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Editor's comment

I just want to clarify Beryl's letter in the July issue stating how much she spent on taxis – Beryl did not use Coromandel Cabs for the trips to Thames and that she made multiple trips – resulting in such high costs.

July has been a bit of a mess with regard to drinking water. The water was given the all clear and then within no time another boil water notice was issued. I do think that a clean water supply is taken for granted and is one of the most precious resources. Council say that the situation has been caused by heavy rain in the Coromandel area resulting in more very dirty water reaching the treatment plant. For that reason, the treatment plant has been running at reduced capacity. Let's hope that the situation is sorted soon.

August seems to be a month of AGMs! See calendar on page 28 which marks all of the AGMs that I know about.

Debbie

Letters and opinion

Van to Thames and Whitianga

The Coromandel Community Services Trust van runs a weekly trip to Thames each Thursday and also, starting this month, to Whitianga.

We have in the past offered a variety of different trips but interest has been low and these have not been able to continue.

We would love for our community van to have more use so if anyone in the community has any ideas on how we could extend the services offered, please do get in touch.

The van has a small team of fantastic volunteer drivers, seats 10 and is wheelchair capable.

I look forward to hearing your feedback.

volunteers@cilt.org.nz

Rochelle Still, Volunteer Coordinator, Coromandel Independent Living Trust

Register to vote

Dear Debbie,

With the election on **19 September** I want to remind everyone that this year there are two very important items on the ballot, the Cannabis legalisation and control referendum and the End of Life Choice referendum, as well as the usual Government choice. You can read about the choices available at www.referendums.govt.nz.

If you aren't registered to vote you cannot have your say on these issues. To register or to update your details you can go online at www.vote.nz/enrol-to-vote/enrol-check-or-update.

If you can't get online you can phone free on 0800 367656 or you can text your name and address to FreeText 3676 and the form will be posted to you.

Nga mihi nui,

Pamela Grealey, Coromandel Town

Thank you to businesses

I would like to start by thanking our business that remained operational during our Covid-19 lockdown period – our doctor and nurses, the chemist, the dairy, butcher, and Coromandel Four Square – for their professionalism, and friendliness. As a senior citizen I would also like to thank those people who were waiting in queue, for allowing us to enter first. Many thanks.

Loes Beaver, Coromandel Town

Ali and The Bizarre

Dear Editor,

By now the community of Coromandel will know that our beloved manager Ali is leaving us.

As volunteers of The Bizarre, we wish to acknowledge the work and commitment to The Bizarre and the community Ali has shown since she was employed as manager.

Ali came to us with a deep passion and desire to serve The Bizarre and her community.

She inherited a shop that needed a lot of work to bring it up to the standard it is today.

Her relentless work ethic has left The Bizarre shop loved by the community, visiting holiday makers and tourists alike.

She has capitalized on the many different talents of her team of volunteers and matched them with the jobs they love to do, resulting in a vibrant, happy and very positive work environment.

This happy, positive and inviting community shop promotes unity and inclusiveness with all in our community.

The comments from our customers are ongoing and positive.

"I love this shop, you ladies are awesome."

"What an amazing and clean shop you have here."

"I come in every week to get my fix of happy positive vibes."

From Volunteers of The Bizarre

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

Daffodil Day coordinator urgently needed

The Cancer Society is appealing to the community for a volunteer, or group of volunteers, to coordinate the Daffodil Day street collection in Coromandel Town.

Daffodil Day will take place on **Friday 28 August** and is one of the largest street collections in New Zealand. Money raised stays in the region to provide support services to people affected by cancer, deliver health promotion programmes and fund research.

To deliver the event, the charity relies on the support of volunteers to coordinate street collections in communities around the region, says fundraising coordinator Lauren Payne.

"We simply can't do it without our volunteer area coordinators. Having them on board, with their experience and knowledge of the local community, is vital to the success of Daffodil Day."

Lauren says volunteers come from all walks of life.



"They may be newly retired, looking to gain work experience, wanting to do something positive in their community or they might have experienced cancer in their own lives and now wish to give something back."

Area coordinators will need to be available on **Friday 28 August** and commit 20-40 hours in the weeks leading up to the event to help promote Daffodil Day in the local community.

The role could be held by an individual or shared by a group or club. Volunteers will receive full training and support.

If you or anyone you know are interested in coordinating the Daffodil Day appeal in Coromandel Town, email LaurenPayne@cancer.society.org.nz or call 027 700 4787

Sailors and Loggers Ball

By Liz Cameron

The Sailors and Loggers Ball will be held on **26 September**, 8pm, after the Illume Parade.

We have booked the band (a seven-piece Celtic Band, the Celtic Flyers), organised the delicious supper, and hired our bar persons! Tickets are on sale now from the Coromandel Town Information Centre. There are limited numbers, so please don't leave it too late.

And please don't be put off by the idea of dressing up! You can dress up or down as much as you would like. Come as a sailor or logger of the era, a fine lady or a dandy!

Women's dress was characterised by a high waist and a long and loosely falling skirt, which lengthens and flatters the body. Nice for us shorter ladies! Pretty colours and decorations, puff sleeves, quite a lot of bosom showing if you want! Shawls, cloaks and flat shoes were popular. Please note that no stiletto heels can be worn in the Citizens' Hall; we have a beautiful new matai floor!

Men often wore breeches and a tail coat! Think of Mr Darcy in *Pride and Prejudice*. I can't quite see many Coromandel men embracing that look, but would love to see some! Why not, guys? Otherwise a collarless shirt, braces and a waist coat will fit the bill!

There are a number of costume hire places in Hamilton or Auckland, and a couple of weeks before, I will bring back a load of costumes from The Operatic Society in Thames, for those who are unable to travel out of town. Date and time to be advised in the next Chronicle.

Look forward to seeing you there.

For further information, or offers to help with decorations etc., please give Liz a call 027 494 1188

Grey Power Coromandel

By John Rabarts, President

President's Report 2020 (shortened)

Firstly I would like to thank all committee members who have worked hard and effectively through the year, especially membership by Carol Carson and Finance by Dolly Welch, where challenges have been efficiently handled. Membership and finances have increased steadily through the year. With steady meeting attendance, members enjoyed and benefitted from hearing guest speakers. Dolly Welch, our treasurer over a number of years, has given her resignation. We are especially keen to see someone step forward as treasurer. Dolly will be able to spend time with you in getting to know the ropes, Thank you Dolly for your years of service. Attendance at the Christmas party has dropped a little each year over the last few years. We decided to discontinue in 2019.

