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Editor's comments

Happy Easter, after which we expect town to quieten down for the winter.

Just a reminder to send me your copy prior to the 4pm deadline each month. If you want something in and know you are going to be a little bit late then just email me in advance or give me a call. It holds up production when I get in late copy. For April issue I had 15 articles in late, and only a couple of people warned me in advance. If your copy comes in late, it may not make it into the issue – so be warned! Thanks.

Debbie

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Letters

Vegetable and Produce Show

Hi Debbie,

We were delighted to be asked by Martin Edwards to judge the vegetable and fruit section of your recent Produce Show. Our village called Beachamwell, in the Brecklands of Norfolk UK, with a population of approx. 200 holds an annual Produce Show in the Autumn. When Martin and Fran visited us last year we were about to hold our Show and Martin thought it might be an event that he could organise here. Communications were open and we helped with admin where we could, and were delighted when Martin informed us the Coromandel Produce Show would take place on 14 February. We were so pleased it was such a success and we were impressed with the quality and variety of produce for us to judge. Thank you all for your support and enthusiasm. Looking forward to next year.

Regards

Carole and Brian Wilson, Beachamwell, UK

Good Samaritans of Coromandel

Dear Editor,

I'd like to express our gratitude to a number of local people who helped us whilst holidaying in your beautiful area last week.

My wife and I had travelled from the UK and were driving around both islands in NZ. We stayed for a couple of nights at Jacaranda Lodge just outside of town. On our second day, leaving most of our belongings at the B&B we set off to explore and ended up swimming at Waitete Beach, where I unknowingly had left the keys to our rental car in my swimming shorts. On returning to the car I discovered that they must have fallen out of my pocket and into the sea. Despite searching the shallows for over 30 minutes they had completely disappeared.

I asked for help from a local man who was walking his dog on the beach. The gentleman, Chauncy has a holiday home there and without any complaint invited us in and called our rental company for us and then drove us back to our B&B, calling on a couple of local car mechanics to see if they were able to help.

Our host at Jacaranda, Robin, then sprang into action speaking with the rental company in Auckland who were unable to courier a set of keys until two days later (the day of our return flight). Robin then drove me to the local garage where she made arrangements for me to hire another car as all of our cards and cash were in the locked car!

I was then able to drive to Auckland and back that evening and we were able to safely retrieve our holiday rental car along with our valuables.

I would like say a massive thanks to these two individuals in particular and to the other town folk who offered help. Without this support I am not quite sure what we would have done, stranded by the roadside with swimming costumes and little else.

You have a wonderful town in a wonderful area with wonderful people. Be very proud. Thanks and God Bless.

Paul and Sharon Simons, Coventry UK

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Coromandel Four Square to offer New Zealand Post services

New Zealand Post has announced an agreement with Coromandel Four Square to host its services in a new supermarket development at 50 Wharf Road, from 9 June 2015.

New Zealand Post has been looking for a local business in Coromandel to provide services on its behalf since mid last year.

New Zealand Post General Manager for Retail Distribution Tracey Berry said "The community will be able to access all the postal, courier, PO Box and bill payment services they do today and our Kiwibank customers will be able to make over-the-counter banking transactions in the new store."

The PO Box lobby will also relocate to the supermarket with customers kept in the loop ahead of the move.

Coromandel Four Square owners Peter and Lesley Pritchard said they were enthusiastic about expanding their services and felt Post was a good fit for their business.

Send letters to the *Coromandel Town Chronicle*, PO Box 148, Coromandel 3543 or email to corochronicle@gmail.com. Contributions should be kept short, and should not exceed 350 words. They must include name, address and telephone number. The editor reserves the right to reject letters or edit them for clarity and space.

Vintage Car Group

Dear Editor,

Recently we guided a small group of vintage cars around the Coromandel Peninsula. We travelled to all points of the Peninsula over many gravel roads – to Fletcher, Stony, and Opito Bays, Whitianga and on the 309 Road, to Hot Water Beach and Whangamata before going to Hamilton where they headed off back to home in Wellington. We swam and picnicked at various beaches, ate out and indulged in coffee everywhere while experiencing almost perfect weather. We visited the Manamudra Buddhist temple and rode on the Driving Creek Railway. The group had a marvellous time and will be going back to laud the praises of this area.

We were given the job because we have had a bach at Te Kouma for nearly 30 years and so we should know it. When checking out the routes we realised how little we have travelled around the Peninsula in the last 20 years so it became a very enjoyable exercise, with contact with many friendly locals we haven't met before. Thanks to everyone for their help.

On our rest day the women went shopping and the men had a visit to the Strongmans' shed. Thank you to them and to Tidewater and Olive Motels in Coromandel town and the Palm Pacific Resort in Whangamata, and to the many hospitable businesses that supported us: various cafes and restaurants including Tangiaro, the Coromandel Hotel, Umu, the Mussel Kitchen, and Hot Water Café, and to the Coromandel Town Information Centre and the Business Association for organising a street display and helping us with information.

Many many thanks on behalf of everyone in the group
Claire and Bruce Bengé, Te Kouma and Lower Hutt



Events

April

– see back page.

May

Tuesday 5 – Hauraki House drop-in starts (see pg 26)

June

Saturday 13 – Coromandel Music Society present GALS choir

July

Illume (see pg 10)

September

Friday 25 – Coromandel Music Society present String Wizardry

October

Friday 9 – Coromandel Music Society present John and Amiria Grenell

Saturday 31 – The Cranleigh K2 Road Cycling Classic

November

Sunday 1 – Coromandel Music Society present Miho's Jazz Orchestra

Cancer Charity Breakfast 2015

Dear Debbie,
Sincere thanks to all the ladies who attended our breakfast this year. A big thank you to Jen and Richard and their staff at Pepper Tree for our scrumptious breakfast and also to the staff of Richardson Real Estate for once again selling the tickets for us. Ticket sales were down this year but we still raised \$550 from ticket sales and received a further \$50 in donations, making grand total of \$600 for which the Cancer Society is most grateful.

Kind regards,
Robyn Dudson on behalf of Waikato Branch of the Cancer Society

Harbour concerns

Dear Debbie,

Correspondents to the last edition of the Chronicle are apparently not aware of the four reputable studies that have been carried out over the past 25 years on the Harbour sediments around the site of a proposed dredged channel and marina. These were commissioned by the TCDC, the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, and Cranleigh Consultants. In essence, each independent study has reached the same conclusion - that the levels of mercury and arsenic in the sediments around Coromandel Wharf and Furey's Creek are elevated and that there are considerably higher levels of contamination in sediments deeper than 30cm. All the studies agree that the levels of mercury and arsenic in many locations exceeded the level at which some adverse effects on marine life would be expected. A study commissioned by the TCDC in 2012 found that a significant number of sediment samples had such high levels of arsenic and mercury that they would be considered to be hazardous waste under the Waikato Regional Council Coastal Management Plan.

The development that is being promoted would involve the removal of large quantities of toxic sediment, taken from the deeper layers that are currently safely locked away from the water column. Suggesting that there is much to be gained for Coromandel town from the visits of a few extra boats seems to be a poor justification for risking the health of Coromandel Harbour, as well as the health of locals and visitors. As ratepayers, we have already made a considerable investment in this scheme through the environmental reports, which all reach a similar conclusion.

Since the first meeting of the Harbour Working Party, Forest and Bird has raised the same concerns about the inherent risks of dredging a channel at Furey's Creek and digging out a marina basin, reflecting the conclusions of four highly reputable scientific investigations. We have yet to receive a satisfactory explanation of how this could be carried out safely. It is hard to imagine that any further studies are likely to come to a significantly different conclusion concerning the hazardous nature of the Harbour sediments. Whatever the merits may be of attracting more boats, we should not be jeopardising the long term health of our Harbour for the economic benefit of a few.

Yours truly

Sue Wright, Chairperson, Upper Coromandel Forest and Bird

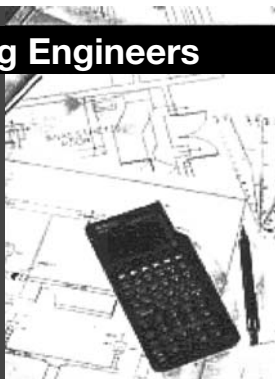
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100th anniversary commemorations

RSA News

By Ian Franklyn

25 April 2015 commemorates the 100th anniversary of the Gallipoli Landings. New Zealand and Australian troops were part of the Allied invasion force that landed at what soon became known as Anzac Cove. In the history of World War 1 the Gallipoli campaign made no great mark when compared to the casualties in France and Belgium. But for New Zealand, Australia and Turkey the Gallipoli campaign left a lasting impression on the respective national psyches.

Our commemorations in Coromandel begin on **Friday 17 April** with Poppy Day. Our Women's Section will be out and about selling poppies as they have been doing for too many years to mention (the section, not necessarily the ladies).

On **Sunday 19 April** we have joined with the Coromandel Music Society to present an Anzac concert by Sisters of Swing, three vocalists plus three musicians, Andrews Sisters style – 2pm Citizens Hall. Tickets from Coromandel Town Information Centre and door sales, \$25 full price, \$20 concession.

Monday 20 April you are invited to bring your own items of war memorabilia to the Citizens' Hall to be on display for three days. Any conflict accepted. Please prepare a covering note for display.

25 April – Dawn Service – Parade assembles outside the Clubrooms at 5.45am and marches to the Cenotaph for Service at 6am. Public are welcome. Trench breakfast after parade at hall. Citizens' Service – Parade Assembles outside Clubrooms at 10am. Parade Commander Kevin Stone. March to Cenotaph for Service at 10.15am. Refreshments at hall after service. Our courtesy vehicle has arrived and is currently in use. We will pick members up from home on hourly loops 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm, and take you home at 6.30pm, 7pm, 7.30pm. Boundaries: Flays Rd and Aero Club.



Sisters of Swing

Coming home for ANZAC Day

By Mum Lindsay

Brayden Grant has strong family ties to Coromandel town, as his great-great-great-grandfather was Andrew King. Andrew King was a member of the Masonic Lodge, Presbyterian Church, was a Councilor and owned the King Temperance Hotel, later known as the Moeheu Tearooms in the early days of the town in the 1860's.

Brayden moved to Coromandel town when he was 13 years old. He came from an engineering background with both parents in the field: an aircraft technician and a marine engineer. He attended the Area School and represented the school in sport.

Brayden moved to Palmerston North to finish of his schooling and entered the Air Force at Ohakea in 2003. He became an aircraft technician. After studying initially at Woodbourne he moved back to Ohakea where worked on No 3 Squadron with the Iriquois helicopters. He then served at East Timor for peacekeeping duties in 2008, then to Townsville in Australia to working on the new NH90 helicopters. On return, he returned to Ohakea to NH 90 Squadron.

In 2014 he came to Coromandel's ANZAC, representing RNZAF. He is once again coming to Coromandel this April to the 100-year commemorations. He will be accompanied by his family, including his brothers Elliot and Logan. He will be carrying a wreath made by Lindsay, incorporating floral work and painting.



Brayden

Harataunga Waitangi Day

Tahuri mai ngā whakāro ki ngā kupu motuhake e whai anā.

On 6 February, about 80 people came together in Kennedy Bay to commemorate the 175th anniversary of Te Tiriti o Waitangi. For those who don't know, a Māori version of Te Tiriti was signed between the British Crown and 540 rangatira in 1840. Joined by friends and residents from the wider community, the day commenced with ancient prayers and the raising of a Māori flag at Harataunga Marae. This flag was recognised as the national Māori flag by the NZ government in 2009. It symbolises tino rangatiratanga, or the sovereignty, equality and absolute authority that Māori were promised in Te Tiriti. Those who were able, then marched to our second marae, Te Paea o Hauraki, for a powhiri and the raising of another Māori flag. This time the flag was flown alongside Te Wakaminega, the so-called flag of the United Tribes. On 20 March 1834, Te Wakaminega was declared New Zealand's first official flag, by the British Consulate's representative, James Busby, and endorsed by King William IV. Shortly after Te Tiriti had been signed, William Hobson, the newly appointed Lieutenant-Governor,

instructed his militia to remove Te Wakaminega and raise the Union Jack in its place. This is the reason Hone Heke cut down the flagstaff at Kororareka so many times. Today, Te Wakaminega is a symbol of Māori unity and independence but it is also a poignant reminder of the first Treaty breach. It wasn't long before the Colonial government had also alienated more than ninety percent of the land that Māori once owned.

Our formalities were followed by games, entertainment and a mouth-watering hangi that was cooked in banana leaves. We did want to weave some kono and harakeke forks for our kai, but those enjoyable activities will have to wait for another time. Other highlights included everyone wearing commemoration t-shirts made by New River Designs from Rotorua, our esteemed kuia and koroua supporting the kaupapa, rangatahi spontaneously standing to sing waiata and whānau bringing their babies home for the event.

Te Roopu Tautoko o Harataunga applied for and received a contribution towards the cost of this event from the Commemorating Waitangi Day Fund 2015. We would like to thank everyone who helped to make it an outstanding success. Next year we are planning to make it even better. In the meantime, the NZ Flag Referendum Bill had its first reading last week and it should be an interesting debate; submissions close on 23 April.

Nō reira, e te whānau, whānau I runga i tēnei rā motuhake me ū ngā whakāro mātua ā, ko te Rā Waitangi. Tihei Mauri Ora!

Article supplied by Stephanie Palmer from Te Roopu Tautoko



Himalaya shop : Colville

The Himalaya shop will be open over the Easter holidays and for a few days thereafter.

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Coromandel Families: Captain Frank Amodeo

Wondered how Amodeo Bay got its name? Here is the history.

Frank Amodeo was born in Trieste on 28 May 1841, an Austrian by nationality, an Italian by birth. Trieste had become the major seaport for Austria and from here Frank Amodeo left his family to work as an apprentice seaman or cabin boy aged about 14. There is one family rumour which states that he was involved in smuggling and gunrunning. In the volatile Italy of the mid-1850s this was quite possible.

Applying for his New Zealand naturalisation papers in 1869, he described himself as a miner. He was a shareholder in three mines in 1869 while living in Grahamstown (Thames).

Meantime, on 2 March 1851 his wife to be, Jane Mary Josephine Lonergan, of Irish parents, was born in NZ. They were married in 1871. One wonders how they handled the language "divide"? Frank and Jane Amodeo were destined to become well-known Auckland identities – Jane for her work in music, social and church activities and Frank as a ships' master. Their family included ten boys and one girl.

By 1875 Frank Amodeo sold shares in two mining syndicates on the Tairua Field. From the profits he was able to buy the 60 ton schooner *Colonist* for £950.

Between 1874-1876 Frank Amodeo gained certificates from the New Zealand

Marine Department. As master of the *Colonist* in 1885 he gained his Pilotage Exemption Certificates for Auckland and northern ports.

He served mainly on coastal runs around Hauraki Gulf, Tairua, Kuaotunu, Mercury Bay, Opotiki, Gisborne, and Napier to Auckland, on a variety of ships including *Iona*, *Argyle*, *Pretty*, *Glenelg*, *SS Rowena*, and *SS McGregor*.

On returning from Melbourne with a dead weight of 104 tons of stone, the *Roderick Dhu* nearly foundered, labouring heavily through twenty days of Tasman gales. Exhibiting great seamanship, Frank Amodeo finally made Waitemata and later, April 1877, the first stone of the Devonport Graving Dock was laid.

By the end of May 1886 Tarawera's eruption suddenly required every available vessel in the Auckland region. On 12 June Captain Amodeo took the *Argyle* to Tauranga (with other ships) to evacuate livestock from the ash-drowned areas. Dangerous work. White Island was sending up fireballs and underwater rumblings were felt beneath the ships. Hot ash fell on their decks and rigging. Later, the damage had to be repaired in Auckland.

On one voyage the *Iona* struck uncharted rocks. A Marine Department survey charted the hazard and the *New Zealand Pilot* then described it as "Amodeo Rocks, Hauraki

Gulf - Captain Amodeo (*Iona*) 1890.

In 1894 his name would be placed on another part of the provincial map. Charles McCall had chartered the *Argyle* to tow a raft of pre-cut house timbers from Kuaotunu to a small unnamed bay on the western side of Coromandel Peninsula where he intended to farm. The party landed and the raft was hauled up into the creek. Then the rain came. A fresh in the creek washed the house timber away and it was lost. The *Argyle*, anchored offshore overnight, was informed and Captain Amodeo rendered all possible assistance to the McCall family who were sheltering under canvas on the beach with their temporary cookhouse in the bush a few metres away. The bay was called "Amodeo Bay" in recognition of the Captain's kindness and it has retained the name ever since.

