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Editor's comments

I am currently in England and the sun is shining outside while I work.

However spring must be on its way in New Zealand with Daffodil Day coming up on 26 August (see pg 20), along with the Daffodil Day Golf Tournament on 20 August (see pg 28).

I have been interested in the UK referendum result and it certainly helps to be over here to get the fullest news on what it going on. We all wait to see the implications the referendum result has for the UK and the rest of the world.

Debbie

Letters

Thank you

Dear Editor,

We would like to thank all those who contributed food, kindness, aroha and support when our dear mum, Margaret Syddall passed away on the 29 June 2016 surrounded by her family.

Please accept this as our thank you to all. We are missing her very much, but grateful that she is now at peace and pain free.

Trudy Moody, Vincent Syddall, Rita Stephenson and all our siblings and extended families.

Superb performance

Letter to the Editor,

I was lucky enough to attend the final performance of the Coromandel Players' wonderful play "Bothered and Bewildered". The delightful little theatre was jam-packed and, once I'd gotten over the envy I felt at Coromandel having such a gorgeous performance venue, I settled in to my seat a little uncertain of what I was about to watch.

The opening scene, in the consulting room, made me uncomfortable until I realised it was meant to. The acting was that good that the discomfort experienced by the daughters discussing their mother's worsening dementia was well conveyed to the audience. The unease continued as the nature of Mum's condition unfolded before us and, whilst I appreciated the calibre of the acting, it felt as though we were in for a grim time. Not so!

Barbara O'Reilly was outstanding as Irene, initiating humorous moments to release the tension in the room...and I genuinely thought Barbara Cartland had been reincarnated, so convincing was Anne Zeeland in a darling role. Liz Cameron and Debbie Morgan played beautifully off each other and the empathy from the audience, for the situation the sisters found themselves in, was palpable. A genuine highlight for me was the flashback scenes with Taylor Port as Shelley dancing across the stage with her handsome beau...and again later when the sad truth is revealed of a son lost. I'm sure I wasn't the only one moved to wipe away tears at Irene's frustrations and fear...superbly portrayed with so much heart and emotion.

Fair to say I was blown away and can't wait for Coromandel Players' next production.

Bouquets all round!

Deli Connell, Whitianga

Re: Apology to the Regional Council

Dear Editor,

Regarding Clyde Graf's "Apology to the Regional Council" that appeared in your last edition that was instead a very angry, irrational rant against the use of 1080.

Mr Graf's misdemeanor within the Waikato Regional Council for which his apology was required actually had nothing to do with the argument for or against 1080. Rather, it was about his complete ignorance and contempt for democratic process and convention that had reached a level that created serious dysfunction.

That being as it may, his claims that 1080 was being dropped directly into most Waikato waterways and was poisoning ten of thousands of acres of Waikato land were not only irrelevant to the argument, but exaggerated nonsense not backed up by any objective evidence.

And to link these dodgy claims by crafty word association to the "killing of 40 small children" represents one of the most shabby political acts I have ever witnessed.

While Mr Graf does at least admit that he needs to visit Democracy Services for guidance, I doubt that will achieve much given his obvious lack of self reflection and meaningful regard for the truth.

I also find it worrying that John Veysey displays the same problems. It is simply not economically feasible or practicable to only trap possums nationwide. Repeated statements made by the Government backed by genuine scientific research shows that is the truth. And trapping rats and mice without any use of poison will achieve even less. It would be like you or I trying to mow a 10 acre lawn in an hour by picking out the tops of every blade of grass with our fingertips.

I don't like poisons and the effects they create any more than John. However, there is a need to balance that with the facts that: a) unless they are used selectively, our environment and ecosystems will eventually suffer irrevocably and b) that science is continually improving and providing better, more humane poisons for the control of possums, rats, mice and stoats.

Dal Minogue, Whitianga and Tuatēawa



Breach of Convenants

Hi Debbie,
We have a big red blob on our landscape on Koromike Drive.

This is an industrial/commercial shed which has also been classed as a dwelling. Length 21 metres, width 10 metres.

We have been in touch with TCDC and they say the planning department undertook a planning check of the building consent and determined that the proposed shed is a permitted activity under the Thames-Coromandel Operative District Plan. And the proposal also includes a shipping container.

We explained that we have private land covenants and this is breaking several of them and this is a residential area, not an industrial area. They said this needs to be dealt with as a civil matter.

We went to our real estate agent who sold all of us our land and was advertised as "Covenants apply to protect your investment". They said it would cost too much money to take it to court, so in other words forget about it.

We need support from our community to stop our landscape from being ruined.

What does the rest of Coromandel Town think of this eyesore?
From Dorothy Weatherley on behalf of residents of Koromiko Drive, Coromandel Town

Dear Debbie,

I am shocked and saddened to see that a new resident to our lovely little town has chosen to erect a huge three berth red shed on the residential subdivision in Koromiko Drive, overlooking the harbour, obstructing current residents' views, and blatantly disregarding the covenant of the said subdivision.

The attitude of this transgressor of the covenant is not in any way contributing to the concept of the original subdivision, or indeed of the town.

Cherrie Rokela, Coromandel Town

Praise of Phoenix House

Dear Debbie,

A recent period of serious ill health necessitated my spending a 5 day stay in a G.P. bed at Phoenix House. How incredibly fortunate Coromandel Town is to have this wonderful facility available to us. The care I received was nothing short of superb!

Now convalescing at home, I would like to use the Chronicle to say a heartfelt thankyou to all the staff; you are marvellous. At all times, I was treated with incredible kindness, dignity and respect. Nothing was too much trouble; your aim was to see me recover.

The people of Coromandel are very fortunate to have such a resource available to us; my Auckland friends have all said, "you wouldn't get anything like that here", how right they are.

I understand that there are elderly residents in Phoenix who seldom, if ever, receive visitors. I call on the people of Coromandel Town to right this wrong. If we each spared an hour a month to spend with these folk, their lives and ours, would be the richer for it.

Jayne Lister, Coromandel Town



Lack of signage

Dear Debbie

On Friday 8 July, my nephew and family, who were visiting from Australia, took me for a Tiki Tour. We travelled to Colville, where we stopped for refreshments at Hereford & Pickle before heading north to Port Jackson. We had a fantastic afternoon, with many photo stops. On our return to Coromandel it was decided to do the loop trip, so we headed home via Kennedy Bay. By now it had started to rain and night was closing in. We came to an abrupt halt as we were climbing the Kennedy Bay hill when we were confronted by a sign stating that the road was closed. We had to reverse, turn around and retrace our tracks. I was not impressed by the lack of signage to inform travellers of the road closure.

Judy Bronlund, Coromandel Town

Thank you to Coromandel Senior Settlement Trust

Dear Debbie,

St John Coromandel Area Committee thank the Coromandel Senior Settlement Trust (CSST) for their recent generous donation of \$50,000.

This money will be used towards the ongoing maintenance and any necessary upgrading of the Coromandel Station and Hall.

CSST also made a generous contribution to the cost of building the two new bedrooms last year. These rooms have proved invaluable, in providing overnight accommodation for volunteers from outside of Coromandel, who come to help staff the station when we cannot cover shifts with local volunteers.

As many of you know, the hall area and kitchen are available for many types of functions. Over years gone by, CSST has also provided funds to upgrade various appliances in the hall kitchen.

Thank you once again CSST.

From Ray Hintz, Chairman St John Area Committee

Thank you

Dear Debbie,

I am writing in praise of Mr Kim Radick, the manager of Richardsons Real Estate

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Regards

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Holiday park receives awards

By Caron Steffert

Coromandel Top 10 was recognised at the Holiday Parks Association New Zealand annual conference.

At the conference in Rotorua, which is held for over 300 Holiday Parks Association New Zealand members, Coromandel Top 10 were presented with two highly commended awards: 1 – Innovation Award – recognising the idea of restoring the historic mining office into the reception entrance area; 2 – Best Up Grade Award – again recognising the development of the reception area.

The interior of the restored building remains untouched showing off the raw kauri timber walls and floors, we have collected items from the gold mining days and have these displayed in the walls of the reception area.

We are continuing the theme of the gold mining boom through the park with the recent addition of our two bedroom apartments named Captain Hodge Apartment and the Gold Rush Apartment. This year we plan to add four gold mining huts – each will feature historic architrave and interior pictures highlighting the gold mining days in Coromandel Town.



The building which was built for the purpose of the Hauraki Mining office in 1897



The restored building – now the Coromandel Top 10 reception area

Coromandel fisherman loses boat and fined over rock lobster offences

A Coromandel man who was caught taking undersize rock lobsters and then went on to commit the same offence two days later, has been fined over \$8,000.

Peter Graeme Thwaites, of Kennedy Bay, pleaded guilty to two charges under the Fisheries (Commercial Fishing) Regulations 2001 of taking undersize rock lobster.

He was convicted and fined a total of \$8,150 when he appeared in the Thames District Court plus court costs of \$260.

All property – including the vessel Thwaites' was skipping plus all equipment used in the commission of the offences – were ordered to be forfeited to the Crown.

In imposing the penalty, His Honour Judge Marshall said a deterrent sentence was needed to protect the fishery.

Thwaites was first caught collecting undersize rock lobster in October last year when fisheries officers were patrolling in the Tokaroa Rocks Sea area.

The officers boarded Thwaites' fishing vessel and found 51 rock lobster, 19 of which were undersize.

Thwaites told the officers he intended to measure the lobsters once he had cleared the commercial pots in the area. The 19 were then measured in front of him and immediately returned to sea.

Two days later, while again patrolling the same area, fishery officers found Thwaites with another four undersize lobsters. Those lobsters were also returned to sea.

Ministry for Primary Industries Compliance Manager for Waikato/Bay of Plenty, Brendon Mikkelsen, says the penalty Thwaites received sends a clear message.

"It reflects the importance of commercial fishermen sorting and immediately returning to the sea all undersized rock lobster.

"Unbelievably, in this case, the fisherman failed to do so even after he'd been inspected once prior to the second incident and informed of his obligations under the law.

"We have a low tolerance to any offending of this nature. These sort of actions have a very real potential to impact the sustainability of the fishery".

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Illume

The third Illume: Winter Festival of Light was all the Coromandel Business Association (CBA), who organised the event, hoped for and more. There were around 2,000 people having fun at Illume on Friday night with closer to 5,000 people enjoying the festivities on Saturday night.

While a small dedicated team have been planning the event since August 2015, more community members came together during the week before to make sure it was a success. Here are three of the highlights in the lead up to the event:

- NZ Creative Communities Scheme sponsored lantern making workshops. In these some talented Coromandel artists worked with youth and other interested people to design and create the wonderful displays that lined the street;
- Artists, tradespeople and CBA members working together to decorate the streets in the inclement weather; and
- Suppliers and volunteers working together to get the stage and marquee set up so that the bands could play.

With the preparations in place Illume started with an unplanned flash of light followed by a bang. Just as the stallholders were setting up a thunderstorm came through. Cries of dismay mixed with laughter echoed through Kapanga Rd but fortunately the heavy rain did not last for long and Illume

was soon in business with festival goers dancing down the road.

Saturday night was crisp but fine and there was a huge amount of entertainment for everyone:

- Hundreds of children partied at Kidzone. Thanks to Powerco too for the colourful strobe balls which were seen bouncing and rolling all over the festival;
- A magical street parade complete with lit up fire engines, motorbikes, boats, and people. Clowns, Robotman and the Twisty Twins completed the entertainment;
- The spectacular Powerco fireworks that held all eyes skyward in wonder as it went for close to 15 minutes;
- The spellbinding display of the Twisty Twins evolving from chrysalises to a butterflies under the Magnolia tree in Hauraki Reserve; and
- More music, dancing, and stalls with retailers, restaurants and cafes also full of people having fun.

Sunday saw the cafes, restaurants, shops and attractions much busier than normal for a winter weekend and people could be heard talking about the fun they had. Many accommodation providers were full for the weekend.

Illume could not have happened without the generous support of sponsors and volunteers. There was also a large number of businesses who gave goods and services for free or at a substantially reduced rate so that all businesses and the community could benefit. For these groups we are incredibly grateful and we will acknowledge all of these people in the next Chronicle.



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Please email your CV, copy of your Driver's License, and letter of interest outlining what makes you a great fit for either of these roles to s.hart@coromandeladventures.co.nz. Applications close 15th Aug at 5pm.



Coromandel Business Association

By Christine Petrie

Illume 2016 has been and gone and what a magnificent party it was! The lantern making workshops, sponsored by the Creative Communities Scheme, were really popular for youth and adults alike and it was wonderful for participants to see their work displayed for public enjoyment. We are incredibly grateful to everyone who made Illume the fun event it was and to the community as well for coming out on some cold winter nights to join in the celebrations. We have already started planning for the 2017 Illume so if you would like to be involved in any way please email me on corobusiness@gmail.com.