We have had an article in the Coromandel Town Chronicle every month for some years. Thank you Debbie. This gives us presence in the community and encourages new membership. The benefits of Grey Power Electricity and now their Broadband option have provided strong promotion of Grey Power in our area. The newsletter is produced for each meeting and sent to all members. We now email half of our newsletters, a considerable saving. Members are encouraged to provide an email address, either their own, of a family member or a nearby friend. Thank you especially to Tim Fuller for RD4 delivery through north Coromandel.

During the Coronavirus emergency we produced four "email only" newsletters to keep members in touch with what was happening and procedures to be followed. We couldn't do this for all members. Printing was not available and we could not have prepared for distribution under the "stay safe, stay home" rule – which so



effectively saved New Zealand from the devastation suffered by so many other countries. Thank you Prime Minister, her cabinet and the combined political mindset that made this happen.

There have been some suggestions through the year that Coromandel Grey Power take a more active role in community social support activities for older people. While a worthwhile view, we need to remind ourselves we are a political lobby group set to influence all political parties to provide legislation, regulation and resources to support and enhance the lives of older New Zealanders – of all ethnicities, cultures and political views. Government does provide funding to a wide range of social support agencies in our area, including some specifically age-focussed.

The President has been newsletter editor and Coromandel Town Chronicle writer over the last four years. Every month I get comments from readers about aspects of Chronicle articles. Newsletters too, although seen by fewer people than the Chronicle, bring a variety of comments. I remind readers that Chronicle articles or newsletter does not represent the views of Grey Power Federation, Coromandel Grey Power or the editor. The views are of the article writer's, to be taken as such. Those with oppositional or supportive views are welcome to submit these to the editor – by "letter to the editor" or a suitable authoritative article. I don't see the newsletter or Chronicle articles as battleground for entrenched views, one way or another, but suggest it appropriate that opportunity for sides of any argument are calmly expressed and aired for all to consider.

The Age Friendly Community Survey being conducted by Luana Johnston for CILT has had suggestions from Grey Power members. More feedback welcome (to Luana).

I wish you well for another fruitful year, Thank you.

Coromandel Grey Power Membership is \$15 single member, \$28 for two at same address. Phone Carol Carson, (07) 866 7172 to join. John Rabarts – john.rabarts@gmail.com

Christ Church – Back to Normal?

By Barbara O'Reilly

What a year! Our year began with the knowledge that our dear Father Philip Sallis, Priest-in-Charge of Christ Church, was terminally ill. He and his wife Kathy spent as much time as they could at home in Coromandel; they commuted between home and Auckland for chemotherapy. It was a comfort for all to know that he was here with us from time to time during December and January. In February he threw a wonderful "Last Hurrah" party and two days later he died peacefully at home with Kathy and friends around him. His funeral at St Mary's Church in Auckland was spectacular. Later, he came back to us, this last time for a Memorial Service and the interment of his ashes in Christ Church cemetery.

Then... lockdown. Before the lockdown order we had had advance notice from our Bishop Ross Bay, advising how we might keep our flock safe. And then suddenly it was official – lockdown, churches were closed. We could not be together to worship on Sundays, but we needed to keep ourselves together; making phone calls to check on friends and family, we synchronised prayer times, and joined in the Cathedral services streamed online. We all felt the burden of loss of freedom. There was anxiety, concern for family and friends. Those of us who were required to stay at home relied on the kindness of others to shop for us, and there were plenty of offers from friends and neighbours. Life under lockdown was "not normal".

Not normal – a kind of daily programme: at 1pm tuning into the PM's briefing, updates from Dr. Bloomfield, hearing the day-to-day stats, wondering if life would ever be the same again. It wasn't normal in other ways. Suddenly we woke up to realise how much we cared about our family members and our friends. We asked ourselves what we could do to help our community. Some of us learned to be more tech savvy – we discovered Zoom. We used our devices. We telephoned old friends and enjoyed the catchups. We were open to each other. We were kind, even when we were bewildered and fearful. There was time to think, quietness to savour, ideas for making our days interesting and rewarding. We noticed our surroundings, had time to listen to the birds, and enjoyed the warm sunny weather. We had questions of what might happen, and many of us worried about future employment prospects. We wondered how much time it would take to get back to normal, what we were used to.

Here we are in August looking back on the experience. Let us hope that we can carry on with what we have learned from lockdown, and not go back to what was normal before Covid-19. For a brief period, we lived with more spirituality. And it did us good. Can we maintain the quality of lockdown life? Were we not to a large extent, maybe unconsciously, following the teachings of Jesus Christ on how to be together?

Now we are fortunate that we have, for a while, our Archdeacon Michael Berry to guide us as we plan our future. In our planning we aim to be more open, inclusive and involved; we want to share the blessings of our faith with love.

We must support each other. There are special people in our community who demonstrate commitment to others in their help of so many of us. They give so generously; they are the folk who deliver our social services. At Christ Church on 27 July we celebrated Social Services Sunday. We remembered all who serve us, uplifting them in prayer, giving thanks for what they do. Thank you so much.

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Coromandel Embroiderers' Guild

By Jenny Penman

Our July meeting was back to full attendance numbers as well as two new ladies being welcomed. Our ANZEG representative Robyn Hart also joined us and brought with her an enticing array of example pieces for the many workshops being offered next year at the annual Great Escape embroidery weekend in Orewa in March. It was pleasing to see that two Australian tutors have shown their faith in our Pacific bubble happening and have committed to attending. While those tutors from further afield will be missing, it has given an opportunity for some fresh New Zealand talent to step up and teach, sharing their enthusiasm and skills.

The Show and Tell Table was overflowing this month with the return of so many of our members – and those lockdown projects just keep coming. While all of the work is worthy of mention, sadly space only allows for a couple. The beautifully embroidered light blue fabric box by Marie was a wonderful example of Stumpwork. The term stumpwork is used to describe a style of raised embroidery in which the stitched figures are raised from the surface of the work to form a three-dimensional effect by the use of wire or padding. This work, which was popular in England between 1650 and 1700, often depicts scenes of fruit,

flowers and trees along with birds and insects. In June nine members attended a one-day "I am" workshop where they explored their skills at stumpwork to produce new name badges for themselves. Only two of the nine badges made it completed to our July Guild meeting. Hopefully the other members haven't been stumped by their work!

