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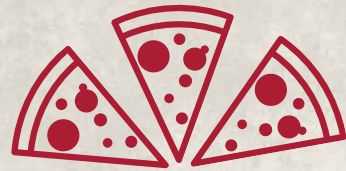
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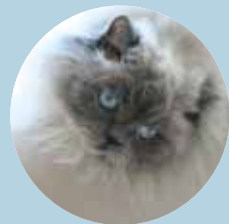
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## Editor's comment

We are certainly living in strange times. An easy trip to the supermarket has turned into a hard task – when the ingredients for the dinner I planned are absent from the shelves.

A Taste of Matarangi has been cancelled, The Colville Easter Festival has been postponed, and just before I sent this issue of the Chronicle to print I found out that the Coromandel Town Seafood Fest has been cancelled too, and the ferry isn't going to run for a while. Everything is uncertain with new rules being introduced each day.

TCDC has launched a "Support Local" campaign to help keep Coromandel businesses going as our economy feels the weight of the Covid-19 virus. Use local businesses where possible to help them stay afloat through the next few months

Please be kind, check your neighbours are ok, and remember – not everyone has a strong immune system. The Te Korowai Hauora o Hauraki advert on page 5 and TCDC advert on page 29 have listed the symptoms to watch for and what to do.

Take care everyone.

*Debbie*

## Letters and opinion

### A Taste of Matarangi – Cancelled for 2020

The Government is taking action based on global effects of the coronavirus also known as Covid-19. As the virus has already hit our shores preventative action is required.

As organisers of this event we have a lot at stake and our first priority is the people and their health and well-being.

Our volunteers, musicians, stallholders, patrons and stakeholders make up this event and we do not wish to the put people who attend or who are working in an environment of close social contact, at risk.

Based on the Government's announcement regarding gatherings, the committee wish to announce A Taste of Matarangi festival will be cancelled for this year.

We are exploring all refund and resale options and ask that you give us some time and patience as we sort through this and we will come back to you.

The organisers have spent months preparing for this event and are devastated to make this announcement. We apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused you. All we can do now is tidy up loose ends and look forward to making plans for next year's festival which is to be held on **10 April 2021**.

We thank you for your support and understanding, as you will appreciate it is beyond our control. Warm regards,

The A Taste of Matarangi Committee

### Water shortage

Dear Editor,

Kudos to Scott Simpson for his absolutely commonsense suggestion that the precious resource of rooftop water be collected and stored in tanks. Something I've been advocating for a long time. It's a no-brainer!

New builds and old could all make room for a tank.

I'm living with 100% tank water.

It seems a crime not to make use of the rain.

Hopefully Scott Simpson's mana in the community will be sufficient impetus required to get some action in this field.

Sincerely,

Clare Dudley, Tuatēawa

### Observations

We have spent three nights in the town and found the Coromandel Town Chronicle very useful.

May I offer a suggestion. Would it be possible for AED locations to be a permanent addition so that visitors and newcomers can find them if required, especially as some visiting may have the skills to use them?

Also I must lend my support to keeping the helicopter for medical emergencies.

Regards,

Chris Eves, South Yorkshire, UK

*I have asked St John to provide AED locations in Coromandel Town and surrounds and I am waiting to hear back. – Editor*

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more letters overleaf...

## Letters/opinion continued

### McGregor Bay Wetland

Dear Editor,

Coromandel County Council designed and built the Long Bay Road Culvert to incorporate a floodgate in 1971. The floodgate was made of wood with a large concrete base. The sides of the gate had rubber seals; the gate was attached to the culvert with large metal hinges.

In 1990 development of the wetland commenced in what then was considered TCDC reserve. WRC advised any development of the reserve must not adversely affect adjoining landowners' interests. The floodgate was partially opened in 1991 with disastrous effects on neighbouring properties.

March 2014 a meeting was arranged by WRC with landowners adjacent to the Long Bay Wetland, WRC, TCDC, and Community F&B. Main concerns were raised including the need to clear/maintain drains and why the wetland was not acting as a wetland, that it should be a fish spawning area.

The floodgate was also in need of repair. It was refurbished to exactly the same physical dimensions on the existing structure, made of concrete, without rubber seals and a small opening in the bottom to allow salt water and spawning fish to flow into the wetland. It has existing use rights. Aerial photos from Google Earth show how much the wetland has improved since the floodgate was repaired. They also show there to be no less saline vegetation now than 75 years ago. TCDC's consultant 4sight's 2019 report concluded the present saline vegetation was created by the council infrastructure that has altered hydrological processes. Prior to the floodgate the present wetland area was simply sandflats. WRC independent report predicts that much of the saline vegetation will be lost if the floodgate is removed due to predicted sea level rise. Affected neighbours have commissioned an independent review of the Wetland Society's Baseline Study 2018. The review found the Wetland Society's conclusions are not supported by the data they collected for their report.

Without the floodgate neighbouring landowners' properties will be destroyed along with access via right-of-ways. Depth sensitive saline plant communities will also be lost due to further inundation.

Regards,

Marilyn MacKenzie, McGregor Bay,  
Coromandel Town

## : Mindfulness in difficult times

Coronavirus is causing anxiety and with self-isolation required for some it is bound to lead to more cases of depression and mental illness. I've gathered these articles together for you to think about how you can keep yourself mentally healthy. Stay well everyone. – Debbie

### Living in these current times

By Rachel Benmayor

Many people are experiencing anxiety, worry and distress over what the future may hold for us now due to the changes we are noticing in our environment and the daily news reports that are constantly warning us of these changes.

These changes now also include health issues such as the Coronavirus.

These are difficult times we are living in and there are few forums or places of support where people can discuss their concerns for the future.

Ecotherapy is an approach within counselling and psychotherapy that recognises the importance of the natural environment on our health and wellbeing. Whether our disconnection comes from long hours working indoors, being over preoccupied with social media or television or whether it comes from a reluctance to be outside because of habit, fear of nature or lifestyle choices, this separation from nature can cause an increase of anxiety and fear.

Ecotherapy is informed by many different traditions including many indigenous traditions, transpersonal (spiritual) therapies, neuropsychology, deep ecology, body based therapies, social ecology, mindfulness and meditation practices. From this vast range of influences, Ecotherapy gathers together understandings and practices that use the power of our relationship with the natural environment to assist with personal healing and help us cope with the ongoing stresses and anxieties our modern lifestyles bring.

This relationship is especially important to develop in the face of such huge global climate change as we are currently experiencing. It is important how we face these changes together, how we support each other, in our family, in our workplace and in our community.

If you have concern for yourself, or your children, struggling with the distress of what the future may bring and need support to discuss these issues then you may find Eco-focused counselling helpful. I also offer general counselling for individuals and couples, covering anxiety, depression, substance abuse and other personal issues.

I am living and working from Coromandel Town but also have a practice in Colville.

Please ring Rachel on 022 410 7227 for further information or appointment

### Back to Life – Mindful Awareness Workshops

By Anna Grace

Our mindful, embodied awareness workshops are progressing. Come to a single session or come regularly. You will be welcome. **8 and 22 April 2-4pm** at Anglican Church Hall, Tiki Rd, Coromandel.

These workshops are intended to support and cultivate our resilience in the face of uncertainty. Maybe we are coping with our emotional and mental responses to physical difficulties or transitions in our lives. Maybe our uncertainty is in response to environmental or global issues. Mindful awareness practices equip us to establish some inner steadiness in the midst of it all. Sharing these practices in a safe group is deeply supportive and sane-making.

For example, with Covid-19, I feel my own confusion and worry. When I look deeply into my body responses and thinking, I see part of my angst is the heightened awareness of having to live with uncertainty, even to death, which is highlighted all around us. Partly my reactions are due to ethical conflicts within myself: my wish for autonomy (in this case, to travel to Europe to visit my children) versus my wish not to cause harm to others (by flying and possibly contracting and spreading the virus). Seeing these inner conflicts deeply is supporting me feeling the grief in myself and others as I forgo my own wishes for everything to be just fine. As one of my teachers, Jon Kabat-Zinn, says, "You can't stop the waves, but you can learn to surf".

Come and join in a workshop and strengthen ourselves. Though do stay home if you are feeling unwell, even with a cold!

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## Sacred Self-Care for Women

Cacao Ceremony and Yoga Workshop with Rebecca Leaker and Jade Ferriere **Saturday 18 April**, 10am to 2pm, Mana Retreat Centre

This four-hour workshop is about reconnecting to your centre and a sense of wellness - to rest from the outside world and lean into spaciousness within.

Coming together in ceremony reminds us of the interconnectedness of all beings and all things, and helps us to see the bigger picture from a heart-centred place. For many of us, we spend a lot of time in our heads, navigating life's decisions with logic and reasoning. This workshop is an invitation to return to our centre, to lean into a sense of spaciousness and replenishment amidst the busy-ness of our lives so that we can soften our minds and listen to the wisdom of the body.

Cacao enhances our receptivity to the magic held within ourselves. This sacred plant is a soft yet powerful teacher of opening our hearts which can aid us to approach life through a lens of compassion and joy. Our cacao ceremony will open the door to a morning of self-exploration, sharing and grounding yoga practice to help awaken insight and instil a sense of ease.

Self-care is a broad concept. During this workshop we will help to define what self-care means for you. Together we will celebrate all of the great things you are doing to tend to your own needs, and explore the areas of your well-being where you could use a little more energy.

This is a safe experience for all. Newbies to cacao and yoga are welcome.

Included in the workshop is a light lunch, dahl, rice, garden greens and of course Beck's special raw cakes! All of which will be gluten free dairy free, and vegan.

Rebecca Leaker is a 500-hour qualified yoga teacher ([www.rebeccaleaker.com](http://www.rebeccaleaker.com)) and Jade Ferriere is a Feminine Embodiment facilitator and Holistic Therapist. Together, they share a passion for creating nourishing spaces for women to connect in to themselves and each other and learn how to incorporate acts of self-care into their busy lives.

Bookings essential:  
Cost: \$50 includes lunch and raw cakes!  
Bookings and info:  
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## Autumn Walk

By Beryl van Donk

– written when she was 13. Won 1st prize in a competition in North of England for school children under 16.

On an autumn day with a high wind blowing. Puppy and I set out. And oh! it was fine as we were going to see the leaves with their gold leaves showing. Waves on the beach like horses prancing, and little dead leaves on the footpath dancing. This is what life is what life is all about

It had been such glorious weather, though just had to go. The hills were decked in purple heather, Rowans and Hips and Haws together, They made such a gallant show.

Puppy's bright dark eyes kept saying, (Oh how I wish he could really talk) What a glorious day to be outside playing, and soon on the shore our feet were straying. It was Puppy and I were dancing dancing, Puppy and I who were prancing prancing, when we had only meant to walk.

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**DO NOT COME TO THE CLINIC** if you think you may have been in contact with Covid-19.

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## St John Heartbeat

By Teri & Neil

### Father Philip Sallis

It is with great sadness that we note the passing of Father Philip Sallis last month after a short illness. Philip was a St John Chaplain for a number of years and the chair of the Coromandel St John Area Committee. Everyone who was lucky enough to meet or work with Philip was touched by his great warmth, friendliness and generosity of spirit. He was a big man with a big heart and will be sorely missed by his many friends in Coromandel.

### Congratulations

Congratulations to Peter Sephton becoming a Member of the Order.

Congratulations Aranee Corcoran in becoming Coromandel's newest EMT.

### St John Mental Health First Aid Course

We are looking for expressions of interest in running a Mental Health First Aid Course.

With one in six New Zealand adults experiencing a mental illness in their lifetime, Mental Health First Aid training will teach you the skills and knowledge to recognise and respond to someone experiencing these health concerns.

Maximum attendees 20 per course, with price to be confirmed.

Phone or email station to register your interest.

### Workload

We have remained relatively steady since the start of the year with 45 callouts in January and 38 in February. This doesn't include jobs where vehicles from other stations came in to the area while we are out.

### Heart of Gold Annual Appeal

Our annual Heart of Gold Appeal week is **30 March until 5 April**. Keep an eye out for your local team around the main street. There will be items for sale, or drop by and have a look at the latest ambulance we have and meet the team on **Tuesday 31 March and Friday 3 April** from 9am.

Ph (07) 866 8279 leave a message and we will get back to you. Email: station38@stjohn.org.nz



## Coromandel Budget Advisory Service

By Caroline Dunn

### Budget Advice

With all going on in the world currently, there is a lot of uncertainty and panic for some. It's nice to see it's calmer in our slice of paradise, and we still have full shelves of toilet paper at Four Square.

April brings us our last couple of public holidays for summer. It also brings an end to daylight saving before we head back into the cooler months.

For some, heading into winter can mean reduced hours at work or even the end of their summer jobs. If you are concerned about how these upcoming possible changes will affect your day to day living, now would be a good time to come in and let us help you work through setting up a budget to see how you will stay on track. We can help with checking to see if you may be eligible for assistance through WINZ or talking with any creditors to reduce payments over your downtime. Even better, it is totally free and confidential. We are here to work with you, for you.