By 1895 Captain Amodeo had remarried, decided to "swallow the anchor" and settled ashore. In mid-April 1897 he made a visit "home" to Trieste after 40 years' absence. Frank Amodeo would not return to New Zealand; there is no headstone to mark his passing. He died from heat stroke in the Red Sea in September 1897.

On the day Auckland learned of his death, flags were flown at half-mast along the waterfront and a large crowd attended his memorial service in St. Patrick's Cathedral. Amodeo of the *Iona* had become something of a byword. He was one of the Northern Company's popular skippers. Frank Amodeo was a pioneer of Coromandel sea transport when roads were few and of poor quality. The immigrant miner had become a respectable ship's captain. Short, stocky, genial, but with a fiery temper when crossed, he still spoke a broken form of English when he became excited.

He was a good example of an enterprising "foreigner" who had made a successful life in Coromandel Peninsula and Auckland Province.

History kindly researched by Don Goodall. Taken from an original article by Colin Amodeo, great-grandson of Captain Amodeo and published in the *Auckland-Waikato Historical Journal* 1992. Permission was granted to extract from the article as it appeared. Some additions were made by Don Armitage. Thank you Colin and Don

Coromandel Contract Bridge Club

By Judy Bronlund

April is the Manaia Pairs competition, hope you all have partners arranged. We play on a Monday evening at the St John rooms, new members and visitors are most welcome to join us.

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Coromandel Town Information Centre

By Sandra Wilson, Manager



As I sit to write this month's article we are bracing for Cyclone Pam. The winds are up. A branch narrowly missed a tourist sitting on the bench seat in the park as she was making use of our free Wifi. Unhurt but shaken, she moved on.

Looking back to last year on 15 March 2014 we were expecting Cyclone Lusi to hit New Zealand. A year to the day, Pam is on her way. Let us hope that it does not cause too much destruction or chaos.

The centre continues to experience a steady increase of visiting tourists. A lot more New Zealanders from Christchurch and Taranaki as well over the last month.

As I mentioned before we have free Wifi. Yes, that is right, free and available during our opening hours of 10am-5pm. Do check as our opening hours may revert back to 10am-4pm after Easter.

Also we are working towards being an agent for the 360 Discovery Ferry so all your ferry bookings to and from Auckland can be arranged through us, payable by Eftpos or cash only. This also applies to InterCity bookings so no need to go to the Post Office to pay. We hope to have this set up some time this month. For tickets for the Coromandel Players and/or Coromandel Music Society, you will also be able to use your Eftpos card. We have some beautiful small prints for sale, made by artist Charlotte Giblin from her paintings for the Coromandel Road Trip article you may have seen in *Coromandel Life* magazine.

We are also going to sell postcards and greeting cards depicting our own unique Coromandel town and local area. Later in the year we will be publishing a 2016 calendar showing off what our beautiful town and local area have to offer. It will be a perfect Christmas present so keep that in mind when you are thinking of buying for your family and friends here and overseas. I will have a proof available for people to view by 1 October.

We have one copy of the TCDC Long-Term Plan 2015-2025 and Coromandel Pier & Rail project in the Centre for your perusal.

Well that's it from me apart from saying a very big thank you to Natalie, Jeanette, Alastair, Asuka, Con, Jane, Lyn, Malcolm, Margaret, Susan, and Ray for their continued hard work and commitment to running the info centre. Each one brings a unique quality and their wealth of knowledge and love of the town is evident in their interactions with tourists and locals alike.

Opening hours: 10am-5pm daily. Phone: (07) 866 8598; email coroinfo@xtra.co.nz; web: www.coromandeltown.co.nz. Follow us on Facebook and listen to Coromandel FM every Thursday at 10.30am to find out what is happening in town

COROMANDEL ARTSTOUR

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The 9th Coromandel Artstour is just around the corner. For two weekends this April, 30 Artists from Coromandel and the western Peninsula will open their studio doors to welcome you in. Visit the studios, meet the artists, forge new connections, purchase new work and explore the creative side of Coromandel.

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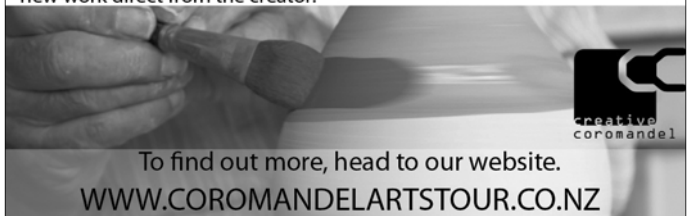
> Or for much more information, pick up the Creative Coromandel Guide for only \$20. This excellent book comes with a free ticket, and contains comprehensive artist profiles, easy to follow maps, wonderful images and more! If you are in a group then at least one of you should have this book.

Tickets and books are available from:

- > The Source Coromandel Artist Collective
- > Thames Society Of The Arts - Taranaki
- > Coromandel Information Center
- > Online on our website.



Coromandel has a wonderfully vibrant creative community: painters, ceramic artists, glassworkers, carvers, harakeke weavers and so much more. The Coromandel Artstour is a celebration of this, it's a celebration of the creative and cultural diversity of the western Peninsula, of the grassroots connection between art and the natural environment, and of the people and their own interpretation of their place. The Coromandel Artstour is an opportunity to explore the creative side of Coromandel, to meet the artists working in the community, to discover their studios and purchase new work direct from the creator.



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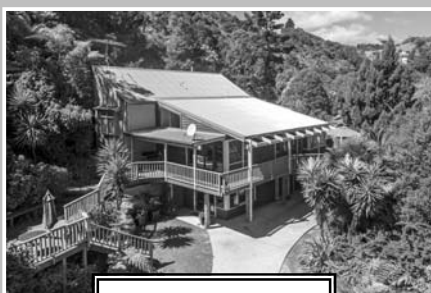
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- ❖ 3brms & 2 bathrms, sea views
- ❖ Secluded decking, large garage
- ❖ Great guest cottage. \$890,000



NEW LISTING



"BEST OF BOTH WORLDS"

- ❖ Cottage with awesome charm
- ❖ Cosy living, gorgeous loft brm
- ❖ FANTASTIC private decking
- ❖ Sep studio for guest overflow
- ❖ Artists shed, harbour views
- ❖ 1,406m2 section. \$429,000

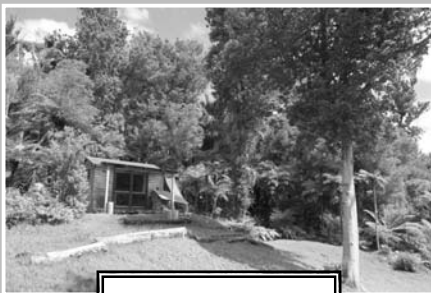


NEW LISTING



"PACIFIC PARADISE"

- ❖ 'King of the Castle' setting
- ❖ Stunning Pacific Ocean views
- ❖ Immac 3brm, 2bathrm home
- ❖ 2,066m2 section, dble garage
- ❖ Ample parking for tractor/boat
- ❖ Sensational sunrises. \$630,000

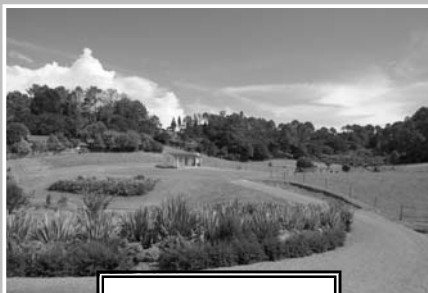


NEW LISTING



"PEACEFUL HIDEAWAY"

- ❖ Magnificent 'Mahakirau Estate'
- ❖ Approx 21ha of stunning bush
- ❖ About 15kms from Coromandel
- ❖ Cute little cabin for weekends
- ❖ Cleared area for building later
- ❖ Stream, PRIVACY! \$225,000



NEW LISTING



"TIME TO GO COUNTRY"

- ❖ Set on southern side of town
- ❖ Approx 2.3ha in 4 paddocks
- ❖ Small wetland area, landscaping
- ❖ Weekend in the small cabin
- ❖ Ideal for retired farmers, families
- ❖ Great building site. \$465,000



NEW LISTING



"VIVACIOUS VIEWS"

- ❖ A private setting in Tuataewa
- ❖ Let the view be your inspiration
- ❖ Caravan/tent until building
- ❖ 5,665m2 sloping section
- ❖ Primarily re-generating bush
- ❖ Come with vision!!! \$160,000

Christ Church News

By Barbara O'Reilly

April begins with Holy Week; a time of solemn reflection as we follow the events that led to the crucifixion of Jesus Christ and His glorious resurrection on Easter Day. These events have a contemporary feel: things haven't changed in the field of power politics, self interest rules, truth is distorted, false accusations are made, there is derision, cruelty and murder, unspeakable suffering. Through this time of contemplation we come to a point when all seems lost, even hope is dashed, but we learn that this is not the end. Easter Day is the day when we contemplate a miracle. The resurrection is really too big to comprehend, way outside our ability to grasp how this could be possible. Whatever we might do to try and get our heads around it, however doubting we might be, there is something absolutely inescapable – a victory was won; evil did not prevail. This is a crucially important truth. We need to know that there is a reality beyond suffering, cruelty, betrayals. The subsequent events post resurrection, were marvellous and life changing. Travelling through Holy Week and rejoicing at Easter is an experience of renewal.

Services

- **Wednesday 1 April** – Evening Prayer - Compline 5.30pm at Christ Church.
- **Thursday 2 April** – Maundy Thursday Mass of the Last Supper 5.30pm at Christ Church.
- **Friday 3 April** – Good Friday Service, 3pm at St Colman's (Kapanga Rd)
- **Sunday 5 April** – Easter Day – Mass of the Resurrection at Christ Church 10am

Christ Church, 180 Tiki Rd, Coromandel. Enquiries and information: Barbara O'Reilly, Administrator (07) 866 8299, website christchurchcoromandel.org.nz

Illume 2015

By Matt Sephton

With the second annual Illume: Coromandel Winter Festival of Light, coming up this July, the team have begun to get busy working on making this great festival even better. In 2014 we made a really good start, we laid a foundation that we can build on, lit up the street and had a lot of wonderful community involvement, so for 2015 we are looking forward to much more people, colour, lights and fun!

Here are some things to think about as we move forward:

- Illume will be held over a full week, with the middle weekend (**3/4 July**) being the main dates promoted for out-of-town visitors.
- There will be a competition for the best lit house, so start thinking about some cool ideas.
- The opening night parade was a huge hit, so of course we'll be having that again! Please be in touch to register your interest.
- Brenda Kelsey and Caitlin Moloney have begun making awesome lanterns out of recycled materials. (see photos). We are hoping to make hundreds to line the streets, but they take time and we'll need some help! So if you are handy and creative, and want to make some lanterns, then please contact us. We will also have



Elise Adlam

some examples on the website if you want to just get started yourself.

- The theme of "light" can also include mirrors, shadows, and reflections. Also think about LED, low energy, solar and battery powered lights - there are plenty of alternative options out there.
- We want to hear from any individuals or businesses who have resources, skills, or ideas to help out. If you think you can add something to Illume then please step forward and let us know. After any event, and Illume is no exception, there are always people that say "you should do this" or "should do that"; well, now's the time to step up and put those ideas forward!

Illume: Coromandel Winter Festival of Light has real potential to grow into something amazing. It is a celebration of the colour, creativity, and fun of Coromandel town and our people. So get involved, help us build this festival and live up the winter in a uniquely Coromandel way.

www.illumefest.co.nz
glow@illumefest.co.nz



Pushing up Pixels



Existing causeway running south from Jack's Point



Where existing causeway meets creek looking up it (to east) showing sill/weir

Coromandel Marine Farmers' Association Comment

By Gilbert James, Chair, CoroMFA

We have (still!) more Furey's Creek talk this month. In support of the commentators last month, we recognise the social and economic benefits the town would enjoy from marine access/use-ability for the half of the time that is below half tide for even shallow draft vessels. We encourage and support the TCDC preparing a plan and committing funds to improve the access at Furey's Creek.

However, this month we suggest a low tech as-soon-as-possible solution along the following lines. We suggest build up the current causeway off Jack's Point to raise it 0.3m and widen it a little. It runs from Jack's Point to Furey's Creek where it exits the mangroves but now goes under at just over half tide. Access to the causeway at Jack's Point would be needed plus from the causeway to the creek. There is already a sill or weir at this point which retains water in the basin of upper Furey's Creek and this would be left as is or even enhanced. Then deepen the creek by removal of some material (putting back shingle and larger material by use of a sieve which could be used to build up the sides somewhat. The deepening would be required for ~680m out to MLWS or ~500m to MLW. MLWS is ~ ¼ to ½ m below MLWN, or so.

This would give access for small vessels drawing ~ ½ m from ½ tide down to LW or at least to 1 hour either side of LW. Operators of these small vessels can presumably readily time their vessel trips to coincide with this useable period of either all-tide access at neaps or all except up to 1 hour maximum either side of spring tides. From ½ tide or more, small vessels can continue to use the existing ramp at Furey's.

On behalf of all our marine farmers, best wishes to all.

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Museum News

By Raewyn McKinney

Visitor numbers to the museum have remained steady throughout the summer, in spite of the wonderful weather.

Comments received are always positive, and many people are pleasantly surprised by the quality of the displays. Children seem to enjoy the chance to learn about days gone by, and they are, of course, always thrilled to discover the "prisoner" in the jail.

As summer comes to an end, the committee is again thinking of new displays, and ideas to improve the layout of the museum buildings. Transfer of the records to a digital format is ongoing, thanks to the dedicated work of Jennie James and Val Macdonald. Work is planned to clean the exterior walls before the onset of winter. The grounds around the museum are always looking good, thanks to the continued efforts of Rick Ward, and we thank him for taking on this task.

I am often asked if the original museum building was built as a church, but it was, of course, the original "School of Mines"; hence the present name of the "School of Mines Museum".

The School of Mines was built in 1897, and the school operated until 1936. Subjects taught included mineralogy, metallurgy of gold and silver, practical assaying, land and mine surveying as well as mathematics, physics, chemistry, technical drawing and, later on, bookkeeping and typing. Classes

started at 9.30am and finished at 10.00pm. Members paid 5 shillings for each subject. Results of exams were printed in the paper, as this article from the "Auckland Star" on 13 February 1901:

"The following are the results of the Coromandel School of Mines examinations held during last December:- Practical Chemistry (senior): Joseph Cohen 77 marks, Colin Fraser, 68. Theoretical Chemistry (senior): J Cohen 76; C Frazer 83. Practical Assaying (senior): A McNeil 69; J H Johnson 66; R W N Inder 75; J Hooker 73; A F Steedman 61. Mineralogy: J Cohen 79.7; J H Johnson 71.6. Metallurgy of Gold and Silver: J Cohen 73; Colin Frazer 83; A McNeil 72; J H Johnson 65. Mining: J Cohen 75; Colin Frazer 72. Ventilation and Explosives: Jas Cohen 98; Colin Fraser 90; J C Rimmer 37. General and Mining Geology: J Cohen 72.6; Colin Frazer 76.5. Land and mining Surveying: J Cohen 77; Colin Frazer 68; W H Doherty 35; G A Buchan 47; R McEwan 30; J C Rimmer 38. Mechanical Drawing: J Cohen 65; C Fraser 83.

Messrs J Cohen and C Frazer were scholarship candidates. The certificates of merit are to be presented at the annual meeting on Friday next, when the election of officers and councillors for the ensuing year will take place."

The museum will be open from 1pm to 4pm daily during Easter (through 6 April) and then from 1pm to 4pm on weekends only until the end of April



MUSEUM MONTHLY COMPETITION "Who What Where When"

Please identify this photo and give us as much information as you can.

Bring or post your entry to the Information Centre with name and contact details by Friday 24 April. All correct entries will go into a draw for a voucher from Coromandel Four Square.



People had no difficulty with our February competition; the correct answer was "Christ Church", the Anglican Church on Tiki Road. This church was constructed during 1940, following the dismantling of the previous building, which had become unsafe. In 1992, the church and hall were joined into one building.

The winning entry for the grocery voucher this month was Shirleen Notman. Well done, Shirleen and thank you to all who entered in the February competition. Good luck for this month.

