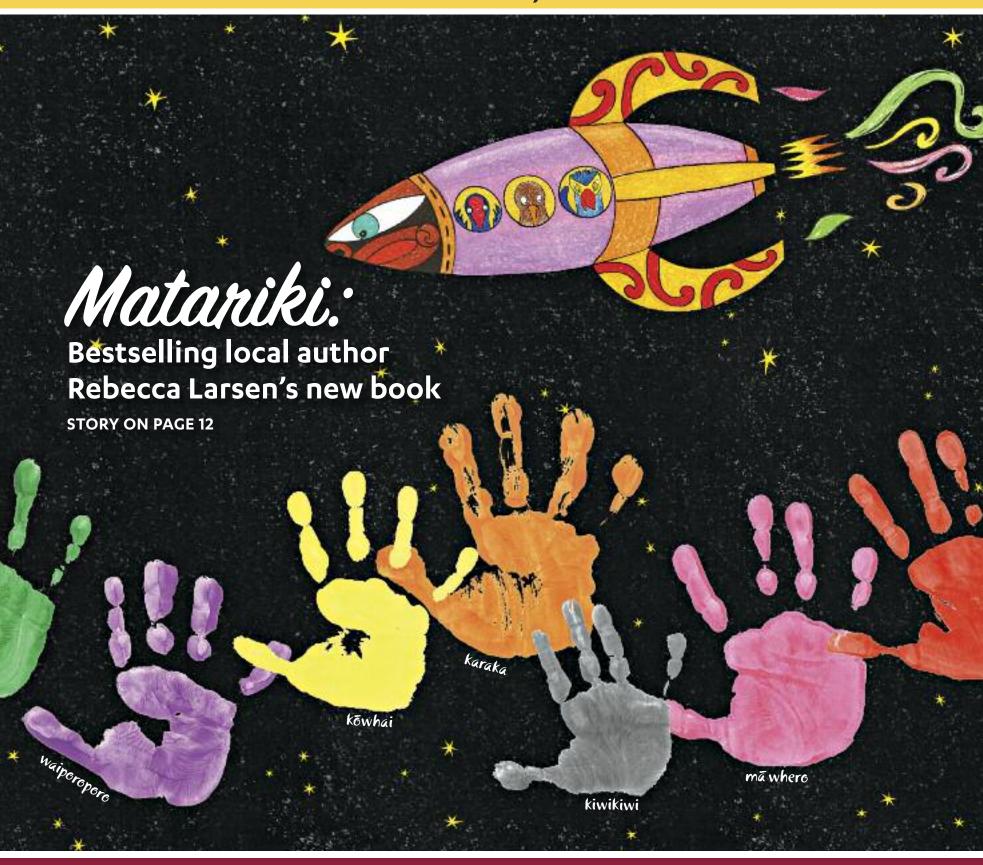
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From the editor's desk

The latest issue of North & South magazine looks at the rising trend of locally and independently owned community newspapers popping up around New Zealand, dedicated solely to local news. We're excited that Pāpāmoa Post is featured in this piece. We are proud to be local, supporting local, and telling local stories.

Pāpāmoa Post

Feedback from the community is that you're enjoying our focus on local too. Demand for the first issue of Pāpāmoa Post was such that we increased our circulation to 11,500 copies from our second edition, and this time we've increased it again to 11,700. If you're outside our delivery area, you can pick up a copy each month from the Pāpāmoa Plaza information desk. You'll also find copies at the library, cafes and waiting rooms

This edition is jam-packed full of more relevant, informative, uplifting and proudly local stories about our incredible people and place.

Our community is full of wonderful folk who give up their own time for the benefit of others. In this issue we meet Clare Worden, who for a decade has been involved in organising the magical Pāpāmoa Hills Night Walk, which has raised tens of thousands of dollars for women with breast cancer. It's a wonderful event and well worth taking part – find out more on page 3.

Then there's Allan Bicker, a Pāpāmoa resident of nearly 33 years who has devoted almost as long to volunteering with our local fire brigade. Allan has recently retired as fire chief and shares his thoughts on page 5.

We also meet Bruce and Donna Crosby, who are a perfect example of the bridge between the 'old' Pāpāmoa and the new. Bruce moved into the 16-site camping ground that was the Pāpāmoa Beach Resort as a child, and over the years has embraced the growth and transformed it into the modern resort it is today. The couple are also generous donors towards improving our community – they've supported both the surf club build and the landscaping for the new war memorial. Bruce shares his insights on Pāpāmoa's changes on page 9.

As always, we love to hear from you. Please don't hesitate to drop us a line if there's something you would like to read about. Enjoy your read and have a great month.

Ellen Irvine

College students start business with a heart

An enterprising group of Pāpāmoa College students is aiming to combat period poverty with their new studentrun business.

Shuari Naidoo, Indrea Werder, Aveleen Gill and Jessica Nicholls started Moraka Menstrual Cups as part of the Young Enterprise Scheme (YES) through their Year 12 business class.

Shuari, CEO of the business, says the team came up with the idea after learning about period poverty, a term used to describe women being unable to afford sanitary products.

"We really support women's rights. We think it's wrong that girls should go to school without sanitary products," says 16-year-old Shuari.

"Women need more options. I had seen

menstrual cups on Facebook and I thought the prices were inaccessible. We have priced our product to be more accessible to teenagers specifically."

Menstrual cups are a reusable eco-friendly product that eliminates the need to buy products each month. The \$30 product will save women more than \$680 over a decade, the company says.

The Moraka team has sourced their products through Christchurch-based company My Cups New Zealand and will take preorders and market their product via posters and social media.

Other students in the class have created businesses around products including coffee, t-shirts, and discos.

To find out more or make an order, email morakamenstrualcups@gmail.com.

Letters to the editor

Thank you for another month of interesting, informative, local news. Buy local, support local, love local.

A Taylor

When I first received the newspaper I thought, oh no, not another one with the same old same old adverts etc, what else is new. Well, what a lovely surprise, your paper was full of things I didn't know about and nobody else had bothered to tell us. Keep up the good work.

G Lockwood

On behalf of the Omanu Rebus Club we would like to thank you for placing the photo and write-up in the latest edition of your paper. I am sure that the Pāpāmoa Post will be a big success and we look forward to receiving further editions. The quality of content, photos and advertisements is excellent.

James Henry (president)

Just wanted to tell you how wonderful the May 2019 Pāpāmoa Post is. So interesting to read - thank you for all the work that goes into it. Can't wait for following ones although we still have this one to read properly!

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Pāpāmoa College students Jessica Nicholls, Indrea Werder, Shuari Naidoo and Aveleen Gill have started a business to help support teenage girls.



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Pāpāmoa Hills Night Walk celebrates 10 years

t started as a small fundraiser among friends, and this year the Pāpāmoa Hills Night Walk celebrates a decade of raising tens of thousands of dollars for women with breast

Keen runners Clare Worden and Tui Hambrook came up with the idea for the event 10 years ago as a small fundraiser. Tui's aunt had died of breast cancer and the friends wanted to show their support for the cause.

"At the time there were Pink Ribbon breakfasts happening, and girls' nights in. We are not really girls' nights in types of people, so we thought 'what can we do?'," says Clare. "We came up with girls' night in the dark. We came running at the Pāpāmoa Hills quite a bit and talked about it and planned it as we were running."

The night walk started with 35 of the women's friends and family. It provided a unique opportunity to walk through the Pāpāmoa Hills to Summerhill Farm by moonlight, followed by coffee and cake at Summerhill's Mongolian Ger.

It was so successful that Clare and Tui decided to repeat it the following year as a proper organised event, opening it up to the public. Since then, tens of thousands of dollars have been raised for women with breast cancer.

In 2011 it sold out with 100 people taking part; entries increased the next year to 208 and sold out again. In 2013 a second night was introduced, and its biggest year in 2016 saw the event crack \$10,000 for the first time. This year the Pāpāmoa Hills Night Walk has the capacity to host 560 people over two nights.

Initially the funds went to the New Zealand Breast Cancer Foundation but now go to the Tauranga Breast Cancer Support Service Trust. "We liked the idea of the money staying in the community, staying local and being for local women," says Clare, who has been involved every year.

This year, for the first time, children are invited to take part in the walk. The Saturday night 5.30pm wave is open to children over 10 years old (with no more than two chil-

dren ner adult)

Clare says the secret to the walk's success is its magical nature. Each year the event is planned around the full moon.

"Lots of people go and do different events, but there is nothing actually at night. It's magical when the full moon comes up and it's just beautiful. The view from the ridge when you go out to Summerhill is amazing. You literally get views from Maketu to the port. A lot of people take their time and take lots of photos," says Clare.

"People like the sense of adventure, being able to get out in the dark and to challenge themselves. It's something to work towards and train for, but it's not a race. There's no rush to get up there and it's a walk rather than a run.

"It blows us away how popular it is. It's awesome how many people were on the same wavelength."

Clare moved to Pāpāmoa with her husband and two sons in 2007 from Lancashire, England. Although she loved running on Pāpāmoa Beach, she missed the hills of her home and was thrilled when she first discovered the trails of the Pāpāmoa Hills.

The Pāpāmoa Hills were largely a well-kept secret when the walk first started, she says. A decade later, the carpark is regularly full as people take advantage of the beautiful trails.

"I used to run up here and see nobody, it wasn't that well known then. No one knew about the ridge to Summerhill. I would go off exploring, and it was unknown."

