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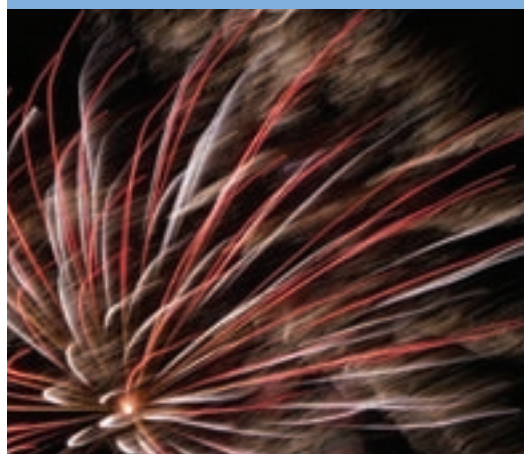
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Tapu the Kiwi being released back into the wild

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Editor's comment

I've been enjoying the heat and sunshine in England while putting this issue together, but have been thinking of everyone in Coromandel and read about the flooding and the slips cutting Coromandel town off again. I hope everything is back up and running before you receive this issue.

The pictures of Illume look great, and it sounds like everyone had a good time. I hope this festival is able to continue so there is something to look forward to in the winter and bring in visitors in the low season.

Big fundraising event this month is Daffodil Day. There will be a stall outside BNZ on 31 August (see pg 5) and the golf course have their special tournament on 18 August (see pg 31).

Have a good month.

Debbie

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Barry Brickell Memorial Stage

By Anna Sephton

On Saturday 14 July, about 60 people gathered for the opening of the Barry Brickell Memorial Stage at Hauraki House Reserve. The event was planned to be held on the stage, but the weather had other ideas. Hauraki House provided the perfect alternative venue so we decamped there. Peter Lange, prominent New Zealand potter and longtime friend of Barry, told some wonderful stories and sung a beautiful song along with his wife and daughter. Other speakers included Jan Autumn, Wailin Elliot, Tony Brljevic, John Madden and Ross Ashby.

The stage was designed by John Madden and brought to life by Dianne Cade, graphic artist, and Rob Johnson, architect. We would like to thank TCDC engineer Ross Ashby for project managing.

It is hoped that this stage will provide a base for summertime concerts, outdoor movies, and other performances. If you are interested in using the stage for an event, please contact the local TCDC office.



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Kiwi Chick Tapu Comes Home

By Natalie Munns

MEG, as part of a collection of groups (DOC, Kiwis for Kiwi, other community conservation groups, iwi, and researchers) participate in Operation Nest Egg (ONE). As part of this operation, kiwi eggs from our monitored breeding pairs are lifted from their nests and transported to Rainbow Springs, in Rotorua, to be hatched. The chicks are then raised to a healthy weight of over 1200g before being either returned to their place of birth or taken to a predator-free island, such as Motutapu Island in the Hauraki Gulf.

As this breeding season has come to an end, we have had 29 eggs (including three chicks) lifted. Of these eggs, 23 have been viable and all but two chicks have been released on Motutapu Island. The purpose of this is to secure a founding population of Coromandel Brown kiwi should there be a catastrophic event, such as disease or predation by dog or ferret on the mainland and to secure a breeding population that will see the return of many, many kiwi to the wider Coromandel Peninsula in about 5-7 years.

ONE has helped increase our knowledge of kiwi behaviour and breeding. An ONE bird has a 65% chance of surviving to adulthood, while a wild-born chick has just a 5% chance.

Stephanie Parkyn was privileged to be among the latest group to witness a kiwi release in Coromandel. These are her impressions.

On a bright, winter's day we gathered on a hill slope and waited for a precious delivery to make its journey home. "Tapu", a hand-reared kiwi chick, was coming from Rotorua to a special area at Port Charles – many hours in a fern-lined cardboard box on winding roads for the nervous kiwi. Tapu had left Mt Moehau as an egg and been taken to Rainbow Springs to be raised, but now at 1300g he was large enough to fight off stoats and be released into the wild. He was coming home.



Tapu the kiwi entering his new burrow

It was late in the afternoon by the time Carol, his carer from Rainbow Springs delivered a box to the living room of MEG Chairperson, Lettecia Williams. Children and adults settled in quietly on chairs and the floor waiting for the box to be opened.

As the little kiwi chick was lifted from his box, Toko Baker welcomed Tapu back with a heartfelt karakia. Tapu was shown off to the gathering and he settled in the crook of Carol's arm while she told us his life story. She stroked his feathers and his feet, and gently covered his eyes. We could smell the pungent droppings in his box and hear his chirruping call, but finally it was time for him to go. We carried him to the kanuka forest where a shelter had been dug beneath the ferns. There, half hidden amongst the trees with the sun setting, Toko blessed this burrow hoping Tapu would enjoy his new home under the trees with the birds and bees and bugs.

"Is it hard letting him go?" I asked Carol.

"Not at all," she replied firmly. "This is where he is meant to be."



Tapu, handler Carol and MEG field team member Seamus with son Osborn

Coromandel Budget Advisory Service

By Caroline Dunn

Budget Advice

Hey folks, firstly we would like to thank everyone who supported us at the Illume Festival. It was a great couple of nights with lots of people out and about, and the weather held off just perfectly.

We would also like to thank NZCT for their donation to the Budget service and the Foodbank.

If you need some help with your budget and getting any debt under control please come on in and see us.

Foodbank

We had a great two nights fundraising at the Illume Festival. All funds raised go a long way to keeping the foodbank running successfully, and, as the demand for parcels continue to increase we truly appreciate your support. A big thanks to Coromandel Four Square who donated us a sandwich press which we decided to raffle off. We haven't quite sold all the tickets at the time of writing this so I will put the winner in next month's article. If you require a food parcel please make sure Foodbank requests are with us before 12.30pm on a Tuesday otherwise you will have to wait until the following week.

Pick up time is at 2.30pm on a Wednesday. You will need to book in with a Budget Advisor if you are going to need assistance over a couple of weeks.

Again, we would like to thank everyone who has dropped off donations for the Foodbank over the last month. It's greatly appreciated.

Foodbank continue to need small jars and containers (all containers and jars donated need to be clean and with secure fitting lids), egg cartons and any overflow of fruit, vegetables or other produce you may have. Please NO soft plastics or old fruit/vegetable containers. We are also keen for any donations of large sealable storage containers to help us keep our bulk food items fresh and keep out unwanted pests. These items can be dropped off at Tiki House Monday – Thursday 9.30am-12.30pm or call us on (07) 866 8351 to arrange pick up.

Community Garden

Keen to get involved? Volunteers' drop-in is on a Wednesday morning between 9am and 11am. This is for anyone who would like to help out in the Community Garden. The community garden benefits numerous local families throughout the year by way of food parcels through the Foodbank, and volunteers are welcome to share in the produce also.

The Community Garden appreciates donations of seeds or excess seedlings to keep our plot producing. Any mulching material is also gratefully received. Just drop off to the garden, located next to Hauraki House, or send us a message to organise a pick up.

Pop on over and like our Facebook page to keep up to date with what is happening in the garden.

Our office is at 45 Tiki Road (Tiki House) down the hallway. If you need to make an appointment or organise a food parcel the Budget phone number is (07) 866 8351 or 022 018 0849 where you can talk to one of our staff or leave a message. Phone messages are checked and replied to Mon-Fri.

Foodbank – Pick up time is 2.30pm Wednesday. We close at 3pm so don't be late. Please make sure Foodbank requests are with us before 12.30pm on a Tuesday

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Daffodil Day Friday 31 August

By Robyn and Marie

Daffodil Day is only weeks away now so hope you can pop down town and support our fundraising on the day. We will have two stalls again this year.

Our big stall will be once again outside BNZ where Jody McKinney will be manning the bbq assisted by Frank and Marie Mead. There will also be daffodils and other products to tempt you there.

Robyn will be out front of Coromandel Pharmacy with our two major raffles on sale. Annette Bishop has donated a beautiful scenic art work which would grace the wall of any home. Tickets on sale now at Coromandel Family Health. Rex Brett has once again done us proud with his stunning garden sculpture. It is on display in Coromandel Pharmacy window with tickets on sale at their counter.

We are also really fortunate to obtain the services of Rex on our stall as he has volunteered to attach the cloth daffodils to folk's

apparel or stick the paper daffy on your person. He is very competent in this field, having studied the subject and become very skilled at this art.

The quilt donated by Evelyn Green has been drawn and was won by ticket number 5, the winner being Tahi. Sincere thanks to Coromandel Community Library for allowing us to display the quilt there and also sell the tickets. Both raffles will be drawn around midday on Daffodil Day.

Looking forward to seeing you on Daffodil Day and thank you all for your support in so many ways.



Sculpture raffle

Lions News

By Lion Lyn



What a great turn out for our change of officers dinner. Fine dining coupled with friendly banter, a new member inducted and a new secretary to boot! We welcome Lion Robert Inwood as a new Lion and secretary and wish you well as your Lions journey begins; and many thanks for taking on the challenge of this very important role in the club. Many of us are not well versed with computers and don't know the difference between a laptop and a hard-drive, but you make it all sound so easy! Computer literacy is now the norm for all Lions clubs throughout the world and fortunately for us you are very proficient in this area. We look forward to seeing you at our first business meeting of our Lions year on 19 July.

Also at the dinner meeting the Val Gray painting raffle was drawn and the winner is L. Robertson of Coromandel. Thanks to all who supported this fundraiser as all funds stay in our town for our community projects. Our evening concluded with our "bright spark" of the club receiving the Lion Rock award. Congratulations to Lion Sam – well done and thanks for all you do.

The club happenings are ongoing, with meetings as usual (1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month). Firewood – although we are still taking orders, it is not drying so well with the weather being as cold and so wet. However, as long as you can put it where there is good air flow – it will dry in about 6 weeks or so. Don't wait until you run out completely as you will be disappointed with wet wood.

As always if you need help with a community project, or if you are not sure on eligibility, come talk to us. Also if you have a few hours a month to give us a helping hand, I'm sure we can find you something to do!

Keep warm and keep smiling! Till next month...

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11 Jun - 14 Oct	-	-	-	-	-	9.50 am	9.50 am

Departs Coromandel: Hannafords Wharf

WINTER 2018	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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11 Jun - 14 Oct	-	-	-	-	-	4.30 pm	4.30 pm

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Steamed Fish

By Deborah Hide-Bayne

Sitting here with post-holiday blues, it seems incredible that only a short while ago I was in beautiful warm Samoa. Samoa hasn't always been famous for its food culture but the work of Robert Oliver has done a lot to educate tourists and encourage locals to celebrate the local Pacific food culture. Apia (the main centre on Upolo) has seen an explosion of cafés too and the range and quality of eating options available is expanding all the time.

I enjoyed super-fresh ingredients whilst I was there: taro, breadfruit, ginger, chillies, limes, fish (especially tuna), bok choy, eggplants, cocoa Samoa and of course the ever-present coconut in its many forms.

I want to bring some of that fresh approach to my cooking so here is a little recipe for ginger-marinated fish steamed in banana leaves. I ate a very good ginger-marinated fish on Savai'i and this is close to those wonderful flavours... maybe a warm Pacific breeze and a cocktail in my hand helped though!

Still back in Coromandel, we still have wonderful fresh fish and limes are in season, so perhaps being home isn't so bad after all.

2tbsp fresh grated ginger

1 spring onion, very finely chopped

fresh fish (snapper, trevally or gurnard would be great Coromandel options)

1 large banana leaf

1 lime

Take a large shallow pot with 3-4 cm of water in the bottom and bring to the boil.

Cut the central rib out the banana leaf and rinse the leaves. If they are too firm to bend well, you could blanch them for a minute or two to soften them.

Put a colander, sieve or steamer on top of the water pot.

Cut the fish into equal sized pieces and rub each piece with grated ginger. (If you have time you could leave the fish to marinate for an hour or so). Then sprinkle a small amount of spring onion on top and wrap in a banana leaf square. Use a

wooden skewer to hold the parcel shut.

Place in the steamer and steam for 10 minutes or so. I usually make one too many parcels so I can sacrifice one to check the cooking time and make sure the fish is perfectly cooked.

Serve each parcel with a wedge of lime. It is quite nice if each person gets to open their own parcel and then squeeze lime juice on to taste. You could serve the parcels with plain or coconut rice and stir-fried veggies.



Plastic-Bag-Free Coromandel Town

By Judy Rooney



It has now been a whole year since I first placed an article in the Chronicle calling out to the community to start a campaign to reduce/eliminate the use of single-use plastic bags in Coromandel Town. My interest was spurred when I decided to take part in last year's "plastic-free July". I started to realise just how much plastic we use and how much plastic ends up in landfill or polluting our environment and I wanted to do something about it.

