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Editor's comment

I have had a few requests lately to add waste and recycling collections to the calendar, so you will see on page 42 that I have now implemented it. Not sure how it will work out space-wise in summer with more events on the calendar – I will have to see. Hope it is useful.

Lots on waste and recycling this issue – as well as the above, I have written a lead story on it, Deborah talks about honey wraps, CILT have been making reusable bags and others have written about it too.

Don't miss the Coromandel Players celebrating 40 years – there will be an exhibition as well as celebration evenings with performances on stage.

Keep warm.

Debbie

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Letters

More True Tales Wanted

Dear Sir/Madam

With True Tales of Thames at the printer, The Coromandel Heritage Trust is concentrating on its next book – True Tales of The Coromandel's Western Seaboard. We have about half of the stories in hand already. We would welcome more as soon as possible. The parameters are: no more than 1500 words, a true tale of the area in the title, unpublished previously. You don't have to be an experienced writer and the story can be about you, your early family, a local organisation or business, an event in the area, etc. This is a great way to collect the stories which may otherwise never come to light, and they are a valuable record of the people and places in our region. A scanned photo or two would be appreciated.

If you know anyone who might be interested in participating, please let them know. Stories can be handed in to Sue Wright in Coromandel, or emailed to geraldine.dunwoodie@gmail.com

Geraldine Dunwoodie,
Trustee, The Coromandel Heritage Trust

Thank you

I would like to give a belated thank you to Mike Olliffe and the others of the Coromandel Fire Brigade who attended to my son when he took sick on 3 December last year. This thanks also goes to the Air Rescue team (the helicopter crew) who came as well and flew him up to Auckland Hospital. I am sure it was their quick action that saved him. He has been through many months of rehab and physio after his stroke and is doing well. By the time this issue comes out he should be home again.

But I would like to let everyone know the great work of these two organisations will be on Code 1 TV1 8pm **31 July** so do watch and see what they do to help the people of Coromandel Town.
Pam Jordan, Coromandel Town

March For Trapping 29 July Whitianga

Dear Readers,

Coromandel's hills are not regarded as difficult mountains by local trappers and hunters who have trapped from the sea to the tussock line in the Alps, Fiordland, and the Ruahines. Nor do the low numbers returned by trap monitoring indicate that the risky business of aerial 1080 is justified again this year.

Join the march in Whitianga on **Saturday 29 July** to ban 1080 and support trapping for predator control. The march will leave Lee Street car park at 10am and end at Soldiers Memorial Park. In the afternoon there will be a hangi for marchers and a congress of national speakers. There is accommodation for out-of-town marchers at Beneath the Southern Cross in Coromandel, ph (07) 866 7555, and at River Glen Holiday Park in Coroglen, ph (07) 866 3130.

And consider becoming a trapper. Very few jobs are as satisfying and beautiful as following a trapline to the top of the range at dawn.

Wendy Pond, Secretary
Manu Waiata Restoration & Protection Society, Wyuna Bay.

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Reducing Waste – can we go plastic

By Debbie Morgan

July has been a month of waste – Thames Coromandel District Council (TCDC) have adopted the Eastern Waikato Waste Management and Minimisation Plan, which sets out how TCDC along with Hauraki District Council and Matamata-Piako District Council are going to work together to manage waste over the next ten years for the benefit of everyone in the community. The other reason that waste is a hot topic at the moment is because of “Plastic Free July” – a challenge to choose to refuse single-use plastic during July.

Why is waste a problem?

Most of the things we do, buy and consume generate some form of waste; this costs money when we have to throw things away. Moreover, if it isn't managed properly, it can cause problems with the environment. New Zealand waste goes to landfill and some of that waste never breaks down.

The targets for TCDC in the Eastern Waikato Waste Management and Minimisation Plan targets

- A 13% reduction in the total quantity of waste sent to landfills from 688kg per person per annum to 599kg per person by 2022.
- A 5% decrease in kerbside household waste to landfill from approximately 131kg per person per annum to 124kg per person per annum by 2022.

The per person amount of rubbish is worked out using data from the 2013 census of “usually resident” individuals. TCDC waste volume is much higher per person than Hauraki or Matamata areas due to Coromandel's large volume of holidaymakers.

Most of this minimisation is hoped to be achieved by diverting reusable goods to reuse centres such as The Goldmine in Coromandel Town and encouraging use of e-waste drop off centres at transfer stations.

People should be aware that potentially hazardous household wastes, such as paint, oil, and chemicals, are collected separately at transfer stations.

It states potential initiatives to target organic wastes including: kerbside collection of food and/or garden waste from households; collection of catering and/or food processing wastes from businesses; promotion and differential pricing for separation of garden wastes at transfer stations; bylaws constraining disposal of organics in refuse; education and promotion of food waste avoidance and home composting.

What can be recycled?

Currently TCDC collect in the wheelie bin: clean plastic (1-7), clean tins and cans, paper and cardboard. In the green crate they collect glass (no glass dishes, lightbulbs, window glass, decorative glass objects etc.). See the TCDC website for further details.

At the moment not everything that could be recycled is being

recycled – mostly due to people not sorting their rubbish. Ben Day from Smart Environmental said, “Customers are too complacent and find it easier to dump recycling at Refuse Transfer Stations or in rubbish bags as opposed to sorting.”

The reverse also happens with some non-recyclable material ending up in recycle bins. Contaminated truckloads have to be hand sorted at the Material Recovery Facility (MRF) in Kopu.

Note: Takeaway coffee cups are NOT recyclable as they have a plastic coating. They shouldn't be put in your recycle bin.

Why is plastic so bad?

Single-use plastic bottles, bags and takeaway containers that we use just for a few minutes use a material that is designed to last forever. Plastic manufacturing consumes 6% of the world's fossil fuels.

Plastics which end up in landfill is bad to the environment as plastic never breaks down – becoming permanent pollution; it also ends up in waterways and the ocean. Cutting down on the amount of single use plastic you buy and use makes good sense environmentally. Any plastic (1-7) you do end up having should be placed in your recycle bin as this is then sorted in Kopu and taken to China for recycling into other plastic items.

The problem with single-use plastic bags is that they are soft plastic and not currently recyclable with TCDC kerbside collection. The vast majority of plastic bags are used just once and thrown away. Foodstuffs has soft plastic packaging recycling at over 100 stores nationwide and Peter Pritchard from Coromandel Four Square is hoping it might be available in our region in 2018. The programme is coordinated by REDcycle and The Packaging Forum. Peter says “It has been hugely successful, with more than six tonnes of soft plastic being collected each week”. Coromandel Four Square has a “green credit” scheme in place. Customers who bring their own reusable shopping bags in and spend over \$20 receive a 5c rebate.

Nearly half of all mayors in the country are currently calling on government to impose a levy on single use plastic bags.

“When the UK brought in just a 5p levy in 2015, they saw an 86 per cent decrease in the number of plastic bags going to landfills. This has been proven to work overseas,” Wellington Mayor Justin Lester said.

I spoke to Sandra Goudie, Mayor of TCDC, and she supports a levy but would prefer it to come from central government. “If central government doesn't legislate on single-use plastic bags then TCDC will look into a council enforced ban/retailer charge on single-use plastic bags,” she told me.

I also contacted our local MP and Associate Environment Minister Scott Simpson. He said “As the Prime Minister has stated, we're not contemplating a plastic bag tax... I have set up a working group to explore options to reduce plastic bag consumption. Plastic bags are part of a much broader conversation about plastic waste/ plastic packaging.”

Countdown refused to comment on their thoughts on charging for single-use plastic bags.



Diverting waste to re-use centres such as The Goldmine is part of TCDC's plan for waste minimisation

Honey Wraps

By Deborah Hide-Baye

One of my aims this year has been to stop using single-use plastic: takeaway cups, takeaway food containers, straws, shopping bags, water bottles and Gladwrap (or Clingfilm). It's not easy; you need to think ahead or choose to eat in rather than take away, but I'm giving it a go.

One product I had heard about was waxed cloth wraps. Last weekend in Auckland, I was at the Grey Lynn farmers' market (which was excellent by the way), and I saw them for sale, so I bought one to try.

They come in different sizes: I bought a large Honey Wrap measuring 35 x 33cm. I've used it to wrap my sandwiches this week and so far so good. It smells strongly of beeswax which is a lovely smell, but I was a bit worried it might taint the food inside. I am happy to report that it didn't and I was able to wipe the cloth down between uses, so it's super easy to clean and reuse.

It can also be wrapped over a bowl – you mould it over the bowl with your hands and the warmth from them encourages the wrap to stick to itself.

Honey Wraps are only one option though

– there's nothing wrong with a paper bag or a bit of greaseproof or a washable cloth wrap either. So I challenge you this month to count how many pieces of plastic you use only once and then throw away... maybe you could try an alternative?



bag-free?

What is Colville Store doing?

Colville Store encourage shoppers to use boxes that stock comes in.

They also have biodegradable plastic bags – customers have to ask if they want one. They encourage the use of reusable shopping bags, have some previously used plastic bags to give out and also have strong paper bags

to purchase for a small fee. Katharina told me they they would like to get away from plastic bags but need to find a suitable alternative. At the moment the options for reusable bags are too expensive as they only would need to purchase low numbers. They are considering stocking reliable/robust handmade shopping bags on a sale and return basis.

Colville Store have products for sale in bulk and customers can bring their own container (marked with volume) especially for bulk liquids like oils, tamari sauce, vinegar and detergents. They have an emphasis on organic bulk goods for products which turn over fast to guarantee freshness and the price is the best that they can offer. Holidaymakers like to be able to grab products on the go, so bulk products often don't work for them.

What you can do to reduce waste

- Take reusable bags with you when you do your shopping.
- If doing an online food shop, add a message to your order requesting no plastic bags.
- Use a reusable coffee cup, and reusable water bottle.
- Reuse any items you can before binning them. Take items that might be useful to someone else to The Goldmine or The Bizarre.
- Take unusable electronic goods to a transfer station as e-waste.
- Recycle everything you can that can't be reused.
- Compost waste fruit, vegetables, garden waste, etc.
- Refuse plastic drinking straws when served a drink.
- Use alternatives to Gladwrap (see Deborah's article on pg 3).
- If you occasionally travel to Auckland or Hamilton, save your soft plastics for drop-off (see website below for locations).

Websites for more information:

- Download the Eastern Waikato Waste Management and Minimisation Plan: www.tcdc.govt.nz/wmmp
- TDCD rubbish and recycling page: www.tcdc.govt.nz/Our-Services/Rubbish-and-Recycling/Kerbside-Refuse-and-Recycling-Collections/
- More ideas to cut down plastic use: www.plasticfreejuly.org
- Article about disposable coffee cups: <http://sustainable.org.nz/sustainability-news/waste-what-should-we-do-with-our-disposable-coffee-cups#.VVWfnrliGNhE>
- Soft plastic recycling collection: www.recycling.kiwi.nz/soft-plastics

Plastic Bag-Free Coromandel Town

There are many countries around the world that are taking action on single-use plastic bags. There are already towns in NZ who have taken up the challenge to become plastic-bag free.

Coromandel Town is already known as an environmentally-friendly town and it would strengthen our reputation if we were to start a campaign to become plastic bag-free by a date in the future. Let's do more for a sustainable environment by saying "No" to single-use plastic bags and supporting the use of reusable bags within our community.

It would be great if we could inspire the residents, businesses and tourists to be more conscious of the environmental impact of single-use plastic bags. I would like to start a campaign in Coromandel Town to work on eliminating/reducing the use of single-use plastic bags in our beautiful town.

If you would be interested in helping on this very worthwhile project, please contact me Judy Rooney (07) 866 8002 info@jacarandalodge.co.nz



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Kate Richardson (Restaurant Manager)
info@musselkitchen.co.nz

Grey Power Coromandel

By John Rabarts, President

We wish to acknowledge and honour the lives of two magnificent senior ladies who passed away over the last two months. Anne Ward and Betty Rabarts were both longtime, active stalwarts in our community. They will be long remembered. Condolences to their families who we know will miss them greatly.



Grey Power has had its Annual General Meeting in Palmerston North with Dolly Welch and John Rabarts attending for our branch. We have had our Coromandel AGM, electing John Rabarts again as president, and welcome a mix of old and new on the committee. Our next Coromandel Association meeting will be in August, notified in the normal way by newsletter to all members, by e-mail if we have your e-mail address or by ordinary mail to your mailbox.

Computer and Phone Scams

We have used this warning about scams we may get caught with in the past, but the problems still remain and it seems worthwhile to share again. Grey Power was recently made aware of a scam targeting our members. An email telling members their account for power was overdue and giving an account number to pay into or the power will be cut off. If this happens to you – DON'T PAY. Phone your service's supplier and ask them what's up.