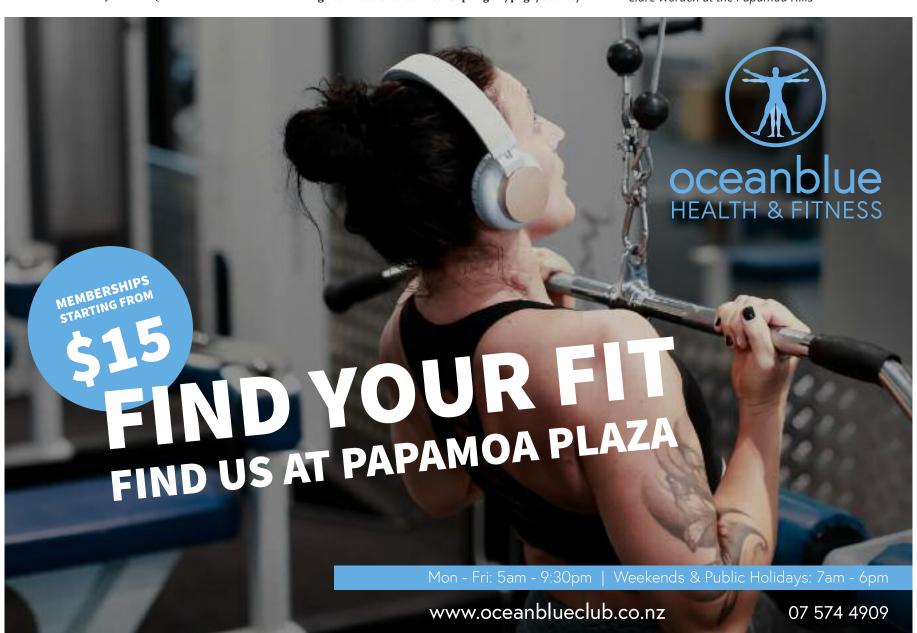
Clare is on the Summerhill Trust, which was established in 2014 for the purpose of recreation and education in the Pāpāmoa Hills. The 126ha land was unconditionally gifted to the trust, and all farm proceeds and donations are used by the trust to maintain and develop the land for all to enjoy.

She is also a member of Tauranga Mountain Bike Club, which operates at Summerhill.

The event takes place on June 14 and 15. To book a spot, go to: www.breastcancerbop.org.nz/page/events/ ■



Clare Worden at the Pāpāmoa Hills



Pāpāmoa's Rebekah Stott to represent NZ in Women's FIFA World Cup

āpāmoa native Rebekah Stott will be booting up for the Football Ferns in the Women's FIFA World Cup in France this

The professional footballer, who turns 27 this month, was born and bred in Pāpāmoa and started her football career as a fourvear-old.

"I have four brothers and they all played so I started too," says Rebekah, who started her schooling at Pāpāmoa Primary before moving to Te Akau Ki Pāpāmoa School. "I played for Pāpāmoa Football Club from sand-shoe soccer and in boys' teams for a cou-



ple of years. I then also did rep soccer in the Bay of Plenty and played for Waibop at national competitions."

Her family moved to Australia's Sunshine Coast after primary school, but Rebekah enjoys visiting friends and family in Tauranga and misses the beaches and nature of Pāpāmoa.

The defender has high hopes for the World Cup and says the Football Ferns have a strong team which includes fel-

low Bay of Plenty players Olivia Chance (Tauranga) and Paige Satchell (Rotorua).

Rebekah Stott

'My hopes are that we make it out of our pool and then take each game from there. I believe we have a great team and can go far in this competition." It will be Rebekah's second Women's FIFA World Cup - she

played in all three of New Zealand's matches at the 2015 event in Canada. She also played for New Zealand in the 2016 Rio Olympics, in which she played every minute of the team's three

Rebekah is currently living in Norway where she plays for the Avaldsnes club. She's previously played professionally for Brisbane Roar, Melbourne Victory and Melbourne City in Australia, and SC Sand in Germany, before stints with Seattle Reign and Sky Blue FC of New Jersey in the United States.

"I have only been in Norway for four months so far, but life is quite laid back here. My days mostly consist of training and recovering but Norway is a nice country with beautiful views," says Rebekah.

"After the World Cup I will be back in Norway until November then I will see what my options are looking like."

And Rebekah has some advice for young footballers at Pāpāmoa Football Club wanting to reach for the stars: "Have fun, work hard and keep enjoying the game."

Phil recognised in hockey awards



hil Gillanders was named Hockey New Zealand Volunteer of the Year for 2018 at the organisation's recent awards dinner.

Hockey New Zealand says Phil, a Pāpāmoa College parent, puts in a lot of work into various areas of the Tauranga Hockey association

"Last season he coached three different teams at the primary and intermediate level including the Tauranga under 13 development team. He has also umpired college hockey throughout the season and mentored a number of junior umpires along the way, therefore building the capacity of the association.

"He is the hockey coordinator for Golden Sands School and regularly attends Small Sticks and Kwik Sticks committee meetings. One of his biggest contributions is his commitment to primary school hockey where he spends five hours every Saturday at the turfs making sure the right fields are set up and competitions are running smoothly to ensure that all participants are having a high-quality experience."





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Allan Bicker in earlier years.

Pāpāmoa's first and only Fire Chief has retired after a huge 32 years of continuous service as a volunteer firefighter.

Allan Bicker joined the brigade in 1986, shortly after moving to Pāpāmoa. In 1997 he was appointed as the station's first chief officer, serving for 21 years in that role

"Because Pāpāmoa [station] was an auxiliary of Tauranga, the highest-ranking officer before then was called the officer in charge," says Allan. "I spent 11 years going up the ranks."

Allan and wife Sheryl have lived on Simpson Rd since they arrived in Pāpāmoa, raising their five children here. Living near the station, it wasn't long before Allan heard the now-familiar siren.

"Three weeks after we moved in, I went down to the old Pāpāmoa East shops, they

Fire chief retires after 32 years

had a mini market day and the fire department happened to be there selling raffle tickets and giving people looks over the fire engine, and that was the end of it.

"I've been a truck driver all my life, and they were looking for drivers, I thought 'that's a bit of me'. I didn't think how long I'd be doing it for."

The Pāpāmoa Volunteer Fire Brigade has one of the steadiest memberships in the country, says Allan. It's one of the few brigades in New Zealand with a waiting list to join as a volunteer.

Allan attributes this to the large number of people moving into the area, mostly from Auckland, who have previously been volunteer firefighters and want to get involved here.

"It's a good way to meet people in the community, not only in the fire brigade. We always come down for the Christmas parade," says Allan. Another annual jaunt is visiting the Pāpāmoa Beach Resort to squirt the jumping pillows with the fire hose and detergent: "The kids love it."

The population of Pāpāmoa has grown hugely since 1986. Even in 1996, the population still stood at 7,374, compared to the 26,000-27,000 estimated today.

Despite this change, the number of fire call-outs has decreased, says Allan. Back in the 1980s scrub and sandhill fires were common in Pāpāmoa.

"Because we do a lot of fire awareness and education, there are fewer and fewer property fires as people are more aware now. The Government did a big push on smoke alarms.

"People say 'you're not doing as many call-outs as you used to, does that upset you?" The less we do means we are doing a good job," says Allan.

These days the fire brigade is called out mostly as first responders with St John Ambulance for medical events. The closest St John bases are at Bayfair and Te Puke, which means the Pāpāmoa Fire Brigade is often the first to arrive at a call-out.

"We carry a defibrillator and are first-aid trained. We start the CPR till the ambulance gets there," says Allan.

The Pāpāmoa brigade provides back-up for Mount Maunganui and Tauranga as required – last month, for example, they helped with the large blaze in palm kernel storage sheds at the Mount.

Allan has made plenty of friends through his time at the brigade, enjoying attending

conferences and participating in the annual fire service darts tournament.

"I have enjoyed it, it's a good feeling that you are actually doing something to help people in your community. Not only this community but the wider Tauranga community as well.

"I'm not getting any younger; there's plenty of younger people coming through and it's time for the ones that are suitably qualified to step up."

While retired from his volunteer role and at an age where he's collecting his 'super', Allan still works in a paid role for Fire and Emergency New Zealand, shifting fire engines and vans around the North Island.

Pāpāmoa Volunteer Fire Brigade is yet to appoint a new fire chief. Allan's career will be celebrated with a farewell function at the end of June.



Allan steps down after 32 years of service.

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Sisterhood of mums provides donor breast milk

When Amy Bidois gives birth to her baby boy this June, she will have a sisterhood of local mums right behind her.

Amy had a preventive double mastectomy after learning she carried the BRCA2 gene,

Free school-ready info evening

free information evening on helping children get ready for school will be held at Future Focus childcare centre on June 13.

Centre Leader Eloise Wilcock says the event is for anyone in the community with a child nearing school age.

"Our 'School Readiness' night welcomes parents and caregivers to come together with representatives from local schools Te Akau Ki Pāpāmoa, Tahatai Coast School and our preschool teachers in a relaxed and friendly question and answer setting," says Eloise.

"There is a wealth of information, ideas and perceptions about what a child needs to know before starting school. We want to help families in our local community by providing real and relevant information from the teachers who educate their children, and hopefully reduce the stress and fear that families and children may experience, so everyone can have the best start to school."

The event will be held on Thursday June 13 from 6pm to 7pm at Future Focus, 2 Dickson Rd.

To register, go to futurefocus.co.nz/rsvp $\,$

which increases the risk of a woman developing ovarian and breast cancers. While the procedure was potentially lifesaving, it meant that she would be unable to breastfeed.

But thanks to a generous community of like-minded mums in Pāpāmoa and beyond, Amy will be able to feed her son donor breast milk when he arrives.

"We have had lots of people get in touch, which is so nice, I feel really lucky," says Amy. "To hear from all these mums is just really special. Some people that can't help with milk have even offered to transport and pick up milk for me as well. That's really kind.