Our aim is to help people from our community that may be struggling, find a way to manage and maintain their finances each week. Life can be busy enough, and bills are something we can never avoid, but if we can help you find a balance and be in control of your financial situation it can be one less worry in life.

To make an appointment come and see us at our office in Tiki House, located opposite the BP or call us on (07) 866 8351. Opening hours are: Tuesday 9.30am-3pm, Wednesday 9.30am-3pm, Thursday 12pm-3pm.

### Foodbank

Food parcel requests need to be in at the Budget Office by 12.30pm on Tuesday. Food parcels must be collected at 2.30pm

on Wednesday. Please remember to bring your own bags/boxes if you are collecting a food parcel.

If you think you will require more than one parcel, please book in with one of our Budgeting Mentors to see how they can assist you also.

If your garden is providing excess produce, we would greatly appreciate you thinking of us when deciding what to do with it. These can be dropped off on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 9.30am-2.30pm.

Please keep donating any food items either directly to us at Tiki House. Don't forget we also have a food donation bin at Four Square.

### Community Garden

Another month and we still haven't had much rain. We have some forecast for next week, so fingers crossed. I don't recall us having a watering ban for this long in all the years I have lived here. In saying that, we need to make provisions for this being a possibility again next summer and with also wanting to make some new compost bins, I would like to ask if anyone out in the community has any spare timber they would like to donate to help us with building some compost bins and making some water collection towers. We would truly appreciate it. Also would anyone know where we could source a few blue plastic drums approx 200ltrs for holding water? Lastly, if there is anyone out there that may be available to donate some time to help us construct these things once we have the materials, please get in contact with us.

If you would like to give us a helping hand we would love to have you on board. Please drop in to the Community Garden located behind the dairy on Glover Street on Wednesdays between 9am and 11am. Give Brooke a call at the Budget Office, or send a message via our Coromandel Community Garden Facebook page.

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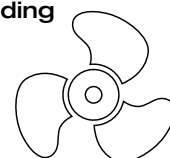
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## Farewell to a Friend of the Earth – Jeanette Fitzsimons

By Catherine Delahunty

It's been a very hectic and sad time recently for all of us who loved and respected Jeanette Fitzsimons, MP for Coromandel 1999-2002 and the first Green Party woman co-leader in Parliament. She had a stellar political career but my thoughts are with the family and local community at this time. We are a small country, and a small Peninsula community and every contribution is vital and every loss is felt.

It is a particularly anxious and uncertain time in terms of public health and the ripples of the pandemic affecting our communities and economy. It's valuable to reflect on my friend and neighbour and her political and personal leadership at this time. Her legacy is a legacy of practical kindness and community building as well as national vision and national action. Like so many of us, Jeanette and her husband Harry moved to the Peninsula because of the land and its powerful call. They were determined to be organic farmers and live their values. This is not unusual in this beautiful place. There is a strong force that the mountains of Hauraki, the forests in recovery, the coast and the waters exert upon us. My own experience was that of falling in love with this land, well before I knew that my father's people came here in 1864 and some are buried here, and I am far from unique.

Jeanette and Harry's farm is not easy country; in

fact it is steep, flood prone, tough country. However, hard work and dedication has improved it and their self-sufficiency has been authentic and inspiring. Being a politician meant that Jeanette was away for much of the 16 years between 1996 and 2010 but coming home and milking the cow, chainsawing fire wood, harvesting the pecan and chestnut crops, these tasks were her joy. The farm is energy self-sufficient and many remarkable meals for guests have been produced from home produce using the wood range. Jeanette was a great contributor to local projects such as the Natural Burial Society who have created the new cemetery at Omahu, where she now rests. She was part of the local market and the organic farmers networks.

But for me, at this time of change and uncertainty she is a beacon of how to live your principles in politics and how to dedicate your life to positive change. After Parliament she worked so hard on climate change issues and supported so many younger people to be active and radical in confronting the climate crisis. She never denied the scale of the environmental crisis we face and she never retreated from her deeply scientific and ecologically based understanding that there are limits to growth on a finite planet. We will miss our friend in Hauraki, and we thank the tangata whenua who honoured us with their support and blessing to lay her to rest at Omahu. If we can follow her on a path of grounded integrity, kindness and generosity, and keep our feet on the earth, with respect for the earth we can help each other through the unknowns we face. Such is the legacy of an elder and leader.

## Bits 'n Bobs from New Zealand's past 200 years

1823 - the first Christian wedding in NZ. The bride later ran away!

1842 - NZ first execution under British rule

1851 - The first National Census held

1872 - Smallpox vaccinations started

1929 - The Great Depression starts following the Wall Street crash

1953 - Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay summit Mount Everest

Dates supplied by the Coromandel 200 working group

## Coromandel Town Seafood Fest

2 May 2020

Preparations are well underway now for our fifth Seafood Festival! We have worked really hard this year to provide the very best in food stalls, cooking demonstrations and entertainment. We are looking forward to providing a wider variety of seafood options for the seafood lovers, as well as other choices for those who are not too keen on our wonderful kai moana!

We will have Mike from Pepper Tree yet another inspirational... showing... seafood with different... Castle Rock will provide some quick... Coromandel Takeaways will demonstrate fish finetuning, and a chance to have her latest book *Coastal* signed by the author, Deb Hide-Bayne. There will be lots to see and learn from in the demonstration tent.

Musical entertainment will be provided by Gemma Loudon, the White Goat band, and others.

The Coromandel Fire Brigade have promised an interesting display!

So with wonderful food, great entertainment and a chance to learn a few ideas and tips on how to prepare and cook our seafood, it will be a great day out! Do join us!

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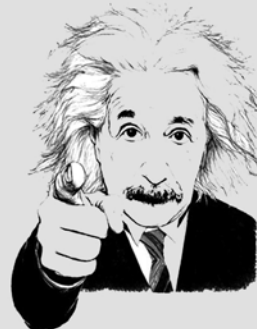
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## Ann's Good News, Naturally

### Coronavirus – no one is talking about this

Why is no one talking about the recent minefield of processed foods, over the last few years, creating a weaker immune system?

Why did the guest virologist, on a regular prime-time current event TV show, when asked how we can strengthen our immunity and protect ourselves, only talk about washing hands and let's wait for the vaccination which is a year away?

Is there no common sense left anywhere? Where has our higher intelligence gone?

### Nutritional deficiencies weaken your immune system

#### How do nutritional deficiencies occur?

- 1) Poor quality food/poor diet/high stress
- 2) Poor digestion/poor microbiome/compromised good gut bugs
- 3) Poor absorption of essential immune boosting nutrients.

#### How do nutritional deficiencies weaken your immune systems cells?

Each essential immune boosting nutrient, coming from the foods you eat, has a very specific immune boosting role. If you don't provide your body these nutrient donating foods, your white blood cells and other immune specific cells are structurally weak and functionally poor. It is base line, immune boosting common sense. Eat the best and be the best you can be.

### Immune boosting nutrients: Via food for life, or potent medicinal supplements

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### Be as clean as you can be

- **Internally** – A healthy diet enables your liver's detox pathways and body's toxin elimination process to be the most efficient it can be. Cellular hygiene comes from eating the best foods you can.



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- **Externally** – Regular washing of your hands with soap and hot water for at least 20 seconds.

### Are you at risk?

- Over sixty years of age and anyone with a pre-existing medical condition.
- Current chronic health condition? Diabetes, cardiovascular disease or high blood pressure. Lung disease? Frequent colds, long-term poor sleep?
- Auto immune disease? Polymyalgia rheumatica, Hashimoto's, rheumatoid arthritis, psoriasis lupus.
- Are you stressed? Adrenals creating a lack of killer T-cells?
- Nutrient deficiency immune system, weak microflora, antibiotics, steroids, drugs.
- Genetics.

I can help.

Ann Kerr-Bell 021 046 1647

## Adult Ballet – weekly class

By Marilyn Swan

I have taught ballet, contemporary and flamenco dance for 42 years at my two dance schools in Motueka Nelson and Hawke's Bay, and now, new to Coromandel Town, I am offering a weekly adult ballet class. This class combines an outlet for technical learning and development as well as artistic expression through dance to music. The weekly class is a unique way to keep fit, learn something new, or revisit something old. My experience allows me to adapt the classes to suit a range of levels from beginners to those with more advanced ballet experience.

I am overwhelmed by the strong interest in the recently offered adult ballet class. Obviously the days of defying gravity are over for most of us. However there are artistic moments that can only come with "surprise" through using a sound technique. I am enjoying the involvement with new people in a new area and love to share what I can of my ballet and dance experience in a relaxed way.

We are dancing in the newly renovated Citizens' Hall. How privileged we feel dancing in such a beautiful space. See class time at the bottom of this article.

Here are some comments from adult pupils:

"I would like to say that I'm really enjoying the class so far even if I was not confident of my capability in the beginning. I like that you can learn at your own pace and don't have to push yourself to do difficult moves to keep up with other people. I feel like ballet is improving my balance, posture, flexibility and coordination. I love dancing with the beautiful variety of people in our class."

"I have felt movement in muscles not felt for a long time."

"It is lovely, what is wanted and needed."

Adult ballet classes take place at Coromandel Citizens' Hall, 455 Kapanga Road, Coromandel Town on Wednesdays 10am-11am. \$10 per class. For more info contact Marilyn Swan – Registered Teacher & Life Member Royal Academy of Dance Ph: 027 336 5263, email:- swanebbs@gmail.com

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# Wild things

By Carol Sutherland

## Ruru

The photo below was taken many years ago at Port Charles by Martin Walker and supplied by Pat Williams.

Pat recalls the chicks making mewing sounds waiting to be fed. The adult call is distinctive but they also utter a repetitive "quork-quork", a rising "quee" call often confused with kiwi, and a yelping call similar to the short call of little owl. (Kiwi go for longer than a ruru on the "quee" call.)

The ruru or morepork is one of four subspecies. The Lord Howe Island and the Norfolk Island subspecies are now extinct, with only the New Zealand and Australian ones remaining. The Australian subspecies is known as the bookbook owl.

The ruru feed off insects and small birds such as silvereyes as well as small mammals. This ruru was photographed swooping down on a puriri moth. They are widely distributed in New Zealand and are the quintessential sound of the night wherever there is sufficient bush.

They are prone to predation when nesting, by cats, possum, rats and mustelids. When nesting on the ground, eggs and chicks may also be susceptible to predation by pigs and hedgehogs. However, their conservation status is "Not Threatened".

mcgregorbaywetland@hotmail.com welcomes wildlife photos



## Monday Walkers

By Irene Dunn

Autumn and cooler temps are just around the corner – ideal for getting your boots on and walking on the many tracks and beaches around our area. We really do live in "paradise" here on the Peninsula. The beaches, the hills covered in amazing native bush so lush and green – walking those extra kms in the fresh air on a Monday with an enthusiastic group of walkers is great fun. What better way to keep away from viruses now circulating!

Thank you Natalie for getting the walks started this year – sounds as tho' I missed some good ones.

We enjoyed walking with Terri and Tom, visiting here from Canada, on our walk around Whangapoua. It was interesting to see how the sand has shifted dramatically at Opera Point beach and to see all of the red algae on Whangapoua Beach – in photo. Happy walking everyone.

We welcome visitors any time – contact Irene 021 157 8408 to get information for each Monday



Heaps of red algae washed up along the north end of Whangapoua Beach

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New Zealand and the world continue to be thrust into a health and economic turmoil the likes of which most of us have never seen before.

Having a clearly articulated and easily understood plan of action is vital. That's as true for us as individuals, for our families and for our communities as it is for our Government. This is a time for clear communications and calm, timely responses from us all.

It's also a time for each of us to be taking sensible and prudent steps to ensure our own health and wellbeing and that of family, friends and the wider community. I'm writing this just ahead of a proposed economic stimulus package being announced by the Government.

Supporting the economy at times like this is secondary to the immediate protection of citizens' health but it's vitally important to ensure people's incomes and livelihoods are maintained too. Obviously our tourism sector is being dramatically impacted. Tourism makes up a huge part of our local Coromandel economy and I continue to be worried about the situation that local hospitality, accommodation and tourist business are facing.

Now is a very good time to be as supportive of local businesses as possible. Many are doing it very tough and that will continue during the months ahead. Usual winter trading is challenging enough without the added complications we are currently facing.

Supporting local businesses will never be more appreciated than now and over the next few months. That old advertising slogan "don't leave home until you've seen the country" is very true right now. For those who were planning an overseas trip I can absolutely recommend a visit to the beautiful Coromandel and autumn is one of the very best times of year to visit here. I hope others will encourage Kiwis from around New Zealand to pay us a visit soon.