Another notable piece that hopped onto our table was "Mrs Saucy". This outwardly demure rabbit (with hidden inner thigh and navel tattoos!) was a long time in the making. Having been under construction for 26 years, surviving four house moves and outgrowing children and grandchildren. Never mind, there's a happy ending. Muriel now gets to keep her on her bed.

Our August workshop will be on Bargello or Florentine Tapestry. This type of embroidery uses upright flat stitches laid in a mathematical pattern to create motifs. Sound boring? I suspect the workshop will be anything but, since our needs' list requires a large number of whiskey rolls – those cardboard cylinders that 20-year-old malt comes in. Watch this space.

Our next Guild Meeting will be held on **Wednesday 5 August**.

For further information about the Coromandel Embroiderers' Guild and related activities contact Lettecia Williams (07) 866 6626



Coromandel Budget Advisory Service

By Caroline Dunn

We have had a busy month planning for some exciting upcoming changes on how we can better support people in the community.

The first was looking at how to reach people who may not be able to get to us. If you live from Colville and further north, struggle to get into town regularly and may need our assistance, then this is for you. We will now be available to see clients on a Wednesday morning, working out of the Colville Social Services site. This will be by appointment only, so please phone our office to make an appointment and make sure you let us know that it is for the Colville office. We are pleased to be able to offer this and are grateful that Colville Social Services has welcomed us and offered a space to use.

The second change is within the Coromandel Foodbank. We have invested funds into a restructure and update of the Foodbank, moving from a traditional food parcel to a Client Choice Pantry model.

What is a Client Choice Pantry?

A Client Choice Pantry allows clients to select their own food instead of receiving a pre-packed or standard box of groceries. With this method, clients do not have to take items they already have, do not like, or cannot eat for health or personal reasons.

Why give clients a choice?

This style of distribution extends clients the decency to decide what they would like to eat, which respects their individuality whilst reducing food waste.

Time slots in the pantry will need to be booked by contacting

Budget Services prior to midday Tuesday on (07) 866 8351 or 022 018 0849.

You will need to book in with a budgeting mentor if you need assistance over a couple of weeks.

Appointments are accessed in 20-minute increments to allow clients to make their choices without rushing.

Clients will need to provide their own boxes/bags to take their groceries home.

If you would like to leave any feedback regarding the Foodbank restructure, please contact us by phone on the numbers above, email corobudget@xtra.co.nz or in person during opening hours. Our office hours are Tuesday 9.30am-3pm, Wednesday 9.30am-3pm, Thursday 12pm-3pm.

If you need to speak with a Budgeting Mentor to see how we can assist you, please contact us to make an appointment. We can help you with WINZ applications, KiwiSaver Hardship Withdrawals, contacting debtors to negotiate repayment amounts and more. If you are receiving a food grant via WINZ and don't have a green card, we have them in our office to save you a trip to Thames.

The Community Garden is ticking along nicely. We have had more volunteers coming along which has been fantastic. This happens on a Wednesday morning from 9-11am. With spring approaching there will be lots of tasks to get done. You don't need to be a gardening expert to help. If you would like to join in, share some conversation while helping with the operation of the garden, we would appreciate your time and energy.

If you use Facebook, please give our page a like as any upcoming changes will be posted there.

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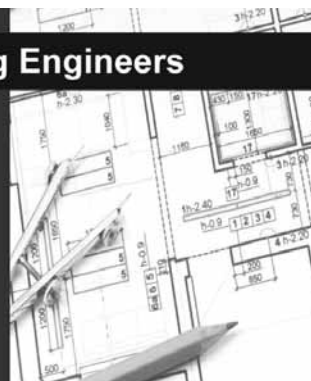
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Hooray... No consent required!

By Glenn Benmayor

There are some things where it's great you don't need consent. For those who are not aware, new rules are coming in August regarding exempt building work. The government will exempt some home improvements from costly consents which means you could save hundreds if not thousands of dollars on fees related to consented building works. Remember, "detached" is the key word here.

You can't add directly to your existing house but you can add extra new spaces under a certain square meterage to your property with more ease and less bureaucratic involvement, making the process easier. So an extra storage room or shed becomes easier, or a new sleepout, or if you have a camper home, just drive up to a building which serves as an extra space. Or how about a consent-free covered area, which although detached from the main dwelling can be the so-called "outdoor room", which in New Zealand is a great thing to have.

The government will scrap the need for consents for low-risk building work. This includes larger single-storey detached buildings up to 30 square metres; carports with a maximum floor area of 40 square metres; awnings with a maximum size of 30 square metres; verandas and porches with a maximum size of 30 square metres; flexible water storage bladders for irrigation and firefighting only, up 200,000 litres in storage capacity; short-span bridges on private land without public access; pipe supporting structures; ground-mounted solar array panels in rural zones and outside rural zones; outdoor fireplaces or ovens; detached single-storey pole sheds and hay barns.

However you have to be aware that although no consent may be required and be done without the help of a professional, the buildings must comply with the building code. You may require the involvement of a Chartered Professional Engineer or Licensed Building Practitioner. Remember it's always best to check with council regarding the new rules and things such as closeness to neighbours' boundaries, possible sunlight infringement and height restrictions.

For more details check the government website www.building.govt.nz/projects-and-consents/planning-a-successful-build/scope-and-design/check-if-you-need-consents/building-consent-exemptions-for-low-risk-work/new-building-consent-exemptions.

Glenn runs 3D designz and is an Architectural Designer/Draftsman operating in Coromandel Town

Library News

by Robynne Jones

It's that time of year again and the library will be holding the AGM in the Council Rooms at 2.00pm on **Wednesday 19 August**. All library members are welcome to attend. This year we will be making a few amendments to the library's constitution; nothing major, just some changes to ensure that the language is consistent. A copy of the proposed changes and an agenda for the AGM will be available at the library before the meeting.

We will also be looking for a new secretary for the library committee. After many years as secretary (and much more), Raewyn McKinney has decided to step down from this role, but you will still see her in the library as a volunteer librarian. We would all like to take this opportunity to thank Raewyn for sharing her skills, and for dedicating much of her time and commitment to the library. She has been instrumental in keeping our library going and ensuring that it has great books for us all to enjoy.