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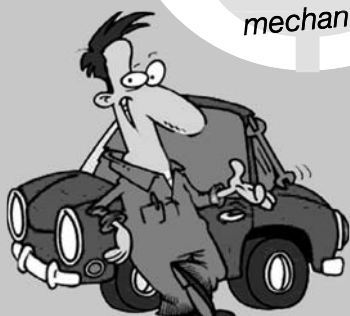
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Contact: Patricia Mikaere/Annette James

phone: 07-866-7050

visit: Education Training Centre (ETC),
90 Tiki Road, Coromandel

email: ace@cilt.org.nz

Courses Completed

Introduction to Computing 1

Participants have gained new skills to use their computers with confidence at home and in the workplace.

Digital Photography

Students enjoyed this course and are pictured here with tutor, Deborah Hide-Bayne, exploring the settings on their cameras.



April Courses

Restricted/Full Driver Licence Preparation

This course will thoroughly prepare you to sit the test for your restricted or full driver licence. To sit this test you must have held a learner licence for more than 6 months.

Tutor: Ron Agnew

Venue: ETC – 90 Tiki Road

Date: Wednesday 1 April 2015

Times: 10am - 3pm

Cost: \$20

Learner Driver Licence Preparation

This course will thoroughly prepare you to sit the test for your learner driver licence. To sit this test you must be at least 16 years old. This course is highly recommended for high school students.

Tutor: Ron Agnew

Venue: ETC – 90 Tiki Road

Date: Wednesday 2 April 2015

Times: 10am - 3pm

Cost: \$10

Website Design

Design, create and publish your own website.

This course will introduce you to HTML and web authorising software: KomPozer, Photoshop, web browsers, CCS and JavaScript.

Tutor: Stephen Hutton

Venue: ETC – 90 Tiki Road

Start date: 7 April 2015

Times: Tuesdays 10am - 3pm

Duration: 6 weeks

Cost: \$30

First Aid Full Certificate

Become a fully certified first-aider. Build the knowledge, skills and confidence you need to deal with emergencies at home and in the workplace. School students over the age of 16 years are welcome to attend.

Provider: St John

Venue: St John Room, Coromandel

Dates: 13-14 April 2015

Duration: 2 days

Time: 9am – 4pm

Cost: \$184

Photo Editing

Develop and enhance your photographs using freeware (iPhoto, Picasa) and specialised photo editing software (Photoshop).

Tutor: Deborah Hide-Bayne

Venue: ETC – 90 Tiki Road

Start date: 23 April 2015

Day/Times: Thursdays 10 – 12pm

Duration: 4 weeks

Cost: \$20

Introduction to Computing

Build the skills and confidence you need to use computers at home or in the workplace. Please note: If you want to use your own laptop, let us know before the start date.

Tutor: Kaye Anderson

Venue: ETC – 90 Tiki Road

Start date: 29 April 2015

Day/Times: Wednesdays 10-12pm

Duration: 4 weeks

Cost: \$20

May Courses

Solar Energy

Take advantage of this rare opportunity to learn how solar energy works, its advantages and disadvantages and ways of installing a system into your home.

Tutor: Chris Ogilvie

Venue: ETC – 90 Tiki Road

Start date: 5 May 2015

Day/Times: Tuesday 6-8pm

Duration: 1 evening

Cost: \$10

Small Engines

Does your mower and/or weeder continue to break down? Gain the much needed knowledge on how a small engine works, how to repair it and maintain it.

Tutor: Chris Ogilvie

Venue: ETC – 90 Tiki Road

Start date: 12 March 2015

Day/Times: Tuesday 6-8pm

Duration: 3 evenings

Cost: \$15

Heavy Traffic (HT) Licence Test Preparation

This course will prepare you for the high demand licence to drive trucks. You will be taken through the NZHT Road Code and what to expect when taking the test. To take this course you must have held a full car licence for more than 6 months.

Tutor: Ron Agnew

Venue: ETC – 90 Tiki Road

Start date: 21 March 2015

Day/Times: 10am-2pm

Duration: 1 day

Cost: \$50

The delivery of all advertised courses are subject to enrollment numbers

Future Courses

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VHF Radio Operations

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Xero Online Accounting

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Level 2 Certificate in Horticulture

Take up this rare opportunity to gain a practical knowledge of horticulture with WINTEC. Course is free of charge and will be delivered in semester 2 of 2015.

Coromandel Independent Living Trust

Coromandel Independent Living Trust (CILT) Resource Centre

By Rebecca Toon, Resource Centre Co-ordinator

Hospital Volunteers Drivers wanted!

If you enjoy driving, meeting new people and want to be part of a valuable community service, we have a great opportunity available. We are looking for new drivers to join our awesome volunteer driver team. Our drivers take patients who are unable to drive themselves to hospital appointments at Thames and Waikato Hospitals.

Volunteer drivers use their own cars and are reimbursed by CILT for petrol costs. All drivers receive a full induction. To join the team you need to have a current driver licence, your own vehicle with an up-to-date WOF and registration and a friendly positive attitude.

For more information contact Rebecca on (07) 866 8358 or cilt@cilt.org.nz.

Travel assistance to hospital appointments

If you are a Community Services Card holder and have an appointment at Thames or Waikato Hospital, we can give you funding to help get there. Just bring in your appointment letter and Community Services Card between 9am and 3pm Monday to Thursday.

Weekly Mobility Van to Thames

This wonderful service collects people from their homes on Thursday mornings around 9am for the trip to Thames for shopping and appointments. Everyone meets at Pak'n'Save at 2pm to come back to Coromandel. Koha for a return trip is \$12 and half price for children. Call or come in to the Resource Centre to book a spot before 1pm on Wednesdays.

Heartlands Centre visits

Maori Land Court are next in Coromandel town on 13 May and IRD on 20 May. Call or come in to the Resource Centre to book an appointment.

Other great services available at the Resource Centre

Two fast computers free for locals to use between 9am and 3pm; lots of info on health, disability and community services; photocopier, printer, scanner, laminator and fax for public use.

Contact: Hiria Tukerangi (Community Transport Services Coordinator) and Rebecca Toon (Resource Centre Coordinator). Tiki House, 45 Tiki Road. Hours: 9am-3pm Monday-Thursday Ph/Fax: (07) 866 8358. Email: cilt@cilt.org.nz or website: www.cilt.org.nz

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Coromandel Budget Advisory Service

By John Gaffikin-Cowan

The passage of cyclone Pam last month reminds us of the need to prepare our property and ourselves for unforeseen emergencies. We should all have an escape plan of how to leave our home if it becomes uninhabitable and we should have an agreed meeting point for the family. We need to have a survival kit with food, water and medical supplies. If power is lost we will need batteries for a radio, a standard plug-in telephone to contact others, candles or lamps for lighting and a gas ring for cooking.

And of course this sort of planning applies to everyday life as well. This is where we at Budget come in. We're not just here for emergencies; we're an advice service for everyone at any time. Our aim is to help people take a clear look at their incomings and outgoings and see how they can best balance them. One of the most important aspects is how much is spent on the household's food. We encourage our clients to examine their shopping receipts in order to check where their money is going. Never forget the importance of sticking to the shopping list!

Please don't forget, if you'd like to know more about this and have a bit of friendly, expert and non-judgemental advice, pop in to our office on Rings Road – we're here to help.

The Budget Service is an incorporated society belonging to the New Zealand Federation of Family Budget Services. If you wish to make an appointment, the Budget phone number is (07) 866 8351 – talk to Anna, Caro, Maureen, Leigh or John. Office: 950 Rings Road open Monday to Friday 11am-2pm or by appointment. The Budget cell phone number is 022 018 0849 – we reply to texts and messages during office hours

Coromandel Patchwork and Quilters

By Sharon Currie

We started our year with 20 of our members having a fun day out in Auckland. This is the third year we have organised "A Big Day Out" and it is good to visit new places with friends who share your interests.

We have a busy year planned with a Mystery Quilt designed by Lorraine Abernethy. This is the second time Lorraine has designed a quilt for our group. Her first one, Pasifica, was our raffle quilt for 2013.

If you are interested in learning to quilt there is plenty of help available from members of our group; you just need to come along.

Our meetings 1st and 3rd (&5th) Monday 9.30am-4.30pm, St John Rooms, Tiki Rd.

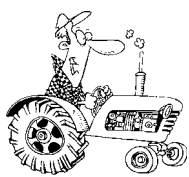
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The "Natural Character" of the Coromandel

By Catherine Delahunty, Green MP



I am writing this as we wait to see what Cyclone Pam will do to our eastern coasts after the massive destruction affecting Vanuatu, Tuvalu and parts of the Solomon Islands. Whatever happens we have to be grateful for the resources our country has to cope with natural disaster. If the global pattern continues there will be more extreme weather events and areas like ours will also have vulnerability built into our natural character. I am focused on this phrase right now because the Thames Coromandel District Council have recently informed submitters to the proposed District Plan that the sections of the Plan referencing "Natural Character" need to be withdrawn, redrafted and re advertised for public submissions. Apparently there are some errors in this section which are pretty damn confusing and the Hearings Commissioners are advising they need to start again.

So what, you might ask? The problem of the submitters is that in the middle of the process one piece of the jigsaw has been removed and its hard to see how we can carry on with the rest until the new draft provisions on Natural Character have been written and the public have been consulted. We might get a better draft which pays more heed to documents like the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement but we might get something weaker than the current proposed clauses. We need the Plan to protect the natural character of our area before the government takes yet another knife and slashes some more key clauses on the national importance of such values out of the Resource Management Act. We need a Plan which protects the wild and steep mountain range, the rugged and diverse coastline and the recovering forest and our small local communities who live in the valleys.

We don't need to have more coastal subdivision, more land open to mining and more badly managed pine forests. The climate risks and the natural character of the region require us to recognise the need to protect the ranges from erosion and to manage the coast in terms of storm surges.

If even wilder weather becomes the new "natural character" of our home we need to be prepared. Have your say on this issue when submissions on this part of the District Plan are re advertised.

Te Ahi Kaa Social Services

By Jacquie Hamon



Nga mihi nui ki a koutou. Due to a hiccup in cyberspace we have not had an article in print for a couple of months.

This year Te Ahi Kaa will be continuing with the Raising Totara wananga/workshops. We are already working with a very dedicated and delightful group who have successfully completed three two-day wananga, one of which was a noho marae at Rakairoa, Kennedy Bay. There are three more to go. Due to inquiries we have decided to run another series of Raising Totara this year for new enrolments. It has proved difficult to enrol anyone else onto the wananga currently in operation without hindering the advancement of the existing participants.

The wananga are based on the whakatauki, "E kore au e ngaro he kakano I ruia mai I Rangiatea" – I will never be lost, I am a seed sown in Rangiatea.

Raising Totara is about the recovery of self-esteem. It's about knowing who you are, where you have come from, and where you fit in today's society. It's about raising strong, assured, healthy tamariki. It's about daring to dream and making it happen. The wananga are free of charge.

Please contact us if you are interested. We hope to restrict the new group to eight maximum, but will work with as few as five. Nga mihi.

We are providers of: whanau/family focused services that promote the welfare and safety of tamariki/children, offer counselling services for whanau/family and individuals, and deliver programmes and wananga that support whanau/families. Open Mon - Fri, 9am-3pm. Tiki House, 45 Tiki Road. Call in to chat or make an appointment. Ph: (07) 866 8558 – email: takss@extra.co.nz

Coromandel Walking Group

By Elspeth Campbell

Our group has been starting at the earlier time of 8.30 am during the hot weather but are now back to a 9am start. Quite a relief for those of us who are more owls than larks. Despite the earlier start there have been quite good numbers walking but oh, yes, it has been hot, and that drink at the cafe afterwards sure goes down a treat.

We were pleased to have Mary from Cornwall join us the other day. She has been visiting Coromandel for years in the course of her travels and enjoys contact with the walking and needlecraft groups. It would be nice to have a few more visitors and locals join us from time to time. It's a pretty casual group, it costs nothing, and it doesn't matter if you can't come every time.

The group meets outside the Hauraki House carpark near the Lotto dairy every Tuesday and Thursday at 9am and walks for an hour.

Contact Ruth (07) 866 7246

Coromandel Embroiderers' Guild

By Diann Cade

In April we have a tatting workshop. Some believe that tatting may have developed from netting and decorative rope work of sailors and fishermen who would knot their own motif into their nets. The tatting technique dates back to the early 19th century. It creates a durable lace constructed by a series of knots and loops. Worked with a shuttle, the lace is formed by a pattern of rings and chains from a series of cow hitch or half hitch knots over a core thread. Tatting can be used to make lace edgings as well as mats, collars and other decorative pieces. While this may seem an old fashioned technique, it has potential in the creative embroidery of today. There are many of us keen to purely master the technique!

Our March Guild day was a full day again with over 30 members attending. We were enticed to participate in national embroidery displays and our own Challenge project entitled "round and around". The majority of us are doing the Christmas decorations Petite Projects. It is also inspiring to see what everyone is doing in their own time!

Sit and Stitch on Tuesdays keeps the embroidery momentum going during the month.

We have several new members this year, and there is room for more. Come and join us if you have a creative interest in fabric and threads.

For further information about the Coromandel Embroiderers Guild contact our President Jill Wilson (07) 866 7484



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Anna's Chilli Jam recipe for April

Extract from the April chapter of local cookery book "Coromandel Flavour" by Deborah Hide-Bayne

*Makes approx.
5 cups*

2 onions
3 large fresh red chillies
4 large capsicums
3 cloves garlic
2 cups white vinegar
800g sugar
1 tsp salt
2 kaffir lime leaves
1 bay leaf



Peel and roughly chop the onions. Deseed the chillies. Put the peppers, onions, chillies and garlic in a food processor and blend to a pulp. Put the blended mixture into a saucepan and add the vinegar. Cook for about 20 minutes; then add the sugar, salt and leaves. Cook for about another 30 minutes until it has thickened. Spoon the jam into sterilised jars. Perfect with cheese and crackers. Will keep for a year in the jar, or about six weeks in the fridge after opening.

For more information see
www.coromandelflavour.co.nz
or <http://coromandelflavour.blogspot.co.nz>
or <https://www.facebook.com/CoromandelFlavour>

**Scott Simpson
MP for Coromandel****Acknowledging our
environmental heroes**

Cyclone Pam has come and gone. Thanks to our Civil Defence we are now better prepared for potentially a catastrophic event. Despite the wet weather autumn is my favourite time of year and I've got my fingers crossed for a continuation of the Indian summer through until Easter at least.

The economic weather is also good with leading credit agency Moody's reaffirming New Zealand's credit rating. We belong to a very exclusive club with only 14 countries having the top Triple A rating. Compared to other countries we have a record of faster and more stable growth. Our strong economic prospects mean that the government can fulfil its goals of better public services and more job opportunities for everyone.

There is a very full legislative programme ahead this year and my committee will be handling a good portion of that workload.

Nominations are now open for the 25th Annual Green Ribbon awards. These awards honour the achievements of a wide range of diverse people, organisations and businesses who have gone above and beyond to protect and improve NZ's environment.

There have been two Coromandel-based winners of the Green Ribbon awards in the past – the Moehau Environment Group and



Paul Shanks..

In 2012 the Moehau Environment Group received the award for their intensive predator control and restored native habitats on more than 13,000 hectares. This enabled the recovery of many endangered species including dramatic turnarounds for kiwi, fern bird, bittern, kaka, and marsh crake.

The social and economic impacts of the project and the group's efforts to involve at-risk youth, providing extensive employment opportunities, were identified by the judges of the Green Ribbon Awards as key successes of the project.

Of course this fantastic group continue to make a great contribution to restoring their local environment

In 2006 Whangamata surfer and environmentalist Paul Shanks received the Green Ribbon award for his work trying to improve water quality in the Whangamata Harbour.

Perhaps you know of someone who has made an excellent contribution to the local environment. Nominations can be made through the Department of Conservation website www.doc.govt.nz/green-ribbon. Nominations close on 10 April.

Please never hesitate to make contact with me if I can be of assistance with any matter. For an appointment you can phone my electorate office on (07) 868 3529.

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Library News

By Raewyn McKinney

During March the library has been running an overdue book amnesty. Although the official amnesty period ends at the end of March, we will still be pleased to see any overdue books returned at any time. Many of the books that have gone missing from the library are children's books. This is a shame for our preschoolers, and it can be very difficult and costly for the library to replace these books. A couple of New Zealand books come into this category: *The Pipi and the Mussels* by Dot Meharry, and *Here Comes the Farmer*

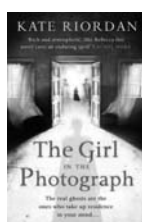
by Lynley Dodd.