Or you may get an email telling you that some distant relative in a remote country, usually in Africa, has left you some money, or an email asks for your details so they can put a huge amount of money through your bank account to get it out of their country, offering you a handsome commission. They say click on the email attachment or the reference "link" for details – DONT CLICK or REPLY. These are scams to clean out your bank account!

Also the "tax dept" name is used in scams with an email stating you are due a tax refund. IRD don't do that. DONT CLICK on the attachment.

You may receive a call from a "Microsoft representative", saying your computer has a problem, wanting to give you instructions on how to fix it. Microsoft don't do that – DON'T DO WHAT THEY ASK.

Sometimes someone phones saying they are calling from some charity, or other cause, with a highly plausible or heartrending plea for money, and ask for your credit or debit card details. DONT GIVE THEM. They just want to clean money out of your bank account.

No bank will ever ask you, by phone, text or e-mail, for your password or bank account details. If anyone phones for this – HANG UP. Callers will often use your first name and speak to you as though they know you. Your name is probably not in the phone book, just your initials, so they don't get your name from there. But your full name and address is in the electoral roll! They get it from there – then look for you in the phone book. Stay safe.

Animal Rescue Thames

By Alice and John Parris and Tiggles

Thank mew to everyone who has donated winter bedding, towels, sheets. Aalso we had eight knitted mice come in for the cats to play with; they absolutely adore these toys, and each unit will receive a mouse to harass and keep them occupied.

Also to everyone who has donated cat and kitten food, tinned and biscuits, thank mew.

Homed – we had Archie and Nero finally leave us – the lovely lady arrived and looked at me oddly – and I queried what the problem was and she went oh, I thought they would be in cage and I giggled and said to her to come and meet them, which she did and then both were put into a large carry cage and left to go to a farm home in Turua. For these two siblings from Coromandel they have patiently waited for a year for a new home, which they have been blessed with. These loving rural homes do happen – like all good things it can take time, and sometimes quite a long time – the record in rescue was ALB – she stayed over five years before choosing this guy and leaving us. So there is hope for all of them.

Cattery news – we purchased new heavy duty clear plastic – have removed the perished gazebo walls off units 1 and 2 and they have nice new clear plastic. They get to see outside and stay warm and dry. The gazebo walls were awesome, the windows in them at the right place for the cats to see out, just in the sunshine they perish fairly quickly and don't last as long as the thick clear plastic. We bought three packs which will do every unit and boarding which is awesome and \$60 for the lot which was cheaper than we had budgeted for.

Available for adoption all desexed /wormed /deflead – "Chewbee", classic tabby male and Tiggles, tabby with white female. These two are delightful, playful and now teen kittens six mths old. Home together preferred. Squirt – 10 months old, grey-white boy, smoochy on his terms, gorgeous nature and colour. Neva – 14 mth tabby male big boy with gorgeous markings. We also still have 2-year-old tabby sisters, and another tabby female trio that would be perfect for a farm home. Two black males FOF and Nomoreaye, partners in crime love to remain together. For these felines given time to settle in to a new life adventure, everything they are to us they will be to you and more. Most times the first 72 hours are the worst and most of the felines settle in, adjust within a week or two. Some being a bit more stubborn may take a month but what they will be is so well worth that settling-in time. They have so much purrrsonality, and so much love to give you.

Wanted – loving forever homes for our furbabies, winter bedding, yarn 4-8ply, cat toys, knitted mice, tinned food /sachets for the cats to eat, pet milk. Also need to locate a dryer in good to excellent working condition. With this wet/damp weather nothing is drying, which means we end up backlogged with laundry.

Meow furr now.

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 - **have your say on the future of the road**
- **discuss how communication around road closures can be improved**

The meeting will be chaired by Mayor Sandra Goudie.
MP Scott Simpson as well as representatives
of the Thames-Coromandel District Council,
Waikato Regional Council
and NZ Transport Agency will be in attendance.

It is vital that these decision makers hear from everyone the impact that the road closures
are having on our entire community including Coromandel, Colville, Thames Coast,
Whangapoua, Kuaotunu and Matarangi.

If you need to use the road to:

- **get fresh product for sale out of the region** • **welcome visitors to your tourism business**
 - **receive deliveries of supplies** • **go to work** • **get your children to school**
 - **attend medical appointments** • **stay at your holiday home** • **visit family**
 - **do anything else**

Then this meeting is for you!

**At the time of print the time and date of the meeting were not finalised
however it is expected to be held the week beginning 31 July.**

Details will be advertised widely once known through the radio, Facebook and posters
around Coromandel Town, in the Coromandel Town Information Centre
and in the Colville General Store and Colville Social Services

The Coromandel Business Association is proud to work with the Thames-Coromandel District Council
and Coromandel Colville Community Board to bring you this event.





MEG winter lecture series

Helping landowners enhance their slice of paradise, Catchment Management in the North Coromandel with Elaine Iddon.

Monday 7 August 7pm – Free at Pepper Tree. Warm fireplace, warm drinks.

Soil erosion and water quality affects us all. Elaine will be looking at how authorities, landowners and communities can work together to prevent soil erosion; protect wetlands, bush fragments and streams. Outlining how each of us has a role to play in protecting and enhancing waterways and harbours in the Coromandel. Elaine will discuss how aspirations are being achieved in the Coromandel.



AN INVITATION TO ALL COROMANDEL AND COLVILLE BUSINESSES ...to an informal evening of drinks, nibbles, and laughter – and lots of networking thrown in.

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- Catch up with old colleagues and meet some new ones
- Discuss business opportunities with like-minded entrepreneurs
- Join with others to lobby local and central Government for vital infrastructure
- Have your say about the future work of the Business Association



When: 7 August 2017, 5.30pm

Where: Admirals Arms Hotel

Cost: \$5 to cover the cost of the nibbles.
A cash bar will be open.

RSVP to Admirals Arms Hotel by 3 August
– 866 7069 or admiralsarms@gmail.com

There is no need to be a member of the CBA to be able to attend – the more the merrier!

This event is proudly brought to you by the Coromandel Business Association.



Mindfulness Meditation and More

By Sarah Brooks

Now that the cold month of July has passed, Mahamudra Centre in Colville opens our doors again and looks forward to spring. We kick off the season with a course on Mindfulness for Beginners, an interactive weekend learning about meditation and how mindfulness can be applied to all aspects of life. If you are wishing you had more focus and a calmer mind even in difficult situations, this course will explore how that can be possible. Register to join us **18-20 August** for this beginners' level course. This also is great preparation for a silent Mindfulness Weekend Retreat **8-10 September**, where there's a lot less explanation and discussion and more time spent just practicing mindfulness techniques in our beautiful and quiet environment.

We also welcome visitors to our morning guided meditations 8.30-9am at the centre or simply to have a look in our shop and a quiet reflection over a cup of tea or coffee. We have new lines of greeting cards and gifts, as well as a lovely display of Coromandel photography, so be sure to stop in and enjoy.

In Coromandel Town we'll be back at the Elizabeth Park Community Centre every Thursday from 10-11am for guided meditation. Please park on Allman Drive. No experience is necessary to join in, and anyone who has time after goes out to a local café for tea or coffee and a chat.

Venerable Lozang Yönten will be returning in September to lead retreats and courses through February. We are happy to arrange for her to come give public talks for any school or community group that is interested in meditation, dealing with emotions, developing compassion, caring for self and others, or Buddhism in general. If you'd like to arrange something designed specifically for your organization's programme, please contact me at (07) 866 6851 or spc@mahamudra.org.nz. (We also have a listing of programme topics if you like the idea but are not sure where to start.)

For more about Mahamudra Centre and our programs, please visit our website: www.mahamudra.org.nz

Singing and Taizé

By Joan Prairie

Taizé is a worldwide, ecumenical community of meditative singing which encourages us to live in the spirit of kindness and simplicity. The uplifting songs we sing are simple, repetitive and in different languages. It's easy to pick them up even if you don't speak the language or aren't particularly musical. We are encouraged to sing from a place of allowing the music to enter our being and switch off the mind. It's amazing how we can remember the words and music without trying.

As a new singer to Taizé singing, I was warmly welcomed with hugs and friendship. On Monday night, I leave the warmth of the fire at home and head out to the warmth of the Taizé singing community. At the end of the evening, I find a sense of peacefulness and calmness which lasts into the week. I find the songs pop into my head and the next minute I'm singing away. Lovely group! Come and join us.

For more information please contact Sue (07) 866 8833

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Coromandel Garden Circle

By Jane Warren

Our June meeting was held in Matarangi on a chilly winter day. Our hostess, Dianne, had organised a tour of a couple of beachfront gardens, showing the challenges and successes of gardening in seaside conditions. Luckily the rain held off until we had completed our garden tour and we were then given an entertaining demonstration of making clay and string plant hangers. As usual, the day was completed by a lovely shared afternoon tea whilst enjoying the gorgeous sea views.

Competition winners were: Arrangement Irene Dunn, Special Glenda Robertson, Single Bloom Karin Lillis, Multi Bloom Sherryn Cepulis, Miniature Sherryn Cepulis.

Our July meeting was a midwinter Xmas dinner held at The Club in Coromandel Town. The Xmas theme welcomed members with the club decorated with Xmas trees and baubles, with Xmas music playing, floral competition entries decorating the tables and our members dressed up in Xmas bits and bobs. After a short meeting we were all set to enjoy our Xmas lunch. The main meal was prepared by the committee members and the dessert plates bought by members were delicious. There was a special prize for the best Xmas headwear which was well and truly won by Libby Agar.

Winners of the competitions were: Arrangement – Patricia Whimp, Special – Pat Williams, Single Bloom – Pat Williams, Multi Bloom – Natalie Blasco, Miniature Bloom – Pat Williams.

Our next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 9 August** at 1pm at Naomi Pond's home on Rings Road with a talk on using herbs. New members are always welcome.



Libby Agar in her Xmas outfit

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Coromandel Town Information Centre

By Sandra Wilson, Manager



Spring is around the corner with its promise of better weather and longer days.

Even with slips, blocked roads, and stop and go's in place, people are still managing to get through. Our figures for June were again up on last year's for the same time. Even in the middle of winter there are still so many activities available for everyone. Then of course if you just want to chill out in peace and quiet, we can arrange that too.

Do check our Facebook page -- Coromandel Town -- for any roading updates or call us on (07) 866 8598 between 10.00am – 4.00pm daily. Things are still unsettled on the Thames Coast Road so you can also check out the New Zealand Transport Authority website (<http://www.journeys.nzta.govt.nz/traffic/>) or ring them on 0800 44 44 49.

Now is the perfect time to come and see us to find out about volunteering at the centre. Work with a friendly team of like-minded people for just three hours once a week or fortnight; training is provided.

Planning your summer holidays? We can assist with booking your BlueBridge Cook Strait Ferry, Coromandel – Auckland 360 Discovery Ferry and InterCity bus services. Call in to our office at 85 Kapanga Road and one of our friendly team will be happy to help you.

Passport application/renewal forms are also available from us. The Coromandel Town Chronicle, Hauraki Herald and Informer are all available here whilst stocks last.

Monday Walkers

By Irene Dunn

Let's get walking - will away the showers and icy cold winds – it's worth the effort to get out there and do it!

The bush walks are a bit muddy just now so we have being doing mostly beach walks and on a sunny day it's wonderful to see the sun sparkling on the water with good company and a coffee afterwards - what more can lift your spirits?

Some walkers are away, some have been not so well – looking forward to seeing you all again soon. Dogs welcome too.

Happy walking everyone.

Contact Irene 021 157 8408



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Into the Light

By John Irvine

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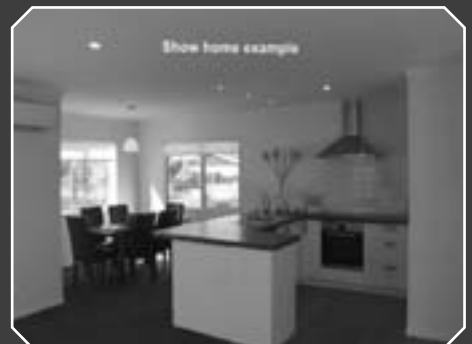
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Daffodil Day

By Robyn & Marie

"Pansies" is the title of the pastel art work that has generously been created and donated by Annette Bishop for our raffle on Daffodil Day.

Pansies is on display in The Bizarre, where raffle tickets are also on sale. The winning ticket will be drawn around midday on **26 August**.

We are getting into gear for Daffodil Day. The pickers have their gumboots and secateurs ready and waiting. The bunches are no doubt also giving thought to the beautiful bunches of daffodils they are to make up for our big day. As well as contributing to such a worthy cause, these days are actually great fun to be involved with.