Our brochure advertising events in Coromandel Town has proved popular and is now in i-sites in Northland, Tauranga, Rotorua, Matamata and in the Coromandel District. It is also in the 360 Discovery offices on Princes Wharf, with tourism and accommodation businesses throughout the country and will be on the Coromandel stand at the Food Show in Auckland. Many thanks to the members who have worked hard to get the card out into their networks. We expect that this publicity will support all businesses in the region by encouraging more travellers to visit.

Following the flooding in April we have been in communication with the Waikato Regional Council and are urging for a permanent solution to be found to protect businesses and residences from further flooding. We have also spoken with the TCDC regarding the steep camber on Kapanga Road which makes it difficult for the less mobile to get out of their cars and has resulted in Motor Caravans damaging the historic buildings. We were pleased to learn that following a letter from the CBA the issue of the fallen ancient Pohutukawa tree interfering with access to Golden Bay will now be addressed.

Subscriptions are now due for the year 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017. If you have not received a membership form or would like to know more about the work of the Coromandel Business Association please email me or contact a member of our executive committee: Jan Autumn, Brenda Kelsey, Karen McMillan, Caron Steffert or Wailin Elliott. Working together, the businesses in our region are a powerful force to promote the economic development needed to ensure the wellbeing of our community.

Finally, thanks to the generous sponsorship of Four Square, we are pleased to announce that there is going to be a community Guy Fawkes party complete with a massive fireworks display on 5 November. Keep the date free. More details will be available closer to the event.

"Far better is it to dare mighty things, to win glorious triumphs, even though chequered by failure... than to rank with those poor spirits who neither enjoy nor suffer much, because they live in a grey twilight that knows not victory nor defeat" – Theodore Roosevelt

**Scott Simpson
MP for
Coromandel**

I've been busy around the electorate as usual and I'm reminded as I do that our region has as much to offer during the winter months as it does during the summer. Winter can be a great time for beach walking and I've had a chance to do a bit of that in amongst my usual work too.

There is nothing like a walk along any of our beautiful beaches on a windy winter's day to blow the cobwebs away and also to provide an opportunity for some reflection on how fortunate we are to be living in this part of New Zealand and that our country is being spared the turmoil so many others are undergoing.

Much of recent news has been about overseas events. What with Brexit and the change of Prime Minister in Great Britain, the close election in Australia and to say nothing of the upcoming USA presidential election. There is political, economic instability and uncertainty in countries where we normally don't expect such things. There are barbaric irrational terror attacks and violence bringing fear to people around the world.

Amongst all this uncertainty New Zealand's relative calmness and stability means that thousands of kiwis who left our shores in years gone by are making the decision to head home. They are returning in their droves. The great 'brain drain' we experienced ten years ago has turned into the 'brain gain'.

There is only a handful of countries that have growth and employment prospects as good as New Zealand's. That's not to say we don't have our own problems. But by and large the issues and challenges we face as a nation are those associated with a growing economy. I'd much rather we had those kinds of things to address than those of the other sort.

Bill English Visit

I always like an opportunity to showcase our region to visitors. So it was a real treat to have Deputy Prime Minister Bill English in Coromandel Town recently. We all know Bill as the guy who is the numbers man and

presents the Budget every year. However on this occasion he spoke about the focus of the government on improving public services which is and has been a key focus for this government. I invited a group of local social service organisations to send representatives to hear what he had to say. He focused his speech on "social investment" which is about getting government thinking about problems in a long term way with a total focus on results. Ultimately what works for the community works for the government's books but, more importantly, it works for individuals and us as a society.

Illume Festival

Congratulations to the organisers of this great annual event now into its third year. It's really pleasing to see the Illume Winter Festival becoming a fixture on our calendar.

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Crunch time for Sea Change – Tai Timu Tai Pari

The Sea Change – Tai Timu Tai Pari Hauraki Gulf marine spatial plan is in its final stages and will be completed by the end of the year.

Coromandel mussel farmer Jake Bartrom is one of five Waikato-based representatives on the 14-member Stakeholder Working Group (SWG) responsible for writing the plan. Along with Joe Davies and Dirk Sieling from Whitianga, Alison Henry (Cooks Beach) and Conall Buchanan (Hauraki Plains), Jake has spent the last three years investigating ways to make sure the Gulf becomes vibrant with life and healthy mauri, is increasingly productive and supports thriving communities. He says he is well aware of how important aquaculture is to the Gulf's prosperity as he's grown up in the business "so it's vital the industry has a say in planning for the Gulf."

"The great thing about Sea Change is it's given me, and the others in the group, the chance to see things from very differing perspectives. The passion for the Hauraki Gulf spreads far and wide and creating a plan for a sustainable future is a much bigger task than just looking after your personal interest."

"There's one thing we all agree on and that's the Gulf is under serious stress and we need to do things differently. Our challenge is designing a plan that will support a vibrant, resilient and prosperous marine park, above and below the water."

Sea Change is a collaboration between mana whenua, community, environmental, commercial and recreational organisations, Auckland Council, Waikato Regional Council, DOC, MPI and the Hauraki Gulf Forum. Its purpose is to make recommendations on what activities might take place and where, what areas and values are important and how to protect them, and



Jake Bartrom

Māori. While recommendations are non-statutory, the SWG has worked closely with agency representatives in Auckland, Hamilton and Wellington to ensure central and local government continues to support the collaborative process and the marine spatial plan's direction.

Several chapters are now close to completion, pending their integration into the whole document; others are in their final stages. Here's a taste of the information in the section on sedimentation:

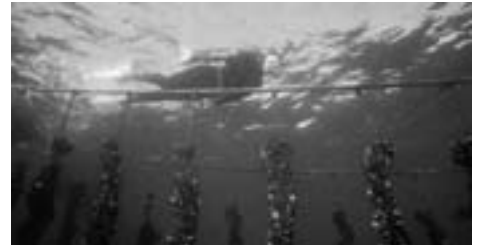
Key issues

- Degraded water quality is one of the most concerning and pervasive issues affecting the health and mauri of the Gulf
- Sediment identified as having by far the biggest water quality impact on Gulf's marine system
- Excessive sediment can fundamentally shift the marine ecosystem through loss of diversity, important habitats and harvested species such as shellfish

What we want to achieve

- An integrated approach to catchment management to address the many causes and solutions to improving water quality in the Gulf
- Specifically for sedimentation
 - Minimise

options and possible compromises for the future. Its scope includes commercial, customary and recreational fisheries, marine protection, infrastructure, catchment management, accessibility and mātauranga



sediment erosion from land

- Where possible, catch sediment runoff before it reaches the marine environment
- Stabilise sediment already deposited in the Firth of Thames

How will we do it?

- Develop and support catchment plans
- Establish catchment sediment load limits
- Increase sediment traps
- Ensure good sediment management practice

- Protect highly erodible soils

Other contributors to the Gulf's poor water quality (such as nutrients, heavy metals, microbial pathogens and accidental spills and discharges) are discussed separately though they have overlapping causes and solutions. The plan takes an integrated approach to catchment management and will only be finished when there is consensus across all of the proposed areas and recommendations.

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New
Listing



Wyuna Bay
Road

With the beach nearby, views of the inner harbour and the Coromandel ranges, this is a little beauty. A lovely home where you can sit in your lounge, on the deck or be making a coffee in the kitchen and still have a view over the harbour. Open-plan lounge/kitchen/dining, 2 double bedrooms and laundry/scullery. Downstairs is a good sized lockable workshop, wood storage shed & caravan. **\$425,000**

New
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A restful
setting

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Grey Power Coromandel

By John Rabarts

We selected the following to look after our local Association for 2016-17. Committee members: Barbara O'Riley, Glenda Leef, Shirley Stol, Claire Stewart. Minute secretary – Pat Williams, treasurer and membership – Dolly Welch, vice president – John Gaffikin-Cowan, President – John Rabarts. (07) 866 8068, Vice president Of Grey Power New Zealand – Mac Welch. For new membership and Grey Power Electricity new connections enquiries contact Dolly Welch (07) 866 8852.

Next members' meeting **11 August**, 1.30pm. St John Rooms, Tiki Road, by the Fire Station. Members please bring a plate. Visitors welcome.

Last members' meeting for the year **3 November**, St John Rooms. Seniors Christmas Party **2 December**, Anglican Hall.

Rates Rebate Scheme, 2016-17. Those of you able to claim this rebate be advised that for the rating year beginning 1 July 2016 that the income abatement threshold has been raised from \$24,440 to \$24,470. The maximum rates rebate will remain at \$610. Worth applying for if you qualify.

Grey Power chair of Law and Order and Emergency Management team, Graeme Faulkner, recently attended a meeting at Police National Headquarters to discuss the downsizing of the Police presence in rural areas. One of the initiatives that has been launched is to have patrols randomly visit areas from outside larger stations. Grey Power don't believe that this is going to work and once again it reduces the local Police presence that our members and the whole community need for security and safety reasons. The odd trip by a Police patrol through a town does not do that. The Police respect Grey Power and are happy to work with us in some relationship. Grey Power would like all associations to lobby their local MPs to discuss this issue and ascertain what the local situation is. If it is a question of funding then we may be able to have impact by talking to each MP rather than a national approach. We believe that there have been stations closed, or threatened with closure based on work statistics. But sometimes crime figures are low because of the Police presence. Something not often recognised by decision makers in head offices. We need to be vigilant in this matter because if this service and our local station goes it will be very difficult to get back.

Grey Power Coromandel President, John Rabarts, adds that as far as we are aware there is little risk to our situation in Coromandel Town, but it has been noted that the summer support for our local Police has been dwindling away over the last few years. Perhaps a sign of the pressure on Police nationally bringing them to consider downsizing in rural areas. When lobbying the local MPs remember that there are two elected MPs in our area. Scott Simpson MP for Coromandel Electorate, Nanaia Mahuta MP for Hauraki-Waikato Maori Electorate as well as list MP Catherine Delahunty who lives in our area. No harm in contacting any one, two or all three of our local MPs.



Museum News

By Raewyn McKinney

Following our AGM, held in June, I remind members of the Coromandel School of Mines & Historical Society Inc that annual subscriptions are now due. It was decided to continue the subscription at \$15 per person per year. Any members who have not yet paid, can send payment by cheque to me in Flays Road, or pay directly to our bank account at BNZ, Coromandel. Anyone wishing to join the society can do so by contacting a committee member.

Further news from the AGM includes the decision to offer a Life Membership of the Coromandel School of Mines & Historical Society Inc to Coralie Davies. This offer was made in recognition of her very many years of service for the museum and on the various committees that have administered it, and many hours spent on the duty roster over the years. We are very pleased to be able to report that Coralie has accepted this offer. At the same meeting it was agreed to also offer a Life Membership to myself, following my years of service as secretary and treasurer.

There is a lot happening behind the scenes as the museum is shut for the winter break. Work continues on transferring all records to a digital format, and also on the enhancement and digital storage of all old photographs. This work will enable display photos to be replaced by enhanced images, and also ensure copies of all photographs are stored for the future.

The Masonic Lodge are due to officially launch their exhibit on Saturday 7 August, and we hope this event goes well. The exhibit is looking very good, and we are sure it will prove popular with visitors to the museum.

In Search of the Rainbow advises that the Coromandel Masonic Lodge became No 456 of the Irish based constitution in 1872. Following the adoption of the New Zealand constitution, The Coromandel Lodge No 17 was created in 1890. I understand that a book on the history of the Coromandel Lodge will be launched at the same time as the museum display.

In recognition of the launch of the Masonic Lodge display, this month I have an item from the "Daily Southern Cross" of 5 July 1872:

"Opening Of The Lodge Coromandel"

Yesterday was a red-letter day among the Masons at Coromandel, as the Lodge Coromandel was formally opened. A large number of brethren had been invited from the Thames and Auckland, but owing, I presume, to the unpropitious state of the weather, only two or three of the expected visitors were present. The Lodge was passed with the usual Masonic ceremonies, and during the afternoon several persons were initiated into the mysteries of freemasonry. The members of the new Lodge and the visiting brethren partook of lunch at the Bridge Hotel, in which building the room which is to be occupied for the purposes of the Lodge, is situated. In the evening about 50 Masons repaired to the Coromandel Hall, a portion of the premises of Mr Berry, the enterprising proprietor of the hotel formerly known as Glover's, and partook of a most excellent repast, provided by Mr Berry, with the able assistance of Mr James, of Q.C.E. fame. Speeches, songs, and toasts occupied the whole of the evening..."

The museum is closed for the winter, and will reopen at Labour Weekend



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Think Global Vote Local

By Catherine Delahunty, Green MP

It's a few months before the sun warms up and the kowhai flowers but it's never too soon to think about what good decision-making looks like in our communities. The formal political processes are pretty remote from people's lives and I do find it strange that local elections seem to generate even less interest than national ones. Maybe the local bodies seem even more of a closed club for the few than the Parliament, or maybe people have no complaints about local decision making and feel no need to change anything? The latter seems highly unlikely. One issue which both central and local Government continue to perform badly on is housing. The disgraceful level of homelessness and the housing bubble in Auckland require state and local government action. Instead we have rhetoric and offers to pay people to move to the provinces. The crazy unaffordable housing issues are spreading from Auckland into our area and a few people might be making money. However many people are just excluded from buying a first home or keeping up with the rent. The sooner we change the Government and do something to help people rather than spin this issue, the better.