Thanks to that article in the Chronicle we now have a fantastic team of people and hundreds of supporters all working towards a plastic-bag-free Coromandel Town. We have come a long way in the last year. We have:

- Sewn (and sold for a koha) hundreds of reusable bags made from donated fabric,
- Hosted successful plastic-bag-free days in town,
- Had stalls and educational displays at events in town, shown a free movie, and given away and raffled sustainable plastic-free products and prizes,
- Helped a whole (fantastic) class at Coromandel Area School to make their own fabric bags,
- We have also started a Facebook page where people can share ideas and thoughts about reducing plastic use.

We have been so encouraged by the support from the community, including businesses in Coromandel Town. Damian, and the whole Four Square crew, have been supportive all the way and really enthusiastic to fully participate in the plastic-bag-free days. Four Square always have boxes available for groceries and also have paper or reusable mesh bags for fruit and vegetables. It has been heartening to see so many people leaving Four Square with groceries in fabric bags, boxes or arms. Other retailers in the town have also made huge efforts to reduce single-use plastic bags by not offering them or only offering plastic-free alternatives. A big "high five" to you all.

Thanks to all the businesses who have provided support with vouchers, sponsorship and donations. To you The community members who have offered so much support at our stalls, buying bags, raffle tickets or just having a chat, your positive and supportive comments mean a lot. Also, the positive comments and plastic free ideas on our Facebook page are really inspiring. Here are some examples:

"At checkouts we grab a box instead of plastic bags."

"We use material shopping bags."

"I always keep bags in the car or by the door for shopping, including my lovely tartan plastic-bag-free Coromandel bag!"

"[I use] shampoo bars, soap nuts, beeswax wraps. I don't buy pre-packaged produce, and I choose glass only when buying sauces and spreads at supermarket. Next step to reducing plastic use: take own containers for takeaways and to the butchers."

Remember... We are all making a difference by saying "No" to plastic bags. We have come such a long way in one year. Looking forward to the future, you will notice that we will be moving our focus towards ditching other single-use plastic products not just single-use plastic bags. Watch this space!

Get involved and keep up with what we are doing at facebook.com/plasticbagfreecoromandeltown/ or email us anytime: plasticbagfreecoromandel@gmail.com

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Library News

By Raewyn McKinney

As we look forward to Spring, and an improvement in the weather, we in the library continue to purchase good books that are sure to please our members, whatever the weather does.



Ghost by James Swallow

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Our first camp in April was a huge success but we had to cancel the July Camp because when we finally put the funding together, at the 12th hour, we had vital volunteers who could no longer make it.

We are determined to have the next camp!

We have most of the funding; we have the kids; now we need more people to help put the camp together!

If you would like a week away from home at the fantastic little town of Port Waikato and help some very deserving young men at the same time, we could use your help.

There are several positions that we need to fill, mostly volunteer, and if you feel you can help, please contact us, sooner rather than later.

Accommodation and all meals are provided at the P.W. School Camp.

Please contact Christine on 021 900 935 or email admin@adulthoodliteracy.ac.nz if you are interested in any of the following and she will send you full details: Tutor – this is a paid position of 35 hours and we need two; Literacy Group Assistant – volunteers to help with each literacy group; Youth Camp Assistant – volunteers to help with the activities; Camp Fathers – volunteers – be responsible for each group; Drivers – volunteers to transport the boys to and from their schools, vehicles provided (maybe in conjunction with the Camp Father role?).

Contact 021 900 935 or admin@adulthoodliteracy.ac.nz

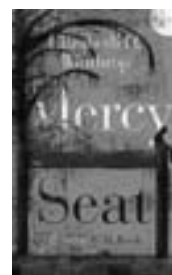
Levi's War by Julie Thomas



Enraged by what he sees The Third Reich doing to his homeland, Levi volunteers for a program that uses his language skills and his acting ability but demands tremendous courage. He is parachuted behind enemy lines into France in late 1940 and helps to establish the resistance network there... A botched raid sees him arrested by the Gestapo and condemned to transportation to a 'labour camp' out east.

But he escapes from the moving cattle train and makes his way to Italy. When the medieval town of Assisi is over-run by German troops Levi is in a unique position to participate in one of the most extraordinary true stories of WW2. He battles with his own inner demons, becomes one of the most unlikely Partisans and unlike so many, he survives with his secrets intact."

The Mercy Seat by Elizabeth Winthrop



As the sun begins to set over Louisiana one October day in 1943, a young black man faces the final hours of his life: at midnight, eighteen-year-old Willie Jones will be executed by electric chair for raping a white girl - a crime some believe he did not commit.

In a tale taut with tension, events unfold hour by hour from the perspectives of nine people involved. Willie himself, who knows what really happened, and his father, desperately trying to reach the town jail to see his son one last time; the prosecuting lawyer, haunted by being forced to seek the death penalty against his convictions, and his wife, who believes Willie to be innocent; the priest who has become a friend to Willie; and a mother whose only son is fighting in the Pacific, bent on befriending her black neighbours in defiance of her husband.

The House on Half Moon Street by Alex Reeve



Everyone has a secret... Only some lead to murder.

Introducing Leo Stanhope: a Victorian transgender coroner's assistant who must uncover a killer without risking his own future ..Maria is found dead and Leo is accused of her murder. Desperate to find her killer and under suspicion from all those around him, he stands to lose not just the woman he loves, but his freedom and, ultimately, his life.

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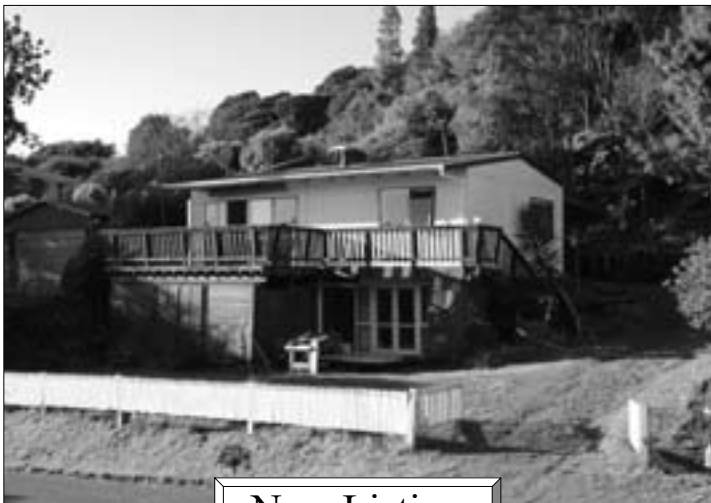
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Spectacular



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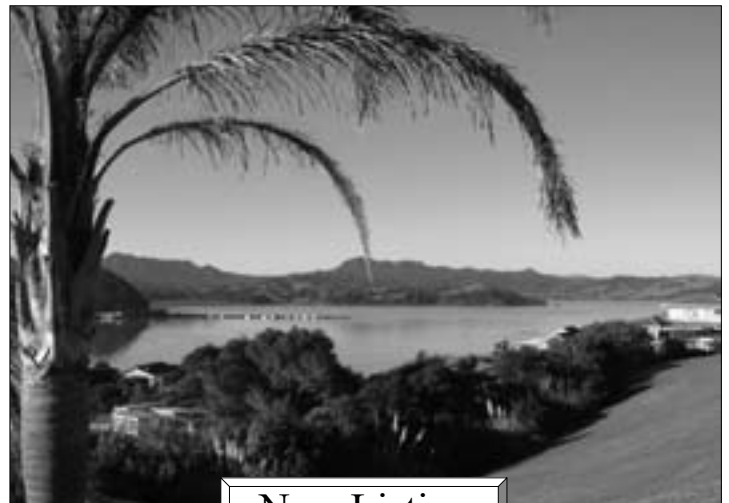
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New Listing



Whether you are looking for an entry level holiday bach in a great location or a permanent residence, this property is an affordable opportunity in the very desirable enclave of Te Kouma Bay. The home features an open-plan kitchen/dining/lounge area (log fireplace and heat-pump), 2 double brms, bathroom, separate toilet and a good sized deck with views out to the Harbour and the Hauraki Gulf. Rumpus/studio room with an adjacent storage/workshop area, and the large carport at the rear will provide cover for the boat. **\$489,000**



New Listing



Just imagine designing a home that affords superb outdoor decking areas that would capture the panoramic harbour and rural views which unfold from this 1,174m2 section. You may have already have your ideal dream home designed, so you could start talking to your builder soon. The serviced section is situated at the eastern end of the popular Wyuna Bay Peninsula and is within a relatively easy walk down to both Long & McGregor Bay beaches. A short drive will have you in Coromandel Town for a morning coffee or a great evening meal. **\$360,000**

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New Listing



Be it a permanent home or a holiday weekend retreat in Coromandel, this property offers a great balance of space and is in relatively close proximity to the centre of town. The 1,039m2 section features grassed areas with lush palm, specimen & native trees adding to a tropical feel. The large garage at the rear of the section could store your boat. The home offers an open-plan lounge (heatpump)/dining/kitchen area that opens out to a full width covered verandah that captures great sun, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, store room and carport. **\$445,000**



Wyuna Bay Road

This large home sits impressively on 4,021m2 of land on the shores of the Coromandel Harbour. The dining, lounge and master bedroom open out onto a covered cobbled patio which steps down onto beautifully maintained lawns. The main dwelling comprises 3 brms (master en-suite), open plan kitchen/dining/lounge and family room, bathroom, sunny atrium, and double garage. The separate studio unit comprises an open-plan living area, separate bathroom, two double bedrooms and a large single garage/laundry. **\$1,250,000**



Stunning Privacy

A slice of paradise... this stunning private 6,650m2 property features an absolutely spectacular array of native and specimen trees in a lush landscaped setting, while the home has been designed with brilliant alfresco living in mind. Exposed beams throughout the open-plan lounge (log fire)/dining/kitchen area; 3 bedrooms, 2 tiled bathrooms, and internal access to the double garage & office. Separate storage shed, propagation houses, and panoramic rural, bush and Coromandel harbour views. An absolutely divine setting!!! **\$795,000**



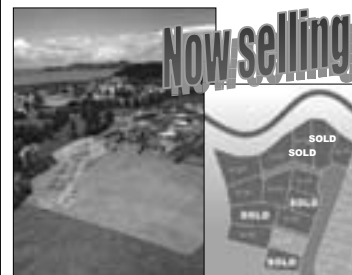
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- * Fantastic seascapes & sunsets
- * Close to Te Kouma Bay **\$495,000**



- * The perfect holiday fishing base
- * Very private 3,172m2 section
- * Plenty of parking for the boat
- * Superb 2 brm cottage/decking
- * Set in the 'Driving Creek' area
- * Older caravan included **\$410,000**



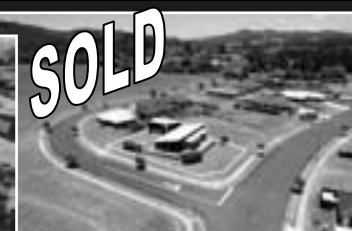
- * Wicked views at Waitete Bay
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Illume 2018

Congratulations to Daniel Smith and his team for organising a great Illume Festival, and well done to all the businesses/clubs who 'lit' up their shop facades and/or had a float in the parade. An excellent weekend for locals and tourists alike.



Museum News

By Raewyn McKinney

The museum is currently closed for the winter, but work continues behind the scenes, of course.

Good progress is being made on our digital archive, and in the process the museum records are being improved and expanded. Work is also progressing on updating displays, as well as planning for new displays. Other chores to be done are less exciting perhaps, but no less necessary for the proper running of the museum. These include cleaning of cabinets and exhibits and updating and improving labels.

To improve the experience of visitors from overseas, we are in the process of translating our "museum guide" into other languages. Heidi has completed a translation into German, and currently Luke is working on a translation into French. We thank Heidi and Luke for undertaking this work. We will be well set up for foreign visitors when we re-open in the summer. More translations could follow if there is a need, and if someone is willing and able to undertake the task.

Thoughts of where our visitors come from, leads to thoughts of the origins of our early settlers. Travel at the time was lengthy and hazardous; even the best of voyages from Britain took 100 days. Following the visit of HMSS Coromandel in 1820, early settlers to Coromandel include William Webster, an American ship's carpenter and James Preece, who arrived in 1839 from England. Charles Ring originally came from Guernsey, in the Channel Islands. His discovery of gold in 1852 prompted more new settlers in the area.

The settlers to Coromandel, did, of course reflect those throughout the country: Jock Phillips, in *History of immigration – A growing settlement: 1825 to 1839*, Te Ara – the Encyclopedia of New Zealand, advises "in the late 1820s the number of non-Maori living in New Zealand began to rise. As more deep-sea whalers arrived for replen-



James Preece



Charles Ring

ishment, rest and recreation. Initially the whalers stayed only for the May to October season, but increasingly they summered over and began to plant potatoes and keep pigs. By the end of the 1830s there were perhaps 30 stations and some 700 people living in the shore-based whaling stations.