In the meantime, do take care. Follow the commonsense advice about washing your hands and active social distancing. Self-isolate if need be and look out for those in our local neighbourhoods who may be in need of assistance, reassurance or just a neighbourly chat over the fence.

**Coromandel Garden Circle**

By Jenny Penman

Our March meeting has traditionally been our AGM. We have however come to realise that this is still often a busy time of year for us, either with family and friends still lingering on enjoying the last of the summer days or many of us having taken off in those homes on wheels to further explore NZ with the summer crowds now abated. Our AGM has accordingly been rescheduled for May and, with some vacancies for office bearers this coming year, we will be looking forward to welcoming some new enthusiasm onto the committee.

One of our own members stepped up to fill the gap left by the usual AGM business and gave a very entertaining and insightful talk of her 20+ years living and working in the Languedoc Roussillon area of France. Susan waved her tricolour resplendent in French dress and told of some of the difficulties in deciphering the many French hand gestures that are an integral part of the language as well as her struggles to introduce familiar NZ plants into this Mediterranean climate. I am sure she whetted the appetite of many to visit once this coronavirus has run its course and travel returns to normal.

The discussion at this month's meeting not surprisingly centred around how to deal with the apparently never-ending drought we are experiencing. Just to tease us the heavens opened for all of five minutes but not even this small amount of rain made it up into the gardens of those of us out of

town. One silver lining – the dry spell seems to be encouraging some spectacular flowering on plants that never have until now. This Gynea Lily (*Doryanthus excelsa*) spear welcomed me on my return home and promises a colourful spectacle when the red flowers break out.

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 at The Combined Club, Woollams Ave. For more information please contact Jeni Mudgway 021 0227 5341



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## Museum News

By Raewyn McKinney

This month's profile is Pat Williams (nee Brebner).

As a child Pat spent a lot of time in the Port Charles area, which provides most of her happiest childhood memories.

Her parents were Robert (Bert) and Ruby Brebner. Bert was born in Dunedin but became restless after returning from overseas service in World War 1, started travelling around the country and subsequently found himself in Port Charles. Ruby was born Ruby Bronlund and was born and raised in the Port Charles area. Ruby's grandfather, Abraham Bronlund, had originally come to the Coromandel Peninsula from Dunedin and ran flax mills on both sides of the peninsula. As the years went by, the top of the peninsula became populated by Abraham Bronlund's many descendants. The birth of Pat's great-granddaughter, Bridie, in Port Charles some years ago marked the seventh generation of the Bronlund line in the area.

Pat's grandparents, Edward and Maggie Bronlund, had a farm at Big Sandy Bay. Their son, Roy, worked on the farm, which was a mixed dairy and sheep farm. In the early days the milk, cream and wool were all collected by scows which ran a regular supply service in and out of Sandy Bay. As well as collecting produce, the scows would deliver supplies and, no doubt, the occasional passenger.

From 1937 the scows were replaced by the coaster "Lady Jocelyn", which made a weekly trip from Auckland to Whitianga, calling at many small places on the way, such as Whangapoua, Kuaotunu, Otama, Opito and, of course, Port Charles.

Soon after their marriage Pat's parents moved to Auckland, and Pat as well as her three sisters and two brothers, attended school in Auckland. As often as possible, and certainly during the school holidays, the family travelled on the "Lady Jocelyn" to Port Charles to visit their grandparents and enjoy the country life. There was a school at Port Charles, but it often struggled for numbers; eight students were needed in order to keep the school open. Pat remembers when the number of students dropped to seven, she was sent to live with her

Uncle Roy and Auntie Nell to boost the school roll. Those were happy times for Pat, enjoying life on the farm, with pet calves a particularly happy memory.

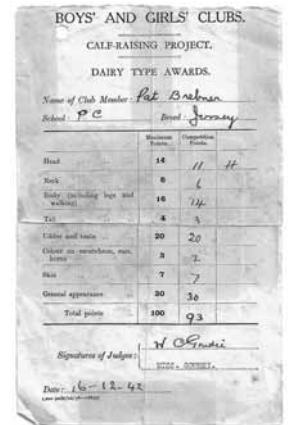
In 1940, with the threat of air raids or attacks from the Japanese Air Force, Ruby Brebner and her six children returned to live at Port Charles for a period of the war. Life in Port Charles was very primitive compared to Auckland. In Auckland they had electricity, a gas stove and hot and cold running water with an inside toilet. At Port Charles there was no electricity, no gas and no indoor plumbing. Cooking was done on a wood stove, lighting was provided by lamps and candles and the toilet was a long drop, and no "night cart" man to call around and empty the can. Great adventures for the children, but not quite as much fun for the mother. Auntie Nell was the local postmistress, and the family home was also the local Post Office. Once a week, Roy rode his horse to Colville to collect the mail. Pat's sister, Billie, loved to join in on these "mail runs" on horseback.

Happy memories of life in the Port Charles area.

During April the museum will be open from 1-4pm every day, and from 9.30am-1pm on Thursdays, until Easter. The museum will be closed on Friday 10 April, Good Friday, then open weekends only through to the end of the month



Lady Jocelyn



Pat's calf club award

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**RSA News**

By Pat Williams

The day I am writing this is the 16th anniversary of my husband's passing. My how time flies. Colin was an ex-Navy man and very proud of the fact. I think I have written before to the young people of the area, any of the three services make for an excellent career.

The choice of professions are vast: medics, chefs, engineering, communications, etc. Think about it when the time comes to fly the nest! Reading in the latest "Navy Today" magazine the new deputy chief of Navy is a woman, Commodore Melissa Ross. In 1996 she was one of the first women to serve on a warship on an operational mission. In the same magazine are pictures of two women commodores and a captain. Girls can do anything!

Now from the latest "RSA Review", Invictus Games were created by Prince Harry in 2014 and are open to wounded, injured or sick armed-service personnel and associated veterans from countries that were part of the "global war on terrorism", principally Iraq and Afghanistan. A large team is set to go to the Hague in May. Sadly because of the coronavirus I presume this trip could be called off.

Membership to our Club continues to climb. At present we have 139 paid up members.

On Saturday 22 February long-time member Peter Thompson was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation. Well done Peter.

He has been on the RSA Committee since 2006 and is a driver of our courtesy van on Club nights.

Twilight mixed teams bowls has again this season proved very popular. Anzac Day fast approaches, our one day of the year when we can top up our Coromandel RSA Poppy Trust Fund. This fund is available to ex-servicemen and their families for financial assistance where there is a need.

Our AGM is to be held on 28 March, We require a new secretary and a membership coordinator. Hopefully someone will step up and take over these positions!

Proverb for the Month: The world knows nothing of its greatest men.

Till next time. Don't worry, be happy.

The RSA would like to let its members know that should you be unable to leave home due to illness, recovering from surgery, etc. and require assistance for immediate needs (i.e., picking up groceries), please contact us and talk to any of our committee members. Phone Margaret (07) 866 7576. If you are ill, we ask that you please refrain from attending the RSA until you are well. Many of our members are vulnerable to illness so this would be greatly appreciated.

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Peter Thompson receiving his recognition certificate

**Coromandel Bowling Club**

By Linda Wright

Our very popular Seafood Tournament has come and gone and was an outstanding success, thanks to all of our volunteers and our fabulous local sponsors. You all do Coromandel proud.

Big thanks to Goldridge Marine Farms, Richardsons Real Estate, Coromandel Court Motel, Thames Demolition and Tapu Camp. Plus donated goods and services from Moana, Pepper Tree Restaurant & Bar, Sanfords, NIML, Coromandel Oyster Co, Morrinsville Power Farming, Salty Towers, Liquor King. New Image Hair Salon, Conor-Jane Beauty, Four Square Coromandel, Coromandel Pharmacy, Tara Holman Jewelry, P&B Medlock, R&D Berghan, C McNeil, E McDonald and L Nicholls.

Twilight Bowls had a great time over the four Tuesday nights in February, with the 28 teams enjoying themselves. The winners overall for 5pm session were CILT 2 Jo's team with the Odd Body's r/up.

The overall 6pm winner was CAS team Three and a Half Women, with Four Square the r/up.

The 4pm session for the 36 school children worked very well. They were very enthusiastic and played very good bowls by the last week. Good luck for the Thames Valley school bowls event in April.

Thanks to all of our very generous sponsors: Pepper Tree Restaurant & Bar, Moana, Driving Creek Railway, Trinity Real Estate, Coromandel Fish & Dive, Coromandel Pharmacy, Richardsons Real Estate, Liquor King and Four Square.

April is the last month of bowls with the Open Optional Triples Tournament sponsored by Pepper Tree Restaurant & Bar on **Wednesday 8 April**.

With only four more Thursday Club Days, if you would like to come and join us for two one-hour games come on down to the club by 9.30am and we will put you in a team. You will be most welcome.



The winner's of the Seafood Tournament Sel Darwin, Mark Hall, Steve Dumper & Geoff Morris From Papakura



The Winner's of Divi 2 Seafood Tournament Maureen & Richard Kimber, Di Burton & Vi King, from Browns Bay & Coromandel

**Women's section RSA**

By Loes Beaver

The Women's Section of our RSA is small in numbers, but we are still assisting the RSA on special occasions. Last year we celebrated 75 years of service to our community.

April will be a very busy month for our ladies. We have our poppy sales tables on **17 and 18 April**, one at the Four Square and another outside the Coromandel Pharmacy. We really appreciate the support from these two businesses.

If you would like to assist on these days let me know as I am making up a roster.

Poppy boxes will also be around town at different locations, so look out for these also. We thank these business people for their loyal support, and of course we thank those who buy a poppy on our days.

Other projects for Anzac Day are preparing the crosses for RSA and arranging the catering.

We are looking for new members, so if you think you may be interested just contact Loes Beaver, President Womens Section (07) 866 8053

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## Bus Matters

By Lora Mountjoy



It is encouraging to know that the Community Board are giving high priority to getting a bus service going again in Coromandel and that the TCDC is researching ways this could work. We are also heartened by the active support this issue is getting from new Regional Councillor Denis Tegg. On the down side, it all seems to take a very long time and meanwhile lives are being negatively impacted by the inability to connect with medical services, family members, friends and other important activities. One of the members of our group has written about how this affects her family. This is their story:

"My name is Linda McKellar and I have joined the Bus Matters group, as when the bus service between Coromandel and Hamilton was discontinued it had a devastating effect on our family.

"We have a 41-year-old son, Hamish, who has Asperger's Syndrome, which is on the Autism Spectrum. Hamish had used this bus from aged 17, when he spent a year boarding in Thames to attend a vocational class at Thames High School.

"His next big step to independence was living in Hamilton with support from Community Living Trust and with part-time work. That bus service was wonderful, allowing him to come home regularly for weekends and holidays. Bus drivers Graeme, Glenise and Natalie were always professional and caring to him. Because he is not capable of driving his visits now are dependent on us driving to and from Hamilton, increasingly difficult as we get older.

"My husband Peter and I also used this service to visit my elderly mother in Hamilton. Our daughter, who lives in Taupo, benefited as when her children were young I would go by bus to Thames to connect with her on her way to Coromandel. We would meet at a cafe so we could feed the children, change nappies and I could look after the children while she had a drink and food.

"Recently while on holiday at Opononi, Northland, I met a tourist from Belgium who was travelling on her own. She really wanted to visit the Coromandel but said sadly that there is no public transport and she wouldn't hitchhike because of the risks, so she would have to miss Coromandel.

"There are so many people who need this service, so we are really hoping it will be reinstated."

CILT is currently surveying the needs of older citizens. If you are over 55 and haven't had a chance to participate yet (and possibly to pass on your thoughts about public transport), contact CILT on (07) 866 8358, or Luana on 027 473 6494.

For more info or to support our efforts to get the bus service going again, contact Lora: (07) 866 7176 or [lora.mountjoy@gmail.com](mailto:lora.mountjoy@gmail.com)

## SeniorNet

By Loes Beaver



I attended the Waikato/BOP Regional Meeting which was held in Matamata. Some of the things for discussion were understand our changing market, volunteering both administration and techie. Each Learning Centre was given time for reports. This was very interesting to see how other centres are run, and there problems and expectations. We know that membership throughout the area is declining, and many of the centres are talking down-sizing, going to one on one as some do now.

Some of the problems that members seem to have are shopping online and online banking. If you think we should have some of these courses covered here at our centre, let us know, and we will try to arrange something.

Our Coromandel Centre has just completed another year and we will be holding our AGM in May; date and venue will be notified.

If you have any queries just contact me. If I am not able to help I will put you on to someone who can.