A copy of the secretary's duties will be posted on the library's Facebook page and the notice board at the library. However, one essential skill for this role will be to be computer literate. If you are interested in joining the committee and helping us out, and would like to know more, please come in and have a chat.

Just prior to the school holidays we had a visit from the Coromandel Preschool who were treated to a book reading by one of our volunteers, Kaye Anderson. We hope that they will visit us again next term and make a stop at the library a regular event.

Once again, we have a good selection of new titles to go on the shelf this month. There are some new authors; Laura Imai-Messina, Suzanne Singleton, Mark Dawson and Sarah Vaughan. There are also some new titles by your favourite authors like Clive Cussler, Dean Koontz, Susan Lewis, James Patterson, Lesley Pearce and Nicky Pellegrino.



There are some interesting additions to the biographies, an autobiography, *Pull No Punches* by Judith Collins, and *Enid* by Robert Wainwright, a biography about the scandalous life of a glamorous Australian who dazzled the world in the 1900's.

We also have a "fictional biography" *Rodham* by Curtis Sittenfeld, the life story of Hilary Clinton written from the perspective of how her life might have turned out if she hadn't married Bill Clinton.

Here are a couple more suggestions:

Keeping Mum – by James Gould-Brown

A life-affirming funny and feel-good story about fathers and sons. Danny's wife died in a car crash and their 11-year old son Will hasn't spoken a word since. Then Danny loses his job and is struggling to find a job and desperate for money to pay the bills. So, Danny decides to do what anyone in his position would do, he becomes a dancing panda.

The Last Trial – by Scott Turow

A suspenseful legal thriller. At eighty-five years old, Alejandro "Sandy" Stern, a brilliant defence lawyer with his health failing but spirit intact, is on the brink of retirement. But when his old friend a former Nobel Prize winner in Medicine, is faced with charges of insider trading, fraud, and murder, his entire life's work is put in jeopardy, and Stern decides to take on one last trial.



The Half Sister – by Sandie Jones

Sisters Kate and Lauren meet for Sunday lunch every week without fail, especially after the loss of their father. A knock at the door is about to change everything. A young woman by the name of Jess holds a note with the results of a DNA test, claiming to be their half-sister. As the fallout starts, it's clear that they are all hiding secrets, and perhaps this family isn't as perfect as it appears.



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Combined Clubs Of Coromandel THE CLUB

Bowling Club

By Cherrie Rokela

Hello from the Bowling Club.

We have recently won the annual Winter Cup against Mercury Bay Club (see photo). We had a great day over at their Club, and so good to get some winter bowling happening.

The renovation and upgrade of our club rooms has commenced. We eagerly await the new look space to be operational for our new season in September.

A team from our club won the Thames Valley 3/5 competition against Bay of Plenty. They then went on to play Waikato in the next round. Well done Coromandel! Unfortunately we were then knocked out at this stage.

4 July saw our midwinter pot luck dinner in the club rooms. A great event for a winter's night, enjoyed by all.

Mark **Wednesday 7 October** in your diary, for a "one off" quiz night. Get a team of four together for a fun night.

Come and join our club, as a bowler, or a social member. Call in on a Friday evening from 4pm onwards for a drink, raffle and a chat with our members.

Bowls coaching will be available for new players when the season commences.

RSA News

By Pat Williams

Really not in the mood! Have been coughing since 1 July so pretty grumpy. I can hear some saying, "What's new".

Firstly the Combined Club's dinner went off well but as on past occasions I hear serving and kitchen help was not forthcoming from Committee members. Oh for the days when the RSA Women's Section was flourishing – we undertook the catering for Anzac Day, funerals, etc. Now our membership is down to seven or eight elderly ladies who just can't do it. I belong to Rural Women Colville Branch and exactly the same thing has happened; not so much the age factor but numbers.

In the latest Navy Today magazine an article on Great Barrier's Man O'War Passage took my eye. A navy vessel HMNZS Otago took on the "ultimate test of confined waters pilotage" by passing through this passage of water which at its narrowest point is 40 metres and the ship's beam 14 metres. From the crew, "There was a lot of relief and pride at the accomplishment after the tension and adrenaline had died down". I have two brothers who owned yachts and both made many trips to the Barrier – they probably know this passage well. News flash... My brother Lin who lives in Rarotonga just rang me; yes, he knows the passage well!

My dad who fought in the 1st World War was a very good letter writer. This is a part of one he wrote to one of his sisters and enclosed in a parcel. "My belt which I was wearing when wounded and badges attached. The crossed axes are the Pioneer Battalion's Emblems of Office. MG is for machine gun. The brighter plain button is off a German overcoat. Hun Hat. Lucky Halfpenny. Threepence from Birthday Cake from Alice." I still have the belt with badges. The

halfpenny was hit by shrapnel and only half remains, it is credited with greatly reducing the severity of his wound, as it was in a small pocket in the belt. I also still have his army pay books and bits and pieces. Maybe they should go to the Waiouru Military Museum.

On the home front, our dear member Lena Darling is in Phoenix House. I'm sure she would appreciate visits. Ken Lucas is unwell and several other members are struggling with the winter blues! Hugs to all.

Proverb for the month: "Every man knows where his own shoe pinches."

Till next time don't worry, be happy.



The Coromandel bowls team winning the Winter Cup challenge against Mercury Bay



McGregor Bay Wetland Society Inc AGM

Sunday 9th August – Aero Club rooms

Guest speaker Keith Woodley – Manager Pukorokoro
Miranda Shorebirds Centre
'Migratory birds in the Hauraki Gulf'



Wetland Society AGM 4:30pm
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The Bizarre – Coromandel resale shop – a brief history

For 55 years The Bizarre has been an iconic and vibrant feature of the Coromandel community; somewhere for locals to meet, a place for people to pick up good quality clothes and household goods, find bargains, grab a bag of lemons, a bunch of flowers, the occasional tan slice, or a jar of homemade jam.

The story of The Bizarre began in 1965. The Anglican Church wanted to build a community hall in Coromandel: a venue for a youth club, Bible studies, wedding breakfasts and various other activities. At the time Betty Rabarts, who was selling dress fabrics to people locally, had the idea of setting up a small shop to benefit the fundraising effort for the new hall. Betty moved into one of the empty shops and, along with friends, sold fabric, arts and crafts, and fresh baking. The proceeds went towards the cost of the new hall, and very soon they had raised enough for the deposit. The shop, known then as "The Anglican Bazaar", flourished with many people donating goods to sell for the benefit of the Anglican Church. Before too long it had paid off half the cost of the new hall. They then turned their attention to other local charities and community groups which would benefit from financial donations. A local vicar had the idea to change the name to "The Bizarre" because of the weird and wonderful things in the shop.