The export of timber to Sydney for residential and ship construction was centred on the Hokianga and Firth of Thames. In the whole North Island about a third of Europeans were involved in the timber trade.

From 1830 the number of missionaries grew and their influence spread.

As whalers, merchants and missionaries settled in numbers, others arrived to support them. They included assorted traders and grog-sellers (escaped convicts or deserting seamen), and Pakeha-Maori, who exchanged flax or timber with Maori for muskets. By 1839 there were perhaps 150 such people.

John Flatt, who had been in New Zealand the previous year, told a select committee of England's House of Lords in 1838 that there were so many ex-convicts and runaway seamen in New Zealand that 'the natives have told me, in their own language, to teach my own Countrymen first before I taught them. They have called us a Nation of Drunkards, or mad with drink.'

By 1839 the total non-Maori population was about 2,000. Two-thirds lived in the North Island, especially Northland. A large majority were single men, but during the last years of the decade there were more women and children... probably 90% were of British background, and of these almost 7 in 10 were English. There were also some Americans, French whalers, and other Europeans such as Phillip Tapsell, a former whaler from Denmark".

The museum will be closed during the winter and will re-open at Labour Weekend

Driving Creek Doings

By Alison Carter

Lizard Lore

There are more than a 100 different endemic species of lizard in New Zealand with more being discovered all the time. But in today's world their habitat is becoming more and more under threat with development. Roads, buildings and lawns, along with introduced mammalian pests, are all playing a part in their decline. The Department of Conservation consider that 83 per cent of our lizard population is threatened with extinction.

In Coromandel we are lucky enough to have skink and gecko living close to many of us, although we may have not have noticed them. Geckos particularly are notoriously difficult to see. The skink is a smooth-skinned, sleek and shiny lizard with small legs and little eyes that can blink. The geckos have a scaly skin that feels silky and looks one size too large and they have stout legs. They have large eyes and cannot blink but need to lick their eyes to keep them moist.

Coromandel Contract Bridge Club

By Judy Bronlund

I am writing this on a fine morning. It is hard to believe that all the heavy rain that we had in the last few days has stopped. The Illume festival was fantastic, it slotted in between showers then the rain came down after the fireworks display. Back to bridge, we will be playing for the Jackson Pairs in August then starting on the Te Kouma Pairs at the end of the month. We would love for more players to join our group. We play each Monday evening in the St John rooms. Contact either Val or Susan if you would like to join us or if you are visiting the area and would like to have a game please make contact.

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So if you want to be sure of actually seeing a gecko, the Sanctuary at Driving Creek Railway is home to a variety of species, the forest gecko, the Auckland green gecko and the common gecko, which are kept in enclosures. It also home to the extremely rare Coromandel Striped Gecko, although you would be very lucky to see one as they are loose within the Sanctuary.

At the Sanctuary you will meet Chelsea Kokshoorn whose responsibilities include looking after the lizards and the resident pair of pateke (brown teal duck, one of the world's rarest species) as part of her role as Team Leader for the Driving Creek Railway Conservation Park.

The Driving Creek Wildlife Sanctuary began twenty years ago when Barry Brickell gifted 1.6 hectares of hillside and wetland into a Sanctuary Trust. Donations from Barry personally, the Driving Creek Railway, Environment Waikato and the local community enabled the construction of predator proof fence; the only one on the Peninsula. The Sanctuary was planted with native trees and wetland plants and today is on its way of being what Barry wanted, a piece of land that illustrates what NZ was like before predators.

Now Driving Creek Railway are extending the war against predators to the rest of the Conservation Park which is made of the 24 hectares of land at Driving Creek



Railway that Barry planted in native canopy trees. Chelsea, along with the General Manager, John Gurney, and in conjunction the Moeau Environment Group, will oversee the predator proofing of the whole property. They will also contribute to the fight against Kauri Die Back Disease by installing more cleansing stations on the property.

Chelsea feels strongly about the land and the need to look after it.

She began her life in Christchurch but moved with her family to Queensland when she was eleven. However she always felt that New Zealand was her home. So when she returned, after working as a Youth Worker on the Gold Coast, her desire to



Chelsea Kokshoorn

live more closely with the land led to her complete the Certificate in Horticulture and Agriculture at Toi-Ohomai Institute of Technology in Tauranga.

About a year ago, Chelsea travelled to Coromandel and took the train ride at Driving Creek Railway, met the manager John Gurney. That, in turn, led to her getting the job which lets her work and live in what is her dream environment.

Amongst her aims are to encourage schools and community groups to come to the Sanctuary and to create cool activities for kids within the Sanctuary.

In the meanwhile, she is enjoying living in a small community and has already put her name down for the Fire Brigade.

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Post Illume thank you

By Daniel Smith

Wow, Illume was a terrific success. Thanks to everyone for coming out and making it happen. Epic costumes on display and a great vibe in the street.

First off, a big thanks to our Sponsor Powerco for the fireworks, and Boom Boom and John for putting them on. Quite a show, a little bit later than advertised due to safety checks because of wind. Thank you to Koren and the Coromandel Area School for providing the venue for our terrific firework show.

Thanks for Richardson Real Estate for their sponsorship, and for going all out with both their float, and their window display (with some help from Over the Fence). Best window display award goes to them!

Thank you to Brenda Kelsey and Greenhills for their sponsorship, and the awesome light up cubes. Cheers to Coromandel Mussel Farmers Association for their sponsorship, and Trust Waikato for their generous contribution, and also Twentymans Thames and Idle Pursuits Ltd.

Thanks to the Hauraki House Committee for allowing us the use of



the gallery, and Janine Stewart, Debra Dickson and Samantha Notman and her family, for putting together a lovely cardboard wonderland.

Thanks to the Coromandel Scouts for letting us use their venue, I hope you had a chance to see the amazing neon display that Steve, Ella and Deb put together over there. Those neon globes hanging from the ceiling earned best recycling award!

Thank you to Campbell Barr and NIML for their sponsorship, and mussel socks, which enabled us to put together the lovely lights in the Magnolia.

Thanks to Jan Autumn and the community board and the council for helping Coromandel put its best foot forward, toilets painted, reserve rennovated. And Dave Pakau and his crew who kept the mud at bay, cleaned up our streets and were all round legends.

A big shout out to the whole McLean Family for coming to the rescue at Hauraki Reserve with lights and music and a whole host of Disney characters, you guys are the best. Thanks to the Coromandel Players for the use of their dressing room, for the Amazing Twisty Twins and everyone to get dressed up.

Cheers to Keith Stevens for the marquee which he single handedly took down at 6am while the rest of us sheltered from the rain.

Thanks so much to Andrea Gaia, Henry Mackeson, Si Lowitiski, Caitlin Maloney, Natalie Blasco, Scott Wynards, my folks Rex and Barabara Smith for their amazing help on the setup. And an MVP award to Matt Sephton, who spent basically a whole week up a ladder putting things together, and also organised the big party in the marquee Saturday night.

Thanks to Bianca Light for making the parade happen, and all those awesome community members who joined in. Some tremendous costumes on display. Best float award went to Kelvin Wirihana, and Best Boat to Coromandel Preschool!

Cheers to Coromandel

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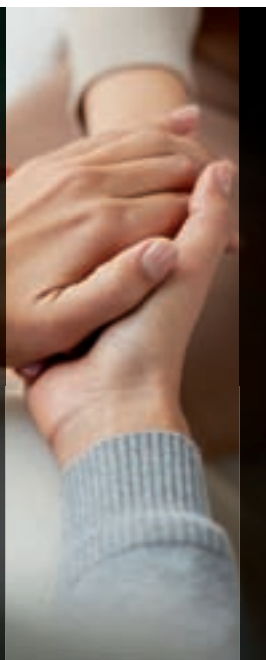
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Clowns and Whitianga Fools for coming out – wonderful costumes!

Another big shout out to Karen and Mike at Pepper Tree for putting on the awesome band and thanks for Angee McWatt for finding those guys for us!

Big shout out also for the great street art/activities, McGregor Bay Wetlands and CILT Volunteers for the amazing boardwalk display, MEG for their epic display, Deborah Hide-Bayne, Sam Ireland Fran Campbell and Dave King's giant fish, the Garden Circle crew for their post office nook creation, and epic parade contribution.

Thanks to the Coromandel Museum of Mines for their display, all the local businesses for jazzing up their windows and donated power to the lights etc. The Coromandel Library for their help, the Coromandel Quilters and Patchwork crew for their amazing help assembling Illume lanterns (they held together through the storm ladies!).

Thanks to Chamya Radick who made Illume digital! With a live video and Instagram. And a big thanks to Broad Spectrum for being great sports about our Traffic Cone emergency.

Thank you also to Don McLean and Gemma Lee, Sokchou Lim and Stu, for their help on traffic control, as well as the guys from James Drainage who kept the cars at bay.

All in all a terrific event, thanks to Coromandel at large. But also a tremendous amount of work falling on a very small team. If we're to be an annual event we will need more volunteers. So let us know if you want to help out at illume.coromandel@gmail.com

Coromandel Patchworker and Quilters

By Jenny Till

In June we had our Midwinter Christmas dinner. A most enjoyable time to share a delicious meal and catch up with everyone in a relaxed setting.

The President's challenge was voted on by everyone present. This year's brief was to take inspiration from a photograph and create a "sewn piece of art".

The winner was Ursula Walsh, 2nd Shirleen Notman and 3rd equal Barb Excell and Jenny Penman.

A recent innovation at our fortnightly meetings has been to get a different member each time to give us a brief "story of their life" and how and when they became interested in patchwork.

It has proved to be most informative and a great way to get to know each other better plus entertaining with plenty of laughs.

Recently Lyn Grant, a tutor from Auckland, led an (optional) two day work shop teaching members how to make a Hawaiian Bag. Those that did it were delighted by the end result.

As always we would welcome any new members.



Patchwork Bag made by Lorraine Courtney at our recent class

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Coromandel RSA

By Pat Williams

Nothing much in the pipeline at this point in time.

Margaret Stone has taken on visiting our Members in Phoenix House or in their own homes if unwell. Am sure a visit from Margaret would make your day.

Peter Thompson and myself entered into the spirit of things and entered the Illume festival parade.

Thanks Skine for the loan of your quad bike and we also had to borrow a trailer. Was good fun and so lucky with the weather. Some of the entries were just beautiful, as were some of the costumes.

Well done to Marie and Lyn for your lavish skirts, just super.

Our next big event will be Armistice Day 11th of the 11th.

We have a new supply of Field of Remembrance cross lapel pins. These are available at The Club.

Also several other badges which were produced for the 100 year commemoration of the 1st World War are still available.

Today, as I write this article, the wind and rain is tremendous and the river behind my house in the Retirement Village is flowing through the back paddock, I must say though, that once the rain stopped the level dropped quickly.

Until another month rushes by, keep warm.

Quote for this month "If you do not change direction you will end up where you are going."

P.S. Visiting our Club on 15 July was the President of our District Clive Collingwood and his wife. We hope they enjoyed our Coromandel Hospitality.

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Chris Oligvie, a volunteer for CILT, supported Emma Cates

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Now that the feasibility study has been completed, and it has been recommended that CILT proceed with developing the concept, we have begun exploring options for funding and made our first application to Trust Waikato. Pete Sephton will be working with Mike Noonan to

confirm possible tenants, design features inside the building, and prepare a brief for an architect. For any inquiries please contact Mike Noonan (M: 021 414 896) or Pete Sephton (M: 027 242 4090).

CILT has continued to be blessed with great volunteers. Chris Oligvie, a volunteer for CILT, supported Emma Cates in the process of obtaining a license. Emma had her L plates, but she wanted more driving practice before taking the next big step. Together they practiced and worked towards having safer roads in Coromandel. It was a beautiful example of mentoring across generations. Thank you, Chris, for supporting your community! And congratulations, Emma, for passing your test! If anyone else is interested in helping out, the volunteers at CILT welcome you.

It is with sadness that we would like to acknowledge the passing of our friend Mac Williams, who died on 6 July 2018. Mac was a Coromandel community member and a participant of CILT's Work Co-op. We will miss your visits Mac. Moe Moe Ra.

The Work Co-op enjoyed visits to Thames, Colville, and Whitianga this month and introduced their new staff member, Abby, to the area. The Work Co-op would like to thank community member David Broatch for a donated painting which has brightened up the dining room area. The Work Co-op whanau is enjoying its beauty along with new curtains for each of the rooms that were acquired, fitted and hung by support worker Annette. Thanks Annette for the added coziness and warmth.

Artists in the Making would like to give a huge thank you to Fagan's in Whitianga for the big pile of mosaic tile samples they donated. They will be put to get use for making some neat works this month. The Artists in the Making group had a wonderful experience visiting Pete Sephton's Blind Creek Studio to learn a bit about screen-printing. Everyone who attended had the opportunity to make a print to take home. Also this month, Amanda Hawkin came in to deliver a painting workshop for individuals to produce paintings for themselves.

