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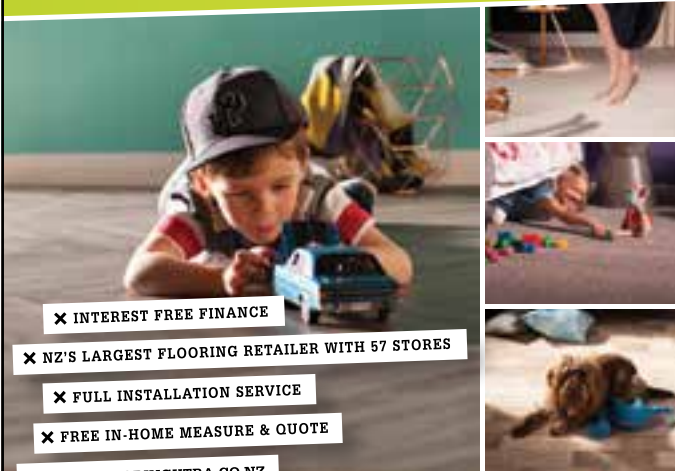
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Congratulations to Jean Ashby of Coromandel, who is the recipient of a gift hamper from Coromandel Four Square. Jean has been nominated by Linda McKellar and another anonymous person. They wrote "Jean has done an amazing job for many years in looking after and supporting many of our locals" "Jean is everyone's aunty and is always there for anyone that needs a helping hand". Thanks for your community spirit Jean, you are a true CoroLocalLegend!

Do you know someone who deserves recognition for their amazing community spirit?

Drop us a line telling us and they will receive acknowledgement in the Coromandel Chronicle as well as receiving a \$50 gift hamper from Coromandel Four Square. Send your nominations to: Coromandel.foursquare@foodstuffs.co.nz (subject line: CoroLocalLegend) or post to: CoroLocalLegend, PO Box 5, Coromandel 3506. Kindly refrain from nominating family members.



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Talking of long term – Council
are asking for our say on their
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your submission before 16 April.
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Debbie



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Thank you

To all those who contributed in some way to make the Fundraising Exhibition
for the Goldmine and CILT a success: The gallery minders, those who provided
transport, lent props, helped set up the show, well wishers, visitors and buyers.

Thank you all very much.

Regards,
Erica Lyons, Coromandel Town

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Colville Easter Festival

The Colville Easter Festival starts on **Good Friday 30 March** with Colville Sings the 60s at 8pm in Colville Hall. \$20 teens up please. Join in and dress up in sixties gear. Supper will be served.

Then on **Saturday 31 March** there is The Art of Dyeing Workshop with Carla Davis 10am-2pm \$30, concession \$25. At 6pm that night there is The BIG Music Night \$20, under 16 free. Food and coffee available to purchase. Four live exiting acts: Madly Irie, Shimna's List, Dual, Racing.

On **Sunday 1 April** there is Harakeke (Flax) Dyeing Workshop with Nici Greulich and Briar Van Dort 10am-4pm \$30, concession \$25. Briar and Nici are warmly inviting all weavers out there that would like to stock up on some colourful whenu (flax strips), or any already woven items. Then bring the kids at 5.30pm for The Bubble



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The Bubble Show will be on Sunday 1 April and then returning for little ones the day after



Show and Auckland Playback Theatre \$20, under 16 free. Finger food and cuppa will be provided.

Easter Monday 2 April has two workshops – Little Clay Creations with Janet Palmer from 10am-12pm – koha, and a Leather Workshop with Brenda and Steve Carson 10am-1pm \$20 adult, \$10 child. At 1-2pm on **Easter Monday 2 April** the

Outdoor Bubble Show will be returning for the very little ones who couldn't come to the night before. Koha.

All events in Colville Hall.

Sculptures

Numerous sculptures by local Colville artists will be presented next to the hall and around the village.

Back Room Gallery will be open during the festival displaying art works of various descriptions, plus Back Room Gallery artists will be creating works in the Cafe courtyard adjoining the Gallery. Feel free to come and observe and talk with them.

Tickets for all nights are available to purchase or book, at Colville Store or CSSC (07) 866 6920. Register for workshops at CSSC (Colville Social Service Collective) (07) 866 6920 or email cssc@colville.org.nz. Any questions or queries contact Ella 027 487 5131/ Steve 021 711 489 or CSSC www.colvilleartsfestival.co.nz



Dual will be performing on 31 March

International Women's Day Breakfast 2018

By Robyn and Marie, Daffodil Day Co-ordinators Coromandel for the Waikato/BOP branch of the Cancer Society Inc.

Friday 2 March dawned drizzling and windy, but the atmosphere inside Umu Cafe was warm and welcoming with tantalising smells greeting us on arrival. 41 ladies enjoyed a lovely breakfast to start the day and along with a \$10 donation we raised \$420 for the Waikato/BOP branch of the Cancer Society.

Thank you to all who attended our breakfast.

Very special thanks to Richardson's Real Estate who sell the tickets every year for us and also to Josie and her staff at Umu for a great, beautifully presented breakfast. We could not have run this morning without their help

We will be back at Umu again next year on Friday 8 March 2019, which is actually the Official International Women's Day date observed all around the world..... so girls.....Save the Date!

Many thanks once again to all involved and hope to see you all at breakfast next year. Cheers.



A Taste of Matarangi

The wait is almost over!

7 April is nearly here. Make sure you bring your family, friends and the sunshine and get down to A Taste of Matarangi from 10am to enjoy a fun day of food, wine and music at the Village Green next to Matarangi beach.

The day will be graced with some of the best local talent and live bands including The Munroes, Daughters of Ally, Wilde Taylor, and Gemma Loudon and Mitchell Power of Mercury Bay School.

Make sure to visit the countless food, wine and beer stalls to completely satisfy your appetite.

Not to mention the kids' zone, raffles, auctions and competitions.

Proceeds from the day will be donated to the Westpac Rescue Helicopter along with the Kuaotunu Search and Rescue.

To help the day run smoothly and assist with your preparation go to the website and read the terms and conditions or pick them up from Richardson's in Matarangi.

Tickets are available at Richardson's Real Estate, Whitianga I-site and Coromandel Adventures or through the festival website www.atasteofmatarangi.co.nz at \$15 adult and \$30 family or on the day for \$20 adult and \$40 family ticket.

We look forward to seeing you there.

A big thank you to our sponsors for supporting this event: Creative Fuel, All About Whitianga, Coromandel More FM, Matarangi Beach Paper, Puku & Kerre's Liquor, Richardson's Real Estate, Matarangi General Store, Holistic Health, Coromandel Life, Flea Photography, Coastal Signs, Matarangi Rate Payers Assoc, Anita Beach, Bachcare.

2018 Event Programme

10.00am – Festival opens

10.30am – Welcome Official opening by local iwi Ngati Huarere.

10:45am – The Mercury Bay School Acoustic duo performing until 11.45am.

11.00am – Children's cooking competition: Te Rerenga School competition where three teams will compete by creating their own dish.

11.45am – Seafood Demonstration: A fish demonstration including how to shuck mussels, fillet fish and prepare and care for your catch.

12.00pm – Wilde Taylor Americana duo performing until 1pm.

12.30pm – The Great ATOM Cook Off. Three local home cooks have the opportunity to demonstrate their culinary skills.

1.00pm – Charity auction. Four auctions including two luxury weekend packages for two, a meal and accommodation package, and a golf package.

1.30pm – Daughters of Ally Amazing vocal duo performing until 2.30pm.

2.45pm – Raffle draws Raffles are on sale from 10am until 2pm at the merchandise tent.

3.00pm – The Monroes Exciting party music entertainment.

4.00pm – Alcohol sales close.

4.30pm – Festival closes.

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Hauraki Coromandel Women – an inspiration

By Catherine Delahunty

Since I left Parliament I have been pretty busy with several projects including working with some really great women from across the country on challenging sexual harassment. Several of these women are from our community and we are being supported by experts in this field including those who also come from the Peninsula. I am so proud of these women who have taken on the most painful issues that sabotage our community wellbeing. I am learning that sexual harassment is a continuum of behaviours which have been normalised. The “girlie” pics on the workplace wall, the “jokes” about women’s bodies and the repeated, casual, unwanted comments are not sexual assault, but they are harassment. If it’s uncomfortable, inappropriate and feels wrong, it is wrong.

The hard thing about the workplace is that women are at risk of losing a job, getting blacklisted in their industry or being overlooked for promotion if they speak up about this issue. So long as it is individualised, women will shut up because this stuff is just too hard to prove or survive.

It will be so much better for everyone in the workplace when sexual harassment is named in a health and safety briefing if you have one or an induction process, and it’s crystal clear that it will not be tolerated. Everyone needs to know what this behaviour looks like and how to be an empowered bystander who can intervene when sexual harassment happens at work. Everyone needs to support a safe culture.

There are some repeat sexual harassers in a range of workplaces from law firms to the hospitality industry to the screen industry who need to be stopped, but most of all there is a need for a new culture of workplace respect that includes challenging sexism, racism, sexual harassment and disabling behaviours. We have a long way to go but now is the time the world is listening and I am so grateful to the women from our area who stand up for safety in gender relationships.

It’s interesting to see the pushback against the #MeToo campaign from some quarters and quite personal for me as one of the women sexual abuse survivors who walked out of Parliament on this issue. I know many more people are affected by this issue and that support is vital. Being believed is vital and educating everyone especially our young people, is essential. The women from our region who have developed programmes of support, the Refuge movement, the advocates and the counsellors are particular heroines because it’s harder in rural areas to address crisis and reach people in need. I am learning that we all have a role, whether it’s as bystanders who intervene, or friends who listen, or employers who uphold the Health and Safety Act. Sexual harassment, from the inappropriate comment through to the assault, is about power and we must use our power to stop it everywhere.

Hon Scott Simpson MP For Coromandel

Here on the Coromandel we’re very conscious of our beautiful natural environment. We’re equally conscious of the risks to it and the impacts of human activity. The environment is so important to our quality and way of life.



I’m really looking forward to working with Simon Bridges, the whole National Party and New Zealanders from around the country as the National Party Environment Spokesperson. Together we’ll be developing plans and policy directions for the 2020s and beyond.

Transition to a low carbon economy

I read with interest the report from the Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment (PCE), Simon Upton, outlining recommendations on how New Zealand can transition to a low carbon economy.

We all want to ensure that our natural environment can be enjoyed by our children and their children but it must be done carefully so individuals, businesses and investors have time to plan for the changes that will come.

It is possible to drive environmental enhancement while continuing economic growth, but we need to make sure we get the balance right.

This includes setting effective carbon budgets, establishing a credible Commission, and ensuring that words are turned into deeds. It also underlines the importance of addressing climate adaptation. We’ll all be hearing a lot more about this in the months and years to come.

Local Coromandel Economy Fizzing

Our local economy continues to fizz. Infometrics’s latest quarterly report shows the Thames-Coromandel economy grew 3.7% in 2017. That compares to GDP growth rates of 2.7% across Waikato and 2.8% for New Zealand overall.

Local businesses are employing more people and unemployment has fallen to its lowest level in ten years at 3%.

National Party Renewal

It’s been a time of renewal for the National Party with the departure of Bill English and Steven Joyce who have both given great service to New Zealand. New leader Simon Bridges has got off to a great start along with Deputy Leader Paula Bennett and new finance spokesperson Amy Adams. He is clearly demonstrating National is preparing the Party for government with a new frontbench and caucus line up. I’m thrilled to have been given the chance to lead the Environment team that includes Conservation, with Invercargill MP Sarah Dowie, Bay of Plenty MP Todd Muller on Climate Change and East Coast Bays MP Erica Stanford as Associate Environment.

FreedomCamping

The time for setting up “working groups” is over. Now is the time for action to improve the behaviour of freedom campers. East Coast MP Anne Tolley has a Private Member’s Bill which will prohibit Freedom Camping more than 200 metres from public toilet facilities, provide more organisations with the right to restrict freedom camping, and provide for instant fines that have been issued to be collected by rental car companies.

The government should support this bill rather than do as they have done... set up another “working group”.

Authorised by Scott Simpson MP, 614 Pollen St, Thames

Coromandel Contract Bridge

By Judy Bronlund

Are we into autumn already? On Easter Monday we are having a fun night of bridge. The next competition is the Hauraki Pairs which plays over three Mondays. Visitors to Coromandel are welcome to play with us, just let us know that you would like to join us. New members would also be most welcome. We meet on Monday evening at the St John rooms; play starts at 7pm.

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NEW BUSINESS

Bush e Bikes

By Leanne Jeffcoat

Starting a new business from scratch is never easy, and complicated further by living some distance from Coromandel Town. We lived in Hamilton but with an empty home in Colville and jobs in the doldrums, we knew it was time for a change. We found a “diamond in the rough” at 105 Wharf Road just begging for an overhaul. So permanent it was, with no going back, our Hamilton property of 17 years was sold and one horse, two dogs, two cats, two ringneck parakeets, three pheasants and two humans set off on a new adventure.

With electric bikes popping up everywhere and sales going through the roof, we took a punt and purchased a high spec, quality brand to give us a solid start. After quite a bit of research and trials backwards and forwards across the Coromandel Ranges we decided the Asgard, manufactured by Gepida, was “the one” and ordered a fleet through Electrify NZ. These bikes are made in Hungary and incorporate quality Bosch and Shimano componentry. It literally took five months for them to be ordered, manufactured, shipped, inspected and finally delivered. In the meantime we added a handful of step-through “around town” bikes, Gepida Reptilas, which will be ideal for the

Art Gallery, Heritage, and Aquaculture Tours.

Possibly the most interesting addition to our fleet is our Gepida Thoris. She is a tandem electric bike, looking sleek in burnt silver with lime highlights. A very classy bike looking for couples to take her out for a spin and see the sights. Our special introductory offer will be \$35 per hour. Might pay to book as she is proving to be very popular!

Hiring of electric bikes forms the basis of our business. Bikes are hired from one hour to one day with helmet, map and bike lock provided. Rates are from \$30 for one hour to \$120 per day. We also have a money back guarantee. If you are not satisfied, bring the bike back within 15 minutes and we will refund your money. Our customers can ad lib and choose their own tour. Let's face it, it's quite easy to lose a few hours sightseeing around Coromandel Town. We also have six Tour Options, suggesting destinations to cater for everyone's interests, whether that is the beach, the mountain views, or a trip

to Colville. Our goal is to deliver an enjoyable and memorable experience, with all the hard work done by a quality e-bike, leaving you with a smile on your face!

A very exciting growth area for us will shortly include the sale of electric bikes. Electrify



Susan trialing an e-bike

NZ have offered us an exclusive deal to hold three different bikes for customers to trial. These bikes are in a very affordable price range. The Magnum is suitable as a get around-town bike and is a #1 seller recently featured in Good Magazine. The Peak is a powerful mountain bike option that will go well on the local tracks. And, for all the campervan owners, we will have a fold-up bike to trial as well. We are very confident in the overall performance of these bikes and will be able to find something to suit budding e-bikers.

And just to take it one step further, and help out a bit, we loaned Susan one of our bikes to deliver this month's Coromandel Town Chronicle. That will definitely make it easier and quicker for her to complete her deliveries and still have some energy to enjoy the rest of the weekend. We are keen to find other opportunities to support community groups so if you have any ideas of where we could help, please let us know.

Do come and visit us at 105 Wharf Road, Coromandel Town when you are next in town. We are here daily from 8am to 5pm and are really keen to meet our new community

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Coromandel Bowling Club

By Linda Wright

The weather was so kind to us for our Seafood Tournament. We hosted 112 bowlers for the weekend, with Coromandel hospitality and awesome food. It was a major event in our bowling season.

Thanks to our committee and members for the hard work before, during and after; can't do it without you. Many thanks to our three main sponsors, Richardson's Real Estate, Goldridge Marine Farm and Coromandel Court Motel. Plus all of our sponsors who gave goods and services. Many thanks to: Moana NZ Ltd; Mussel Kitchen; Coromandel Four Square; Pepper



The winners of Seafood tournament Rae Winekeiri, Sandy Foy, Debbie and Kevin Gainsford, from the Thames Coast

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The winners were 1st Division, Kevin and Debbie Gainsford, Sandy Foy and Rae Winekeiri, Thames Coast; 2nd Colin Gawith's team Coromandel; 3rd Dan Gooddall's team Thames Coast.