"It's been a hard journey, and when people are so generous, and you get all this support it warms the heart."

Amy, a nine-year Pāpāmoa resident and teacher at Tahatai Coast School, is also mum to five-year-old Billy, who she breastfed for more than two years.

She wanted her new baby to also receive the benefits of breast milk and reached out to the community of home-birth mums with a heartfelt request for donor milk.

"I saw the benefits of breast milk with my son, feeding him for that amount of time.

very healthy, and I just want to give my baby the best chance of having a healthy early few years. If the support is out there so that he can have breast milk, I will be grateful to use that."

It's a full-circle moment for Amy, who herself donated breast milk to mums and babies in need when Billy was a baby.

Amy has connected with local mothers whose babies are due at the same time, as their breastmilk will be perfect for babies the same age. She's also heard from mums who have frozen breast milk they are willing to generously offer.

Amy was tested for the BRCA gene after her sister Emily was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2016. Both sisters carried the gene, and Amy made the decision to have a preventative double mastectomy.

"It was really difficult. The other option would have been screening, but I just felt that it would have been too difficult to go through with the anxiety of knowing you have a high risk. It would always be at the

back of my mind. To have a mastectomy, I would put my mind at ease.

"Even though I have wanted more children, I wanted to make a choice to reduce my risk if I could and do that for my family that I have already got. Now I have a lower risk than the



Amy Bidois is grateful for support.

average woman," says Amy, who is married to Powhiri and also cares for nephew Amos. 12.

Emily's health is now good – she recently did the Hawke's Bay marathon and has completed the Dear Boobs project collating letters to their breasts from women who have had mastectomies.

Now the sisters are looking forward to the birth of Amy's baby, and they know they have a whole community behind them: "It's really special."



He's always been Amy Bidois with sister Emily.



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It's a place where people can receive a range of free services including community education, financial mentoring, family support, counselling, youth services, as well as information and advice.

While Pāpāmoa is a thriving area, practice manager Janice Belgrave says our community is not immune to social issues of homelessness, drug use and people struggling to feed their families.

Support with food is a big part of the not-for-profit service, which is 40 per cent funded by the Ministry of Social Development and is part of the Anglican Care Waiapu social service, also relying on donations from funding grants and the public.

The service is an agent for Tauranga Community Foodbank, and also offers its own emergency food parcels. It receives the food donations collected each December from the Emergency Services foodbank drive in Pāpāmoa and uses these supplies for its kai table so people can take what they need.

The table also contains produce from the garden - tomatoes, lettuce, carrots, potatoes, cabbage and courgettes and bread donated by Baker's Delight.

On the second Thursday of each month, the service also

own a quiet driveway off Hartford Ave lies a haven hosts a Community Kai dinner run by the Bay Christian Centre church. Last month, around 25 to 30 people of all ages enjoyed a beef stroganoff with pasta and salad.

> "It's not just about the kai, it's being with other people - we have children, the elderly, families and single people coming together," says Janice.

> "Food is tastier when you eat it together. It's about coming together as a community, maybe getting to meet people who are your neighbours who you haven't had a chance to get to know before."

> Bay Christian Centre church also provides 20 school lunches every week in term time, that Pāpāmoa Family Services can distribute to families who are in need.

> While the rapid growth of Pāpāmoa has brought prosperous development and new business to the area, it has also coincided with an increase in people struggling financially. Janice says there are plenty of people in Pāpāmoa who are needing help to feed their families - and even put a roof over their heads.

> The community in Pāpāmoa is diverse, says Janice, and there aren't enough community support services to keep up with the growth.

> "The growth is significant and it's fast. There are people who are in need of support. We find that more and more people who need our financial services are waged people. With the cost of rent, people are getting into debt and borrowing money to manage their normal expenses. And it

> Pāpāmoa's growth and rising house values have seen an increasing number of homeless people living in cars and "couch surfing".

> "There's been a lot of instability for non-home owners," says Janice. "A lot of the homelessness is hidden; there's a



Pāpāmoa Family Services office manager Bronwyn Waters-Bright and practice manager Janice Belgrave.

lot of couch-surfing going on. People end up dossing down at a friend or family's place, and there's over-crowding.

"We have families living in cars, tents, the children are living in the cars as well. We have got regulars who we know are living in vehicles who are homeless who come here for food."

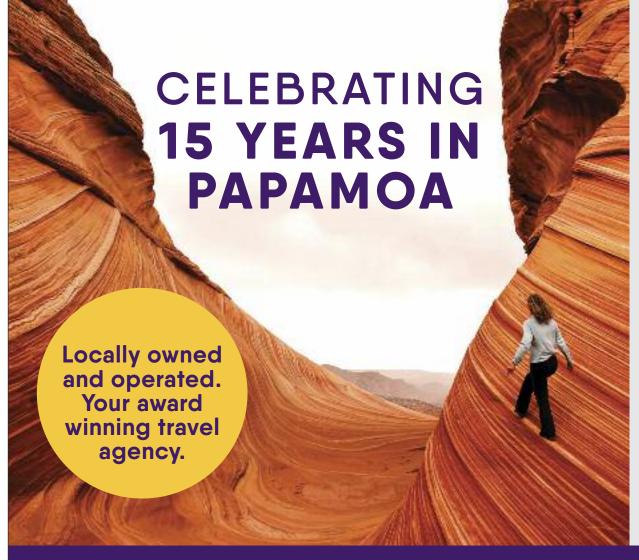
The service welcomes donations of non-perishable food, excess produce, and financial donations which can be used to buy meat to go with food parcels. Nappies, toilet paper, toothpaste and sanitary items are also greatly needed, and help with gardening is appreciated.

"I know that there are people in the community who would love to contribute but they may not know how to do that," says Janice.

The service's premises are utilised by various Tauranga services for meetings with their Pāpāmoa clients. These include Bay of Plenty Addiction Services, Strengthening Families, and Oranga Tamariki.

Pāpāmoa Family Services also offers several courses including Money Mates, Women for Ourselves, Building Awesome Whānau and Mana Youth.

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Grey Power Pāpāmoa threatened with closure

rey Power Pāpāmoa is at risk of closing after no one put their hand up for the roles of president and treasurer at the organisation's recent annual general meeting.

Dorothy Seymour, the organisation's secretary, says without those key roles filled, the branch will have to fold – meaning members will have to travel to Tauranga to be involved, and a voice for Pāpāmoa will be lost.

"We couldn't raise enough people to carry on our group," says Dorothy, who says the group also needs committee members. "It means it will have to close, which is a bit sad."

In a last-ditch attempt to save the group, Dorothy is calling for interested people to get in touch.

The group has been running about 14 years and meets at Pāpāmoa Community Centre (library building) either monthly or every second month.

Grey Power is an advocacy organisation promoting the welfare and well-being of people aged over 50. The organisation says it is a neutral but assertive voice of influence in the political arena with no partypolitical affiliation.

"We represent the older people," says Dorothy. "It's nice to have a group in Pāpāmoa. It's a social thing as well, getting to meet other people and supporting Grey Power's values."

One theory on the lack of interest is the



Dorothy Seymour

assumption that people see Grey Power as for "old people", says Dorothy. That is not the case, as anyone over 50 can get involved.

"No one likes to feel that they are old. There are so many other activities people can do. But we want to have one last stand and see if we can get some new people involved."

Pāpāmoa Grey Power has about 70 paidup members, with 25 to 30 members regularly attending meetings. A major benefit of membership is access to the Grey Power Electricity Plan and its competitive prices.

Grey Power will hold a special meeting on 12 July at 2pm at Pāpāmoa Community Centre to try to save the organisation.

Anyone interested in joining, becoming a committee member or taking on the roles of treasurer or president is asked to please contact Dorothy on 07 574 7271.

Memorial gets beauty boost

andscaping for Pāpāmoa's war memorial project will soon begin after locals Bruce and Donna Crosby donated a further \$8000 to make it happen.

The donation comes on top of \$1000 the couple, who own the neighbouring Pāpāmoa Beach Resort, earlier gave to the project.

Bruce and Donna were inspired to give after attending the Anzac Day civic service at the memorial.

"It was very special to have it here," says Donna. "It was brilliant, always very emotional."

Bruce says Mick O'Carroll, the Pāpāmoa veteran who came up with the idea for the memorial and mobilised the community to make it happen, is inspiring.

"A mature town or city should have this sort of thing," says Bruce. "Between Mick and [councillor] Steve Morris, they have got it together pretty quickly."

With Mick at the helm, the community has raised around \$60,000 for the memorial, landscaping and a naval flagstaff. Mike Farmer from Farmer Autovillage led a team of businesses to contribute to the flagstaff.

Mount Maunganui RSA, which has taken over ownership and maintenance of the memorial, has been given various design options for the landscaping, which includes the removal of two pohutukawa trees and replanting. It is hoped the landscaping will be completed in time for Armistice Day in November.

Mount RSA President Bill Newell says the landscape design ultimately chosen will be practical and allow space for the



Left to right: Mount Maunganui RSA club support manager Peter Moss, Mount RSA president Bill Newell, veteran Mick O'Carroll, Councillor Steve Morris, and Donna and Bruce Crosby from Pāpāmoa Beach Resort.

most people to attend services. The first Anzac Day civic service held at the memorial was attended by between 2000 and 2500 people – exceeding the expectations of the RSA.

"We usually get around 500 for the civic service," says Mount RSA club support manager Peter Moss. "It was pretty poignant."

For Mick, who served for 12 years in the British Royal Navy and 33 years in the New Zealand Navy, seeing the Pāpāmoa community came out in their masses for Anzac Day was a proud moment.