Contact Loes (07) 866 8053

## CoroLocalLegend with Coromandel Four Square

Congratulations to Robin Münch of Coromandel, who is the recipient of a gift hamper from Coromandel Four Square. Robin has been nominated by the team at the Coromandel Town Information Centre who wrote "Robin always has the good of our community at heart. She arranges for musicians to come to town throughout the year and, as an active member of Plastic-Free Coromandel Town, encourages people to reduce their plastic use. She recently spent many hours organising the Coromandel Flower and Produce Show which, in addition to being a fun family day, was a fundraiser for us. The money raised is greatly appreciated and will help us to continue to serve our community. We would love to see Robin celebrated for her selfless service."

Thanks for your community spirit Robin; you are a true CoroLocal-Legend!

### 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 Town Chronicle as well as receiving a \$50 gift hamper from Coromandel Four Square.

Send your nominations to: [Coromandel.foursquare@foodstuffs.co.nz](mailto: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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**Te Ohonga Wananga in Heretaunga**

By Nigel Sparrow

Kelly Harrison put the word out that she would be facilitating a creativity workshop at her home marae at Heretaunga (Kennedy Bay) over the first weekend of March. The materials to be explored were harakeke, its fibre, muka, and clay from the Kennedy Bay area, prepared for the workshop by potter Mike O'Donnell.

A group of around 20 of us gathered at the marae on the Friday morning; an interesting range of people including family and whanau associated with Heretaunga, local artists, mindfulness practitioners and expatriate Kiwis making contact with their roots in different ways. We were all enthusiastic about this opportunity to learn more about the materials and to engage with the Maori tikanga associated with them.

The workshop took place in the magnificent meeting house. Later in the day Kelly introduced us to some of the history and meaning of this highly decorated and very beautiful building. Sadly, a family event meant that we couldn't continue for the whole weekend but we all made a commitment to continue with this worthwhile project in the future.



A participant's work in progress on a piupiu

**Lions news**

By Lion Lyn



As we are all waiting to find out about the impact of the coronavirus, we cannot at this time say that we will see all at the Coromandel Seafood Festival. Hopefully all will go ahead as planned, but like everyone else we will play the waiting game!

The last month has been back to normal (whatever that means), with ongoing firewood working bees, deliveries, splitting and yummy morning teas! Cooler weather will soon be upon us so orders need to be in so you don't miss out. Our club numbers are declining as age and illness catches us all eventually. The latest casualty is Lion Graham, who shall be greatly missed. Like us all, looking after one's own health must come first. Take care of each other, Graham and Lynne; we wish you all the best and we shall keep in touch.

The last delicious dinner meeting went very well. With only a small group of eighteen we had a very relaxed evening, with three visitors enjoying great food and fellowship with us. The Lion Rock was given to me by Lion Larry and Joan, to pass on to Lion Gordon and his late wife Dianna, with a lovely card thanking them both for their commitment and dedication to Lions. We shall miss Dianna very much as she was very passionate about helping anyone in need; her "outside of the square" planning and thinking ahead was truly inspirational. Rest in peace.

Remember, if a helping hand is needed, then give us a call. Also if you have a little time to spare we can do with a helping hand as well!

Numbers to call – President Lyn, (07) 866 7722 (may go to answer phone, please leave a name and number, and I will get back to you); secretary Gordon (07) 866 2433; firewood, Sue (07) 211 9774 (landline)

**Grey Power Coromandel**

By John Rabarts. President

**Pest solutions (no poisons)**

**RABBITS** – Take a small plastic bottle with a lid. Poke some small holes in the bottle. Soak a few cotton balls in vinegar, put in the bottle, put in a shallow hole, and cover lightly. Will keep rabbits away. Put out two or three if you have a wide boundary. **INSECTS** (at night) – Crush and mix garlic with water and spray on your outdoor lights, which will spread a garlic whiff as lights heat up. Works for mosquitoes and other night bugs. **ANTS** – Use chalk to lay a thick line across ant tracks; back of benches, windowsills, on the floor, by the fridge, etc, wherever ants appear. Also for outside (works inside too), mix a half tablespoon cayenne pepper with a half cup sifted white flour and spread in ant infested area; brush up flour once ants are gone so you don't get "flour glue" when it rains (not much chance of that just now!). **FLEAS** in pet sleeping pad – Sprinkle a few drops of lavender oil around the pad. Fleas hate it and go to the neighbours' dogs or cats. **FLIES** – They don't like a short burst of hair spray in the air (inside remedy) so they fly out the open window. **SNAILS** or **SLUGS** – Put leftover beer (or fresh if no leftovers) in shallow containers and put in holes in the garden with the rims level with the ground. Enjoy finding drunk and drowned slugs and snails in the morning. **MICE** – Put peanut butter on small pieces of stale cheese on your trap – mice prefer the peanut butter but the cheese is a firm base. **SILVERFISH** – Spread a few whole cloves around bookcases, drawers, etc., where silverfish gather, to keep them away. **FRUIT FLIES** – Put a few drops of dishwash liquid in a small bowl of apple cider vinegar and watch the fruit flies diving in, happily drowning themselves. **COCKROACHES** – Drown in a shallow bowl of wine. Cockroaches are quite unsophisticated drinkers so the cheapest wine will be fine. Or an equal mix of sugar and baking soda shaken on any area infested by cockroaches should chase them away. Brush up and replace your mix occasionally. **FLYING INSECTS** – They are really revolted by basil. Have a few small plants in pots around your house, or take some dried basil and put in little muslin bags, or carefully emptied tea bags, and spread them around to chase away flying insects. **CRAWLING INSECTS** – Are really unexcited about fresh or dried bay leaves, sage or cloves that you may choose to spread around the house. **MEALWORMS** – Won't come near your pasta, etc., if you unwrap some sticks of wrapped spearmint chewing gum and put in your cupboard or pantry. **BEE** or **WASP** loose in the car? Pull over, open all the windows, let it fly out. This is much more economical than trying to swat it while scraping roadside barriers or signs, someone else's car or parking involuntarily in the bottom of a gully on the Kereta hill.

Coromandel Grey Power membership is \$15 single member, \$28 for two at same address. Phone Carol Carson (07) 866 7172 to join. Current members – renewal of subscription due by end of March. See details of how to pay in our last newsletter. We cannot accept Kiwibank cheques but all others are still OK

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## Library News

By Robynne Jones

First a big thank you to all of the volunteers that helped us to barcode the library's books. We are only a small library but there are still about 15,000 books so it was quite a big job made easier by the assistance of many hands.

For the next stage in the conversion process we are relying on assistance from the Thames Library and the Kotui Team who will need to help us set up the new programme. This may take a bit longer to get going depending on their priorities. On the bright side we do have the computers installed and the books barcoded and ready to go. All going well we have been advised that we should be able to switch over to the new system by spring 2020.

In the meantime some new books arrived in March and are on the shelves. Here are a few suggestions:

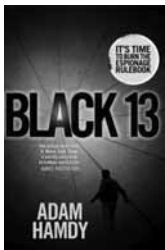
### **The House of Trelawney by Hannah Rothschild**



In their crumbling Cornish castle, the impoverished and eccentric aristocratic Trelawney live on their wits and value-pack mince and are running out of options. Three unexpected events will hasten their demise: the sudden appearance of a new relation, an illegitimate, headstrong, beautiful girl; an unscrupulous American hedge fund manager determined to exact revenge; and the crash of 2008.

A love story and social satire set in the parallel and seemingly unconnected worlds of the British aristocracy and high finance, *House of Trelawney* is a story of lost and found friendships between three women. One of them will die; another will discover her vocation; and the third will find love.

### **Black 13 by Adam Hamdy**

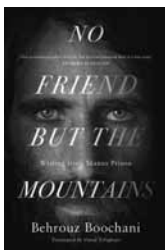


*Black 13* is the brilliant first novel in the Scott Pearce series from Adam Hamdy in the Patterson style. An addictive and fast-paced thriller, ex-MI6 officer Pearce is about to show us that in a world where there is no loyalty to the nation state, it's time to burn the espionage rule book.

The world is changing and in the mix is an exiled agent. A growing threat. A clandestine war. Radical extremists are rising and seek to enforce their ideology globally. Governments, the military and intelligence agencies are being outmanoeuvred at every step. Borders are breaking down. Those in power are puppets. The old rules are obsolete. To fight this war a new doctrine is needed.

In a world where nothing is as it seems, where trust is gone, one man will make the difference.

### **No Friend but the Mountains by Behrouz Boochani**



In 2013, Kurdish journalist Behrouz Boochani was illegally detained on Manus Island. He has been there ever since.

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## Plant-Based Eating Workshop

By Nalan Kirsch

I hope you had a great summer, despite of the drought. It seems like climate change becomes climate changed. I believe every little environmental effort can support our precious Earth's healing. You probably heard this saying before, "we are what we eat". So what we eat affects our health, what we eat and how we do things affects our planet's health. So adopting sustainability and eating one organic plant based meal a day/week/month is good for you and good for our planet.

Pencil in the date: Our next plant-based eating workshop will be held on **Saturday 18 April** at St John room.

We are going to talk about:

- Tofu and different ways of preparing it.
  - Autumn meal ideas.
  - Whole foods pantry.
- Please bring a donation. Hope to see you there.

Here is an oat milk recipe from our previous workshop.

### **Oat Milk**

1 cup rolled oats, preferably organic  
3-4 cups water (use less water for thicker milk)  
A pinch of salt  
1 whole pitted date or 1 tbsp maple syrup (optional)  
1 tsp vanilla (optional)  
You can also flavour it with cacao, berries, etc.

Add oats, water and any additional add-ins into blender. Blend for 15 minutes or until the mixture seems well combined. It doesn't have to be fully pulverised. Then sample it, and add more flavour if required. Double strain using muslin cloth or similar to avoid fine pulp passing into the milk. Pour into a jar or bottle. Keep in the fridge. Shake before use. Consume in 3-4 days. This recipe is perfect for muesli and cereals, desserts and baking, or yummy as it is.

Tips: Over-blending can make oat milk slimy; heating or frothing is not recommended as it also tends to get slimy.

Contact 021 515 707 for more information

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

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**Patchwork & Quilters**

By Bev Mayhead

Hi everyone,

Our patchwork and quilting year has started very nicely and our group has a lovely "buzz" to it!

Our first workshop has been held and it was very exciting. Barrie Ashton from Wonderfil Threads was our tutor for the "Thread Exploration Class". We each worked on creating a small quilt/wall hanging of our choice approx 60cm square using hearts or circles as a theme. We each purchased a sample box of 15 different threads as a kit, and began exploring techniques that most of us have never used before e.g., bobbin work, cording and couching, etc. We learnt how to use the decorative stitches on our machines using a variety of threads of varied thicknesses. Wow! It was quite baffling at first, then it became exciting and possibilities were endless once the creativity started to flow. Some of us struggled, some cursed, some laughed... what a great day! Thank you Barrie for opening up a whole new world of threads for us.

At the end of March we began an Attic Doll project, with huge thanks to Lorraine Abernathy for her support and approval. This particular doll is one of her very own designs and is only 14" high. The doll is new, but made to look old ... as if she was found in an attic. These dolls will take a few sessions to complete and I will ensure you get a photograph of all of the "girls" when we are ready. Lorraine would like a photograph too.

Another very exciting news item is that we have amongst our group a professional LongArm Quilter. Michaela Green has a business named DreamCatcher Quilts, nice and local, based at Kuaotunu. Michaela will be quilting our Coromandel 200 quilt and I am sure it will be stunning.

Call in and see what's happening on our meeting days.

All new members are most welcome.



Our meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month, 9.30am-3.30pm at St John Room, Tiki Road, Coromandel Town. President Raewyn Penrose (07) 866 8880, Secretary Sharon Currie (07) 866 8762

Quilt made by Delwyn Lumsden. Quilted by Michaela Green, DreamCatcher Quilts, Kuaotunu

**Garage Sale**

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By Sandra Wilson, Manager



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- diligent hand-washing/using hand sanitizers;
- not touching your face;
- staying home when unwell;
- greeting people without touching them;
- spending less time in crowded situations and keeping your distance when around others;
- coughing/sneezing into your elbow or a tissue, etc.

Certainly, if you do become unwell with fever, cough and/or difficulty breathing, you need to ring your doctor.

This situation will likely be with us for quite some time and get worse before it gets better, but in the long run some of these cleanliness measures will hopefully become permanent habits with all of us, helping reduce not only the spread of COVID-19, but also flus and colds. These measures require little effort and not only help to protect you, but also your family, friends, town, country and world. We are all in this together!

Below is a list of upcoming events. However, be sure to check closer to the date, either by ringing our office, checking our website or the website of the event organizer, or checking our Facebook page, as there could be changes in scheduling.

The ECHO Walking Festival that was due to be on from **Saturday 28 March-Sunday 19 April** has been postponed until such time as the COVID-19 threat has lifted and we can gather in groups in safety

The Czech Mates concert scheduled for **Friday 3 April** has been cancelled. Those who have purchased tickets need to phone or email us to arrange for a refund.

Daylight Saving ends on **Sunday 5 April** at 3am, so remember to set your clocks back one hour on Saturday night, and enjoy a much-needed extra hour of sleep!