We finished the Twilight Bowls with all the teams dressing up for the last night. 1st was Richardson's Real Estate and 2nd was The Mad Hatters. It was great seeing all Coro casual bowlers having a good time. The winners overall were the Twlighters RSA, Shirley, Loes, Barb and Anne Marie. 2nd was Maddie's Team.

Thanks very much Mike, for your sponsorship from Pepper Tree Restaurant & Bar and coming down to present the prizes. Thanks also to the businesses in town who donated products each night, Richardson's Real Estate, Trinity Real Estate, Coromandel Pharmacy, and Four Square.

The Kolondyke Cup, played for with drawn teams on our club day, was won by Eunice MacDonald, Pete

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Herbert and Bob Shearer.

The Inter Club Summer Cup, Coromandel v. Mercury Bay, was played out in very hot conditions, with Coromandel winning by 1 point. Next round is **Thursday 19 April**.

The last Open Tournament for the season is on **Wednesday 11 April**, "Optional Triples" sponsored by Pepper Tree Restaurant & Bar.

Our Thursday club day is being well attended by our members and we would encourage anyone interested in bowls to come along at 9.30am and get in a drawn team, for two 1-hour games.

Plus our Club Friday nights is open from 3.30pm till 7pm, for social bowls roll ups, and new members are very welcome to come down and join us.

Contact Linda Wright 027 651 3477 or (07) 866 8440



Twilight winner. RSA Twlighters, Loes, Anne-Marie, Shirley and Barb



Runners up in twilight bowls was Maddie's Team with sponsor Mike



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"We'll see you right"

RSA News

By Pat Williams

Wow, another month has vanished. Firstly congratulations to our two RSA Bowls Teams. One won the competition and the other Best Dressed. Well done. Seems all participants really enjoy these evenings.

Roll on next season!

This being the last year of World War One (1914/18) commemorations, we still have supplies of Commemorative Badges. They are on display in the Club Rooms and will be available on Poppy Day. Maybe one day they will be collectors' items.

Anzac Day **25 April** – This year we are having a Dawn Service. Parade assembles outside the Citizens' Hall at 5.45am and will march to the Cenotaph for service at 6am. All welcome. Sausage breakfast at the Citizens' Hall after the service.

10am Service – 9.45am Parade assembles outside Citizens' Hall. 9.50am Parade marches to the Cenotaph, 10am Assembly of Parade and Public for commencement of service. Cuppa and food follows at the Citizens' Hall. If anyone is still awake, down to the RSA rooms in Woollams Ave!

As I write this (late) it is pouring with rain. Pray for a fine day on the 25th. See you there.

Quote for the month: "To know the road ahead, ask those coming back."

Till next month, cheers.



2018 Illume Festival

By Daniel Smith



Hi everyone, Illume is now scheduled for **Friday 13 July and Saturday 14 July**. Our core team is assembled, and we will be working hard to light up the town this winter. If you are keen to help out in any way, drop us a line at illuminate.coromandel@gmail.com.

We will be announcing the final entertainment line-up in the coming months. But I'm pleased to confirm that the Twisty Twins will be making an appearance, and there will be fireworks!

We will be having a parade, the more the merrier, with prizes for the best float, and best lit-up bike. Contact Bianca about the parade at bnngamane@gmail.com.

If you've got a spare corner in your garage that you wouldn't mind sacrificing to a pile of cardboard for a couple of months, we would love to talk to you.

We would love to talk to local artists about exhibiting their work in some way; contact Daisy chenmuhuidaisy@gmail.com.

Regular drop-in workshops in Dan's garage at 383 Kapanga Road every Wednesday evening from 6pm. Even if that just means sitting around drinking Good George Beer (we are saving the bottles for lights).

If you want to join in, flick me an email at illuminate.coromandel@gmail.com.

Plastic-Bag-Free Coromandel Town

By Kate James

We are really excited to be working towards a Plastic-Bag-Free day in Coromandel. This is a brilliant start on the track towards giving up single-use plastic bags for good.

Join us for our first Plastic-Bag-Free Day on **Friday 6 April** in Coromandel Town. Businesses, including Four Square, will be offering paper bags and cardboard boxes instead of plastic bags. There will also be jute bags for sale and our team will be out and about offering reusable bags for a koha or donation. Let's see if we can all be plastic-bag-free for the day!

To help prepare for the day, and beyond, we need to make more fabric bags. Come and have some fun whilst being pro-active about reducing the single-use plastics in your life. We welcome anyone who wants to make a bag to take home, or to help to sew, cut, or iron fabric. We will be at Carolyn's Clothing and Haberdashery, 18 Kapanga Road, between 1-3pm every other Tuesday starting on **3 April**. Please do call in and check out what we are doing if you are interested.

Email: Info@jacarandalodge.co.nz or find "Plastic-Bag-Free Coromandel Town" on Facebook for more details



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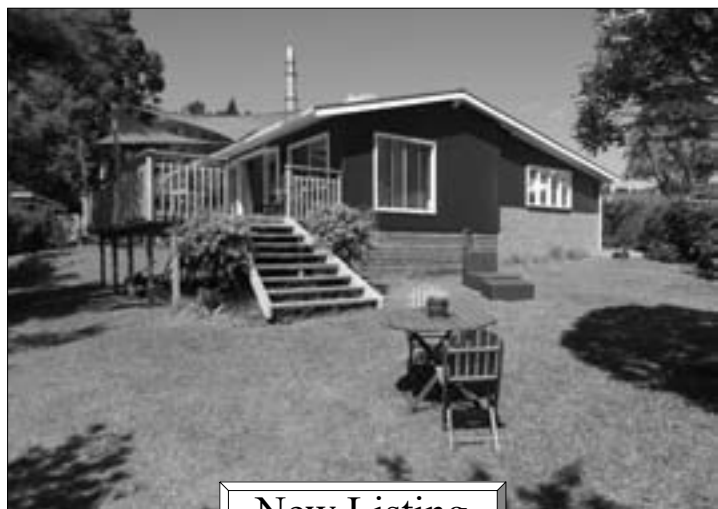
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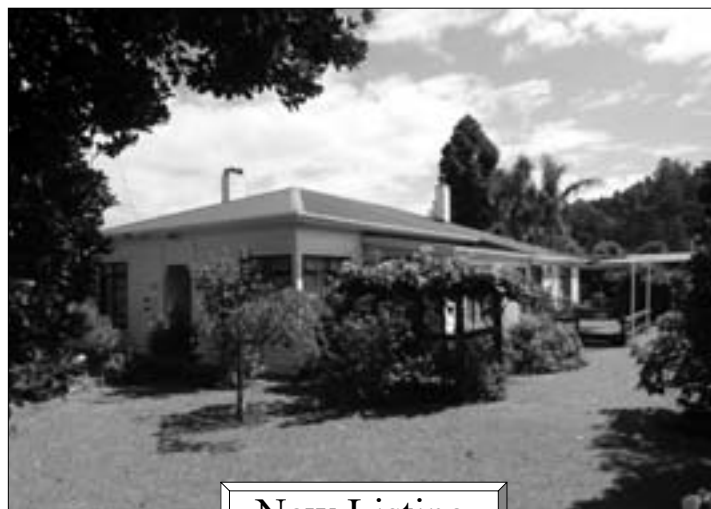
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New Listing



Set within 1.4kms of the town centre, this 1,110m² property is not only close to amenities, but also offers a wonderful sense of tranquillity & privacy. The classic Lockwood home has been creatively redecorated to enhance the brilliant north/west aspect. The interior features an airy open-plan living area with a Metro fireplace, 3 bedrooms and a generous sized carport. The very stylish garden shed would make a superb artist's studio and the landscaped gardens offer a huge variety of native, specimen, fruit & citrus trees & veg garden. **\$455,000**



New Listing



This wonderfully private 1,120m² property features a superb variety of stunning native and specimen trees to enhance the maturity of the landscaped grounds. The grace and style of circa 1930s architecture is abundant in this grand bungalow. The front entrance leads down the wide hall to 4 double bedrooms, kitchen with log burner and scullery, lounge/dining room that opens out to a great north/east facing deck, conservatory, and 2 bathrooms. There is a large garage and a separate carport to house the boat and vehicles. **\$560,000**



New Listing



A very rare opportunity to secure a flat waterfront section within the inner harbour. This newly consented 3,656m² (more or less) property, features a generous area for the construction of your new home (building consent plan approved). A Reserve along the northern boundary will allow your children vast areas to play outdoor games, or they could be casting a net nearby for flounder. The wonderful aspect will be filled with changing seascapes, and the Te Kouma boat ramp is not too far away. (Subject to issue of new Title) **\$495,000**



New Listing



Set on a 612m² corner section, the property is within a very easy stroll to the centre of town. Extensive landscaping over many years with a variety of specimen, native and palm trees has helped to achieve an excellent oasis feel to the grounds. The 'Focus' home features a great open-plan lounge/dining/kitchen area that opens out via bi-fold doors to the very private deck. The balance of the home offers a master bedroom (en-suite & ranch-slider), 2nd brm, office/3rd brm (ranch-slider), guest bathroom & large garage/workshop. **\$549,000**

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* Are you looking for your first home? *
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length verandah * Garage and carport * Well
fenced & landscaping in place. **\$445,000**

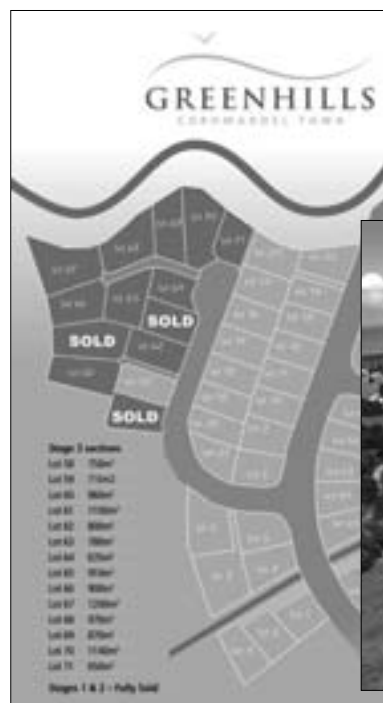


New Listing

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alfresco living * Awesome views. **\$795,000**



Coromandel Garden Circle

By Jenny Penman



Into autumn already! No wonder the veggie gardens are looking rather tired and ready for a major overhaul for some winter crops. Maybe the flower beds aren't fairing much better after the humidity and winds as, when the Committee were tasked lately with choosing a flower or vegetable for our next meeting's Special Competition Award, we drew a blank. In the end "Something Spectacular" was decided on, laying the field wide open to enormous "once-were-courgettes" through to dinner plate sized hibiscus. Voting here is going to be challenging.

One thing this summer will be remembered for is the wealth of Monarch butterflies in the garden, whether you hosted a swan plant or not. It was interesting to read a report lately of a costume designer from Texas who, when she came across a Monarch with a badly damaged wing, drew on her skills with scissors, tweezers and contact cement and successfully transplanted the wing part needed from another deceased Monarch. Here is the link to the article if you feel you have a steady enough hand: www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-5265249/Designer-gives-injured-butterfly-new-lease-life.html.

At the time of writing this column our AGM is still due to be held but will be well and truly over by reading time. The AGM is a great opportunity to welcome some new members onto the Committee and to gather ideas from the Circle as a whole to plan trips, speakers and activities for the year ahead. The long-standing tradition of awarding cup winners from our monthly competitions is always enjoyed, especially the "Try Hard Award" – a rather harsh title for our runner-up who, while amassing the most points, has not managed to win one of the individual awards.

Our programme for the year includes talks, demonstrations and day trips to places of interest and events. We meet the second Wednesday of the month, usually at 1.00pm. For more information please contact Jane Warren (07) 866 8927 or 021 232 2905

Ann's Good News, Naturally

By Ann Kerr-Bell

Addressing the Elephant - Shift the Ambulance

Are you struggling with disorders such as weight issues, mental fatigue, cravings, blood sugar imbalances, cholesterol or cardiovascular issues?

You could be suffering from Metabolic Syndrome.

These disorders are the most common age-related health issues amongst Australian and New Zealand "baby boomers".

Together, obesity, hypertension, mental health and digestive issues, dyslipidaemia, and type 2 diabetes are affecting the quality of life for millions of people. Interestingly, cardiovascular-metabolic disorders no longer manifest only in people when they enter retirement years. Younger people are developing this cluster of dysfunction, highlighting the importance of assessing anybody from their teenage years onwards for cardio-metabolic dysfunction and implementing a treatment strategy even for young patients. Even babies and children are seen with early signs.

Metabolic Syndrome is defined as a cluster of conditions driven by insulin resistance that is the forerunner to Type 2 diabetes and cardiovascular disease.

The National Cholesterol Education Program states that Metabolic Syndrome is achieved by meeting three or more of these five criteria:

- 1) Abdominal obesity (waist circumference >102 cm in men, and > 88cm in women)
- 2) Hypertriglyceridemia (high blood triglycerides) (>1.69 mmol/litre)
- 3) Low LDL (lipo-density lipoproteins) (<1.04mmol/litre in men, and <1.29 mmol/litre in women)
- 4) Hypertension (high blood pressure) > 130 over 85mmHg
- 5) Elevated Fasting Glucose (> 5.5 mmol/litre)

All the symptoms of Metabolic Syndrome are related to three key factors

- 1) Insulin resistance (insulin not used effectively)
- 2) Visceral obesity (is your waist circumference ideal?)
- 3) Endothelial dysfunction (blood vessels inner lining dysfunctional)

These three factors perpetuate each other in a vicious cycle.

Cause and Risk Factors of Metabolic Syndrome

The Western diet and lifestyle, e.g., high calorie diet, high glycaemic load diet (processed foods), high bad fat diet, lack of exercise, chronic stress, toxicity, hormonal imbalance, chronic inflammation.

Signs and symptoms

- Metabolic – overweight, diabetes, failed weight loss attempts, weight accumulates over stomach
- Skin – acne, skin tags, male pattern baldness
- Sleep – Snoring and sleep apnoea, daytime fatigue sleepiness
- Reproductive male – erectile dysfunction, impotence, prostate cancer
- Reproductive female – hormonal imbalances, period and menopause issues, infertility
- Cardiovascular – hypertension, stroke, vascular disease
- Neurological/pain – depression, tinnitus, migraines, headaches/dizziness.

So, let's address the elephant in the room

Remember, "you can't medicate yourself out of what you have eaten yourself into. But you can eat yourself out of what you have eaten yourself into."

It's better to prevent than to need to treat.

I have a client, now friend, who is 97 years old and is independent. He is on no pharmaceutical medication because he has avoided the Western diet. Consequently, he is healthy and vital enough to enjoy his 9th decade. His healthy food is his primary medicine. By using Functional & Integrative Medicine, I support him with Medicinal Herbs and Bio-Nutritional Medicine. He is not a burden to the tax payer or his family. His Live Blood Analysis shows strong red and white blood cells, no leaky gut or candida, no inflammation, good immunity and nutritional status. He does not have dementia or illnesses that are nowadays wrongly perceived to be "expected in old age". He is not "new age" or a "nut case". He simply has ongoing common sense and incredible natural intelligence.

So how is your health and vitality? Shift the ambulance – bring it back up the cliff and take away that elephant in your room. Let me help you with your health issues to achieve lasting results.

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Into the Light

By John Irvine

When life is derelict of joy,
when heart and brain are dormant,
he believes "being" might not be enough
to provide an easier path to follow into the light
and even that the light is merely an absence of darkness.

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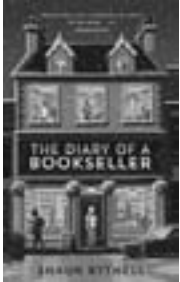
Library News

By Raewyn McKinney

This month I have a quote to share from Lady Bird Johnson: "Perhaps no place in any community is so totally democratic as the town library. The only entrance requirement is interest."