Please note that any lost or overdue books can be returned to the library via the slot in the door at any time. We are much more interested in getting the books back than charging any fines.

There are a couple of adult books that we would be particularly pleased to see returned. These are: *Sol3 Mio Our Story* by Moses Mackay, Amitai Pati and Pene Pati with Donna Fleming. This book was purchased just at the end of last year, so not many of our members have had the opportunity to read it as yet. Also needing to be returned is *Country Calendar Cookbook* by Allyson Gofton.

During March we have made many new fiction purchases, such as:

The Girl In The Photograph by Kate

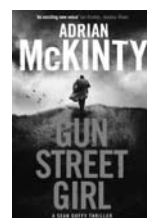


Riordan – A haunting novel about two women separated by decades but entwined by fate. When Alice Eveleigh arrives at Fiercombe Manor during the long, languid summer of 1933, she finds a house steeped in mystery and brimming with secrets. Sadness permeates its empty rooms and the isolated valley seems crowded with ghosts.



Jam & Roses by Mary Gibson – Three sisters are growing up in 1920s Bermondsey – the larder of London – with its bustling

docks, its spice mill, tannery and factories. As summer draws to a close, they join the hop pickers in Kent for a short, blissful respite from a life of work and hardship.



The Kind Worth Killing

by Peter Swanson – Delayed in London, Ted Severson meets a woman at the airport bar. Over cocktails they tell each other rather more than they should, and a dark plan is hatched – but are either of them being serious, could they actually go through with it, and get away with it?

Gun Street Girl by Adrian McKinty – Belfast, 1985.

Gunrunners on the borders, riots in the cities, Detective Inspector Sean Duffy is hanging on, a Catholic

policeman in the hostile Royal Ulster Constabulary.

Other new purchases are the latest offerings from popular authors Josephine Cox, Jeffrey Archer, Lisa Gardner, Katie Fforde, Tony Parsons, J D Robb, Dean Koontz and James Phelan.

Don't forget our book repair service is always available; just drop your books in.

Library hours are: 10am to 1pm on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday; 10am to 4pm on Wednesday and Friday; and 10am to 12noon Saturday

Coromandel Lions

By Lyn Rose



Autumn is now definitely upon us, as days cool and nights are cooler. Firewood orders coming thick and fast and deliveries going smoothly (so far!). Phone (07) 866 7722 to order.

Friday 6 March saw a large number of classic cars in town. An impressive display of many makes and models were parked at Patukirikiri Reserve for a couple of hours where the Lions Club provided lunch for participants. If you missed the display then the next option is the Beach Hop in Whangamata last weekend of March. See you there! As all Lions Clubs are autonomous, our President Bruce decreed we have two dinner meetings for the month of February and two business meetings for March to balance it out.

The second meeting in February saw us hosting members from the Thames Lions, as well as our District Governor and her husband. An awesome and informative evening for all Lions and visitors alike. The Lion rock award went to Peter Sowden for his tireless work with the cantabs and bottletops project. A new poster for this project is on the notice board outside The Bizarre shop where tops can be left for our collection. Many thanks again to The Bizarre for your ongoing support.

Looking ahead in April, we will be at A Taste Of Matarangi, (unfortunately the same day as the Gallipoli Commemoration parade), followed by a static display at the racecourse in Thames.

Happy Easter and may your travels be safe.

Coromandel Organic Gardens

By Maureen Kimber

Well soon March will be finished and autumn will truly be upon us. Rain has come from a missed cyclone and the gardens breathe a sigh of relief from the long dry summer. We have harvested wonderful tomatoes, peach-cots, apples, corn, and pumpkin. The long dry spell has kept mildew away and allowed some fruit to flourish. Currently we are planting lettuce, beetroot, peas, brassica, and parsley. Also we are preparing for our winter cover crops. Compost is on the agenda as well as mulching our citrus boundary. We will be applying bio dynamic preparation 500 and getting ready for our winter planting.

Thanks to all of the people who have helped the gardens and we take this opportunity to acknowledge the funding received during the past year. The gardens do not receive any government funding, so we are totally reliable on the generosity of both local donations and national grants. In alphabetical order, thank you Coromandel Senior Settlement Trust, COGS, Driving Creek Railway, NZ Lotteries, Sky City, TCDC, Tindalls and Trust Waikato. Also thanks to Kerry O'Neill at JP Engineering for helping out with our new sign – we love it.

Just as a painter needs light in order to put the finishing touches to his picture, so I need an inner light, which I feel I never have enough of in the autumn – Leo Tolstoy to Nikolay Strakhov.

If you would like to learn about gardening then come on down every Thursday afternoon from 1.30pm onwards – everyone is welcome and volunteers are always needed



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Wanted – Your Short Stories and True Tales

By Geraldine Dunwoodie

The first True Tales written was *True Tales of Northern Coromandel*, published by The Coromandel Town History Research Group. There was such a good response that they went on to publish two more books. It would be good to see this idea spread throughout New Zealand. It is a very easy way to collect stories which might otherwise be lost.

A new set of books is now being put together by The Coromandel Heritage Trust, and they are wanting you to send in your "Tales". The Tales can be about anything to do with the area in the title. They can be a memory about an event, about a colourful identity in the town, about early family in the area, about a club or organisation, about you. Coromandel stories will go in True Tales of the Thames Coast (Kuranui to Port Jackson), Thames stories will go in True Tales of Thames (Kopu and Kirikiri).

The Criteria:

- Must be a true tale.
- No more than 1500 words – can be much less.
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- Can be about people, places, organisations, events, memories – early or recent (including modern).
- You don't have to be a writer – just tell your story!
- The committee reserves the right to make changes or omit certain things (but if they do you will see the changes before it goes to print), or may not to include the story (may be too many handed in, may not be suitable).
- Up to 100 stories needed – get in early to be included.
- Can write more than one tale.

Enquiries to: info.thetreasury@gmail.com. The Treasury True Tales, PO Box 75, Thames 3540

Vegetable and Produce Show 2016

By Martin Edwards

I would like to thank once again all those that came along with your entries and made the show a success and to those who came along and had a look. We have reviewed this year's event and for next year we will be making a few changes to the schedule and how we do things on the day, and hopefully make it an even more enjoyable event. Next year's show will be on Saturday 6 February 2016, a week earlier than last time.

There were many people who came along to view and then said "I wish I had entered"; well next year have a go, nothing to lose and you might win.

So that you can all start planning which seeds to buy and where you will be doing all your planting-out of veggies and flowers, I thought I would give you a head start by giving you a look at the provisional schedule for 2016. The list so far is: Onions; Spring onions; Potatoes; Round Beans; Courgettes; Carrots; Tomatoes; Tomatoes cherry; Heaviest Tomato; Runner Beans; Fresh Herbs; Longest runner bean; Capsicums; Chilli; Garlic; Corn; Rhubarb; Any other vegetable; Apples; Plums; Selection of fruit; Selection of vegetables; Rose; Cut flowers; Bowl of flowers; Multiple bloom; Flower arrangement in a basket; Miniature flower arrangement; Sunflower; Bottled fruit; Chutney; Pickles; Sauces; Decorated cup cakes; Muffins; Fruit scones; Children's – miniature garden. (This list is provisional, but there may be things added, not removed).

The rules will be basically the same. For those entering in the preserve section please make sure there are no brand names on jars or lids. We let it go this year but next year we will follow the rules.

Well, the marquees are already booked. We are going to see if we can find a small band to play some gentle music in the afternoon, so start thinking and planning, and I will be publishing the final schedule and rules in October. Good gardening.

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Mana Update

By Donna Idol

I've worked at Mana Retreat for ten years now. One of the many gifts this familiarity offers is the opportunity to refine and refine again how to do things. We have a fantastic team – working in the kitchen, the garden, the office. Although a “retreat centre”, we are a very busy place of work. There are beds to make, veggies to chop, bills to pay, fruit to harvest, bathrooms to clean, emails to answer...

It is so easy to get caught up in the full-on busy-ness of daily tasks. Our voices get louder, our actions more rushed, the tensions palpable. We are experimenting with stopping for a few moments of stillness and breathing several times throughout the work day. It's becoming more natural for a team to pause in the midst of a task, resting a few moments in stillness and quiet...

Stillness

You needn't leave your room.

Just sit at your table and listen.

You needn't even listen. Just wait.

You needn't even wait.

Just learn stillness.

Be still, alone with your own self.

The world will willingly give itself to you to be unmasked.

It has no choice.

It will writhe in bliss at your feet.

Is there something the world is wanting to willingly give to you in the quiet stillness?

Franz Kafka

For some, stillness and aloneness are sought-after qualities longed for in a full life. I'm discovering with increasing consistency that stillness is more a state of mind than requiring a peaceful, quiet solitary space. If I practice stilling the almost perpetual busy activity of thoughts by breathing myself into awareness of my body, I am able to experience a degree of embodied stillness. Doing this for a few moments in the midst of daily activity immediately brings relief from stress and tensions. It takes conscious effort to bring my attention away, for even a few moments, from the fascinating distractions my mind provides.

I notice others who become “still” in another way. When they engage in a gentle activity with their hands – peeling peaches, weeding the herb garden – the soothing activity seems to bring their energy away from their busy minds. Regardless of the ways we find to still the busy mind, it is often in this quiet stillness that renewal and inspiration resides.

Mana offers many opportunities for quiet and stillness: through yoga and other retreats, through our relaxation weekends (such value for money), through volunteering in the beautiful productive Mana gardens and orchards, or listening to the choir sing in the Sanctuary.

Animal Rescue Thames

By Alice Parris

6 April is a special day in our world as we celebrate achieving another year in rescue; incredibly hard to believe we are now in our 15th year.

Wow. This is only through the love and support from everyone who helps us help our rescue kitties. To you all thank mew; we sure wouldn't be here without that support. Happy birthday to rescue celebrating 15 years of mews 'n meows!

Thank mews to everyone who has donated cat and kitten foods to the rescue kitties as well as blankets, bedding and items for us to sell. Also a big thank mew to Puss 'n Pooch. This is a great group who on Facebook gave away magnets and pens to charities. We are truly grateful for the box we received, which we will use as items in raffles and also fundraising thank mews.

Homed – Huffa and Vecar left Thames and headed to a new forever home in Cambridge on a lifestyle property. That was awesome news for them to be chosen.

Nic, our steel grey boy, also found a home over in Whitianga so it means our numbers are lower this year but our funds won't allow us to take many more in as all bar three of our kittens have been desexed and deflead which is over \$1000 worth of vet care and three more spays to go, as well as purchasing kitten food, tinned, sachets and Jimbo's for a once a week treat. We can only cater for what we have until we do our fundraising.

All our littlies are now growing at an alarming rate as they do! Trash 'n treasure is that they Indy car race round the house, papers spread from one end to other, balls of yarn pilfered and transferred into secret hiding places I have not yet found! They are all adorable and a wonderful crew this year of kittens. Having fewer kittens in care means more: they get more time, more handling and they are really stunning, healthy kittens; very, very naughty though but the joys of being spoilt brats.

Garage sale – Easter weekend, **Saturday 4 April**, St James hall, located in Pahau Street. This hall is behind the big white church corner Pollen/Pahau and we will have signs up to ensure everyone knows where we are. On from 8.30am to noonish and we will have Devonshire tea/coffee as well. Lots of bargains and lots of assorted treasures to choose from.

We were blessed with getting the 2x2 timber we needed, as we needed set sizing it meant we could rummage through the timber and clear them of the bits 'n bob sizes which oftentimes are a pain but for us they donated these offcuts so that is our first saving to the renovations.

We still need to get two sheets of clearlight roofing, and two sheets of marine grade ply for playhouse roof, and a half bucket of dark green roof paint, and 2 + litres of exterior white to complete two other jobs in process.

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Driving Creek Doings No.169

By Barry Brickell

Going to Dunedin seems to be becoming something of a habit these days, or years. It has been Devonport for my overseas experience, now it's Dunedin. In 2013 it was to celebrate Dunedin's 100 years of coal-gas at the Gasworks Museum. In 2014 it was the Dunedin Public Art Gallery Retrospective Exhibition and this year it is the Otago Museum's exhibition of Ralph Hotere's ceramic collection where I am to give a talk. This latter one is the result of work that we shared back in 1975-76 at Ralph's studio in Port Chalmers. Here I built a kiln burning waste pine bark off the export wharf below and using the local clays and rocks for my pottery, something unheard of before in conservative Dunedin. Using a welded steel step-grate, the kiln easily reached a temperature of 1300C., necessary for salt-glazing. This resinous high calorific value fuel was being dumped as landfill and I would not be surprised if it still is. Cooked in a retort at a low red heat, pine bark could yield large amounts of hydrocarbon gas (like LPG), creosote as a wood preservative and barbecue charcoal. How would the locals at Whangapoua regard a pine bark retorting plant to get some financial returns from this wasted resource? A bit too radical perhaps!

Paul Lorimer has been working at the potteries now for over a month and in that time he has dug and prepared tons of clay, fixed our worn-out kilns and showed our waiting train passengers how our heavy clay processing machinery works. Our rotary pan mill, for instance, used for crushing rocks and waste fired clay, must be one of the very few left in the country and still working. But perhaps of greatest interest to our locals and visitors is the beautiful work Paul's daughter Catherine is making.

Catherine, now 30, was born in Ishigaki, Okinawa, when Paul and his wife Nami Myoshi moved from Japan in 1979. It was during the mid 1970s when I was establishing the potteries here that Nami came to work and ended up eloping with Paul. They had three children of whom Catherine was one and some of our older readers may remember Nami. Catherine has certainly inherited her mother's skills with fine colour brushstroke decoration on her pots. Her first firing in the gas kiln was on 13 March and I am hopeful that some of her pots will be on display at Hauraki House for our Easter Exhibition which opens on **28 March**. Certainly, they will be seen during the Coromandel Arts Tour in April.

The Driving Creek Art Gallery, designed by architect Ron Sang, was officially opened in 2011 on my 76th birthday. Now we are holding its 6th exhibition titled "Using Paint and Clay Expressively". The railway supplies staff to mind it, opens most days until after Easter: 11am to 3.30pm or so, admission free. Some recently acquired works on display include two major works by my original art mentor the late Keith Patterson and Kase Jackson who attended our painting sessions under Colin McCahon at the Auckland Art Gallery in 1958. Great days when our art was shocking the conservative element in Auckland. So do come and see this latest exhibition which will run to midwinter. A detailed catalogue is available in the gallery. Good news was the Weekend Herald's article about the gallery – 21.2.15 – at last some media publicity!

Well, we have it, at last. As I write this a tropical cyclone arriving to give us some welcome wettie-wetties but hopefully, not too much. Let's pray for those in Vanuatu who are presently bearing the brunt.

Yours faithfully again,
Barry

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Garden Circle

By Jane Warren

It was a beautiful sunny day for our March AGM meeting which was held in Ruth's garden under a



gorgeous big shade tree. We had 26 members in attendance and it was with sadness we farewelled Kate Jacobsen as she and Graeme are moving to Hamilton.

A new committee has been elected with Julie Jensen becoming our new Convenor and Dianne Dobson as Secretary.

Cups were presented for the overall competition winners during the past year. The following were the proud cup winners: Single bloom trophy Lorraine Lang; Multi bloom trophy Lorraine Lang; Miniature trophy 1st equal Lorraine Lang and Linda Wright; Arrangement trophy Linda Wright; Special item trophy Ruth Pattinson; Most points trophy overall Linda Wright; Hard luck trophy Kate Jacobsen.

After the usual scrumptious shared afternoon tea we had prizegiving for the afternoon's competition flowers. Winners were: Single bloom Linda Wright; Multi bloom Anne Stobie; Miniature Lorraine Lang; Arrangement Diane Dobson; Fruit special Ruth Pattinson.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 8 April at David and Rada's home on Rings Rd at 1pm

Seniornet Coromandel

By Loes Beaver



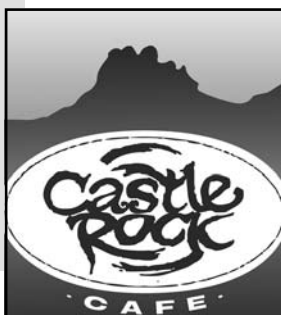
Seniornet Coromandel are on the lookout for people who are interested in IT, computers, iPads, tablets, smartphones, etc, to assist us with tutoring.

If you are interested in certain programs such as Facebook, email, or just want to be good at searching the 'net, whether in group courses, or on individual one on one, we would like to talk to you.