We also need to get local and national leadership on the state of the environment. It is absurd that the Government encourages miners to drill in Schedule 4 areas such as the Coromandel harbour and that the District Council have been so slow to grasp the need to protect the harbour rather than dig up sediment, for mining or a marina. We have a historical legacy layer of toxic mud in the harbour and it took direct action from local residents to challenge Sea Group Holdings when they started taking samples from the mud. Their permit has been dropped which is just as well for the aquaculture industry whose reputation for clean product relies on a clean environment in the Gulf. I hope that the local body elections will motivate people to ask hard questions about issues like housing and our environment. I hope we see some leadership about issues that will affect us here like climate change and building a good relationship with Hauraki whānau, hapu and iwi. I hope you will vote and vote for diversity in local Government.



Garden Circle

By Jane Warren

The Coromandel Garden Circle July mid-winter meeting was held at the club with a warming lunch of soup and rolls.

With 26 attendees and 3 new members, it was a good turnout considering the time of year.

There was discussion of upcoming events such as Illume and an exchange of gardening tips such as how to get rid of guava moths and white fly.

Following the formalities of the meeting we then car-pooled to see Natalie's garden

on Driving Creek Rd. The old saying of "looks can be deceiving" was very true at Natalie's home as we explored a huge garden bounded by creek and native bush. Many of Natalie's artistic creations were hidden on tracks meandering through the lush garden.

It was then off to Jill Bacchus' home where her husband Peter gave an extremely informative talk on pruning fruit trees. I'm sure we all learned a lot and I look forward to the next informative visit.

The next meeting will be on **10 August** at Mana Retreat.



Natalie's totem pole creation

Coromandel Lions

By Lion Lyn



Hello again. Another year for Lions, another change of officers. We welcome Nigel to the top chair, David as our new secretary, and although not a Lion, Gayle has come on board as treasurer. Going to be a great team and a great year! An awesome dinner evening with Lions attending from Whangamata, Ngatea, and Thames. It is always good to have other clubs visit to find out about their projects and how they are getting on, exchange ideas, catch up with old friends, and make new ones! We also inducted Cyril into our Lions family (about time). Welcome – you would have to be the newest oldest member to join us! May your time with us be happy and rewarding. The Lion Rock award passed to Lyn for all of the behind the scenes work well done me...

A huge thankyou to out-going treasure and treasurer Mary. As you leave us, we wish you all the best and we will sorely miss you. We will stay in touch and keep you informed of things to come – like we might need a hand on Labour weekend mussel fritter stall.

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Time	Xero Plan	CBA member	Non-member
10am -12pm	Cashbook	\$30.00	\$50.00
10am-3pm	Business	\$50.00	\$80.00

Aquaculture Courses

Thanks to the Community Board for the letter of support for the proposed aquaculture courses which are scheduled to commence in February 2017.

Career Navigator

CILT in conjunction with the Coromandel Business Association and the Coromandel Area School are working together to bring the Graeme Dingle Foundation Career Navigator programme to our community. This is a ready for work programme involving a series of workshops in subjects such as:

- self awareness
- leadership at work
- career choices
- work ethics and attitude
- culture and values in the workplace
- communication and positive relationships

The first community based programme is to be facilitated by Marlene Johnson and involves the business community sharing real-world knowledge and offering mentoring & active learning opportunities.



Date	Time	Cost
Thursday & Fridays 4 weeks from 1 September	9.30am – 3.00pm	\$Nil

The venue is yet to be confirmed.

Best wishes to Willie Lochore and Sarni Hart from Coromandel Adventures Limited who are moving into 90 Tiki Road (previously CILT's Education & Training Centre) on 1 August. CILT reluctantly had to give up this space due to funding changes and know it will be an great location for this local tourism business.



**To register your interest or to enroll for any of the above programmes
please phone: (07) 866 8358.**

Coromandel Independent Living Trust

CILT Staff & Trustees are very proud of the Art Exhibition which was held at Hauraki House during the Illume Festival. This was staged by our two disability programmes: Coromandel Work Co-Op and Whitianga's Artists in The Making. This was a highly successful event with over 300 people visiting and being wowed by the awesome mosaic work and arts and craft developed by our participants.

Site Development works at the Coromandel Refuse Transfer Station are proceeding well. Thanks to all those who have been involved in tidying up the site and preparing for the building of the Community Re-Use Centre.

A meeting is to be held soon with two new members in the community who have been involved with support groups for males. CILT are developing strategies to introduce a similar concept in Coromandel. If you would like to be involved please contact Mike Noonan.

CILT appreciated the opportunity to meet with Bill English and Scott Simpson along with other local community groups in July regarding the Government's Social Investment Strategy. CILT pointed out that our main contract has not had any CPI increases for at least 8 years. Mr English acknowledged that this was an issue for community groups such as CILT and that the Government was working to find a solution.

Thanks to the Coromandel-Colville Community Board for \$6,000 to fund maintenance of the Harray Track. Ben Leaker has developed a plan which involves a monthly workday on the track which includes replacing the tread on the boardwalk, weed control etc. If you would like to help CILT with this or any other CILT activities please give us a call.

Resource Centre services

- Transport funding and volunteer drivers for holders of Community Services Cards to attend hospital appointments in Thames or Hamilton. We can also organise volunteer drivers for ACC funded patients
- The weekly mobility van to Thames every Thursday, call or come in to book a seat before 1pm on Wednesday's. \$12 koha for adults and \$6 for children for a return trip
- Fast computers FREE for locals to use between 9am and 3pm
- Lots of info on health, disability and community services
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Mahamudra Centre

By Sarah Brooks

Kia Ora dear friends. Mahamudra Center staff are back from our July winter break and start holding programmes again during August. The weekly guided meditations at Havalona Pyramid on Driving Creek Rd. in Coromandel Town are every Thursday from 10-11am followed by socializing over coffee at a local cafe. These meditations are on a donation basis and for all levels – no experience is necessary and they are tailored to help anyone who comes.

Of special note we'll have a weekend course at Mahamudra in Colville **26-28 August** called Kindfulness. There are many benefits to developing mindfulness through meditation, including more focus, pleasant physical states, and a calmer basis for emotions. However, mindfulness can be used in positive or negative ways – a thief needs to be mindful! From the Buddhist point of view, mindfulness should be practiced as a basis for developing positive states of mind like loving kindness. Spend the weekend learning and practicing mindfulness and how to apply it in kindness. This is a beginner level course and you do not need to be Buddhist to come – but pre-registration is essential. Please contact us by phone, email, or through our website. We encourage the local residents to come so are happy to accept donations rather than the course fees if that makes it more accessible for the community.

6 August is a special Buddhist holy day, so we'll have opportunities for prayers and meditation throughout the day. We also continue to have free guided morning meditation at the Centre with some slight changes – visitors or locals need to let us know you are coming in advance, and the time is always 8.30-9.00am.

We hope to see you soon!

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

Coromandel Walking Group

By Irene Dunn

It is wonderful to have such a good number of ladies coming walking with our Group – it's sometimes an effort to get those sneakers tied up on a windy and or cold morning but the exercise is great for us all, and of course the coffee afterwards – we are not called the "Walkie Talkies" for nothing! You are welcome to join us, we meet outside the Lotto Dairy each Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 9am and walk for one hour.

Enjoy walking everyone.

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Coromandel Pier Update

By Scott Wynands on behalf of Coromandel Pier Trust

We would like to thank all of those who attended the public workshop at Hauraki House on the 25 June, as advertised in the Chronicle. It was hugely successful, with over 30 interested and enthusiastic attendees from the wider community, travelling from as far as Thames and Port Charles.

The meeting was facilitated by Louie Kittleson and Ruby Powell and had an interactive workshop component where participants could put forth ideas to further the vision, speak about how the project excited them and where they could help. People were really excited about having an environmentally sensitive, creative, aesthetically interesting and educational destination for locals and visitors alike and that the project that would cater not only to boaties but to the whole community. They could see the potential of having a gateway to the Coromandel that represented and reflected the diverse communities that inhabit the peninsula and that this project had the potential to introduce a new way to interact with our harbour which was distinctly different from the marinas on the east coast. The participants understood that the Pier was an interactive inclusive structure that encouraged a deeper relationship with our harbour. The Pier became an educational resource that encompassed the story of the harbours history (both Pakeha and Maori), aquaculture, alternative energy and art. Questions were also asked about the project's viability and how it stacked up financially. The Jacobs business case was able to show that the Pier would quickly return a net positive gain for the region and provide a valuable asset for the community to develop long into the future.

The next step is to develop a strong funding application for a full feasibility study through the WRC's Regional Development Fund which is due to open in 2017. The business case and project presentation will be the foundation of this application but close community consultation with all interested parties will be vital to build up a strong picture of both the level of support and the regional significance of this project. Once the Pier trust is registered as a Charity, we will be carrying out a Give a Little campaign to raise funds towards a specific goal such as Resource Consenting costs. There was interest from many members of the community at the public meeting to form a fundraising/working group to stimulate local initiatives and many good ideas were put forward. Please let us know if you would like to be part of this group or have any ideas and we can put you in touch with the relevant people. There will soon be questionnaire boxes placed in shops around town for your feedback and ideas (fundraising ideas are also very relevant right now). We will publish the answers to any concerns or questions in the Chronicle each month. We need around \$1000 to print brochures and project booklets that are already designed and ready to go, lets get our fundraising hats on!

Coromandel Pier Trust ph 027 342 0013

Beans

By Deborah Hide-Bayne

A few months ago I looked at lentils, today it's another great store cupboard ingredient – beans.

Beans have lots going for them: they are really good for you and cheap to buy. Dried beans cost less than cooked tinned ones, but the dried ones need soaking and cooking, so you may find tinned ones are more convenient. Beans are good for you because they are crammed full of soluble fiber, protein, carbohydrates, folate and iron, and count towards the five portions of fruit and vegetables we are advised to be eating these days.

Dried beans are slightly healthier because they contain less salt, but if you are using tinned ones, look for low-salt varieties. You can then keep and use the bean juice in your cooking as it contains much of the goodness.

Dried beans are really easy to cook: just soak overnight in cold water, then drain and cook in fresh water by bringing to the boil, skimming off any scum and boiling vigorously for 10 minutes, then gently until soft (approx. 45-60 minutes). You can always boil up a big pot and then freeze the cooked beans in meal-size portions.

Several of my go-to bean family dinners are here (with full recipes on my website):

- chilli beans (either with minced beef or as a vegetarian option)
- tuna and bean salad with fresh parsley and lemon
- baked boston beans (with pork belly and molasses)

There is also nothing wrong with a good ol' tin of baked beans either - the salt/sugar content is the main issue – choose a Lite version if you are concerned.

Living with a six-year old means that inevitably too much talk of beans leads to too much talk about farts! According to a leading men's magazine, "eating beans and experiencing increased flatulence may be exaggerated". So I say, I will refrain from making any bad jokes here and just say, happy eating!



Coromandel Patchwork and Quilters

By Sharon Currie

We had a very enjoyable Mid Winter Christmas dinner. The food was excellent and this will definitely become part of our winter programme. The 2016 Challenge was revealed. There were eleven entries. Each person was given a small paint colour chart and the challenge was to make an item in the colours on the chart. The entries were voted on by everyone who attended the dinner and the winner was Barb Excell with her stunning Dragonfly quilt. On 2 July we held a class on exploring the fancy stitches on the sewing machine. Today's computerised sewing machines have a large variety of beautiful stitches that can be combined, mirror imaged and altered by elongating them and used to couch ribbons and other trims. So this was a day to explore and have fun with some of the features on today's sewing machines. In August we have our 30th Anniversary and host Peninsula Day.

Our meetings are held on 1st and 3rd (& 5th) Monday of the month 9.30am-4.00pm, St John Rooms, Tiki Rd, Coromandel. President Margaret Sinclair (07) 866 7104, Secretary Barb Excell Ph (07) 866 7493



Barb Excell's Dragonfly Quilt, the winner of our 2016 Challenge



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Library News

By Raewyn McKinney

Over the years, people walking past the library may have noticed the sheer curtains in the windows on the north facing wall. In spite of our best endeavors, we have not been able to discover who hung these curtains in the library, but they have been there just about as long as the library has been built, as far as I can ascertain. It is therefore no surprise that they are now showing definite signs of wear and need to be replaced. Unfortunately we could not find anyone prepared to replace the curtains on account of the shape and height of the windows. As the curtains are there to reduce the glare, it was decided that the required result can be achieved by tinting the windows and this is what has been arranged. At the time of writing, this work is scheduled and it will be completed by the time this edition of the Chronicle is delivered. This work can only enhance the appearance of the library in general and improve conditions for our volunteer librarians as well as our subscribers.