As usual, the library has recently purchased the latest works by many popular novelists, as well as:

The Diary of a Bookseller by Shaun Bythell



Bythell owns Scotland's largest second-hand bookshop. It contains 100,000 books, spread over a mile of shelving, with twisting corridors and roaring fires, and all set in a beautiful, rural town by the edge of the sea. A book-lover's paradise? Well, almost

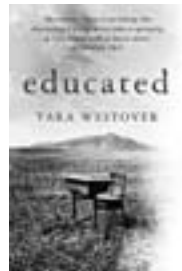
... In these wry and hilarious diaries, Shaun provides an inside look at the trials and tribulations of life in the book trade ... He takes us with him on buying trips to old estates and auction houses introduces us to the thrill of the unexpected find, and evokes the rhythms and charms of small-town life, always with a sharp and sympathetic eye.

The Sealwoman's Gift by Sally Magnusson



In 1627 Barbary pirates raided the coast of Iceland and abducted some 250 from a tiny island off the mainland. Among the captives sold into slavery in Algiers were the island pastor, his wife and their three children.

Although the raid itself is well documented, little is known about what happened afterwards. In this brilliant reimagining, Magnusson gives a voice to the pastor's wife... The novel is full of stories – Icelandic ones told to fend off a slave-owner's advances, Arabian ones to help an old man die. And there are others, too: the stories we tell ourselves to protect our minds from what cannot otherwise be borne, the stories we need to make us happy.



Educated: A Memoir

by Tara Westover

Tara hadn't been registered for a birth certificate. She had no school records because she'd never set foot in a classroom, and no medical records

because her father didn't believe in doctors or hospitals... As she grew older, her father became more radical, and her brother, more violent. At sixteen Tara decided to educate herself. Her struggle for knowledge would take her far from her Idaho mountains ... to Harvard and to Cambridge. With the acute insight that distinguishes all great writers, Westover has crafted, from her singular experience, a universal coming-of-age story, one that gets to the heart of what an education is and what it offers - the perspective to see one's life through new eyes, and the will to change it.

The Good Mothers: The True Story of the Women Who Took on the World's Most Powerful Mafia by Alex Perry



You are born into it or marry in. Loyalty is absolute. This code of omerta is how the 'Ndrangheta became the world's most powerful mafia. Founded more than 150 years ago by shepherding families in the toe of Italy, the 'Ndrangheta is today

the world's most powerful mafia. A woman who is "unfaithful" – even to a dead husband – can expect her sons, brothers or father to kill her to erase the "family shame"... prosecutor Alessandra Cerreti realises the key to bringing down this criminal empire is to free its women and allow them to speak out and testify... she must persuade them to cooperate. The stakes could not be higher. Alessandra is fighting to save a nation. The mafiosi are fighting for their existence. The women are fighting for their lives. Not all will survive.

The library is open from 10am to 1pm on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday; 10am to 4pm on Wednesday and Friday; and 10am to 12 noon on Saturday

Monday Walkers

By Irene Dunn

Rain rain go away – we've had enough! Some sunshine to dry the bush tracks would be great!

I write this as we await cyclone Hola today, having had to cancel our walk this morning. Such a shame as we do enjoy getting out and exploring new, or walking along familiar tracks that make us appreciate this wonderful paradise that we live in. The views, the hills, the bush, and the sea are just the best.

You are welcome to join us – tie up those boot laces and let's get walking! We meet at the north end of the Woolams Ave car park at 9am on Mondays.

Contact Irene 021 157 8408

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Trust Is a Hard One!

By Nalan Kirsch, Well Being and Life Coach

Recently I had some serious questions around how I got treated by someone close to me. All my past hurts, emotions and trust issues rushed in at that moment. I chose the “easy” way to respond and allowed my negative thoughts and emotions to run the show (you can imagine the type of response...). But does that help me or my relationship to that person? Of course not! I felt unhappy.

Sound familiar?

Well, it happens to all of us, and it is quite normal to be negative at first. In fact our survival depends on it. Our survival mechanism, a.k.a. our fight and flight response, first assesses a situation as something that could potentially be a threat by checking our senses, our feelings, our past experiences, and other stored information around similar events. Even though the new situation may not actually be a direct threat, if responded to in that way it can turn out to be a very stressful event.

While it is OK to have doubts and remember past hurts to some degree, it is also important to give a new experience a chance, and to see it as an opportunity for growth. Because things change, people change and most importantly, you change. Being open and courageous to something new by being mindful, asking questions and thinking positively can open up completely new opportunities to you and your relationship. I’m not saying be naive around people and completely trust everyone – instead I’m inviting you to consider being more open, mindful and courageous in all of your relationships. Most issues with others could be managed better by adopting kindness, a growth mindset, and by practicing mindfulness.

As I said at the start, trust is a hard one, but it is an important ingredient of our relationships. It acts like a glue, it holds people together, including relationships and communities.

So how do we build a healthy, trusting relationship?

Personally I advise everyone to start with mindfulness meditation or a similar practise. It is very beneficial for you at every level. In this instance, it will improve your overall awareness, and it will help you become a calmer person. You will start noticing more things within you and around you, which ultimately will help you make better choices.

Furthermore:

- First of all show that you care.
- Be emphatic and compassionate.
- Be a good listener.
- Be non-judgemental.
- Do not ignore something you notice, instead ask kindly!
- Be mindful of your own language and body language – check in with yourself: is this loving and caring, or is it negative and full of blame?
- Open up, start the conversation.
- And if you’ve done any wrong, take responsibility.
- In the end it is not about winning, it is about having a loving and caring relationship.

As a person, keep learning about yourself and your environment. Be authentic, be true to yourself, kindly say no if you sense you can’t do something! And practise self-compassion, because we all have flaws and limits. Instead, learn from your flaws, and learn to say: “not yet” when you face your own limits! Overall, aim to develop a better version of yourself.

So you may ask: Why should I be doing all the hard work and not the other person! You are right! But it’s not about the other person – it is about you, and your own development! It is about becoming a more compassionate, mindful and authentic person which also leads you to become a happier person.

So let’s all work on building trust for a happier life together!



Rita Stephenson, winner of our raffle quilt

Coromandel Patchwork and Quilters

By Sharon Currie

Our Quilt raffle was drawn on 19 February and was won by Rita Stephenson. The money raised from the raffle was for the Coromandel Area School to go towards their fund for creating equal opportunities.

We have a busy program for this year and started by making an Easter Bunny pouch to fill with Easter eggs. A lovely gift for grandchildren at Easter.

We are looking for new members so if you would like to learn about patchwork, or just enjoy sewing come and visit and join us for morning tea at 10 am.

Our meetings are held 1st and 3rd (& 5th) Mondays of the month 9.30am- 3.30pm, St John Rooms, Tiki Rd, Coromandel.

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Coromandel Harbour facilities update

Over summer we've been working on repairs at some of the boat ramps around Coromandel Harbour that were affected by the January storm and king tides, as well as preparing for planned improvements works which will start in the next few months.



Amodeo Bay Boat Ramp.

Here's a breakdown by area:

- **Amodeo Bay Boat Ramp and Port Charles Wharf** – Access road repairs now complete.
- **Coromandel Wharf** – The recreational jetty at the wharf became unsafe after the January storm and had to be demolished.
- **Sugarloaf Wharf** – There was also some damage at this facility, which was overtopped by the tides. However, prompt repairs ensured it was operational quickly with minimum disruption.
- **Waitete Bay** – Post-storm erosion has delayed installation of a replacement rock wall and culvert in our work plan. We are also planning a new beach access boat ramp

here and are working with the community now on a construction plan and consents.

- **Hannafords Wharf** – Late last year we found out we were successful in a bid to Government's Infrastructure Tourism Fund for \$103,500 worth of work to be done at Hannafords Wharf. This includes:
 1. Resealing carpark turnaround area to provide room for buses and vehicles to safely turn, relocating pathway to help mitigate erosion, storm water management and to improve access down to the wharf.
 2. Solar powered lighting, path realignment and a retaining wall with outdoor seating.
 3. A new visitor shelter for the ferry/bus waiting area.

Completion will be by June 2018.

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Long Bay – Kauri walk access entry points will have railings installed to ensure the foot wash facilities are used. This is a precaution against kauri dieback, a disease which can be spread by just a pinhead of soil and kills most if not all the kauri it infects.

We have been receiving many reports of dogs, both on and off the leash, on the Long Bay Kauri walkway. Dogs are not permitted on this track and we are asking for your help in protecting our beautiful kauri trees by not taking your dogs on this walk.

More information about kauri dieback here:

www.tcdc.govt.nz/kauri

Te Kouma Road (Hannafords Wharf)

– Works to seal an area of Te Kouma Road between Kowhai Drive and Hannafords Wharf will start from 7 May 2018. The road will remain open, but there will be delays.

Growth streak continues for Thames-Coromandel economy

Business activity is ramping up in the Coromandel, creating jobs and helping drive the economy to one of its strongest quarters yet.

Infometrics' latest quarterly report, covering October-December 2017, reveals the Thames-Coromandel economy grew 3.7% in 2017. That compares to GDP growth rates of 2.7% across Waikato and 2.8% for New Zealand overall.

Investment by local businesses is opening up better employment opportunities and our unemployment rate has fallen to its lowest level in ten years at 3% (compared to 4.7% nationally).

Our Mayor Sandra Goudie says job creation is a highlight of the recent report.

"Our council is serious about creating vibrant, strong communities and stimulating economic development; so it's particularly positive to see business activity helping to drive the growth and create jobs in our region," Mayor Sandra says.

Read the full story online at www.tcdc.govt.nz/infometrics-december2017

Easter Kerbside Collections

Our kerbside rubbish and recycling collections will be a day later than usual following the Easter Monday and Anzac Day public holidays.



To see the full schedule for your area go to www.tcdc.govt.nz/kerbside

The Coromandel Town Refuse Transfer Station (RTS) at 525 Hauraki Rd is closed on Good Friday (30 March), but open Saturday, Sunday and Easter Monday 11am-5:30pm. On Anzac Day (Wednesday 25 April) the RTS is open 1pm-5:30pm.

For locations and hours of all seven of our RTS go to www.tcdc.govt.nz/rtts

Your money, your future

have your say

There's still time to have your say on our 2018-2028 Long Term Plan, which is open for public consultation until 16 April. The Plan sets our project and spending priorities for the next 10 years.



Some of the proposals:

- An aquatic facility to benefit the entire district
- Taking on partial maintenance of 24 currently unmaintained council roads to make them safer
- Coromandel Town Pottery Lane extension, to improve traffic flow
- Renewal of harbour facilities
- And much more

The consultation is your chance to influence this key planning document. For more information on the Long Term Plan and to lodge a submission, go to www.tcdc.govt.nz/ltp



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Heart Beat – St John Ambulance Coromandel/Colville

By Julie Morris, Station Manager, Coromandel



Heart Of Gold Annual Appeal

St John Coromandel will be seeking your support for our annual appeal.

During the week if available the duty crew will be up town offering blood pressures, blood glucose tests and information to the community.

A bucket collection will be held on **Friday 6 April** at 10am.

So come one, come all, we need your support for St John, a vital service in your community.

Staff Profile – Keitha Jenkins

Why did you join St John Ambulance?

When we came to Coromandel in 2007 I thought it would be a great way to help out the community and get to know the locals!

How long have you been a member of St. John?

I joined St John in Pukekohe as a cadet in 1962. After going through training and being involved in competition work for a number of years, I went on to join the senior division. I became involved with leading the Cadets for a further six years. I finally took a break after starting my family and re-joined St John once we moved to Coromandel. So that is a total of approximately 24 years!



What do you enjoy most about being an ambulance officer?

Being available to help people when they are in need, and feeling appreciated for the small contribution I make.

Would you recommend joining St John?

Yes. I enjoy the work, our local ambulance station has a great atmosphere and we all work together to provide a much needed service to the community.

Stay safe, keep well.

You too can be part of Coromandel/Colville Team: For more enquiries call the station and talk to the duty officer or leave a message (07) 866 8279 to find out more

Coromandel SeniorNet

By Loes Beaver



Another year has passed for SeniorNet, and once again membership fees are due.

We are here to assist people with their computer problems, setting up, and/or individual inquiries, or problems. We meet in the Area School Computer Room on Mondays at 4pm.

For any inquiries contact me (07) 866 8053 or come along to see how we can assist, especially these days with computers, cell phones, lap tops, being used for banking, communication, and searching the net, etc.

Recently we had a member who wanted to save photos. Others members present including myself learnt a lot from our tutor that day so do come along if you think we can be of assistance.

Changes to Ambulance Charges in Coromandel

By The Coromandel St John Area Committee & Coromandel-Colville Community Board

The ambulance service that is operated in the Coromandel-Colville area... equipment, vehicles, paid staff and volunteer officer support... is funded by the Order of St John. This nationwide organisation is a charitable entity, supported by donations and income earned through Opportunity Shops and other means, including part funding of ambulance services by the NZ government.

Throughout New Zealand, including here, ambulance services are part-charged to individuals for medical call-outs. The current part-charge is \$98 – a small proportion of the total cost (over \$600 per ambulance call-out). Calls to 111 relating to sporting, work-place, home-based or road accidents, have the part-charge funded by ACC. Medical call-outs are 111 calls not related to an accident, for example, a collapse, breathing problem, asthma attack or a heart attack. As it happens, most of our local call-outs are medical.

By Act of Parliament in 1967, the council of the day was enabled to charge a \$5.00 ratepayer levy for the purchase and/or maintenance of an ambulance vehicle... but not the ambulance service itself. Sometime after the Coromandel Hospital was closed in 1994, the Order of St John was asked to provide an emergency medical service for the district and since then an ambulance has been provided by St John. In 2003 the Act of Parliament was repealed.

Since 2003, the Coromandel-Colville Community Board has contributed ratepayer funds to subsidise the cost of medical call-outs but the short-fall to meet the actual total cost has been borne by the local St John Area Committee. The Area Committee funds are sourced only from local donations and, due to the increased number of medical call-outs in the district, these funds are fast diminishing.

Nowhere else within the TCDC, or in fact anywhere else in New Zealand, does a ratepayer-funded medical call-out subsidy exist. From 2019 this arrangement with TCDC will cease.

From 2019 non-members of the St John Supporter Scheme will be invoiced at the rate of \$98 per medical call-out.

Some people here pay their own invoices they receive after a call-out while others already belong to the St John Supporter Scheme, which covers subscribers for call-outs anywhere in New Zealand. The local subsidy only ever applied to medical incidents occurring locally... not outside of the area... so this is one benefit of the supporter scheme.

Individuals can join for \$50 per year, couples for \$65 or families may join for \$85 to cover all those living at the same address. Application forms are available at the Ambulance Station, in the medical centres or online: www.stjohn.org.nz/Support-us/Join-our-Supporter-Scheme/.

To summarise, the cost of the St John Supporter Scheme is less than a single medical call-out and applies anywhere in New Zealand. One subscription covers all those living in the household. Council and St John together are urging the community to get behind this scheme. The ambulance service is backed-up by The Auckland Rescue Helicopter Trust, which now has a full-time helicopter and crew based at Whitianga Airport and also by the doctors and nurses from both the Coromandel Family Health Centre and Colville-Community Health Centre. Comprehensive, caring, competent and professional emergency medical service is guaranteed.

St John Ambulance volunteers from our community commit to weekly training and shift duty plus attend regular clinical courses to qualify as Ambulance Officers and Paramedics. Please support them in their work for St John, as they volunteer to support you.

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Coromandel Embroiderers' Guild

By Jenny Penman

Guild members at our March meeting were treated to a presentation by long-time member Marie Keeves of her embroidery work. Marie



Marie surrounded by a sample of her embroidered pieces

brought a wonderful variety of beautifully stitched items – the exquisite whitework and black on white surface stitching that we all associate with Marie – but also a lighter fun side of quirky pieces fashioned on objects Marie has come across just in life in general. The inspiration for some of her pieces came from the motifs on restaurant napkins that she was not beyond squirreling away. A more poignant piece was the cushion done in Mountmellick work which was an example of the fine work developed in Ireland to provide some income to families struggling in hard times following the potato famine. Marie stressed that her work is largely domestic work and is used on a daily basis in her household and for once we could feast with our hands as well as our eyes.