Easter Weekend is **Friday 10-Monday 13 April**. The Colville Easter Festival has been postponed.

In Coromandel you will find the Easter Art Exhibition at Hauraki House Gallery from 10am-4pm on **Saturday 4-Monday 13 April**. The Papa Aroha Easter Art Show has been cancelled.

**Saturday 2 May** was the day of Seafood Fest but it has been cancelled.

The Sailors and Loggers Ball, scheduled on **Saturday 30 May**, together with the Coro 200 and Illume Festival has been postponed till September or October.

Due to the current situation, our closing time is now 3pm daily. We are working from inside our locked office, so phone or email us if you need help. We are still able to make bookings, but will do so in a slightly different way.

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**Coromandel Contract Bridge Club**

By Judy Bronlund

The Individual Championships finish on **30 March** then our April competition is the Hauraki Pairs with a fun night on Easter Monday. We are planning to hold our annual tournament on **17 May**, limited tables. Hopefully we will not need to cancel this event. Lessons will be given to anyone wishing to learn bridge and play on club nights. We play at the St John rooms on a Monday evening.

Contacts Lyn (07) 866 8858, Val (07) 866 8730

## Mahamudra Centre for Universal Unity

By Jaki Chalmers

March has been a big month for Mahamudra welcoming His Eminence Ling Rinpoche to the Coromandel Peninsula and our home. It was an honour to have him visit and offer profound teachings to both local students as well as those that travelled from across New Zealand. His Eminence enjoyed the beauty of the Colville valley and whenever time allowed took the opportunity to explore the region by foot and on the dusty winding roads we are famous for. The visitors were impressed by the natural splendor of the peninsula, the health of the animals, the space; we are very blessed.

HE Ling Rinpoche's visit coincided the 15 days of Miracles, ending on 9 March with Chotrul Duchen. Visiting teacher Venerable Khadro led the program of prayers and practices that were open to all. Thank you to those who joined us for this merit-filled time. It is always lovely to connect.

With the uncertain times we are all facing as a result of the coronavirus, we are remaining calm, minimizing risk and adapting our program within the guidelines from the government and Lama Zopa Rinpoche. It is an opportunity to take time to consider this precious human life that we have and reach out to each other to form community resilience. Many people are volunteering to help others and the New Zealand government is putting in many steps to care for its citizens. It is a storm that we can endure together and it will pass. If you need to just come and sit and contemplate or talk, you are very welcome.

### Program Schedule for April

- Daily meditations – 8.30am at the Gompa
- Recognising Natural Awareness, **24-26 April** with Hedwig Bakker
- Community Lunch, Tsog and Puja's TBA – like our Facebook page – best for updates.

### In May

The Art of Mindful Living **15-17 May** with Hedwig Bakker.

Accommodation bookings options are available through our website. We are also available for rental by compatible groups and organisations looking for an atmosphere for reflection, healing, and relaxation.

Stay in touch by visiting and enjoying the grounds; subscribe to our mailing list [www.mahamudra.org.nz](http://www.mahamudra.org.nz) or connecting with us on [www.facebook.com/MahamudraCentre](https://www.facebook.com/MahamudraCentre) and [www.instagram.com/dharmafpm/](https://www.instagram.com/dharmafpm/)

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## Mana Update

By Jade Ferrière

### Meeting uncertainty with love

Most of us would love to have a how-to book for all the challenges we have to face in life. An expert guide that answers all of the unanswerable questions, comes with guarantees and nurtures a sense of certainty. But alas a great deal of life is unknown, and such a dream, although it would help us in many ways, would also hold us back.

It is natural to prioritise our need for comfort, security or safety when faced with situations where we feel we have no influence or control; an empty rainwater tank with no rain on the horizon, a grieving friend who has lost a loved one, a pandemic like the coronavirus.

Our uncertainty can be a catalyst for stress, creating overwhelming and unabiding fear that not only affects our lives but the lives of those around us.

We meet these challenges in different ways and develop our own resources for dealing with situations that pressure us. Some of these resources are healthy and sustainable, like taking practical steps to create a balance between our work/life routine, exploring practices that help us gain a bigger perspective, quiet an overactive mind or build trust in our ability to find solutions and access support if we need it.

It is not uncommon when we feel backed into a corner, unsure or unsafe, to lash out at ourselves and others in a hope to restore a sense of security, like trying to control others, overeating, procrastinating, drinking too much or forming rigid routines and habits.

Acknowledging our need for certainty is an important part of understanding what gives rise to our fears and concerns. There is insight and an invitation in moments of overwhelm and stress if we can choose to see it.

We need only look to what it is we are longing for, rather than what it is that we fear, to empower our decisions and support our needs in ways which are wholesome, rather than self-sabotaging.

It is our hope that we can lean into these uncertain times with more trust and love.

For more information on these community events visit [www.manaretreat.com](http://www.manaretreat.com)

## Writer's Group

By Wailin Elliott

The monthly meeting of the Coromandel Writer's Group met at Driving Creek with seven of our members able to attend our March meeting. It began with 20 minutes of spontaneous writing on "Weather Forecasts" that covered a wide range. Here is one piece of writing on the subject.

### Weather Report

The man from NIWA was on the radio this morning, talking cyclones and high pressure systems. Cyclones: wild swirling patterns of tears and temper, high pressure fronts: big solid zones of calm.

She stormed out of the house and stamped across the paddock in unlaced boots, shouting against the wind. He heard her coming as the last cows left the shed; by the time she arrived he was sluicing the floor and even rage couldn't carry her through the violent jet of water.

"B\*\*\*\*\*" she yelled, picking her way round the circumference. "You should have told me. What am I meant to do now?"

"Help me clean-up," he answered.

She looked down the race to where the cows walked placidly back to middle paddock, tails swinging lazily. Teeth gritted now, she hissed "You know it was parent/teacher night last night. I found the notice in the bin. How could you?"

"What's the point?" his calm bulk impenetrable. "Zeph's OK. If you want to talk to Myra you can just go next door and see her."

"No," she was shouting again. "No, I care about these things. It's alright for you, milking cows all your life, cruising through, but at least you could show you care."

He took off the heavy rubber gloves, reached an arm out to her, was met with a scream of frustration, "don't touch me!"

"It'll be alright" he offered, solid and helpless. "I wanted to spend an evening with you, you're always off to committee this and yoga that. I just wanted you to be home."

Simmering still, she stamped, turned and headed across to the chook run, shouting back "Don't ever do that again." Stooping to tie her bootlaces, she heard him call "I love you," as she released a sigh, straightened up again and went on to let the hens out.

## Coromandel Flower and Produce Show

By Robin Münch

I have drafted a list of certificate and prize winners and I am fully aware that there are some mistakes and omissions (particularly section winners).

I would really like to have a correct record to post on Facebook and am hoping that people will check the list and advise me of necessary amendments. I have posted the draft list on Facebook. If you don't have Facebook, please ask a friend to share the post from the Coromandel Flower and Produce Show page, or email me on [coroproduceshow@gmail.com](mailto:coroproduceshow@gmail.com) and I'll send you a copy, or go into the Information Centre where you can find the list. They will ask you to write down the changes you'd like me to make and any feedback/suggestions you have and will pass it on to me.

The awarding of Best in Show, 2nd in Show and 3rd in Show was not clear to everyone. On the day it was determined by judges' choice rather than in reference to other class or section results.

I will be happy to receive feedback so that we can iron out some of the hiccups and go on to an even bigger and better show next year.



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## Animal Rescue Thames

By Alice and John Parris and Bizee girl

Purrs and thank mews to those lovely people who have donated cat and kitten food, tinned and biscuits, bedding and blankies to the cats. We had a lovely donation gifted to the cats for special food which they have enjoyed thoroughly. Jimbos is a treat but raw meat for them and a cooked chicken was treat days for them all. The plates were so clean they hardly needed to be washed.

Nothing homed, and we are expecting one in over the next day or two, that will be a complete challenge on every count. She is an unsocialised tortieshell. These are notoriously shocking for defiant cattitude and have their own version on how things will be done, so we will look forward to this challenge which will mean this wee girl has hope and a future once she understands us and trusts us. We love the torties. Had very, very few over the years so we look forward to this one. Will take time but will be a furrbaby who will bring us much joy once socialised and over her tortitude self.

Bizee – This came as a deep deep shock, that late in the afternoon as dear husband went down to do the feed and clean, he found that Bizee had passed away. He had only been down with the litter trays an hour before and she was fine, happily chatting away to him telling him everything and more, something she has always done, our



farmie girl, who has been with us for over six years. We can only surmise that she had a heart attack, but for whatever it was, completely unexpected and devastating. She was my wavy, curly-coated fluff ball that not only chatted away but snuggled in with me. She wasn't a lap cat but snuggled, purred and talked. A big loss, but she had the best years here with us, and we had the best years with her. Forever rest darling girl; she has certainly left furry footprints on our hearts.

Kittens – The two boys are hilarious. The hunt 'n kill of balls of yarn, a Christmas tree's plastic branches plucked off and growled over, and shown off proudly around the house much to the disgust of the olders – who actually know that it's just a piece of plastic branch, but keeps the two amused. Bazile the black is slimline and ultra smoochy to us, purrs at a glance. The

black-white Fritz – as he has white tufts out of his black ears – is snuggly but more aloof. They will come up for adopting once they are up to weight and neutered but until then they continue to wreck the household. Bazile smooches Minime. She is our oldest, the ginger matriarch who is not super friendly to other cats or kittens, but accepts the bunts from Baz then thumps him with ginga paw.

Fundraising – Easter Garage Sale – **Saturday 11 April**, Grahamstown Hall Pollen Street, Thames, 8.30am until noon-ish, raising funds to feed and care for the felines over the winter months. We have loads of quality items to sell, lots of bargains and also a kitchen to feed hungry humans. Purrlease support our paws. We initially were to have this the week before but we are blessed to be able to take three quarters of the hall for Easter Weekend and the other quarter is in conjunction with Thames Green\$ Exchange. We are truly grateful to TG\$Exchange for offering us this opportunity, so both will happen on same day.

Wanted – good quality clean, saleable items for the garage sale. Books, puzzles, shoes, handbags, toys and household bric-a-brac, etc., tinned cat food, sachets, pet milk.

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## Te Rerenga School

By Mary Kedzlie,  
Acting Principal



Mindful Morning at Opera Point

It has been a busy start to the school year and the term has just zoomed by.

The classrooms are abuzz with rich learning experiences, and the children relished the endless summer weather which enabled them to enjoy the pool and our expansive natural environment. Our inquiry this term has been on "the bush and the sea" and Room 3 head to the Kaueranga Valley for a two night camp in the bush in early April.

Mindfulness, our well-being and "Being Kind" are a big focus for us this year. Each class is spending time each day on Mindfulness breathing and other mindful activities. During March the whole school spent a Mindful Morning at Opera Point in Whangapoua. Mindful walks through the bush and along the bush; yoga on the beach; focussing on the senses and breathing; and making environmental art works in the sand were some of the experiences.

We have established a Kindness Jar. When children are observed showing kindness to others, their names are written on a paper heart and put into the jar. When the jar is full we will have a "celebrating kindness" day.

Our front school garden is gracing a new beautiful wood and glass sculpture that was given to us by our wonderful former Principal Anna Yates. Its yellow glass glows beautifully when it captures the sunlight! Beneath the sculpture is a plaque with a lovely inscription which gives a very special message to our children.

Kindness is a choice.

Be kind.

Sprinkle kindness around like confetti.



## Coromandel Youth Group – Hauraki House

Youth Group is for five years and over. There is a variety of activities to choose from just fill in a membership form and bring your child along with a packed lunch or money for snacks, pies or hot chips.

### School Holiday Times

Mon, Tues, Wed & Thurs 11am-4pm \$2 per child, Sun 1pm-4pm.

Friday Night Social 6.30-8.30pm (for school yrs 6-10).

Closed Public Holidays: **Friday 10 & Monday 13 April.**

### School Term Times

Tues and Thurs 3-5pm, Fri 2-4pm, Sunday 1-4pm – please make a gold coin donation.

All students must come inside and sign in upon arrival.

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

Parents are welcome to browse our fundraising table for Nu 2 U bargains

This programme is made possible by the kind donations received and grants from: Lottery Waikato, COGS, Trust Waikato, Coromandel "Bizarre" Charitable Trust, D V Bryant Trust. Thank you!

## Coromandel Community Preschool

By Debra Attwood



Kia ora koutou, I am sorry I have missed a couple of editions of the Chronicle, but the time has just flown by this year and we are already looking at the April Chronicle.

Our children have been busy growing and learning in many different areas at the centre. With the water shortages they have found it hard not having this resource available all of the time, but they are also learning from this to conserve our water stocks and to reuse water where we can. To do this we have a bucket that we empty any half-finished cups or glasses of water and water bottles – this is used to water our garden.