As usual, this month we have new releases from popular authors added to our stocks. This month's works include the latest from Barbara Taylor Bradford, Mary Higgins Clark, Mark Douglas-Home, Barbara Erskine, Nicci French, Stephen King, Dorothy Koomson, Johanna Nicholls, Sheila O'Flanagan, James Patterson, Annie Proulx, Stella Rimington, Nora Roberts and Simon Tolkein.

Other new acquisitions include:
***Sophia: Princess, Suffragette, Revolutionary* by Anita Anand**



In 1876 Sophia Duleep Singh was born into royalty. Her father was heir to the Kingdom of the Sikhs..... Exiled to England, the dispossessed Maharajah transformed his estate in Suffolk into a Moghul palace.... Sophia was raised a genteel aristocratic English-woman, but when she travelled to India, she returned a revolutionary.... Her causes were the struggle for Indian independence, the fate of the Lascar, the welfare of Indian soldiers, and the fight for female suffrage... Meticulously researched and passionately written, this enthralling story of the rise of women and the fall of empire introduces an extraordinary individual and her part in the defining moments of recent British and Indian history.

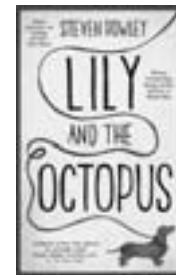
***Being Chinese: A New Zealander's Story* by Helene Wong**



Helene Wong writes eloquently about her New Zealand childhood, about student life in the 1960s, and coming of age in Muldoon's New Zealand. "The path I travelled was not linear, and the years brought pain as well as

joy. But, while this is a narrative about being Chinese and also a New Zealander, I know that the search for purpose and meaning in life is universal. I hope that others in our culturally diverse society will find their own ways to embark on that same journey."

***Lily and the Octopus* by Steven Rowley**



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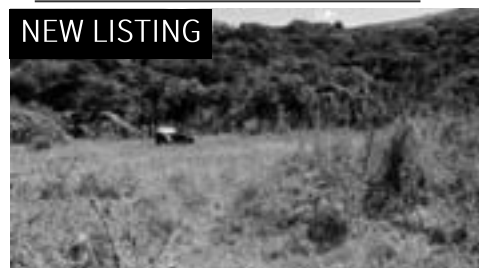
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Once again, **Ezy Kemp** was 'lighting up the stage', but only from the lighting booth this year :)
And of course, **Jan Autumn** who was one of the hardworking members of the organising committee!

We are all looking forward to next years festivities...



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Animal Rescue Thames

By Alice & John Parris

Thank mews to all those who have donated cat food, sachets, tinned, biscuits for our furbabies – they truly appreciate these donations to feed them. Also thank mews and purrs for the lovely donations of soft, warm blankets, we have some very cosy cats who adore the plush piled dressing gowns / onesies, they love the fabric as it's soft, squishy and very warm. The jumpers, blankets and pillows have meant all our rescue kitties are warm, comfortable and cosy over this cold winter spell. We are washing and using a dryer to get the bedding dry which, along with the heaters for the house kitties, has sent our power bill upwards, and the weekly Gem report keeps telling us each week we have used more power. But for us the creature comforts are what matters most of all.

Tinned food has been a continual nightmare – a trip through the local supermarket shows prices have skyrocketed something shocking! Whiskas – we saw the big cans at \$3.35 and Chef at \$2.75 which is unbelievable for what the stuff actually is. We had to purchase some, we bought a dozen cans to tide us through, but we are completely out of tinned we had bought at the last major special. Chef and Whiskas tinned are the main ones we use as the cats do not like the budget one – as it's the lowest grade of food on the market. However the adult cats get this twice a week, mainly as it's all we have left. They get biscuits ad lib through the day but we are seriously going to have to look at how much they get and it may be that we have to look at dry food/ biscuits at night and wet meal (tinned) morning or vice versa to see if that will help us with the dilemma we have with food.

Nothing new in and nothing out either, we remain in the exact same position we have been for the last 3 months, and we just live in the hope that we can rehome some of our older felines into loving new forever homes ASAP!

The two Coro boys are neutered and now wait for that loving new home as well – so many adorable furbabies just patiently waiting for that forever home.

We are in the process of internet fundraising to boost the account until we do our Labour Weekend Garage sale. With nothing rehoming there are no funds in to cover vet bills, food costs etc. So we will be



getting into that over this month.

Right now we have felines 12-18 months who really need new forever homes and rural or farm homes for them, then we come into the younger ones at 5-8 months of age, they are all desexed and to many are siblings and need to remain that way. But for rescue we need to find those somewhat elusive homes for them and run the oldest at a cattery special to get them into forever homes before we go fully into winter!

Wanted – donations of cat biscuits and tinned foods, winter bedding, pillows, towels, blankets. Also homes for our precious furbabies who have been here far too long but all desexed, wormed, deflead and house trained. They don't know about small toddlers, babies or kids, but they would tolerate quiet well behaved older children on a quiet rural property.

Meow furr now.

Any enquiries purrlease contact Thames Animal Rescue, 532 Thames Coast Road, RD5, Thames 3575. (07) 868 2907

Coromandel Embroiderers' Guild

By Diann Cade

As I write many of our members are in Auckland attending the ANZEG Conference and workshops while back in Coromandel we continue with our local activities including a workshop in hussif making, Kantha and the Junior programme.

Every stitcher needs a hussif! Found under "housewife" in the dictionary with a meaning of "a small case for needles, thread and other small sewing items" the hussifs created by each embroiderer become a work of art and often reach heirloom status.

Kantha style embroidery originates from eastern South Asia. Traditionally old saris are stacked on each other and hand-stitched together to make a multilayered cloth. The simple running stitch technique has become an art form. In the best kantha examples the entire cloth is covered with running stitches, depicting beautiful motifs of flowers, animals, birds and geometrical shapes, as well as themes from everyday activities.

At the last Junior Programme a fabric "creature" was made and embellished with all the stitches previously learnt. The next programme is entitled "knots". A challenge even for Guild members.

While we are enjoying this year's programme the committee is already discussing ideas for next year.

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



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Heart Beat – St John Ambulance Coromandel/Colville

By Felix O'Carroll Station Manager, Coromandel

Our thanks to Julia Te Huia, who stepped into the acting Station Manager's role while I was on annual leave, along with the rest of the Coromandel staff. They did a great job under what was a difficult period.

With the station having limited trained staff available we only achieved 48% cover and this trend will continue over the short term. We do have new staff currently going through the training process, so we will see our ambulance cover improving once new staff qualify and start gaining on-road experience and confidence. We have had support from outside the area to help us crew the ambulance and we are thankful for their continued support in this area. Great to see other volunteer staff returning to go on roster. This will help with our cover issues and double crewed issues.

As stated in the last write up our new members are currently on the learning pathway and will complete all requirements to gain their New Zealand Certificate in Emergency Care – First Responder, along with on-station training and on-road experience including completion of their driving log. They will be a huge help in filling gaps in our rosters moving forward.

ePRF (electronic patient report form)

In February 2015 St John introduced and started rolling out the new MDTs (Mobile Data Terminals) and the new patient electronic report forms (ePRF), all based on tablet technology. The MDT is a tablet that sits in the ambulance and used to inform the crews of call outs to patients, including what type of call and reasons for the call out. The MDT also has a mapping system that guides / gives directions to the call out address. Coupled with the MDT we have another tablet used to record patient information. Both these systems are interconnected, and are mobile (can be used away from the ambulance). The ePRF has replaced all the paper work of previous call outs saving St John tonnes of paper plus the system develops better reporting processes that are used to improve or better health outcomes. The system is more robust in security of patient confidentiality as no paperwork is done and only authorised people can have access to these files.

With the rollout of the MDT / ePRF technology all ACs (Area Committees) throughout New Zealand were asked to support raising funds to help buy and install these devices. Late last year (August period) our local Lions club decided to help us with this venture and last week we received \$21,000 that will go towards the cost of the new technology and its installation.

On behalf of the Coromandel Staff and our Operations Team we are truly grateful for the support in helping raise the funds required to acquire and install the new technology. Meet our staff



Photo: Left to Right: Ray Hintz (Chairman St John Coromandel Area Committee), Felix O'Carroll (Station Manager St John Coromandel), Bruce Aplin (President Lions Club Coromandel 2015)

Staff profile

Name: Teri Gibson

Position: St John Ambulance Volunteer (Coromandel Station)

Why did you join St John Ambulance service as a volunteer?

The thought of an ambulance service in small rural towns struggling to provide service made me realise that if we cannot provide cover, our service may be closed. I feel there is a need for our town to have this service due to our town's population

being retired or semi-retired so therefore I originally joined to help out as a driver in which I gained my qualifications as an EMT. At present I am in my final year of finishing my Bachelor of Health Science – Paramedicine. I love what I do and the only regret I have is that I should have been doing this 20 years earlier.

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

14 years.

What do you enjoy most about being an ambulance officer?

The opportunity to facilitate someones way through a crisis. Hopefully to see them up and well later on in our community having come through whatever they need the ambulance in the first place.

Would you recommend joining St John to others, and why?

Sure do, challenging, character building, confidence enhancing and the chance to help other people. It is a big commitment that is extremely rewarding and it is where one person can make a difference

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Hot Spot – News from the Coromandel Volunteer Fire Brigade

By Rob Chappell

The Coromandel Brigade is currently going from strength to strength with a new generation of young local men joining our ranks – we welcome newly qualified firemen Hamish Walton, James Goodwin, Logan Davies, Luke James and Matt Attwood. It is great to see these young locals contributing to their town's future protection.

As noted some months ago when I last wrote, with the brigade numbers increasing and the ever changing need to train and up skill, the Fire Station, in its current form, struggles to meet these needs. Hence we are currently fund raising to modify the present social room at the rear of the station wanting to add a second level which will become the social room and allow the present room to become a training room and base for Civil Emergency situations. The Coromandel Fire Station has always been the management base in any civil emergency in the northern Coromandel. While the main station may be the property of the NZFS any alterations are at the expense of the local brigade and hence the community. This fund has just received a wonderful donation from the Senior Settlement Trust of \$100,000 which now boosts the building fund to nearly \$250,000, which means we are well on the way to the approximate figure of \$400,000 required to complete the building.

Sky Tower Challenge

While our focus is mostly local, each year a number of our firemen join some 750 others in the Great Sky Tower Challenge, running the 1104 steps of the Auckland Sky Tower in full kit including Breathing Apparatus all in the name of fund raising for child cancer and Leukaemia and Blood Cancer New Zealand. This year our seven firemen, helped by other brigade members and partners raised \$6,812.14 toward the target of \$1m. In particular we wish to thank the wonderful generosity of Richard Vetter Peninsula Scaffolding Ltd, Fujitsu NZ, the Carters Fishing Competition and the local community.

It's winter – be fire wise and fire safe, keep clothes well away from open fires and heaters.

Daffodil Day 2016

By Robyn Dudson

Friday 26 August is Daffodil Day this year. We will be out and about the town selling bunches of Daffodils as well as a few raffles and other Cancer Society merchandise. We will also have a stall outside Coromandel Pharmacy and Four Square and B.N.Z. Coromandel is once again doing a sausage sizzle outside the bank, capably manned by Jody a with couple of willing helpers so please do come out and support our fund raising efforts on the day. All the monies raised go directly to the Waikato Cancer Society who make such good use of it. I doubt there is any person here in Coromandel who has not been affected by cancer in some way and as the Cancer Society receives no financial help from the Government this is our big chance to show our support to such a worthwhile cause.

Ann McNair has once again done a beautiful painting to raffle off to help raise money for the cause. I do not know just how long ago she started donating paintings for Daffodil Day but it would certainly amount to quite a lot over the years. It is at present on display at the Coromandel Bizarre Shop with tickets at \$2 each or three for \$5 so be sure to check it out... got to be in to win!

See you on the 26th.

Robyn, Marie and our willing bunch of cheerful supporters.

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Coromandel Budget Advisory Service

John Gaffikin-Cowan

Regular readers of this column will know how very proud I am to live in such a rounded community where individuals and groups are so willing to give support to others, and most specifically to the Foodbank which we umbrella at the Budget Service. Everyone who donates financially or in kind normally receives a letter of thanks, and in general I find it difficult to give public thanks here in the Chronicle – if you're going to thank one you must thank all and so there's a huge danger of missing someone out. However just recently there was a fund-raising event which I think typifies the kind of co-operation that Coromandel does so well, and I feel justified in highlighting it. The Club (Combined Clubs of Coromandel) held a garage sale in the middle of June raising over \$1000 from items donated and collected from their members. At their subsequent Committee meeting it was decided to gift \$1000 to the Coromandel Foodbank. This was a most generous recognition of the service which we at the Foodbank provide to all members of our community who find that they cannot manage to stretch their household budget at a particular moment. There are few of us who have not been faced with an unexpected – or larger than usual – bill which throws all our best laid plans out of the window. Some of us have contingency plans for this sort of situation but there are many who are not in a position to manage this and, to be frank, face the alternative between putting food on the table for their family or paying the bill. This is where the Foodbank can step in and, instead of offering money, will offer a week's worth of food to allow the bill to be paid with the grocery budget. Of course we hope that people who have gone through this experience will come back to us and allow the Budget Service to offer them a permanent scenario for controlling their finances.