CILT, in conjunction with Thames-Coromandel District Council, will be hosting a Circular Economy Workshop at St John rooms on Tiki Road in Coromandel on **Wednesday 9 August** at 11.00am. The discussion will cover regional economic development, industry diversification, driving innovation, and rural revitalization. It will be applied to its relevant use in the Waikato region. Please RSVP by 2 August to Marlene Johnson (Email: kiwican@cilt.org.nz).

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The Fabric of Society

By Catherine Delahunty

Today I was down on the picket line outside the Thames hospital to support the nurses who were on strike for the first time in 40 years. My good friend who has been nursing for 47 years said she had only done this once before as a nurse and most of the staff present had never done it. They were not keen to be on strike even for one day. The caring professions care about the patients in their hospitals and on their rounds but as they said conditions are becoming unsafe. It was actually inspiring to see the level of support when we rallied in the middle of town and the lively and passionate chanting by the nursing staff. Just like the teachers, the nurses are so stressed by the understaffing, conditions of work and the low pay. Great people are leaving both professions because it's just too hard to provide quality care or teaching and meet standards of practice that they have been trained to uphold.

The Hauraki/Coromandel has depended on our nurses and our hospital and we have fought to retain the services. When you live in a remote area the rural doctors are few and far between. The people of the far north in the Te Moehau region are very aware of the value of medical care and a focus on wellness. The leadership of the legendary Dr Kate has inspired them to start the Colville Project for a wellness and education centre. I was MC at a fundraiser for them in Auckland and a number of great musicians gave free performances to help that cause. There is no shortage of talent and dedication in our communities but there are barriers created by policies at local and national political levels. Apparently we cannot afford to pay nurses and teachers what they need and lift their conditions and staffing ratios but we can spend more than \$1 billion on some new planes capable of bombing people. A small country in the South Pacific would be wise to be a peacemaking state with a great health system, not a warmonger aligned with powerful military interests on any side.

Having spent nearly nine years in Parliament I know how money is allocated and actually it can be moved around if there is political will. It was clear from being out on the street with the nurses that the public values them and supports their cause. Our public health and education systems have one great virtue, they are more or less free. They have also been shown to be institutionally racist and I would not expect tangata whenua to have a romantic view of them. However there is an increased understanding by some Pakeha that tangata whenua hauora and matauranga models should be resourced, as these systems are based on long standing tikanga and modern Maori health leadership. The assimilation models of the colonial project have failed. There are alternatives.

As part of the fabric of our local communities I hope everyone will think about what will protect everyone's interest and support people who have been forced to exercise the right to strike. They are acting not only for their profession but for all of us who depend upon it.



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Alone at Christmas?

By Damian Langley and Rita Stephenson

There are a number of people in Coromandel that have no one to share Christmas or to have a Christmas day meal with – it can be a very lonely and for some depressing time.

If you are interested in changing that and being part of a group that would like to provide a Christmas lunch we will be having a meeting in the upstairs office of the swimming pool complex **Thursday 16 August 2018 at 5.30pm.**



Mahamudra Centre for Universal Unity

By Sarah Brooks

New Opportunities for Peace of Body and Mind

Take some time this winter to renew your body and mind with some of the new opportunities at Mahamudra Centre. In addition to our guided morning meditation, we've added Sunday morning yoga and have a small tai chi group that meets weekly. With two body therapists on site, you can book an individual shiatsu treatment or relaxation and Reiki massage during your visit, and even stay in our affordable accommodation to have a real rest and retreat away from busy daily life. We're planning special talks, courses, tours, demonstrations or rituals every weekend, and this month have public talks on Saturday afternoons at 3.30pm on "What's Buddhism About?" (**4 August**) and "Everyday Mindfulness" (**11 and 25 August**) as well as prayers to Buddha Tara (the female Buddha who embodies swift enlightened activity) on **18 August** at 3.30pm.

Next month on **25-30 September** we're also excited to bring internationally renowned artist Andy Weber to Colville on his world tour to lead a special art course on Drawing the Mandala of Tara. The beautiful and symbolic Tibetan Buddhist mandala is created with simple geometry and can be done by anyone, with or without artistic talent or experience. There are opportunities to come to a free public talk, sign up for the whole 6-day course, or just the weekend. Accommodation is available at Mahamudra Centre or locals can commute, but either way pre-registration is essential.

Our Thursday weekly meditation group in Coromandel Town took a break for July, but we'll start meeting again in August. The sessions typically are a half-hour of concentration meditation, a short break, and a guided meditation on different topics for the second half. We explore working with difficult emotions, developing positive states of mind, and developing mindfulness in a variety of ways. Drop-ins are welcome, koha basis, and no experience necessary. We meet from 10-11am at the Elizabeth Park Community Centre at 8 Allman Drive, but please park in the public lot on Kapanga Road and walk down Allman. After the meditation, anyone in the group who has time goes to a local cafe for a coffee/tea and a chat to get to know each other.

We have more new ideas in the works, and welcome your feedback how we could best serve the community and classes or talks you might like us to offer.

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Congratulations to Tuinga Heke of Coromandel, who is the recipient of a gift hamper from Coromandel Four Square. Tuinga has been nominated by another local, who wrote "Tuinga does such a great job of keeping our streets and public areas looking stunning. Not only does he keep our town looking beautiful rain, hail or shine, but he goes about his day with a cheeky grin and is always keen to chat and help out those in need wherever possible."

Thanks for your community spirit Tuinga you are a true CoroLocalLegend!

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

Drop us a line telling us and they will receive acknowledgement in the Coromandel Town Chronicle as well as receiving a \$50 gift hamper from Coromandel Four Square.

Send your nominations to: Coromandel. foursquare@foodstuffs.co.nz (subject line: CoroLocalLegend) or post to: CoroLocalLegend, PO Box 5, Coromandel 3506. Kindly refrain from nominating family members




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It is free and open to everyone.

Date: Thursday 9 August

Time: 11am

Venue: St John Ambulance Rooms



Coromandel Garden Circle

By Jenny Penman

Once again we have squeezed in two Garden Circle Meetings since our last article. Unfortunately the weather conspired against us and our planned meeting on the Driving Creek Railway grounds in June was moved to the Combined Club rooms. We will try to get back to see the wetland garden and plantings at DCR and one positive is that gardens generally only improve with time. Instead, a great afternoon was spent brainstorming and planning for our contributions to the Illume festivities. Our group love a good parade and have also taken on the task of decorating out the nook of the Old Post Office. There may be many in town in need of some brightness and cheer following the England vs Croatia Semi Final this morning!

For our July meeting we extended an invitation to the Kuaotunu Garden Club to join us. Some 11 ladies made the trip over the hill and joined us firstly for a soup lunch and then a guided explore of the Coromandel Community Gardens followed by a look at the always colourful gardens in the Elizabeth Park Village complex. It was then back to the Anglican Church Hall for a fizzy bath bomb-making demonstration using plant essential oils, flowers and herbs and the challenge of a "Country of Origin" plant quiz. A team from Kuaotunu took the winner's spot. Who knew that the carrot came from Afghanistan! Well we all do now and are not likely to forget. Our visitors did well in our usual flower and produce competitions taking several placings too. Camellias were our Arrangement theme and Citrus Medley our Special creating a very colourful display.

At our July meeting it was brought to our attention the passing of renowned NZ plantsman Russell Fransham. Russell and his partner have a beautiful garden and subtropical nursery in a hidden valley behind Matapouri Bay, Northland. They have specialised over the years in new and unusual subtropical plants for NZ conditions. Russell could well have been the source of much of the bright and bold foliage we see around Coromandel.



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

Hot Spot – notes from the Coromandel Volunteer Fire Brigade

By Rob Chappell

Wanted – Volunteers to install smoke alarms to those requesting them in Coromandel Town. At present we have a number of smoke alarm installation requests in town and our current firemen are already stretched for time. If you have the time and skill please contact Chief John Walker to offer your help.

It's winter and, once again, every year people die from incidents that do not need to happen:

- Bar Heaters – have you still got one of these – please get rid of it – these are dangerous, they have no protection for children and will burn anything that gets too close.
- Gas Heaters – these also will burn anything that gets too close – in addition if you insist on using these you must keep your room ventilated. Like you, these heaters need oxygen to breathe, ie the window and or door slightly open, otherwise you risk removing the oxygen from the room and this can result in potential asphyxiation.

Replace both of these with either wall panels or oil heaters – a far safer option.

- Electric Blanket – When did you last have your electric blanket electrically checked? The cause of a fatal recent house fire in Thames was the wiring in and of an electric blanket. The electric blanket was some 50 years old! Please contact your local electrician and get your blanket certified. If it is not certified, and there is an incident regardless of the outcome, there may well be no insurance.

Nationally your local Brigade is in an amazing space. We are one of the very few brigades in Gods own to have people lining up to join and we welcome new recruits Mike, owner of Star and Garter and Pepper Tree; Damian, owner of Four Square; Liz, a ranger with DoC and Chelsea from Driving Creek Railway. These four have joined our other 23+ members' ranks to serve your community as volunteers.

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If this sounds like you and you would like further information please phone Keith Stephenson 021 671 172.

Coromandel Writers

By Larisa Webb

We had our July meeting north of Colville hosted by our newest member, Larisa. We were fortunate to have one of those perfect cloudless winter days that drew us out onto the veranda. We started the day with a short writing exercise based on a moment in our lives that had slightly shifted our world view. With just twenty minutes to write all was quiet except the click of a keyboard and a Tui singing. We then read our writing aloud. Such different moments we had all chosen – from the ending of a marriage to the appreciation of a raindrop.

After a relaxed lunch together with plum cake in the sun we shared our prepared short stories. In June, Lora had set us the rewarding task of writing a piece on an argument. This gave us a chance to explore dialogue and subtext. The short story, 'Keeping Up' included in this Chronicle is one example from this. We will publish a new story from the Coromandel Writers group every month.

While our group is currently full, openings do come up occasionally so if you are interested in finding out more about us, ring Lora on (07) 866 7176.

Keeping Up

Stage: a cardboard box rowing boat in which an elderly man, with sparse white hair is working the oars, bent over double and gasping a bit; his companion is a few years younger. She turns to the audience and gives a resigned shrug as she looks at the man grappling with the boat.

Let me have a turn, please.

I'm perfectly alright, love. Don't worry.

I'm not worrying. I just want a go.

I can row you know.

I know you can, and you make a jolly

good go of it too.

Well...?

All right then if you insist.

He tries to deck the oars as she reaches forward. The boat rocks wildly.

Sit down you mad woman! You'll have us overboard.

It's not me, it's you with that oar!

What do you mean it's me? The damn oar is snagged.

Let me help. You are going to have a heart attack at this rate!

No! You just stay put this time. We don't need any more trouble.

*He continues heaving and panting and eventually brings up the oar with a mess of plastic wound around it.

Plastic bags! He exclaimed. How on earth did they get here? In the middle of nowhere! People, that's how. Dumping them overboard.

Aww, I'd like to catch one of them. He shakily raises his fist while trying to keep his balance.

She laughs, Yes dear. You'd frighten the heck out of them, I'm sure. But seriously, why don't they ban all plastic bags? They're killing the sea life.

There you go again, with your bird brain ideas. We need plastic, we couldn't do without it. It's the stupid people we don't need.

Well, I'm going to stop using plastic from now on! I'm going to find another way.

Oh yes, make your own bread, buy a cow for your milk and cheese, and a few sheep to eat. You're dreaming, woman.

She glares at him. Look, if plastic was banned, if you

couldn't buy food wrapped in it, technology would find another less harmful way. Mary uses cotton and beeswax wraps.

Mary! That crank. Remember the old rusting guttering and drainpipes? These plastic ones last forever, no more getting rid of nasty jagged metal. You said yourself knitting on plastic needles is so much nicer than cold metal ones.

She sighs. Somebody has to start somewhere, so I'm starting. Besides they have banned those shopping bags you love so much from Coromandel. You won't be able to get them anymore.

What, he exclaims. Banned them! I'll get some from China. Who do they think they are, telling me what I can and cannot do? I bet bloody Mary and that women's writing group is behind this. I've lived all my life working, paying taxes and now I'm not even allowed to choose how I line my own rubbish bin.

He finally gets the plastic off the oar and shakes it furiously.

Careful! Calm down! We'll land up in the drink and we're miles off shore.

Don't tell me to calm down! You started this with your blathering, you get so damn emotional.

Why do you always pick me to rant at?

She strokes him. Let's change the subject eh? And get back home.

Do you want to row? I'm tired, I can't keep up anymore.

MEG winter lecture series

Our next lecture is "Catching fish using wood, bone, stone and shell" with Chris Paulin on **Sunday 5 August** at 7pm, free, at Pepper Tree Restaurant. Warm fireplace, warm drinks.