In 1986 the Coromandel Senior Settlement Trust was established with the purpose of raising funds to purchase and develop land for homes for the aged. They kept the shop thriving for many years, eventually raising sufficient funds to establish the Elizabeth Park Senior Settlement Village, and generating further funds to donate to the community.

With their work complete, The Bizarre was transferred, along with its assets, to the Coromandel "Bizarre" Community Trust in 2016, allowing this charitable work to continue. Facing challenges with viability, and the possibility of closure, the trust transferred The Bizarre to CILT in 2019, passing on the responsibility for continuing the wonderful Bizarre legacy.

If you would like to learn more about the history of The Bizarre, or share your own stories, then please come into the shop and chat with the wonderful staff and volunteers.

The Bizarre Community Grants' Programme

CILT is committed to continuing a grants' programme from the proceeds of The Bizarre. Individuals, groups, and organisations will be eligible to apply for funding for projects and activities that benefit the social, cultural, and environmental wellbeing of our community.

A panel, independent of CILT, is being established to distribute the funds. There will be two funding rounds each year, with the first round occurring in early 2021. This allows us sufficient time to build the funds available for donation. The application guidelines and criteria will be available on the CILT website.

The previous twelve months has seen The Bizarre flourish under Ali's guidance, with the assistance of the wonderful group of volunteers. The generosity of the community in donating goods for sale, along with the great team at The Bizarre, is key to its continued success and to the viability of the grants' programme. We thank you for your support.

Coromandel Community Transport

Operated by Coromandel Community Services Trust, and supported by CILT.

We are now running a weekly trip to Whitianga each Wednesday, beginning on **5 August**. This trip is dependent on numbers and is timed to coincide with the Incredible Years Parent Programme, so participants based in Coromandel can attend the course there. The service is available for anybody wanting to travel to Whitianga for any reason, departing Coromandel at 9am and leaving Whitianga at 1pm. Suggested koha of \$10.

Our weekly Thames service operates on Thursdays, leaving Coromandel at 9am and leaving Pak 'n Save at 2pm.

To book on either of these trips, or for more info on the Incredible Years Programme, phone the Resource Centre on (07) 866 8358

Coromandel Independent Living Trust



Lions news

By Lion Lyn



Last month I wrote a big thank you to Jocelyn Strongman for the many hours of service given so freely to the Lions Club, but this month it is to acknowledge her passing. Sadly, although recovery looked promising, it wasn't meant to be. Rest in peace Jo, no more pain. We miss you.

Out of respect for Jocelyn and families we withheld all meetings until 15 July. The main theme was the annual Change of Officers, after a sumptuous meal of course! We have new numbers for officers starting with President, and firewood orders Sue Hughes 07 211 9774 (landline) 021 142 1124 (cell), Secretary Gordon (07) 866 2433.

We will hopefully be carrying on with firewood as weather permits, but our reserves are running low. As always, if a community project needs a Lions' help, please get in touch. We cannot help if we do not know! Also, if you would like to join us, get in touch with any one of us. Helping others can be very rewarding, and a fun way of meeting others.

Till next month, cheers, and keep warm.

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A video chat with Lorraine Abernethy during our Attic Doll Workshop. Look at the focus!

Patchwork & Quilters

By Bev Mayhead

Hi everyone. It was so good to be able to start having our regular meetings again that we had a Celebration Lunch. What an absolute feast, complete with all the trimmings of food and a beautiful table setting for 19. We had four Life Members in attendance and that made it even more special: Betty, Judy, Robyn and Shirleen. Special thanks to Ursula for the table setting magic!

The President's Challenge was won by Judy Russell, second equal went to Robyn Dudson and Bev Mayhead. Well done to all who entered as the level of creations was fantastic. Now I wonder what this year's President's Challenge will be!

The Attic Doll workshop is very popular and enjoyable... so watch this space.

On Monday we had our Fun Day Out at 'Tis The Season in Whitianga. It was a craft day and some chosen crafts proved to be more challenging than others, but it did not dampen our spirits and the laughter was infectious at times! Lovely day and lovely lunches.

We welcome to another new member, as Judith has joined us.

Feel free to call in and see what we are up to.

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

Coromandel Writers

By Lora Mountjoy

A small group met at Lora's for a pleasant day of writing and sharing our work. For our free writing exercise we had to incorporate the words polyester, family row, grave and roadkill in stories. Despite the topic this resulted in some lively and varied stories, one of which is printed here. We then discussed books we are reading, with "Ducks Newburyport" and "Girl Woman Other" getting particular attention. Poems by New Zealand writers Diane Brown and CK Stead were read, plus one from a favourite book of Wailin's by Thomas Lynch. After a sociable lunch we shared our homework on the topic miraculous rescue, including a true story of a child falling through a factory roof and rediscovering a lost friend, plus fiction about relationship rescue and a robot-controlled world.

Spontaneous writing – by Jane Powell

"Happy birthday Mum", Josie handed over a brown paper bag. Dulcie went through the usual "Oh you shouldn't have, I don't need anything, but" she smiled widely, "thank you". She loved presents, one never knew what was coming, and wasn't it interesting what some people came up with. And Josie, Dulcie certainly couldn't guess. One year it had been "The Joys of Sex". Fancy! At her age. Who on Earth did Josie think she had a spot for? or wanted her to have? She asked but Josie said "No one in particular. Just leave it around mum," she said, "It's like asking the universe, who knows what might happen?" Well Dulcie didn't, she had no desire to hear that people were laughing about her.

She felt the parcel, phew, not a book, it was soft. Funny wrapping. Anyway she took the item out of the bag. It was filmy and lacy like a, "A nightie! How sweet and how pretty, thank you". It felt slippery and sticky; she told herself sternly not to look at the label.

"Put the kettle on Jose" she said and took the opportunity to check. 100% polyester. Oh no, how strange, how wierd, what was the message? Everyone knew she was a pure cotton, pure wool kind of gal. A little demon slipped into her mouth. "But I can't wear this! It's... you know I hate polyester. Why did you buy it?"

Josie turned around and faced her mum. "I did it on purpose."