"It was great to see how many people were here. It brought the community together. One lady said to me, it's put the heart back into Pāpāmoa."



The 'hosts with the most' at the coast

His family has run the campground now known as Pāpāmoa Beach Resort since the mid-1960s. Long-time local Bruce Crosby talks to Pāpāmoa Post about the changes he's seen, tourism, and why people love this place.

t was chance that led Gordon and Thelma Crosby to Pāpāmoa in the mid-1960s. The couple had packed up their four children in Gisborne and were heading for Northland, where there were new jobs available in the oil industry.

They broke their road trip by staying with friends in Te Puke, and saw an ad in a local paper: the Pāpāmoa Holiday Camp was for lease. Fifty-five years later, the Crosby family still has the lease of what is now Pāpāmoa Beach Resort.

Bruce Crosby grew up with his siblings at the camp, which originally had 16 sites. Back then, Pāpāmoa was rural: "There was nothing here. There was a shop over the road where I worked rolling ice creams and making milkshakes." There was a bit of extra money when Bruce and his brother Stuart (Tauranga mayor from 2004-2016) were paid to pick up rubbish by the community council.

At the beach there were long-drop toilets and changing rooms, and that was about it. The surf club came later, in 1990. Bruce and Stuart helped build it as part of the Lions Club; the whole club was built by volunteers.

Before the surf club build, Omanu Surf Club put a surf tower on the beach outside the holiday park in peak summer. Bruce and Stuart would borrow the 9-foot-6 surf boards the campground rented to visitors: "We would pinch them and take them out; it would take two of us to carry it. We'd go out surfing before and after school. We did a lot of surfing in the day."

The sand dunes were thin and eroded, and Bruce says the current dune care programme has made a big difference. "It's working and it's simple. Now we have a double layer of dunes."

Bruce and his siblings went to the school that is now Pāpāmoa Primary - then the only school in the area. Dad Gordon was in the swimming club and helped build the changing rooms that are still at the Parton Rd pool. Gordon was also in the volunteer fire brigade and would mow the fire strip down the side of the dunes - fires in the dunes were a problem back then, says Bruce.

In the mid-1980s, Bruce and his wife

Donna bought the camp from Thelma and Gordon. They had three kids under five, and the camp was on septic tanks and bore water. The couple transformed the property - Bruce used his tractor to create terraces and landscaping, and they introduced cabins, units and luxury villas. Pāpāmoa was still a sleepy place and Bruce had to go to Te Puke for all his banking and errands; nowadays his town has everything he needs.

The campground ran only in the summer holidays, and on the Monday of each Auckland Anniversary Weekend, campers packed up and headed home. "We had 1000 people there and they were all gone. It was a weird feeling."

He and Donna have seen plenty of change in Pāpāmoa, which he describes as "a city in itself". "In the old days, someone would say 'do you know Jim?', and you probably would. Now, I don't even know the names of all the subdivisions. It's certainly lost its beach feeling; it's a big city

"No one knew where Pāpāmoa was. We used to have to advertise it and cross-list it with Tauranga and the Mount. Now when vou tell people vou are from Pāpāmoa, vou don't have to say it's just down the road

Bruce and Donna - who live on Taylors Rd - are on board with the progress. "The good thing about the development is we don't have to go to Tauranga or the Mount to buy something," says Bruce. "We can even go to the movies here. The good thing for our customers [at the resort] is they can walk to any of the cafes and restaurants and the shops."

The resort has grown with Pāpāmoa, from a summer-only seaside holiday park to a metropolitan business that employs 24 full-time staff with year-round bookings.

"We have people come down from Auckland four or five times a year and stay in the beachfront units; that's their bach,"

"We have a couple from Hamburg (Germany) come every year for five weeks. To them it's cheap. They just love it. You can't get right on the beachfront like that [at many other places]."

Plenty of people return to the resort every year. Apart from peak summer in January, most guests are couples rather than families. Eighty per cent are Kiwis, typically from Auckland, Waikato and Rotorua; the 20 per cent of international visitors mostly come from Australia and Germany. Many guests are friends and family of Pāpāmoa locals

Bruce loses plenty of regular customers to real estate agents - they love staying in Pāpāmoa so much they make it a permanent move.

"They want to live here because of the lifestyle, the climate. A lot of people from Auckland will holiday here, the children will grow up, and their best family memories are here.

Other social changes have had an impact on the park. In the old days, customers would come with their caravan or tent and take it home again. Now, many of them leave their caravan at the park, because, says Bruce, people don't have backyards.

And while some people still like the experience of tenting, others want units with "TV, Wi-Fi, Netflix, hot showers, the whole nine yards".

One thing hasn't changed over the years, and that's the main attraction: the beach and the lifestyle.

"People who come from the big city, they can walk down Pāpāmoa Beach this morning, and they might see one other person."

Freedom camping to be banned at Pāpāmoa Domain

auranga City Council looks set to this month ban freedom camping at Pāpāmoa Domain.

On June 4, the council will decide whether to formally adopt changes to the freedom camping bylaw, which would come into force on 1 July.

Councillor Steve Morris says the recommendation to ban freedom camping at the domain was on the advice of police but also due to the disruption caused by works to rebuild the surf club and landscaping of the

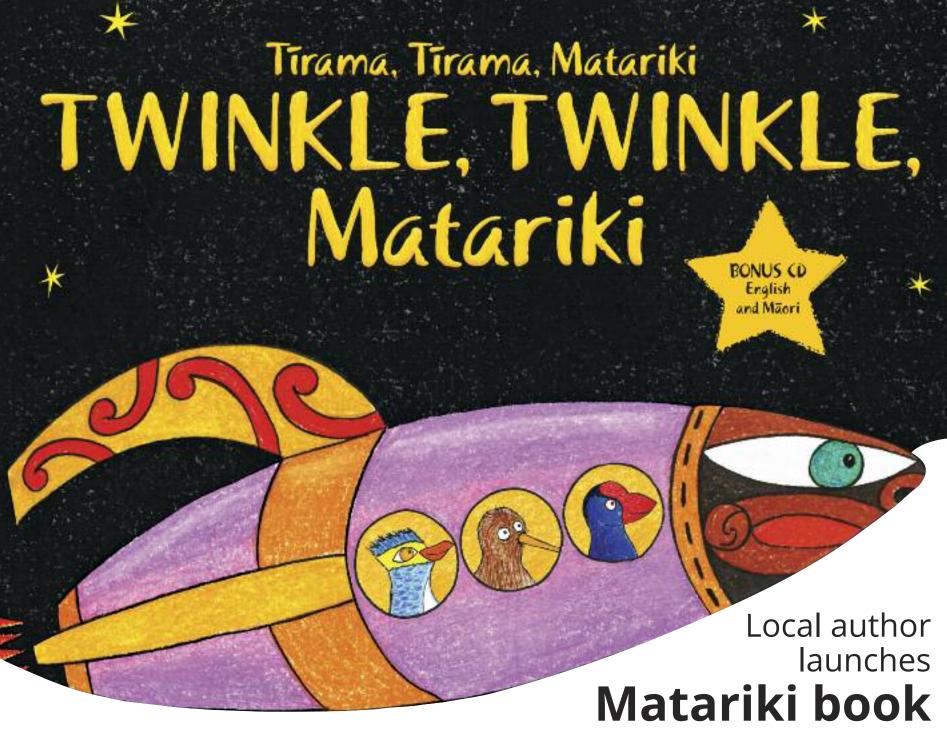
"We increased the number of freedom camping spaces at the Gordon Spratt Reserve which is available from 7pm Sundays to 10am Fridays only," says Steve.

"Councils are required to have places for freedom camping due to Government legislation. Through the submission process I was interested to see that most of the submissions for additional sites came not from out of towners but from folks who are residents and ratepayers in Tauranga and like to take their campervan out to the more beautiful parts of our city, such as Pāpāmoa."



Bruce and Donna Crosby





The handprints of Pāpāmoa children feature in a new book about Matariki written by bestselling local children's author Rebecca Larsen.

Twinkle, Twinkle, Matariki will be launched at Pāpāmoa Library on June 8 as part of the Tauranga Moana Matariki celebrations.

The book is the third in Rebecca's series featuring the characters of Pūkeko, Kiwi and Hoiho, following the bestseller Row, Row, Row Your Waka and Tāne Mahuta Has a Forest.

Rebecca says nine Pāpāmoa children are now published illustrators after their handprint stars were selected to be used in the book to represent the nine stars of Matariki (it is a common misconception that Matariki is seven sisters or stars). The artwork was completed last Matariki when Rebecca visited her son's then preschool, Child's Wonder, for a special art session.

The special handprints – by Rebecca's son Torsen, now 5, and his preschool friends Abby, Beatrice, Aria, Harper, Olive, Bella, Xavier and Marley – will also be displayed at the book launch at Pāpāmoa Library.

Twinkle, Twinkle, Matariki is written in English and Māori and the text can be sung to the much-loved children's song Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star. The story follows Pūkeko, Kiwi and Hoiho as they head into space on an important journey to explore the stars and learn about the nine stars of Matariki.

In Māori astronomy, each star aligns with a meaning. The book, which is translated into Māori by Justin Kereama and Tania Solomona, describes each of the meanings alongside a fun action.

It also comes with a CD featuring the Māori and English versions of the song performed by Paul Inia, who is the partner of Rebecca's sister Hayley, with music by Rebecca's brother Richard Larsen.

Rebecca is excited to launch her book in Pāpāmoa as part of Tauranga Moana

Matariki celebrations.