Dr Chris Paulin

Dr Chris Paulin's experience with natural history and ethnological museum collections includes 37 years as a marine biology curator at the National Museum of New Zealand (Te Papa Tongarewa), where his research ranged from the taxonomy of New Zealand fishes to traditional Māori fish-hooks and customary fishing techniques.

Chris is the author of the book, *Te matau a Maui: Fishhooks, Fishing and Fisheries in New Zealand* and is based on studies of traditional Māori fish-hooks. Chris has a unique perspective, integrating studies of taonga with history, fishing, fisheries management, conservation and political ideologies – from the interpretation of the form and function of the traditional (pre-European) Māori fish-hook, it describes the impact and changes to Māori fishing methodology arising from cultural and technological changes that followed European settlement, and the development of commercial fisheries in New Zealand. The history of the first 200 years of fisheries in New Zealand which is largely a tale of open access to what was seen as an unlimited resource, within the context of present day political debates surrounding conservation, customary, commercial and recreational fishing access to the resource.



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

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Coromandel - Garden Cottage

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Coromandel Embroiderers' Guild

By Diann Cade

Last month ten members took part in a workshop with fabric artist Ailie Snow. Ailie shared her techniques of fabric manipulation to create leaf-like forms. The techniques included bonding and melting of synthetic fabrics into the shape which was then embellished with stitches and other findings – beads, gold foil and whatever one wished really.

There was a wonderful array of leaves displayed after a very creative two days. The student/tutor interaction inspired the enthusiasm to do more and more.

The now traditional “dinner out together” with the visiting tutor, after the first day, was equally happy and enjoyed.

Now, as promised last month, here is the new Guild Banner, stitched by several of our members and framed appropriately in a large embroidery hoop. As I write it is “flying” with our members who are going to the 2018 ANZEG Conference in Nelson, where it will be proudly displayed.

We look forward to hearing a report about the Conference at our next Guild meeting on **Wednesday 1 August**.

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

**BRENDA FLAY, SOLICITOR:**

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Natural Medicine Centre

By Ann Kerr-Bell

Gut Health, Your Bones and Osteoporosis

Many minerals and vitamins are required to build a bone that's strong and flexible. The list is long: magnesium, manganese, vitamin K2, folic acid, boron, vitamin B6, zinc, strontium, copper, silicon, vitamin C, vitamin D, good gut bacteria – and calcium. Each performs an essential task, calcium alone cannot make bone. These nutrients all need to come from unprocessed foods, via an efficiently functioning gut and digestive tract, and all these nutrients need to be assessed in osteoporosis. Vitamin K2 is the cofactor for the enzyme gamma-glutamylcarboxylase, which is essential for Vitamin K dependent proteins to bind calcium, ensuring the calcium enters the bones. Osteoporotic bones are more susceptible to fracture. Achieving a higher peak bone mass through proper nutrition and exercise is important for prevention.

Bone is ever changing, constantly remodelling and rebuilding. What you eat day to day affects your bone condition over a lifetime, and what you don't eat is as important as what you do eat. These are foods that have the above needed minerals and vitamins for bone health. Taking more calcium does not resolve bone problems caused by malnutrition and metabolic imbalance. The strength of your bone depends on the condition of their crystalline structure. The quality of your bones is determined by what you've eaten over a lifetime, especially in the bone building years up to age twenty.

Magnesium and Calcium:

Magnesium is necessary for the absorption of calcium. Without sufficient magnesium, calcium crystals can form into abnormal sizes and shapes. It can't be used to build bone if its partner nutrients are missing. Excess circulating calcium that doesn't become bone becomes deposited elsewhere causing further problems – arthritis in joints, spurs on the bone, kidney and heart disease from the soft tissues of the arteries. The accretion of soft tissue circulating calcium contributes to excess intracellular calcium in the neuronal brain cells as in Alzheimer's Disease.

The Western Diet of processed foods, and a high dairy intake, is proportionally too high in calcium compared to magnesium.

Meat: Eating large amounts of animal protein causes calcium to be drawn from the bones weakening them in the process.

Dairy: Milk and milk products are high in protein and phosphorus and very low in magnesium. Dairy products are not an essential for preventing osteoporosis. There are other sources of calcium that offer better proportions of mineral balance. If you do crave dairy foods, use them as a condiment. Goats cheese and active bacteria yoghurt are fine in small amounts.

High Phosphorus Foods: Meat, phosphorus containing fizzy drinks, and phosphate food additives (processed cheeses, salad dressings, baked goods).

Sugar: Disrupts your body chemistry and is a toxin as it has zero nutrients.

Caffeine: Cola sodas, chocolate, energy drinks, some over the counter medicines, tea, coffee.

Other: Oestrogen deficiency/high toxic load.

Daily medicinal foods for bone health

Vegetables: Dark leafy, spinach, silver beet, seaweed, broccoli, beets, asparagus, watercress, parsley, all mushrooms, (including shitake), potatoes, tomatoes.

Grains: Brown rice, buckwheat, quinoa, cornmeal, whole wheat, bulgur.

Beans: Adzuki, soy, lima, kidney beans, chickpeas.

Fruit: Avocados, all fruits, all citrus, papaya, melons, mangoes, bananas, kiwi.

Nuts/seeds: Brazil, hazelnuts, almonds, walnuts, sunflower, flax seeds, sesame, pumpkin.

Fish: Sardines with bones, shrimps, oysters, mussels, crabs, salmon, tuna.

Other: Eggs, Blackstrap molasses, tofu, tempeh, tahini, sunshine.

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• Bone-density, to monitor your bone's condition. Contributing factors: your age, body build, genetic background, nutrient rich diet, resistance exercise.

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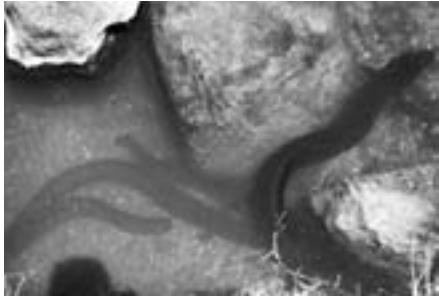


Wild things

By Carol Sutherland



The short-fin eel pictured above was cruising up the Waikanae Valley Stream at Waikawau Bay when Tiana Dobbs photographed it. This one is about a metre long.



Eels at the bottom of Kowhai Drive, Te Kouma sent in by Sarah Caldwell

The ancestors of modern New Zealand eels (tuna) had been swimming up and down New Zealand waterways since at least the early Miocene (23 million years ago). Today they face threats because of the loss of wetlands and fishing pressure. They take on great migrations in order to breed. Eels migrate up streams as elvers to find suitable adult habitat. After many years (15-30 years for shortfins, 25 years for longfins, and sometimes up to 80 years) they migrate to the Pacific Ocean to breed and die. Eels are secretive, mainly nocturnal and prefer habitats with plenty of cover. – DOC NZ

Anyone who has a picture of Coromandel wildlife they would like to contribute to this column is welcome to email the McGregor Bay Wetland Society: mccgregorbaywetland@hotmail.com

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The Lighthouse Studio

By Tom Bickerdike

Thank you to all our clients who have supported us this past season.

Unfortunately, due to health issues, we haven't been open as much as we would have liked this year.

However, we will reopen for the summer in November, and hope that you will continue to walk up the lane to see what's new on offer, or to get more wood oil, or check out our rugs. Carolyn is madly painting away, so there should be much to see come November.

Thank you again for your understanding, and see you in the Spring!

If the flags are flying, we're open.

Cheers, Tom.

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Grey Power Coromandel

By John Rabarts. President.

The Office for Seniors, has issued a press release about a new Winter Energy Payment and increases in other allowances. Some of this is for families well under the age 50 for Grey Power full membership, but I include it here for the wide readership that the Coromandel Town Chronicle enjoys.

A new Winter Energy Payment, to help older people and people on a benefit heat their homes over winter, will be paid from 1 July to 29 September this year and from 1 May to 1 October from 2019 onwards. Single people will get \$20.46 a week, and couples or people with dependent children will get \$31.82. Everyone who's eligible will get the Winter Energy Payment automatically. These did not start on 1 July but your first payment after 1 July should have increased and a fortnight later the full amount would have been paid.

A new "Best Start" payment to help all New Zealand families with a child born (or due) on or after 1 July 2018. Families get \$60.00 a week for each child until they turn one and, for lower-income families, until the child turns three.

The Working for Families Family Tax Credits increased. From 1 July 2018, the eldest child rate increased to \$113.00 a week and the rate for other children increased to \$91.25 a week.

The change in Family Tax Credits means people's income has increased. This may affect their other payments like Accommodation Supplement or Temporary Additional Support or their Income Related Rent.

Not part of the Families Package, but those getting Orphan's or Unsupported Child's Benefit for children in their care will get an increase, and they'll also get a new Clothing Allowance for each child they're looking after.

A very small number of families will get less money through the Families Package because of their particular circumstances. Work and Income be paying them a transitional assistance payment so the amount they get from will stay the same until things change for them, or for up to a year. All of these changes will be made automatically. – Dianne Turner, director, Office for Seniors.

Humour time. Three elderly people were talking about what their grandchildren would be saying about them fifty years from now. "I would like my grandchildren to say, 'He was successful in business'," declared the first man. "Fifty years from now," said the second, "I want them to say, 'He was a loyal family man'." Turning to the third one, a lady, he asked, "So what do you want them to say about you in fifty years?" "Me?" the third one replied. "I want them to say, 'She certainly looks good for her age'."

You can enjoy real savings and long term benefits by joining Grey Power Medical Insurance, or Grey Power Electricity at any age – not limited to the normal joining age of 50 years for general Grey Power membership. This also applies to Cook Strait ferry discounts, Challenge fuel (at 8c per litre discount), and other national programmes. You do need to be a Grey Power member (Coromandel is \$15 per year or \$28 per year for two member households) to enjoy these benefits. Note that under 50s become Associate Grey Power members and do not benefit from locally arranged trading discounts with stores, services and accommodation available to full members over 50 years.

To join Grey Power Coromandel phone Membership Secretary Carol Carson (07) 866 7172. Or Vice President Irene Dunn, 021 157 8408

**Heart Beat – St John Ambulance Coromandel/Colville**By Dave Jack MStJ, Paramedic;
Acting Station Manager

I would like to extend my sincerest thanks to the staff and area committee of the Coromandel St John Ambulance, Colville First Response, PRIME doctors and nurses and the wider Coromandel/Colville communities for supporting me and making me feel welcome in your unique and beautiful part of the country.

I have great news this month, a collaborative initiative between the Coromandel St John Area Committee and rate payers and private individuals within the community has seen a further three automated external defibrillators (AEDs) installed in areas surrounding Coromandel town. These areas are Wyuna Bay, Te Kouma and Long Bay. Well done to the Te Kouma Residents' Association for raising the money to fund this one device and grateful thanks to the Coromandel Bizarre Trust for funding the other two. Thanks also to Leanne and Des for allowing the AED to be located at their motor camp at Long Bay.

AEDs are quite literally life savers to those who have suffered a cardiac arrest. They do however rely on trained people to perform initial Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and to attach and operate the AED. You don't have to be a cardiac specialist to perform this vital lifesaving skill, just someone who has a first aid certificate or has attended a 3 Steps For Life Awareness session.

A 3 Steps for Life awareness session is for members of the community to introduce them to life saving skills for people in cardiac arrest. The awareness session will cover basic CPR and AED skills. The cost? Absolutely FREE, just 40 minutes to an hour of your time. Please enquire at the Ambulance Station regarding the dates for the new course. Phone (07) 866 8279.

Just following up on previous announcements about the St John Subscriber Scheme, please also contact us for further information. Joining the Scheme is not overly expensive and covers you and your family throughout New Zealand. This provides a free emergency ambulance response and means that you won't incur a charge when the new regime for costing comes into effect next year.

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Long Term Plan 2018-25 adopted

Our Council has adopted the 2018-28 Long Term Plan (LTP), with an average district rates increase of 3.32% in the 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019 financial year.

The rates increase is lower than projected in our consultation document through a combination of a larger contribution to road maintenance from NZTA and Council spending more from our reserves.

"We've struck the right balance between financial prudence on behalf of our ratepayers

and paying for the maintenance and upgrades to essential infrastructure that we need," says our Mayor Sandra Goudie.

"I'd like to acknowledge the work our Councillors, Community Board members and Council staff have put into preparing this Long Term Plan – it's been many months in the making," Mayor Sandra says.

We had 785 public submissions during our consultation in March-April, more than we've had on an LTP for a long time.

The LTP is our Council's roadmap for budgets, projects and services for the next 10 years. It is reviewed every three years. It includes the income and expenditure budgets for each council activity along with a description of the services to be delivered.