Thank you, CCC!

If you have any financial problems or worries feel free to pop into the Budget Office for a chat. 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 where you can talk to Anna, Caro, Leigh or John. The office at 950 Rings Road is open Monday to Friday 11am-2pm and other times by appointment. The Budget cell phone number is 022 018 0849 – we reply to texts and messages during office hours.

Coromandel Contract Bridge Club

By Judy Bronlund

Our club competition for August is the Jackson Pairs. The Mercury Bay bridge club held a tournament in July, seven members from our club played in the tournament. There were 46 players in the competition. In the morning session Val & Pat, Ischelle & David and Trish & Judy were among the top 6 pairs. Trish and Judy were also among the afternoon top pairs. Trish and Judy were the overall winners of the tournament, Val and Pat were third. Some of our members also won raffle prizes, so on the whole it was a good day for the Coromandel members. New members and visitors are welcome to join with us on a Monday evening at the St John rooms.

Contact Val (07) 866 8730 or Lyn (07) 866 8858



Leigh Harding, Budget Adviser and Co-ordinator of the Coromandel Foodbank, receiving a cheque from Kevin Stone, President of CCC

Poetry SPOT

Coromandel

By Beryl van Donk

There is a town that is so friendly,
and it's home for you and me.
The name is Coromandel and it
nestles by the sea.
The people are so caring, and
tourists love to stay.
Blue seas and bush clad hills surround us,
that's why they come this way,
How blessed we are to dwell here,
let's make each day worth while.
Let's show our love and caring,
and be ready with a smile.
Let us share both joys and sorrows,
that's how it's meant to be,
We know that God will bless us
as He loves both you and me.

Still Water in the Bay

By Vivianne Flintoff

So still, so calm
Wrinkled pane of glass.
Just a hint of wind
threatening to disturb the quiet surface.
The pane obscures the hidden activity below
Where fish, crabs, stingrays, go about doing
What each does best.

So too our lives
We get up, we wash, we dress
We look calm enough
With just a few wrinkles here and there.
The on-looker doesn't see the
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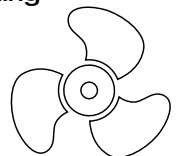


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Mana Update

By Penelope Carroll

*Feed the inner duck
Not with human news
Or greedy things that suck,
But give it quiet views;
Comments from the moon,
Opinions from the sky,
The insights of a tune,
The wisdom of a sigh. – Michael Leunig*



Leunig's poem above reminds us that, amongst the turmoil of world events and our own individual dramas, there is food for the soul to be found in quiet contemplation of the natural beauty surrounding us, in movement and music, and in simply breathing. The "realisation of our essential unity" is part of the Mana vision, and it is through taking in this 'food for the soul' that we are able to experience the interconnectedness of all life.

After taking our own "breathing space" through July, the Centre re-opens with an August programme of yoga retreats, combining possibilities for quiet contemplation with preparation – body, mind and soul – for the energy and demands of the coming Spring. Yoga means union or oneness – the union of mind, breath and body. Through yoga we can calm the mind and open the heart; we can move towards the "realisation of our essential unity".

The first yoga retreat of the month is Dream Flow Harvest Yoga with Denise Ferguson (**5-7 August**). This is followed by Breathing Space Yoga with Clare Etherton and Jessica Dziwulska (**12-14 August**), and Sacha Paddy and Neal Ghoshal's Heart of the Body 5Rhythms Dance and Yoga (**19-21 August**). It's a good month to come to Mana.

And here's an August recipe from the Mana kitchen using silver beet, kale and other greens from the garden (thank you Simon!)

Grate two cloves of garlic and a thumb of ginger into a wok or large frying pan with a little oil (coconut is best). When smoky hot, add 300gms of diced tempeh and fry till lightly browned, mixing gently so the tempeh does not break up. Now add your favourite Masala spice mix (or try Simon's: ½ tsp each of ground: cinnamon, cloves, cardamom, cumin, turmeric and mixed spice; 1 tsp ground sea salt, ½ tsp ground peppercorns and ¼ tsp Cayenne or 2 diced dried chillies, all mixed together thoroughly).

Add Masala spice mix to the tempeh and fry gently for a further 5-8 minutes. Next, add six handfuls of chopped greens of your choice and continue to fry for another 3-4 minutes. Lastly, add 1 cup of thick coconut cream, stirring gently until it's bubbling. Serve with steamed Basmati rice. Food for the body as well as the soul!

Monday Walkers

By Irene Dunn

Tie up those boot laces and join us for some walks around our beautiful Coromandel area – we have been showered upon a couple of times this past month but hey, we are outside enjoying that fresh air with good company.

One favourite walk is the Matarangi Beach/Harbour walk, around 10kms, where

we took the photo on a washed up log. Do join us if you would like that extra bit of exercise. We meet each Monday at 9am at Woollams St car park. Phone the number below if you would like an email each week with details of the walk.

Happy walking everyone. Hope to see you next time.

Phone 021 157 8408 or 07 2119 758 (landline)

**HISTORY – Lieutenant Governor Wynyard's visit**

By Don Goodall

Lieutenant Governor Wynyard arrived in Coromandel Harbour in November 1852. He negotiated with local Maori chiefs, (a lithograph exists in the Museum showing the scene at Patupatu – now called Ruffins Bay) and arranged for 16 square miles of the Waiau Valley to be opened for gold prospecting. Payment to Ngati Maru was fixed at 600 pounds for up to 500 miners – if this was exceeded the maximum could rise to 1500 pounds. Miners would pay the Government a licence fee of 30 shillings per month, which would boost the Government coffers immensely. Thousands were expected after Charles Rings gold discovery.

Both sides were disappointed – when the gold was found to be locked up in the quartz rock, the miners disappeared – only 13 remained when licence fees were due. And Maori were disappointed with their tiny payment.

Robert Henry Wynyard was a soldier and followed in a long family line of generals. He was involved in the siege of Ruapekapeka Pa in 1845, and commanded the NZ military forces from 1851-1858. From 1851-53 he was Lieutenant Governor of New Ulster (northern New Zealand), while Governor Grey was in Wellington. And from mid-1854 he was Acting Governor of NZ. He also was Superintendent of Auckland Province from 1853-1855. In other words he was not a low ranking official when he visited Coromandel to negotiate the opening of New Zealand's first goldfield – this was a very big occasion.

Sources: Veronica Black, The Spirit of Coromandel, & NZ Encyclopedia, Editor-in Chief G McLauchlan



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Coromandel Harbour News

Jacks Point ramp is open again and with Community Board support will be scoped for an upgrade, subject to Council approval.

Dredging of Furey's Creek has also been completed, which should improve access for recreational users, and the dredging budget has been reinstated for 2016/17 to ensure on-going maintenance.

Also, as an extra help for recreational fishers, we've been working on a new Demand Management Initiative, which aims to spread the recreational fishing load across the Coromandel to help alleviate pressure on the most busy facilities during peak times (Sugarloaf Wharf and Waikawau Boat Ramp). This includes a profile of all available ramps in the Coromandel ward area, and will make it easy for users to know which alternatives would be best for them at specific times.

Inner Harbour Project

We're currently seeking Expressions of Interest in our Coromandel Harbour Partnership Proposal Document.

The Inner Harbour concept relates to investigating the longer-term option of development around Coromandel Wharf and potentially Furey's Creek, which could accommodate a range of uses including commercial area, space for charter boats, recreational and ferry usage.

If demand exists, there is also the potential to



offset costs by developing a marina with on-shore activity.

The Expression of interest (EOI) for potential partners is being promoted publicly and we have received two requests for additional information. The Partnership Proposal document is on our website at www.tcdc.govt.nz/coroharbourproject and Expressions of Interest Close Friday 28 October 2016.

Our rules for public places and nuisances

Through the month of August, you've got the first chance to have a word with us about rules for activities in public places and about nuisances.

What we're looking at includes things like advertising and signs (from signs advertising places for tourists to go through to signs advertising local businesses), gatherings and events on Council reserves, street markets, how much space is allowed on footpaths for stalls, and other matters related to activities that impact you in our public spaces.

We're also looking at rules to manage nuisances in public places and on private property where there may be a negative impact on others, like roosters in the middle of town.

We're gathering feedback in August that we can use when we draft the rules. Later in the year you'll be able to make a submission on what we propose as draft bylaw rules.

You can get more information online from Monday 1 August at www.tcdc.govt.nz/ppn



Coromandel
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UPDATE

FREE ambulance service for residents and ratepayers of the Coromandel-Colville Ward.

The Coromandel-Colville Community Board has funded the Coromandel Town St John Ambulance Service so if you live in the Coromandel-Colville ward or are ratepayers in the ward can receive FREE ST John Ambulance services.

The current contract is in its second term of the three-year agreement and will be reviewed again as part of Council's next long term plan 2018-2028 process.

Local Elections

Get on the Coromandel's

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- Voting ends at noon Saturday 8 October

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**Nominations close
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events

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Coromandel Area School

Kia ora Katoa
Māori Language Week

Coromandel Area School has supplemented our participation with opportunity for anyone to further their capacity with Te Reo Māori. The course, gaining a certificate in Tikanga Māori, is offered totally free by Te Wananga o Aotearoa. Several teachers and parents are taking the course as well. You complete it at home, in your own time, with all resources provided. We are available to help if you need it at any stage. It is user friendly, free and available. There are enrolment forms at our office. Call in to find out more.

Stoat and Rat Traps

Every Friday for the past six weeks, something special happens for Year Six. We run to the Woodwork Room to join Viv Cory-Wright, to work on our stoat and rat traps.

COROMANDEL AREA SCHOOL



Terri, Raine and Natalie from Moehau Environment Group (M.E.G.) work with us so that we can learn about Kiwi and their predators. We are learning to build traps, then we will be able to set them. We will experience catching and killing a Kiwi predator.

We have been making these traps to save Kiwi from the pests that were transported here hundreds of years ago; pests that murder baby Kiwi that parents can't protect.

It has been hard work keeping up with the thirty-plus traps that we are building. We need help putting in screws and cutting mesh, but once you've got the hang of it, it's real easy.

After the traps are constructed, Whaea Viv gets us to plan the paint job. We can open up and use our own ideas, and show what we have learned. Then it's design and paint with confidence.

Whaea Viv has kindly donated her special paint brushes and paint. She has also helped us by drawing pictures.

So far Casey has learned that the back of a broom works like a hammer.

Ryan went

to put mesh on, and SMACK! Got his finger instead!

Cameron mistook Kash's finger for a nail, so Kash now has a blood blister on his finger.

M.E.G. will be inviting parents and us students, to set our traps with them in the future. We will be creating a display of our work with M.E.G. It will be displayed in the school foyer by the end of Term Two, before this article goes to print.

It has been a great project. Most worthwhile! We would be willing to do more building in the future. Any ideas?



Matt Sephton's Sonic Experience

A number of students joined a large number of the community members in experiencing the Sound Lab Recording Studio at Hauraki House, to participate in the creation of an entirely original piece of music. What a great experience for our students – well done Matt!!

Woodwork

Luke McCauley, a Year 8



student, used recycled Rimu, his own design and an innovative use of problem solving to create this cabinet. Well done Luke!

About Teachers

Thanks you the students for providing these opinions of the teachers.

"Whenever you hear jingling keys you know they are nearby. Teachers stalking kids in the playground, strolling around like guards. But when you're feeling down, they pull you up."

"Mr McDonald, with wrinkled skin replacing hair on top. Thin grey hair jogging ear to ear. Call him Mr Season, with dark striped, or black shiny shirts in June. Flowery Hawaiian shirts say summer."

"Joan Hart next to us kids is a sky-scraper. Her clothes, green and artistic, stretch and float as she strides by in a rush – like she's late for work."



Kiwi Can

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

Firstly I would like to acknowledge one of our Kiwi Can leaders Emma Hawkins from Thames who in June was the 2016 Volunteer of the Year winner for Waikato. Well done Emma you are truly an inspiration, we definitely need more people like yourself doing good in our communities.

Our Kiwi Can winners for term two

Thames South School: Room 2 – Dion, Room 5 – Cassandra, Room 7 – Hamoni, Room 8 – Codey, Room 9&11 – Evaleigh.

Coromandel Area School: Room 1 – Blake, Room 2 – April, Room 3 – Kendyl, Room 4 – Jahnaya, Room 5 – Casey, Room 7 – Terua.

Colville School: Junior Room – Jessie-Leigh, Middle and Senior Room – Riley

Well done to you all – keep up the great work!