"Wh h at?" Dulcie stammered.

"You remember when I was thirteen and was invited to my first, my first, party? And you bought me, and made me wear, that revolting pure wool mohair skirt that itched and made me look like an elephant."

Dulcie remembered, it was a bad mother event. The row over it had been dreadful. Paul, now long gone, had accused her of heartlessness for doing such a thing, not caring about her own daughter's feelings, and embarrassment, accusing her of her bloody principles ruling and wrecking their lives. Organic this and wheatfree that. Dulcie couldn't remember what happened next but suddenly it came back to her.

"Josie, that dead possum we buried and you made a headstone for its grave. That was the mohair skirt, wasn't it?" she demanded.

"Yes mum, it was."

They both laughed till they cried.

"Here mum" and Josie gave Dulcie a little beautifully wrapped present.

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SeniorNet Coromandel

By Loes Beaver



Another financial year has passed, and at our AGM last month all executive rolls were filled.

Tom is still available on Monday afternoons at his place of business, so take along your IT equipment and Tom will help with setting up programs and advice.

Membership fees are now due and remain as last year, with tuition fees also saying the same.

Many can now do online banking, so this system may be used by members for paying memberships, etc.

Let Tom or me know if you require tuition in particular subjects. We may be able to set up a course with other members who could be interested, as we did with the BNZ for scams – this was very well attended.

Contact Loes for any enquiries re SeniorNet and Tom for tuition. Loes (07) 866 8053, Tom 022 303 9283

OUR COROMANDEL



News from Thames-Coromandel District Council

August 2020

Lower rates rise confirmed

Our Council has formally adopted (on 30 June) the final Annual Plan for 2020/2021, with an average rate increase of 4.98 per cent (lower than the 9.98 per cent first proposed) and increases to some fees and charges, especially in the solid waste area.

"The feedback we received in our public consultation and the impact caused by COVID-19 has resulted in changes to what we originally proposed," says our Mayor Sandra Goudie. "Some Council projects have been deferred or stopped, some have been kept, and others cut. We are living through extraordinary times and an extraordinary year due to the impact of COVID-19. Everyone has had to make changes to the way we live, work and play," Mayor Sandra says.

Read the full Annual Plan at tcdc.govt.nz/annualplan2020

Some of the highlights:

Impact of COVID-19 on 2019/20 capital spending:

- Reduced by approximately \$12 million from the level rated for, which equates to a 1.6 per cent lower rates increase for 2020/21.
- Projects committed to in 2019/20 that were not completed due to COVID-19 have been carried forward to the 2020/21 financial year.

Capital spending for 2020/21:

- Reduced from \$34.9 million to \$31.4 million.



2020/2021 Annual Plan

A \$2.5 million decrease in operational spending.

Adjustments include restrictions on recruitment and a staff salary freeze, a reduction in the training budget, reduced major events funding, deferred property maintenance and adjustments to the infrastructure work programme.

Fees and Charges:

Some new fees have been introduced and existing fees have been increased in several areas to reflect increases in costs. This helps offset further rates increases. The most significant changes are in rubbish and recycling.

For example:

- Official blue Council rubbish bags: \$2.80 to \$3.90

Refuse Transfer Station fees:

- Waste (tonne): \$197 to \$260

The complete schedule of fees and charges is available on our website at tcdc.govt.nz/fees

A BOOST FOR LOCAL BUSINESS AND EMPLOYMENT

We've been united against COVID-19, and now, to reboot the East Waikato economy, our Council is uniting with our neighbouring Matamata-Piako and Hauraki District Councils, the Hauraki Maori Trust Board and the education sector to help local businesses and grow employment opportunities, with the East Waikato Careers & Employers Expo on 12 & 13 August. High school students (Y11-13) from around all three districts will be attending. That's thousands of students who are looking for internships, graduate programmes, casual, and part-time jobs. There will also be an opportunity for job seekers to come and see what employment may be available.

If you are a local business and are interested in attending please email sue.boden@wintec.ac.nz or phone 027 568 7635 or visit candothames.org



Coromandel 200 Illume Festival

25 - 26 September

Coromandel Town's main street will be lit up over an exciting two nights on September 25 and 26 for the Coro 200 Illume Festival. We have acrobats, live music, the sailors and loggers ball, street parade, Powerco night markets, and Richardsons Real Estate reworks display.

We are encouraging local businesses to get on board and light up their shop façades and window displays. There will be a prize for the best *Illume-inated business*, compliments of the Coromandel Town Chronicle. The winner will receive a full colour page advertorial in the Coromandel Town Chronicle for their business

Email questions to illume.coromandel@gmail.com



Coromandel - Colville Community Board UPDATE

Next Board meeting: 10am, Tuesday 18 August in the Colville Hall, 2310 Colville Road. Members of the public are welcome to attend and can comment in the public forum. Check tcdc.govt.nz to read the agenda online. (Order papers are listed two working days prior to a meeting.)

Hauraki House Reserve – A double barbecue facility including a water bottle filling station and gazebo is being installed in mid-August at the Hauraki House Reserve for community use. This is a partner project between Council and the Coromandel Lions Club.

New Seating in the main street – Nine new seats are being installed around the existing Pohutukawa trees in the Coromandel Town Centre. The seats are expected to arrive end of July and it is hoped to have them installed ready for the upcoming Coro 200 Illume Festival.

Harriet King Road maintenance – The concrete for construction is approximately 50 percent completed. The contractor has completed construction of the main bed portion of the ford. Unfortunately wet weather conditions and high creek levels have forced the contractor to dis-establish from site until a good weather window allows work on the ford to be completed. The ford has been reinstated to a trafficable condition until works can be re-started.



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Coromandel Town Information Centre

By Sandra Wilson, Manager

A few frosts, some heavy rain, road closures... but we have come through the other side and are enjoying more daylight hours as we head toward spring.

The InterCity "loop" bus is back on its regular route but operating only on Wednesdays, Fridays, Sundays and Mondays. It departs from Coromandel Town at 11.16am, then goes to Whitianga and Thames. Connections can then be made from Thames to Auckland and Tauranga.

The Fullers 360 Ferry is set to return in October. No definite date as yet.

Our text messaging service is working really well. It has come in handy due to weather issues, road closures, water issues and planned power outages. You can opt to join in for free. Just give us a call or text (details at bottom of article) and we'll add you to our list of recipients. It is also to keep you up to date with events, such as Sailors and Loggers Ball, Illume, and art exhibitions.