"I wanted to bring it into the community space because it's a Matariki book and it's dedicated to our loved ones who have passed on; in my case I talked about my grandmothers. I wanted to get it into a warm-feeling community space, provide some kai and bring people together. This is the whole essence of Matariki: coming together, kai, and remembering our loved ones who have passed over."

At the launch, Rebecca will invite people to write a wish or a special name on a star. It is hoped these stars will later be planted with nine trees to symbolise Matariki for a memorial and wishing cluster, in



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conjunction with Tauranga City Council.

Rebecca didn't set out to become a children's author. A naturally creative person, she was inspired to write a book incorporating Māori culture and Te Reo after several years living in Canada with her Canadian husband.

The couple's sons Logan, 7, and Torsen, 5 were both born in Canada. She had written a book for Logan, and when she set about creating one for Torsen, she felt drawn to explore Māori culture.

"Being overseas sparked my interest, [thinking about] that connection to home and what it meant growing up in New Zealand; learning about your country and your culture. I felt I wanted to share that with my children."

The result was Row, Row, Row Your Waka. Rebecca initially created the story as a photo book just for Torsen and her family, doing all the illustrations herself using chalk pastels that belonged to her late grandmother.

But when she showed the story to family and friends and they all wanted a copy, she realised she was onto something special.

"I thought maybe I could get a publisher. I ended up with three publishers interested," she says. The book went on to become a bestseller in New Zealand and was followed by Tane Mahuta Has A Forest and now Twinkle, Twinkle, Matariki.

On returning to New Zealand from Canada, Rebecca and her family were drawn to Pāpāmoa, where her parents were living. During visits back to New Zealand they had fallen in love with the Pāpāmoa lifestyle and the beach. Her children attend Te Akau Ki Pāpāmoa School, and Rebecca works in design and market-

Watching Rebecca interact with children at local preschool Future Focus as she reads Twinkle, Twinkle, Matariki, it's clear she's a natural. Her book readings are plenty of fun, with costumes, puppets and lots of audience participation.

To celebrate the launch of Twinkle, Twinkle, Matariki, Rebecca has had a limited number of the Hiwa star - wishing star - crafted into pendants by Pāpāmoa artist One Ocean Designs. The whetū-star 4cm pendant is made from swamp kauri with a kahurangi-blue glow-in-the-dark inlay.

Hiwa-i-te-rangi (or Hiwa) is the star connected with granting our wishes and realising our aspirations for the coming year.

Tirama, Tirama, Matariki - Twinkle, Twinkle, Matariki will be launched at the Aihe Room at Pāpāmoa Library/ Community Centre with a free celebration with book reading, children activities and kai on Saturday 8 June from 12.30pm to 2.30pm.



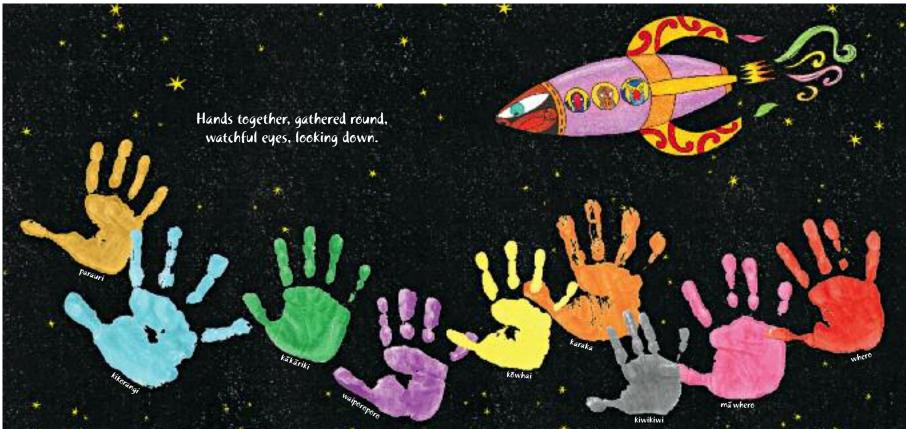


Rebecca Larsen reads her book to children at Future Focus.











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'I love it here so much; I don't want to leave'

awson Downie had rarely seen the ocean before she arrived in Pāpāmoa, and it's one of the things she will miss most when she returns to Canada.

The 16-year-old Rotary Exchange student from Cranbrook, British Columbia, finishes her year in Pāpāmoa in July.

Cranbrook is a town of 20,000 people, near the Rocky Mountains, where the temperature in winter is -30C "on a bad day" and up to 36C in summer.

"I'm 10 hours from the ocean," savs Dawson, who has attended Pāpāmoa College during her stay. "Coming here was a total change, living right on the beach. It's so nice having the ocean and the birds. And it's not very cold."

Dawson has been hosted in Pāpāmoa by four host families - three from the local Rotary club and the other the family of one of her school friends.

She says school is completely different from her home town: in Cranbrook it is more traditional with everyone at desks, and lecture-style teaching. "Here it's a lot more one on one, do it at your own pace."

The newly built Pāpāmoa College is "flash" compared to the brick building school at home, and the grading system is different. Dawson is used to getting As and percentage marks rather than the "excellences" and "merits" of the NCEA system.

The Kiwi vernacular also proved challenging – on her arrival in New Zealand she was puzzled when her host mum suggested she get her togs. Fish and chips, meat pies and spaghetti on toast were also novelties she soon came to love.

She was also surprised that most homes in Pāpāmoa are single-level, being used to larger two-storey homes. And seeing people with bare feet took some getting used to: "At home it's no shoes, no shirt, no service," she laughs.

It's differences like these she's loved about her stay in New Zealand, and why she wanted to do a student exchange

"I knew I wanted to travel; it would give me a better understanding of what was outside Canada. I thought being on exchange would give me an opportunity to meet people with different views and get a chance to see the world.

"It's been so amazing. I love it here so much; I don't want to leave. I'm bringing my family back next year for a holiday." And she's made great friends: "Everyone has been really caring. Everyone is so kind and I made friends right away."

Dawson has fitted in visits to Cape Reinga and Paihia, Wellington, Auckland, Hamilton and Hobbiton. She also enjoyed a trip to the South Island with 32 other Rotary exchange students staying in the North Island.

Her parents were happy that she was selected to go to New Zealand over her other choices of Australia, the Netherlands and Switzerland; her dad had visited here earlier and felt it was a safe and friendly place. Something Dawson has also found.

As well as tripping around, Dawson has joined a youth orchestra in Greerton to play French horn and trumpet, and has thanks to a local Rotary member who owns

Before she leaves, she has one more thing to tick off her list - going to an All Blacks game.

Pāpāmoa Rotary president Russell Kilpatrick says the Rotary International Student Exchange programme is a magnificent opportunity for students and is one of Rotary's primary programmes.

The club has sent students from Pāpāmoa to countries including Sweden and Argentina, and hosted inbound students from Argentina, Belgium and Canada, Currently a Pāpāmoa student is in Brazil.



Dawson Downie loves Pāpāmoa.



Dawson, third from left, with other exchange students.





Pāpāmoa's own cinema celebrates six months | News in Brief

āpāmoa's movie tastes are more blockbuster than arthouse, with the Tivoli Cinema's most popular films to date being The Avengers and the Rebel Wilson flick The Hustle.

Last month the Tivoli celebrated six months since opening at the Excelsa Centre in Golden Sands, Pāpāmoa East.

Karen Hawes and Shane Jarrett opened the Tivoli Cinema in Cambridge five years ago, and had been looking for the perfect place to move to and open a second cin-

Pāpāmoa was it, says Karen, who loves living close to the beach, the sunshine, and mountain biking at Summerhill.

"We loved the community of Pāpāmoa, and of course the fact it's one of New Zealand's fastest growing urban communities

"We were lucky enough when we heard there was going to be this new development."

The couple learned that Pāpāmoa is home to more young families than Cambridge, and have adjusted their screenings

"We are finding we are offering more mainstream movies than what we thought we would be; we have listened to our audience," says Karen.

"We are really open to suggestions from the community of what they want to see. If we get enough people who want horror, we will try horror. We are also trying to source some Bollywood movies."

The owner-operated cinema showed children's movies including Dumbo and The Lego Movie 2 in the last school holi-

days.

"We love having families coming in. We like talking to the kids as well after the movies, we want the kids to engage with us," says Karen.

While there are new multiplex cinemas opening in other parts of Tauranga, the Tivoli prides itself in offering the personal touch in a beautiful setting. The décor is art deco inspired and movie-goers can purchase barista-made coffee and antipasto platters to snack on as well as the traditional popcorn and lollies.

"We like to think it's a little bit special, people come in and have a special time here, you're not just a number at a big cin-

"We like to be a bit more personal and talk to people about the movie afterwards. It's more of a place to have a movie experience rather than just go and see a movie."

Karen enjoys talking to the cinema-goers and having a joke with them.

"Many women have come into the Cambridge cinema, four or five years down the track, and they say that having this cinema has enhanced their lives so much. It's because they feel comfortable coming to the cinema by themselves."

Karen enjoys supporting the community by running competitions and ticket giveaways for charity, and screening fundraiser movies. And when she gets the chance, she loves watching the latest films so she can chat knowledgably with her customers.

"I do get a bit guilty watching a movie but I love it."

House prices down on a year ago

The Real Estate Institute of New Zealand's (REINZ) latest figures show that 32 properties sold in Pāpāmoa Beach in April, with a median sales price \$660,000. This was a 6.9% decrease on the median price in April 2018 when it was \$709,000. The median time it took to sell a house was 31 days. House prices are still up 4.8% on three years ago.