Once again we have two stalls selling daffodils and other Cancer Society merchandise. Robyn and her merry band of women will be outside Coromandel Pharmacy with Marie and Lyn outside the BNZ. Frank is back with Marie and Lyn again with his barbeque cooking up those scrumptious sausages.

Do hope you can visit our stalls on Daffodil Day, **Friday 25 August**. Would love to see you all there.

Kind regards and thanks for all your support

Thanks also to Rex Brett who has once again made and donated to us to raffle, one of his stunning garden sculptures. The garden sculpture is on display in the window and tickets are available at Coromandel Pharmacy.

**Heart Beat – St John Ambulance Coromandel/Colville**

By Julie Morris, Station Manager, Coromandel

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Lions News

By Lion Lyn



Greetings from the depths of winter! Following on from last month's history lesson, the reason we are Lions is because in 1917 a vote was held and "The Association of Lions Clubs" was agreed upon. Lions became International in 1920 when a club was chartered in Windsor, Canada. As mentioned last month, we are now worldwide and growing, even here – with four new members. A hearty welcome to Lyn and Graham Robertson, Rowena Chapman, and Karen Austin. Also a special welcome to Kerry Whittle who has returned to us after far too long in the big smoke! That makes five in one eventful change of officers dinner meeting. May the trend continue. Once the weather warms I'm sure all those extra calories consumed on the evening will shift (yeah – right)!

Now for a little history of New Zealand. Lloyd Morgan, who became world president in 1979 refused the customary gift of a luxury motorcar after his year had ended. However, there were Lions across the districts who were determined that Lloyd's year would receive permanent and lasting recognition. The Lions "family" rose to the occasion. The upshot of it all was that during the International Convention that marked the end of Lloyd's year, the MD202 Council Chairman, Pat Ryan, presented Lloyd with the newly formed Lloyd Morgan Lions Clubs Charitable Trust, established with a seeding capital of \$36,000. This trust is greatly respected, and unique in the world of Lionism. Lloyd was patron of the trust for his lifetime, and took a keen interest in its affairs. Although the trust bears his name, Lloyd always insisted that the trust belongs to New Zealand Lions, and took great pleasure from observing first-hand what Lions have been able to accomplish with the help of the trust, and the special place it occupies within the Lions organisation.

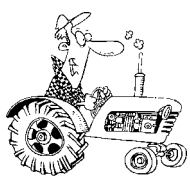
Throughout NZ, a significant number of worthwhile projects are completed annually thanks to the assistance the trust is able to provide. Coromandel Club along with all other NZ clubs contribute to the capital fund, which is invested to provide income, and further capital growth. This reminds me of the saying of old, "Look after the pennies and the pounds look after themselves!" So true or am I just getting old? The trust has set up a facility for districts to apply for an emergency grant of up to \$10,000 in response to a significant natural disaster, with funds available within 24 to 48 hours. Not bad at all – makes me very proud to be a Lion!

Do you want to find out more about us? Follow us on Facebook or simply talk to a Lion, or ring our usual numbers. If anyone wishes to order Lions Xmas cakes this year I need to know by end of August – please phone (07) 866 7722. Leave a message if no answer – I will get back to you. See you in the spring!

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Coromandel Independent Living Trust

Computers in homes

Nine families have recently completed a Computers in Homes course tutored by Matt Sephton. One of its key aims is the teaching of basic computer skills to parents so they are able to help their children with their learning.

The course – which CILT ran in cooperation with the Coromandel Area School – is a national programme aimed at getting computers into homes that do not have one, and where there is a school-age child that would benefit from having a computer. With many schools moving towards computer-aided learning, and also with government agencies such as WINZ and IRD increasingly expecting people to fill out forms online, families without a computer can easily get left behind.

At the end of the course each family received a refurbished computer of their own.



Staff profile: Sam Ward

Sam Ward has worked for CILT for over seven years and is a key member of our team. Sam supports the office staff each morning, collecting the mail, doing the banking, making deliveries, and more. Sam also unlocks and checks the Samuel James Reserve amenities every morning (including weekends on a voluntary basis).

This is an extract from a story Sam wrote about his role at CILT.

“I work part time at a place called CILT and it’s a lot of hard work working there and what CILT does is help people around town like booking people on the bus to take them to other towns like Thames and other things like that. We all work together to try and help those in need of help around town and make people’s lives a little easier and happier. CILT is the best place to work if you want a job and want to help out around the town.”

You can read the full story on the CILT website and also see some clips from a movie about CILT, which he filmed.

Incredible Years Parenting Programme

The two courses run this year have been so well-received that CILT is running another one in Whitianga beginning **22 August**. Designed for parents of children aged 3 to 8 years, the course runs for 14 weeks every Tuesday 10am-12.30pm, except during the school holidays.

For further information phone Dana Vaughan on 021 464 997 or Kate Donoghue on 027 692 6494.

CILT will be offering this programme in Coromandel next year. To register your interest, please leave your contact details at the Resource Centre in Tiki House.

“I highly recommend this programme to all parents.... it’s given me the confidence to manage all behaviours now....it’s great being with others who have the same stuff happening....it’s been so good for our whole family...” Parent 2016.

The Work Co-op

Jean Ashby reports that

It’s great to have Jo McNeil back from hospital, healthy and happy!

The Work Co-op were happy to cater for Lawrie Fear’s Memorial Service on 8 July at the Anglican Church Hall. Thank you, Marni for placing great faith in us.

Jean and the girls went away on Sunday 16 July to Auckland for a team-building exercise, which was a great success and lots of fun.

Matt Sephton did a wonderful job of supporting some Work Co-op people to do the Computers in Homes course, which was much appreciated.

Donate fabric.....Reduce waste

Did you know that every piece of plastic ever produced still remains somewhere on the Earth today?

That in New Zealand 40,000 plastic check-out bags are dumped in landfills every hour?

We need to continue the Plastic-Free July Challenge!

The Work Co-op will sew material bags which you’ll be able to pick up for free from various locations including the Resource Centre, the Work Co-op and The Goldmine. But they need your help with fabric. Donations will be greatly appreciated and can be dropped into the Resource Centre at Tiki House or the Work Co-op at 41 Wharf Road.

For more information visit these websites:
www.plasticfreejuly.org/the-issues.html,
www.wastenet.org.nz

Coromandel Contract Bridge

By Judy Bronlund

Our August competition is the Jackson Pairs. New members and visitors to Coromandel are welcome to join us on a Monday evening in the warm St John rooms.

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

Poetry SPOT

Idiots and their Mouths

By John Irvine

Don’t you love those idiots
 with mouths bigger than dustbins?
 Who seldom shut up while they still have teeth
 and babble on about everything
 from boobs to bicycles,
 without purpose or hard facts?

The ones you would love to gift
 a fresh bunch of fives to,
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 and violent. Those you’d report
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Moving Meditation and Music Medicine on the Open Floor

By Jacqui Chan (and Lisa Corston)

So what exactly is Open Floor?

This is a common question we get asked. "Is it like ballroom dancing?" one dancer was asked by her friend. Well the answer is no, and I hope to demystify what we do a little further.

For it can feel like a terrifying big step the first time you choose to come to a dance class.

"What should I expect?" "What should I wear?" "What if I can't catch on to the moves?" "Will I make fool of myself?" "What if I'm too unfit?" "What if I'm too uncoordinated?"

These are all fairly common anxieties that run through the minds of brave souls as they muster courage for their first class.

I think the reason Open Floor can be difficult to explain is that – as the name suggests – it is quite "open". When we dance we're not learning set moves (that rules out the uncoordinated question – phew!). Instead we explore how our own body moves: how our body wants to move today, with whatever joys, sorrows, aches and pains today brings. For although we call Open Floor "dance" because we move through space to music, it could equally be described as "moving meditation". It is a meditation in the sense that we bring our full attention to our experience of moving in the moment. And, as with other forms of meditation, we include all the contents of our experience – whether it's a sense of excitement to interact with others, a busy mind churning over the events of the day, or an emotion that's stirring in the moment. We allow these things to bubble up through the dance and include them in our dance. And the magic is when we move our bodies, our feelings and thoughts move too.

A vital part of the experience is the music, which supports and often inspires our movement. In Open Floor we use music as medicine. As teachers, we spend hours

collecting and compiling beautiful, diverse, soul-moving music. This spans from quiet meditative music that supports stretching and attention to small movement, to music with strong beats and irresistible rhythms that carry our more energetic dances. Each class focuses on a particular body part or a particular movement skill and each demands specific music. For example: music with a strong clear beat to emphasize the feet and our connection with the ground; quirky upbeat jazz to explore the content of the mind; or music with strong crescendos and decrescendos to experiment with ways of expanding and contracting our bodies. Some music naturally draws us inwards into our inner worlds, some music sparks social interaction. This diverse music weaves together to create a soundscape to our dance journey.

And yet we are not slaves to the music – as dancers we honour our own needs and energy levels first. Sometimes, when we're feeling lower in energy or nursing an injury, we might move half the pace of the music (we also might move on the floor or a chair). At other times, when we have excess energy to release, we might move twice the speed of the music. Sometimes one particular layer of a song might resonate with how we're feeling – perhaps the clear beat, or the soaring melody. Attending to our own needs and experiences from moment to moment fosters self-responsibility.

So although Open Floor maybe described as quite "open", there are clear threads that



we follow in our dance. These include the contents of our inner experience, our needs in the moment, the beautiful music, as well as the specific inquiry guided by the teacher.

If you like to move, if you like to dance, if you are just curious, we welcome you to join us on the Open Floor.

If it's your first time we suggest you come early and have a chat before class.

Thursdays 7*-8:30pm, Coromandel Anglican Church Hall – **10, 24 August; 7, 21 September.**

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

Coromandel Walking Group

By Irene Dunn

Our walking group enjoyed a nice midwinter lunch recently – celebrating that winter is half over! Thanks to Ruth for organising this luncheon.

Then it was back on the footpaths, dodging the showers to keep fit. Welcome to our visitors and new walkers.

We meet every Tuesday and Thursday at 9am at the Lotto Dairy to walk for an hour – do come and join us, tie up those laces and let's get walking.

Contact Ruth (07) 866 7246



NEW ZEALAND GEOGRAPHIC BOARD NGĀ POU TAUNAHA O AOTEAROA

Notice of Proposal to Alter a Geographic Name

Pursuant to section 16 of the New Zealand Geographic Board (Ngā Pou Taunaha o Aotearoa) Act 2008 ("Act"), the New Zealand Geographic Board Ngā Pou Taunaha o Aotearoa ("Board") hereby gives notice of proposals to alter the existing geographic names specified in the Schedule below.

Submissions on these proposed altered geographic names may be made on the forms linked from: <http://www.lin.govt.nz/regulatory/place-names/place-name-consultation>, by email to: nzgbsubmissions@lin.govt.nz, or by writing to the Secretary of the New Zealand Geographic Board, c/o Land Information New Zealand, PO Box 5501, Wellington 6145.

In accordance with section 17 of the Act, submissions must state with reasons, whether the proposal is supported or objected to, and if an objection is made then submissions may set out an alternative proposal, or support the existing name.

Schedule

Proposed Altered Geographic Feature Name (1)	Geographic Feature Type	Description	Submission Deadline
Motutere / Castle Rock	Hill	A prominent rocky feature at 525m on the Coromandel Peninsula, between Coromandel Harbour and Whangapoua Harbour. Approximately 7.5km southeast of Coromandel (locality). NZTopo50-BA35 286239. Geodetic mark code A6KM is located at summit. Alteration from Castle Rock (recorded name).	22 September 2017

Museum News

By Raewyn McKinney

Following the AGM, I remind members of the Coromandel School of Mines & Historical Society Inc, that subscriptions are now due for the 2017-2018 year. It was agreed at the AGM to retain subscriptions at the rate of \$15 per person per year. New or existing members can make payment to any committee member, pay direct to the bank account, or post to the museum at 841 Rings Road, Coromandel 3506. Please include your name and address with payment. Membership of the Society brings free entry to the Museum for the year, plus an excellent monthly newsletter sent out by Jennie to all members.

As usual, during the winter we are busy behind the scenes making necessary repairs and renovations, archiving artefacts and updating displays. We are very pleased to have had one room of the original building painted recently. This is the first time the interior has been painted for many years, and we are thrilled with the results. This work has involved the removal of many artefacts to enable the painter access to the walls. We sincerely thank the group of volunteers who have assisted Frank in clearing the room in readiness for the painter. It is extremely encouraging to receive such willing support from the community for projects we are undertaking. Work now proceeds to reinstate these displays in an even better format for the future.