Are you new to town? Want to know what makes town tick? Get the story of Coromandel Town and book yourself on a Boom, Bust & Beyond guided walking heritage tour. This is a great way to discover the history and heritage of the town you have chosen to live in. Tours are delivered by locals who have a passion for the place they call home. Pre-booked daily tours take around 90 minutes.

Our new website will be active this month. Vibrant, easy to use and with a bigger focus on community. If your group have events that we can help promote, have new contact persons (secretary, president, etc.), we would like to hear from you. Any changes to contacts are needed to update our records. Our website is also a great way to advertise your business, be it big or small, with options and prices to suit your budget. We get asked for plumbers, roofers, tilers, copywriters, babysitters, sign writers, website designers, etc. So if you want to promote your business, we are the people to see.

The tickets (\$30) for the Sailors and Loggers Ball (**Saturday 26 September**), which is part of the Coromandel 200 and Illume celebrations on **Friday 25-Saturday 26 September**, are limited to 100 tickets. So buy now at our office; be advised, we cannot hold tickets or allow later payment. See page 4 for more info.

Monday Walkers

By Irene Dunn

Do we walk or do we not? Do we go or do we not? The weather sure has got us thinking of late about getting out there walking. We are keen but not that keen on walking in the rain! Having said that, we haven't missed many Mondays walking through the bush tracks or on the beaches and we love it.

We meet each Monday at Woollams Street car park (northern end) at 9am. You are welcome to join us.

Contact Irene Ph 021 157 8408

Animal Rescue Thames

By Alice and John Parris
and the trio of tabbies aka Tablets



Thank mews to everyone who donated cat food; it is truly appreciated right now. Tinned food and sachets are the most critically needed right now for the cats and teen kittens.

Currently for rescue we have three "Tablets", aka three classic tabby kittens which came in from Te Kouma. Almost all identical. They had no social contact with humans when arriving and have flourished through the rehabilitation stages and enjoy tearing around the house at a hundred miles an hour. They eat anything and everything, scavaging food anywhere like they would have done in order to survive before they arrived here. The female was desexed and the two boys are due for neutering in upcoming weeks. They are food driven and "get off the bench" is met with frowns. Turning on the tap means tabbies scatter and stay clear of being splashed. They also love to race into the bedroom to lie by the heater and warm bed and purr hard out.

A black tortie is in stage two of rehab and was also spayed. She joins the Nortortie ranks and will be seeking a rural forever home along with Jazz, the blue cream. Neither want to be picked up and carried but enjoy pats and strokes.

The costs of desexing have almost doubled since last year as with most costs of running a rescue unit. Irrespective of having funds or not the cats have to be fed, cleaned and cared for until rehomed. Thames Animal Rescue is funded solely by fundraising and donations. There is absolutely no other source of funding for the unit and the budget we have is getting tighter and tighter for us. We are a husband and wife team with a catmittee of over 20 currently. We are fully independent, not associated or affiliated to any other group, which in some ways has major limitations, but we survive – we have operated for 20 years in our community. With personal health issues we are

physically unable to get a garage sale but this will be something we do Labour Weekend and in the interim we are running on a wing and prayer financially. Our older computer has spat a total fit and refuses to speak to the printer, which has meant doing a newsletter is impossible as it will not print anything. So everything is stuck on the computer with no idea how to get printer to print it off. Being WindowsXP means it's a very old system which is not compatible with anything. I am totally illiterate with computers and have basic knowledge only. I am at a loss what to do. If there is someone out there who can offer advice or help on this please get in touch. We can not afford to buy a new computer.

Homes are sought for our older kittens. They are all over five months old, two mouser torties and a patchwork tortie are available for adoption to special homes only. Quiet rural preferred.

Donations of tinned cat food, sachets, pet milk, salmon, sardines can be placed in the Animal Rescue food bin at Pak 'n Save Thames.

All enquiries please contact Thames Animal Rescue (07) 868 2907, 532 Thames Coast Road, Te Puru, Thames

Coromandel Contract Bridge Club

By Judy Bronlund

August already, where has the year gone?

We will be playing the Jackson Pairs this month, and there are four more competitions left to play for this year. We have had good table numbers, mainly because we can't escape winter this year!

New members are most welcome as are visitors to our town. Val is currently giving lessons. We play at the St John rooms on a Monday evening.

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Christmas is coming to town

Santa Parade and Christmas in the Park

It's not too early to be thinking and planning your float for the Santa Parade on **5 December**. If you're going in the Coromandel 200 parade you could jazz that one up for the Santa Parade in December. A bit of tinsel, some Christmas lights, a bit of pazazz and you're done. After the parade we will have Christmas in the Park. With food stalls, live music, face painting, games and activities for the children.



Christmas Community Lunch

This will be the third year we have held the Coromandel Community Christmas lunch, where people who don't want to spend the day on their own come together to share a beautiful traditional Kiwi Christmas lunch. In order for this to happen, we rely upon donations from the generous and kind-hearted people in the area. If you are keen to donate please touch base with us – you might like to donate food or money. If so, we look forward to hearing from you. Please email Coromandelchristmaslunch@gmail.com or phone 027 210 3734.

If you would rather donate your time to help with the lunch we will be asking for help with that later on in the year.



Wild things

Chris Wornall took this photo of tauhou (waxeye, silver eye) feeding.

Chris notes that they "filled the coconuts with chopped apple, red not green... tauhou are fussy creatures. They are very happy!"

According to Birds Online the tauhou colonised New Zealand from Australia in the 1850's and is now found in almost every habitat in New Zealand. A colonising bird that can damage crops in orchards but on the upside, they do eat aphids and prey on codling moth caterpillars. They tend to flock in winter and peak nesting is in September. They disperse seeds of native plants and assist with pollination of others. There are no recognised impacts on native bird species since their arrival.

McGregor Bay Wetland Society welcomes wildlife photos from our region. mccgregorbaywetland@hotmail.com

CoroLocalLegend with Coromandel Four Square

Congratulations to Jess Mulder of Coromandel, who is the recipient of a gift hamper from Coromandel Four Square.