Some of the highlights in the LTP:

- Investigations into a site for a replacement pool in Thames will continue, plus we'll look at how improved swimming facilities in other parts of the district can be funded;
- \$2.6M allocated to assess coastal hazard risks;
- 29 currently unmaintained roads will be examined to see if they can be bought up to a standard to receive NZTA subsidy. If so, they will be; if not, we'll consider alternatives for any given road;

Read the full LTP at www.tcdc.govt.nz/ltp2018

We are changing our rates installment dates, to avoid hitting people with a rates bill just before Christmas.

The new dates are 15 October, 15 February and 15 May. We'll be sending out notices about one month before each of these dates.

For those who pay their rates by monthly or fortnightly direct debits, we will be recalculating these direct debits in August and will write to affected ratepayers to advise of the new payment amounts.

GOLD RUSH RALLY

The Gold Rush Rally of the Coromandel will take place on 18 August this year. It's a round of the NZ Rally Championship.

Rally HQ is the Mercury Bay Multi-Sports Park in Whitianga and the driving takes place over a mix of forestry and Council roads involving some closures.

Much of the rally will take place in the northern Coromandel, bringing spending from crews, drivers and visitors to an area that was hit economically earlier in the year from weather events and road closures.

PROPOSED ROAD CLOSURES:

Port Charles Road, Waikawau Road, Tuatawa Road and Kennedy Bay Road.

All of Port Charles Road from the intersection of Port Jackson and Colville roads including all of Waikawau Beach Rd, all of Tuatawa Rd, and all of Kennedy Bay Rd to number 1424. The period of the closures: 7:00am to 2:30pm. Cars will be travelling from Port Charles to Kennedy Bay.

The 309 Road

From the Waterworks gate to house number 1715. The period of the closure: 7:45am to 5:45pm. Cars will be travelling from the Waterworks to Whitianga.

Tapu-Coroglen Road

From house number 436 Tapu-Coroglen Road to the intersection with SH25 at Coroglen. The period of the closures: 9:00am to 4:45pm. Cars will be travelling from Coroglen to Tapu.

Joan Gaskell Drive

From the intersection of SH25 to the intersection with Kupe Drive. The period of the closure: 2:45pm to 7:00pm.

Blacksmith Lane

From the intersection of Albert Street to The Esplanade. The period of the closure: 3:00pm to 7:30pm.

More information:

www.tcdc.govt.nz/goldrushrally2018



BARRY BRICKELL MEMORIAL STAGE

The Barry Brickell Memorial Stage in the Hauraki Reserve is now complete. With the official opening last month during the Illume festival, the performance stage has enjoyed its first live performances. The stage was a collaboration between the Coromandel-Colville Community Board and the community, with the community partner being the Driving Creek Railway Arts and Conservation Trust.

FIRE PERMITS

Our Council no longer issues fire permits, Fire and Emergency New Zealand does. Go to their website www.checkitsalright.nz if you wish to apply for a fire permit.

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Coromandel Arts Tour

During the first two weekends of October 2017 artists in and around Coromandel Town will share their process as well as the finished results. Arts Tour Exhibition – open daily in the Hauraki House Gallery from 10am to 4pm. Gala exhibition opening 6pm, Friday October 6.

6-15 Oct



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UPDATE

Next meeting – The Coromandel-Colville Community Board will next meet on 14 August in the Coromandel Service Centre, 355 Kapanga Rd, Coromandel.



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Mana Update

By Penelope Carroll

Winter is a time for inward journeys – and Mana Retreat is an ideal place to go on one. The “realization of our essential unity” is part of the Mana vision, and it is through journeying inwards that we are able to both return to ourselves and to experience the interconnectedness of all life.

Two weekend yoga retreats begin the month. The first, a Chakra Balance Winter Retreat with Denise Ferguson (**2-5 August**), invites us to “unwind and decompress with only nature and the birds to distract you from the daily offerings. Immersing yourself in fresh goodness and getting out of your routine can help with your sense of renewal as you reset and remove old habits”. The second, Release into Rest, with Clare Etheron and Jessica Devi (**10-12 August**) offers “a weekend of yoga, mindful resting and gentle movement practices to nourish and rekindle your sense of wholeness. Release tension and effort, slow down, connect to your breath and return to yourself”.

Next comes a Mana special, a Three-Day Relaxation Getaway (**16-19 August**), “to support your personal vision of wellbeing: an opportunity to rest and replenish with an optional daily schedule designed to cultivate relaxation”. This is followed by a third yoga retreat, Yoga with Juliet Forch (**24-26 August**), designed to “increase awareness of the relationship between our Core and the peripheral body” so that “the body [is] experiencing a sense of wholeness and integration rather than fragmentation”; and Deborah Murtagh’s Embody the Switch course (**26-28 August**), which invites participants to “step forward into your light with more love, compassion and enthusiasm”.

To end the month – and usher in the Spring – Sacha Paddy and Neal Ghoshal combine yoga and dance with their Wisdom of the Moving Body 5Rhythms Dance and Yoga retreat (**31 August-2 September**): “When we move our body we not only feel physically enlivened, but our moods can lighten and shift, our mind can feel more spacious and we can connect with a sense of soulful being”, they say.

Winter is also a time for warming soups. One of my favourites is Leek and Potato Soup. Different cooks make different versions – here is mine. It’s simple, quick, and delicious:

Finely slice three large leeks and saute in 50g of butter in a large pot. Add 1kg of also finely-sliced potatoes (leave skins on) to the pot. Cover with stock of your choice. Add salt and lashings of freshly ground black pepper, and simmer for 30 minutes. Serve with grated cheese. This is one of those soups which tastes even better the next day.

Hon Scott Simpson MP For Coromandel

Water

We all want safe drinking water. After all New Zealand probably has more water than most countries given our climate and the climate change challenges facing us.

Recently the government announced it is planning to amend the Health Act to allow for what it calls “significant improvements”. As the first step it intends to remove the requirement for a five year consultation and notification period for changes to drinking-water standards. It would appear that the government is looking at the possibility of central government taking control of local water supplies which has generally been a local government responsibility. This raises all kinds of questions of who will actually pay for these improvements given a more “centralised” approach with “aggregated dedicated water suppliers”.

We also run into things like who owns the water? At present “no-one owns the water”. Is this government about to open a Pandora’s Box of litigation and rocketing water costs, when it says there needs to be “a conversation with councils, suppliers, and stakeholders including Maori about how we get there”?

Climate Change

In last month’s column I set out National’s new policy of supporting the establishment of an independent Climate Change Commission.

During the recent parliamentary recess, as part of my Environment spokesperson responsibilities I have been in Europe to observe the British government’s response to climate change and have had a series of meetings with their environmental agency and associated groups. I have also been to a presentation of the EU’s ETS. National wants to work as constructively as possible with the government on climate change issues.

Litter Litter everywhere

It’s really disappointing to find Coromandel highways are producing up to more than 40 cubic metres of litter from local roadsides on a monthly basis. I think it’s part of our civic duty to report such incidences to the NZTA when we see drivers or car passengers polluting our beautiful environment.

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



Monday Walkers

By Irene Dunn

It’s hard to plan our walks with this changeable weather, but we are making an effort to get out there even if it’s a shorter walk.

We enjoyed taking visitor John (from the freezing South Island) on the Matarangi ridge walk – welcome to our part of paradise!

Don’t be bored sitting inside the four walls this winter – join us for walks in the bush, on beaches and around. We walk each Monday, meeting at Woollams Ave car park at 9am – you’re welcome to walk with us.

For more information contact Irene 021 157 8408



Walkers enjoy the serenity of Matarangi Beach the day after a big storm



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24-26 AUG	Yoga with Juliet Forch
26-28 AUG	Embody the Switch with Deborah Murtagh
31 AUG - 2 SEP	5Rhythms Dance and Yoga: Wisdom of the Moving Body with Sacha Paddy & Neal Ghoshal

Animal Rescue Thames

By Alice and John Parris

Paws applause and thank mews to those who have donated blankets, garage sale items, and cat food, these blessings are awesome and appreciated by the rescue felines. With winter upon us we have the change over of bedding to the thicker winter woollies. The cats watch us changing bedding, frowning upon us taking away all things that smell familiar to replace with foreign smelling bedding, and they quickly rearrange the bedding to their comfort and liking. For exferals no matter how tame they become, change bedding and you can guarantee some extremely irate furrbrats who will trash the neatest made bed.

Rehoming currently remains at a total standstill. Our ginger girl Missy is a total delight and accepting pick up, carry and cuddles to the extent of demanding more cuddles than ever. She coped beyond anything we thought she was capable of with a trip to visit vet, with no issues she was completely calm, got cuddled by the vet nurse, was a dream to handle until vet decides to put pills down throat using foreign instrument which I knew was going to set her off which it did.



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She swiped, got the vets thumb and gave us all an indignant look of “how could he do that to meee!” The rest of her medication was hidden in meat, worked wonderfully for four days and by day five she was well aware something in meat so she would nudge it, then use a claw to flick it around her unit as she knew that I would have to fossick and find the pill, which became a very annoying game. Our trio of blacks continue to amuse us – Suki girlis svelt black on long long shiny black legs, she is one who dances on air almost, very fast agile and tree climbing is done at record speeds both up and down yet for Wikky and Moby the two heavier boys they go up pretty quick but down is not the prettiest option except for come down so far and then fall out of tree. Great entertainment for humans and Suki but the boys just don’t have nimble tree-climbing skills attached to their agendas. The trio enjoy outdoors and this has certainly made them very confident outgoing cats and we will find a home for the trio that will have a family of furrbrats who will be cherished and be a total and utter delight to be owned by them.

For our longer termers – they are very happy, warm, comfortable, patiently waiting for that new forever home to be the answer to their furry prayers.

Wanted – homes for our felines 7 months to 3 years of age, house-trained, desexed, wormed, de-fleaed. Tinned foods/sachets, tinned salmon as a treat, to feed our furry guests in care. Also winter bedding would be a blessing too.

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Rangatahi

CELEBRATING OUR CHILDREN

Kiwi Can

Kia Ora Koutou,

At the end of term two, our Kiwi Can team held our famous Kiwi Can Disco. Our tamariki had a great time and we managed to raise \$969. This is a great infusion of funds for our lesson planning resources and prizes for our tamariki. Thank you to all those that supported the disco!



Over the holidays we also ran a Hip Hop Workshop. We had more than thirty children attend this 4-hour workshop and share their brilliant talents with us.

We are now well into term three, and our theme this

term is respect. Now we know that respect is about treating people, things, and places as important. We will be discovering this theme through our sub-modules of Respect for our School, Respect for our Community, and Respect for our Environment. The Catchphrase for term three is, "What we say and do today will affect all our tomorrows".

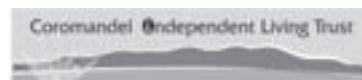


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Nga mihi nui from the Kiwi Can team Marlene, Gemma, Jasmine, Emma.

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



Te Rerenga School

Learning, it's what we do...

By Mary Kedzlie and students



Anna with her father Luke, sister Ellie, brother Lachlan, and Donna Manning from Westpac

At the last school assembly for the term, Anna Mikkelsen was presented a Sir Peter Blake Young Leader Award medal, by Mrs Donna Manning of the Westpac bank.

The Young Leader Award celebrates a student who has integrity, determination and the will to succeed, a good team builder, leader and member, and is hard-working and knows how to have fun. Anna certainly fulfils all those criteria! Congratulations Anna!

Celebrating Matariki

The Year 1 students in Room 1 wrote about Matariki.

Here are a few of their explanations.

When Matariki comes out, it is the Maori New Year. We share kai. Matariki comes out of the sky. – *Koby Powrie*

Some people eat their kai when they see the seven sisters shining really bright and one of the stars is really, really bright.

– *Ava Redfern*

Matariki Artwork

Room 3 (Year 4 & 5) students did some great art to celebrate Matariki that we wanted to share with you below!



When the seven stars gather around and shows mataraki, it makes the Maori New Year. In the morning some people share their food. – *Jamie Waugh*

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Coromandel Area School

By Jamie Rose Leckie



Crazy Day

On the 22 June the school went a little bit crazy, yes that is right, we had a crazy day! You might be wondering what on earth Crazy Day is well... our Student Council team decided it would be a great idea to get the whole school involved in a day of fun activities. Each Whanau group had to dress up with a different theme, Hauraki – 1970s-1990s (go big or go home), Matawai – Kiwi workers (farmers, roadworkers, builders...), Tokatea – Tourists (big packs, colourful jackets, pronunciations...) and Kapanga – Surfers (stereotypical dude). The children moved around to different rotations in their Whanau groups. They collected points during the activities for sportsmanship, great attitudes, helping team mates and winning the activity. The activities were giant jenga, hall of shadows (maze), shoot and loot (basketball shooting), blackout (blindfolded course), capture the flag and fiction find (puzzle).

This day showed the true tuakana/teina spirit, where the older students were supporting and helping the younger students of our school. The best part of an area school is watching everyone come together and help out.