The Guild has a busy programme of interesting and varied workshops planned for the year as well as a chance to enjoy the Great Escape Weekend in Orewa and Annual Conference in Nelson. Our next workshop here is one in beadwork which is becoming an ever more popular embellishment to stitching or as stand-alone work. Later in the year we will have a visit from a textile artist

teaching us how to manipulate cloth and stitch to create beautiful leaf forms. And two of our own creatives are inviting members to let their imaginations run wild and fanciful in a purse, pouch or chatelaine “experience”. Copious cups of tea are being drunk in preparation for this – watch this space.

It was with sadness at our March meeting that we all learned of the passing of our dear member Con Anderson. Con had settled in Coromandel in recent years escaping the “Super City of Auckland”. A prerequisite for a new home was a great embroidery Guild and Con was happy that she found that here – twofold as she still managed to keep her ties with the AEG. Con served as a very enthusiastic Education Officer on the Committee and a generous sponsor of beginner stitchers. She will be remembered as one of those special people who was not confined by generational barriers but was up for anything and everyone.

The next Guild meeting will be on the first **Wednesday 4 April**. Interested new “members” are always welcome.

For further information about the Coromandel Embroiderers' Guild and related activities contact Margaret Burgess (07) 866 5769

Adult Literacy Rural Trust

What a great start to the year! You are obviously passionate about literacy on the Coromandel and we had a great response to our article last month.

Coaches are such an integral part of the organisation and because they work one on one with the students, for every new student, we need a coach.

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A prize winning example of Marie's surface stitching



Embroidered tote bag showing Marie's other love

From Both Sides The Coast Road Is Attacked

By Lora Mountjoy

All last winter and well into spring rain fell the hillside drank it in until the very ground wasn't solid anymore but a wet and moving mass which slumped upon the road and caused treefall

Then summer came and hopes of holiday but Tangaroa had other plans; using the north wind and king tide he took a bite out of the northbound lane and spread his beachy substance across state highway 25

For us who live here the display of crazy weather intrigues and disturbs in equal measure we resent lost income, miss visitors and access to the world as we keep a weather eye open, get on with everyday

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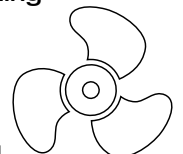
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Coromandel Budget Advisory Service

By Caroline Dunn

Budget Advice

It is mid-March as I write this, and yet another four seasons in one day is upon us. Hopefully a glimpse of summer weather returns before we retreat into the winter months.

Erana and myself have been travelling to Whangamata for the last few weeks completing training to become Budget Advisors/Mentors. Now we won't promise we know everything, but the one thing we do promise is that we want to help you, and what we don't know, we will find out.

We are now lucky enough to have four trained Financial Advisors/Mentors at our service in Coromandel Town. We offer free, confidential budgeting advice, so what are you waiting for! We will work alongside you to create a plan to get out of debt. We can talk to creditors on your behalf, and help you get control back of your financial situation.

To make an appointment come and see us at our office in Tiki House, second door on the right from BP entrance or call us on (07) 866 8351.

We have also created a Coromandel Budget Advisory Service Facebook page. The Community Garden and Food-bank have had one running for a while now. Thank you to everyone who has given the new page a like and shared it for others to see. We would like to use these pages to keep people up to date with what we are doing, how you as a member of the community could possibly help, and to share links to relevant topics on budgeting, food, heating, TCDC articles and any tips and tricks that we think you may be interested in.

It is literally pouring down outside the office window now. Lastly, I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable Easter weekend and don't eat too many Easter eggs. Hopefully April's weather treats us a bit kinder, and we all adjust to the end of daylight saving swiftly. School holidays begin soon so enjoy the extra time with your children. When my children were younger Coromandel Youth Group was always such a great asset to have in town for working parents over the holidays. I hope parents still feel the same about it today.

Stay safe all. Happy holidays kids!

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where to go, instead of wondering where it went."

Food-bank

We would like to thank everyone who has dropped off donations for the Food-bank over the last couple of months. We don't always get to see you in person, but please know we appreciate it and thank you very much.

Food-bank continue to appreciate donations of small jars and containers (all containers and jars donated need to be clean and with secure fitting lids), egg cartons and any overflow of fruit, vegetables or other produce you may have. Please no soft plastics or old fruit/vegetable containers. These items can be dropped off at Tiki House Monday – Friday 9.30am– 12.30pm or call us on (07) 866 8351 to arrange pick up.

If you require a food parcel please make sure Food-bank requests are with us before 12.30pm on a Wednesday otherwise you will have to wait until the following week. Pick up time is at 11.45am Thursday.

Community Garden

Save the day – Wednesdays between 3pm and 5pm is drop in time for anyone who would like to help out in the Community Garden. We would love to get some volunteers on board helping Brooke with all the fantastic work she has been doing getting the garden looking great again. The community garden benefits several local families throughout the year by way of food parcels through the Food-bank, and we would like to keep paying it forward to the wider community once we are producing enough produce. So please come on down, pay it forward and let us see what we can all do together. Pop on over and like our Facebook page to keep up to date with what is happening in the garden.

Our office is at 45 Tiki Road (Tiki House) down the hallway. Office Hours – if you need to make an appointment or organise a food parcel the Budget phone number is (07) 866 8351 or 022 018 0849 where you can talk to one of our staff or leave a message, phone messages are checked and replied to Mon-Friday. Food-bank – Pick up time from 11.45am – Thursday. Please make sure Food-bank requests are with us before 12.30pm on a Wednesday

Wild things

McGregor Bay Wetland Society "Wild things" slot features wildlife around Coromandel. The McGregor Bay Wetland Society welcomes contributions. mccgregorbaywetland@hotmail.com

This spoonbill is a visitor to our harbour and feeds in estuarine areas as well as freshwater. They are starting to increase breeding areas around the country but their stronghold is coastal Otago.

They need waters less than 40cm in which to feed so our shallow harbour suits their needs.

They are recent arrivals from Australia with first sighting in 1861 and in 1972 the population was estimated at 52 birds. Last count in 2014 was 2360 (more info at Birds Online).

You could call them stately or more akin to something out of Dr Seuss.

This one was photographed resting on a shell bank, and with head tucked in and balancing on one foot the shot was taken when it decided to yawn.



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Animal Rescue Thames

By Alice and John Parris

Firstly thank mews to everyone who has donated cat and kitten foods, garage sale items, and bedding. A true blessing to help us help our rescue felines.

April heralds Rescue's birthday- now into the 18th year! Truly remarkable to continue the mission of compassion to our community's waifs and strays. We thank everyone who has supported us through the years – without this support we certainly would not be who and what we are today. As each year passes we question where to from here? And each year it is the same answer – continuing on – the mission of compassion keeps on keeping on. Our love and dedication never wavers– the only change is we do not get any younger and fundraising gets tougher for us but we do what we have to to raise the quintessential funds to keep the unit running.

Over the years we have been through many precarious times of dwindling funds and accommodation to the max and rehoming often at a standstill and no one being rehomed but we always scrape by, get through and go on. We have witnessed many miracles over the years.

Currently the unit is running with the older felines still waiting for those somewhat elusive forever farm/country homes they seek, and also with four kittens desexed and waiting, all now five months old and all housetrained and gorgeous. The kittens have been great – Cupcake is now a very striking dark ginger kitten with cattitude, the trio of blacks slinky and mischievous. Our net curtain stands no chance of survival against this mob of rumbuncious kittens- replacing one net with another secondhand one met with one black kitten locating a small tear in the scallop edging one uses to get the right length – poking head through the kitten takes off and curtain ends up a ridiculously shortened one with one black kitten enveloped in curtain, tail flying out of bedroom with three other kittens in on the game.

Thank goodness for secondhand net curtains as it doesn't matter if they are trashed by growing furrbrats.

WANTED – homes for all our rescue felines five months to three years of age. Cat and kitten foods mainly tinned/sachet.

Meow furr now.

All enquiries purrlease phone Animal Rescue (07) 868 2907. Afternoons are best times to ring. 532 Thames Coast Road, RD5, Thames 3575

Lions News

By Lion Lyn

Hello again; another month gone and cool weather fast approaching, days closing in and daylight saving coming to an end on Easter weekend. We will be out again selling mussel fritters on that Saturday outside Four Square (**31 March**). Fine weather has been ordered!



Our dinner meeting on 7 March was, as usual, outstanding, but was also a sad goodbye to Lion David and Margaret, who have both been such an asset to the club and indeed the whole community through their involvement in so many things. We can only wish all the very best for you both, safe and happy travels always. Return anytime as you know you are so welcome! Also on the night we had a visit from Keith Stephenson to tell us how the Bike Park is coming along. It is truly a challenge and the "red tape" so prolific that only pure dedication has got it this far! The Lions are more than willing to assist as we also believe this project will become a well-used asset to this town.

On to club news – the Lion Rock went to Lion Kerry as every chance he gets he's in town operating the logsplitter. This keeps a pile ready and waiting for deliveries on not-so-dry working days for other Lions! We are still taking orders but in another month or so some of the wood won't be totally dry; hopefully the weather will not get too cold too soon. Well it has been a quiet month for us but this can easily change! As I write there is a storm hitting us and as of late we cannot predict the outcome of such unusually bad weather. Hopefully all will be well, so till next month – be safe and well and be kind to everyone – they'll wonder what you're up to.

Everyone knows the best place to go fishing is near a mussel farm. Please follow these guidelines to keep everyone safe.

-  **Keep 30 meters** from working mussel barges at all times
-  **Don't tie-up** to a line being worked on
-  **Never cast your line** towards a mussel barge – farmers have been injured from flying hooks and sinkers
-  **No Anchors.** Tie-on to a longline buoy or use approved mooring hooks
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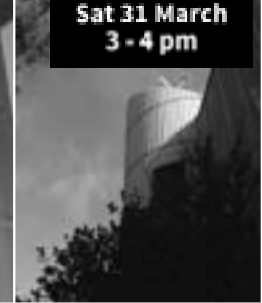
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OPEN HOME
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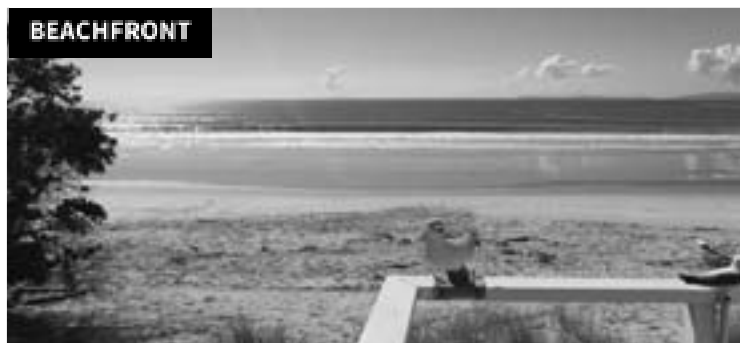
OPEN HOME
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12 - 12.45pm

Coromandel - Sun, Stream, Serenity.. 180 Lillis Lane

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IMMACULATE



OPEN HOME
Sat 31 March
1 - 1.45pm

Coromandel - Lil' Charmer! 155 Hauraki Rd

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Grey Power Coromandel

By John Rabarts

Gary Holden CEO of Pulse Energy, supplier of Grey Power Electricity, shared some thoughts, history and predictions at last year's Grey Power Federation AGM. We heard that by the end of 2016 there were over 20,000 Grey Power Electricity subscribers with another new subscriber every hour of every day – on average. Members combined had saved over \$5 million by switching to Grey Power Electricity. We heard some history, including an interesting reflection for the Coromandel which had a number of whaling stations 150 to 120 years ago. The main fuel for the developing western industrial world was whale oil – produced at ever increasing prices as the oceans were stripped of whales. In 1896 whale oil peaked at an equivalent in today's money at \$420 a barrel. The new fuel of kerosene, from land-based petroleum drilling, was \$60 a barrel, 1/7th the price of whale oil. This led to kerosene lamps replacing whale oil lamps into the new century. But what about electricity? By 1920 in New Zealand it was 20c per kilowatt hour (kwh). But with the building of multiple dams boosting supply, by the 1950's electricity was down to 5c per kwh. But increasing demand, the cost of development of wind power, new transmission lines, other infrastructure and a profit motive as government moved the electricity industry to the private sector, by 2016 electricity prices were back to 20c per kwh. Now we look at power versus petrol to drive a car. Today an electric car costs under 5c a kilometre to run, compared with 10c a km for petrol. Grid power costs and petrol met as equivalent in 2010. By 2020 solar power will be 10 to 15% cheaper than grid power. Putting electric power from the grid into a car will be 10 times cheaper than filling with petrol. In Coromandel you can re-charge an electric car at a stand in the carpark behind the library, or at your home. In the first 100 years of petrol fuelled transport \$30 trillion was spent worldwide. Gary Holden predicts that in the next 100 years \$30 trillion will be spent running cars on electricity. Solar power and electric cars will make world oil resources last much longer than they would at present consumption rates. Pulse energy and Grey Power Electricity, already supplying both electricity and gas, will be moving to solar power production with the potential for individual consumers costing \$1 to \$3 per day for power. Add to this a buy-back scheme for any surplus power that is produced at your location. Gary Holden also announced that Grey Power Electricity price protection (no increase in your electricity charges) already enjoyed by all Grey Power Electricity consumers is extended to at least 2020, maybe longer. Other Grey Power Electricity services are planned for 2018 onwards. While you need to be a Grey Power member (Coromandel is \$15 per year or \$28 per year for two member households), you can join Grey Power Electricity at any age – not limited to the normal joining age of 50 years for general Grey Power membership. This also applies to Cook Strait ferry discounts, Challenge fuel (at 8c per litre discount), Grey Power Medical Insurance and other national programmes. Note that under 50's become associate Grey Power members and do not benefit from locally arranged trading discounts with stores, services and accommodation available to full members over 50 years.

To join Grey Power Coromandel phone vice president Dolly Welch (07)866 8852, or president John Rabarts (07) 866 8068



Mahamudra Centre

By Sarah Brooks

New Changes and Transitions

We had a lovely celebration of Venerable Nangsel's time as director of the centre for the past 10+ years and sent her off for her year's sabbatical with well-wishes. Meanwhile Roy Fraser, one of the founders of Mahamudra Centre, is stepping back in as Director for this next phase. Please help us give him a warm welcome!

The centre will be closed for the month of April while I am away at retreat and while we focus on this transition, but we'll be back open in May for guests, visitors, and will have a special relax and recharge weekend of meditation, massage and yoga. Other things are in the works, including Venerable Robina Courtin's return in June. She's a dynamic, no-nonsense teacher from Australia who spends her whole year traveling around the world teaching. Her background includes editing a magazine and a number of books and she founded an international organization that helps people in prison who would like to study Buddhism have mentors and materials. She recently released a beautiful CD of Buddhist chanting with layered harmonies – we have copies available in the centre's store. Her visit should not be missed!

The Thursday meditation at Havalona Pyramid will continue but as a group sitting in silent meditation, so not specifically guided. Anyone is welcome to join in if you'd like to join the quiet contemplation. It runs from 10-11am and anyone who has time goes down the hill to the Driving Creek Café for coffee and tea after.

www.mahamudra.org.nz (07) 866 6851

Couscous cakes

By Deborah Hide-Bayne

Sometimes you find a word that perfectly suits what is happening in your life... this month I found "bestovers" – similar to leftovers, but where the thing you make with the leftovers comes out better than the thing you originally made!

I made a couscous salad this month with chunks of kumara and orange to go with some home-smoked fish, and we had loads of it left over and apart from giving it to the chickens (who would have loved it) I wasn't very inspired about how to make it into another meal... but then I discovered a recipe for couscous cakes online which I played around with, and the cakes came out very well so I thought I would share the recipe.