Local acts compete in Smokefree Rockquest

Pāpāmoa College band O.C.D and solo act Jazz Rice competed at the Bay of Plenty regional Smokefree Rockquest heats last month. Another band, Canvas, made up of members from Pāpāmoa College, Mount Maunganui College and Tauranga Girls' College, was selected at the event to compete in the regional finals on June 26.

Annual Plan

Tauranga City Council's Annual Plan, which sets out the council's spending and work programme for the next year, will go to council for adoption on 18 June. The plan also updates aspects of the 10-year Long Term Plan. The council invited the public to attend deliberations in May on the city's 2019/20 Annual Plan. Council received 126 submissions on the draft Annual Plan, all of which have been reviewed by staff. Forty submitters spoke at the hearings.



Karen Hawes at the Tivoli Cinema.





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Rescue shows value of off-season trainings

Although most people are breaking out beanies and checking firewood stocks, it's been another busy month for Pāpāmoa Surf Lifesaving Club members.

Winter is the time for training in the clubbie ranks, when members hit the pool or gym and tackle new lifesaving skills to ensure they're in the best shape to save lives when summer rolls around.

Recently, a group from Pāpāmoa attended the inaugural 'Wahine on Water' day at Omanu, with organisers keen to get more females driving and crewing IRBs in a relaxed and supportive environment.

IRBs (inflatable rescue boats) are one of



One of Pāpāmoa SLSC's key leaders, Kathryn Stewart (waving), took the chance to brush up on her IRB skills at the recent Wahine on Water IRB training day at Omanu. Photo by Jamie Troughton/Dscribe Media

the key rescue tools on the beach, able to get in and out of the wave zone quickly, plucking people to safety.

Nationally, however, there's a lower ratio of females to males in the IRB ranks; Pāpāmoa clubbies Sandra Boubee, Kathryn Stewart and Libby Bell were keen to head along and get involved, with fellow Pāpāmoa members Liam Porter, Connor Christoffersen, Ryan Hohneck and Jim Casey helping to instruct and mentor the 40-strong group of eager students.

For Sandra, it was a chance to brush up on skills she first learned more than 30 years ago.

"It truly was a hands-on day and Jim was brave, patient and supportive as he talked me through my driving 'ins and outs' in wavy conditions," says Sandra. "We also went through starting the engine, throttling on and off, how to read the waves, which wave to catch and where to place the boat on the wave coming in."

It was a busy weekend for Liam and Connor - they were also involved in the Bay of Plenty Long Haul race the previous day, in which IRB crews completed a five-stage marathon between Ohope and Mount Maunganui.

And Liam was also involved in a dramatic rescue over summer, which has just been recognised by Surf Life Saving New



Liam Porter (centre) helps instruct participants in the recent Wahine on Water IRB training day at Omanu. PHOTOS BY JAMIE TROUGHTON/ DSCRIBE MEDIA

Zealand as one of their 'Rescues of the Month' for February, and which proved the value of both IRBs and the comprehensive training lifeguards undergo every winter.

The mid-February incident came on a Tuesday afternoon, shortly after both the school holidays and the Monday-Friday regional lifeguard service had finished.

Liam and Andrew Callaway were just about to start IRB training at the club, while Ariana Moffatt and Michelle Dykes were just beginning training with their squad of under-14 athletes, when a member of the public alerted them to someone struggling in the water 200m down the beach.

Liam and Andrew launched their IRB and were quickly on the scene; Andrew secured the patient in chest-deep water and helped get them onto the beach. A

team of lifeguards – Michelle, Ariana, Lynda Hitchfield, Jack Hitchfield, Billy Bury, Alex Padfield, Liam Moffatt and Leon Castle - then realised the patient had severe spinal injuries and could not feel anything from the chest down. They immediately immobilised the patient, secured them in a stretcher and transported them back to the club where they were met by two ambulances and paramedics.

The patient was rushed to hospital, with paramedics praising the actions of the lifeguards who remained calm in a life and death situation.

Many of the training opportunities during the off-season are generously supported by Zespri, ranging from IRB development weekends to scenario-based first aid and leadership training.

■ By Jamie Troughton

Beach a natural playground for preschoolers



By Codie McKenzie, teacher at First Steps Pāpāmoa

Pāpāmoa to have our local beach in our backyard.

We love to get out and explore regularly, talking the tamariki for walks to the beach. We have such an amazing time and the children become so busy exploring what our natural environment has to offer.

Our tamariki collect their favourite shells to bring back to the centre to use as natural loose parts resources. This is such a great opportunity to get the children out into the community, making sense of the world around them. They enjoy feeling all the different sensory areas of the beach - especially the sand.

Our tamariki have shown quite an interest in looking after our environment; each time we go to the beach we collect as much rubbish and recycling as we can to keep our beach clean.

We love sharing stories and coming up with new ideas and ways on how we can work together to look after our environment and community.



Skedaddle to be annual event

he inaugural Summerhill Skedaddle was so successful it is now planned to become an annual event.

More than 400 people came to experience the free jaunt through Summerhill Farm, which opened stunning trails to runners that are usually only available to mountain bikers.

Organiser Lesley Park was stoked with the response from the trail running community, as well as the local community.

"Donations poured in totalling just over \$1700. One hundred per cent of these funds will go towards establishing new trails and signage for walkers and runners at Summerhill," says Lesley.

Summerhill Farm is owned by a private charitable trust for the purpose of recreation and education in the Panamoa Hills.

A massive 725 laps of 5km each were completed on the day between 9am and - equating to a 3,625km run.



"There were approximately 38 solo sixhour Skedaddlers running the entire time, Rhys Johnson taking out the men's title and Fran Mortell winning the ladies," says Les-

"There were just under 300 random skedaddlers with a variety of teams who really added to the atmosphere of the day. The course was full of hilarious signage and other items to keep the runners smiling throughout the course. The Mongolian Ger was used as the hub of the event, which had an incredible vibe for the whole day."

Lesley says special thanks go to Kelly Bulloch, Tim Wilson, Sonya Macefield and Tautane Nu'u, who helped put the event on as well as Easy Lager for the finishers' beer and the home-made wooden medals.

"We are lucky to have a wonderful family, David and Cloie Blackley, who have allowed us to use their land at Summerhill."





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Pāpāmoa kids shine at **Amazing Race**



Golden Sands School Year 5 and 6 students (pictured) were among those who competed in Sport Bay of Plenty's The Amazing Race inter-school challenge. Students competed in teams to complete fun challenges and activities requiring teamwork. The annual event also includes Year 7 and 8 students. Tahatai Coast School and Pāpāmoa Primary School also took part. PHOTO: SARAH CLARK



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Angie Warren-Clark, far right, on her

By Angie-Warren Clark, Labour list MP and Pāpāmoa local

t seems winter is making itself known! The days are shorter, but thankfully our famous Bay of Plenty sunshine is holding on. In April I had the privilege of travelling as an MP on the Speaker's delegation, which visited Ethiopia, Rwanda and Turkey for Anzac Day commemorations at Anzac Cove.

Our first stop was in Ethiopia, which I found to be a country of massive contrast, from abject poverty to extreme wealth. One visit I found useful was going to a clinic which was set up with the assistance of Australian and New Zealand donations. The clinic offers physical obstetrics for women who are in labour for an extended period of time and suffer complications which result in a loss of bodily functions. This at times leads to the women being shunned by the community and affecting their entire life. But thanks to the work of the clinic, these women can go on to live healthy lives.

Next stop was Rwanda, where we visited the Genocide memorial, which left us in tears, due to the confronting nature of it; just wrong, sheer brutality, horrific stuff that is well known and I will not go into here. At the Rwanda Parliament there is a "Wall of Heroes" featuring New Zealander Colin Keating. Keating served as New Zealand Ambassador to the UN from 1993-1996, and was Security Council president during the 1994 Rwandan genocide, and relentlessly sought the intervention of the international community to end the car-

On another note, in Rwanda the last Sunday of every month a street clean-up takes place, where one member of each family helps to clean up the community streets. As a result the place is normally spotless. Perhaps something we could look at?

Our third and final stop was Turkey. Waking up to the Muslim call to prayer was beautiful, and matches this incredible country. I had the honour of being present at Anzac Cove as the sun rose and we remembered those who died. I laid a wreath with mementoes of the Bay, featuring poppies hand sewn in Pāpāmoa, and items from local RSAs. At the going down of the sun and in the morning. We will remember them.



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Labour Pine trees removed as Pāpāmoa Domain work continues

en pines trees were removed from Pāpāmoa Domain last month after being identified as a potential safety hazard due to their age.

The space is set to be replanted with suitable coastal species in July and August, when conditions are more suitable for planting, if the plants are available.

The domain remains open while work continues to improve parking and access in the area. Tauranga City Council is realigning a section of the road to improve pedestrian access for people walking through the

The work will help make room for the new surf club build, and provide 60 new carparks, taking the total to 140 parks. The council says this reflects the increased use of the area and will better look after the grassed area, which is often used as overflow parking at peak summer

The domain will remain open this month for vehicles and pedestrians throughout the works. The project is expected to be

completed in July except for outstanding tree replanting which will be done next winter if the trees are not available this



Planting of the Palm Beach section of Wairakei Stream paused

'auranga City Council has paused planting in the Palm Beach and Palm Springs areas of the Wairakei Stream development after complaints from some

Councillors for Mount Maunganui and Pāpāmoa Leanne Brown and Steve Morris say the council wanted to provide time for residents of the Palm Beach area to work with council on their section of the plan. The project has been paused for about a year to allow engagement with residents.

Leanne and Steve met with residents of the area last month to hear their views and have called for people to get in touch.