We would like to say a big thankyou to the parents for helping their children with all the wonderful costumes and huge congratulations to our Student Council team of Emma, Nathan, Nakita and Adam for their outstanding efforts and organisation skills, the day was awesome!

Room 4 writing

Room 4 have been learning about their mind-sets and discussing what they need to grow the best 'them'.

How to grow the best Sophie

Firstly, she needs a family to love her. Next she needs some pets to give her company. Then she needs sleep and the sun to feel alive. She also needs friends to play around with. Finally, she needs a home on a farm with animals to feel happy.

How to grow the best Tyler

Firstly, you need to let him go surfing and spearfishing. Then you need the best teacher in the world which is Whaea Jamie. Next, you need pig hunting and deer stalking. Finally, you need Lego to make cool things. That is how you grow the best Tyler.

Outdoor Education

The senior Outdoor Education class has just returned from a challenging 3-day tramping trip in the Kauaeranga Valley region. The weather was their biggest test, with rain, hail and thunderstorms to negotiate on their expedition to the Pinnacles summit. Spending their first night in the Pinnacles Hut was a welcome luxury after the cold ascent, with the students making good use of the fire and plenty of hot milos. With the fog clearing just in time on day 2, they reached the Pinnacles

summit with breathtaking views of the Eastern Coromandel coastline. The group had a fantastic experience learning how to prepare and plan for the expedition, sharing plenty of laughs and having a trip to remember.

Sports Day

At the end of Term 2 there was a cluster sports day held at our school, Te Rerenga School and Colville School joined us for the day. The Year 5-8 students had fun playing netball, soccer, basketball and touch. The students have formed strong relationships with each other and they have enjoyed the strong competition. We look forward to continuing this every year. Thank you to Geoff for organising this.

That is all for now, stay warm and keep well.



2018 OE camp



Giant Jenga – working together

Coromandel Youth Group

Term Three Opening Hours

Coromandel Youth Group is for all children aged 5-15yrs.

Sunday drop in and social – 1pm-4pm,

Tuesday and Thursday – 3pm-5pm,

Friday Afternoon – 2pm-4pm.

Friday Night Social – 6pm-9pm (for years 7-11).

Please feel free to phone with your child's expected arrival and departure times as we can not take responsibility for children who are not signed in or for those who have signed out early.

To help with running costs please make a gold coin donation, every little bit helps us to stay open!

For more information call in or telephone us on (07) 866 7061.

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

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Environment

McGregor Bay Wetland Society

By Karen Marshall and Carol Sutherland

The McGregor Bay wetland (adjacent to Long Bay Rd) is not well. Some years ago the tidal water flow was impeded and drains dug to minimise access of salt water to the surrounding farmland. Consequently, the wetland is now almost never covered by the sea water it needs to flourish and support the flora and fauna that live there. Vegetation, invertebrates, fish and bird life struggle to exist in this environment because it has been tampered with, and the McGregor Bay Wetland Society Inc. is now trying to do something about it.

The Society has employed a Co-ordinator to perform a baseline study of the wetland, with later plans to build a boardwalk and bird hide for the enjoyment of nature lovers. As the wetland is in walking distance of the town it will become a visitor and tourist attraction and a community asset.

Some students from Coromandel Area School have spent time at the wetland and are familiar with the birdlife found there. In trying to engage more young people with the possibilities of a restored environment for birds, the Society intends running a competition for our local school students to design a bird hide for the wetlands. Details of such will be available next month, and we look forward to entries from creative young people who can imagine what an effective bird hide would look like.

Illuminated boardwalk

It was great to see kids running, jumping, and even creeping over the illuminated boardwalk during Illume. The boardwalk doesn't look like much until you enter, a bit like wetlands themselves in some ways. When people set off the lights by merely walking, lots of squeals were generated. We hope everyone who gave it a go enjoyed themselves and if you want to see some boardwalk moves have a look at www.facebook.com/mcgregor-baywetland

Great to have the combined CILT and Wetland volunteers come together to make it happen. Much thanks to Colin from WANT nursery in Kuaotunu who loaned us some wetland flora to line the boardwalk.



Moehau Environment Group

By Natalie Munns

Illume

Wow, wasn't Illume fantastic! We had an awesome time creating and manning our MEG display. Hope you all got the opportunity to have a wander through it. We had over 500 excited kids and adults who took the opportunity and/or entered our "Count the kiwi Comp" too. The purpose of our display was to engage with our community and to promote conservation and awareness by providing a fun and interactive environment. By the looks of all the happy faces, our vision was a huge success! Thanks and congratulations to the MEG team and volunteers who helped put it all together. Look at our Facebook page for photos of the event.

The lucky winner of our "Count the kiwi Comp" who wins a Port Charles kiwi experience was, drumroll please... Jack Hide-Bayne, who correctly counted nine different kiwi.

MEG Winter Lecture Series

The next MEG Winter Lecture, "Catching fish using wood, bone, stone & shell" with Chris Paulin, will be held at the Pepper Tree Restaurant on **Sunday 5 July** from 7pm. Check out page 17 for more details on Chris's topic.

MEG Coromandel Kiwi Project (CKP) June 2018

Predator and pest catch data from our CKP for June 2018.

Species	June 2018	Total to Date
Hedgehog	-	47
Possum	-	1
Rabbit	-	4
Rat	37	2511
Stoat	6	450
Weasel	-	38
Ferret	-	1

The Coromandel Kiwi Project trap lines are in the hills surrounding Coromandel town. This project has been running successfully with the help of our volunteers since 2011 and aims to provide protection for kiwi looking to make a home in the bush above town.

Have a great month everyone.

For more information on our Coromandel Kiwi Project (and all our other projects) check out our website www.meg.org.nz



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New Waste Management Policy For DOC's Coromandel Campgrounds

The Department of Conservation is introducing a "pack in pack out" waste management policy for conservation campgrounds on the northern Coromandel Peninsula. The new approach will apply to five campgrounds from the start of the 2018/2019 holiday season.

DOC's Coromandel operations manager Nick Kelly says the new policy means DOC will no longer be processing campers' waste on site and disposal will become the responsibility of individual campers. The campgrounds subject to the new policy are at Fletcher Bay, Waikawau Bay, Stony Bay, Port Jackson and Fantail Bay. Public bookings for the 2018/2019 summer season open on 5 and 6 July 2018.

"In the past we have operated large rubbish and recycling services at our campgrounds. With the popularity of our conservation camping facilities ever increasing it is clear that is no longer the most environmentally responsible option. We can't continue to accommodate the disposal of massive amounts of rubbish from our campers," Nick Kelly says.

"By moving to "pack in pack out" we are encouraging campers to think as much as possible about the rubbish they are creating so they can keep it to an absolute minimum and lessen the environmental impact of their stay. We hope campers will agree this is a much more conservation-minded approach that what has been offered in the past."

Nick Kelly says the change will no doubt mean a significant change in responsibility for some campers but it will also result in staff having more time to engage in recreational education and advocacy programmes with campground patrons.

"The new policy will also apply to people using accommodation units at the Waikawau Bay Lodge, Stony Bay Bach and the Fletcher Bay Backpackers, as well as the Coromandel Walkway, Matamataharakeke Track, Muriwai Walk and the Fantail Bay Trek.

Upper Coromandel Branch of Forest and Bird



By Karen Marshall.

Bird populations around the world are plummeting, with just under half of this country's native bird species being in serious trouble. Humans are impacting on bird populations by causing habitat loss, the introduction of invasive species, the toxic effects of pesticides, and longline fishing, which decimates seabird food supply.

Here at home we can affect our bird populations without meaning to. Cutting down large trees and reducing the sizes of our gardens make it harder for birds: they have fewer places to nest and proclaim as their territory as well as less food available.

Some ways to support birdlife at your place:

- Bread and seeds in a feeder will attract many, including silvereyes and dunnocks.
- Sugar water will lure nectar feeders such as tuis and bellbirds.
- Flowering and fruiting plants will provide food and encourage the insects that birds such as fantails eat. Other insects will pollinate your plants. Leave a few veggies to go to seed as insect pollinators like the flowers.
- Avoid pesticides and herbicides, as these may harm pollinators.
- Grow plants in pots to attract insects and birds.
- Containers of water will attract native birds and pollinators in summer.
- Keep your cat well fed and inside at night.

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Arts

Pastel Artists Coromandel

By Christine Lunn

Four of our members have booked to travel to Australia in September to attend the Pastel Artists of Australia annual conference. We are looking forward to hearing their reports when they return.

Planning for our annual Pastel Art exhibition at Hauraki House during Labour Weekend is now well advanced and we are delighted that several of our new members are planning to exhibit – more next month.

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

We welcome visitors at our weekly meeting at the Coromandel Aero Club rooms on Tiki Road on Tuesdays between 9.00am and 12 noon (around 10.00am is always a good time, when we break for morning tea).

Contact: Allan Beaver (07) 866 8053 or Christine Lunn on (07) 866 7220

Open Studios Feature Artists



Lisa Corston

My artwork is simply a response to how life is constantly shifting and changing around and through me. I have a great love for the grit and rawness of deep, rich, ancient earth colours. For those textures and colours that emerge from underground, playing with these elements through paint on canvas and in sculpted form through clay. Oil Sticks are my primary painting material, and terracotta along with natural oxide glazes are the materials I find pleasure in sculpting with. It's always fun when the Open Studios rolls around and this year I am one of the artists working in the "Hub" at the old hospital.

Nigel Sparrow

I've always had a "making things" bug. It started way back when I was a kid with me hassling my mother to let me use her pots to melt wax, coloured by my crayons, so I could make candles (string for wicks, they didn't burn very well).

My early textile experiences were tie-dying and then I came across watercolour marbling in the 1980s and still love creating individual pieces of fabric and going on to make clothing for men and women. I've been marbling here in Coromandel since 2003.

I also work with sandcarving, which uses industrial machinery and UV sensitive film to carve text and images on rock and pounamu.

As a founder member of The Source I have enjoyed having a place to show my work and this has led to my most recent project. I take photos on my phone and then

work on them with a range of different apps and programs on my computer. The results are framed works and cards which are in The Source.

I still work with the charitable Trust I've been part of since 1999 in Thames. I'm currently working with different community groups and some of the people we support to create community workshops and opportunities to learn how to make useful things at our workshop in Thames.



Lisa Corston at work



Artwork by Nigel Sparrow

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Sport

Coromandel Town Bike Park Hauraki Road update

Many thanks to everyone who took the time to support the bike park through the long term plan process (LTP) with their letters of support. TCDC have generously funded the seeding money to allow us to progress this worthwhile community project. This will enable us to apply for other funding to complete the project.

The support from local Iwi (Patukirikiri), DOC and TCDC has enabled us to secure our resource consent.

We are seeking someone in a voluntary capacity to help progress and promote the Coromandel Town Bike Park project. If you are interested please phone Keith on 021 671 172.

There have been several working bees on site to remove wilding pines and wattle away from power lines. The wood from these trees went to the Lions Club. We are now ready to move onto the next stage of our project which will be to develop the car park area and create the pump tracks. Our aim is to complete both of these projects in 2019.

Coromandel has many "silent helpers", who are well known around Coromandel, selflessly giving their valuable time to many community projects. Some have been helping out with the Bike Park and they include James Drainage (Hunchy), Ebikes (Gareth), Lions Club, Golf Club, Coromandel Excavators (Wayne Brookes), Dickie Bergen, Zeus Fenton, Glen Debenham, Troy Evans, Doug Rouse and Corrections (PD Workers). We sincerely apologise if we have left anyone out.

We will keep you all informed of our progress through the Coromandel Town Chronicle. At this stage we do not have a name for the bike park. If you believe you have a suitable one will you please email it through to arceventsrita@gmail.com and we will then publish the list and ask the community to vote for their favourite.

Coromandel Croquet Club

By Kaye Anderson

Despite some cold, wet weather cancellations have been few and far between with newer players becoming more and more skilled at the game and keeping the "older" members on their toes.

We would like to thank members of The Coromandel Club who kindly dealt with a leaky pipe under our clubrooms, identifying the problem and organising the repairs.

And thanks to club member Sharon Whittle, we are soon to have professional signage on our building, which we hope will encourage not only local residents but also visitors to the area to join us for a game.

We have changed the days we play, so that we now meet on Tuesdays and Fridays at 9.45am for a 10am start.

If you are keen to join us and try out this great game, call Kaye on (07) 866 8968 or just come along on a Friday at 9.45am. The club is situated in Woollams Ave, next to the Bowling Club



Coromandel Golf Club

By Peter Gray

Well Done to Club Captain, Peter Richardson, in having the foresight to reschedule the Captains Trophy to a fine day on Saturday 30 June. Peter also organised a change in format in staging a two man Ambrose with the pairs being drawn on the day. Not only was the format of the day well received by the members but also the more than generous prizes were also appreciated by the players. The pairing of Peter Richardson & Bryan "Doc" Macleod won the day on 63.4pts from Allan Rose and Jim Davis 65, Darryl O'Keeffe and David Lunn 67.5, Max Mclean & Ed Buckett 68.

