook Road
- Paparoa Lions Dinner Meetings** 3rd Mon in month 6.30pm, Paparoa Hall
- Paparoa Playcentre** Tue & Fri 9.30-12noon, Visitors welcome ph Renee 431 6336
- Paparoa Playcentre - AGM** Thursday 24 Oct, 7pm at the Paparoa Hotel
- Paparoa Plunket Society Coffee Group** First Tue/month, 10am Franklin Rd
- Paparoa Primary School** Term 4: 14 Oct - 13 Dec
- Paparoa Primary School - Pet & Show Day** Fri 18 Oct, 10am @ School
- Paparoa St Marks Anglican Church** 2nd & 4th Sundays, 10am, Hook Rd
- Paparoa Toy Library** Wed 10.30-1pm, Paparoa Comm Church, Hilary 431 7330
- Sports Pavilion** Functions venue, ph Vickie Owens 431 6432 for bookings
- St Mary's Catholic Church** 10am Wed, 6pm Sat, Maungaturoto
- Tai Chi** Tues 1pm, Paparoa Hall, ph Shirley 431 6408
- Table Tennis** Tues 7.30pm, Sports Pavilion \$2 Pete 431 6822
- Tennis - BBQ & AGM** Sun 13 Oct, 1pm. Sessions Tuesdays 6pm from 15 Oct.
Children from Sat 19 Oct, 9.30am. ph Sue Skelton for more details 431 6224
- Through the Ages - Hotrods & Classics** Sat 2 Nov, part of Maungaturoto 150th
- Ukelele Players** Beginners / experts, Thu 5.15pm Matakahe, ph Dennise 431 7012
- Waka Ama** Tues & Thur evenings 5pm, Sunday 10am, Pahi Domain
- Wheels on the Field** Sat 23 Nov, 10am ph 431 8858 wheelsonthefield@live.com
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Students' hard work, caring & commitment

Paparoa Primary School is set for one of its biggest **Pet & Show days** for many years.

With just 45 students, there'll be over 35 animals at this year's show on Friday 18 Oct. Children will bring calves, lambs or goats to school, some students have two animals for the big day. This year all the students have been involved, with five students bringing the school's own Ayrshire calves and two children bringing the school's kid goats. Students have also spent a great

deal of time in term two creating interesting indoor exhibits for families and friends to come and see. Ruawai Kindergarten & Paparoa Playcentre are taking part also, as there's a pre-schooler section this year for children who are not quite at school yet but have reared an animal too.

Judging starts at 10am on the day. Classrooms will be open to view the children's hard work indoors. There'll be a sausage sizzle for lunch and parents and the wider community are invited.

Otamatea Quilters

This year marks the 29th year of the Otamatea Quilters exhibition of work. Earlier exhibitions were shown in the Paparoa War Memorial Hall. About 14 years ago the Curator of the Matakahe Kauri Museum invited the group to exhibit in the Volunteers Hall. This has continued since then.

This year's exhibition runs from Oct 22 to Nov 24, with quilters in attendance on Labour Weekend from Fri 25 to Mon 28. There will be items of work for sale, as well as mini raffles. The major raffle,

a quilt named '*Breath of Spring*' was organised by Verity Baines and Helen Poot, with members contributing to the making of the blocks, the quilting and binding.

Tickets for the quilt will be available from members of Otamatea Quilters, on sale at the Kauri Museum during Labour weekend, and on the Museum's open day on 23rd Nov. Proceeds from the raffle will be donated to the Kaipara Coast Guard. For more information, contact Lyn King, ph 09 439 2262.

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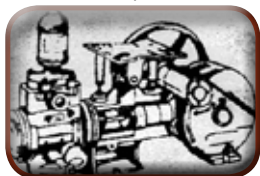
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For five weeks in August and September the Paparoa Motor Camp was home for four Japanese visitors. Camp owners, Betty and Ken have a Japanese grandson, Shion, who attends the Christian School in Maungaturoto. Visiting him were his Great Aunt Eiko Kobai Yashi, his sister Natasha Cairns, cousin Shieri Kinoshita and his friend Kousei Nakano. Eiko helped out around the

camp while the others were at school improving their English. The younger ones all took part as models in WAG13 and got a good taste of life in NZ.

Betty said "It's been wonderful having them all here even if the language barrier was a bit high at times. Aunt Eiko thought it was paradise here compared to her 4th floor apartment in Takarazuka, Hyogo, Japan". PP



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Gravy reports that the old story of large numbers of snapper in the harbour when the kowhai is in flower is not running true just yet. The snapper being caught at the moment are bigger than summer fish but there are not many around. Kahawai are proving a little patchy too. There have been some good days and some not so good days. The new scallop season has begun and the scallops are a good size and plentiful although quality is a little inconsistent yet. There are a lot of giant-sized starfish amongst the scallops.

The Gravy Boat will be doing its bit for snapper conservation with self-imposed compliance with the new size limit of 30cm (compulsory for recreational fishers in Snapper Area 1 on the east coast) being applied on board. Perhaps other fishers could think about following this move and help protect the fish stocks too. PP



SPRING HAS SPRUNG CHERRY BLOSSOM TIME

Hope you managed to enjoy the lovely cherry blossom in the main street this year.



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Among the many doing the hard yards behind the scenes in preparation for WAG in August - we snapped Jane Bailey & Loraine Rowlands - pushing the broombas.

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5 Questions for ... artist Helen Budd

Helen is often seen on her morning walks with Rose Plunkett. She is a regular contributor to Paparoa Press.

How long have you been in Paparoa? More than 15 years but for the first seven I lived in Station Road and tended to be out of town a lot.

Where did you come from? As a teaching family we moved around the North Island a lot but most recently from Dunedin.

Why did you choose Paparoa? I had family members needing care in Auckland and Whangarei so this was a good half-way point. Plus I thought the view from Brynderwyn was stunning.

What were you doing before you came here? I was Head of Exhibitions at Otago Museum and then I did a Masters of Arts degree at AUT and lectured there in Art and Design.

What are you doing now? I am fully retired but enjoy exploring new techniques and ideas in my own studio. I like the exploratory aspect of art for the sake of the work. I work across the spectrum of wood, metal, ceramics, textiles and painting. I'm involved with a number of things locally. An informal art group meets regularly in my studio, I go to Exercise to Music and enjoyed participating in WAG. I have always lived in small communities and find the wide variety of people from different backgrounds stimulating.

PP notes that Helen's studio would be the envy of many a 'man cave'! PP