Here is an item of general news from the "Daily Southern Cross",



The stamper battery outside the museum

25 August 1873:

"Latest from Coromandel"

(From our own correspondent)

Tokatea – There were 160 tons of general stuff and 50lb of specimen stone treated at the Whakaroa mill during the week. A little gold can be seen in driving from the second winze. In the low level the country is very hard, almost all shooting ground. In the right and left hand branches driving on the top of the inner rise towards the main reef is being continued. The lode averages twelve inches wide, and gold can be seen in the stone. The Royal Oak boundary is much harder.

Royal Oak – I went through the mine, which is looking well, but there is no marked change to chronicle. The main lode which is being driven upon on the left hand branch of the main lode running into the blow looks well. The continuance of driving on the lode on the Tokatea side is close to the boundary of that property.

Key of the Tokatea – There is no change to report from this property.

Golden Point – The main workings are being pushed ahead. The lode looks well, but the quantities of precious metal obtained from testings so far are small. Rising on the lode in the north crosscut has been started, with fair results. In other respects there is no alteration.

Tiki – There is no change from this portion of the field. Snell's party continue to get some gold. Operations are going ahead for the main lode, which must be close at hand.

The general manager of the National Bank of New Zealand, from Auckland, returned to town this afternoon per "Royal Alfred" after paying the district a short visit. His presence is an indication of a commencement of business. It is time that Coromandel, which is day by day becoming a place of some importance, should have some attention paid to it by persons who have to study public favour in the extension of their business connections.

The weather is more unsettled than it has been for some time past."

The museum is closed for the winter, and will re-open at Labour Weekend

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SeniorNet

By Loes Beaver

With the cold, wet weather, we are looking for new things to do in the warm and dry, and so many are looking to their electronics for inspiration. We can assist with programming and tutoring in the use of your electronic device. Over the last month we have had many enquiries as to how we can help. We would say come along to one of our meetings and see for yourselves with your chosen device, be it laptop, smartphone or Ipad/tablet. We welcome our new members. We are changing our time on a Tuesday to 4pm so this may suit people better.

If you have any questions or enquiries regarding the use of any type of electronic, contact us by phone or come along to the Music Room, Coromandel Area School. All adults welcome.

Contact Loes (07) 866 8053

**Writers Group**

By Megan Mackie

Seven members met at Te Kouma on 13 July. Good weather for writing and book reading!

Our 20-minute impromptu topics were taken "out of a hat" with each person having three words or phrases to incorporate into their writing.

As usual there was a huge variety of short stories.

A member read a poem she had written, then there were lots of books discussed – some of which were: Marilyn Duckworth's *Sisters*; *Left Neglected* by Lisa Genova (fiction but a story of coping with brain damage); historical novels by Phillippa Gregory – great understanding of the human psyche and all available in the Coro Library; Fay Weldon's autobiography *Auto da Fay*; *Blasted by Seeds* – Tom McGrath's readable information on coping with prostate cancer.

Our "homework" was read out after lunch. It was situational writing, with dialogue, about a character being transposed from their life to a totally alien situation.

Some wrote a play-like narrative and some were a little bit racy.

Winter is for writing!

Coromandel Embroiderers Guild

By Diann Cade

Personally I am looking forward to this months "Wessex" workshop however I am not the only one that has been planning colour schemes since June! There are 12 of us signed up for the two day workshop.

Wessex style embroidery was created by Margaret Foster of Bath England in the early 1900's. It is a combination of simple stitches, counted work on even weave linen with coloured threads. It also has the added value of colour mixing as one adds stitches over other stitches, blending colours to create subtle changes.

Both Ann Brocas and Jill

Wilson will tutor the workshop.

Ann is one of our valued and very experienced embroiderers. For many years she has taught at Conferences, Sampler Gatherings, Great Escape and Wanaka Embroidery School. She was one of the judges of the 2017 Embroiderers Conference exhibition. Counted work and samplers are her main stitching interest. Ann has created many of her own embroidery designs, which are available for sale. The photo shows Ann assisting in the choice of threads.

Jill is also very experienced in Patchwork and Quilting, which adds a different dimension to her approach to embroidery. She is an immaculate stitcher, attending many workshops of advanced embroidery techniques. Her

construction and finishing techniques are admired.

Again, we are fortunate that our members have such skills and are prepared to share them.

We welcome new members. For further information about the Coromandel Embroiderers Guild and related activities contact Jill Wilson (07) 866 7484

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Local, Self-Published Book

Kiwi On The Camino: A Walk that Changed My Life by Vivianne Flintoff

Book launch: **Thursday 31 August** 5-7pm.
Venue: Christ Church Hall – all are welcome.

A little about me and *Kiwi on the Camino*

I moved to Coromandel 18 months ago. Coromandel has proved to be an ideal community in which to write *Kiwi on the Camino*, which was released in June. Thank you, to all who have welcomed and befriended me.

Kiwi on the Camino is about my journey, accompanied by my husband Bruce, along the Camino de Santiago (The Way of St James) and the Camino Finisterre – two ancient pilgrim walks in the north of Spain. We began in St-Jean-Pied-de-Port, France, crossed the Pyrenees, then walked across the north of Spain to the beach on the Atlantic coast where legend has it that St James preached and to where his disciples brought back his decapitated body – a walk of 900 kilometres. I write of our experiences of walking through picturesque landscapes, ancient villages and cities, in sunshine, rain and blizzard. We followed in the footsteps of the hundreds of thousands who have walked this route down through the centuries.

Bruce and I first heard of the Camino when trekking the Everest Base Camp trail in the Himalayas, Nepal. My decision to walk the Camino came about when I realized I was emotionally bankrupt and physically exhausted. The walk was to be my time-out from the responsibilities, demands and complexities of modern-day life.

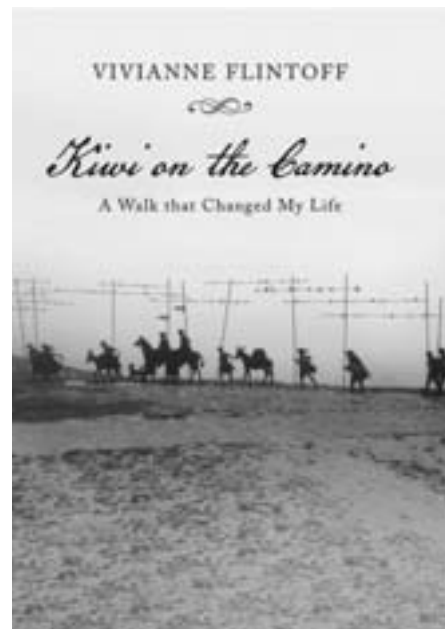
When writing I aimed for a story that contained some humour and which was written in a spirit of courage and honesty. I write of the pain (I badly sprained my left ankle just three days before beginning the Camino), fears, anxieties, challenges, fun and friendships encountered. The historical perspectives and social reflections keep the pace moving. Throughout the epic walk, my meditations shine light upon my inner

criticisms and gradually, with each step, I let go of self-judgment and become self-compassionate. At the end of our Camino, my life is radically changed for I determine to live a different kind of life: I was no longer prepared to live a life subjected to high stress levels.

Kiwi on the Camino is essentially a travel book. It will interest readers who enjoy getting outdoors and moving. It will interest people thinking about walking the Camino. It will also interest readers who do not want, or who are unable, to walk the Camino, but who want to vicariously experience the walk by travelling with me through their reading. My journey will also speak to those people who are struggling to juggle the complex demands that a contemporary life requires.

Kiwi on the Camino is listed on Babloapress.com and Amazon.com. The book is available on both websites as an e-book. I will have copies of the book at the book launch and will be donating a book to the Coromandel Library.

The book cover is a photo I took of the full-sized, cast iron sculpture found on the



summit of Alto de Perdón – the Mountain of Forgiveness – west of Pamplona. It is called, “where the path of the wind crosses that of the stars.”

I look forward to talking with you at the launch.

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Library News

By Raewyn McKinney

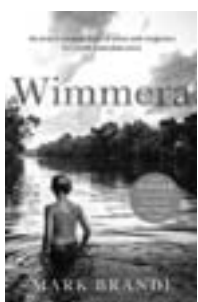
It is great to be able to report that things are going well in the library.

The library AGM is due, as usual, in August. This year the meeting will be held at 1.30pm on **Thursday 10 August** in the library. Anyone who would like to join the committee, or who simply has an interest in the running of the library, is invited to attend.

At the time of writing, it is planned that the Heritage Cabinet mentioned last month will be installed in the library by the time this edition of the Coromandel Town Chronicle is delivered. We are looking forward to this, as it will no doubt prove to be a handsome addition to the library.

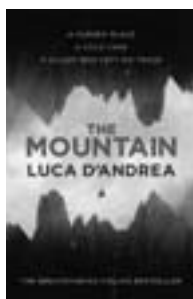
New titles added to the library include the latest from many old favourites; just the thing for the last of the cold winter days. Included are Nicole Alexander, Clive Cussler, Diana Gabaldon, John Grisholm, Dean Koontz, Monica McInerney, James Patterson, Lesley Pearce, and Danielle Steel.

We have also purchased:

Wimmera by Mark Brandi

In the long, hot summer of 1989, Ben and Fab are best friends. Growing up in a small country town, they already know some things are better left unsaid. Then a newcomer arrived in the Wimmera. Neither realised the shadow this

man would cast over both their lives. Twenty years later, Fab is still stuck in town, going nowhere but hoping for somewhere better. Then a body is found in the river, and Fab can't ignore the past anymore.

The Mountain by Luca D'Andrea

Jeremiah Salinger blames himself. The crash was his fault. He was the only survivor. Now only his daughter Clara can put a smile on his face. The depression and the nightmares are closing in. But when he takes Clara to the Bletterbach, he overhears by chance

a conversation that gives his life renewed focus. In 1985 three students were murdered there, their bodies savaged, limbs severed and strewn by a killer who was never found. Salinger, a New Yorker, is far from home ... All the same, solving this mystery might be the only thing that can keep him sane.

Red Sky At Noon by Simon Sebag Montefiore

Imprisoned in the Gulags for a crime he did not commit, Benya Golden joins a penal battalion made up of Cossacks and convicts to fight the Nazis. He enrolls in the Russian cavalry, and on a hot summer day in July 1942, he and his band

of brothers are sent on a desperate mission behind enemy lines....This is a sweeping story of passion, bravery and human survival where personal betrayal is a constant companion, and death just a heartbeat away. As a distinguished historian, Montefiore has a keen sense of place and an eye for unexpected details. This is an exciting, fast-paced adventure.

The Marsh King's Daughter by Karen Dionne

When notorious child abductor - known as The Marsh King - escapes from a maximum security prison, Helena immediately suspects that she and her two young daughters are in danger. No one, not even her husband,

knows the truth about Helena's past: they don't know that she was born into captivity, that she had no contact with the outside world before the age of twelve - or that her father raised her to be a killer. And they don't know that The Marsh King can survive and hunt in the wilderness better than anyone...except, perhaps his own daughter.

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

To all Coromandel Community Library users

Just a reminder to all Library users that we do not send out accounts when your sub is due. Subs are \$10 per year and you will be notified by the librarian on duty that your sub is now due. As well as paying then you can also pay us by internet banking. Just ask for our bank account details and add your name when you pay. A receipt will be issued when our bank account is checked.

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We are working one nurse down at present, and some people are having to wait for non-urgent appointments. Our priority is to make our appointments available for patients enrolled with Colville Community Health Centre.

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

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Ann's Good News, Naturally Healthy Females

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In today's world, many of us are dumbed down to the causes and triggers of health issues, so there is not the awareness to live proactively or how to prevent a life that is without discomfort or pain. It seems the consequences of any of the above pathologies, such as inflammation, prescription drugs with their side effects, or surgery, has become almost an expected, accepted part of today's world.

Preventable pathologies are preventable by eliminating your exposure to the causes of any of the above in the first place. Although they are multifactorial, that is, there may be more than one contributing factor, knowing how to prevent, what to avoid and why and how you need to avoid the causes, will create a healthier life.

What stage of life are you?

Are you in your twilight years, peri or menopausal, mid life or in your child bearing years? Are you are a parent to preadolescent tweenies or adolescent teenagers?

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To rid toxins from the body, the liver conjugates or changes the toxins to be water soluble for safe excretion through the kidneys or bowel. Or, they will recycle and settle again in your fat cells, causing more hormonal imbalances and health issues, locking again into your fat cells, creating eventually chronic illnesses as above.

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- Know your hormonally influencing mineral status – go to www.activeelements.com User name: 259077, password: 579819.