There has been an interest in lots of physical activity and children challenging themselves to achieve their own goals, like climbing the trees, or climbing to the top of the rope swing. Trips to the community pool and to the beach have been a welcome respite from the heat.

With autumn underway it is a little cooler and we welcome this, and winter will be fast approaching. With this in mind and the threat of COVID-19 (novel coronavirus), we ask everyone to observe good hygiene practises, washing hands, and covering coughs and sneezes. Also please keep your children home if they are sick to help prevent the spread of coughs, colds and potentially this virus. We are working closely with our children to teach them about viruses and good hand-washing techniques.

We are currently looking for relievers who can cover when we have teachers away. We would prefer people who have some early childhood experience and who are available on short notice. As we do not currently have any spaces available for children at the centre it would be preferred if potential relievers were able to make alternative arrangements if they themselves have children. If you think this could be you, please either give us a ring, or call in, and talk to our Head Teacher Belinda.

We have recently celebrated birthdays for Remmi, Pongarauhine, Zoey, Grace, Blake, Casey, Aroha, Anika, and Steele; we wish them a very happy birthday. We said farewell to Zoey and Ihaka who have started school. We welcomed Malakye, Tai, Jordan, Sadie, Manaia, and Lily; we look forward to getting to know you all.

Our rolls are currently full, but you can put your child's name on the waiting list.

The centre operates Monday – Friday 8am-4pm. We are situated at 155 Pottery Lane. If you are interested call in for a visit or phone us on (07) 866 7570

## Kiwi Can

Kia ora Koutou,

As you all know our theme for term one has been Positive Relationships (Whakawhanaungatanga) and our catchphrase is "Being kind to those we know, will surely help our relationships grow".

Over this term in Kiwi Can we have been discussing Fairness and Fairplay and what this means: learning about sharing, taking turns, losing graciously and playing by the rules.

We have been talking about Leadership. And the importance of listening to others, and being a positive role model. Discussing qualities we look for in a good leader, and why it's important to listen and follow instructions from our leader or leaders.

Finally we have been discovering Conflict Resolution and learning about using our W.I.T.S. to defuse potential conflict, and recognising when conflict can be avoided and or managed.

Phew, our tamariki have been super busy this term; well done!

Nga mihi nui from the Kiwi Can Team!

The Coromandel Kiwi Can programme is managed by the Coromandel Independent Living Trust, officially sponsored by Sanford Ltd and supported by The Lion Foundation, Trust



## 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 1-6 enjoying another action-packed few days at Tucks Bay. There was kayaking, bush walks, crab hunting, sport rotations led by our newly appointed sport leaders, plenty of swimming and fun beach activities including "The Big Dig". What a wonderful sight it was to see so many students really enjoying themselves. Many thanks to all of the wonderful parents

## COROMANDEL AREA SCHOOL



and whanau who came along as helpers, we hope you had a great time too. A huge mihi to Doug Rouse for setting up the camp site, organising tents, beds, and helping the children with the kayaking. This camp would be impossible without you! Also, a huge thank you to our teachers and staff who organised the camp. Many hours of planning went towards creating this wonderful experience and of course the fabulous kitchen ladies and men, who fed us well ... yum!

Thank you to Des and Leanne at Long Bay Motor Camp. You two are always super amazing and we really appreciate your generosity and support. Oh and of course the ice-blocks. We look forward to next year being just as enjoyable. Thank you everyone!



### Senior Sports by Geoff

Sport in school takes a big leap forward in 2020 with the launch of Sport Performance Coromandel (SPC), a club-like concept giving pupils and students the opportunity to develop the skills and game knowledge required for inter-school sport. It is a self-managed programme where young people take ownership in their sport development process. It is an exciting concept that will elevate confidence in CAS sporting involvement.

### Swimming

This year School Swimming Sports included all Year 4 to Year 13 students and some students from Colville School and Te Rerenga School. Students have now been selected to participate in the Thames Valley Swimming Sports to represent our cluster. Good luck! This was a fun-filled day which was organised by our amazing PE/OE teacher Kelly; thank you for all of your hard work.

Our next big whole school event will be the CAS Cross Country at the Coromandel Golf Club for Years 1-13 on **Friday 8 May**. Keep the date free and come along to watch or even participate.

Make sure you follow our Facebook page. The name of the page is Coromandel Area School, so please "like" and "follow" us on the page to get instant and up-to-date information, photographs and updates on school achievements and events.

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# Arts

## 2020 Open Studios Coromandel

### Charlene Scott

By Kaye Anderson

A newcomer to the Arts Tour, Charlene is mounting her first solo exhibition at Hauraki House in April.

Themed "Feminine Essence", her paintings depict nude female figures in poses which accentuate their lines and curves. She enjoys the organic shapes of the female body and exaggerating the contrasts between light and dark, using strong yellows and reds for the skin tones. She chooses vibrant, bold colours, for example brilliant blues for the drapery. Despite this, some images show vulnerability, but there's an underlying strength. "Allowing yourself to be vulnerable, to be open and authentic, can be very empowering," she explains.

Charlene is also passionate about the environment and supports the charity Tree Sisters, which focuses on reforestation in the tropics and encouraging women to take a lead in environmental issues. Hence there may be a couple of landscape paintings in the exhibition.

Now, Charlene is exploring ways of bringing together the organic shapes of the land, Mother Earth, and those of the female body into one work. You may have to wait until the Arts Tour to see this new direction realised. In the meantime, don't miss the opening of "Feminine Essence" at 5pm on **17 April** at Hauraki House.



### Kay Ogilvie

By Jan Linklater

What a delight to walk into Kay's studio again and be struck by the vast array of ceramic shapes and colours. Blues and greens predominate, everyone's favourites, but also rich reds, creams and yellows; ceramic flowers on wood, huge pots and decorative platters.

Since last year Kay has sometimes walked the old road from Matarangi to Kuaotunu and been fascinated by the clear view to the bottom of the ocean. From this her latest plates use a deep dark blue new to her palette that contrasts with the white ribs of the scallop shells that scatter the sea floor.

Her most exciting project is a ceramic sculpture derived from wave-distressed shells of whelks. The central spine curves upwards, spilling off delightful fan shapes and culminating in a completely undamaged pointed summit. It was quite a challenge to get the correct and harmonious spacing of each whorl whilst maintaining the stability of the piece and balancing the heavier more complete top section. A challenge she really enjoyed.

Kay is now planning a more minimal, taller sculpture based on an even more eroded shell that will emphasise the subtle twists of the core. I look forward to Mark 2.

### Pete Sephton

By Jan Linklater

I am struck by Pete's array of meticulous screen prints indicating a deep interest in South Pacific history, patterns and symbolism, together with a celebration of the animals and plants of NZ. Now a new light shines with his latest print, marking the bush fires and floods in Australia. It evokes their terrible beauty



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in a simple startling design in primary colours.

Pete is stimulated by sharing his skills in monthly workshops whether introducing screen-printing to a novice or facilitating an as yet unknown talent.

Pete was for many years a familiar figure working at Driving Creek. Now after a period of absence he has become a Trustee to DCR Arts and Conservation Trust and is currently Artist in Residence. Working in Barry Brickell's bedroom, the first of his print series is a web of kanuka trees with one of Barry's pots forming a sinuous negative shape through the centre of the pattern.

Future projects require mastering difficult new skills needing even more care and attention to detail and include embossing handmade paper to obtain a shape in relief before overprinting.

Pete is a man happy in his own space producing stunning prints. He will soon have a website. Until then, anyone interested in his work is welcome to email him.

For more information about the artists go to [www.coromandelartstour.co.nz](http://www.coromandelartstour.co.nz) or follow us on [www.facebook.com/CreativeCoro/](https://www.facebook.com/CreativeCoro/)

## Pastel Artists Coromandel

By Rosemarie Murphy

The Christmas break is over and we are back to our regular Tuesday morning meetings.

At the end of February we hosted Maxine Thompson for a two day workshop on Portraits. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed Maxine's lessons and produced some great portraits. Thank you to Creative Communities TCDC for their generous donation of \$400.00.

For the last two weeks we have been outside painting the lovely views of Te Kouma. This is the first time many of us have experienced plein air painting and we found it more difficult than expected.

However, we gave it a good try and we all learned a lot. We will have more days out in the future so we will certainly become more comfortable and experienced.

Thank you to our member, Rose Dean, for sharing her beautiful views of the sea and her pond.



## Coromandel Art Group

By Barbara Peddie

As I write this the long dry continues, so every Thursday we are sketching and painting outside. So far we have been to Papa Aroha, the Stamper Battery, Val Gray's garden, and Kennedy Bay. Coming up we have The 309 Road, Driving Creek Railway, Whangapoua ... we do get around!

At present our membership is full (welcome to Morgan, our latest member), but get in touch if you are interested in joining us in the future. We meet every Thursday morning at St Andrews Hall.

Ring Barbara (07) 866 7728, or Ross (07) 866 8310



Wendy sketching at a local beach

## Feminine Essence exhibition

Art by Charlene Scott.  
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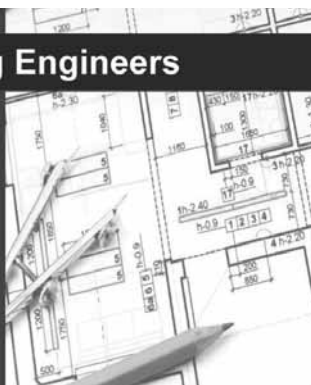
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# Environment

## Conservation group a forest of experts

You would be hard pressed to find a more diverse range of people than those who make up Mahakirau Forest Estate Society Incorporated. The conservation group – which cares for a 580ha of native forest in the northern Coromandel – comprises about 60 active members, who chair Jude Hooson says range in age from 4 years old to folks in their 80s.

“We’re very diverse and multicultural – and we really value that,” she says.

“We have people from many parts of New Zealand and the rest of the world; but as our engagement surveys have shown, there is a shared affinity for Mahakirau Forest Estate’s natural environment and biodiversity and a desire to create a legacy from good guardianship.”

The list of academic backgrounds in the group is lengthy, she notes: “We are fortunate to have experts in relevant fields: entomology, ornithology, landscape planning, botany, geotechnical engineering, predator control and technology.”

Jude says the diversity is one of the strengths of the group, and rattles off their professional backgrounds: architects, designers, aviation science and systems engineers, hunters, journalists, photographers, inventors, logistics experts, tourism specialists, artists, financiers, nurses, health and safety specialists, strategic planners, project managers, teachers, marketers, builders, electricians, truck drivers, international hospitality specialists and even a former nuclear submarine engineer.

The Mahakirau Forest Estate Society has extensive predator control work underway on steep and demanding terrain which requires a reasonable level of fitness, Jude says. With members living within their conservation project environment, the members have ample opportunities to get involved – whether its research projects, weed and predator control, monitoring, stream surveys or even communications and media.

Species protection is the driver for the group’s work, and “there’s plenty for the members to work with and be proud of,” Jude says. The forest is home to more than 50 species of native trees, as well as prolific and diverse epiphytic, understorey and stream boundary flora.

The society’s regular surveys and inventories have identified several species of highly threatened fauna which are nationally identified conservation priorities, most notably Archey’s and Hochstetter’s frogs, Northern Striped Gecko, Toropuku ‘Coromandel’ and Helm’s butterfly. The society’s next goal is the development of a proposed field base, which is intended to act as a multi-purpose learning and meeting place available to conservationists, students, academics and researchers.

Department of Conservation’s Emily McKeague, a Whitianga-based Community Ranger, says the ongoing work of the Mahakirau Forest Estate Society reflects a deep commitment from the local community to protecting and enhancing its environment.

“We’re very proud to be working alongside the society in its efforts,” Emily says. “The group’s members have put in a huge effort over a long period of time and they live and breath their conservation goals.”

The Mahakirau Forest Estate Society’s ongoing efforts reflect the Government’s Predator Free 2050 Strategy, which was announced by

Minister of Conservation Eugenie Sage earlier this month.

Local collaborations are seen as crucial to the success of the strategy, which speaks to a collective vision of flourishing and abundant wildlife and forests.

Predator Free 2050 aims to mobilize people and resources, engage people with innovative predator control methods and tools, and accelerate deployment of predator management methods. It presents an opportunity to shift from working individually to collectively, involving multiple agencies and organisations whose work can be aligned.

Maori values, principles, practices and knowledge are integral to the Predator Free kaupapa, and the recently announced strategy was developed with input from iwi, technical experts, scientists, environmental groups, communities and the public.