Ingredients

2 cups cooked couscous
 ½ cup panko crumbs (or finely broken up cream crackers or Matzo crackers – something to add bulk without making the mixture too heavy)
 200g smoked fish (bite-sized pieces)
 Small handful of basil leaves, chopped
 ½ tbsp ground cumin
 1 or 2 eggs, beaten
 handful panko crumbs
 2 tbsp fat or butter

Method

- Mix all the ingredients together. Add the eggs last, adding just enough to bind the mixture together – you want it not to be sticky, but firm enough to hold together.
- Shape a small piece of mixture into a cake or patty, roll in panko crumbs and set aside. Use up all the mixture (I made about 10).
- Heat a heavy cast-iron fry pan and add the fat or butter. When it starts to sizzle, add the cakes and cook thoroughly on both sides until crunchy and brown.
- Serve immediately, perhaps with a green salad and some relish or chutney.



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Museum News

By Raewyn McKinney

In April, New Zealanders think of our service men and women, past and present, particularly on Anzac Day.

What some people may not realise is that the Second Boer War, which lasted from 11 October 1899 to 31 May 1902, was the first overseas conflict to involve New Zealand troops. This month, I have an item giving news from the Boer War and featuring the death of one of our earliest war heroes, Trooper Leonard Mathews Tarrant.

From 'New Zealand Herald', 26 April 1900

"Mafeking. General Carrington's Column. London, April 21.

Reports from Capetown state that the relief of Mafeking rests with Major-General Carrington's column of Australians and New Zealanders, now concentrating in Rhodesia.

Death Of A New Zealander.

Cable To The Governor

Yesterday morning His Excellency, the Governor, Lord Ranfurly, received the following cablegram from Sir Alfred Milner, Capetown: – "24th of April— to report that No. 71, Cooper L. Tarrant, New Zealand Mounted Infantry, died of typhoid fever, Pretoria, 20th April – (Signed) Milner,



Capetown." The message refers to Sergeant L. M. Tarrant ("Cooper" should, of course, read "trooper"), of the No. 1 Company, First New Zealand Contingent. Sergeant L. M. Tarrant, late of the Coromandel Rifle Corps, was born in Nelson. His father and mother now live at Motueka, Nelson, and are settlers of long standing, his father being county engineer in that district.

Sergeant Tarrant came to Coromandel about three years ago and was most of his time engaged in mining. He held a tribute for "twelve months in the Kapanga mine but was unsuccessful in this venture. Meantime he had joined the Coromandel Rifle Volunteer Corps, where he speedily mastered his drill, and eventually rose to the position of sergeant. He was also one of the crack shots of his corps, and but for a slight impediment in his speech would have been a first-class drill instructor. As it was he became a favourite drill master with recruits joining the company. His old commanding officer, Captain Kenrick, gives him the highest character as a soldier and a man. Socially Mr. Tarrant was held in the highest possible esteem. He was an active member and prominent officer in the Good Templar Lodge. On the departure of Mr.

Tarrant from here the vicar, the Rev. C. P. R. Harrison, recognised that he had lost a diligent and faithful co-worker in the Church of England, for Mr. Tarrant was superintendent of the Driving Creek school of that denomination, and one of the founders of the Coromandel Band of Hope Committee. He was also a regular visitor to the hospital. He recently wrote to a friend relating their work in the field of battle, and especially asked that the members of the Coromandel Christian Endeavour Society, with which he was connected, should pray for him, and commending them to read in spirit with him Ephesians vi. 10, 18, "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord," etc. Tarrant's most intimate friends describe him as a man of irreproachable character, and certainly he was most highly respected in Coromandel."

November 2018 marks 100 years since the end of World War 1. The museum committee is planning a display to commemorate this historic anniversary and is seeking information on Coromandel soldiers who served in this conflict. If anyone has any photos, or documents please bring them along to the museum. They will be copied, to be used in the display, and the originals will be returned to the owners. All help would be much appreciated.

The museum is open weekends only during April, from 1pm to 4pm each day

COROMANDEL & AUCKLAND FERRY



Departs Auckland: Pier 4, Quay Street

	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
12 Feb - 25 Mar	-	8.45am	-	8.45am	6.40pm	8.45am	8.45am
26 Mar - 1 Apr	-	8.45am	-	6.40pm	8.45am	8.45am	8.45am
2 Apr - 8 Apr	8.45am	8.45am	-	8.45am	6.40pm	8.45am	8.45am
9 Apr - 22 Apr	-	8.45am	-	8.45am	6.40pm	8.45am	8.45am
23 Apr - 29 Apr	-	8.45am	-	8.45am	6.40pm	8.45am	8.45am

Departs Orapiu to Coromandel: (approximate times)

	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
12 Feb - 25 Mar	-	9.50 am	-	9.50 am	7.45 pm	9.50 am	9.50 am
26 Mar - 1 Apr	-	9.50 am	-	7.45 pm	9.50 am	9.50 am	9.50 am
2 Apr - 8 Apr	9.50 am	9.50 am	-	9.50 am	7.45 pm	9.50 am	9.50 am
9 Apr - 22 Apr	-	9.50 am	-	9.50 am	7.45 pm	9.50 am	9.50 am
23 Apr - 29 Apr	-	9.50 am	-	9.50 am	7.45 pm	9.50 am	9.50 am

Departs Coromandel: Hannafords Wharf

	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
12 Feb - 25 Mar	-	3.00 pm	-	3.00 pm	8.45 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm
26 Mar - 1 Apr	-	3.00 pm	-	8.45 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm
2 Apr - 8 Apr	4.30 pm	3.00 pm	-	3.00 pm	8.45 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm
9 Apr - 22 Apr	-	3.00 pm	-	3.00 pm	8.45 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm
23 Apr - 29 Apr	-	3.00 pm	-	3.00 pm	8.45 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm

Auckland - Coromandel

	ADULT	CHILD	FAMILY
ONE WAY	\$60.00	\$40.00	\$160.00
OPEN RETURN	\$95.00	\$60.00	\$250.00

Waiheke Island (Orapiu) - Coromandel

	ADULT	CHILD	FAMILY
ONE WAY	\$35.00	\$22.00	\$92.00
OPEN RETURN	\$60.00	\$35.00	\$155.00

Child definition is 5-15 years inclusive.
Family definition is 2 adults + 2 children.

Please note:

A Sunday service operates on public holidays, except Christmas day.

In the event of cancellations 360 Discovery may arrange alternative transport arrangements.

A ferry bus shuttle will transfer you to and from Coromandel Town (Samuel James Reserve car park) and Hannaford's Wharf. There is no additional fare for this service.

Timetables and fares are correct at time of printing. 360 Discovery reserves the right to change fares and departures without notice. Full terms and conditions of travel are available online.



CoroMFA Comment

By Gilbert James, Chair, CoroMFA

Snapper could decimate Gulf Mussel Industry; Calling all Hauraki snapper fishers, your help is needed with snapper abundances at Coromandel mussel farms.

Workers spoken to at my company have been describing the snapper as: "the water red with fish could walk on the fish ... like looking into an aquarium" etc.

We suffer badly from spat, seed and seeding damage and it affects the annual harvest total and increases our overall costs greatly.

Snapper predation on mussels has always been a problem for mussel farmers but every year there are more and a bit bigger fish. We believe the fish are growing very fast such as by their fatness and are quite young for their size.

Recent data for Salty Towers (one of a number with a filleting service) is for the (long) weekend of 3 to 5 March, Salty Towers filleted 816 snapper and 118 kahawai. The snapper were super-fat. Average weight filleted about 10lbs.

On the Anniversary weekend they filleted 1300 snapper.

This is in contrast to anecdotal reports from up north of Colville Bay of their snapper fishing being a bit below average for this time of year. So, now you know where the fish are.

Fishing suggestions are that you use heavier lines and sinkers and larger hooks (but always sharp) than usual as the fish are bigger and more aggressive on the bite and need to be stopped from getting away into the farm structures. Our advice is that snapper blood and guts (although not good bait) won't put them off the bite but frames of filleted snapper do spook them for a period. It is welcomed that you release any frames but suggest only at the end of your trip. Good luck with the fishing!

Safety Messages

Please uphold the Code (see diagram on ad p19) for Safe Boating and Fishing inside Coromandel mussel farms.

Please never cast lines towards mussel harvesters. It is scary for them and also the mussel crews are at serious risk of injury from flying hooks and sinkers. Casts can and do go astray.

On behalf of all our marine farmers, kindest regards to all.

Coromandel Town Information Centre

By Sandra Wilson, Manager

This month's article is a little different in that I want to pay our respects to a dear member of our team.

Con Anderson passed away unexpectedly last week. Con had been working at the Information Centre for around three years, every week on a Tuesday. She was a spritely, active 82-year-old who in those three years used her quick wit and enthusiasm for our town to engage with our clients. Con could talk anyone into going on the train even in the worst weather. Who wouldn't believe her?

She was known to go above and beyond, even babysitting 15-month-old twins who only spoke and understood German. Did that put Con off? No. The parents wanted to go on the train and couldn't decide who would stay with the children whilst the other one went, so Con offered to sit with the children who would be having their afternoon nap. She duly arrived at the railway, children fast asleep in the campervan, and the parents set off for the train trip. When they returned the children were still asleep. The parents could not thank Con enough.

She also helped someone move from here to Whitianga with all of their belongings. The visitor turned up at the Centre looking for a bus to catch and, as a result of her interactions with the person, she offered to drive them when her shift was finished.

Con's latest endeavour was getting our guided heritage walks organized. She was the driving force behind this as she was formerly a member of the East Auckland Historic Society and ran the guided walks there, where she was eventually bestowed the honour of lifetime member of said society. The walks will go on in her memory when all of those concerned are brought up to speed.

Her passion, enthusiasm and presence will be greatly missed and forever remembered.

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Con Anderson

Who cares about plastic rubbish?

By Kate James

Why are people making a fuss about plastic bags, plastic straws and all sorts of plastic rubbish? Let's have a quick look at why it is causing concern and what happens to our plastic rubbish once we throw it away:

1) It goes to landfill.

You put it in your blue council bag and it's gone right? But landfill is just that, it fills the land. Nothing breaks down in landfill, rubbish is compacted and sealed into the earth where it will stay forever. In New Zealand around 250,000 tonnes of plastic goes to landfills each year. Whoa. We simply cannot expect our land to cope with storing ever increasing amounts of plastic rubbish.

2) It is recycled.

Great! This may be better than landfill, but in New Zealand we are rubbish at recycling. For example, we are dumping enough plastic drink bottles into landfill each year to fill 700 jumbo jets. Remember to check under the lid of your wheelie bin for what can be recycled - and then recycle it.

3) It ends up as litter on land or in the sea.

In the natural environment plastic does not go away, it just breaks down into smaller and smaller pieces. We have all seen them on the beach. These tiny pieces are consumed by smaller and smaller creatures, right down to zooplankton in the sea, or micro-organisms in the soil. Some types of plastic also leach pollutants into the soil and water. Gross.

Plastic particles are now being found in shellfish and fish we eat, even in the water we drink. Isn't it time we started breaking up with plastic?

Please send me your questions about how you can break up with plastic. I will provide some answers in next month's Chronicle. katejamesscientist@gmail.com

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Diversity of Movement

By Lisa Corston (and Jacqui Chan)

So many of us long to dance again, whether it's been a whole week since the last dose or 40 years.

Our bodies love to dance, to move in a way that feels good, experiencing pleasure through simply allowing the body to move in its own natural and creative way. Every body has its own genetic make-up, no two bodies naturally move in exactly the same way. Our bodies change as we adapt to the lives we are living. We will have body parts that remain flexible, strong, and supple whilst other parts of us may become restricted. And so each body really does have its own unique movement vocabulary, its own way of dancing.

Some people say they can't dance, they feel or have been told that they are "not a dancer" as if dancing must look a certain way. It is normal to feel self-conscious when trying something new and different, easy to stay at home rather than take a small risk for fear of doing it wrong. Some people feel they have "two left feet" when it comes to dancing, feeling shy, awkward, or uncoordinated, as if somehow they lack the ability to dance "the right way"!

On the Open Floor we welcome all types of feet, all sizes, shapes. Shy feet, timid feet, extroverted, sassy, courageous, quirky, playful, curious, quiet feet, fast, slow, reclusive, light-footed, sure-footed. All feet are welcome to come dance. Every body is welcome. You are welcome.

A willingness and curiosity about how your own body enjoys moving easefully and creatively are simple ingredients needed.

You are warmly invited to come explore your own creative way of moving whilst within the good company of others moving just as they are. There are chairs on the dance floor for people that need them as well as for extending movement explorations.

"Diversity of movement for all bodies. This is the reason why we offer chairs on the Open Floor. Dance responsibly!" – Kathy Altman (a founder of Open Floor International)

"I love the concept of relaxation and dancing and letting your hair down! It's a tremendous help that you are not tied to your aches and pains ... something that can be done where you don't have to be good at it!" quote from a wonderful 95yr local woman.

"Dance is an integral part of one's being, like breathing and talking ... it is a part of being in touch with others and the world ... like poetry, dance touches on the indescribable ..." quote from another wonderful 79yr local woman

On **Thursday 19 April** a new afternoon class will begin for everyone 60yrs and above, 2-3.15pm, Anglican Church Hall, Coromandel (weekly for six weeks). This first class (19 April) will be free! An opportunity to come be in good company and enjoy the pleasure of dancing again. See below for all further details. Our Thursday evening classes are now happening weekly, so we get to dance even more!

New upcoming 60yrs and above classes: **19, 26 April, 3, 10, 17, 24 May**, Anglican Church Hall, 2-3.15pm, Entry \$5-\$10 (choose as you can afford), 19 April is free.



Weekly Thursday classes at the Anglican Church Hall, 7*-8.30pm.

Tuesday morning classes at Mana Retreat Centre 9.30*-11:30am – **3 April, 15, 22, 29 May**.

(*Please arrive a few minutes earlier to settle in. Come up to 15mins early to enjoy a longer warm-up. If you are new we invite you to arrive 10-15min early so we can welcome and orient you.)

Entry: \$10-\$15 (you choose based on what you can afford).

Contacts: Jacqui 022 392 8588, Lisa 021 175 4741 See www.wildbones.co.nz for more info

Shortage of midwives

Contact Thames Birthing Unit if you are pregnant and don't have a midwife.

A shortage of Lead Maternity Carers (LMCs) in the Coromandel area has led Waikato DHB to urge pregnant women in the area to contact the Birthing Unit at Thames Hospital if they can't find a midwife.

The number of self-employed midwives in the Coromandel has dropped from 11 to 4 in the last three years and has left many pregnant women struggling to find a local midwife for their antenatal and postnatal care.

Jo Clarke, Waikato DHB Clinical Midwife Director, said: "The shortage of LMCs is a problem nationwide, but particularly in remote rural areas. We have a number of hot spots in the Waikato like South Waikato and the Coromandel where there are not enough LMCs for the population.

"We are very concerned about the situation in the Coromandel. We know already of five women in Thames who have made contact with our birthing unit as they are unable to find a local midwife."

She said it was important that women who couldn't find an LMC to get in touch with the Thames Birthing Unit who could provide support for the women with antenatal care like important scans, blood tests and blood pressure checks.

"It's important that women contact Thames within the first 12 weeks of their pregnancy for these vital antenatal checks. It will also allow us to pick up any issues or risk factors early that might need referral to Waikato Hospital," said Ms Clarke.

Contact Thames Birthing Unit on (07) 868 6009

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Coromandel Flying Club Incorporated Society Limited

By Karen McMillan ~ Secretary

Like every other little Club in Coromandel town and district, we all strive to work hard at keeping the grounds and buildings maintained, membership numbers at a premium, bills paid, a little money in the account for contingency and all the requirements of paperwork done to manage a Club as per the Constitution. And it's not that easy....

The airfield and hanger/clubrooms are a vital part of our community and provide many valuable services that you may not be aware of. This is a vital asset for our community, irreplaceable at today's costs. For instance the facilities are frequently used for Search and Rescue operations involving St John Ambulance covering Coromandel and Colville, and all areas to the north. Other operations involve Skipper Licensing training, local group meetings in the club rooms, storage for the Lions, flying services for locals, emergency landings, flight training and tourism development.



Police operations are also carried out from the field.

Currently we are progressing with a maintenance program to enhance the facilities and carry out long overdue maintenance.