Barry Brickell Memorial Performance Stage

The Barry Brickell Memorial Stage project took a major step forward with the acceptance of these concept drawings by the Community Board. This means that we can now proceed with getting the engineering drawings completed and off the TCDC for consent. Local artist Diann Cade produced these lovely drawings for us – see TCDC advert opposite – I am sure you will agree that she has done a fine job!

Many people are wondering when the stage will be built. It would be great to have it in time for next summer, but until we have consent we have no idea of a timeline. As soon as there is something definite it will be advertised in the Chronicle.

For more information call Pete Sephton 027 242 4090 or email sephtonpete@gmail.com



Jennian Homes Coromandel franchise owners Stephen and Haley Trebilco celebrate their Franchisee of the Year finalist award

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Barry Brickell stage

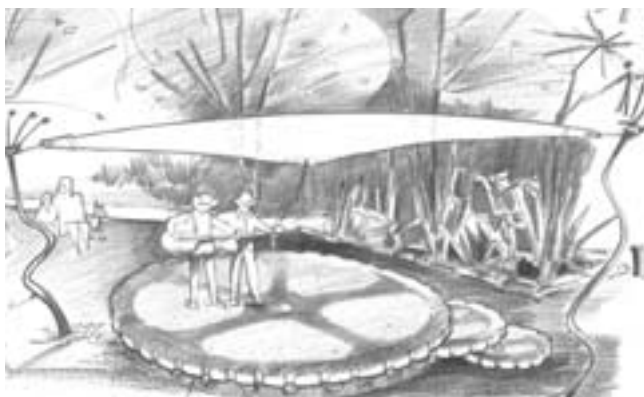
Plans for the Barry Brickell Memorial Performance Stage proposed for Hauraki House Reserve are well underway.

The stage and surrounds would be a tribute to the Coromandel potter, railway builder, conservationist and author who passed away in January 2016.

The Coromandel-Colville Community Board has funded the consultation, design and planning requirements to the consenting stage.

The Community Board has also allocated budget in this financial year for construction, though external funding may also be required.

The memorial stage is a collaboration between the Community Board and the community,



with the community partner at this stage being the Driving Creek Railway Arts and Conservation Trust.

The concept design can be viewed at our Council's Coromandel Service Centre at 355 Kapanga Road.



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UPDATE

Community Board grants close on 4 August, so if your organisation provides a community service, activity or event that is not-for-profit, it could be eligible for funding. But act quickly! Full criteria and application forms: www.tcdc.govt.nz/cbgrants2017

Another piece of the Coromandel EV Scenic Touring Route is in place with the Community Board backing the Woollams Ave car park as the site to accommodate an electric vehicle fast charging station. Two car parks will be allocated to EVs for charging, which usually takes about 15-20 min. By summer, there will be fast chargers in Coromandel Town and Whitianga, to join the ones already installed in Thames and Tairua. No more "range anxiety" for drivers of EVs in the Coromandel! www.tcdc.govt.nz/evchargers



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The fund is "open-ended," in that applications can be made throughout the 12-month period – from 1 July 2017 through to 30 June 2018.

We've also amended the criteria. For more details, including application forms, see www.tcdc.govt.nz/majorevents

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www.tcdc.govt.nz/wip

Kerbside glass recycling change



From 31 July our recycling collection crews will only accept glass left in Council crates. The crate can be from any district, it doesn't have to be a TCDC crate. This is because some of the non-Council crates people have used in the past are too heavy or difficult to pick up without the crews hurting themselves or sometimes dropping the container with the result that the glass breaks.

If you need a Council crate, you can pick one up for \$15 at any of our service centres; or if your old crate is damaged and no longer usable, bring it in and we'll replace it for free.

Remember – you can leave recycling and rubbish in our official blue Council bags at any of our seven Refuse Transfer Stations for free.

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Hon Scott Simpson MP for Coromandel

Our Road

We've had more than our fair share of foul wet weather this year. Autumn saw several weather bombs hit the Coromandel Peninsula and we've had lots more rain since. It's not just our part of the country that's been impacted but the reality of slips and closed roads has hit us hard. The New Zealand Transport Agency and their contractors have lots of work to do on SH25 and they know it. It is imperative the coast road is a priority for them as keeping it open is literally a lifeline for local people and businesses. I continue to pressure them to provide the resources, both human and mechanical to ensure we can have confidence when using the coast road. That said, I accept that some of the necessary remedial work won't be able to be fully completed until some of the slip prone banks have dried out.

Our biggest industry

The release of our region's peak population statistics point to an impressive achievement in our tourist numbers and only highlights the importance of SH25.

Nearly half a million unique individual visitors were here on the Coromandel Peninsula in the two-and-a-half-week Christmas – New Year high season. On the peak visitor night there were 126,298 visitors in the district plus a further 20,158 here just for the day. These are figures that just confirm what we already knew, that the Coromandel is New Zealand's most preferred summer holiday destination. It really is quite mind-boggling that our less-than-30,000 resident population is multiplied by five at the height of the tourist season. The research indicates that 43% arrive here from Auckland and 22% are international visitors.

Recycling

Coromandel Town's new Goldmine Recycling Centre up at the Refuse Transfer Station is going really well. If you haven't paid them a visit yet, please do. Another recycling initiative that's going well is glass. The glass waste we put out for kerbside recycling here in the Thames Coromandel District helps the country achieve a terrific result nationally. As a country we recycle 73 per cent of all glass containers, on par with the European Union and well ahead of the United States at just 50 per cent.

The Glass Packaging Forum promotes the environmental benefits of recovery of glass packaging and manages the accredited Voluntary Glass Packaging Forum Product Stewardship Scheme. The scheme is funded by a voluntary levy based on tonnage of all food and beverage container glass into the market. It has over 100 members which include New Zealand's only manufacturer of glass and all the major retailers and distributors of glass. In seven years of operation it's made a major difference in creating a more sustainable environment. Please keep putting your glass bottles and containers out for recycling.

Never hesitate to make contact with me if I can be of assistance with any matter. For an appointment you can phone my electorate office on (07) 868 3529 or email: mpcoromandel@parliament.govt.nz

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Source New Zealand

Local mussel farmers are featured in a newly released book, *Source New Zealand*. It's all about our food, our people, and our land, by Gerhard and Henri Egger.

Source is the result of 15 months travelling around New Zealand, Aotearoa, looking at the stories behind the food our fertile country grows, harvests and produces. "It is great to be able to showcase what New Zealand has to offer and the quality of the product that we are able to produce," says Gerhard. Packed with over 30 personal stories and photographs, the authors describe it as "A bit of Country Calendar meets Master Chef".

The local content includes a story on our world renowned green-lipped mussel industry – from the spat collection in Aotea Harbour to mussel farms in Coromandel Harbour owned by the Bartrom family and Glen, the skipper on the harvesting barge Coromandel Harvester.

Readers are also taken on a food journey around the country and will learn about the people behind the growing varieties of lovingly crafted artisan cheeses, made from the milk of buffalo, sheep, goat and bio-dynamically farmed cows. There are truffles, olives, a wild mushroom orchard, stories about those working on our large scale, free-range sheep, beef and deer farms, sustainable long-line fishing off the Tutukaka coast, crayfishing off the Fiordland coast and great-tasting East Coast honey.

Included are two sections which are not to be missed. Tangata whenua touches on the Māori contribution to our food landscape and the current emphasis of teaching to younger generations the traditions and food sources of old. The recipes in the last section provide inspiration and new ideas to anyone who enjoys time in the kitchen.

Gerhard and Henri believe New Zealand should be proud of the food produced, both in terms of variety and quality, as well as the growing realisation by those involved that we

need to be environmentally sustainable.

Source New Zealand, it's all about our food, our people our land will take you on a food journey around the beautiful countryside and waters of New Zealand. It is an insightful documentary about the people who make it happen – the Source if you like – of where it all begins.

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Coromandel Budget Advisory Service

By John Gaffikin-Cowan

The big cold!

At the time of writing we are experiencing the coldest days of winter so far. Conversation everywhere tends to drift towards the supply and availability of firewood. As the days get shorter and the mercury drops, you need to find a balance between having a cosy home and an energy bill that won't break the bank.

The first step to controlling waste in heating your home is insulation. Over 30% of heat is lost through the roof, so some type of insulation in the ceiling or roof space is essential. The next greatest amount of heat is lost through glass windows and doors: When warm air hits cold glass, two things happen and neither of them is good: the warm air escapes outside, and the newly cooled air forms condensation on the windowpane. It's important to make sure that your curtains and blinds make a good seal, and of course remember to draw them before the sun goes down – the difference is amazing. Installing wall insulation is another most effective step. However this is difficult to check without removing wall lining or cladding, so take the opportunity to do so if you're renovating.

The next step to get your home warm and healthy for winter is tackling enemy number one — dampness. Most of us could improve comfort by reducing dampness in our homes. A damp home is an unhealthy home. But it isn't just that — damp air takes more energy to heat than dry air, so it literally pays to remove moisture from your home. Moisture makes its way into your home in many ways. Start by tackling damp at the source. Use the highest spin on your washing machine, and when possible dry clothes outside. Use an extractor fan when showering or taking a bath. Use pot lids when steaming food, and have an extractor fan over the range too. And in extreme cases, get a dehumidifier.

Once the main sources of dampness have been removed or reduced, you can think about ventilation. Get in the habit of airing your home every day. Open windows to let a breeze through and vent stale, moisture-laden air. It seems counter-intuitive to open windows on a cold winter day, but removing moisture makes your home healthier and your heating more efficient.

Meanwhile, if you want to discuss your financial situation and wish to make an appointment, the Budget phone number is (07) 866 8351 and you can talk to John, Anna, Caro or Lynda. The Budget cell phone number is 022 018 0849 – we reply to texts and messages during office hours. Our office hours are now Monday to Wednesday, 9.30am-12.30pm for Budget Advice. Food-parcel pick-up is still on Thursday 10am-12pm

Poetry SPOT

Capricious Wind

By Beryl van Donk (C)

The gentle wind came sighing,
rippling over the grasses,
then found his way to cornfields
and danced amongst the poppies.
He rose through tall trees, there his
laughter could be felt shaking
their branches. Now gathering strength
and chuckling his way to roofs
he pushed and lifted them flinging
them far and wide.
Then tired of playing he let them
rest in disarray. Again he
rose and searched the ocean,
filling the sails of graceful yachts,
supporting sea birds, hovering over
swell and foam. Then lonely,
he returned to land caressing petals
of blossoms and sighing
flung
them
far away.

*This poem won the Editor's Choice
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in USA.*

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16 Oct - 22 Oct	-	8.45am	-	8.45am	6.40pm	8.45am	8.45am
23 Oct - 29 Oct	8.45am	8.45am	-	8.45am	6.40pm	8.45am	8.45am
30 Oct - 24 Dec	-	8.45am	-	8.45am	6.40pm	8.45am	8.45am
25 Dec - 31 Dec	XMAS	8.45am	8.45am	8.45am	8.45am	8.45am	8.45am

Departs Orapiu to Coromandel: (approximate times)

	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
12 Jun - 15 Oct	-	-	-	-	-	9.50am	9.50am
16 Oct - 22 Oct	-	9.50am	-	9.50am	7.45pm	9.50am	9.50am
23 Oct - 29 Oct	9.50am	9.50am	-	9.50am	7.45pm	9.50am	9.50am
30 Oct - 24 Dec	-	9.50am	-	9.50am	7.45pm	9.50am	9.50am
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Departs Coromandel: Hannafords Wharf

	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
12 Jun - 15 Oct	-	-	-	-	-	4.30pm	4.30pm
16 Oct - 22 Oct	-	3.00pm	-	3.00pm	8.45pm	4.30pm	4.30pm
23 Oct - 29 Oct	4.30pm	3.00pm	-	3.00pm	8.45pm	4.30pm	4.30pm
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Auckland - Coromandel

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

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

Please note:

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

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

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

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



Mana Update

By Penelope Carroll

Meeting the new Mana management team: in the June Mana Update we spoke to Sarah Ford; this month we talk with Jade Ferriere; and in September we hear from the third and final member of the team, Simon Stigner.

Jade Ferriere packed up her life in Australia seven years ago and arrived in New Zealand with the intent of opening her life to something new. She did a stint woofing at Mana and co-managed a local café through two summer seasons, establishing a relationship with the Mana and Coromandel communities.

Then came the offer of work as a casual cook at Mana. This morphed into a fulltime live-in role combining cooking, cleaning and woof management – and this in turn has morphed into her current position as part of the Mana management team, responsible for communications, development and marketing.

“I’ve found my heart here; I’ve come home,” she says. “I enjoy the creativity, diversity and flexibility of my role – and above all, the opportunity to work and live amongst dear friends.”

Her job includes developing an online Mana community and introducing an online component to the Mana programme.