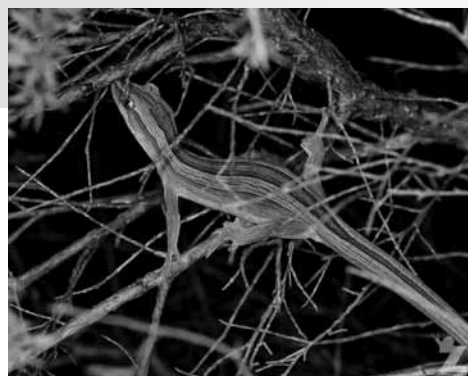


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The Striped Gecko

## McGregor Bay Wetlands

By Mike Donoghue

Has anyone else noticed a green tinge of seagrass at low tide in some of our harbours and bays? New Zealand has primarily one species of seagrass, *Zostera capricorni*, which grows mainly in the intertidal zone; there are also limited populations growing at sheltered subtidal areas with very clear water (the maximum depth recorded is 7m). Seagrass grows throughout New Zealand, from Parengarenga Harbour in the very far north, down to Cooks Inlet at the bottom of Stewart Island. It is found at many types of coast, from sheltered estuaries and coastal beaches, to intertidal coastal reef platforms, to subtidal bays around coastal islands. As in other parts of the world, seagrass is under pressure in New Zealand. 90% of the subtidal seagrass in Tauranga Harbour disappeared in the years from 1959 to 1996, with an overall decline of 34% of seagrass cover; and almost all of Whangarei Harbour’s 12 km<sup>2</sup> of seagrass was lost in the 1960s, including subtidal areas.

Seagrass beds are amongst the world’s most productive ecosystems, and at a time when the quality of the Hauraki Gulf/Tikapa Moana is reported to be declining alarmingly, the Coromandel area is fortunate to be seeing a recolonization by seagrass in several bays and harbours. As well as providing a valuable nursery for a variety of fish and shellfish, seagrass beds also help to protect coastal communities. Seagrass traps sediments during flood events, provides some protection against storm surge and combats climate change by fixing carbon. Seagrass covers just 0.2% of the ocean but provides an estimated 10% of its carbon storage. Healthy seagrass beds mitigate ocean acidification by making seawater more alkaline.

Seagrass has been poorly appreciated around the world and is being steadily lost, mainly to coastal developments, shipping and pollution. In the UK, seagrass meadows were once common around the coast, but more than 90% have been lost as a result of algae-boosting pollution, anchor damage and port and marina building. In Dale Bay in Wales, the community-based Seagrass Ocean Rescue project will ultimately place 20km of rope and a million seeds on the shallow seafloor, with a little hessian bag of seagrass seeds every metre. The seeds will sprout through the bags and restore the habitat. The meadows store carbon 35 times faster than tropical rainforests and harbour up to 40 times more marine life than seabeds without grass, facts that are driving the effort to bring them back.

How fortunate we are to have seagrass renewal happening as a natural event on our coastline, although helping with its establishment in a few more parts of the coast sounds like a good idea to me.

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## Planning for Coronavirus

While we're sure you've been keeping yourselves updated about COVID-19 (coronavirus) and how to stay safe, it's important to know our Council is taking steps to maintain essential services should the outbreak spread to our district.

"From a Council perspective, our Pandemic Plan has been updated so staff are prepared and ready to adapt if we need to look at how public facing services are delivered," says our Mayor Sandra Goudie.

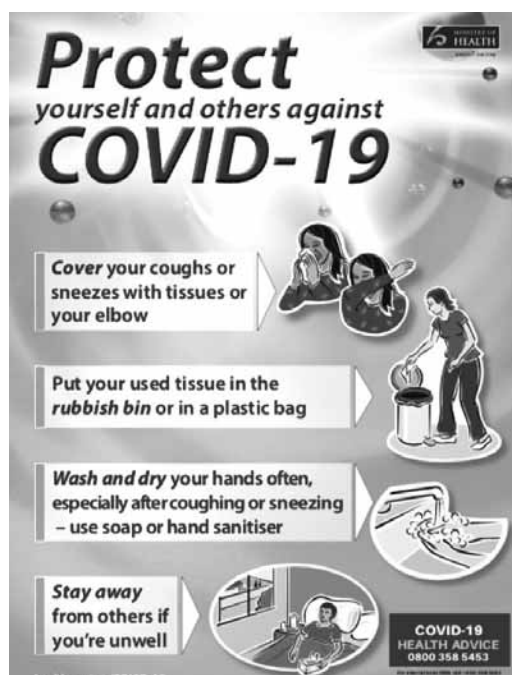
Covid-19 symptoms are:

- A cough
- A high temperature (at least 38°C)
- Shortness of breath

If you have these symptoms and have recently been overseas, or have been in close contact with someone confirmed with COVID-19, please telephone Healthline (for free) on 0800 358 5453 or your doctor immediately.

Go to the Ministry of Health website for the latest advice on COVID-19 – [health.govt.nz](http://health.govt.nz)

There are many events on the Coromandel that have been either postponed or cancelled as a precaution.



For more information on the cancellation of events visit [health.govt.nz](http://health.govt.nz)

Also let's remember to support our local businesses over this time – so if you can, buy local.

### Easter & ANZAC Kerbside

Kerbside rubbish and recycling collections will be one day later following the Easter Monday and ANZAC Day public holidays. Check the collection schedule for your area at [tcdc.govt.nz/kerbside](http://tcdc.govt.nz/kerbside)

All our Refuse Transfer Stations (RTS) are closed on Good Friday, 10 April, and open until 5:30pm on Easter Monday. They are open their usual Saturday hours on ANZAC Day, 25 April, and on ANZAC Day observed public holiday on Monday 27 April open at 1pm-5:30pm. RTS hours and locations are at

[tcdc.govt.nz/rts](http://tcdc.govt.nz/rts)

## Water Restrictions

Some of our river flows are at their lowest level since 1959 and our water restrictions will need to remain in place until river flows increase significantly.

As our stream levels drop, the volume of water we can take from some of these sources

is also reduced. So we have water restrictions in place to preserve the health of the rivers and the ecosystems that live in it, as well as do our best to comply with the resource consent conditions set by the Waikato Regional Council.

We would like to thank our communities for following our restrictions to date.

For the latest information go to [tcdc.govt.nz/water](http://tcdc.govt.nz/water)

Proposal to increase rates and some fees – find out what it's all about and have your say

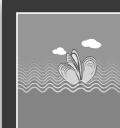


## Feedback wanted on rates proposal

Our Council is proposing to increase rates to an average 9.98 per cent for the 2020/2021 financial year, beginning 1 July. The proposed increase translates to an average per property cost increase of \$287 for the year. Some fees and charges are proposed to increase with the most significant changes in the solid waste activity. We're also looking for feedback on which Council services you value the most and which ones are no longer relevant or could be reduced in order to provide savings.

For more information on the proposals and to let us know what you think, go to [www.tcdc.govt.nz/annualplan2020](http://www.tcdc.govt.nz/annualplan2020), pop into our Coromandel Town service centre at 355 Kapanga Rd, or call us on 07 868 0200.

Send us your feedback by 14 April.



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UPDATE

**Next Board meeting:** 9am Tuesday 7 April at the Coromandel Service Centre, 355 Kapanga Road. Members of the public are welcome to attend and can comment in the public forum. Check [tcdc.govt.nz](http://tcdc.govt.nz) to read the agenda online. (Order papers are listed two working days prior to a meeting.)



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# Environment continued

## Forest & Bird

By Kate Donoghue,  
Chair



**Forest & Bird**  
GIVING NATURE A VOICE

I am writing this column in the middle of a global crisis, as so much of what was our “normal” a few weeks ago seems to have changed. And during the week before the Covid-19 virus outbreak was declared a pandemic, we woke to news of the death of our dear friend and tireless activist and educator, Jeanette Fitzsimons. Coromandel welcomed Jeanette as guest speaker at our AGM last June, and she spoke passionately about the effects our extravagant lifestyles are wreaking on the planet. Her single motivating word was “enough”, and in her own life in the Kauaeranga valley, she embraced and epitomised that conviction, demonstrating the sustainable lifestyle that she knew was critical to stem the impacts of climate change. It is with both sadness and gratitude that we acknowledge Jeanette’s life and contribution to protection of the environment. She has left us with a stern challenge but will continue to be an inspiration, especially for the younger generation.

A trip to the Pukorokoro Shorebird Centre at Miranda is worth the effort any time of the year, but for the next couple of weeks it is indeed a rare treat. Although the Covid-19 virus has effectively grounded most humans from taking overseas flights to escape the winter, our summer shorebirds at Pukorokoro (Miranda) are getting ready to depart for their annual migrations, as they have done for millennia. Godwits, curlews, knots and several other species have spent the summer feasting on worms and crabs, and have prepared their bodies for an astonishing flight of over 10,000 kilometres to Siberia and Alaska, where they will mate and raise their young before doing it all over again and coming back at the beginning of our spring. Amazingly the birds will lose up to one-third of their body weight as they burn the fat reserves they have built up during summer in the Firth of Thames to power their flight northwards. As China and South Korea have filled in the bays and mudflats that were once their favourite places to rest and feed on the northward flight, where they battle headwinds for much of the journey, our migrants now have to rely more on the remaining unindustrialised coastal areas in North Korea for their stopovers. Coming back to Aotearoa, however, with tailwinds assisting their passage, some of these small birds can make the trip in as little as eleven days. We wish them safe passage on their incredible and hazardous journeys.

Forest & Bird is pleased to welcome two new committee members, Sarni Hart and Sally Steedman.

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## MEG

By Nat Munns

### Operations Update

The start of 2020 has seen the field team continuing with the 3,300 monthly trap checks and servicing throughout our long running projects. In addition to this we have been supporting some local landowners to set, start and achieve their conservation goals.

- MEG undertook Climbing Asparagus control with the Moehau community.
- MEG assisted a group of landowners at Manaia to apply for funding to undertake predator control on their properties and are now assisting with the trap network installation (track cutting and trap installation)
- MEG are working with a Waikawau resident to install self-resetting traps that target possums and rats, further protecting the precious Waikawau Wetland area.

We also said farewell to field team member (and local lad) Mischa. Mischa is off to study in Tauranga and while we’ll miss his enthusiastic love for nature and endless banter, it’s fantastic to see him heading out into the world and furthering his education – good luck Mischa!

### Ferret Sightings

Unfortunately ferret sightings have been made in Coromandel Town, Papa Aroha and just north of Colville township over the past month.

These animals are a threat to ground dwelling birds including kiwi, pateke, korora and banded rail. They also predate lizard and invertebrates.

In response to these sightings we are working with the Department of Conservation adding further ferret traps into our wider trapping network throughout the district.

Please contact us if you see any ferrets.

### Sea Week 2020

MEG celebrated this year’s Sea Week with three beach clean-ups at three different beaches.

Colville Bay got a thorough going over with the senior class really focussed on finding small plastics. Rm 5 from CAS got stuck in at Kikowhakarere Bay and Rm 7 from CAS put in a fantastic effort at Tucks Bay. There was plenty of rope and small plastics to be found up at the high tide line. Once you started rummaging you could easily spend 10 minutes in one spot collecting tiny pieces. Rm 7 will be conducting a litter survey on their collection.

### A Visit From the Minister

We felt very privileged to spend some time with the Minister of Conservation during her recent visit to Coromandel. She was astounded at the scale of the work MEG does in the northern Coromandel and very impressed with the community education that we undertake through such things as our popular Summer Holiday Programme.

### Farewell to Jeanette

It is with great sadness that the team at MEG wish to acknowledge the sudden passing of revolutionary and inspirational conservation advocate Jeanette Fitzsimons in March.

Jeanette was someone who truly walked the walk and talked the talk right up till her final moments. New Zealand is a better place for having had her.

Have a great month everyone.

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# Sport

## Coromandel Recreational Fishing Club

By Allison Brown  
& CRFC Committee

We have had a great "Classy Chicks" competition for our lady anglers on the 7 March – terrific turn out and outstanding costumes worn by the ladies for the dress-up parade at the prize giving – the theme being something beginning with "B". The winners were dressed as "Berley Bags", 2nd "Blue Bottles", 3rd "Beyond Butterflies", 4th "Bouquet".

The prizes were exceptional and I'm sure the fishing and evening was enjoyed by all.

Our MC Jan-Maree was on form, adding to the fun of the event.

### Results for the "Classy Chicks" Competition

Heaviest snapper:

1st Laura Briddle 10.775kg,

2nd Dana Little 7.070kg,

3rd Kimberley Leckie 6.319kg

Heaviest kingfish:

Nikki Stephenson 12.192kg

Heaviest kahawai:

Katrina Piggott 2.897kg

Heaviest trevally:

Cheryl Darling 1.940kg

Heaviest John Dory: Devon

Newton 2.333kg

Mystery snapper weight – chosen weight 3.9kg – closest was 3.9400kg – won by Nicole Keatley.

Average snapper weight: 1.424kg – closest was 1.420kg – won by Kirsty Ray.

Please read our advert on page 21 for the list of our sponsors, all of which have so kindly donated the majority of prizes won. The main prize for the Average Weight was the \$1,500 Travel Voucher – \$500 sponsored by Flight Centre Thames and \$1000 by CRFC. The spot prizes and skipper prizes were too many to list, which are all donated.