Our age group is 55+. Most of us had not had any knowledge of computers or computing before we joined Seniornet, and now that we have had a taste of IT we are really excited and ready to learn more.

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E whai ana mō te wā heke mai nei

By Asha Peppiatt, Principal

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Athletics

Thank you to all the whanau, parents and caregivers who came to support at our annual Athletics Day. Many of our students qualified to attend the Thames Valley Athletics Meeting in Paeroa.

Swimming Sports Results

Junior Girls: First – Kaiya Kerrison; Second – Charlotte Kite; Third – Katie Walker.

Junior Boys: First – Deveshh Bali; Second – Travis Brett; Third – Matthew Christensen. Intermediate Girls: First – Anna Stevenson; Second – Emily James; Third – Tarryn Hooper. Intermediate Boys: First – Daniel Stone; Second – Quin Richardson-Kennedy; Third – Dylan Brett & Nathan Hartley. Senior Girls: First – Rocque White. Senior Boys: First – Tyler Hartley & David Waara; Third – Daniel Sowerby. Whanau: First – Tokatea; Second – Hauraki; Third – Matawai; Fourth – Kapanga.

Primary Camp

Years 1-6 enjoyed an action-packed camp at the Long Bay Motor Camp from the 19-20 February. While there, they participated in the following activities: describing leaves and looking at kauri trees; mapping; sack and three-legged races; sports activities; a big dig; swimming; stories; seniors – a night walk through the kauri forest; creating own filled roll for lunch.

The campers were very lucky with the weather – it was beautiful! They would like to thank the parents and helpers who donated their valuable time and energy to assist with the successful running of the camp.

Coromandel Playcentre

By Debbie Morgan

In March we celebrated Playcentre Awareness Week by holding a fun day in the park and had Te Rerenga and some preschool children join us for games and sausages. The weather was threatening, but it didn't stop the waterslide being put to use and fun being had by all.

This term our focus has been water and paint! Two great Playcentre activities. We had a planning meeting at Driving Creek Cafe to draw up our annual plan and work out what we are doing this year, based on the interests of the children.

We are having a cake stall on the morning of **Friday 27 March** – so if you see this Chronicle in time, please come and see us outside the Post Shop for a mussel fritter or buy a sweet Easter treat. We will also have an Easter raffle and a raffle of making a personalised birthday cake, so if you have a birthday of a family member coming up, this may be the raffle for you. Advance tickets for this are already selling.

If you have a baby or child, are looking for a supportive environment to play with them in, and would like to find out what Playcentre is all about, then do feel free to come with your child during session.

Playcentre is for babies and children 0-6 years old.

Sessions at Coromandel Playcentre are term time Wednesdays and Fridays from 9.45am-12.15pm, and Tuesdays from 10.30am-1pm at 80 Woollams Ave (beside the town pool). Playcentre provides a warm and friendly environment for you to play with your child (or grandchild) whilst enjoying the company of others



Face painting has been popular this term – Natalia and Sophia

Coromandel - Auckland Ferry



Departs Auckland Pier 4

	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
5 Jan - 25 Jan	8.45am	8.45am	8.45am	8.45am	6.00pm	8.45am	8.45am
26 Jan - 1 Feb	8.45am	8.45am	8.45am	8.45am	6.00pm	8.45am	8.45am
2 Feb - 8 Feb	8.45am	8.45am	8.45am	8.45am	8.45am	8.45am	8.45am
9 Feb - 29 Mar	-	8.45am	-	8.45am	6.00pm	8.45am	8.45am
30 Mar - 5 Apr	-	8.45am	-	6.00pm	8.45am	8.45am	8.45am

Departs Waiheke (Orapiu) to Coromandel (approximate times)

	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
5 Jan - 25 Jan	9.50am	9.50am	9.50am	9.50am	7.05pm	9.50am	9.50am
26 Jan - 1 Feb	9.50am	9.50am	9.50am	9.50am	7.05pm	9.50am	9.50am
2 Feb - 8 Feb	9.50am	9.50am	9.50am	9.50am	9.50pm	9.50am	9.50am
9 Feb - 29 Mar	-	9.50am	-	9.50am	7.05pm	9.50am	9.50am
30 Mar - 5 Apr	-	9.50am	-	7.05pm	9.50am	9.50am	9.50am

Departs Coromandel: Hannaford's Wharf

	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
5 Jan - 25 Jan	3.00pm	3.00pm	3.00pm	3.00pm	8.15pm	4.30pm	4.30pm
26 Jan - 1 Feb	4.30pm	3.00pm	3.00pm	3.00pm	8.15pm	4.30pm	4.30pm
2 Feb - 8 Feb	3.00pm	3.00pm	3.00pm	8.15pm	4.30pm	4.30pm	4.30pm
9 Feb - 29 Mar	-	3.00pm	-	3.00pm	8.15pm	4.30pm	4.30pm
30 Mar - 5 Apr	-	3.00pm	-	8.15pm	4.30pm	4.30pm	4.30pm

Auckland - Coromandel

	Adult	Child	Family
One way	\$55.00	\$35.00	-
Open return	\$90.00	\$55.00	\$235.00

Waiheke Island (Orapiu) - Coromandel

	Adult	Child	Family
One way	\$35.00	\$22.00	-
Open return	\$60.00	\$35.00	-

Child definition is 5-15 years inclusive.

Family definition is 2 adults + 2 children.

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Coromandel Youth Group

Easter Holiday programme at Hauraki House 3-19 April.

Friday 3 – Social for years 7/8/9, 6-9pm.

Saturday 4 – Drop in & social any age over 5, 1-4pm.

Sunday 5 – Drop in & social any age over 5, 1-4pm.

Monday 6 – Drop in & social, any age over 5, 1-4pm.

Tuesday 7, Wednesday 8, Thursday 9, 11am-4pm.

Friday 10 – Social for yrs 7/8/9, 6-9pm.

Saturday 11 – Drop in & social, any age over 5, 1-4pm.

Sunday 12 – Drop in & social, any age over 5, 1-4pm.

Monday 13, Tuesday 14, Wednesday 15, Thursday 16, 11am-4pm.

Friday 17 – Social for yrs 7/8/9, 6-9pm.

Saturday 18 – Drop in & social, any age over 5, 1-4pm.

Sunday 19 – Drop in & social any age over 5, 1-4pm.

Monday to Thursdays you can get creative, get active, play or just chill out. The entry fee for activities, Monday to Thursday is now \$2.

Coromandel Youth group is for any children over 5 from Coromandel, Manaia, Kennedy Bay, Colville and any outlying areas. All you need to do is fill out a membership form for each child.

If you are coming for the day please bring a packed lunch or you can order hot chips or a pie.

You are welcome to come and browse our sale table for a bargain

For a copy of the holiday programme or further information either call into the Youth Rooms at Hauraki House or phone us on (07) 866 7061.

Friday Night Rules

Students need to come into Hauraki House and sign in. They are allowed to play in the park until dark but not allowed to go out of the park, play on skateboards, scooters or bikes on the road in Glover Street or go down to the creek unless we are playing spotlight.

We cannot be responsible for the actions of students who have not signed in.

We would like to thank our funders for making this programme possible: Lottery Waikato, Trust Waikato, COGS & Coromandel Senior Settlement Trust

Te Rerenga School

Nurturing a community of life-long learners

By Anna Yates

We have had a great start back to our school year at Te Rerenga School and are starting to wonder where term 1 is disappearing to!

Our year 4-8 students joined Whenuakite and Coroglen schools in our annual Country Schools swimming sports earlier this term. We were so proud of our students. Sheridan O'Keefe, Briar O'Keefe, Mason Grice and Caleb Grice all successfully completed for places on our Peninsula team. Briar, Sheridan and Mason then all travelled to compete against the top swimmers from the Thames Valley.

Our Room 1 class enjoyed a fun day at the Coromandel Park as part of Coromandel Playcentre's activities for Playcentre Awareness Week. Thank you so much for inviting us and for hosting such great activities for our children. They loved catching up with younger friends and spending a morning of fun in the park.

On the final day of this term on **2 April** we have a day of fun activities planned. Our school triathlon and bikewise sessions with Project Energise will put all of our school biking practice into action. The triathlon will utilise a track through our school paddocks and be a challenging, fun experience for all of our students as they bike, run and swim the course. We also plan to have our official opening of our school playground. This will acknowledge the huge community support we received for this project. We are extremely grateful to the Trillian Trust, New Zealand Community Trust, The Lion Foundation, TCDC's Mercury Bay Community Grants and Powerco for their generous contributions that enabled the playground to happen. The fundraising efforts of our school community at last year's "Taste of Matarangi" festival also contributed and the time and energy of our BOT member Paula Williams made the playground a reality for our children. Our senior class have planned a number of fundraising stalls for the day including sliders, fruit kebab and other tasty items. We welcome the community to pop in to our school at any point during this day.

Room 4 had an exciting trip with Divezone Whitianga to Hahei where they snorkelled around Gemstone Bay and kayaked to Cathedral Cove. It was an experience loved by all students and they were most excited to have spotted an eagle ray while snorkelling as well as a shark whilst kayaking. We were most proud of our students' enthusiasm and willingness to take responsible risks, making the most of every opportunity despite this being outside of a few comfort zones!

All of our students are practicing for our upcoming performance at the "Taste of Matarangi" festival and they can't wait to perform in front of such a large audience. Our three head students for 2015 are Briar, Sheridan and Ben and they will lead the teams competing in the cook-off. We know they will have some tasty and inventive surprises for Andy on the day.



Mason Grice and Harry Blyth kayaking to Cathedral Cove

We now have a solicitor in Coromandel town every Tuesday



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Kiwi Can

"Kia Ora Tatou Katoa" from the Kiwi Can team.

On Thursday 19 February our awesome Leader Cody Richardson had his last day as a Kiwi Can leader. Although we are going to miss Cody for his fabulous energy and awesomeness, I would like to thank him for being such a great role model to all our tamariki and wish him all the best for his next adventure in his career.

To help replace Cody we have had Gemma Lee start as our new Kiwi Can leader, so welcome to the team Gemma. Hope you enjoy your experience as a Kiwi Can leader.



Gemma Lee preparing catchphrase posters to hang in our Kiwi Can classrooms

In our lessons this term we have been discussing with the students the importance of Positive Communication and how our words and tone of voice can make a big difference on how someone else can relate or react to us and how this can affect our friendships. We have also been practicing co-operation through our activities and learning that we all need to work together even

though we may all have different ideas and views.

By the time this Chronicle reaches you, we will have completed Term One for the year and will be preparing our lesson plans for Term Two.

We wish all our students at Coromandel Area School, Colville School and Thames South School a wonderful holiday and we will see you all in Term Two.

Nga mihi nui from Marlene, Jamie, Nadia, Gemma and Natalie.
kiwican@cilt.org.nz.

You are now able to donate to the FYD Kiwi Can Coromandel Programme directly through the FYD website.....go to www.fyd.org.nz/donate, click on Kiwi Can, choose Coromandel as the region, and know that your donation no matter how big or small is going to our Coromandel Region for our local tamariki. Your donation will be invaluable in continuing this worthwhile and much-loved programme. We are still seeking interested parties to sponsor FYD Kiwi Can Coromandel.

The FYD Coromandel Kiwi Can programme is managed by the Coromandel Independent Living Trust, officially sponsored by Sanford Ltd and supported by The Lion Foundation, the Grassroots Trust, Sky City Community Trust, New Zealand Community Trust (NZCT), Thames Community Board and Driving Creek Railway Ltd.



2015 Coromandel Peninsula Youth Awards call for nominations

The Thames Youth Forum, alongside the Coromandel Peninsula Youth Collective and in partnership with Thames Coromandel District Council, the Thames Youth Centre, Population Health, the Ministry of Youth Development and other supportive community groups, are proud to present the 2015 Coromandel Peninsula Youth Awards.

The call for nominations for the youth awards opened on 27 February. Nominations are open to those aged 12-24 years, whose activity/s, project/s, or roles took place between March 2013 and March 2015. Nominees must have been living in the Thames Coromandel District at the time.

Nomination forms can be found at local libraries, TCDC offices, and local area/high schools or online at www.tcdc.govt.nz/youth-awards. Forms can be submitted into nomination boxes at local libraries, TCDC offices, and local area/high schools or can be emailed to thamesyouthcentre@xtra.co.nz or posted to Thames Youth Centre, P.O. Box 608, Thames.

The call for nominations will close on

17 April. Finalists will be recognised and winners will be announced at the Coromandel Peninsula Youth Awards ceremony on **23 May** at the Thames Civic Centre in Thames. 23 May is the beginning of Youth Week 2015 and this year's theme is "We are the Future".

Although there have been youth awards in the area in the past, this is the first awards of this kind and it is hoped that the awards will be held every two years and hosted by different communities around the Peninsula each time.

The members of the Coromandel Peninsula Youth Collective work towards creating opportunities for youth in their communities and ensuring youth have a voice. As 2015 hosts the Thames Youth Forum are interested in showcasing the amazing positive contributions young people do make in our district. It is important to value young people's creativity, empathy, and leadership while also recognising the challenges they sometimes face just trying to contribute and make a difference. It is important to note that these awards

do not include a sports category because Sport Waikato already hosts excellent sports awards in the area.

The Thames Youth Forum would like to passionately encourage anyone out there that is part of a youth project/s or knows of young people striving to make a difference in their communities to nominate, nominate, nominate!



Coromandel Peninsula Youth Collective representatives from the Thames, Whangamata, and Whitianga Youth Forums alongside some of the members of the Coromandel Peninsula Youth Supporters Network from the Thames Youth Centre, Thames Coromandel District Council, Whitianga Youth Space, CAPS Hauraki, and Population Health

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Arts



Val Gray concentrating so hard she didn't see the camera zooming in!

Art Group

By Lindsay Nicholls

The art group have been painting out in the lovely weather we have been having. We have sat at Jack's Point, Oamaru Bay, Kik Bay, and McGregor's Bay to paint and draw for the morning. We will continue to do so until the weather dictates otherwise, then we will be in the comfort of the hall again. We have a few tutors planned for us during the cooler months as well. It is great to see our two patrons pop in now and again to see us and join us. Lovely to see you Betty and Eva and may you both keep well so you can visit us when you can.

A Winter Sing

By Anna Horne

The Mercury Bay Community Choir, a group of up to 35 singers based in Whitianga invites other Coromandel Peninsula singers to join them for their 2015 massed choir project, "A Winter Sing" which will culminate in a Whitianga Town Hall Concert on **Saturday 18 July**.

Guest Director is Dr James Niblock, Assistant Professor of Music and Director of Choral Activities at the boutique, liberal arts-focussed Allegheny College, Meadville, Pennsylvania, USA.

Our first "massed choir project" with James was in 2008, where 55 singers of all ages and levels of ability, aided by choir practices and, for those outside of Whitianga, by practice CD's, learning a repertoire chosen by James. Five days out from the public performance James flew in from the US to work intensively with the choir to polish the pieces. The resulting concert performed in Whitianga to an audience of 300 was of an astonishing calibre and the experience for all involved was one of rich learning and joy. James returned in 2010 and now, in 2015, the Mercury Bay Community Choir has again engaged James to direct a massed choir.

As one of the organisers I am absolutely certain this will be another outstanding choral and community experience. We know there are some fabulous voices over in the Coromandel and Colville region and hope we can tempt them over to join us. James has the ability to bring out the best in us...you never knew you could sing so well! If anyone is interested please don't hesitate to make contact.

The event is open to all singers aged 12 years and over. No music reading ability is required. Early bird registrations close **30 April**. Fees have been kept low to ensure wide participation: Adults \$60, students \$30.

Anna Horne – anna.horne@callplus.net.nz 021 022 21389 or (07) 866 4637.
Jan Wright – janandjohnwright@extra.co.nz 027 224 1927 or (07) 867 1309

Coromandel Community Arts Council Hauraki House Gallery

By Chris Stark

The Easter Exhibition finishes off our summer season. We have some wonderful artists that live here and it is always a pleasure to see what they are producing with exhibitions.

Creative Waikato and TCDC recently held a very successful meeting with artists from all over the peninsula. Hamilton City Council is the only place in the country that has an arts strategy but Creative Waikato and our Council are exploring the idea of creating one for the Coromandel Peninsula. The meeting was an initial discussion so no decisions have been made as yet, and certainly no funding allocated, but it is recognised that the art scene is of significant importance to the economic, social and cultural well-being of the peninsula community. A working party will be set up with a view to making recommendations to Council.