It seems that if you want to win an event at the club – sponsor you own event – as with President, Ed Buckett, and the Presidents Cup, Peter Richardson and the Captains Trophy. Thanks to both as they handed their prizes down the line.

The June Meat Pack/Laurie Olliff trophy was won by Kevin Verner 39pts, from Peter Richardson & David Sampson 37, Max Mclean 36.

It seems that mother nature picks Tuesday mornings to rain, thus interrupting the Ladies' Tuesday morning golf. However, they do meet at 10.00am for a social gathering. A group of ladies who are new to golf have been meeting on Thursday mornings for an extra round to improve their game.

Daffodil Day

Saturday 18 August – One of the most popular days and also important days for the Club as it sets out to raise a goal of \$1200 for the Cancer Society Charity. The local town businesses always help make this a successful day with their generous donations of great prizes.

Hopefully, the Club's programme will get back to normal in August with more settled weather allowing for the playing of the Neilsen Cup – Best 2 of 3 rounds stableford.

A member was in with the "Doc" on a Thursday for a rather delicate operation. The Doc was about to perform the surgery when he realised the Doc was his playing partner from yesterday who had missed a two inch putt.

Reminder – August 2018

Saturday 4, 11, 25 August – Neilsen Cup

Saturday 18 August – Daffodil Day (Mixed)(P)

Wednesday 29 August – Meat Pack/Laurie Olliff Trophy



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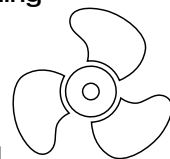


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Poetry SPOT

The Dream

By Beryl van Donk

I heard the wind sighing over the grasses,
it brought a fresh clean fragrance
to wipe away my tears, I searched
everywhere but could not find you.
The sighing gave way to rushing,
and in place of the caressing,
it brought fresh tears that stung
my eyes and whipped my cheeks
with frenzied hurling, I still searching
but alas in vain! The sobs rose
loud within me and gathering strength
escaped in tumultuous grieving
that woke me from my dream.

This poem It was published in The International Library of Poetry and won The Editor's Choice award.

In the Shadowed Hours

By John Irvine

anxiety fills my awakening
no poetic advent illuminating
my shadowed hours
so I log on and read
the writings of other poets
retired ladies in NZ
poetic farmers from Nepal
sons of school friends
others more galvanised
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Coromandel Town weekly and monthly meetings

Every Monday

Step Aerobics at Coro Gym 8am
 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
 Sit n Be Fit at Coro Gym 9.30am
 SeniorNet Coromandel contact Loes (07) 866 8053 4pm
 Four-part harmony singing, Sue (07) 866 8833 7.30pm

Every Tuesday

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 Dance at Mana Retreat Centre, (7, 17, 21 August) 9.30-11.30am
 Croquet, Woollams Ave, Kaye (07) 866 8968 9.45am
 Yoga for everyone, Colville Hall, Kate 022 071 8470 10am
 Playcentre, Woollams Ave 10.30am-1pm
 Beginner Yoga with Becks, at the Anglican Church Hall,
 170 Tiki Rd, \$10. Contact 027 407 0079 5.30-6.45pm
 Coro Motorcycle Club, Star & Garter, John 027 234 1013 7-9pm

Every Wednesday

Mahamudra Centre, Free Guided Meditation 8.30-9am
 Step Aerobics at Coro Gym 8am
 Coromandel Community Organic Garden volunteers drop in time 9-11am
 Sit n Be Fit at Coro Gym 9.30am

Every Thursday

Mahamudra Centre, Free Guided Meditation 8.30-9am
 Coro Walking Group, Ruth (07) 866 7246 9am
 Coro Bowls club day 9.30am
 Coro Art Group, St Andrew's Church Hall, Val (07) 866 8911 9am-12pm
 Guided Meditation, Elizabeth Park Community Hall 10-11am
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 (upstairs Swimming Pool) contact Tina 021 201 9750 5.10-6.20pm
 Candlelit Yoga, Colville War Memorial Hall. School term only.
 Contact Vanessa 021 124 7267 5.30-6.45pm
 Open Floor Dance, Anglican Church Hall 7-8.30pm

Every Friday

Step Aerobics at Coro Gym 8am
 Mahamudra Centre, Free Guided Meditation 8.30-9am
 Yoga for everyone, Anglican Hall, Kate 022 071 8470 9am
 Playcentre, Woollams Ave 9.45am-12.15pm
 Coromandel Home-school Group, Julene (07) 866 8333 10am

Every Saturday

Mahamudra Centre, Free Guided Meditation 8.30-9am
 Croquet, Woollams Ave, Kaye (07) 866 8968 9.45am

Every Sunday

Mahamudra Centre, Free Guided Meditation 8.30-9am
 Anglican Church Service 10am

Monthly

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1st Wed – Coro Embroiderers' Guild, St John Rooms,
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1st Wed – Lions Dinner meeting, Ambulance Rooms.
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2nd Wed – Garden Circle. Contact Jane Warren 021 232 2905 1pm

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High tide 10.36am (2.6m), 11.02pm (2.7m)
Low tide 4.27am (0.6m), 4.36pm (0.6m)

3

Italian Food Night and screening of Colville Sings Leonard Cohen 2017 at Colville Cafe (see ad pg 30)

High tide 11.17am (2.6m), 11.45pm (2.6m)
Low tide 5.09am (0.6m), 5.19pm (0.6m)

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Neilsen Cup at Coromandel Golf Course (see pg 31)
Public Talk: What's Buddhism About? at Mahamudra (see pg 15)


High tide 12.02pm (2.5m)
Low tide 5.53am (0.6m), 6.07pm (0.7m)

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MEG winter lecture – Catching fish using wood, bone, stone and shell with Chris Paulin (see pg 17)

High tide 12.31am (2.6m), 12.52pm (2.5m)
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High tide 3.17am (2.6m), 3.57pm (2.7m)
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9

Circular Economy Workshop at St John rooms (see pg 14 or ad pg 15)

High tide 4.20am (2.7m), 4.59pm (2.8m)
Low tide 10.36am (0.4m), 11.08pm (0.5m)

10



Release into Rest starts at Mana (see pg 24)

High tide 5.23am (2.8m), 5.58pm (3.0m)
Low tide 11.36am (0.2m)

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Neilsen Cup at Coromandel Golf Course (see pg 31)
Public Talk: Everyday Mindfulness at Mahamudra (see pg 15)

High tide 6.24am (2.9m), 6.53pm (3.1m)
Low tide 12.06am (0.3m), 12.32pm (0.1m)

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High tide 9.58am (3.1m), 10.20pm (3.1m)
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Meeting about providing Christmas lunch (see pg 15)
Three-Day Relaxation Getaway starts at Mana (see pg 24)

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High tide 11.38am (2.9m)
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Daftodil Day Tournament at Coromandel Golf Course (see pg 31)

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Low tide 6.11am (0.4m), 6.34pm (0.6m)

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High tide 1.43am (2.5m), 2.21pm (2.5m)
Low tide 7.56am (0.7m), 8.29pm (0.8m)

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High tide 2.38am (2.4m), 3.20pm (2.4m)
Low tide 8.56am (0.7m), 9.27pm (0.8m)

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High tide 3.33am (2.4m), 4.17pm (2.4m)
Low tide 9.54am (0.8m), 10.21pm (0.8m)

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Low tide 10.48am (0.7m), 11.12pm (0.8m)

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Yoga with Juliet Forch starts at Mana (see pg 24)

High tide 5.22am (2.4m), 5.56pm (2.6m)
Low tide 11.37am (0.7m), 11.56pm (0.7m)

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Public Talk: Everyday Mindfulness at Mahamudra (see pg 15)
Neilsen Cup at Coromandel Golf Course (see pg 31)


High tide 6.11am (2.4m), 6.40pm (2.6m)
Low tide 12.21pm (0.6m)

26

Embodry the Switch course starts at Mana (see pg 24)



High tide 6.55am (2.5m), 7.20pm (2.7m)
Low tide 12.41am (0.7m), 1.01pm (0.5m)

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High tide 7.36am (2.6m), 7.59pm (2.7m)
Low tide 1.22am (0.6m), 1.39pm (0.5m)

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Low tide 2.01am (0.5m), 2.16pm (0.5m)

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Meat Pack / Laurie Oliff Trophy at Coromandel Golf Course (see pg 31)

High tide 8.53am (2.7m), 9.14pm (2.8m)
Low tide 2.40am (0.5m), 2.53pm (0.4m)

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Free business seminar (see ad pg 13)

High tide 9.31am (2.7m), 9.53pm (2.8m)
Low tide 3.19am (0.4m), 3.31pm (0.4m)

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Daftodil Day (see pg 5)

Wisdom of the Moving Body 5Rhythms Dance and Yoga retreat starts at Mana (see pg 24)

High tide 10.10am (2.7m), 10.34pm (2.7m)
Low tide 3.58am (0.4m), 4.11pm (0.5m)

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New moon Full moon

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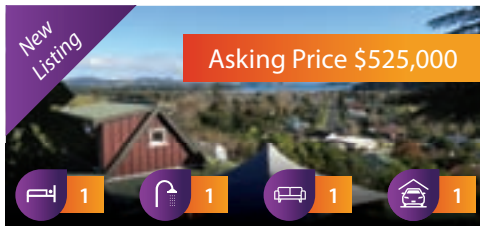


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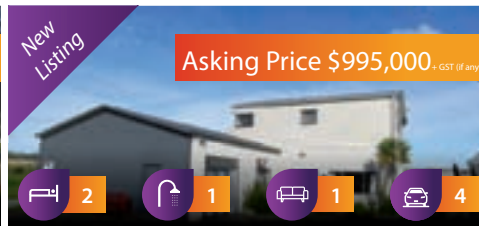
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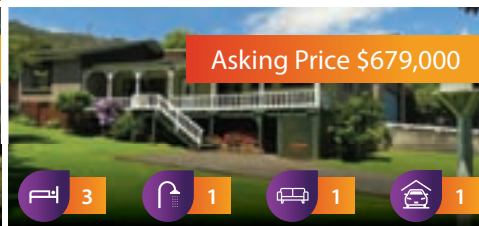
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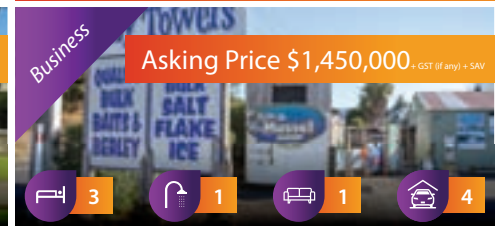
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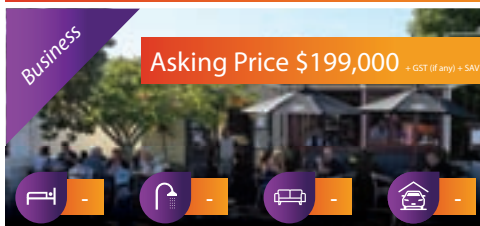
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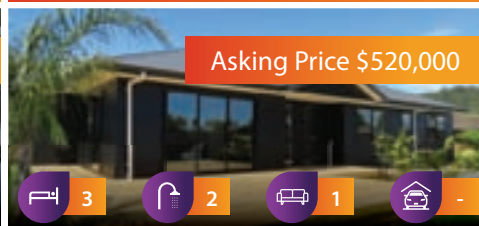
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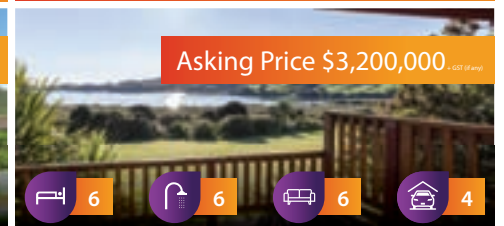
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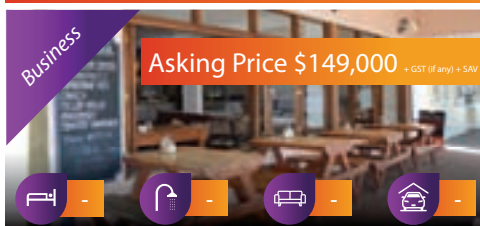
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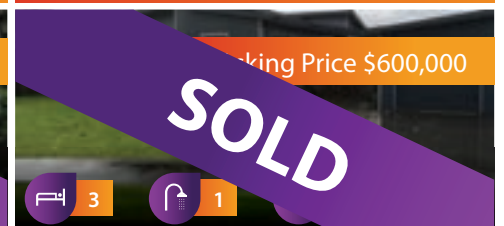
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