Weather in Coro has been lovely too with just a few nice showers but not looking too good for the week ahead as I write this edition but hoping the rain forecast will be enough to break the drought we have been experiencing.

The fishing seems to be average for this time of year but everyone is noticing that one day there are good catches and the next seems to be lots of just on legal size snapper and not too many of the other species were caught.

Having said that, there seem to be a lot of kingfish around.



Classy Chicks dress up winners – dressed as "Berley Bags"

One of our lady anglers was fishing around the top of the Coromandel and as fast as they were winding up kingfish, the sharks were chasing them up and eating them. Out of seven she got to the boat they managed to only to get two whole ones on board. So you can imagine the sharks won and they decided to give up and not catch any more for the sharks.

The "Take a Kid Fishing" Competition will be on Saturday **18 April**. Entry Forms are available from Wyuna Studio

and Fish & Dive, Kapanga Road, Coromandel Town or email: [coromandelfishingclub@gmail.com](mailto:coromandelfishingclub@gmail.com).

Fish of the Month for February was kingfish – A 15.480kg one was weighed in by Allen McNeil, winning him \$100.

Fish of the Month for April for Club members only is gurnard.

Hope to see you at the Kids' Comp **18 April**.

Here's to tight lines as always.

## Coromandel Golf Club

By Lynne Fenwick

A great start to our 2020 golfing year with first round wins to both the Men's and Ladies' teams in the Golf Pennant area competition.

An away game for the men and our ladies club hosting the first round on our fantastic Coromandel course. Great result for such a small club on the Coromandel Peninsula.

Coromandel Ladies' Golf Club are the winners of round 1 pennant held here on 2 March. Congratulations ladies. See picture.

Our course is open every day to green-fee players and our two new golf carts have proven popular to the many visitors who have come to play our course over the summer.

If you are interested in either joining the club, learning how to play the game or just a casual round, give me a call on 021 079 9349 and I can put you in touch with the right person at our friendly club.



Winners of round 1 pennant – Peg McLean, Gina Carr, Greta James, Glenise Robertson, Philippa Medlock and Eugene Weimer

## Coromandel Croquet Club

By Kaye Anderson

Karen Marshall, our hard-working Club Captain, left Coromandel early in March for the cooler climes of Foxton. Her energy and enthusiasm for both the club and the game will be much missed. We wish her well in her new locale where she plans to take up golf.

The arrival of autumn and the end of daylight saving mean that from **Tuesday 7 April** we will return to meeting at 9.15am on Tuesdays and Fridays for a 9.30am start.

If you would like to try out the game of croquet and need more information, call Kaye on (07) 866 8968. Otherwise just come along on a Friday at 8.45am. The club is situated in Woollams Ave, next to the Bowling Club.



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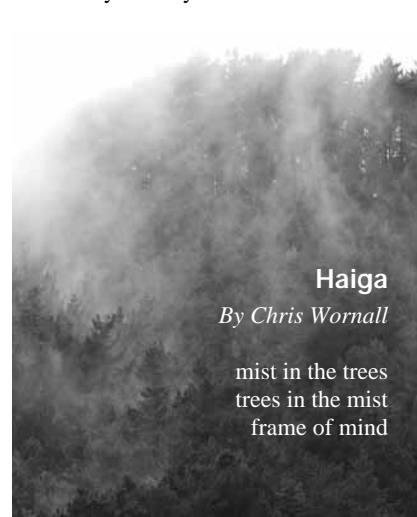
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Haiga

By Chris Wornall

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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, Woollams Ave car park north end, Irene 021 157 8408	9am
Sit n Be Fit at Coro Gym	9.30am
Coromandel Playgroup, St Andrews Church Hall, Rings Road.	
Contact Angee 021 255 0399	9.30am-12.30pm
SeniorNet Coromandel contact Loes (07) 866 8053	4pm
Bridge, St John rooms	7pm
Four-part harmony singing, Sue (07) 866 8833	7.30pm

## Every Tuesday

Croquet, Woollams Ave, Kaye (07) 866 8968	8.45am
Pastel Artists Coromandel, Coromandel Aero Club Rooms (07) 866 7220	9am-12pm
Coro Walking Group, Lotto Dairy, Ruth (07) 866 7246	9am
Open Floor Dance, Mana Retreat Octagon 3, 31 March.	
Coromandel Citizens' Hall 10,17 March. Price \$15	9.30-11.30am
Yoga for everyone, Colville Hall, Kate 021 125 3152	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
Coromandel Community Organic Garden volunteers' drop-in time	9-11am
Sit n Be Fit at Coro Gym	9.30am
Ballet Class For Adults, Coromandel Citizens' Hall, \$10 per class.	
Contact Marilyn 027 336 5263	10-11am
Embodied Yoga, Anglican Church Hall, contact Charlene 022 695 9736	7-8.30pm

## Every Thursday

Coro Walking Group, Lotto Dairy, 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
Free Guided Meditation, Havalona Pyramid	10-11am
Yoga, Move & Relax at Trust Waikato Events Centre (upstairs Swimming Pool) contact Tina 021 201 9750	5.10-6.20pm
Sunset Yoga with Vanessa, Colville School Hall, \$10. School Term only.	
Contact 021 124 7267	5.30-6.45pm

## Every Friday

Step Aerobics at Coro Gym	8am
Yoga for everyone, Anglican Hall, Kate 021 125 3152	9am
Croquet, Woollams Ave, Kaye (07) 866 8968	9.15am
Playcentre, Woollams Ave	9.45am-12.15pm
Coromandel Home-school group, Julene (07) 866 8333	10am
Coromandel Tennis Club "club day"	4pm

## Every Saturday

RSA Coromandel, RSA Club Rooms Woollams Ave. Courtesy van available.	
President Kevin Stone (07) 866 7576	3.30-7pm

## Every Sunday
















Anglican Church Service	10am
Coromandel Tennis Club "club day"	1pm

## Monthly

<b>1st Mon</b> – Coro Patchwork & Quilters, St John rooms, Jill (07) 866 7484	9.30am-3.30pm
<b>3rd Mon</b> – Coro Patchwork & Quilters, St John rooms, Jill (07) 866 7484	9.30am-3.30pm
<b>1st Wed</b> – Coro Embroiderers' Guild, St John rooms, Margaret Burgess (07) 866 5769	10am-3pm
<b>1st Wed</b> – Lions Dinner meeting, St John rooms. President Lyn Rose (07) 866 7722	6pm
<b>2nd Wed</b> – Garden Circle. Jeni Mudgway 021 0227 5341	1pm
<b>3rd Wed</b> – Lions Business Meeting, St John rooms. President Lyn Rose (07) 866 7722	7pm
<b>Last Thurs</b> – Green Drinks at Star & Garter	5pm
<b>1st &amp; 3rd Sun</b> – Church Service at St Andrew's Church, Rings Road	10am

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		<b>1</b>  <b>CT</b> St John Heart of Gold Annual Appeal continues (see pg 6)	<b>2</b> Finding Balance With Yoga starts at Mana (see ad pg 22)	<b>3</b> St John – meet the team (see pg 6)	<b>4</b> Easter exhibition opens at Hauraki House at 4pm (see ad pg 27)	<b>5</b> Daylight saving ends. Clocks go back 1hr at 3am St Andrews Union Church. Bernard Young
<b>6</b> High tide 5.03am (2.9m), 5.36pm (2.8m) Low tide 11.16am (0.5m), 11.43pm (0.4m)	<b>7</b>  <b>RN+TC</b>  <b>TC</b> Open Floor Community Dance at Mana 9.30–11.30am	<b>8</b>   <b>CT</b> Mindful Awareness workshop 2–4pm (see pg 4) Bowls Open Optional Triples Tournament (see pg 14)	<b>9</b> School – end of term 1	<b>10</b> Good Friday Coming Home to Yourself Easter Retreat starts at Mana (see ad pg 22)	<b>11</b> High tide 9.29am (3.2m), 9.58pm (3.2m) Low tide 3.10am (0.2m), 3.38pm (0.1m)	<b>12</b> Easter Sunday St Andrews Union Church. John Rabarts HC
<b>13</b> Easter Monday Easter exhibition ends at Hauraki House (see ad pg 27)	<b>14</b> Open Floor Community Dance at Mana 9.30–11.30am	<b>15</b>  <b>RN+TC</b>  <b>RN</b> High tide 6.53am (3.1m), 7.27pm (3.2m) Low tide 12.37am (0.2m), 1.06pm (0.2m)	<b>16</b>  <b>CT</b> High tide 7.46am (3.2m), 8.18pm (3.2m) Low tide 1.29am (0.1m), 1.58pm (0.1m)	<b>17</b> Feminine Essence exhibition opening night at Hauraki House Gallery (see pg 26 & 27) RSA poppy sales (see pg 14)	<b>18</b> <b>RSA poppy sales</b> (see pg 14) Sacred Self Care for Women Workshop (see pg 5) Plant-Based Eating Workshop (see pg 17) "Take a Kid Fishing" Competition (see pg 31)	<b>19</b> High tide 10.20am (3.1m), 10.49pm (3.1m) Low tide 4.01am (0.3m), 4.27pm (0.2m)
<b>20</b> DEADLINE: Coromandel Town Chronicle May issue	<b>21</b>  <b>RN+TC</b>  <b>TC</b> Open Floor Community Dance at Citizens' Hall 9.30–11.30am Hearing Clinic (see ad pg 23)	<b>22</b>  <b>CT</b> Mindful Awareness workshop 2–4pm (see pg 4)	<b>23</b>  Feminine Essence exhibition ends (see pg 27)	<b>24</b> Recognising Natural Awareness, with Hedwig Bakker starts at Mahamudra Centre (see pg 21)	<b>25</b> Anzac Day	<b>26</b> High tide 9.16am (2.7m), 9.35pm (2.7m) Low tide 2.58am (0.7m), 3.19pm (0.5m)
<b>27</b> High tide 9.56am (2.6m), 10.14pm (2.7m) Low tide 3.37am (0.7m), 3.58pm (0.6m)	<b>28</b> School – start of term 2 Open Floor Community Dance at Citizens' Hall 9.30–11.30am	<b>29</b>  <b>RN+TC</b>  <b>RN</b> Quiz nights at The Club start 7pm (see ad pg 7)	<b>30</b>  <b>CT</b> High tide 12.10pm (2.5m) Low tide 5.56am (0.8m), 6.14pm (0.7m)	<b>COROMANDEL RUBBISH &amp; RECYCLE TRANSFER STATION &amp; E-CYCLE HOURS</b> Tues and Thurs 11am–4.30pm Saturday, Sunday & public holidays 11am–5.30pm		

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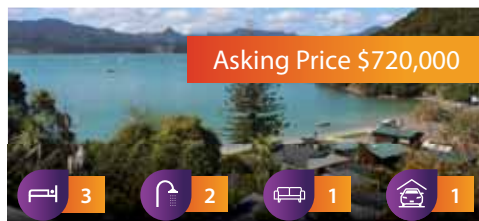
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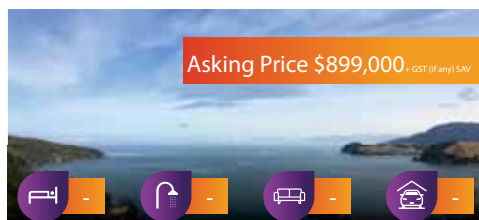
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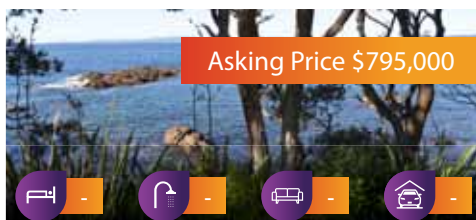
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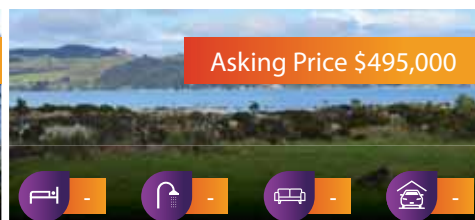
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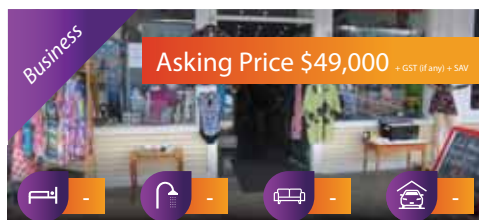
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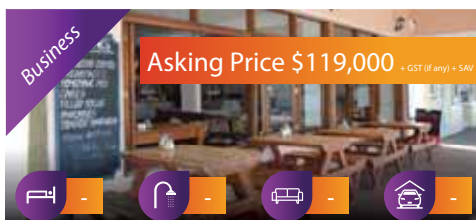
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