Major maintenance is required on the runway which has deteriorated over the last few years. It needs to be re-surfaced in many areas, and this means the strip will need to be closed for a four-week period in the near future. Our strip is the only all-weather strip on the peninsula and it is vital to keep it in top condition. Also required is better drainage and road access. Because of the Search and Rescue operations, we also require upgraded lighting and video surveillance equipment.

Building maintenance is also required, along with machinery maintenance on the mowers and tractors involved in mowing the strip and surrounds.

The club obtains limited revenue from landing fees and social activities. Club members currently donate serious time and effort to the mowing and maintenance of the facility at no cost to the community.

We are holding a couple of fundraisers out at the airfield. Please take advantage of coming to check out the facilities and supporting the Bumper Garage Boot Sale, **Saturday 12 May 8am-2pm.**

Posters with details will be distributed around the district and in the May Chronicle. Flights will be available to those who are interested in getting up into the skies above Coromandel, with an introduction to The Love of Flying. Secure your site to sell your wares or artworks at \$10 per site.

Bookings essential. ph Karen 027 290 8171 or Loes (07) 866 8053.

Also look out for our raffle with a chance to win a ½ hr Introductory Flight for only a \$4 ticket. These are available at Coromandel Quality Butchers. Thank you Shane and Tania for your support.

Wishing you all a safe and happy April.

Coromandel Independent Living Trust

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Just Testing

CILT is always grateful to its volunteers and the skills and time they bring to the organisation so it is delighted that Terry Ames, one of our wonderful CILT volunteers who works up at the Goldmine, is now qualified to test and certify electrical items for safety to AS/NZS3760 standards. CILT has purchased an electrical tester to enable him to carry out this function. So all goods sold at the Goldmine have been tested and tagged and are safe to use.

Under the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 employers are to provide and maintain, so far as is reasonably practicable, a work environment for workers and contractors that is safe. Owners of electrical goods must supply electrical equipment that is safe, appropriately inspected, tested and maintained and adequate information regarding its safe use.

So if you are an employer and an owner of electrical goods you should have your electrical items tested to ensure that they are safe by having them tested and tagged.

So how does the small employer, accommodation provider or a house owner wanting electrical safety assurance comply?

CILT and Terry are gearing up to provide such a service to Coromandel businesses and the public. Having a workplace, a house or individual items checked by someone qualified is not only complying with current legislation but is making the working and living environment safer. For commercial operators there might be insurance considerations too.

So if you are interested in this service contact CILT. What's more, all profits from this social enterprise will go back into our community.

The Goldmine is also looking for a volunteer to work with Benjamin in the shop, so if you think a few hours working in retail might be fun, please contact either Carol (027 486 4043), Marlene (027 2232 629) or Benjamin (022 101 7877) at CILT.

Talking of volunteers, since the passing of the late, much-loved Jo McNeil, the Work Co-Op have missed someone to work with on craft projects, so they are pleased to welcome Annette who will be joining them soon. The Work Co-Op runs on a whanau basis and a lot of the work they do in the community, mowing the lawns, catering for funerals and other occasions, is done to support families in the community. Recently as there was a tangi booked at the marae, the Work Co-Op put on a hakaari (a meal that follows a funeral) at the Work Co-Op house in Wharf Road for a local family who had brought back the ashes of a family member from Australia.

CILT's feasibility study for community facilities hub in Pound St is going well but we would encourage anyone who wants to offer some input to contact Pete Sephton on 027 242 4090.

Reminders

The Resource Centre at CILT would just like to remind you that the next visit from Inland Revenue will be on **10 May** and that the Maori Land Court will be visiting on **17 April**. You make a booking at CILT reception. And if you want to book ahead you can make a booking at reception for the following dates:

IRD – **Thursday 14 June, Thursday 12 July.**

Maori Land Court – **Thursday 27 September, Thursday 22 November.**

Also to remind you the Whitianga Community Van goes on the 1st Friday of the each month. Please book by 1pm the Thursday before.

CILT Resource Centre Co-ordinators: Rochelle Still and Kaye Anderson. Hours: 9am-3pm Monday-Thursday. Ph/Fax:(07) 866 8358 Email:cilt@cilt.org.nz or Website: www.cilt.org.nz



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Hot Spot

– Notes for the Coromandel Volunteer Fire Brigade

By Rob Chappell

As I write this we are at the beginning of yet another cyclone (Holo), where will it hit, who will suffer? Met Service advise Northland and the Coromandel to batten down. For us it makes sense as we almost have our road back to a two-lane highway again. What a season – it started with a drought which was going to be a forest fire nightmare and then we got rain and now cyclones. As always it is the emergency services who respond and pick up the pieces. For Coromandel, you can be assured your local brigade is highly trained, ready to respond and happy help anyone in need – just dial 111 and ask for Fire.

In recent times the town has lost two of its residents or recent resident that the brigade

wishes to publically acknowledge as both contributed in significant ways to the brigade and to our town.

Tom Whittle – much has been written of Tom and his incredible donation of time and energy to our town. He was closely involved with our brigade as a chief of neighbouring Papa Aroha Rural Fire party, he was heavily involved in the local St John ambulance, he was a driver of Coastguard and a member of the Emergency Services team. This last team were directly responsible for the acquisition, planning and management of that parcel of land where the St John Ambulance and Replica Fire Station currently stand. Tom's foresight and inspiration led to the TCDC owned land being transferred on a longterm lease to this group to manage for the benefit of the community. Tom has left a lasting legacy.

Owen Scarborough – ex Coromandel Laundry Matt and Strongman Engineering

was one of a group of likeminded retired locals who worked tirelessly for the brigade over the years, firstly sorting and fundraising for the replica fire station then spending months on the brigade's Leyland Cub vintage fire engine to restore it to its former glory in time for the local Brigade Centennial. The group continues to function restoring an array of old fire pumps and equipment donated for the museum. In this Owen has also left the town a legacy.

As we enter autumn it's time to get the firewood stacked and prepare for winter. Don't forget that it's time to give that chimney a clean – early enough to repair it if needed. While it may look OK from the ground or at the fireplace, it is usually the top one metre that gets clogged from a build-up of carbon deposits and it is this that which will catch fire.

Mana Update

By Shanti, Rainer and Penelope

This year is the 30th anniversary of Mana Retreat being incorporated as a charitable trust and the completion of the first 'early' centre buildings. Paradoxically, it seems both a long time ago, and almost no time at all, since the trust formed and we began building the Octagon, establishing gardens and running courses and retreats.

There have been many changes through that time, including the building of many facilities; the development of beautiful and productive gardens and orchards; a wonderful network of tracks through the surrounding bush; the creation of Tara Sanctuary; and increasing numbers of courses and workshops, guests, and staff (to look after everything). From the end of February last year to the end of February this year, Mana hosted 42 workshops and retreats which were facilitated by a mix of international and New Zealand teachers. During the same period, we had 1,352 guests attending our workshops and retreats, from overseas and around New Zealand – including a good number from the Coromandel Peninsula.

So many people have given their time and energy to Mana over the past 30 years, and we, the three trustees (Shanti and Rainer Heubner and Penelope Carroll, pictured left to right below), are deeply grateful.

Personnel have changed – Sol Petersen, one of the founders of the Centre, is no longer a trustee; and various managers and support staff have moved on – but our mission statement has remained a constant: to create a place for the "exploration and awakening of consciousness, the unfolding of our creative and healing potential and the realisation of our essential unity". Unchanged too is our stated commitment to provide "a supportive space for beauty, inspiration and simplicity" to flourish.



Trustees: Shanti and Rainer Heubner and Penelope Carroll

For a year now, our new management team of Sarah Ford, Jade Ferriere, and Simon Stigner (pictured right) has been managing the Centre. Sarah oversees day-to-day operations and takes care of presenters, guests and staff, as well as programme development; Jade looks after communications and organisational practices, and is involved in both online and onsite programme development; and Simon is responsible for managing Mana's buildings and equipment and financial affairs. They are a magnificent team!

A big thank you to all those – staff, volunteers, presenters and guests – who have helped over the past 30 years make Mana Retreat Centre the special and inspiring place it is today.



Management team: Sarah Ford, Jade Ferriere, and Simon Stigner

		retreats workshops events
Mana Retreat Centre, Coromandel New Zealand		
Book Online - manaretreat.com		
6-8 APR	Sing your Heart Out w/ Tony Backhouse	
9-16 APR	Iyengar Yoga with Glenn Ceresoli, Keri Keri Yoga Centre	
16-20 APR	Journey to your Soul Retreat with The Joyful Buddhas	
20-27 APR	A 7 Day Insight Meditation Silent Retreat, with Bob Stahl	
6-8 APR	Autumn Yoga Retreat – Devotion & Deities with Denise Ferguson	

Rangatahi

CELEBRATING OUR CHILDREN

Coromandel Area School

By Jamie Leckie

Term 1 is proving to be full of exciting activities to keep our tamariki busy!

Junior camp

Junior camp has been a highlight of the term so far, with years 1-5 enjoying another action-packed few days at Tuck's Bay with very indecisive weather. However, there was still kayaking, bush walks, sport rotations which were led by some of the senior students of Coromandel Area School, plenty of swimming and fun beach activities including "The Big Dig". What a wonderful sight it was to see a hundred happy students swimming in the sea. Many thanks to all of the wonderful parents and whanau who came along as helpers for the camp; it would be impossible without you! Also, a huge thank you to our teachers and staff that organised the camp, many hours of planning went towards creating this wonderful experience.

We look forward to next year being just as enjoyable.

Below is some camp writing.

Did you ever go to school camp?

By Dorian, Room 4

Did you ever go to school camp and the ice blocks were melting like mad? And the kids were swimming in the murky waters? Did you ever go into the long drop? It was smelly! Did you ever get colourful hands when you were holding the ice block? I loved it!

Have you ever been to school camp?

By Sierra, Room 4

Have you ever been to school camp?

Weather changing

Girls giggling

Boys screaming

Cameras flashing

Bells ringing

I loved it!

Camping

By Jamie, Room 5

I feel the freezing blizzard night dark with a spark in the sky. Some soft wind blowing.

I see the kids having fun in the hot boiling sun. I see the kayaks going here and there away from the smooth sandy beach.

I hear the animals screeching and running around. I also hear laughing and joy.

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I smell the fresh cold air, then the stinky toilets going through the air – poooo!

I taste the sea water as I swim, YUCK! I taste the snacks, now that's YUM!

Senior Athletics

The senior athletics was a successful day with Te Wharekura o Manaia

senior students joining us for the day. The winning Whanau group was Kapanga. Thanks to Geoff and Koren for the running of the event and to all of the students who did themselves and us proud. The participation numbers were great!

Swimming

This year School Swimming Sports included all Year 5 to Year 13 students, and ten Year 4 students who were capable of swimming a length of the 25m pool. Colville School joined us for the fun-filled day. We would like to say a big thank you to Debra Attwood for your time; we could not have done it without you.

A true show of Manaakitanga

We would like to publicly thank the



School camp at Tucks Bay

Coromandel Patchwork & Quilters Club for their kind donation of \$833 towards supporting students in need. They have raised that amount through an annual raffle, and have decided that we would be the lucky recipients this year. The money will go into a hardship fund, that will support families in need throughout the year. We would also like to thank Des and Leanne from Long Bay Motor Camp for their generous donation of shower money that they accumulated and the free ice blocks that they gave the Primary School children at camp! Also, Mike and Karen from the Star and Garter for yet another donation. We are blown away by the support and generosity of our local community. We appreciate all of your contributions and the money will be put to good use.

Colville School

By Tui McMillan, Principal

Kia ora koutou,

Thank you to the local community for making me and my partner Teresa so welcome since my arrival to Colville in June 2017. I was previously a Deputy Principal at a West Auckland primary school of 700 children where many families identified as speaking a language other than English. I worked there for 17 years. I have two grown up children who live overseas. My son lives in Melbourne and works for Cricket Australia and a daughter in the U.K. who is in Public Relations. Both have just given me beautiful baby granddaughters.

We now have two permanent local teachers at Colville who have a history with the area. Ra-Tane Edelsten teaches our older students. He is an ex-Colville student himself and he is enjoying reconnecting with the school and with schoolmates from his childhood. Kerry Adams is the principal release teacher for the junior students. She used to teach at Kennedy Bay many years ago and is living in Tuateta.

The 2018 year has started well and there is a settled, focused learning atmosphere here at Colville School. We have 26 learners at present from Year 1 to Year 8 who are working well on their learning goals. We have enjoyed being part of the cluster swimming sports at Coromandel Area School in March and there are more cluster sports coming up.

As the months go by I am getting to know more and more about the rich history and stories of the area and of the school itself. Ex-principals and staff have dropped by school to say hello in the last six months, the latest being a principal from the 1960s. I feel privileged to have my first principal role in a school with such a supportive extended whanau.

I am keen to continue the work we have started last year with our knowledge extension partner Colville Harbour Care. The learners are involved in the Marine Metre Squared project and they have taken several transects from the Colville Bay area to inform the researchers about the ongoing biodiversity of the area.

Our children are from environmentally aware families who practise sustainable living. It is our promise, after local consultation with families, to continue to ignite learning by tapping into the rich heritage and connecting to the beautiful natural environmental features of the rural North Coromandel region. When we plan for learning here at Colville we always try to include local experiences and we love to access experts in the community to widen educational opportunities.

I believe the very best resources in education are those people who can interact positively with our children. Please do not hesitate to visit me here at Colville School if you are passing by at anytime.

We welcome everyone to our little patch of paradise!

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Kiwi Can

Kia ora koutou,

This year has been such a busy start to Kiwi Can with every class finding out their new formation lines, creating their new chants and forming a treaty for their Kiwi Can room.

Each class has also now found out that our kaupapa for this term is Resilience, which is about being able to cope with challenges and being able to bounce back.

We have been exploring the theme of Resilience through our submodules of:

- Goal Setting. Thinking about what we want or what we want to achieve and then making a plan.
- Problem Solving. Thinking of different ways we



Senior students running games at the junior camp

can do things and trying them out.

- Perseverance. Being patient and trying again and again.

Our Catchphrase for this term is:

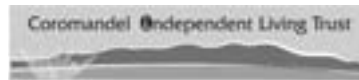
Level 1-2: Aim high, reach for the sky.

Level 3-4: All your dreams can come true, if you have the courage to pursue.

Marlene and Gemma were absolutely thrilled to once again join in on the Coromandel Area School junior camp, we loved the games our senior students put on, so much fun!

Until next time, "Be great, be awesome, be you!"
Ka kite ano from the Kiwi Can team.

The Coromandel Kiwi Can programme is managed by the Coromandel Independent Living Trust, and is officially sponsored by Sanford Ltd. It is supported by The Lion Foundation, CSSC (Colville Social Services Collective) and Trust Waikato



Coromandel Youth Group at Hauraki House

School Holiday Hours

Monday – Thursday
11am-4pm, \$2 - socialise, craft & sport activities.
Friday 6pm-9pm evening social – students yrs 7-9.
Sunday 1pm-4pm drop in and social.

School Term Time Hours

Tuesday and Thursday
3pm-5pm.
*Friday Afternoon
2pm-4pm.
Friday Night Social
6pm-9pm – students yrs 7-9.
Sunday 1pm-4pm drop in social.

Coromandel Youth Group is for all children aged 5–15yrs. All that parents/caregivers need to do is fill out a membership form for each child attending. Please make a gold coin donation for after school sessions; every little bit helps us to stay open!

For Friday afternoon sessions we can collect children from school if you phone the Youth Rooms before 5pm on Thursday.

Parents please ensure that your child signs in on arrival.

For more information call in at the Youth Rooms, Hauraki House or telephone us on (07) 866 7061.

Along with the kind donations that we receive, we would like to thank those that make this programme possible: Lottery Waikato, COGS, Trust Waikato, "Bizarre" Charitable Trust and The Tindall Foundation

Te Rerenga School

Learning, it's what we do...

By Shelley Corles

It has been a busy few weeks for our students. Learning in all classrooms is well underway and with the continued beautiful weather we have been able to enjoy aquatic lessons in our school pool each day.

Harold came to visit us on Monday 5 and Tuesday 6 March. Each class enjoyed their sessions, learning about food and nutrition, relationships and the importance of having a good reputation.