Term three and our Kiwi Can lessons for this term are well underway.

This term our Theme is Integrity and we will be exploring this theme through our sub topics of Making Good Choices, Being a



Good Rolemodel and Accountability.

The Coromandel Kiwi Can team would like to acknowledge Sanford Limited for the great work they do for our Graeme Dingle Foundation Community Partners in Bay of Plenty, Coromandel, Marlborough, Timaru and Southland. Its wonderful to work with an organisation whose values align with our own such as Integrity, Care and Passion. We would like to congratulate Sanford Limited on your Gold Award for your 2015 Annual Report and three special awards for sustainability and integrated reporting at the 2016 Australasian Reporting Awards. It's wonderful to see you rewarded for your efforts in creating more transparency in the seafood industry and your commitment to sustainability across all areas of your business. We really appreciate the support and sponsorship that we get from you for our Kiwi Can programme here in Coromandel.

Nga mihi nui from Marlene, Jamie, Gemma, Emma and Natalie.

Want to help out Kiwi Can Coromandel? Contact Marlene Johnson 027 223 2629 email: kiwican@cilt.org.nz

The Coromandel Kiwi Can programme is managed by the Coromandel Independent Living Trust, officially sponsored by Sanford Ltd and supported by The Lion Foundation, Thames Community Board and Driving Creek Railway Ltd, CSSC (Colville Social Service Collective Charitable Trust) & DV Bryant Trust



Coromandel Community Preschool

By Debra Attwood



What a busy, busy time we have had since our last report. It started with your Matariki celebrations, our annual hangi, which was very well attended by our tamariki and their whaanau. During this process our children learn about Matariki and how it signals the start of the Māori New Year. The children helped to prepare the hua whenua (vegetables) and they watched as the hangi pit is prepared and the food is laid ready for cooking. We would like to thank everyone who helped us on the day, the parents and whaanau who donated food and helped to prepare it and a massive thank you to Colin and Patrick for all your mahi in preparing the hangi pit, laying the food down to cook, watching over it and then raising the hangi ready for the feast.

Then, also as part of our Matariki celebrations, a group of our four-year old children went out to the bike park in Hauraki Road to plant some kauri trees on behalf of Kauri 2000 Trust. This is the third year we have participated in this programme and the trees we have planted in the last couple of years are growing well, thanks to Mark and Michelle for helping us.

The next festival for us was our 10th birthday. Yes, preschool has been serving the community of Coromandel for ten years and we celebrated with an open day on Friday 15 July. It was attended by many of our current

children and also past students and staff. What a great day it was. The weather was beautiful, there was face painting, juggling, fancy dress and a disco. Then we cut the cake and released a balloon in celebration.

The next day was the Illume Festival parade with our children dressing up as presents all decked out with lights and walking behind our magnificent 4 tiered birthday cake lit up beautifully – it was a sight to see. Many thanks to Brian Hooper for building our large cake and to Don (Dordor) Darling for supplying and driving the tractor to pull it all in the parade. Also thank you to all the committee members who made the soup that we sold at the stall and to Kaylene Fenton and Cheryl Darling for helping to run the stall.

Since our last report we have celebrated birthdays in July for Kyron P, Chloe and Natalie – we wish them all a very happy birthday. We said farewell to Hoani who begins his learning journey at school. We welcomed Ollie and Marley and we look forward to learning more about you and your whānau.

At present we have spaces available in our under 2s area so if you have a child this age and are looking at preschool options come along for a visit. We are full on the over 2 years side but if you are looking for a quality early childhood centre come along and see if this is the right place for you and your child to begin their lifelong journey of

learning. You can put your child's name on the waiting list if required. Check out our latest Education review on the website: <http://www.ero.govt.nz/Early-Childhood-School->



Reports/Early-Childhood-Reports/Coromandel-Community-Preschool-18-11-2013

The centre operates Monday – Friday 8.30am 4.00pm. We are situated at 155 Pottery Lane. If you are interested call in for a visit or phone us on (07) 866 7570

Coromandel Youth Group – Hauraki House

For all children aged 5-15yrs.

Term Three Opening Hours: Sunday 1pm-4pm.

After School Tuesday and Thursday 3-5pm, Friday 2.15-4pm. Please phone the Youth Rooms before 5pm Thursday if you would like us to collect your child for the Friday afternoon session.

Friday Night Social 6-9pm (for 11-14yrs), all students must let staff know that they are attending, on arrival.

To help with running costs we would appreciate a gold coin donation for after school sessions.

Opening times are subject to change.

For more information call in at the Youth Rooms, Hauraki House or phone (07) 866 7061

We would like to thank those who make this programme possible: Lotteries Waikato, COGS, Trust Waikato, Coromandel Senior Settlement Trust & Coromandel Community Board

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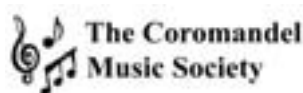
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Arts



Classical Piano and Flute House Concert – Coromandel Music Society

By Robin Münch

This concert, with flautist Helen Lee and pianist Maarten Van Es promises to be a treat for classical music lovers.

Helen is a talented flautist. Those of us who were privileged to hear her playing jazz with Soul Sax at our most recent concert are looking forward to hearing her classical repertoire.

Maarten, who has been playing piano since he was 12 years old, hails from Coroglen where he keeps bees. He and Helen are members of the Mercury Bay Big Band and they enjoy playing as a duo.

Seats are limited and tickets must be pre-purchased.

Date: **Sunday, 14 August** at 3pm. Venue: A private house in Coromandel Town. You will be given the address when you purchase your tickets. Tickets: \$15. Tickets must be purchased in advance from the Coromandel Town Information Centre ph (07) 866 8598.



Coromandel Art Group

By Lindsay Nicholls

With the colder weather it's lovely to be indoors with heaters running with other arty folk and the banter that goes with it. We are becoming a diverse group with pastels, oils, acrylic, water colour and drawing.

Our artwork and skills range from abstract and still life to contemporary and realistic results.

It's so interesting to see each person create such an individual piece of work from the same subject given, as was the case the other day. We had a still life set up to do and the range of artwork completed was so different, but that's what the art world is all about. Each painting can please some and not others so really there are no rules. Have fun and enjoy the colour. Even winter has an abundance of colours. Just look at the range of oranges and browns in the trees hiding amongst the greens and reds.

We were to have a tutor day this week, but due to sickness with our tutor, it has been postponed at this stage.

Keep warm and put some colour to your winter.

The Coromandel Peninsula Art and Craft Fair

The Coromandel Peninsula Art and Craft Fair, a celebration of creativity, held in Whitianga on Saturday 16 July showcased the huge variety of talent on the Peninsula.

This is the fourth fair the Mercury Bay Art Escape trust has organised and Stuart Christie, Chair of the trust, was delighted with the day. "It is important to have events like this for people to enjoy during the winter months. Nearly 800 people attended which is about 30% more than last time and a wonderful outcome. We were absolutely delighted to have this support and interest from locals."

Exhibitors included a huge range of work from scrap booking and cards to wool, felting and silk. The ancient art of quilling was demonstrated, there were soft and wooden toys, porcelain and pottery, harakeke weaving and small paua shell lights, jewellery of different styles, and hand crafted soaps, candles and fragrances.

Painting and visual arts were well represented with the Whitianga Art Group exhibiting members' works. The MBAE artists cleaned out their studios for a cash-and-carry stall of works and materials which proved very popular, member Ian Calloway kept busy sketching charcoal portraits, and the 2016 MBAE Trust Scholarship recipient from the Mercury Bay Area School, Joseph Morcom, joined the team to demonstrate still-life drawing.

It was a successful day for the exhibitors and the visitors were treated to a range of exhibits to suit all interests. MBAE chairman went on to say "that as a trust we are just delighted to welcome even more exhibitors this year. It's a great opportunity for new artists to present their work and it gives artists, craftspeople and MBAE great exposure."

The Mercury Bay Art Escape will be holding their premier event, the annual Artists Open Studios on 4 and 5 & 11 and 12 March 2017 and welcome new artists to apply. Watch the website www.mercurybayartescape.com

Pastel Artists Coromandel

By Christine Lunn

Pastel Artists of Coromandel meet Tuesday mornings 9.00am to mid-day at the Coromandel Aero Club rooms on Tiki Road. Visitors and potential new members are very welcome to call in and meet members of the group.

Our first tutorial is to be held on **2 August** when we have an expert pastel portrait

and landscape artist coming to our club room for the day to take us through some of her techniques.

Planning for our upcoming exhibition "Mainly Pastels" at Hauraki House in Coromandel Town over Labour Weekend 2016 is now well advanced, with our members putting final touches to their exhibits. The exhibition will be open to the public from 20 October from midday to 4.00pm and 21 October through to 24 October 24th from 10.00am to 4.00pm and on 25 October from 10.00am to midday. This exhibition will show the visitors how versatile pastel painting is.

Current members have considerable experience and still work in other media but they dedicate Tuesday mornings to pastel, pencil and coloured pencil work.

We still have room for a few more people to join our group.

Initial contact with Allan Beaver (07) 866 8053 or Christine Lunn on (07) 866 7220



Christine Lunn's Portrait of one of her late miniature schnauzer's in pastel

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Environmental

Mad Scientists

By John Veysey

In the July issue we heard that MEG's co-ordinator had been mixing with a bunch of what she called "mad scientists". These "mad scientists", working under the acronym ZIP (Zero Invasive Predators), are not out to save any particular species, nor to assist in the balance of nature; their aim is to make NZ predator-free. They have yet to explain why this is a good idea. They are simply charging ahead with a ZIP mentality which looks to deny rather than work with evolution. They are being handsomely paid to look.

As our local enviro-group coordinator says these "mad scientists" seem to have licence to explore any zany idea. This license comes from central government which gave them another \$600,000 in this year's budget. Every year Research and Development into NZ's animal control gets a massive \$13 million of public money. For all this money something very substantial must be expected. There have never been so many "mad scientists" on the payroll and the payroll has never been so large. There are only so many animals. How many people does it take? What is taking the money is government's determination to do a simple trapping job with poison. If you put \$13 million into trapping possums you would control 1.3 million hectares, twice the area DOC covered last year with aerial 1080 and at half DOC's cost of \$27 million. Instead, that \$13 million is being poured into animal poison research which has produced little of use in the last ten or fifteen years. This kind of research has no end in sight and no known purpose beyond the greed itself. Ask them what they intend to achieve and their answer "zip" pretty much covers it.

It is sad to see well-intentioned enviro-groups being used for these mad scientists' poison trials.

Huge boat-loads of NZ's animal poisons have been sent to be spread poison on remote islands in our southern oceans 'cos most of NZ's closer islands have already been poisoned. It is the same on land. Fewer and fewer spaces on the map have not already been poisoned.

When Connovation released their Sodium Nitrite this year they had to take their product to the other end of the country, to Otago Peninsula, before they found an enviro-group that wasn't already spreading someone's animal poison product.

Sodium nitrite is a pig poison yet Connovation has released it as a possum poison. No sales in NZ for another pig poison.

Sodium Nitrite registered with EPA as a pig killer. ACTA (Animal Control Technologies Australia) sells it as a pig killer called Hoggone. ACTA's "science" explains why Sodium Nitrite would be a great pig killer

The same science which says that 1080 is suited to killing dingoes says that Sodium Nitrite is suited to killing pigs. It takes the smallest amount of 1080 to kill a dingo and the smallest amount of Sodium Nitrite to kill a pig. You can kill your dingo or your pig with such a small dose that, if other creatures in the forest accidentally eat a bait they should receive a sub-lethal dose and not be killed. In NZ the ideal dingo poison, 1080, is being used to poison possums. Possums are relatively resistant to 1080 so the dose required to kill a possum is absurdly large – enough to kill a dozen or more dogs and who knows how many other forest creatures as well. Possums are even more resistant to sodium nitrite than they are to 1080 so what's the logic? Science says that, because of the huge doses required, neither 1080 nor Sodium Nitrite are suitable for poisoning possums. Our government tells us they are being led by science and yet here they are completely ignoring the science and willfully encouraging the distribution of poisons known to be unsuitable for the purpose they are being put.

The tens of millions of NZ dollars poured annually into a direction which flies in the face of science indicate motives other than environmental care.

MEG winter lecture series – August

Native frogs – what's happening?

New Zealand originally had seven pepeke/frog species, now only four remain. Two are found in Coromandel making this area an important habitat for their survival.

Frogs are declining everywhere in the world. Frogs are sensitive to disease, pollution, chemicals and environmental changes as they absorb many things through their sensitive skin. Here in the Coromandel numbers are plummeting, so what is happening?

Hochstetter's and Archey's frog populations are monitored by Dr Ben Bell, former Director of Victoria University's Centre for Biodiversity and Restoration Ecology, who will deliver the August MEG winter lecture.

MEG is thrilled to have experts of Ben's calibre come and talk to locals about the species around us.