“People come and have a Mana experience, but it doesn’t have to stop there. Mana is such an inspiration for those who visit and I am passionate about sharing some of that inspiration with the rest of the world.”

Apart from being involved in the re-design of our website, Jade maintains Mana’s connection with Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, writes an e-news and is currently creating an online resource of meditations, poetry and spiritual talks.

Wellness and massage are also passions. Jade is developing a Mana “wellness” range, including skin-care products and teas, all made from organic ingredients and locally sourced herbs – many of which she has grown herself. She is also experimenting with a range of concoctions to get the most out of a hot winter soak in the bath.

Her most favoured at the moment (which I can thoroughly recommend!) combines a cup of Epsom salts with calendula and lavender flowers and her favourite blend of essential oils – lavender, rosemary and lemongrass (all of which she grows herself).

Jade suggests trying out different combinations to come up with your own perfect “winter soak”.

Coromandel Community Garden

By Tai Fair

Even in the depths of winter, vegetables are being harvested for Food Parcels and volunteers. Along with well-known varieties such as leeks, kale and Jerusalem artichokes, we have been picking fennel bulbs, which can be sliced into salads or added to stews. The perennial mizuna is a great standby for salads, or used as the Japanese do, as a fresh addition to miso soup. Kohlrabi is also ready for picking.

Recently we have also been introduced to a new vegetable. We were given a plant of yacon, which quickly grew into a daisy-like plant with long tubers which taste a little like apple. Originating in the Andes, yacon is said to have many health benefits. Related to the Jerusalem artichoke and sunflower, in its native land it is often grown around the borders of gardens.

It has been great working alongside several volunteers this past month. Thanks to Mark, Miles, Abby, Cy and Ngaru who contributed their labour, skills and company. If you are curious about the garden and think you might like to be involved, come along on Wednesday afternoon at about 2pm and see what we do and how you could help.

Lots of seeds have been planted in the greenhouse and more leeks have been planted out. Broccoli is sizing up and young cabbages are growing well. We have been donated wheat grass seeds which are now growing. Wheatgrass is a popular ingredient in health drinks and those who like it are welcome to come along and help in the cultivation and harvesting.

More seaweed has been gathered and compost made. I guess like many of us, we are looking forward to spring. In the meantime, happy gardening everyone.

\$300,000 for aspiring Kiwi YouTubers

The hunt is on for New Zealand’s next big YouTube stars.

Aspiring storytellers from the Coromandel can apply for a share of a new joint \$300,000 Skip Ahead fund to help develop and launch original web series.

Google and NZ On Air have teamed up to provide \$150,000 each to create the fund, with applications opening this week. In addition to receiving funding, the successful applicants will attend skills development workshops to help them create high quality, narrative-driven webseries.

Robbie Nicol, creator of the popular “White Man Behind Desk” videos, was among successful applicants from the first round of funding last year. Nicol says the funding allowed him and his team, The Candle Wasters, to take on challenges they would never have considered.

“We brought in local musicians, created an album as well as a webseries and developed a project which is unique – a musical set in a children’s indoor playground. We couldn’t be more thrilled to have been given this opportunity,” Nicol says.

A growing number of Kiwis are building successful careers through their

YouTube channels and gaining loyal audiences around the globe. These include Jordan Watson, whose How to DAD channel has almost 150,000 subscribers.

For more information about the funding, visit the NZ On Air website. Applications are open until **10 August**.

The Candle Wasters and How to DAD – two successful Skip Ahead funding recipients



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1-3 SEP	Father's Day Relax Weekend
8-10 SEP	Yoga w/ Juliet Forch
14-18 SEP	Coming Home: Deepening Creative Expression

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Bowling Club

By Linda Lindsay

The last month has been quiet on the Bowls front while our greenkeeper, Eamonn, has been working on the winter renovation programme of fertilizing and treating the surface, to be ready for the start of the next season.

A keen group of sixteen bowlers travelled over to the Mercury Bay Club for the first of the Winter Cup Challenges. It was a beautiful, sunny day, considering it is winter, and the competition was fierce. Over the course of the day each triples team played four games and the results were always close. Coromandel took out the honours with 11 wins and one draw against Mercury Bay's 10 wins and one draw. We look forward to the next round!

Some players have been taking advantage of the coaching offered over at Mercury Bay this winter and we look forward to any tips being passed on.

Don't forget our Wednesday night quiz and film nights. Doors open at 6pm and start is at 7pm.

RSA News

By Pat Williams

Another month has evaporated and what a wet one it has been. Head office advises Poppy Day NZ-wide raised just on 1.5 million dollars. Well done Kiwis. NZ Cadet Forces (NZCF) currently has 99 units with 3473 in all ranks. Our RSA supports the Thames Squadron No. 37. Members of this unit do our Cenotaph Guard Duty on Anzac Day and for this we salute them.

15 July Club night had a special meaning. Long-time member Jack Robbie was presented with a "Certificate of Appreciation" by our President Kevin Stone. Jack has been a stalwart of the Coromandel RSA for many years; well done Jack.

The same night two members combined to celebrate their July birthdays. One person, who shall remain nameless, had Illume gear on as it should have been THE BIG NIGHT. And also it was a fine clear one!

Fingers crossed for next year.

A funny to end with. Differences between grandfathers and grandmothers: A man who worked away from home all week made a special effort with his family on weekends. Every Sunday morning he would take his 7-year-old granddaughter out for a drive in the car for some bonding time. Just he and his granddaughter. One particular Sunday however, he had a bad man cold and did not feel up to the outing. His wife came to the rescue and off they went. On returning the little girl ran upstairs to see her grandfather. "Well did you enjoy your ride with Grandma?" "Oh yes, but do you know what? We didn't see a single stupid idiot, dozy twit, rat or bloody fool anywhere we went today."

Note from me: some language had to be toned down!

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Want to know more?

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Rangatahi

CELEBRATING OUR CHILDREN

Kiwi Can

"Kia Ora Tatou Katoa"

Unfortunately we missed the July Chronicle, so here is an extra-long one for you all!

Kiwi Can Coromandel would like to say huge congratulations to our very own Sir Graeme Dingle on a well-deserved commendation for his dedication to the young people of New Zealand. Sir Graeme was knighted in the Queen's Birthday Honours List for 2017 for his services to youth.

Our Kiwi Can leaders had a busy term two and took a nice wee break over the holidays in July. We hope you all had a nice break too.

On the last day of the term we held our famous Kiwi Can Disco! This was not only supported by many of our Kiwi Can students, but also a large number of students from surrounding schools.

We managed to raise a total of \$888, which is super awesome and will go a long



way to providing our Kiwi Can students with lesson resources and end-of-term prizes.

(See one of the awesome photos of the tamariki enjoying themselves below.)

First thing on our wish list is a UE Boom Speaker. In Kiwi Can we use music a lot and although we do have an awesome stereo, a UE Boom will make it easier to supply music to the schools we travel to without having to carry a very large and heavy music box.

By the time you get to read this issue we will be well into the start of term three. As for our term three theme, that will have to be a mystery until next issue.

Until next month.....

Nga mihi nui from the Kiwi Can team Marlene, Gemma, Jasmine, 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, CSSC (Colville Social Service Collective), Trust Waikato



Kiwi Can Disco

Coromandel Youth Group

Term Three Opening Hours

Coromandel Youth Group is for all children aged 5–15yrs. Just fill out a membership form for each child attending. To help with running costs please make a gold coin donation for after school sessions. Every little bit helps us to stay open!

Sunday drop in and social – 1-4pm, Tuesday and Thursday free choice time – 3-5pm, Friday afternoon session – 2-4pm.

Friday night social for students 11-14yrs; all students must check in with staff on arrival – 6-9pm.

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

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

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

Music and Dance

Music and Dance is a time for parents and or grandparents to have fun and connect with their children through movement and music.

M&D is generated to cater for babies and toddlers up to five years old (preschoolers). In the singing, dancing, and activities, children learn new words, cognitive skills, actions to words and numbers.

When they first come, the children often just stand and stare, taking it all in. Slowly they build their trust and confidence and join in more and more. The children also love to socialise around the food and drinks table, enjoying the morning tea provided, as do the mums and dads.

We start at 9.30am on Tuesday mornings with a thirty-minute session; morning tea is served at 10am and we finish at 10.30am. Venue is at the Elim Church, 745 Rings Rd.

So, if you have a preschooler, and are free Tuesday morning, come along and join in the fun!

From the Music and Dance team.



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Coromandel Area School

By Jamie Rose Leckie

An insider's look into learning at Coromandel Area School.

Term Two has come and gone. As we head into the busy Term Three let's take a look back at what the middle part of the Primary School got up to in Term Two. During Term Two the overall theme in the Primary School was Sustainability.

Learning in Room 3

Room 3 have been learning about friendships; with their imaginary buckets, when it is full, we feel great and when it is empty, we feel awful. As a response Room 3 made their own paper mache buckets to remind them of their invisible bucket. They have also been learning about plant growth and cycles with their strawberry plants. They have been writing narratives and describing people through their actions, what they say and how they look. For Matariki they made a delicious soup and some bread rolls to celebrate the Maori New Year. Room 3 would like to thank Anna, their amazing parent helper.

Learning in Room 4

In Room 4 they looked at sustaining bees and sustaining friendships by planting plants for the bees and their friends with the concept that "watering a plant is just like watering a friendship". With their inquiry they found flowers around the school that the bees

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liked and focused in on one part of the flower to sketch. Room 4 looked at how they could use Matariki as an inspiration for sharing their own stories by creating a whakapapa story made up of seven parts of their life that were important to them. They also looked at explanation writing and they

were able to produce some really awesome pieces of writing like this one:

How to become Iron Man by Atutahi.

Hi I am Tony Stark. What? I am not Tony Stark. I am Atutahi. Well, Hi. Today I am going to tell you how to become Iron Man. Let's go.....

First you need an iron suit so the villain can't get you. Then make sure the suit can shoot blue fireballs out of your hand. Make sure the suit can fly. Finally, paint yourself however you want.

Becoming Iron Man means that I can fly away from my mum and dad and repulse villains.

New courts

Our newest asset for the school and the community is in action. On 3 July we had the official opening for the resurfacing of our existing courts by the Minister Peter Sallis who blessed the new courts. A big thank you to Adam from Tiger Turf and his team for new balls that they gifted the school to use on the new courts. Thank you to all who attended. We hope you enjoy using the courts as much as we do.



School Vacancy

We have need of an administration assistant for ten hours per week and on occasion also to be available in the case of sickness or other absence for a) reception and b) finance support. Training will be given to the successful applicant. Please apply in writing, including three references, to Abby Morgan, Board of Trustees, Coromandel Area School, P O Box 84, Coromandel 3543, or drop it into reception.

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We are looking forward to a busy Term Three and welcoming our new families to our awesome school.



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Arts

Coromandel Players – celebrating 40 years!

By Don Hughes

Our plans for the 40th birthday celebrations have had a couple of significant strands removed. We had planned to re-enact a few key scenes from plays we had performed over that 40-year period, including one from our first large scale production, "The Devil's Disciple" by George Bernard Shaw. It was to be performed by the two original cast members but, sadly, we learned that one of the pair has to undergo surgery and can't make it to Coromandel.

But we have had promises of participation from other Players, so all is not lost. Indeed, we have had enough positive response to be able to bring you a selection from amongst the four Music Hall entertainments we have staged. Thus we will have light-hearted moments as well as thought provoking and moving echoes from the past, including a piece from "The Case of Katherine Mansfield" with Liz Cameron, and something from our very first production in Hauraki House – "Under Milkwood". Liz will also perform a piece from the Roger Hall play "The Book Club". The rest of the evening's entertainment will be a pleasant surprise!

The accompanying exhibition we are compiling with the help of the WTS art group will, most decidedly, be a large part of the evening – an entertainment in itself. In addition to the photos, programmes, props, costumes, etc., we have four or five DVDs created from videos of past plays and we will run these during the exhibition, which will open from 11am **Friday 4 August** to 3.30pm **Sunday 6 August**.

Join us for two evenings of birthday celebrations on **Friday 4 August and Saturday 5 August** at 7.30pm. Check that time 7.30pm – a departure from our usual start time to allow for chat and catching up with old friends.

We look forward to seeing you there. Tickets on sale at Harcourts.

P.S. Liz has made a cake!



Our first large scale production – The Devil's Disciple



The Farndale Avenue Housing Estate Townswomen's Guild Dramatic Society Murder Mystery – performed in 1990. L-R: Jim MacLean, Val Crankshaw, Liz Cameron and Jenny Askwith



Raewyn Allison as Mrs Drudge, The Real Inspector Hound, performed in 1997

Seeking new artists and local art groups for the Mercury Bay Art Escape

The Mercury Bay Art Escape Trust is currently seeking new artists and local art groups interested in becoming members of the Mercury Bay Art Escape 2018. This annual opportunity for new applicants will close **31 July**.