On Wednesday 7 March Rooms 3 and 4 headed over to Mercury Bay Area School to take part in the combined schools swimming sports. Although the weather was a little troublesome... all children took part in a variety of fun and competitive races. From this day the children are selected to go and compete in the Thames Valley swim meet next week.

Our new little chicks, hatched by the children last year, are now in the chicken run and have begun laying eggs. All class gardens are underway again, with Room 1 ready to plant out all of their winter vegetables. Sustainability education is a big focus for us, and it is awesome to see how excited the children are about being part of it.

For the remainder of this term we will welcome Mary Kedzlie as our Acting Principal while Anna takes some leave.



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Arts



The attendees with tutor Jaquie seated front left

Pastel Artists Coromandel

By Christine Lunn

Our latest workshop took place on 5 March at Coromandel Flying Club rooms, with 10 attendees.

Jaquie Ellis from Karangahake Gorge Coromandel was our tutor for the day. Jacqui is an excellent tutor and her bubbly personality kept us totally focused all day.

After a work station talk we progressed to a still life – apple in a bowl. Our afternoon session was painting animal eyes and it started with a short quiz with students guessing which eye belonged to which animal – both domestic and wild – from a group of Jaquie's paintings.

Interesting that the expressions and colours in the different animal's eyes were all different. The day finished with us painting both animal eyes and animal fur and hair.

All attendees, from beginners to the more experienced had a fantastic day of learning and working.

A great start to 2018.

Our members have considerable experience and still work in other media but they dedicate Tuesday mornings to pastel, pencil and coloured pencil work. Some of our members' work is on display in the window of Liquor King on Wharf Road – don't forget to have a look next time you pass.

We welcome visitors at our weekly meeting at the Coromandel Aero Club rooms on Tiki Road on Tuesdays between 9.00am and 12 noon (around 10.00am is always a good time, when we break for morning tea). Or contact: Allan Beaver (07) 866 8053 or Christine Lunn on (07) 866 7220.

PORTRAITS AVAILABLE

Richard Chrisp (School of Art, Paris) and David Broatch (School of Art, Edinburgh) will continue to paint portraits through till Easter Weekend. Venue: under the fig tree outside the Bakehouse*, daily 11am-4pm. Adults, children, dogs welcome!

While sitting, Gin and his friendly team from the Bakehouse can serve you excellent coffee and food.

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Back Room Gallery – Local Artist Co-op, Colville

We're looking forward to the Easter festival in Colville. The gallery will be open extended hours till 6pm during the festival, and our artists will be doing free, live demonstrations making their lovely art. We'll also be featuring art by our talented local youth, so remember to look for us behind the Colville Cafe and stop in! The gallery will be closing for the season after Easter, so it's your last chance to see it until we hopefully re-open the end of this year for next summer.

For updates, you can find us on Facebook @BackRoomGallery



Nici

Coromandel Art Group

By Barbara Peddie

We are now venturing outdoors each week to sketch and get inspiration for our winter masterpieces. Well, we are trying to, but the weather is not always obliging.

One trip to Tuck's Bay was abandoned when the wind threatened to hurl easels and sketch-pads out to sea. Two other trips so far have been more successful, to Kikowhakarere Bay, and to Oamaru Bay with its view of the island peeping through the pohutukawa.

We are also organising visiting tutors for three or four workshops this year, in oils, acrylics and watercolour. These give us a full day of challenges, nudging or maybe booting us out of our comfort zones. They are invariably stimulating and of course a lot of fun.

But meanwhile we will continue to dodge cyclones, and explore the great outdoors. (Cyclone Hola is whirling towards us as I write.)



Peeping through the pohutukawa



Sketching at Oamaru Bay

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Upper Coromandel Forest & Bird Society

By Karen Marshall

We live in an area that was covered in kauri forest 250 years ago. Most know the history of the logging that caused the destruction of this beautiful environment. Today a tiny fraction of the original trees



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remain, yet they are critically endangered unless ordinary people like us make more of an effort to stop the transmission of Kauri Dieback Disease.

The disease is caused by a microscopic spore that lives

in soil. A pinprick of contaminated soil can infect healthy kauri trees, with the most common method of transmission being on the feet of anyone or anything that walks nearby. Responsible walkers will make use of cleaning stations provided at entrances and exits at kauri groves by spraying or washing their footwear with the chemical solutions that will kill infectious spores. However, dog owners must also take special care.

Signposted kauri groves always have signs up that forbid dogs going into these areas. As a dog owner myself I understand how frustrating it is to not be able to take your pet wherever you choose, but it is vital that people think about the dangers that dogs pose, especially when running free. In walking, running and sniffing everywhere (as dogs do) they can be lethal transmitters of Dieback spores.

Other areas in our environment require special consideration by dog-owners: those where shorebirds are feeding and/or nesting, and of course, anywhere there may be kiwi. The Department of Conservation offers free Kiwi Aversion Training several times a year (or you can pay \$25 per dog when the freebies aren't available) for dogs of any size and age. This will give peace of mind if you want to walk anywhere in the hills behind town. Our beaches, estuaries and wetlands are full of birds that require consideration from dog owners. A pateke (native duck) was found dead (savaged by a dog) last week near McGregor Bay, so please help prevent similar losses by keeping your pet on a lead.

Our branch committee always welcomes new members. If you want to lend a hand in projects that are making a difference in this beautiful place, then join us by phoning me on (07) 866 7867/027 728 2098 or Sue on (07) 866 8039

McGregor Bay Wetland

By Carol Sutherland

Rail Crossing

As you drive down towards Long Bay you pass McGregor Bay wetland.

If you drive along there when the tide is about to reach the wetland you might spy banded rail making their way ahead of the incoming water back into the wetland. They have been feeding out under the mangroves and are sensibly retreating as the tide creeps higher. They do not have an underpass so they have to climb up and across the road.

The same is in reverse as they cross back seaward side as the tide recedes.

The banded rail does not seem to have any traffic sense. They are focused on getting across to and from the wetland, preferably with less time exposed, but they tend to get a tad panicky when a car approaches, which tends to make them dart out.

So if you are approaching the northern end of the causeway please be mindful of our remaining rails in that vicinity. They look like small wekas as they scuttle, but up close they are much prettier.

If you want to sit and wait for them you might want to park south side of the bridge when the tide is approaching and stay in the car, or very still and quiet outside, as movement might make spook them, forcing them to stay as the water gets higher. Might not see them every day but until the boardwalk and hide are constructed, viewing at this stage is best from the road.

Lack of traffic sense also applies to the pateke that use the wetland and both are very vulnerable to dogs. With less quick take off power than seagulls, they are easier to catch.

So as you go past the wetland, either driving or walking your dogs, you might encounter endangered beasts that are wonderful to have within the town. They are there, just not that obvious, so keep your eyes peeled for wildlife and marvel to think how lucky we are to have them.



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Coromandel Kauri Run/Walk Saturday 5 May

This year's Kauri Run/Walk and the Coromandel Seafood Fest are combining to help make both events a more enjoyable experience for our visitors and locals alike. We will slightly change our finish line so we don't interfere with the layout on the bottom field for the Seafood Fest.

This year will see the return of the ultra off road distance which only goes on the calendar every three years. The programme of events is as follows: 70km ultra Port Jackson to Coromandel, 32km north end of Waikawau beach to Coromandel, 22km White Star Station Colville to Coromandel, 11km Kauri Block, Long Bay, Tuck's Bay, Harray Track, 5km Coromandel to Long Bay return, all on the flat, ideal for mums, dads with prams. All distances finish at the area school bottom field. Some of these tracks cross private property of which the Spirit of Coromandel Trust has the privilege and permission to use. They are more than just tracks, they are an adventure in our own backyard. There will be bus transport for those who will be doing the 22, 32, and 70km events, leaving from Woollams Avenue carpark.

For each competitor taking part walking, running or pushing a pram, a kauri tree will be planted on the 32k track. Trees are planted on both sides of the track, which is forming an avenue of kauri. This will eventually become a tourist attraction as well as perhaps the longest avenue of kauri to run/walk through in New Zealand. We are currently planting on the ridge behind White Star Station. This is very much a community effort and attracts non competitors as well as competitors helping with getting the trees on site, getting the holes dug and then the planting of them. We are approximately 12km along the 32km course, which represents close to 3,000 trees. Come and join in and enjoy a positive energised day supporting our kauri vision for Coromandel, with the added bonus of enjoying the Seafood Fest when the race is finished.

If you have some spare community time on race day, Rita would love to hear from you. We require approximately 27 marshals, some remote and some in town. If you can commit please contact Rita on arceventsrita@gmail.com, or phone (07) 866 8613 or 027 210 3734



NZ's biggest Mother's Day event returns to Whitianga

New Zealand's biggest Mother's Day event, the Jennian Homes Mother's Day Fun Run/Walk, in support of women's heart health, is returning to Whitianga on **13 May** – with tickets now on sale.



Runners and walkers will set off from Whitianga Waterways at 10am, joining a throng of more than 13,000 participants at 33 locations throughout New Zealand, from Paihia to Invercargill.

Now in its seventh year, the annual event supports "Heart Foundation for Women", in what is the Heart Foundation's 50th anniversary year.

"Heart disease is the single biggest killer of women in New Zealand, claiming the lives of more than 55 women each week," says Heart Foundation Medical Director Gerry Devlin.

"The Jennian Homes Mother's Day Fun Run/Walk is a great way to raise much-needed funds and awareness for heart health and encourage women to look after themselves by being fit and active."

While the event is enthusiastically embraced by women the length and breadth of the country, Jennian Homes is this year appealing for more men to get out and show their support.

Early Bird tickets are \$20 for an adult and are available until the end of March. There are also discounted rates for juniors and groups. For a full list of locations and to register for the 5km event go to www.jennianmothersday.com

Coro Gym

Kia ora everyone.

Autumn is fast approaching.

We want to send a warm welcome to our new members who have signed up to the gym over the past two months!

It is great to see so many adults coming in to get their daily fix of physical activity as well as new arrivals joining our Step Aerobics and Sit n Be Fit classes.

New class alert! We will be introducing "Pump" on a six-week trial from **Monday 19 March to Monday 23 April** starting at 6.00pm. Bring a towel, bottle and \$7.

This year, we are on the search for a qualified pilates instructor to come to the Coro Gym and take classes. If you are qualified and interested, we would love to hear from you!

We are still running our 8.00am Step Aerobics class on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and our Sit 'n Be Fit at 9.30am on Mondays and Wednesdays.

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Coromandel Rugby Club

By Elly Smith



Welcome back everyone, the new season is upon us and looks to be a big one, with events planned and projects on the go as well of course as some great rugby!

What's been happening?

Starting with a working bee at the end of last year we began painting the railings around the field, prepping the changing shed for painting and painting out the dark brick and beams inside the clubhouse. Andrew King has taken on the task of getting all of our photos looking great and up on the walls. Laurence Harper deserves a medal and gets a massive thank you for painting the entire change shed as well as getting another coat on the front of the clubhouse! I don't think he's had much sleep the past six weeks, fitting painting in around work and family and all at no cost to the club!

Thank you also to Lee and Tiffany from Evolution Tattoo who have been completing our logo on the change sheds which is looking great and gives a real identity to the club and grounds. We now have a road sign at the corner of Woollams Ave and a much larger sign going up at the entrance to the Club.

Upcoming projects

Kitchen upgrade – This is an ongoing project and I thank the committee for the extra time spent working on this. Our kitchen has served us very well for 40-odd years but it is time for a refit and we hope that not only the club members but the wider community will benefit from this.

Outdoor area – the area outside our kitchen is to get a facelift, with seating and planter boxes. This will clear congestion around the doorway and provide a larger area



where people can sit comfortably outside. We will be approaching potential sponsors to help fund this project and/or donate materials.

Jubilee weekend – we have a committee forming to organise our 130yr Jubilee to be held over Labour weekend. This will be a big event and we need lots of helpers. We already have some great people on board this project with a long history and connection to our club. If you would like to get involved in a big or small way we would love to hear from you.

Seniors

Our Senior A team kicks off their season on **24 March** with a home game against Cobras at 2pm. We'd love to see you all down there supporting the team and the club and we wish the boys a successful season.

Juniors

Congratulations to Tuku Renata and Gemma Lee who have been appointed junior president and secretary respectively. Our Junior club held musters on 1 and 8 March. If you missed these please feel free to contact Gemma on 021 111 5342 to talk about registering your child. Junior club fees are only \$25.00 for a single player or \$30.00 for a family. We are always in need of more parent/whanau volunteers on and off the field so don't be shy in contacting us if you think you may be able to lend a hand.



Membership

Membership cards are available for purchase either at the club on game days or by emailing cororugbymembership@gmail.com. Fees are \$50.00 for a double and \$30.00 a single. Becoming a financial member of the Rugby Club gives you discounts on supporters' gear and at the bar as well as spot prizes throughout the season. We are always looking at new ways we can reward our members.

Well that's all for now. We look forward to seeing you all down at the club and wish all of our teams a great season!

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Sport continued

Coromandel Recreational Fishing Club

By Allison Brown and committee members

Hi to all,

Our major event for the year "The Classy Chicks" on 24 February went off very well.

The weather was good and I hope all competitors had a great time.

There was some really nice fish weighed in. Nothing too huge but all good sizes and weights. We had 61 entries, eight Dressup Teams and 20 Skippers.

The Results

Snapper: 1st Kim Brett 4.103kg, 2nd Paula Newall 3.259kg, 3rd Briar London 3.196kg.

Kingfish: Nikki Stephenson 9.384kg.

Trevally: Evette Short 1.964kg.

Kahawai: Sammy Short 2.252kg.

John Dory: Shevana Davies 2.373kg.

Mystery Weight 2.100kg: Won by - Jude Hawkey

Dress up teams

1st Jigsaw Mummas – from Finn Quest boat



Kim Brett wins the major prize in Classy Chicks

2nd Jamaican Bobsleds (aka Jam Tarts) – from Foxie III boat

3rd Jail Bait – from Revelry boat

Skippers

1st Jake the Muss – 4 Hire II, 2nd Gary Dixon – Summer Dream, 3rd Karl Thornton, 4th Clay Short – Hobo, 5th Kevin Brett – Evelynne J.

Major prize

\$1500 Travel Voucher – won by Kim Brett, average weight 1.231kg.

Thames Flight Centre donated \$500 toward the \$1500 Travel Voucher and we would like to take this opportunity to thank them very much along with all of our very kind sponsors.

Congratulations to all of our prize winners and especially Kim Brett who had been the untiring President of the Fishing Club for many years.

A very big thank you to Jan-Marie, our MC, and her three runners Fletcher, Callum, and Shane, (who were a great success with the ladies and a lot of fun was had by all); Raewyn Jacob and Sean Dent for the great sound system they set up for this event. It was really great and everyone could hear what was happening.

Most importantly a great big thanks to Chris Doe and Nikki Stephenson who so tirelessly put it all together.

Fish of the Month for February for club members was kingfish won by Troy Evans weighing 10.67kg; \$100 sent to Troy. Looking back to last February he won it also but with a much smaller kingfish weighing 5.755kg.

Fish for the month of March for club members is kahawai.

The next competition is "Take a Kid Fishing" on **21 April** in the middle of the school holidays (weather permitting).



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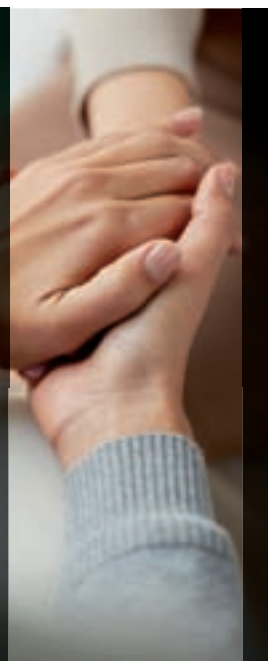
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Coromandel Golf Club

By Peter Gray

The representative season has commenced in earnest, in both the Ladies 'and Men's' competitions.

The Ladies' Team of Eugene Weimer, Peg McLean, Glenise Robertson, Philippa Medlock, Gina Carr and Greta James had a first up win in the Bay of Plenty, Thames Valley Zone 2 at Whangamata on Monday 5 March.