15 August 7pm – Free. At Moon (rear of Chai Teahouse), warm fireplace, warm drinks



CLAIM AGM

Notice of meeting

We would like to give you notice and invite you to attend the Annual General Meeting of CLAIM (Coromandel Lobby Against Indiscriminate Mining) on **Sunday 11 September**, at Hauraki House, Coromandel Town.

10.30am – Coffee/tea and cake, 11am – Meeting starts.

New and existing members all most welcome.

Lora Mountjoy (Acting Chairperson), Kaye Anderson (Secretary)



The Coromandel Senior Settlement Trust

records with sorrow
and gratitude for her long service to it
the death of

Margaret Syddall

a Trustee for 28 years who died in office
on 29 June.

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at Trustees' meetings and the valuable
contributions she made in discussions over
the years of growth and great change.
We also recognise her many years of service
as a volunteer in "The Bizarre" in its
earlier years.

May she rest in peace.

Sport

Coromandel Area School Sports

By Geoff Horton, Sports Coordinator

Anticipation is growing with Coromandel Area School students as they look to the annual cross country event held at the Coromandel Golf Club, **18 August**. With many of the athletes completing high performance academic sports assessments, the timing of the cross country event fits nicely with their fitness programme, resulting in Elite categories being reintroduced for both senior and junior school competitors this year. The build-up to the cross country follows on from the election of a student sports council and coincides with ongoing sport leadership and coaching training programmes designed to recognise and develop the abundant sport talent that currently exists in the school.

There will be four different cross country circuits around the golf course to meet the athletic abilities of all students. The categories include Elite and Champion for Senior and Junior students, as well as two "Give it a Go" runs. New courses have been designed to not only challenge athletes, but to also recognise the effort that has been put in preparation for the event. The Senior Elite circuit takes in components of the Harray Track before returning to the golf club surrounds and all courses promise plenty of mud.

A new addition to the course this year sees all athletes run the Golf Club access track from the barn towards the finish at the Clubhouse itself. Because the tradition of school Whanau Groups has been reintroduced, the cross country provides the first opportunity to gain House competition points for the year. If early indications from House Leaders are to go by, colour and promotions will be lively and in abundance on the day, as the home straight offers plenty of standing room for students and parents alike, to cheer their athletes in the last throws of the run.

Racing starts 11.00am for the 'Give it a Go' categories and the day culminates with the start of the Senior Elite race at 12.25pm. The day will conclude by 2.00pm with a prizegiving for all categories.

New Zealand Area Schools Netball squad
In April Georgia Tecklenburg was selected to play for the Central North Island Area



The NZ squad)

Schools, a netball team to compete in the inaugural National Tournament held in Dunedin during the July school term break. The Central North Island team went on to win all three games against two South Island and Northland Area School squads. As a result of Georgia's stand out performance on court, she was then selected as a representative for the North Island A team that went

on to defeat the South Island A team and following that performance was then selected into the New Zealand Area Schools squad. While there is no designated competition for the nominated New Zealand team, her selection serves as recognition for the hard work Georgia put in pre-tournament to gain selection and the support given by the Coromandel Lions Club.

Coromandel Golf Club

The Coromandel Ladies' team played the second round of the Thames Valley Matchplay at Whangamata on Monday 11 July. The Team of Eugene Weimer, Glenise Robertson and Brownyn Verner continued their success from the first round winning all their matches. This gave Coromandel another win in Zone 2 of the competition. The third and final round will be played at Coromandel on Monday 25 July. The winners of Zone 1 & 2 will then play off for the overall competition winner.

The Men's Neilsen Cup (Best 2 of 3 Rds Stableford) is in progress with 2 rounds played and the final round scheduled for Saturday 23 July. The current leader is Allan Rose with 76Pts (38,38) from Kevin Verner 74 (42,40), Peter Gray 72 (35,37), Darryl O'Keeffe 71 (37,34) and Mark Burcombe 69 (35,34). Robin Attwood 38, Peter Richardson 37, hope to build on their first round scores and Graeme McGowan on his 37 second round score.

June's Meat Pack / Laurie Olliff Trophy was won by Mark Burcombe 40 from Ron Brooking 39 and Ross Mudgway 36.

The Captain's Trophy will be played on Saturday 30 July.

Reminder again of the popular Daffodil Day, in support of the Cancer Society, to be held on **Saturday 20 August**. Looking forward to a large turnout for this mixed event, fully catered and great prizes.

The Golconda Cup, (best net aggregate 2 out of 3 Rounds) will be played over three Saturdays – **6, 13, 27 August**.

Calendar

Saturday 6, 13, 27 August – Golconda Cup

Saturday 20 August – Daffodil Day (Mixed) P

Wednesday 31 August – Meat Pack / Laurie Olliff Trophy



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Coromandel Gymnastics Club

By Teresa Brownbridge



We have completed our first term back for this year and what a great time we all had.

So many new faces and lots of amazing skills learnt, good work kids!

Our Junior and Senior sessions continue to be varied and fun with constant movement and challenges. The structured and well planned programmes are really showing dividend in terms of student strength, flexibility, confidence and overall physical skills. The seniors are really getting into the spirit of competition and this is proving a great motivator and inspiration to the gymnasts coming up through the classes.

A huge thankyou to the amazing number of parents who helped us out this term especially in the junior class, we could not have managed to create such vibrant and interesting sessions without your support. It is always so much more fun for the kids to have lots to do than to be standing in a queue waiting for their turn. And that is only possible due to having so many parents helping us man all those stations.

Thanks coaches for your skills, efforts and time too and also a big thankyou to the "behind the scenes" committee who continue to work tirelessly to keep our club flourishing.

Looking forward to seeing you all in the first week of next term which starts on 26 July.

Thames Incentives Awards and Competition Day

After the excitement of our older gymnasts going to Hamilton and doing so well it was the turn of the newer students in the senior class to be tested for their level 1 NZ Gymsports Incentive badges. This year the Thames club held it in the form of a competition to which we were invited and again our girls did well. We had placings in the overall competition and in the individual apparatus awards. Congratulations to all the girls who took part and passed level 1.

The Team: Devon Bennett, Jahnaya Tuerangi, Stella Barr, Stella Bennett, Krewz Williams, Kororia Wirihana, Lila White and Brooke James.

See you in class...



A quick practice on the bars before competing



A mix of Thames and Coro overall place getters

Coromandel Croquet Club

By Judy Bronlund

We have had some cold windy mornings, but we are still continuing to play croquet. We play on Tuesday and Saturday mornings and on a Thursday afternoon. Visitors are most welcome so if you would like to play croquet please come and join us. Sadly this winter has seen the passing of two of our former members. Dorothy Lodge had been a member for a few years and Margaret Syddall joined the club over 25 years ago and was a very keen and expert player. Condolences to both families.

Contact Kaye (07) 866 8968

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13 Jun - 9 Oct	-	-	-	-	-	8.45 am	8.45 am
10 Oct - 23 Oct	-	8.45 am	-	8.45 am	6.00 pm	8.45 am	8.45 am
24 Oct - 30 Oct	8.45 am	8.45 am	-	8.45 am	6.00 pm	8.45 am	8.45 am

Departs Orapiu to Coromandel: (approximate times)

	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
6 Jun - 12 Jun	9.50 am	-	-	-	-	9.50 am	9.50 am
13 Jun - 9 Oct	-	-	-	-	-	9.50 am	9.50 am
10 Oct - 23 Oct	-	9.50 am	-	9.50 am	7.05 pm	9.50 am	9.50 am
24 Oct - 30 Oct	9.50 am	9.50 am	-	9.50 am	7.05 pm	9.50 am	9.50 am

Departs Coromandel: Hannaford's Wharf

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6 Jun - 12 Jun	4.30 pm	-	-	-	-	4.30 pm	4.30 pm
13 Jun - 9 Oct	-	-	-	-	-	4.30 pm	4.30 pm
10 Oct - 23 Oct	-	3.00 pm	-	3.00 pm	8.15 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm
24 Oct - 30 Oct	4.30 pm	3.00 pm	-	3.00 pm	8.15 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm

Auckland - Coromandel

	ADULT	CHILD	FAMILY
ONE WAY	\$55.00	\$35.00	\$145.00
OPEN RETURN	\$90.00	\$55.00	\$235.00

Waiheke Island (Orapiu) - Coromandel

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

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

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JUGGLING CLASS EVERY

THURSDAY at the Events Centre (above the school pool) 4-5.30pm for Young People, 5.30-7pm for Adults. Equipment provided. \$5 per class. Contact Tim Newman aka 'Robotman' 0223134651 for more info.

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RANCH SLIDER WON'T SLIDE? Call Mike Coromandel Glass (07) 866 8869.

TILING: Wall and floor tile laying service. High standard of work. Free quotes. Vaughan Udall (07) 866 7969.

TREESHAPES. Qualified Arborists for all treework, chipping, stumpgrinding, hedges, section clearance, free quotes. Phone 0274 726 627.

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WINTER IS HERE: Jobs to be done! Phone Vaughan Udall for a free quote (07) 866 7969.

YOGA WITH JESSICA – Wednesdays 7-8.30pm school term time only at the Events Centre (above the swimming pool, behind the Information Centre). All welcome, equipment provided, \$8 per class. Ph: (07) 866 8405 or 021 884 518 for more info.

FOR RENT

FOR RENT: LILLIS LANE – 3 bedroom 1 bathroom house. House and grounds in great condition with large sunny deck, bordering on peaceful stream. Private with fenced off yard and single garage. \$350pw available 1st September 2016 for reliable tenants with referees. Contact Natasha at natashafairley@gmail.com or 021 107 9769 for more information.

FREE STUFF

FREE: 3-seater sofa; double bed and base; single base and headboard. Pick up Tuatēawa. Phone (07) 866 8409.

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SEEKING A BOARD MEMBER. Age Concern Thames Inc is a small office with a big coverage across Thames Coromandel and Hauraki districts. We have over 40 volunteers providing amazing support plus a range of other services. We strive to have our Board represented across our communities. We meet once/month in Thames for 2 hours. Board roles are voluntary. We welcome expressions of interest from a Coromandel town area representative. Contact Jenny Wolf (Chair) 078664476 Mon-Fri.

WANTED TO BUY

CASH PAID for your unused or unwanted chainsaws Call in and see Rob a Robs Small Motor Repairs or phone 021618601.

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TREESHAPES. Qualified Arborists for all treework, chipping, stumpgrinding, hedges, section clearance, free quotes. Phone 0274 726 627.

PUBLIC NOTICES

AGM - Coromandel Town History Research Group Inc. Saturday 27 August 2016, 11am Elizabeth Park Hall. Enquiries, Sue Wright (07) 866 8039.

INTENTION TO GRANT CONCESSION.

Submissions close: 5:00pm, Friday 2 September 2016. The Minister of Conservation gives notice of her intention to grant a thirty (30) year concession (easement) under section 17Q of the Conservation Act 1987 to Waitaia Forestry Limited for a Right of Way access road for forestry purposes through part Coromandel State Forest Park. Any person or organisation may object in writing to the Director-General against the proposal, or make written submissions on the proposal having regard to the matters in Section 17U of the Conservation Act 1987. How to submit – Objections or submissions should be sent to: Director-General, Department of Conservation, PO Box 5244, Dunedin 9058. Attention: Lynette Trewavas Phone: (03) 474 6966 Email: ltrewavas@doc.govt.nz Submissions will be accepted up to and including 5.00pm, Friday 2 September 2016, and should include the reference WK-28733-OTH.