Native planting had been due to begin as part of the 10-year Wairakei Landscape

The waterways in question at Royal

Palm Beach were originally built by a developer before selling the area to the council. Palm Springs in Pāpāmoa East was similarly developed by a developer and planting in this area has also been paused.

With the Palm Beach and Palm Springs planting on hold, the council will move onto a different section of the planting project in areas not built by developers.

The Wairakei Landscape Plan aims to enhance the stream area by improving public amenity.

The land on either side of the Wairakei Stream is primarily stormwater reserve land. Stormwater reserves are designed to flood to manage excess stormwater after heavy rain events, according to the council. Improving water quality is an important aspect of the landscape plan, the council

The council says its intent is to protect and enhance ecological and cultural values, including the planting of an estimated 500,000 native plants along the stream. The landscape plan provides a template for enhancement of 10km of reserve over the next 10 years. It includes features such as planting, cultural recognition, signage and pathways.

The plan covers stormwater reserve land extending from Pacific View Road to the Te Tumu boundary, including Taylor Reserve. It recognises the heritage value and cultural significance that the area has for Tangata Whenua. The plan provides for structures, cultural art and traditional practices in the reserve.

Probus - alive and well in Pāpāmoa

robus is all about friendship, fellowship and fun in retirement - and Pāpāmoa has four Probus clubs welcoming new members.

Probus began in Britain in the 1960s as a branch of Rotary and is now well established in more than 23 countries worldwide. The club arrived in New Zealand in the 1970s and there are now nearly 150 Probus clubs nationwide, including 22 in the wider Bay of Plenty.

"Each of the four clubs in the Pāpāmoa area meet at different times once a month. To all seniors in the area we invite you to enhance your retirement years by joining a Probus Club. We are pleased to be a community service activity of Rotary International," says Pāpāmoa Paradise Probus president Sydney Shep-

"In Probus clubs you can enjoy listening to interesting club and guest speakers, regular activities and outings, meeting with fellow retirees, new interests to keep your mind active and many other opportunities for friendship, fellowship and especially lots of fun."

Club members also have access to some members' discount benefits, travel groups and travel insurance.

To find out which Pāpāmoa club might

be more convenient for you to visit and learn more please contact Paul Wiseman 07 570 6191 or Sydney Shepherd 07 542 0533



Probus members at a recent meeting.

MP for Bay of Plenty

Todd Muller

By Bay of Plenty MP Todd Muller

ousing and Transport policy are real weaknesses for this current Government. They have dropped the ball big time and we are all feeling it especially here in the Bay where our 'growing pains' seem to be particularly acute. I'm a firm believer in the principle that infrastructure needs to lead growth, not the other way around. In practice this means getting things like roads, schools and medical facilities sorted before building the houses.

Areas like Pāpāmoa are growing quickly and that's no surprise. As house prices in Tauranga Central continue to rise it is only natural for people to look a little further out for something a little bit cheaper, a whole lot newer, offering a better lifestyle for them and their family. Many people want to have a little slice of our paradise here in Pāpāmoa - so we continue to sprawl down the coast.

Living in Pāpāmoa isn't all upside – there are very real costs too. Many of us have to crawl to work in painfully slow bumper to bumper traffic on roads that simply can't keep pace with the volume of traffic. The roads are no longer fit for purpose and as a community it's absolutely critical that we keep the pressure on the Minister, Phil Twyford, to deliver the investment our city deserves - and transport isn't the only portfolio he is fudging.

The debacle that KiwiBuild has become in just 18 short months is a textbook exam-



Todd Muller

ple of why a learning-on-the-job approach just doesn't work when you're in Government. This past month saw the death knell sounded for Labour's key election policy as we watched both the Prime Minster and her Housing Minister stand up in front of the nation and refuse to commit to their election pledge of building 100,000 affordable homes in a decade.

No one should be surprised by this. Housing Minister Phil Twyford has been dialling back expectations ever since the Government made its grand promise with no plan for delivery. KiwiBuild's initial housing commitments quickly morphed into "just targets" and those targets have eroded as it has become painfully clear the Government has no hope of hitting them. Now that the overarching goal of delivering 100,000 homes is on the chopping block, the entire KiwiBuild policy, in effect, is as well. For a policy without an endgame is no policy at all. The Government is saying this is a year of "delivery". As your local MP I'll be watching closely to ensure that includes delivery for Pāpāmoa.

Family Harm – It's Not OK

By Sergeant Tristan Murray, Officer in Charge at Pāpāmoa Police Station

've chosen to write about the family harm that's been occurring locally over the past 30 days in Pāpāmoa.

It's not pretty reading with 11 offenders arrested over the past month for family harm offending that ranges from breaching a police safety order to some extremely serious charges with one offender being charged with assault with intent to injure. assault on a person in a family relationship and threatening to kill a family member.

Over the same time period my staff here at Pāpāmoa Police attended approximately 64 family harm incidents, that's more than two a day.

Family harm will continue to pervade our communities whilst we continue to tolerate it so can I please ask of you if you see, hear or have knowledge about it happening please report it.

Often, due to a number of factors, the victim will be the last one to report it and that can have fatal consequences.

Today a member of the public called into the Pāpāmoa station to report a female in distress with a male in a car down the road

That's awesome, well done that man for reporting it! We were able to dispatch a car immediately and prevent a potential assault from occurring.



Sergeant Tristan Murray.

There's no shame in protecting yourself, loved ones, neighbours or even strangers as in this case from the absolute harm that physical, sexual or psychological abuse between people in a family relationship can

That brings me to the silent victims, the children who are often exposed to it.

The unfortunate thing with that is their passive involvement can also lead to generational family harm which harms not only this generation but potentially the

Let's all get on board with reporting incidences of family harm.

That way, the police and other government and non-government agencies and organisations can make a difference.

No-one should be made to feel unsafe in their relationships or in their homes.

You would think it would go without

Where to get help: Family Violence Information Line (0800 456 450); Oranga Tamariki-Ministry for Children: phone 0508 FAMILY (0508 326 459) if you are concerned about a child or young person. Women's Refuge 0800 REFUGE (733 843); Shine 0508 744 633; Tauranga Living Without Violence 07 5779297; Victim Support 0800 VICTIM (842 846).

Pāpāmoa Neighbourhood Support

By Bruce Banks, Pāpāmoa **Neighbourhood Support Co-ordinator**

āpāmoa Neighbourhood Support aims make our homes, streets, neighbourhoods and community a safer and more caring place to live.

We are well on our way to achieving our aim with 6300+ member households and 200+ Street Groups operating already and that represents a 64% rate of membership.

A question I am asked regularly is "How does Neighbourhood Support work?"

It's really quite simple. We assist volunteers to form small cells of households known as 'Neighbourhood Support Street Groups', comprising 10 to 50 households in their own street. The group shares contact details among its members so that contact can be made in an emergency or as the need arises. Your private data is NOT shared with any other organisation and is stored safely in our Cloud Member Database.

The purpose of the Street Group is to:

- · Connect neighbours within a street
- Encourage neighbours to know one another

- Minimise burglaries and car crime in the local area
- Share information that will help reduce the risk and fear of crime
- Educate neighbours to take responsibility for their safety
- Support victims of crime
- Enhance the safety features of the neighbourhood
- Educate members on how to contact Police and other emergency services
- Refer member concerns to the appropriate support agency

And the best thing: it's absolutely FREE. As a member of Neighbourhood Support you will receive our e-newsletter which includes our exclusive Property Crime Report, available nowhere else.

If you would like to find out a bit more about joining Pāpāmoa Neighbourhood Support or what's involved in setting up a group in your street, please get in touch. We can sit down and have a chat and then you can decide whether the role is for you. There is no pressure from us. It is your decision.



Bruce Banks.

Contact Bruce Banks Ph: 562-2828 or 027 271 3772, or email: nspapamoa@wbopns.org.nz





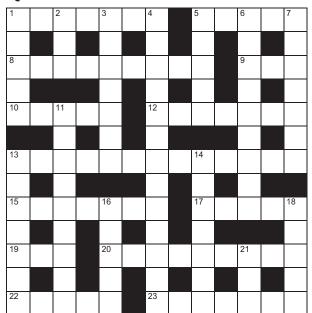
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Quick crossword



Across

- **1.** Worrier (7)
- 5. Gold measurement (5)
- **8.** Promotion (9)
- **9.** Mongrel (3)
- **10.** Flavour (5)
- **12.** Permit (7)
- 13. Declaration (13)
- 15. Submerge in liquid (7)
- **17.** Conditions (5) **19.** Inquire (3)
- **20.** For each person (L) (3,6)
- **22.** Premature (5)
- 23. Fee paid to writer or musician (7)

d measurement (5) 2.

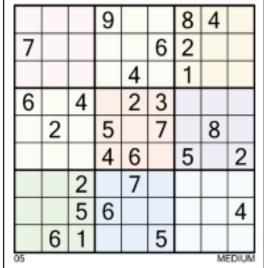
- **1.** Fast moving (5) **2.** Take legal action (3)
- 3. Drug with no effect (7)
- **4.** Process of

Down

- experimentation (5-3-5)
- **5.** Sceptic (5)
- **6.** Skilled story teller (9)
- 7. Fast stream of water (7)
- **11.** Cobbler (9)
- 13. Confidential (7)
- **14.** River mouth (7)
- **16.** Respond (5) **18.** Frightening (5)
- **21.** Unwell (3)

Sudoku

Fill the grid so that every column, every row and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 to 9.



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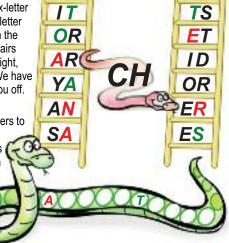
Snakes and Ladders

Puzzle One

Can you solve the six-letter words? Connect the letter pairs in the ladder on the left with the correct pairs in the ladder on the right, with middle letters. We have solved one to start you off.