To be eligible to join, artists must live, work, have property, or have a genuine connection in the Mercury Bay geographical area. This includes Pauanui, Hikuai, Tairua, Hot Water Beach, Hahei, Cooks Beach, Flaxmill Bay, Ferry's Landing, Whenuakite, Coroglen, Whitianga, Wharekaho, Kuaotunu, Otama, Opito Bay, Matarangi and Whangapoua. To reflect the growth of the event, the area has been extended to include Matarangi and Whangapoua.

New applicants can go online to fill out their submission form www.mercurybay-artescape.com/artistapplications

Coromandel Community Arts Council Hauraki House Gallery

By Chris Stark

It's midwinter and the gallery is a hive of activity. Although there are none of the usual exhibitions taking place at the moment, the group "Watch this Space" are in residence in the art room for the winter. When there are artists working they are more than happy for you to drop by and see what they are doing. They will be in residence until **15 October**.

The Coromandel Players will be celebrating 40 years of entertaining us with an exhibition in the Gallery starting on **4 August**. This will give us all a wonderful chance to see memories of what they have done over the last 40 years and no doubt see some faces from days gone by.

On **2 August** the newly formed Coromandel Arts and Creative Industries Board will be holding its regular meeting in Coromandel.

The Arts Council will be hosting a small function at Hauraki House after their meeting, 5pm, so that Board Members can meet with local artists while they are here, introduce themselves and discuss options and ideas for the future.

If you would like send two representatives of your group, please let me know. (There will be catering.)

Upcoming exhibitions for next summer are as follows:

4-6 August – Coro Players

4-16 October – Coromandel Open Studios, Arts Tour

19-25 October – Pastel Artists

30 October-12 November – Embroiderers Guild

16 December-7 January 2018 – Christmas Exhibition

8-17 January – Coro Artisans

18 January- 2 February – Coro Art Group

Contact Chris on 029 777 0265 Facebook: Hauraki House Gallery



Coromandel Art Group

By Barbara Peddie

Jacquie Ellis (middle) with Val Gray and Shirley Stol

At the end of June we had a thoroughly enjoyable and inspiring one-day workshop with our visiting artist Jacquie Ellis, from Karangahake. This is the first time we have had Jacquie, and she was a very good teacher, lively and enthusiastic.

The topic was "The Sea", in oils or acrylics. Jacquie taught us how to simplify the elements of a scene, and took us step by step through painting two scenes - a wild sea with a towering wave, and a rocky coastal scene with a calm sea and reflections. Some of us learnt new techniques, such as how to paint rocks with a palette knife, and how to use a limited palette of paints. Our group size meant Jacquie was able to give individual tuition.

By the end of the day we had all been challenged to try new things, and we each produced two very passable seascape paintings. Some may well appear in our annual exhibition next summer!

And as usual, a sumptuous feast was provided for lunch by the participants.

We appreciate the grant we received from the Creative Communities Scheme, which enabled us to hold this workshop.



Open Studios ArtsTour

We will feature a couple of artists each month in the Chronicle in the lead up to the ArtsTour in October.

Artists: Kevin and Kim Brett (KNK WoodArt)

It may be cold and wet at the moment and it seems like summer is a long way off and not much is happening in Coromandel, but we at KNK WoodArt and a lot of the other artists in town have been busy, getting ready for the Coromandel ArtsTour.



Art by Kevin and Kim Brett

We have just had one of the old Coromandel Area School classrooms moved onto our property here at Tiki Road. It will become our new workshop and we will be working hard to get it all up and running for the ArtsTour. While we were waiting for the removal truck, we have been busy at work and in our old workshop, creating new one off pieces of furniture, serving platters and boards. As most of our boards and platters are crafted from driftwood, winter is a good time for us. With storms and floods, to wash logs down rivers, we then recover them from beaches on the coast and off islands.

We find in most cases the raw native wood determines its own finished result. This can make for unusual and interesting pieces of beautiful useable art, that are all hand finished with love and care and that we know you will enjoy for many years to come.

We are both looking forward to seeing everyone on the Coromandel ArtsTour in the first two weeks in October.

Artist: Barbara van Seida

When having a close look at the works of serious artists it becomes obvious that their work is a reflection of what they have experienced in life, what moved



Art by Barbara van Seida

their inner parts and what they saw happening around them.

My latest work expresses a time of turmoil while my partner was dangerously ill.

It happened in the winter months during weeks of turbulent weather systems. Parts of the peninsula were flooded, roads became impassable and dark ominous clouds became a daily feature. All of that seemed to be an extension of what was taking place at home.

Day after day I watched dramatic dark skies rolling in from the Hauraki Gulf or as they rose over the brow of the hills behind me. This had a profound effect on me!

As an expressionistic painter, I create images that reflect my personal interpretation. To me, colour is the medium that speaks directly to the soul. Combined with forceful, fluid brushstrokes, it allows me to set the mood that best reflects my feeling for the subject. My latest work is an attempt to combine the atmospheric conditions and the ancient geological forces that are a feature of the Coromandel Peninsula.

In 27 years of living in Coromandel, I am still fascinated with the soft, rolling land forms, the constant sound of the sea and the rich and dark vegetation. Besides florals and still life, and the occasional portrait, landscapes have become my favourite subject, painted with a deeper narrative below the surface.

The resulting multi-layered images are therefore not what I have observed; they are my response to what I have observed. It is not my intention to describe a particular place in detail, but rather to express its essential moods and emotions.

Pastel Artists Coromandel

By Christine Lunn

Despite the wet weather and travel disruptions over the past months we have still managed a good muster at our Tuesday meetings.

We are delighted to confirm that Maxine Thompson LLB will be visiting Coromandel and holding a two-day workshop for us at our Aero Club rooms during the last weekend in November.

Maxine has the status of Master Pastelist of Pastel Artists of New Zealand (PANZ) and of The Pastel Society of Australia. She holds regular workshops in New Zealand and overseas, and she is presently touring the Greek Islands with a group of 15 New Zealand and international students. Her subjects will be landscapes and seascapes

Pastel Artists of Coromandel acknowledge Coromandel Bizarre Charitable Trust Inc. for their assistance in staging this workshop.

Plans for our exhibition at Hauraki House over Labour Weekend are well advanced. Watch for full details in next month's Chronicle.

Some of our members' work is on display in the window of Liquor King on Wharf Road – don't forget to have a look next time you pass.

We welcome visitors at our weekly meeting at the Coromandel Aero Club rooms on Tiki Road on Tuesdays between 9am and 12 noon (around 10am is

always a good time, when tea and bikkies generally appear).

Or contact:
Allan Beaver
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Maxine Thompson with a dog portrait of that she produced in just 10 minutes at the recent PANZ annual conference in Te Aroha Arts Centre

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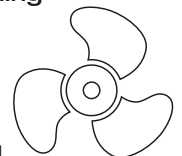


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Environmental

Moehau Environment Group

By Natalie Collicott

Young Conservationists Get Job Done

This term, our volunteers have been working alongside the Year 5/6 class at Coromandel Area School to build more stoat traps for the Coromandel Kiwi Project. Each trap is a weapon which helps us protect vulnerable kiwi chicks from predation. With the traps all built, 4 July was install day. Thanks to some logistical planning, and use of the ARC quad, the boxes were staged along the track the night before.

The class split into three teams, with each team installing their traps along a section of track at 200m intervals. We had an absolute blast, and so did the kids. After all, what could be more fun than smearing mud on your face, and sliding down a treacherous clay track? The 29 stoat traps built by the class were all decorated with pop-art slogans to raise awareness about kiwi. Keep an eye out for them, next time you walk the Kaipawa



Finau, Finn and Kaelyb

ridge track or Success walk. And a big thank you to all the parents who came along to support us. If you or your child are inspired and want to do more to help kiwi, we'd love to have you volunteer with the Coromandel Kiwi Project.

New field team vehicle

We are the proud owners of a Holden ute. The 4WD vehicle is our newest purchase and will prove invaluable for transporting the team, tools and traps, plus volunteers around rugged terrain. It was purchased from money we have fundraised, and is a big investment for MEG, but one we felt was necessary to ensure the safety of our team.

Next winter lecture

Attendees of our recent Winter Lecture enjoyed the cosy new venue at Pepper Tree. Dr Colin Miskelly from Te Papa made some surprising observations about the changes in bird abundance that have taken place since the establishment of Zealandia sanctuary in Wellington. It appears from bird count data that after predators were removed in

the Sanctuary, translocated species like kaka, whitehead, robin and hihi, along with a boom in tui numbers, squeezed out some of the more common natives (fantails, grey warblers, silver-eyes). Introduced birds like thrushes and blackbirds also declined. It begs the question, that many of these species we consider common today, may simply be filling the void left by more threatened birds that cannot survive in the presence of predators.

Our Winter Lectures are held once a month over the cooler months. In August we have Elaine Iddon from Waikato Regional Council. See article on page 8. Come get cosy beside the fire with a warming drink. All welcome.

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

Bush Bites

"I was coming out of the bush on dusk, after a long day checking traps, and I heard two male and a female kiwi call."

"Wow, all sorts of weird and wonderful fungi on display today. Pink ones, yellow ones, strange basket shapes."

"Stopped in a peaceful part of the forest, and when I looked up, was startled by a kereru watching me."



Jade and Teia-Marie

Upper Coromandel Landcare Association

By Reihana Robinson

Pest numbers fail to support Coromandel aerial 1080 plans

UCLA believes plans by the Department of Conservation to aerially poison two large tracts on the northern Coromandel this winter are "unwarranted" and should be immediately shelved.

The Upper Coromandel Landcare Association (UCLA) has obtained recent internal DOC reports on pest numbers for both Moehau mountain and the Papakai Ecological Area outside Coromandel Town, originally released under the Official Information Act last month in response to an official request from the Auckland premium pet food producer K9 and Cat.

The official monitoring information just released is shocking to local residents and undermines confidence in official pest control policy and decision-making for the Coromandel.

DOC has stated in its official "Key Facts About Moehau Rat and Possum Control 2017" fact sheet distributed to local landowners in May that, "the primary outcome of the operation is low rat numbers." However, in its 13 June response to the K9 and Cat request for all official information on actual pest numbers, DOC admitted that, "The rodent and mustelid monitoring on Moehau is currently being undertaken and results have not yet been correlated." DOC/Hauraki Director of Operations David Speirs wrote, "I regret that I am not able to provide you with the information you seek."

The department cites rats as their primary target and is proceeding with a very risky and expensive aerial 1080 operation, yet they have no information whatsoever on actual rat numbers on the mountain. The operation is definitely irresponsible.

Additionally, official information released by DOC on possum

numbers at both Papakai and Moehau indicates that pest numbers for that species are well under control and can be easily reduced further by inexpensive hunting and trapping contracts. DOC released details of its most recent possum monitoring for both locations carried by Systematic Pest Management on behalf of the department's Whitianga and Coromandel offices in response to the K9 and Cat request.

At Papakai, just 21 possums were caught during 407 trap nights in February, and over half of the trap lines produced one or no possums. During Moehau monitoring last winter, only 33 possums were caught over 669 trap nights, with more than a quarter of the trap lines producing zero possums. It is clear from DOC's own reports that possums are under control and that the areas with slightly higher numbers can be easily targeted -- without the ecosystem harms of aerial poisoning, at much less cost, and with economic benefits to the community.

In response to the OIA published in last month's Coromandel Town Chronicle, DOC were "unable to provide you with the information you seek under section 18(e) of the Official Information Act 1982 as the information does not exist" on several of the questions asked. So there are no performance contracts issued (something all trappers must sign), no non-target species monitored, no bush cover or growth monitored. The cost of Moehau and Papakai is over \$513,000 (based on 2013 pest control operation costs). That is over half a million dollars. Imagine how we could transform our communities caring for our forests without toxins!

UCLA is asking DOC to immediately engage with the community on safe, cost-effective, and humane pest control by hunting, trapping and non-residual poisons only.



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Sport

Coromandel Recreational Fishing Club

By Allison Brown & Committee CRFC

Hi to all,

We have now had our AGM on 16 July at Admirals Arms. The weekend turned out lovely and sunny and we enjoyed a nice mild day sitting in the Garden Bar enjoying the sun and the very nice food platters put on from the Admirals Arms Kitchen.

Our Committee has stayed the status quo from last year, so we are looking forward to the Club's next year. Sub forms are available from Wyuna Studio or Fish & Dive or email: coromandelfishingclub@gmail.com.