The "pop-in drop-in" days at the gallery will start again for the winter on **Tuesday 5 May**. If you feel like some company, do come along. Doors open from 10am to 3pm but come at any time that suits you. Most of us were working on our unfinished projects but as those are now mostly finished I suspect a few new projects will be starting. Or just come along and chat. If you need a lift let us know.

For more details ring Sue or Chris (07) 866 7039 or 029 777 0265. If you are planning an exhibition for next year, don't forget to confirm your bookings. Check out our Facebook page for reports on exhibitions and upcoming events. Facebook: Hauraki House Gallery

Coromandel Writers' Group

By Sue Gilmer

This month we have a lot to cover as, into the rhythm of the day, we also have an AGM to fit in.

Our first exercise is spent in spontaneous writing. The starter phrase this month was "the for sale sign struck her...". Unexpected memories and emotions rose from the past as we worked our way through our allocated 20 minutes. Donna wrote of setting out to buy an apple and returning home instead with an older pre-hatch-back Ford Capri. Sue wrote of how the gathering of possessions can become shackles rather than pleasures which can subtly erode away that sense of freedom, while Megan travelled through the mixed emotions of sadness alongside the excitement of looking forward to the new opportunities which putting your house on the market can bring. All quite thought provoking.

Next comes the sharing and recommending of books and poems. Gayle brought along several poems written in the haiku style. These consist of just 3 lines, the 1st line containing 5 syllables, the 2nd line 7 syllables and the 3rd line back to 5. This sounded like a challenge that we were up for and soon silence hit the room as we moved into deep concentration.

The ground rises up
The grass beneath my feet firm
Breath up, all is well

Lunch was spent dodging the rain then it was back to work to read out our homework.

The often dreaded word AGM rose next. Not so in this case. Being a new member, one of the aspects of this group which I am most appreciating is the quality of listening which the members show towards each other, allowing discussion to flow easily and decision making to happen naturally. One point discussed during the AGM is the number of participants which the group feel is workable. We have decided to increase this from 12 to 15 members. This means that we now have space for new members. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Barbara (number below).

The homework set for this month which you may like to try for yourself, is "As the moon disappeared..."

Our next meeting is Thursday 9 April and will be held at Barbara's home. She can be contacted on (07) 866 8299

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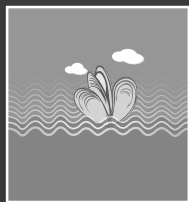


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Long Term Plan – Capital Projects

To find all the capital projects that are being proposed for the Coromandel-Colville area, check out the 'Schedule of Capital Expenditure Projects by Area' document.

You can take a look at the whole document on our website: www.tcdc.govt.nz/ltp

Here's a snapshot of some of the projects being proposed for Coromandel-Colville:

- Coromandel Harbour facilities development for growth in aquaculture, tourism, recreational opportunities and improved commuter access to and from Auckland through a fast ferry service.
- The Coromandel Northern By-Pass (see pages 29-30 of the consultation document).

It's great if you can make a submission if you agree or disagree on anything we're proposing. It helps our Council make a better, more informed decision if you are for or against anything signalled in the LTP.

Support for Volunteering Fund

A new funding round for the Support for Volunteering fund has opened with \$500k of funds available to volunteering groups. Organisations applying for funds are required to have legal entity status, appropriate governance and management structures and processes in place.

Visit www.communitymatters.govt.nz for more information.

Creative NZ Local Arts – April 2015 Funding Round

Applications are invited from any group, organisation or individual for the Creative Communities New Zealand local arts funding scheme.

Applications are available from our offices or on our website:

www.tcdc.govt.nz/ccs from 1 April 2015.

Total funding available this round: \$11,500.

Applications close at 4pm on Friday, 30 April 2015.

Business Case to Council in May

The Business Case for the development of the Coromandel Harbour Facilities will be presented to Council in May.

A draft Business Case has been completed but under the guidance of Central Government's Better Business Case Model we now want to go through some final checks and balances before presenting it to Council.

The draft Business Case will be reviewed by an internal review team before being presented to our Coromandel Harbour Stakeholders Working Group and Council's Economic Development Committee before the final cut goes to Council.

"The presentation of the business case to Council is another milestone and decisional point for this major and complex project," says Greg Hampton, Coromandel Harbour Project manager "The business case will inform our thinking on the scale, investment requirements and timeframes to enable the achievement of improved harbour infrastructure to satisfy future needs," says Mr Hampton.

The draft Business Case focuses on the possibility of a half-metre dredging of Furey's Creek for charter boats and recreational boaties, and a dredged basin concept in the Coromandel inner Harbour. It also looks at building specific relationships with Regional and Central Government stakeholders to examine key issues such as harbour contamination, infrastructure upgrades and consenting processes.

The draft Business Case builds on the

Coromandel Harbour Facilities Project Strategy Document signed off by Council in August 2014. Go to www.tcdc.govt.nz/coroharbourproject

It also draws from the experience and knowledge obtained during the course of the Coromandel Waterways Marina development consent application process and the Aquaculture Wharfing Infrastructure study of 2010/11.

Sugarloaf Wharf/Te Kouma update

Alongside the Draft Business Case Council has already approved commencing work on the expansion of the Sugarloaf Wharf at Te Kouma, which is currently used by both the Aquaculture industry and recreational boating groups. In August 2014 Council approved the start of resource consent applications to expand Sugarloaf Wharf to serve the aquaculture industry and address health and safety and congestion issues.

The Coromandel Harbour Facilities Project

The Coromandel Harbour Facilities Project aims to address commercial, community, cultural, social and environmental aspects of the Coromandel Harbour so we can try to best meet everyone's needs and aspirations.

It is also looking at how we might be able to develop infrastructure to allow for a fast ferry from Auckland will also have major economic benefits for the entire Coromandel District.

To read more about the Coromandel Harbour Facilities Project go to

www.tcdc.govt.nz/coroharbourproject

ANZAC DAY PARADE AND MEMORIAL SERVICES

The public are invited to attend ANZAC Parades and Memorial Services on Saturday 25 April 2015 at the following locations:

COROMANDEL:

- 5.45am Dawn Parade – from Coromandel Citizens Hall, Kapanga Road, Coromandel, followed by service at the Memorial Reserve, 355 Kapanga Road, Coromandel and breakfast at Coromandel Citizens Hall
- 10.00am Civic Parade – from Coromandel Citizens Hall, Kapanga Road, Coromandel, followed by service at the Memorial Reserve, 355 Kapanga Road, Coromandel and morning tea at Coromandel Citizens Hall

All descendants of returned service personnel are welcome to participate in the parades.

Returned service personnel are asked to wear their medals and decorations.

Descendants of returned service personnel marching in the parades are asked to wear medals on the right upper portion of their apparel.



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Arts continued

Colville Arts Festival 2015

By Ella and Steve

Colville Arts Festival 2015 at the Colville Hall and surrounding grounds opens with art exhibition in the hall on Easter **Friday 3 April** at 7pm. The festival consists of an art show, music, comedy, various workshops and performances by local children and musicians. The programme is available from the Coromandel Town Information Centre, but for those who wish to read on, below is a detailed account of such.

Opening night **Friday 3 April** at 7pm – this is art presented by many local artists, plus a guest artist from Auckland, an ex Colville resident, who is a leading New Zealand glass artist. Large sculptures will be on show. A seven panel painting which measures 4,800x1,800mm and numerous other art objects from jewellery, fine art prints, painting on feathers, pottery, flax weaving, woodwork, etc. This arts show will run for the full duration of the festival, open daily from 10am to 4pm, closing on **Sunday 12 April**.

Saturday 4 April – workshops start with a felting workshop 9.30am-5pm with Raewyn Penrose, a professional felter, from Coromandel town.

Sunday 5 April – two harakeke workshops, one for children run by Briar Van Dort and one

for adults run by Nici Greulich. Please be sure to register for workshops in advance if possible. Numbers are limited for some.

Easter Monday 6 April – Family Fun Fair 10am-4pm, kids being the main focus. Activities include: artwork from recycled materials, run by Geva Downey from the Auckland Art Gallery; origami workshop; henna tattooing; archery using bush materials run by our experienced archer Tim Fuller; plus general fun for the little ones. Bring a picnic lunch. Two large mural boards for anybody to paint on will be set up for the duration of the festival. Old clothes provided for the messy painters.

Tuesday 7 April – More workshops: A four-hour songwriting workshop run by professional Auckland musician Vicki Millar, for all levels; come with a song if you like + instrument;; a detailed 8-step approach to song writing will be presented to you. An a cappella workshop of one-hour duration by Stephanie McKee. First Movie Night, 6pm, consisting of a short movie by James Muir. Then, "Life Stylers" with a commentary by Peter Rutherford.

Wednesday 8 April – Songwriting workshop again by Vicki Millar for children, 8 to 12 years, one-hour duration. A Variety Show starting 4pm. Many acts are planned which include participation by local children and musicians. More acts can be considered.

We have a couple of spare slots. Contact Steve 021 711 489.

Thursday 9 April – Workshops: Landscape drawing, run by Leonie Campbell – all ages welcome; beading workshop by Tara Homan – all ages.

Friday 10 April – Mosaic workshop 10am-4pm – run by Tash Norton – all ages. Friday evening – Second Movie Night – a showing of Z Nail Gang 6pm.

Saturday 11 April – The biggest day of all with an Improvisation workshop 1pm, all welcome, run by The Improv Bandits, who will perform later in the evening; a one-hour Comedy Show – not to be missed! These fellows play at the renowned International Edinburgh Festival and many others around the world. Three bands: Good Gracious Annie, blue grass music, from Kuaotunu, The Echo OHs, an Auckland trio, psychedelic cowboy rock, and Royal Falcon a six-piece hot as... Auckland band. All worth seeing. The Saturday music and comedy event begins at 3pm till late. Food will be available. Entry koha.

Sunday 12 April – 12pm, a Book Launch/signing + Q&A by Lindsay Garmson – *The Intriguing Story of Coromandel Granite*, followed by a closing Tea Party for the artists and friends of the festival to get together and swap any ideas for next year's Festival 2016.

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Environmental

Moehau Environment Group

By Natalie Collicott

I have had several people ask me recently; in regard to predator control why not let nature run its course? The simple answer: introduced pests such as possums, stoats and rats are whittling away our wildlife, placing them in danger of extinction. Our plants and animals lack defences to deal with mammalian predators. The leaves of our plants do not contain poisons to deter browsing mammals, and many of our birds and insects have lost the ability to fly. With possums numbering nearly 30 million in New Zealand, they are causing destruction on a catastrophic scale, chomping on wide swaths of forest, and killing millions of birds and chicks a year. To do nothing would be to seal the fates of much of our unique flora and fauna.

We are in the thick of planning a possum and rodent control operation in our Coast to Coast buffer, a 1325-hectare strip of land that stretches between Otautu Bay on the west coast to Waikawau Bay on the east. It has been a few years since any possum control was done in this area, and signs of possum browse on the pohutukawa and kohekohe are noticeable. Less noticeable are the impacts of rats,



which will be munching some of our most vulnerable native animals and their eggs, and gobbling back native fruit and seedlings each night. This April and May we aim to knock down these predators to give native trees and animals a reprieve from the onslaught, and increase bird and fledgling survival rates. Wish us luck!

Help Count Kiwi This Winter

Moehau Environment Group are beginning to plan our 2015 Kiwi Listening Census and we're looking for kiwi listening volunteers to take part. You need to be available for at least three nights during May to July.

In 2005 we conducted a census of 27 listening sites to help give us a baseline for our kiwi population. Results from that survey indicated that the kiwi population within our Kiwi Sanctuary was around 160 birds. 10 years later, we now have an opportunity to repeat this census to see how kiwi are benefiting from all the pest control undertaken on their behalf.

What can volunteers expect?

There are 21 sites inside our Kiwi Sanctuary (near Colville), and a further 6 sites between Papa Aroha and the 309 Rd that we would like to survey. Each site needs to be surveyed for two hours, on three separate nights. So a minimum of six hours' listening over three nights would be expected. Kiwi listening involves sitting very quietly in the dark and cold for two hours at a designated site, silently waiting for kiwi that may or may not call. We'd love you to be involved! For more info or to sign up, email me.

Moehau Environment Group is a non-profit volunteer organisation dedicated to the protection and enhancement of the natural environment of the northern Coromandel. For more info or to get involved please get in touch with Natalie Collicott, MEG Coordinator (07) 866 5337. Email: natalie@meg.org.nz or go to www.meg.org.nz

Bush Bites

You've all heard of "sound bites", now our MEG trappers want to share some "bush bites"-inspiring encounters with nature they've had while out in the bush.

"I got a fright today when I opened up a stoat box and two skinks ran out, leaving their wriggling tails behind"

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Vandalism at the Waiomu Kauri walk on the Thames Coast causes concern

Staff at the Department of Conservation's Hauraki/ Coromandel office are concerned that the Kauri dieback cleaning facility at the Waiomu Kauri walk has twice been vandalised.

The cleaning station is at the start of the Waiomu Kauri walk and has been constructed to reduce the spread of the Kauri dieback disease (*Phytophthora agathidis*) which has recently been discovered on the Coromandel Peninsula.

DOC's Services manager Bridget Baynes said the cleaning station consists of a sixty litre black plastic barrel that holds a hospital grade disinfectant, with a hose and drench gun attached to it, over a metal grill with stiff brushes.

"It is designed for visitors to rinse all soil off their boots and then scrub the boots on the brushes to prevent the spread of the Kauri dieback, which is carried by contaminated soil".

"The black tank has twice been slashed open and the small hose to the drench gun has been cut once, resulting in the station being inoperable," Bridget Baynes said.

"Both times Department staff have repaired the station however currently the station is not in use as we are waiting for replacement supplies to rectify the situation."

Bridget Baynes said further vandalism in the area included cutting down of a Kauri ricker fifteen minutes into the walk, and a smiling face was carved into the exposed stump.

The Department would appreciate anyone with knowledge of these incidents to contact the DOC Hauraki office.

In addition to maintaining the cleaning stations, the Department has constructed five bridges along the track in the last six months meaning that all walkers now don't need to get their feet wet or cross any streams.

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Environmental continued

Closure of Long Bay track – kauri tested for dieback disease

The Long Bay Kauri track, which features an iconic 1200-year-old tree, has been temporarily closed by Thames-Coromandel District Council as a precaution following soil sampling for kauri dieback disease and concerns raised by local members of the Coromandel Kauri Dieback Forum.

Soil samples taken at the end of February by Jeanie Allport, a member of the national kauri dieback programme's operations team, identified a symptomatic bleed on a significant kauri tree situated adjacent to the track.

The samples are being analysed to determine whether kauri dieback is present and the results are not yet clear.

Kauri dieback is a soil-borne disease that infects and kills the fine feeding roots of kauri and is

spread by soil movement from animals, from people walking into forests without cleaning their boots and gear, as well as by machinery. Non-vector spread also occurs through natural soil/water transmission. Once the tree is infected it will eventually die as there is no known cure.

Infected trees have been found on Great Barrier Island, Northland, Auckland and in two areas of the Coromandel including the DOC-managed Hukarahi block near Whitianga and on private property in the Whangapoua catchment.

Members of the Coromandel Kauri Dieback Forum met recently in Coromandel in an effort to establish a local action group focused on awareness of the disease and its potential spread. It was following this meeting that the forum relayed concern to authorities that people are ignoring signage and failing to use the cleaning station at the

entrance to the Long Bay track.

Sue Wright, a member of the forum and president of the Upper Coromandel branch of Forest and Bird, said numerous visitors had been seen entering the track after bypassing the boot cleaning station, and there was also concern over people climbing over railings to get closer to the kauri trees.

Following this, Jeanie Allport reviewed the use of cleaning stations at either end of the Long Bay Kauri Walk in response to the group's concerns and identified a symptomatic bleed on the walk's iconic 1200-year-old tree.

Coromandel Kauri Dieback Forum members have applauded the quick action by TCDC and Mrs Allport to shut the track temporarily.

Says Mrs Wright: "Forest and Bird are very pleased at the decision to close the track, especially with Easter just

around the corner and with people ignoring the need to stick to the tracks. The challenge now is to ensure people adhere to the closure and I think education is key."

Keith Stephenson, a member of the forum's management group, says it is up to everyone to help our kauri now by staying out of the track, cleaning gear before entering the bush and letting others know to do the same.

"If we don't help our kauri trees, who will?" he says.

The forum is a grassroots organisation of volunteers and recently appointed a co-ordinator to help anyone concerned about kauri dieback to establish local networks committed to fighting kauri dieback disease. If you are interested in joining contact Alison Smith on (07) 864 7553.