The Men's Div 4 Pennants team has had mixed success with one win at home a loss away, plus a win on forfeit in round 3.

Results round 1 vs Tirau at Tirau – Loss 3 1/2 to 5 1/2.

Round 2 vs Te Kowhai at Coromandel – Win 6 1/2 to 2 1/2.

Round 3 vs Morrisville – Won by forfeit

The Round 2 Pennants was played on our home course with the players from the eight visiting clubs very impressed with the Golf Course presentation. Many players had not played on a course with "play the lie" ruling for some time which speaks highly of the course condition. The next round will be at Te Kowhai vs Taumarunui on **Sunday 25 March**.

The Club's Men's Prebble Cup Team, after going down in the first round and relegated the Tolich Cup, had a commanding (8 to 4) first up win against Mercury Bay at Whangamata the day prior to the Ladies' win. The next game is at Riverside – Lochiel course on Sunday 18 March vs Taumarunui.

The Hekter Cup (Best 2 of 3 Rds. Net) is currently being played and after two rounds Max McLean 140, Ron Brooking 142 lead the board, however, Paul Kasper 65, Mark Burcombe 66, Chris Fielding 68, and Dave Dudson 69 will be looking to build on these good rounds in the final third round.

March will also have seen the Club's Stroke Play Championships on **Saturday 24 March** and India Tyre Trophy on **Saturday 31 March**.

Sunday 11 March saw approx. 25 camper vans visit the Club for an overnight stay while on their golfing safari. The Club catered dinner for approx. 50 visitors on Sunday night. However, the weather pattern from Cyclone Hola prevented any golf being played by the visitors on Monday morning. Some visitors did have a great and successful afternoon fishing on club member Darryl O'Keeffe's Snapper Fishing Safaris on Sunday. Thanks must go to Ross and Jeni Mudgway for initiating this visit.

If Paul Kasper continues with rounds like his 65 net in the 2nd round of the Hekter Cup he will need to build an extension onto the cabinet that he built to hold his 2017 Silverware.

Calendar – April

Sunday 8 April – Championship Pennants @ Taumarunui Vs Raglan

Saturday 14 and 21 April – Qualifier Beaver Cup

Sunday 22 April – Championship Pennants @ Walton Vs Morrinsville

Wednesday 25 April – Meat Pack/Laurie Olliff Trophy

Saturday 28 April – Beaver Cup Rd 1



Coromandel Ladies Pennants Team - winners Bay of Plenty Thames Valley Zone 2 Pennants

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By Kaye Anderson

We have welcomed three members back to the club bringing our total membership to seventeen.

When the days turned particularly hot we decided to change our start time to 9am and will continue with this until after Easter when we will return to meeting at 9.15am for a 9.30am start, Tuesdays and Saturdays.

If you wish to join us for a game, call Kaye on (07) 866 8968. The club is situated in Woollams Ave, next to the Bowling Club



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PUBLIC NOTICES

FIRST AID COURSE 5 April 9am-3pm. Workplace refresher at Hauraki House. Enquiries phone (07) 866 0284.

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Coromandel Town weekly and monthly meetings

Every Monday

Step Aerobics at Coro Gym 8am
 Coromandel Hikers' Group, Hauraki House, Colin & Elspeth (07) 866 7137 9am
 Monday Walkers, Irene 021 157 8408 9am
 Sit n Be Fit at Coro Gym 9.30am
 SeniorNet Coromandel contact Loes (07) 866 8053 4pm
 Four-part harmony singing, Sue (07) 866 8833 7.30pm

Every Tuesday

Pastel Artists Coromandel, Coromandel Aero Club Rooms (07) 866 7220 9am-midday
 Coro Walking Group, Ruth (07) 866 7246 9am
 Open Floor Dance at Mana Retreat Centre, 3 April, 15, 22, 29 May... 9.30-11.30am
 Croquet, Woollams Ave, Kaye (07) 866 8968 9.45am
 Yoga for everyone, Colville Hall, Kate 022 071 8470 10am
 Playcentre, Woollams Ave 10.30am-1pm
 Beginner Yoga with Becks, at the Anglican Church Hall, 170 Tiki Rd, \$10. Contact 027 407 0079 5.30-6.45pm
 Coro Motorcycle Club, Star & Garter, John 027 234 1013 7-9pm

Every Wednesday

Step Aerobics at Coro Gym 8am
 Sit n Be Fit at Coro Gym 9.30am
 Coromandel Community Organic Garden volunteers drop in time 3-5pm

Every Thursday

Coro Walking Group, Ruth (07) 866 7246 9am
 Coro Bowls club day 9.30am
 Coro Art Group, St Andrew's Church Hall, Val (07) 866 8911 9am-12pm
 Meditation, Havalona Pyramid 10-11am
 Open Floor Dance 60yrs and above classes (start 19 April), Anglican Church Hall 2-3.15pm
 Body Balance & Yoga Classes at Waikato Trust Events Centre (upstairs Swimming Pool) contact Tina 021 201 9750 5.10-6.20pm
 Open Floor Dance, Anglican Church Hall 7-8.30pm

Every Friday

Step Aerobics at Coro Gym 8am
 Yoga for everyone, Anglican Hall, Kate 022 071 8470 9am
 Playcentre, Woollams Ave 9.45am-12.15pm
 Coromandel Home-school Group, Julene (07) 866 8333 10am

Every Saturday

Croquet, Woollams Ave, Kaye (07) 866 8968 9.45am

Every Sunday

Anglican Church Service 10am

Monthly

1st Mon – Coro Patchwork & Quilters, Ambulance rooms, Jill (07) 866 7484 9.30am-3.30pm

3rd Mon – Coro Patchwork & Quilters, Ambulance rooms, Jill (07) 866 7484 9.30am-3.30pm

1st Wed – Coro Embroiderers' Guild, St John Rooms, Margaret Burgess (07) 866 5769 10am-3pm

1st Wed – Lions Dinner meeting, Ambulance rooms. Contact President Jean Smith 021 208 7576 6pm

2nd Wed – Garden Circle. Contact Jane Warren 021 232 2905 1pm

3rd Wed – Lions Business Meeting, Ambulance rooms. Contact President Jean Smith 021 208 7576 7pm

1st & 3rd Sun – Church Service at St Andrew's Church Rings Road 10am

I clear this section every winter to make sure it is kept correct. If your meeting has been missed out, please email Debbie at corochronicle@gmail.com with the subject "meeting", or txt/ph 021 235 6648, or post details to PO Box 148, Coromandel 3543. Please include contact name and phone number.

Coromandel Town Chronicle

Calendar of events Coromandel Town April 2018

**COROMANDEL
RUBBISH & RECYCLE
TRANSFER STATION &
E-CYCLE HOURS**
Tuesday and Thursday
11am-4.30pm
Saturday, Sunday & public
holidays 11am-5.30pm

1
Easter Sunday
Daylight saving ends
- clocks go back 1hr at 3am today
Colville Easter Festival
(see pg 4)

High tide 7.32am (3.0m), 8.02pm (3.0m)
Low tide 2.14am (2.14m), 1.43pm (0.3m)

SUN

MON

TUE

WED

THU

FRI

SAT

2

Easter Monday
Colville Easter Festival (see pg 4)

High tide 8.20am (3.0m), 8.48pm (3.0m)
Low tide 2.01am (0.3m), 2.29pm (0.3m)

3

High tide 9.05am (3.0m), 9.32pm (3.0m)
Low tide 2.46am (0.3m), 3.13pm (0.3m)

4

High tide 9.49am (2.9m), 10.15pm (2.9m)
Low tide 3.30am (0.4m), 3.55pm (0.4m)

5

First Aid Course (see pg 37)

High tide 10.32am (2.8m), 10.57pm (2.8m)
Low tide 4.14am (0.5m), 4.36pm (0.5m)

6

Plastic-Bag-Free Friday in
Coromandel Town (see pg 9)
St John Heart Of Gold Annual
Appeal (see pg 16)

High tide 11.14am (2.7m), 11.41pm (2.7m)
Low tide 4.58am (0.6m), 5.18pm (0.6m)

7

A Taste of Matangi
(see pg 5)

High tide 11.57am (2.5m)
Low tide 5.44am (0.8m), 6.01pm (0.7m)

8

High tide 12.27am (2.6m), 12.42pm (2.4m)
Low tide 6.34am (0.9m), 6.50pm (0.8m)

9

High tide 1.18am (2.5m), 1.32pm (2.4m)
Low tide 7.27am (0.9m), 7.44pm (0.9m)

10

High tide 2.14am (2.4m), 2.26pm (2.4m)
Low tide 8.23am (1.0m), 8.44pm (1.0m)

11

Bowling Club Open Tournament
(see pg 8)

High tide 3.10am (2.4m), 3.24pm (2.4m)
Low tide 9.18am (0.9m), 9.43pm (0.9m)

12

High tide 4.04am (2.5m), 4.21pm (2.4m)
Low tide 10.10am (0.9m), 10.36pm (0.9m)

13

High tide 4.54am (2.5m), 5.14pm (2.5m)
Low tide 11am (0.8m), 11.25pm (0.8m)

14

Qualifier Beaver Cup at
Coromandel Golf Club
(see pg 35)

High tide 5.40am (2.6m), 6.03pm (2.6m)
Low tide 11.46am (0.7m)

15

High tide 6.25am (2.7m), 6.49pm (2.7m)
Low tide 12.09am (0.7m), 12.32pm (0.5m)

16

CHRONICLE DEADLINE - 4pm
- May issue content
Submissions close for 2018-2028
Long Term Plan (see ad pg 15)

17

High tide 7.09am (2.8m), 7.34pm (2.9m)
Low tide 12.53am (0.5m), 1.16pm (0.4m)

18

High tide 8.40am (3.0m), 9.03pm (3.0m)
Low tide 2.20am (0.4m), 2.46pm (0.2m)

19

A new afternoon class of Open
Floor Dance for over 60s starts
(see pg 25)

High tide 9.27am (3.0m), 9.50pm (3.0m)
Low tide 3.07am (0.4m), 3.32pm (0.2m)

20

High tide 10.16am (3.0m), 10.40pm (3.0m)
Low tide 3.55am (0.4m), 4.20pm (0.2m)

21

Take a Kid Fishing competition
(see pg 34)
Qualifier Beaver Cup at
Coromandel Golf Club
(see pg 35)

High tide 11.07am (2.9m), 11.32pm (2.9m)
Low tide 4.47am (0.4m), 5.10pm (0.3m)

22

High tide 12.01pm (2.8m)
Low tide 5.42am (0.5m), 6.04pm (0.4m)

23

High tide 12.29am (2.9m), 12.58pm (2.7m)
Low tide 6.42am (0.6m), 7.03pm (0.5m)

24

High tide 1.30am (2.8m), 2pm (2.7m)
Low tide 7.45am (0.6m), 8.07pm (0.6m)

25

Anzac Day (see pg 9)
Meat Pack/Laurie Oliff Trophy at
Coromandel Golf Club
(see pg 35)

High tide 2.32am (2.8m), 3.03pm (3.0m)
Low tide 8.48am (0.6m), 9.13pm (0.6m)

26

Open Floor Dance for over 60s
(see pg 25)

High tide 3.34am (2.8m), 4.07pm (2.7m)
Low tide 9.49am (0.6m), 10.15pm (0.6m)

27

High tide 4.32am (2.8m), 5.07pm (2.8m)
Low tide 10.47am (0.5m), 11.12pm (0.5m)

28

Beaver Cup Rd1 at Coromandel
Golf Club
(see pg 35)

High tide 5.27am (2.9m), 6.02pm (2.8m)
Low tide 11.41am (0.5m)

29

High tide 6.19am (2.9m), 6.52pm (2.9m)
Low tide 12.04am (0.5m), 12.31pm (0.4m)

30

High tide 7.07am (2.9m), 7.39pm (3.0m)
Low tide 12.52am (0.4m), 1.18pm (0.4m)

KEY
New moon Full moon

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For Thames times - 15min High and -18min Low.

Blue bin bags out

Put recycling out

RN = Rural North
CT = Coromandel Town & Te Kouma
TC = Thames Coast & Maniaia

UPCOMING MONTH

MAY

Saturday 5 – Seafood Festival at Coromandel Area School
Saturday 5 – Coromandel Kauri Run/Walk (see pg 32)

Saturday 12 – Bumper Garage Boot Sale at Coromandel Airfield
(see pg 26)



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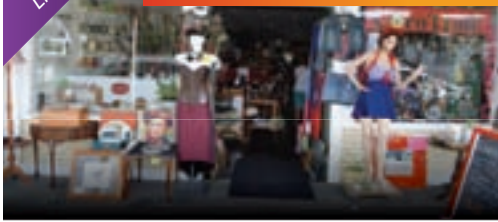
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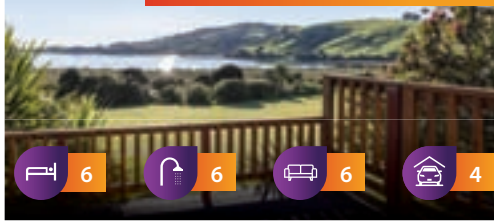
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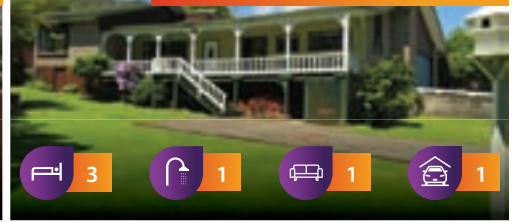
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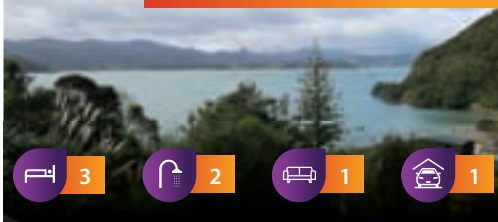
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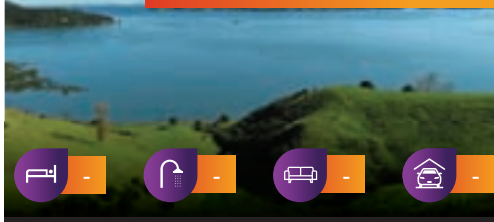
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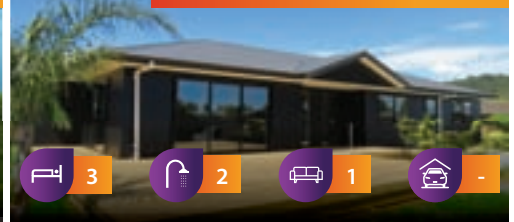
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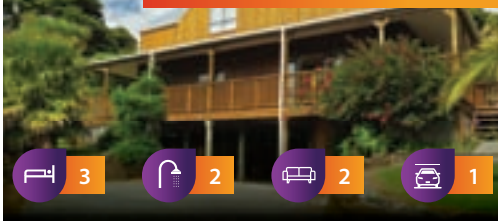
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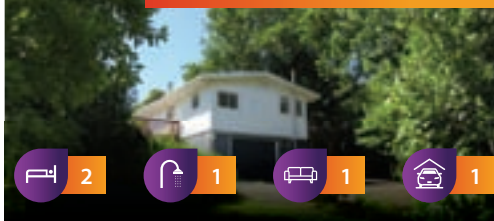
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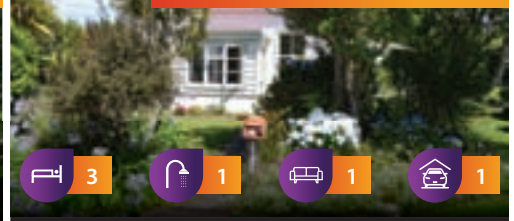
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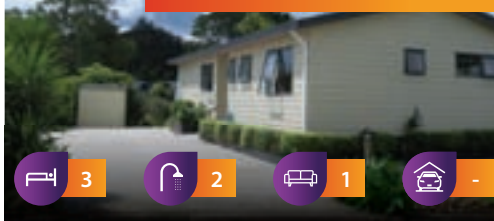
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