Our main events for the year are:

- Labour Weekend Competition
- Club Xmas party and prize giving November or December
- Anniversary Weekend Competition
- Classy Chicks Competition - **24 February 2018**. Dress up theme is something starting with "J" (gives us time to put our thinking caps on).
- Take a Kid Fishing Competition will be held in the middle of school holidays, usually in April but will confirm the date.

Not very much to report on the fishing front. I think everyone has been just keeping out of the rain, which has been consistent this year although with no wind the Gulf has been really calm.

No one from the Club weighed in a John Dory for June but wouldn't you know it Nikki caught a lovely big John Dory on Saturday 15 July. Have now heard of quite a few anglers hooking up on John Dory. Hope this is a good sign that they may be coming back in. Here's to tight lines as always, even though the weather has not been very inviting but we now have spring and summer to look forward to.



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Coromandel Golf Club

By Peter Gray



Big reminder for August – The highly popular charity day “Daffodil Day” will be held on **Saturday 19 August**, and we are looking for a strong turnout for this popular event that provides a substantial donation to the local Cancer Society chapter (Mixed + Plate).

Needless to say that the weather has had a detrimental effect on the Club's golfing program and also attendances at scramble days. The Neilson Cup will need to be rescheduled. The course has been so wet that even the course superintendent, “President Ed” got caught out. Going up the 4th to mow the greens – got the Greens Mower bogged and then bogged the Rough Mower trying to get Greens Mower out – finally the John Deere tractor came to the rescue. Comments from the course volunteers – Good thing it was the “Boss” and not us!

The Pot Luck Dinner was held on Friday 23 June. From the feedback it appears that it was a great success. The committee will arrange another for later in the year.

It was good to see the males take over the kitchen for a change. From the number of photos from the wives it could be blackmail – “if you can do it at the club you can start doing it at home”. Ed Buckett is looking for a cream to repair his precious hands after the damage from the dish washing liquid and rumour has it that Di raced out to the Bizarre and brought Ed his own apron for home.

The “Super Glue” nearly worked on Lyn Whitcombe's seat at the Pot Luck Dinner. She finally prised herself off her seat to advance and reclaim her territory – “the kitchen” – sending the males scattering to the safety of the bar. Last image of Lyn was tea towel over the shoulder, hands firmly on hips with a menacing, stern look on her face. Cheered up a bit when she found three teaspoons that needed washing – which she proceeded to wash and dry.

Gee – Ron Brooking is looking very “dapper” lately – must have a stylist!

Reminder August

Saturday 5, 12, 26 August – Rds. 1, 2, 3 Golconda Cup

Saturday 19 August – Daffodil Day – (Mixed) (P)

Wednesday 30 August – Meat Pack Laurie Olliff Trophy



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Community and School Sport

By Geoff Horton, Sports Coordinator,
Coromandel Area School

A couple of meetings with principals from Te Rerenga and Colville schools last week of term focussed on how to use coaching programmes to support student pathways in sport. Brooke and Shania Teklenburg head to Whangarei as I write, representing the Central North Island Area Schools region in netball at a New Zealand Area School tournament. Not only am I travelling in support of the girls, I am also coaching the CNI girls' football squad at the same tournament.

Last year a handful of students graduated Coromandel Area School. Two senior girls had represented the school in sport and no boys. This year, graduation is not far off for 2017 and no senior representation in sport from any student. The talent is there, no doubt, but the lack of participation is indicative of many area schools across the country and rural secondary schools in the Thames Valley/Coromandel districts.

Travelling to a Thames Valley Year 7/8 rugby day for boys and girls in Ngatea, it was fantastic Kiaya and Sabrina opted to take part in the day. They team up with Whangamata, played some great rugby and won the

tournament. The frustration was, no boys entered and yet around a dozen of them play Saturday morning rugby each week and on the skills and playing ability I have observed this season, they would have almost certainly won, representing their school on the day.

Coaching a university women's football team alongside the 60-man rugby squad at Waikato twice a week, the coaches are always talking about the importance of pathways through school and university sport, supported by associated clubs to set players up for opportunities into the Super Rugby franchises. They'll tell any of us, it all starts at primary school level, documented pathways through the school years into university. Damion McKenzie is a good example.

Interviewing an upcoming school netballer on radio a number of years ago I asked her, what is it that motivates her to keep going when so many other players didn't turn up for trainings, etc? The pain of regret is always greater than the pain of gain was her reply. She went on to play for NZ and regional franchises, married an All Black and now commentates live netball games for the sports channels. Not bad for a kid from a



Girls rugby

small rural high school in Taranaki.

Richie McCaw was asked recently in a television interview, "name one person who was a better player than him at school level, that could have made the All Blacks." He said, "There were hundreds of them."

So why is it important, three representatives from Coromandel Area School at the forefront of NZ area school sport? Opportunity, defining character, confidence, foundations for education and career opportunities in later years, the list goes on. The core group of CAS students surfacing within the representative school arena are setting themselves up for opportunities later in life beyond their wildest dreams. The confidence, skill and demeanour sets them apart from the could have or would have beens and there is no doubt they will become a positive and successful component of the legacy of Coromandel Area School and community sport.



Shania goal shooting

Coromandel Croquet Club

By Kaye Anderson

Despite wind, rain, freezing temperatures and road closures – one member comes up from Thames once a week – we continue to play most Tuesdays and Saturdays.

This month I decided to research the origins of croquet, expecting that it would be a straightforward crossing of the Channel from France to England. This is but one explanation, which claims that the game was introduced during the reign of King Charles II in the 17th Century and was called paille-maille, simplified today as pall-mall and coming from the Latin words for "ball and mallet".

Another theory is that the game came from Ireland in the 1850s, via Brittany.

However, the president of the Fédération Française de Croquet, Anthoine Ravez, has the last word: "Croquet is a very old game, widely known and practised in France since the 11th century under the name of 'jeu de mail'. Borrowed by the British around 1300, it was modified over the centuries: the Scots made golf out of it and the Irish turned it into croquet. Louis XIV, suffering from being unable to play mail during the winter, miniaturised it on an indoor table and laid the basis of billiards...."

If you're keen to try this fascinating game, join us on a Tuesday or a Saturday, at 9.45am for a 10am start. For more information you can phone Kaye on (07) 866 8968. The Croquet Club is in Woollams Avenue next to the Bowling Club

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Coromandel Town weekly and monthly meetings

Every Monday

Mahamudra Centre, Free Guided Meditation 8.30-9am
 Coromandel Hikers' Group, Hauraki House,
 Colin & Elspeth (07) 866 7137 9am
 Monday Walkers, Irene 021 157 8408 9am
 Four-part harmony singing, Sue (07) 866 8833 7pm

Every Tuesday

Mahamudra Centre, Free Guided Meditation 8.30-9am
 Pastel Artists Coromandel,
 Coromandel Aero Club Rooms (07) 866 7220 ... 9am-midday
 Coro Walking Group, Ruth (07) 866 7246 9am
 Open Floor at Mana Retreat Centre – 8, 15, 22, 29 August,
 5, 12, 19, 26 September 9.30-11.50am
 Croquet, Woollams Ave, Kaye (07) 866 8968 9.45am
 Coro Motorcycle Club, Star & Garter,
 John 027 234 1013 7-9pm

Every Wednesday

Mahamudra Centre, Free Guided Meditation 8.30-9am

Every Thursday

Mahamudra Centre, Free Guided Meditation 8.30-9am
 Coro Walking Group, Ruth (07) 866 7246 9am
 Coro Art Group, St Andrew's Church Hall,
 Val (07) 866 8911 9am-12pm
 Guided Meditation,
 Elizabeth Park Community Centre 10-11am

Fortnightly Thursday

Open Floor Dance Classes (fortnightly — 10, 24 August, 7,
 21 September, Anglican Church Hall, \$10. Jacqui 022 392
 8588 or Lisa 021 175 4741 7-8.30pm

Every Friday

Mahamudra Centre, Free Guided Meditation 8.30-9am

Every Saturday

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

Monthly

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

3rd Mon – Coro Patchwork & Quilters, Ambulance rooms,
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1st Wed – Lions Dinner meeting, Ambulance Rooms.
 Contact President Jean Smith 021 208 7576 6pm

2nd Wed – Garden Circle. Contact Jane Warren
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3rd Wed – Lions Business Meeting, Ambulance Rooms.
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I have cleared this section (and will do it every winter) to make sure it is kept correct. If your meeting has been missed out, please email Debbie at corochronicle@gmail.com with the subject “meeting”, or txt/ph 021 235 6648, or post details to PO Box 148, Coromandel 3543. Please include contact name and phone number.

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
<div>COROMANDEL RUBBISH & RECYCLE TRANSFER STATION & E-CYCLE HOURS Tuesday and Thursday 11am-4.30pm Saturday and Sunday 11am-5.30pm</div>	<div>1 RN+TC TC</div>	<div>2 Bin + CT Coromandel Arts and Creative Industries Board meet with artists 5pm (see pg 34) Movie night at The Club</div>	<div>3</div>	<div>4 Coromandel Players Celebrate 40 Years – exhibition and evening show (see pg 34) Writer Retreat starts at Mana (see ad pg 30)</div>	<div>5 Rd 1 Golconda Cup at Coromandel Golf Club (see pg 38) Coromandel Players Celebrate 40 Years – exhibition and evening show (see pg 34)</div>	<div>6 Coromandel Players Celebrate 40 Years – exhibition (see pg 34)</div>
<div>7 MEG winter lecture series – Elaine Iddon (see pg 8)</div>	<div>8 RN+TC RN Open Floor Dance at Mana Retreat Centre (see pg 18)</div>	<div>9 CT Quiz night at The Club</div>	<div>10 Coromandel Library AGM (see pg 24) Open Floor Dance, Coromandel Anglican Church Hall (see pg 18)</div>	<div>11 High tide 9.25am (2.8m), 9.50pm (2.9m) Low tide 3.12am (0.4m), 3.26pm (0.4m)</div>	<div>12 Rd 2 Golconda Cup at Coromandel Golf Club (see pg 38) Pepper Tree Winter Festival (see ad pg 9)</div>	<div>13 High tide 10.52am (2.8m), 11.20pm (2.8m) Low tide 4.40am (0.4m), 4.55pm (0.4m)</div>
<div>14 CHRONICLE DEADLINE – September issue content – 4pm</div>	<div>15 RN+TC TC Open Floor Dance at Mana Retreat Centre (see pg 18)</div>	<div>16 Bin + CT Movie night at The Club</div>	<div>17 High tide 8.43am (2.7m), 9.08pm (2.9m) Low tide 2.30am (0.5m), 2.45pm (0.4m)</div>	<div>18 Well Being and Happiness Lab starts (see ad pg 40) Acupuncture Clinic starts (see ad pg 40) 5 Rhythms Dance & Yoga starts at Mana (see ad pg 30)</div>	<div>19 Dafodil Day at Coromandel Golf Club (see pg 38)</div>	<div>20 High tide 11.01am (2.7m), 11.20pm (2.7m) Low tide 11.21am (0.3m), 11.52pm (0.4m)</div>
<div>21 High tide 11.40am (2.7m) Low tide 5.27am (0.4m), 5.46pm (0.5m)</div>	<div>22 RN+TC RN Open Floor Dance at Mana Retreat Centre (see pg 18)</div>	<div>23 CT Quiz night at The Club</div>	<div>24 Open Floor Dance, Coromandel Anglican Church Hall (see pg 18)</div>	<div>25 Annual Dafodil Day Appeal (see pg 14)</div>	<div>26 Goldrush Rally of Coromandel (see pg 21) Rd 3 Golconda Cup at Coromandel Golf Club (see pg 38)</div>	<div>27 High tide 11.01am (2.7m), 11.20pm (2.7m) Low tide 4.44am (0.4m), 4.59pm (0.5m)</div>
<div>28 High tide 11.45am (2.6m) Low tide 5.27am (0.5m), 5.46pm (0.6m)</div>	<div>29 RN+TC TC Open Floor Dance at Mana Retreat Centre (see pg 18)</div>	<div>30 Bin + CT Meat Pack Laurie Oliff Trophy at Coromandel Golf Club (see pg 38) Movie night at The Club</div>	<div>31 Book launch – <i>Kiwi On The Camino: A Walk that Changed My Life</i> by Vivienne Flintoff (see pg 21)</div>	<div>Make sure your event gets listed To get your event listed, email the details, your name and contact phone number to Debbie at corochronicle@gmail.com with the subject "event". Or post to Jude Publishing, PO Box 148, Coromandel. Publication is subject to space availability, with preference to not-for-profit groups.</div>		

New moon

Full moon

KEY

Blue bin bags out

Put recycling out

RN = Rural North

CT = Coromandel Town & Te Kōhuna

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