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Coromandel Town weekly and monthly meetings

Every Monday

Coro Gym – Step/aerobics, Peg (07) 866 8635 8am
 Mahamudra Centre, guided meditation in gompas 8.30-9am
 Coromandel Hikers' Group, Hauraki House,
 Colin & Elspeth (07) 866 7137 9am
 Monday Walkers, Irene 021 157 8408 9am
 Colville Social Services Collective,
 Colville Hall, (07) 866 6920 9am-3pm
 Kohanga Reo o Kapanga, (07) 866 8417 9am-3pm
 Coro Gym – Sit and be fit, Peg (07) 866 8635 9.30am
 Coro Gym – Fitness and Fun, Judy (07) 866 8637 10.30am
 Coro Gym – Kick fit with Christajo, 155 Pottery Lane,
 021 033 9329 5.30-6.30pm
 Shrinking Violets, Betsie (07) 866 7076 5.30pm
 Coro Contract Bridge, Coro Ambulance rooms,
 Lyn (07) 866 8858 7pm
 Four-part harmony singing, Sue (07) 866 8833 7.30pm

Every Tuesday

Homeschoolers' gathering, Julene (07) 866 8005
 Mahamudra Centre, guided meditation in gompas 8.30-9am
 Colville Bay Pre-School, rear Colville School, cr
 (07) 866 8319 9am-3pm
 Coro Walking Group, Ruth (07) 866 7246 9am
 Colville Social Services Collective, Colville Hall,
 (07) 866 6920 9am-3pm
 Kohanga Reo o Kapanga, (07) 866 8417 9am-3pm
 Music and Dance, Elim Church- Preschoolers Dance Group, Dawn
 (07) 866 8150 9.30-11am
 Coro Ladies Golf, Peter (07) 866 7633 tee off 10am
 Yoga, Colville Hall, (07) 866 6612 10am
 Croquet, Woollams Ave, Kaye (07) 866 8968 9.45am
 Coromandel Playcentre, Woollams Ave 10.30am-1pm
 Narcotics Anonymous meeting, 021 314 467 12 noon
 500 card session at the Bowling Club, (07) 866 8886 1pm
 Coro Gym – Fitness and Fun, Judy (07) 866 8637 1pm
 Coro Cub Scouts, Scout Hall, Hauraki House,
 Abby Morgan (07) 211 9790 4-6pm
 Ambulance training, Felix (07) 866 8279 7-9pm
 Coro Motorcycle Club, Star & Garter,
 John (07) 866 6776 7-9pm
 Badminton, school gymnasium, racquets available bring non-marking
 sports shoes contact Lorraine (07) 866 7606 6.30pm

Every Wednesday

Dharma Gaia, Meditation, (07) 866 7995 6-7am
 Dharma Gaia, Sitting & Walking Meditation,
 (07) 866 7995 7.30-9pm
 Coro Gym – Step/aerobics, Peg (07) 866 8635 8am
 Mahamudra Centre, guided meditation in gompas 8.30-9am
 Colville Bay Pre-School, rear Colville School,
 (07) 866 8319 9am-3pm
 Colville Social Services Collective, Colville Hall,
 (07) 866 6920 9am-3pm
 Kohanga Reo o Kapanga, (07) 866 8417 9am-3pm
 Coro Gym – Sit and be fit, Peg (07) 866 8635 9.30am
 Coro Gym – Fitness & Fun, Judy (07) 866 8637 10.30am
 Coromandel Golf Club – men's, Hauraki Rd,
 Peter (07) 866 7633 tee off 12.30pm
 Scrabble Club, Joan for venue on (07) 866 7580 1pm
 Coro Tennis Club – club night, Gayle (07) 866 8063 4pm
 Wing Chun Kung Fu- Hong Kong Style,
 Chi Sau Club 027 283 0773 4.30-8.30pm
 Running Group, meet at rugby club grounds.
 Mark 027 338 6697 or (07) 866 7660 5-6.15pm
 Coro Gym – Pump with Betty, (07) 866 8635 5.30-6.30pm
 Yoga, Events Centre (behind info centre) \$8,
 Jessica (07) 866 8405 7-8.30pm
 Discussion night-optional pot luck dinner, Mahamudra Centre,
 (07) 866 6851 dinner 6pm, meeting 7-8.30pm
 Walking & sitting meditation, Dharma Gaia Centre,
 (07) 866 7995 7.30-9pm

Every Thursday

Mahamudra Centre, guided meditation in gompas 8.30-9am
 Coro Walking Group, Ruth (07) 866 7246 9am
 Coro Art Group, St Andrew's Church,
 Val (07) 866 8911 9am-12pm
 Colville Bay Pre-School, rear Colville School,
 (07) 866 8319 9am-3pm
 Kohanga Reo o Kapanga, (07) 866 8417 9am-3pm
 Guided Meditation at Havalona Pyramid 10am
 Tai Ji, Top Floor, Waikato Events Centre,
 Sol (07) 866 8971 10-11am
 Coro Gym – Fitness & Fun, Judy (07) 866 8637 10.30am
 Coro Gym – Ukulele group practice for beginners,
 Peg (07) 866 8635
 Croquet, Woollams Ave, Kaye (07) 866 8968 12.30pm
 Bowling Club Housie, Sharan (07) 866 7760 from 1pm
 Coro Community Garden, Glover St,
 Louis (07) 866 8866 2-4pm
 Coro Gym – Kick fit with Christajo, 021 033 9329 5.30-6.30pm

Every Friday

Coro Gym – step/aerobics, Peg (07) 866 8635 8-9am
 Colville Bay Pre-School, rear Colville School,
 (07) 866 8319 9am-3pm
 Mahamudra Centre, guided meditation in gompas 8.30-9am
 Kohanga Reo o Kapanga, (07) 866 8417 9am-3pm
 Yoga for everyone, Anglican Church Hall,
 Katie (07) 866 6612 9-10.30am
 Colville Services Collective,
 Colville Hall, (07) 866 6920 9am-3pm
 Coro Gym – Sit & be fit, Peg (07) 866 8635 9.30-10.30am
 Coromandel Playcentre, Woollams Ave 9.45am-12.15pm
 Coro Gym – Fitness & Fun, Judy (07) 866 8637 1pm
 Coro Tennis, Men's night, Gayle (07) 866 8063 4pm
 Coro Gym – Crazy Horse Productions,
 Natalie 021 048 9772 4.15pm

Every Saturday

Mahamudra Centre, guided meditation in gompas 8.30-9am
 Croquet, Woollams Ave, Kaye (07) 866 8968 9.45am
 Coromandel Golf Club-club play, Hauraki Rd,
 Peter (07) 866 7633 tee off 12.30pm
 Coromandel RSA, Ian (07) 866 7138
 (winter 1st, 3rd & 5th Sat only) 4-10pm
 St Colman's Catholic Church-mass,
 Rings Rd, Frieda (07) 866 7872 5pm
 Prayers for dead and healing,
 Mahamudra Centre, (07) 866 6851 5-6pm

Every Sunday

Mahamudra Centre, guided meditation-in Gompas,
 (07) 866 6851 10-10.30am
 Elim Church Services, Rings Rd,
 Steve (07) 866 6900 10am-12 noon
 Coro Tennis Club-club play, Gayle (07) 866 8063 2pm
 Prayers for dead and healing,
 Mahamudra Centre, (07) 866 6851 5-6pm

Monthly

1st Mon – Coro Patchwork & Quilters, Ambulance rooms,
 Jill (07) 866 7484 9.30am-3.30pm
2nd Mon – Friendship Group, Jocelyn (07) 866 7101
3rd Mon – Coro Patchwork & Quilters, Ambulance rooms,
 Jill (07) 866 7484 9.30am-3.30pm
3rd Mon – Alzheimer's Carers' Group, Retirement Village Hall, bring
 plate & koha, (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,
 (07) 866 1001 9am
2nd Tue – RSA, club rooms, Ian Franklyn (07) 866 7138
2nd Tue – Public Trust, Harcourts, 0800 368 620 by appt
1st Wed – Coro Embroiderers' Guild, Ambulance Station, Jill
 Wilson (07) 866 7484 10am-3pm
1st Wed – Lions Dinner Meeting, Ambulance Rooms;
 Pres. John Rabarts (07) 866 8068 6pm
2nd Wed – Garden Circle, ph Julie Jensen for venue,
 (07) 866 7546 1pm
3rd Wed – Lions Business Meeting, Ambulance Rooms;
 Pres. John Rabarts (07) 866 8068 7pm
4th Wed – RSA Women's Section, Club rooms,
 Loes Beaver (07) 866 8053 1.30pm
2nd Thu – Coromandel Writers' Group,
 Barbara (07) 866 8299 10.30am-2.30pm
4th Thu – Coro SeniorNet, school music room,
 Loes (07) 866 8053 1.30pm
2nd Sun – Young Eagles, Tiki Rd, Lisa (07) 866 2055 9am
3rd Sun – St Andrew's Union church service, Rings Rd,
 Hilda (07) 866 8633 10am
4th Sun – Christ Church service, Tiki Rd,
 Barbara O'Reilly (07) 866 8299 10am
5th Sun – Christ Church/St Andrew's share 10am

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Calendar of events Coromandel Town August 2016

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High tide 5.12am (2.8m), 5.46pm (2.9m)
Low tide 11.22am (0.3m), 11.53pm (0.4m)
► Best bite 10am/pm

2

High tide 6.09am (2.8m), 6.39pm (2.9m)
Low tide 12.17pm (0.3m)
►►► Best bite 11am/pm

3

High tide 7.04am (2.8m), 7.29pm (3.0m)
Low tide 12.46am (0.4m), 1.07pm (0.2m)
►►►► Best bite 11.30am/pm

4

High tide 7.54am (2.9m), 8.16pm (3.0m)
Low tide 1.36am (0.4m), 1.55pm (0.2m)
►►►► Best bite 12am/pm

5

Dream Flow Harvest Yoga Retreat
starts at Mana (see pg 22)

6

High tide 9.26am (2.8m), 9.44pm (2.9m)
Low tide 3.09am (0.4m), 3.22pm (0.3m)
► Best bite 2am/pm

7

High tide 10.09am (2.8m), 10.26pm (2.8m)
Low tide 3.52am (0.4m), 4.04pm (0.4m)
► Best bite 2.30am/pm

8

High tide 10.50am (2.7m), 11.07pm (2.7m)
Low tide 4.34am (0.5m), 4.46pm (0.5m)
► Best bite 3am/pm

9

High tide 11.32am (2.8m), 11.49pm (2.6m)
Low tide 5.16am (0.6m), 5.29pm (0.6m)
►►► Best bite 4am/pm

10

High tide 12.15pm (2.5m)
Low tide 5.58am (0.6m), 6.16pm (0.7m)
►►► Best bite 5am/pm

11

Grey Power Meeting (see pg 10)

12

Breathing Space Yoga Retreat
starts at Mana (see pg 22)

13

High tide 2.08am (2.4m), 2.53pm (2.4m)
Low tide 8.27am (0.8m), 8.59pm (0.9m)
► Best bite 7am/pm

14

Coromandel Music Society -
Classical Piano and Flute House
Concert (see pg 26)

15

DEADLINE: Coromandel Town
Chronicle September issue
MEC winter lecture series -
Native frogs - what's happening?
(see pg 27)

16

High tide 4.53am (2.4m), 5.34pm (2.6m)
Low tide 11.11am (0.6m), 11.35pm (0.7m)
► Best bite 3am/pm

17

High tide 5.46am (2.5m), 6.21pm (2.7m)
Low tide 11.53am (0.5m)
►►►► Best bite 10am/pm

18

Xero On-Line Accounting Training
(see ad pg 12)
Coromandel Area School Cross
Country (see pg 28)

19

Heart of the Body 5Rhythms
Dance and Yoga Retreat starts at
Mana (see pg 22)

20

High tide 8.13am (2.9m), 8.38pm (3.0m)
Low tide 1.57am (0.3m), 2.16pm (0.1m)
►►►► Best bite 1am/pm

21

High tide 9.00am (3.0m), 9.26pm (3.1m)
Low tide 2.44am (0.2m), 3.03pm (0.1m)
► Best bite 1.30am/pm

22

High tide 9.48am (3.0m), 10.15pm (3.1m)
Low tide 3.32am (0.1m), 3.50pm (0.1m)
► Best bite 2am/pm

23

High tide 10.37am (3.0m), 11.05pm (3.0m)
Low tide 4.21am (0.1m), 4.41pm (0.2m)
► Best bite 3am/pm

24

High tide 11.28am (2.9m), 11.58pm (2.9m)
Low tide 5.12am (0.2m), 5.34pm (0.3m)
►►► Best bite 4am/pm

25

High tide 12.23pm (2.8m)
Low tide 6.05am (0.2m), 6.32pm (0.4m)
►►► Best bite 5am/pm

26

Daffodil Day (see pg 20)
Kindfulness course starts at
Mahamudra Centre (see pg 13)

27

High tide 1.52am (2.7m), 2.26pm (2.7m)
Low tide 8.02am (0.4m), 8.39pm (0.6m)
► Best bite 7am/pm

28

High tide 2.54am (2.6m), 3.31pm (2.7m)
Low tide 9.06am (0.5m), 9.43pm (0.6m)
► Best bite 6am/pm

29

High tide 3.56am (2.6m), 4.32pm (2.7m)
Low tide 10.09am (0.5m), 10.43pm (0.6m)
► Best bite 9am/pm

30

High tide 4.57am (2.6m), 5.28pm (2.8m)
Low tide 11.07am (0.4m), 11.38pm (0.5m)
► Best bite 10am/pm

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Meat Pack / Laurie Oliff Trophy at
Coromandel Golf Club
(see pg 28)

High tide 5.54am (2.7m), 6.20pm (2.8m)
Low tide 12.01pm (0.4m)
►►►► Best bite 11am/pm

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New moon



Full moon



Tide times and heights from Land Information NZ for
Coromandel Harbour. For Thames times -15min High
and -18min Low. Note: Tide heights are different for
Thames.

Bite times and good fishing ratings supplied by Ken
Ring. www.predictheather.com
► = Average fishing, ►► = Very good fishing,
►►► = Excellent fishing

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**COROMANDEL
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TRANSFER STATION &
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Tuesday and Thursday
1.30pm-5.30pm
Saturday 10.30am-5.30pm
Sunday 11.30am-7.30pm