Derek Thompson, TCDC's Parks and Reserves Manager, says the reserve at Long Bay is perfect for visitors to learn good behaviours regarding kauri dieback, with cleaning stations and signage at the track's entrance. "However it is disappointing that not all visitors are heeding the advice to stay off the kauri roots."

TCDC opted to close the walk until such time as the results from the soil sampling have been returned. "This is a precautionary approach. The results of the soil sampling will assist in determining the future management of this walk," he says, adding: "Don't rely solely on cleaning stations being present at all track entrances. The best action to take is to get into the habit of cleaning your boots and equipment before and after entering the bush."

All conservation is local

By Jeff Williams

"All conservation is local" – A world-famous-in-Boston politician didn't say that, but he could have had he only been a conservationist instead.

Tip's ideal is brought to mind because while I sit and type, instead of Whanganui, I'm admiring Amami Oshima – an island about 400 km south of the mainland of Japan and home to some unique and endangered species. (Sound familiar?) In this case however, those species include a rabbit and the hapu – a lethally poisonous snake. And so humans, in an act of self-preservation, introduced the mongoose to kill the snakes. Mongoose aren't dumb. They quickly learned that the snakes would bite back (and often win). Meanwhile, the rabbits made an easier and more satisfying meal. And so now the endemic Amami Rabbit is endangered by the wildly successful mongoose.

I can visualize the Japanese conservation volunteers, hacking their way through the thick forest, moving from mongoose trap to mongoose trap, all the time hoping not to see a hapu. I love the irony, but for me, I'd much rather be tramping through the bush, hacking away at gorse, and setting traps to kill stoats on the odd chance that I might, maybe, someday just encounter a small flightless bird – instead of something that might kill me.

So pity the poor conservationist on Amami Oshima and show your solidarity by joining the Coromandel Kiwi Project. We offer hours of delightful diversion tramping through the hills above Coromandel town. And while I can't promise a close encounter of the kiwi kind, I can promise that you won't stumble over a deadly snake.

We're starting to think about our annual kiwi call count. Each June we spend a few evenings at chosen locations listening for and logging any kiwi calls. I'll have details next month.

If you're interested in joining us for this or any of our other silly habits, contact CoromandelKiwiProject@meg.org.nz



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Sport

Coromandel Golf Club

By Peter Gray



The Coromandel Golf Club had the opportunity to showcase its Golf Course, facilities and hospitality to visiting golfers over the past few weeks. On Sunday 22 February the Club hosted the 1st Rd of the Peninsula Goldfields competition with six teams competing. On Sunday 15 March the Club hosted the 3rd round of the Div4 Championship Pennants with eight teams from the Waikato competing.

The Championship Pennants team used their home course knowledge to have a comfortable win over Tahuna 6.5/2.5. This added to their 1st round win, however, the team came out on the wrong end of some close contests to lose the 2nd round to Pirongia.

The Handicap Pennants Team is not enjoying the same success going down in Rd1 at Te Aroha and Rd2 at Cambridge

The Prebble Cup Team had a great win over Huntly at Tahuna on Sunday 8 March. The Team was down 5/3 with Huntly enjoying some early celebrations, however, the Coromandel won the next 4/0 in the afternoon to win 7/5. A special mention must go to Graeme McGowan who was called upon to cover a late withdrawal and, playing well below his handicap in the seniors, had a great win to spark a team revival.

The mixed Goldfields Team (5x Ladies' & 5x Mens') also had a resounding win at home in Rd1 with Jenny Coatsworth having the best Stableford score on the day with 46pts. The team found the competition a little tougher at Mercury Bay in Rd2 on Sunday 15 March. The Team is still in 2nd place overall with the final round at Purangi on 17 May.

The ladies also started their Pennants campaign well, lying 2nd after the first round at Hauraki, with the next round at Whangamata on 30 March.

In Club competitions the Stroke Play Championship was played on Sat 28 February. The Seniors and Intermediates are played over 36 holes and the Juniors 27 holes. In the Seniors, the Verner Family Trophy was won by Chris Fielding. Ron Evans claimed the Dudson Family Trophy in the intermediates and Kevin O'Keefe took the O'Keefe Family Trophy in the Juniors.

The First Round of the Laurie Olliff trophy was played on Wednesday 25 February with Malcolm Stone, 40pts taking the major prize from Warren Taylor, 39pts.

The first two rounds of the Hekter Cup have been completed with Zim Mareroa 65, 67 leading at this stage from Kevin O'Keefe 65, 68. Graeme McGowan, Mark Burcombe, Robin Attwood, Hans Timmermans, Craig Dudson and Norm Davies have all had Sub 70 rounds and could challenge in the final round of the Best 2 of 3 round format.

Reminder April

Sunday 12 April – Championship Pennants Rd5 V Taumarunui @ Tahuna. Handicap Pennants @ Waihi

Sunday 19 April – Prebble Cup @ TBA

Saturday 25 April – King Trophy (P)

Sunday 26 April – Championship Pennants Rd 6 V Hauraki @ Taumarunui

Wednesday 29 April – Meat Pack – Laurie Olliff Trophy

Coromandel Gymnastics Club

By Jessica Dziwulska



We're back! Sessions will be starting up again in the second term, after the holidays, and we are rearing to go with a few new changes.

Gymnastics will now be held on Tuesdays and will start back on **21 April**, the first week of term two.

Our times have changed slightly. The junior group (4-6 years) will run from 3.45-4.30pm and the intermediate group (7 years plus) will start at 4.45pm and finish at 5.45pm. There are a few children who are ready for an extension group and they will join the intermediate group and then stay on for an extra half hour of extension work from 5.45-6.15pm. We will assess who is ready for this group in our first session back.

Our pricing structure is as follows: junior group \$7 casual or \$40 per term (8 sessions); intermediates \$55 (1 hour session), extension group \$65 (1.5 hour session). There are no casual prices available for the intermediate and extension groups and all fees must be paid by the second week of the term to ensure your child has a place in the club. Please phone Jessica on (07) 866 7066 or text 021 884 518 to register your child (places are now limited to ensure we can deliver the best and safest possible environment for each child).

Our coaches have been furthering their skills with ongoing training during term one and we have a full quota of coaches for this term. We are also excited to be working with Jamie Rose, the new kiwisport officer for Coromandel, and are hoping to receive a visit from NZGymsports kiwisport officer, Kerrie, at some point during the term. Kerrie has an extensive background in gymnastics and is keen to offer her support to our club.

For those interested in helping out we have many things that need doing, big and small and there is a job to suit every person and their availability. Let's make this club a real community effort and give our kids the best opportunities we can! We will be holding a coaching workshop (date to be confirmed) during the term and this would be a great opportunity for anyone keen to help out on the gym floor to come along, gain some skills, and increase their confidence.

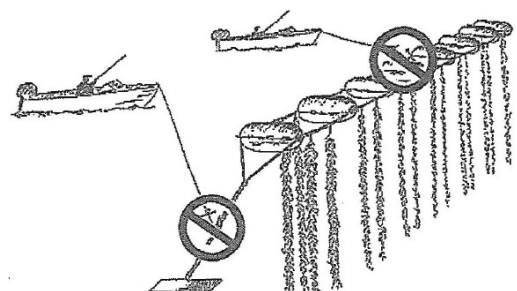
Keep an eye out for our Easter raffle (see Michelle Dent). We are constantly needing to raise money for more equipment so your help and support in this area is greatly appreciated.

See you on 21 April!

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Sport continued

Coromandel Swimming Club

By Debra Attwood

We recently hosted the Peninsula Combined Fun Carnival which is a swimming carnival open to swimmers from throughout the Waikato, the day was a hot and sunny and went extremely well. We would like to thank all the businesses that supported us with either spot prizes or donations. They were Pak'nSave Thames, Driving Creek Cafe, Bank of New Zealand Coromandel, Coromandel Four Square, Subway Whitianga, Coromandel Area School, Coromandel Pharmacy, Star & Garter Hotel, Pepper Tree Restaurant & Bar, Driving Creek Railway & Potteries, Mussel Barge Snapper Safaris, New Image Hair Salon, Coromandel Family Health Centre, Harcourts, Coromandel Garage G.A.S, Caelyx Ice Cream Parlour, Coromandel Takeaways, Weta Design Coromandel, Tidal Takeaways, Richardsons Real Estate, Coromandel Supermarket, Countdown Whitianga, Salty Towers, The Warehouse, Coromandel Fishing Club, Coro Pies, Umu Restaurant, Coromandel Smoking Company, Te Whare Kura o Manaia, Admirals Arms Hotel, The Chai Tea House, Morrissey Automotive Services, Relax & Revive Coromandel. We would also like to thank the parents and community members who helped out on the day; but most of all to the great swimmers we have. 31 of our club members competed on the day that for many was the first carnival they had attended. They achieved some great results and gained plenty of award ribbons.

The following weekend we held our annual fundraiser, our 24-hour swimathon. This event is a great team building exercise that sees all swimmers cheering on others, especially the younger swimmers. Our youngest was only 2 years old who swam a few lengths with her mum and the oldest was in their 70's. My highlights were Anna Stevenson swimming 350 lengths nonstop and Alexander Stone, 7 years old, swimming 32 lengths at 3am. Overall results: we swam a total of 8048 lengths or 201.2km. Most lengths nonstop: Anna Stevenson 350. Most lengths in 24 hours: Anna Stevenson 800; Sheridan O'Keeffe 666; Tarryn Hooper 522.

Thank you to all the people who sponsored our swimmers or made donations on the day.

Learn to swim classes have finished for the season and they were well attended. We are looking for anyone who would like to learn how to teach swimming to join our small group of volunteers; training is provided so if you are interested contact Debra.

We have also had swim meets in Fairfield and Thames, School swimming sports and Thames Valley swimming. Four swimmers just competed at the Waikato Juniors in Hamilton and came away with some good results with Kaiya Kerrison and Deveshh Bali both obtaining bronze medals in 100m butterfly and 200m freestyle respectively. Our swimmers are showing great improvements in their personal best times.

Congratulations to one of our swimmers, Tangaroa Lewis, who recently participated in the Mercury Bay Area School Swimming Sports. He competed in 12 races, won all of them and broke 11 school records in the process (some unbroken since the early 1990's).

Check out our Facebook (Coromandel Swimming Club) page for more details about events and results



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See meeting list for class times



Fishing Club

By Lindsay Nicholls

Shelly with her winning prize of travel – part of the Fabulous Flintstones team

It was great to be able to still run the Classy Chicks. We must thank a huge range of sponsors: Beady Eyes, Stapleton's, Pepper Tree Restaurant, Coro Fish and Dive, New Image Hair Design, Coromandel Pharmacy, Rex Brown drilling, Goldiggers, Coro Pies, Coro Meat Keeper, Weta Design, Richardson's Real Estate, Coro Supermarket, Mussel Kitchen, Star and Garter, Coastway Cutters, Harcourt's Real Estate, Coro Cafe, Munchie's Deli, Morrissey Motors, Success Cafe, Coro Garden Centre, Coro Four Square, Harbour View Motel, BMW Coombs Johnson, James and Turner, BNZ, Driving Creek Railway, Coro Gym, Coro Takeaways, Coro Refrigeration, Coromandel Boat Hire, Umu, Coro Holiday Park, Black Magic, Scenic Coast Bait, Avon, Tidewater, Berley Up Products, Coro Oyster Co, Anchor Lodge, Abbey Court, Wyuna Studio, Snapper Safaris, Hank burley man, Coro Cowboys Charters, Coro Fishing Adventures, Coro Mussel Barge Fishing, Jiggle Lures, Wayne Coupland. A big thank you to you all in making it a great success. Hope we didn't miss out anyone.

Classy Chick results

Heaviest snapper – Shavanna Davies 6.894kg; 2nd – Nikki Stephenson 4.257kg; 3rd – Jill Nicholls 4.226kg; Heaviest kahawai – Nikki Stephenson 2.611kg; Heaviest trevally – Tessa Riddle 2.915kg; Mystery Weight – Sammy Storey 1.804kg; Winner of average weight and \$1500 worth of travel – Shelly Little 1.194kg; Winners of the best dressed team – Fishing Fleet "complete with safety gear"; 2nd equal – Forget Me Knots/Fantail Babes.

The teams had a theme of F to comply to and well done to those that made the effort to dress up and add to the fun.

Most people walked away with a wonderful spot prize so again thanks to all our sponsors for their help. Fish of the month for the rest of March is kahawai and April is gurnard.

Fish of the month for February was Margaret Burnie with a kingi 8.815kg. Cheque is on its way to you. Next tournament on the calendar is Kids' comp **18 April**.

There is a Snapper only 1, 2, and 3rd for adults also on that day. All kids get a prize. Entries at Fish and Dive and Wyuna from the end of March.



"Fishing Fascinations" team at Classy Chicks

Coromandel Croquet Club

By Judy Bronlund

Our lawns really appreciated the recent rain. We are playing on Thursday afternoons as well as Tuesday and Saturday mornings. It is good to see the lawns having more use; new members or visitors are most welcome to join us at Woollams Avenue. Keith and crew are making a visible difference; thanks guys.

Contact Kaye (07) 866 8968 or Judy (07) 866 8637

Coromandel Bowling Club Newsletter – April 2015

The bowling season is drawing to a close at the end of April. At this time any renovations to the green are made ready for next season which starts in mid-September. As you can imagine, bowls does not stop, as all our neighbouring clubs Mercury Bay, Thames Coast and Thames (and other clubs even further away) have artificial greens that can be played on year round. All these clubs have matches and open tournaments throughout the winter to which our club members are invited. So if you would like to join our club, you would always be welcome to join in these games - contact any of the numbers below

Bowls is a way of meeting new friends. It is a game that is gentle, fun, and always played with a positive attitude, and where differing skill levels can be brought into the games

RSA Amalgamation - The discussions have now concluded between the two clubs. At all the meetings the discussions were very positive and constructive, which meant a lot was done in a very short space of time. There will now be General Meetings at both Clubs for members to vote on the amalgamation, and these will be in early May.

It is proposed to form a parent club called the Combined Clubs of Coromandel (CCC) of which the Bowling Club and RSA Club will be members. The idea being to use the building more as a social club but retain the member club's identities. New members have to join one of the member clubs. The parent club would be in financial control, but budget planning done collectively. At a later stage other interested clubs may join the CCC.

Film Club 2015 - The Film Club has started. Next films 8th & 22nd April at 7:30pm prompt. If you wish to find out what's coming on then please send Martin an email so I can put you on the Film Club mailing list. I will need your name, phone number and email address. Films are generally every fortnight and we run until the end of October. You are very welcome to join our very friendly and informal film nights.

Housie - in the afternoons - will be starting on Wednesday 28th April so ring Sharan 866 7760 for more details.

500 Club - will be starting again on Wednesday 6th May. Please contact Colin 866 8643.

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Seafood Tournament 2015 - Once again we had an amazing weekend with 112 bowlers coming from all over the country to have a fun weekend, lots to eat and drink, bowling every other hour, meeting old and new friends - all topped off with big prize money for winners in all sections. The weather forecast for Saturday was bad, but at start time at 9am the rain cleared and never returned. A big thank you to everyone who attended and a special thanks to all the sponsors and all those who contributed in any way to the success of the weekend. The overall Tournament winners below from left to right are Adam Haywood, Kevin Morris, Stephen Dumper and Mike Reid.



The **Club Championships** are fiercely contested during the season and the champs for 2014/15 are :

Ladies First!

Singles:

Lindsay Nicholls

Pairs:

Lindsay Nicholls and Vi King

Triples: Eunice Macdonald, Sue McNeil & Maureen Kimber

Fours: Shirley Stol, Eunice Macdonald, Maureen Kimber & Dianne Burton

Under 8 years Pairs: Irene Goss and Philippa Medlock

And now for the Men!

Singles:

Colin Gawith

Pairs:

Malcolm Burgess and Ray Yearbury

Triples: Colin Gawith, Paul Farrands & Ernie Groucott

Fours: Ray Yearbury, Malcolm Burgess, Barry Paterson & Reg Wright

Under 8 years Pairs: Reg Wright and Mike Martin

The Bowling Club would like to thank **Street Smart** for their help in clearing recyclable material from the club after our Seafood Tournament. Their help ensured a great weekend for everyone. Thank you **Street Smart**.