Puzzle Two

Use the coloured letters to make two five-letter words on the snake's back. We have given the first letter of the red word and the green word.



Solutions

Crossword

Ask 20. Per capita 22. Early 23. Royalty. **Down:** 1. Fleet 2. Sue 3. Placebo 4. Trial-and-error 5. Cynic 6. Raconteur 7. Torrent 11. Shoemaker 13. Private 14. Estuary 16. Reply 18. Scary 21. III.

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Snakes and Ladders

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Sudoku

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Friendship Club thriving in Pāpāmoa

Pāpāmoa Palms Friendship Club celebrates its 22nd birthday this June. The club, whose motto is 'fun and friendship' is one of more than 150 Friendship Clubs in New Zealand and has around 100 members.

President Pete Dolden says the club proves friendship does flourish in the Bay.

"Like all clubs for active retirees, and by active I mean walking frames and wheelchairs, we concentrate on organising cinema and theatre trips anywhere in the North Island, cruises around New Zealand and to Australia and the Pacific Islands. We recently had a large party on a four-day cruise from Auckland making one stop in Napier where we went on a coach trip

round the wineries."

The club meets at the Gordon Spratt Reserve, Parton Road on the first Wednesday of each month.

"We have morning and afternoon speakers, starting at 11am and finishing around 1.30 - 2pm. We have interest groups such as walking, reading, travel and 'cheap and cheerful' lunches throughout the month."

The club's annual subscription is \$26, tea or coffee at meetings is \$1 and members bring their own lunches.

The group includes eight clubs between Waihi and Opotiki, which collaborate on ideas. For more information or to join Pāpāmoa Palms Friendship Club please ring Sue Hoyle on 07 574 3280.



Pāpāmoa Palms Friendship Club marks milestone.

Pāpāmoa Tide Chart June 2019 Pāpāmoa Tides 6:10 12:19 18:43 5:53 0.3 12:09 1.8 18:10 0.3 0:39 1.9 6:49 0.3 13:09 1.8 19:09 0.3 15:30 21:57 R 12:12 S 23:10 S 2:34 R 14:27 S 3:40 S 4:46 S 5:51 Pāpāmoa Tides 6:03 0.5 12:11 1.6 18:12 0.6 0.5 1.7 0.5 0:39 1.7 6:47 0.5 12:59 1.6 19:00 0.6 1:24 1.7 7:34 0.5 13:50 1.6 19:50 0.6 8:23 0.5 9:14 0.5 14:43 1.6 15:37 1.7 20:43 0.6 21:37 0.6 9:59 16:02 22:29 11:26 17:27 Fishing Guide S 8:46 OS 9:34 OR 10:16 OR 20:33 OR 21:30 OR 22:27 OR 23:30 OR 23:23 OR 23:23 OR 23:23 OR 23:24 OR 23:25 OR 23:25 OR 23:26 OR 23:26 OR 24:26 OR 24:26 OR 24:26 OR 24:26 OR 24:26 OR 24:26 OR 23:25 OR 24:26 OR 24: Moon Phase

Pāpāmoa the way we were

olden Sands has changed rapidly in the last five years. It's hard to believe that just five years ago, there wasn't much building beyond the waterway. Now, hundreds of houses stretch back towards the Tauranga Eastern Link. This photo shows Raiha Street, behind the Pāpāmoa Sands village, looking out towards the Pāpāmoa Hills. The Boulevard now sits behind Raiha Street but was unbuilt at the time of the shot taken in 2014.

In our regular feature Pāpāmoa: The Way We Were, we invite you to send in your old photos of Pāpāmoa. We'd love to see your pics: please email ellen@papamoapost.co.nz



News in Brief

Little Big Markets in Pāpāmoa

The Little Big Markets Pāpāmoa will be held at Pāpāmoa Pony Club from 9am to 12pm on Saturday June 15, weather depending. The market will be held on the third Saturday of the month throughout winter.

Lions Markets dates

The Pāpāmoa Lions Club market will be held on Sunday June 9 and Sunday June 23 (weather depending). The market is at Gordon Spratt Reserve, Alice Lane, off Parton Rd, from 8am to 12pm.

Indoor art and creative market

An indoor art and creative market is held on the last Saturday of each month in the Pāpāmoa Community Centre (library building). This month's market will be on Saturday June 29. All inquiries to carolyntj4@gmail.com.

Family fun day

A family fun day will be held at Pāpāmoa Community Centre (library building) on Saturday June 15 from 12pm to 3pm. The Tamariki Ki Mua's Family Fun Day will include food, face painting, raffles, games and more. Gold coin entry. The event is organised by Toi Ohomai's level 3 careers prep class, and all proceeds will go to supporting Merivale School.

New Pāpāmoa Community Response Team

Members of the Pāpāmoa community met last month to develop a Pāpāmoa Community Response Team that will enable the community to be self-sustaining in the immediate aftermath of an emergency event. The group aims to make Pāpāmoa more resilient by developing networks and processes, as Civil Defence is likely to be overwhelmed and unable to provide local support in a major event.

Pāpāmoa Tennis success

Members of Pāpāmoa Tennis Club were recognised at the Western Bay of Plenty Tennis prizegiving. Recipients included: Mark Seerden - sportsmanship award, Viv McCashin - Junior Administrator, Petra Blow - under 10 girls junior champion, Gemma Parris - 12 girls doubles champion and third place 12 girls singles, Bede McCashin under 12 boys doubles champion and runner up 12s boys singles, Cullen McCashin - runner-up 10s boys singles and runner up 10s boys doubles, Joel Iggulden and Ben Usher third place 10s boys doubles, and Carrigan Hartley - winner 14 boys singles and doubles.

Habitat for Humanity closes Pāpāmoa ReStore

Habitat for Humanity has closed its Pāpāmoa ReStore on Market Place due to the building being sold and its lease expiring. The organisation is looking for a site in the Pāpāmoa or Mount Maunganui area to reopen a store. The stock was relocated to its Second Ave and Fraser Cove ReStores.

Pink Shirt Day marked

Pāpāmoa schools including Pāpāmoa College, Golden Sands School and Tahatai Coast School (pictured) celebrated Pink Shirt Day last month. The global day celebrates diversity and creates environments where all people can feel safe, valued and respected. Each year, workplaces, schools, organisations and individuals join the movement to make a stand against bullying.



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Papamoa Meeting Place

With the increasing popularity of Papamoa Plaza as a central meeting place – many groups and individuals are utilising the seating areas and options within our food court for meetings and catching up on work. From the walking groups to local business catch ups – Papamoa Plaza, with free Wifi and numerous seating and food options is definitely a great place to catch up, meet up or lose yourself. See you soon,

David and the team at Papamoa Plaza

STORE PROFILE



Q&A with owner Ben Van den Borst

What do you enjoy most about your job? Our customers! Closely followed by working with a great bunch of people in the pharmacy and also at other stores in the Plaza. Everyone is so friendly and willing to help. I love our customers and the variety of what we help them with. From minor skateboard or beach injuries to the more complex medicine management cases where we help patients understand their medicines, often means they can stay at home with their families and enjoy our wonderful community and environment (and avoid places like hospital!)

What is great about having My Pharmacy located at Papamoa Plaza? Being part of the hub of the community, everyone knows we are here to help every day and having that regular contact with our customers really builds relationships, we know our customers, we see them all the time whether it is for their medicines or a Lotto ticket, it's something we really enjoy.

What are your most popular products at the moment? Flu vaccines are taking off right now, so come on in and get yours! Also its Buccaline time, everyone is getting ready for the winter season so keeping your immune

system ready for the colder months ahead.

What makes My Pharmacy Papamoa different from other pharmacies? We are an independent pharmacy, we don't answer to any corporate boards or shareholders, also our team is very stable and locals! You can see the same pharmacists or other staff who know you, your family and what is going on in and around the community.

How has your business changed over the years as society has becomes more aware of their health? We have embraced wellness as a core principle in our patient management, we want people to be fit and healthy and feeling great about themselves. Prevention is better than cure so we really try to make sure we provide the best health advice, and when needed the products, to keep our customers out and about to enjoy everything Papamoa

What do you offer that people might not know about? Passport photos! We can pretty much do any photo for any passport or visa. Our passport service provides both digital photos for online applications and also hardcopy photos for manually submitted applications

> My Pharmacy staff supporting Gumboot Day. Left to right: Gaye, Dakota, Sandra, Kerry, Michelle, Lorna, Tracey, Delphine, Rachel & Michelle



time-out for Mums, Dads and the Grandies too!



Tuesdays (during school term) 10.00 am - 11.00 am in the Foodcourt.

No registration required, just turn up. Full details available on our website and Facebook page

STORE PROFILE



Q&A with owners TJ and Munny

What's your most popular Pita Pit and sauces? Chicken Caesar (chicken and bacon)

What makes Pita Pit Papamoa different from others food operators? Fresh, healthy, free range and free farmed meats, lots of vegan and vegetarian options, the option to design your own wrap or salad bowl.

How often should customers visit you? There is no limit, we have all times of day covered, whether you want a meal or

snack or something as a side (chicken tenders, wedges, pita chips, smoothies)

What do you offer on the menu that people might not know about? Our latest snack range "Flat Grilled Pita", pizza Range or all-day breakfast menu

If I was a typical Pita Pit customer what would I order? Depends on hunger level (ha ha) but come in and ask us and we would be happy to suggest. We have options for all ages.



Ben, Reece and Tracy



TJ and Munny