In Memory Of Graeme Eric Norgren

By Fran Norgren

Following the passing of Graeme on 7 February 2015, after a sudden illness, I would like to express my gratitude to the people of Coromandel who have offered their condolences for the loss of my husband, best friend and soul-mate.

Your cards, messages and hugs are truly appreciated. Graeme would be very humbled by the out-pouring of love and support, and the thoughts that people have shared with me.

When tragedy such as this happens, it is so good to be part of a community such as this one, where everyone looks out for each other.

Thank you to one and all.
Fran

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We don't know how lucky we are!

By Jocelyn Davey

Summer is over; the long sunny days, Swimming in rivers or wide blue bays.

Visitors everywhere and all their cars. I make the jam and fill the jars.

Most good things will come to an end; And Cyclone Pam drew near

Having battered Vanuatu And its capital, Port Vila.

It only sideswiped us, East Cape suffered most, We don't know how lucky we are!

Our new supermarket is going up. The autumn days will please

The winter codes are under way Hoping a win to seize,

And I like autumn very much It is a golden time.

So make the most of sunny days. Winter stands in line!

Living in this lovely place I thank each lucky star

We don't know how lucky we are!

Poetry SPOT

Coromandel Town weekly and monthly meetings

Every Monday

Coro Gym – aerobics, Charles St, contact Peg (07) 866 8635.....8am
 Mahamudra Centre, guided meditation in gompaa..... 8.30-9am
 Rudolf Steiner Kindergarten, Rings Rd, contact Kelly (07) 866 7794..... 8.30am-2m
 Coromandel Hikers Group, Hauraki House, contact Don & Anne (07) 866 8885..... 9am
 Colville Social Services Collective, Colville Hall, contact (07) 866 6920..... 9am-3pm
 Kohanga Reo o Kapanga, contact (07) 866 8417..... 9am-3pm
 Rudolf Steiner Playgroup, Rings Road, contact Kelly (07) 866 7794..... 9.30am-12.30pm
 Coro Gym – sit and be fit, Charles St, contact Peg (07) 866 8635..... 9.30am
 Aerobics low-high xtrng KiwiCan rooms, contact Evy (07) 866 8242..... 5.15-6.15pm
 Coro Gym – boxing/aerobics, contact Marty (07) 866 8635..... 5.30-6.15pm
 Shrinking Violets, contact Betsie (07) 866 7076..... 5.30pm
 Coro Contract Bridge, Coro Ambulance rooms, contact Natalie (07) 866 8422..... 7pm
 Four-part harmony singing, contact Sue (07) 866 8833..... 7.30pm

Every Tuesday

Homeschoolers gathering, contact Julene (07) 866 8005..... 8.30-9am
 Mahamudra Centre, guided meditation in gompaa..... 8.30am-1.30pm
 Rudolf Steiner Kindergarten, Rings Rd, contact Kelly (07) 866 7794..... 8.30am-1.30pm
 Colville Bay Early Learning Centre, rear Colville School, contact Alex (07) 866 8319..... 9am-3pm
 Coro Walking Group, Hauraki House car park contact Ruth (07) 866 7246..... 9am
 Swissball Training – Hi-Tech Health & Fitness, contact Marlene (07) 866 8019..... 9am
 Colville Social Services Collective, Colville Hall, contact (07) 866 6920..... 9am-3pm
 Kohanga Reo o Kapanga, contact (07) 866 8417..... 9am-3pm
 Music and Dance, Elim Church- Preschoolers Dance Group, contact Dawn (07) 866 8150..... 9.30-11am
 Coro Ladies Golf, Hauraki Rd, contact Peter (07) 866 7633..... tee off 10am
 Yoga, Colville Hall, contact (07) 866 6612..... 10am
 Croquet, Woollams Ave, contact Judy (07) 866 8637..... 9.45am
 Coromandel Playcentre, Woollams Ave, contact Debbie (07) 866 7119..... 10.30am-1pm
 Narcotics Anonymous meeting, Havalona Centre, contact 021 314 467..... 12 noon
 500 card session at the Bowling Club, contact (07) 866 8886..... 1pm
 Coro Cub Scouts, Scout Hall, Hauraki House, contact Abby Morgan 07 211 9790..... 4-6pm
 Aerobics non-impact cross training & stretching KiwiCan rooms, contact Evy (07) 866 8242..... 5.15-6.15pm
 Beginners Yoga with Becks, Coro Gym. Contact Becks 027 407 0079..... 5.20-6.35pm
 Coromandel Ambulance training, Ambulance Station, contact Felix (07) 866 8279..... 7-9pm
 Coro Motorcycle Club, Star & Garter, contact John (07) 866 6776..... 7-9pm
 Swissball Training – Hi-Tech Health & Fitness, contact Marlene (07) 866 8019..... 7pm
 Badminton, school gymnasium, racquets available, contact Josh 021 0839 7825 or Nadine 021 0839 7824..... 7pm

Every Wednesday

Dharma Gaia, Meditation, contact (07) 866 7995..... 6-7am
 Dharma Gaia, Sitting & Walking Meditation, contact (07) 866 7995..... 7.30-9pm
 Coro Gym – aerobics, Charles St, contact Peg (07) 866 8635..... 8am
 Mahamudra Centre, guided meditation in gompaa..... 8.30-9am
 Rudolf Steiner Kindergarten, Rings Rd, contact Kelly (07) 866 7794..... 8.30am-2pm
 Rudolf Steiner Nursery (<3s), Rings Rd, contact Kelly (07) 866 7794..... 8.30am-2pm
 Colville Bay Early Learning Centre, rear Colville School, contact Linda or Alex (07) 866 8319..... 9am-3pm
 Colville Social Services Collective, Colville Hall, contact (07) 866 6920..... 9am-3pm
 Kohanga Reo o Kapanga, contact (07) 866 8417..... 9am-3pm
 Coro Gym – sit and be fit, Charles St, contact Peg (07) 866 8635..... 9.30am
 Coromandel Playcentre, Woollams Ave, contact Debbie (07) 866 7119..... 9.45am-12.15pm
 Coro Gym – body sculpt, Charles St, contact Georgia (07) 866 8635..... 10.15-11.15am
 Tai Ji, Top Floor, Waikato Events Centre, contact Sol (07) 866 8971..... 10.30am
 Coromandel Golf Club – mens, Hauraki Rd, contact Peter (07) 866 7633..... tee off 12.30pm
 Scrabble Club, contact Joan for venue on (07) 866 7580..... 1pm
 Coro Tennis Club – club night, Tiki Rd, contact Gayle (07) 866 8063..... 4pm
 Wing Chun Kung Fu- Hong Kong Style, contact Chi Sau Club 027 283 0773..... 4.30-8.30pm
 Aerobics – hi/low, KiwiCan rooms CAS, contact Evy (07) 866 8242..... 5.15-6.15pm
 Running Group, meet at rugby club grounds, contact Mark 027 338 6697 or (07) 866 7660..... 5-6.15pm
 Coro Gym – step/LBT, Charles St, contact Georgia (07) 866 8635..... 5.30-6.30pm
 Circuit Training – Hi-Tech Health & Fitness, contact Marlene (07) 866 8019..... 7pm
 Yoga, Events Centre (behind 4 Square) \$8, contact Jessica (07) 866 8405..... 7-8.30pm
 Discussion night-optional pot luck dinner, Mahamudra Centre, contact (07) 866 6851..... dinner 6pm, meeting 7-8.30pm

Walking & sitting meditation, Dharma Gaia Centre, contact (07) 866 7995..... 7.30-9pm

Every Thursday

Mahamudra Centre, guided meditation in gompaa..... 8.30-9am
 Rudolf Steiner Kindergarten, Rings Rd, contact Kelly (07) 866 7794..... 8.30am-2pm
 Rudolf Steiner Nursery (<3s), Rings Rd, contact Kelly (07) 866 7794..... 8.30am-2pm
 Coro Walking Group, Hauraki House car park contact Ruth (07) 866 7246..... 9am
 Coro Art Group, St Andrews Church, contact Val (07) 866 8911..... 9am-12pm
 Colville Bay Early Learning Centre, rear Colville School, contact Linda or Alex (07) 866 8319..... 9am-3pm
 Kohanga Reo o Kapanga, contact (07) 866 8417..... 9am-3pm
 Meditation for Everyone, in Pyramid (behind Driving Creek Cafe)..... 10-11am
 Coro Community Garden, Glover St, contact Louis (07) 866 8866..... 2-4pm
 Service of the Word & Holy communion, St Colmans church, contact Jocelyn (07) 866 7126..... 5pm
 Last class for 2014 is 11 Dec, restart Feb 2015..... 5.15pm to 6.30pm
 Aerobics – step only, KiwiCan rooms CAS, contact Evy (07) 866 8242..... 5.15-6.15pm
 Swissball Training – Hi-Tech Health & Fitness, contact Marlene (07) 866 8019..... 7pm
 Quiz Night, Admiral's Arms, contact (07) 866 7069..... 7pm

Every Friday

Circuit Training – Hi-Tech Health & Fitness, contact Marlene (07) 866 8019..... 6am
 Coro Gym – aerobics, Charles St, contact Peg (07) 866 8635..... 8-9am
 Colville Bay Early Learning Centre, 3-4 yr olds, rear Colville School, contact Linda (07) 866 8319..... 9am-3pm
 Rudolf Steiner Kindergarten, Rings Rd, contact Kelly (07) 866 7794..... 8.30am-2pm
 Rudolf Steiner Nursery (<3s), Rings Rd, contact Kelly (07) 866 7794..... 8.30am-2pm
 Mahamudra Centre, guided meditation in gompaa..... 8.30-9am
 Colville Bay Early Learning Centre, rear Colville School, contact Linda or Alex (07) 866 8319..... 9am-3pm
 Kohanga Reo o Kapanga, contact (07) 866 8417..... 9am-3pm
 Yoga for everyone, Anglican Church Hall, contact Katie (07) 866 6612..... 9-10.30am
 Colville Services Collective, Colville Hall, contact (07) 866 6920..... 9am-3pm
 Coro Gym – sit and be fit, Charles St, contact Peg (07) 866 8635..... 9.30-10.30am
 Coromandel Playcentre, Woollams Ave, contact Debbie (07) 866 7119..... 9.45am-12.15pm
 Coro Tennis, Men's night, contact Gayle (07) 866 8063..... 4pm
 Crazy Horse Actors kids classes, age 10-12, contact Natalie (07) 866 7606..... 4.15-5.15pm
 Crazy Horse Actors kids classes, age 13-16, contact Natalie (07) 866 7605..... 5.30-6.30pm

Every Saturday

Mahamudra Centre, guided meditation in gompaa..... 8.30-9am
 Coro Tennis Club – juniors, Rings Rd, contact Gayle (07) 866 8063..... 9am
 Croquet, Woollams Ave, contact Judy (07) 866 8637..... 9.45am
 Coromandel Golf Club-club play, Hauraki Rd, contact Peter (07) 866 7633tee off 12.30pm
 Coromandel RSA, contact Ian (07) 866 7138 (winter 1st, 3rd & 5th Sat only)..... 4-10pm
 St Colmans Catholic Church-mass, Rings Rd, contact Frieda (07) 866 7872..... 5pm
 Prayers for dead and healing, Mahamudra Centre, contact (07) 866 6851..... 5-6pm

Every Sunday

Mahamudra Centre, guided meditation-in Gompaa, contact (07) 866 6851..... 10-10.30am
 Aerobics – step combo, KiwiCan rooms CAS, contact Evy (07) 866 8242..... 9-10am
 Elim Church Services, Rings Rd, contact Steve (07) 866 6900..... 10am-12 noon
 Coro Tennis Club-club play, Rings Rd, contact Gayle (07) 866 8063..... 2pm
 Swissball Training – Hi-Tech Health & Fitness, contact Marlene (07) 866 8019..... 2pm
 Circuit Training – Hi-Tech Health & Fitness, contact Marlene (07) 866 8019..... 4pm
 Prayers for dead and healing, Mahamudra Centre, contact (07) 866 6851..... 5-6pm
 Alcoholics Anonymous meeting Anglican Church Hall, contact 021 314 467..... 7.30pm

Monthly

1st Mon – Coro Patchwork & Quilters Ambulance rooms, contact Jill (07) 866 7484..... 9.30am-3.30pm
2nd Mon – Friendship Group, contact Jocelyn (07) 866 7101

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

3rd Mon – Alzheimer's Carers' Group, Retirement Village Hall, bring plate & koha, contact (07) 282 0453..... 10.30am

1st Tue – Coro Motorcycle Club general business John (07) 866 6776..... 7.30pm

2nd Tue – Coromandel/Colville Cmty Board, Council Chambers, contact (07) 866 1001..... 9am

2nd Tue – Public Trust, Harcourts, contact 0800 368 620..... by appt

1st Wed – Coro Embroiderers' Guild, Ambulance Station, contact Jill Wilson (07) 866 7484..... 10am-3pm

1st Wed – Lions Dinner Meeting, Ambulance Rooms: contact Jayne Lister (07) 866 7687..... 6pm

2nd Wed – Garden Circle, ph Julie Jensen for venue, (07) 866 7546..... 1pm

3rd Wed – Lions Business Meeting, Ambulance Rooms: contact Jayne Lister (07) 866 7687..... 7pm

4th Wed – RSA Women's Section, RSA lounge, contact Betty (07) 866 8192..... 1.30pm

2nd Thu – Coromandel Writers' Group, contact Margaret (07) 866 8862..... 10.30am-2.30pm

3rd Thu – Coromandel Poetry Group, contact Jocelyn Davey, (07) 866 7101..... 6pm

4th Thu – Coro SeniorNet, Trust Waikato Events Ctr, contact Loes (07) 866 8053..... 1.30pm

3rd Fri – Housie at Bowling Club, bar available, contact (07) 866 8886..... doors open 6.30pm, calling starts 7pm

1st Sat – Coro RSA, RSA Hall, contact Enrol (07) 866 8845..... 4-10pm

3rd Sat – Luncheon Ladies, contact Lorraine (07) 866 8144..... 12pm

3rd Sat – Coro RSA, RSA Hall, contact Enrol (07) 866 8845..... 4-10pm

1st Sun – Coro School of Mines & Historical Sty/Museum, contact (07) 866 8711..... 4pm

1st Sun – St Andrew's Union church service, Rings Rd, contact (07) 866 8633..... 10am

2nd Sun – Christ Church service, Tiki Rd, contact Barbara O'Reilly (07) 866 8299..... 10am

2nd Sun – Young Eagles, Tiki Rd, contact Lisa (07) 866 2055..... 9am

3rd Sun – St Andrews Union church service, Rings Rd, contact Hilda (07) 866 8633..... 10am




4th Sun – Christ Church service, Tiki Rd, contact Barbara O'Reilly (07) 866 8299..... 10am

5th Sun – Christ Church/St Andrew's share..... 10am

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MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
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6 Easter Monday - Public Holiday Easter Art Exhibition at Hauraki House ends	7 High tide 8.57am (2.7m), 9.23pm (2.8m) Low tide 2.42am (0.5m), 3.03pm (0.5m) ► Best bite 1.30am/pm	8 Film Club at the Bowling Club (see ad pg 33)	9 High tide 10.17am (2.7m), 10.44pm (2.7m) Low tide 4.03am (0.6m), 4.22pm (0.5m) ► Best bite 3am/pm	10 High tide 11pm (2.7m) Low tide 4.47am (0.6m), 5.03pm (0.5m) ► Best bite 4am/pm	11 Gallipoli Family Day in Thames Ceramic Art exhibition starts Coromandel Arts Tour weekend (see ad pg 7)	12 Colville Arts Festival ends (see pg 28) Coromandel Arts Tour weekend (see ad pg 7)
13 High tide 1.15am (2.7m), 1.35pm (2.6m) Low tide 7.26am (0.7m), 7.48pm (0.6m) ►► Best bite 6.30am/pm	14 High tide 2.16am (2.7m), 2.38pm (2.6m) Low tide 8.27am (0.6m), 8.53pm (0.6m) ► Best bite 7am/pm	15 High tide 3.18am (2.7m), 3.43pm (2.7m) Low tide 9.28am (0.5m), 9.58pm (0.5m) ► Best bite 8am/pm	16 Coromandel Town Chronicle DEADLINE for May issue Mexican dinner at Castle Rock Cafe (see ad pg 22)	17 Poppy Day (see pg 4)	18 Kids' fishing competition (see pg 32) Coromandel Arts Tour weekend (see ad pg 7)	19 Coromandel Arts Tour weekend (see ad pg 7) Coromandel Music Society present Sisters of Swing (see pg 4)
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