Jess has been nominated by Pat Williams who

wrote, "I have known Jess for many years now and find her a true friend. She is a carer for elderly folk and her positive happy attitude makes her ideal in this role. At the start of lockdown, I received this note from her: "Please stay safe if you need anything; shopping, meds etc. then please call. Loads of love Jess". She is a mother of three and yet manages to work, look after her family, stays positive and is always happy. She could teach a lot of us to be thankful for what we have". Jess is also an active member of the Manaia Volunteer Fire Brigade, which takes time, effort and dedication and adds to the character that Jess is. Thanks for your community spirit Jess, 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:

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Museum News

By Raewyn McKinney

The Coromandel School of Mines & Historical Society Inc held its AGM on **Sunday 28 June** at the Elizabeth Park Village Hall. We thank the village residents for allowing us to hold our meeting in the hall, and we greatly thank the dozen hardy members who came out on a horrible, windy and wet day. Thanks also go to the people who provided the afternoon tea, especially Marie Meads who sent along a wonderful sponge cake.

Unfortunately, Karen Marshall resigned as treasurer of the Society, due to her recent



Buoy at Coromandel Museum

move to Foxton. We were sorry to lose Karen, as she was a valued member of our committee, but we wish her and Anne a very happy and prosperous life at their new home.

At the AGM, the following were elected: President – Judy Bronlund, Vice President – Jennie James, Secretary – Raewyn McKinney, Treasurer – Susan Swan, Social Media – Debbie Harvey, Committee – Val Macdonald, David Phillip, Jim Sharp.

We welcome Debbie and Susan to our committee and look forward to another successful and busy year.

Of course, Debbie set up the museum Facebook page and has been running it for some time now. If you haven't already seen it, do check it out. It is a good way to keep up to date with museum events and opening hours.

At the AGM it was agreed to keep membership subscriptions at \$15 per person per year. This year's sub is now due and can be paid directly to the bank, posted to Susan Swan, given to a committee member, or dropped in to the museum. New members are always welcome, and receive a monthly newsletter as well as free visits to the museum throughout the year.

The museum has been open every afternoon during the recent school holidays, and this has proved to be very worthwhile with some good numbers of visitors. We thank all of the volunteers who have enabled us to open during this time, despite some quite nasty weather. The committee has

agreed to open on weekend afternoons throughout August and will see how the visitor numbers go.

As I write this, the weather is rather

cold and wet, and has been the same for several days, with severe rainfalls causing road closures around Whitianga and Tairua during the school holidays.

If history is anything to go by, we can probably look forward to some more nasty weather during August.

From 'Thames Star' of 2 August 1898:

"Thunderstorm at Coromandel.

Vessels Struck By Lightning.

Fall Of Snow.

Damage At Tokatea.

(By Telegraph—Own Correspondent)
Coromandel, 1 August.

Yesterday the schooner Queen at the wharf was struck by lightning. The truck of the mainmast was felled to the deck. The cabin was filled with smoke, although no damage was discernible. On the ketch Tauranga, which was lying alongside, the cabin of that boat was also filled with smoke at the time of the accident. An appreciable fall of snow was noticed on the hills around Coromandel. The recent heavy storm has left its mark on the top of the Tokatea, six windows in the schoolroom of the old Tokatea Institute were shattered, and the porch carried bodily down the hill. School work has been suspended pending repairs."

From "New Zealand Herald" of 6 August 1904:

"Snowfall At Coromandel.

(By Telegraph.—Own correspondent.)
Coromandel, Friday.

The very unusual spectacle of a snowstorm was witnessed on the Tokatea. Hill on Wednesday evening last. It was preceded by hail and sleet, after which the feathery flakes continued to fall for upwards of half-an-hour."

The museum will open from 1pm to 4pm on weekends during August

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Poetry SPOT

Old Photos

By Beryl van Donk

I wish I could go on a journey
to far off days of yesteryear,
How my Great Grandma did things
and did them with such zest and cheer.

How did she spin out the hours
of each busy hard working day,
No modern gadgets to help her
yet she found time to laugh and to play.

She brought light crusty loaves from
the oven, sewed a fine seam for her babe,
brought up a boisterous family,
I must not let their memory fade.

Yet again I look at old snapshots,
Great grandpa so tall and so grand.
Would his eyes still have that twinkle
back from war and returned to the land.

The boys all grew strong and healthy,
there was Tom and Eric and Joe,
Young Eric lies over in Flanders
and Tom became Tom, Simms and Co.

What happened to Joseph I wonder?
He played a fine tune I heard tell.
His Strad brought wealth at the auction
as grandma so proudly did tell.

The Homestead now shelters new children
where once my forebears did breathe,
Do the ghosts of that happy family
leave echoes of lives they did live?

Rethink Rubbish Coromandel Town

By Robin Münch

Exciting news!

Plastic-Free Coromandel
Town is rebranding as
Rethink Rubbish Coromandel
Town.

Our mission statement for
the future is: *Enhance our local
environment by supporting and
educating the community to rethink the
destination of rubbish and reduce waste.*

We have seen some great changes
in the way our community thinks about
plastic waste. We are super stoked that
New Zealand is now making a general shift



away from plastic bags and other
single-use plastic products.

The Rethink Rubbish
Coromandel Town team
is changing its focus.
We want to reduce all
rubbish to landfill. Even
single-use products made
from bamboo, paper and
other “compostable” and
“biodegradable” materials do
not breakdown in landfill; they

need to be sent to a specialist composting
facility.

New Zealand as a whole is on a path
to reducing waste and we want to help
Coromandel Town lead the way. So, let's
Rethink Rubbish Coromandel Town.

Hon Scott Simpson MP for Coromandel

Politics is a tough game. As New Zealanders we expect and ask a lot
from and of our democratically elected representatives. That's as it
should be.

But occasionally things happen that take us by surprise when the
ordinary moves into the realm of the extraordinary.

For me there have been two recent such occurrences that highlight
what I'm talking about.

First there was an uplifting, heartfelt and generous memorial
service held for a predecessor of mine, former Coromandel MP and
Green Party stalwart Jeanette Fitzsimons. She passed away unexpectedly back in March but
it wasn't until just recently that a memorial service celebrating and honouring her life was
able to be held at the Cathedral of St Paul in Wellington. As the current MP for Coromandel
it was a privilege to be able to attend as a mark of my personal respect for Jeanette but also
on behalf of Coromandel people. She was an MP for many years but actually only served
a single three-year term as Coromandel MP. Such was her mana that people still often talk
with me about the impact she had on politics and environmental issues through a lifetime of
activism and dedication.

No matter your political views there is no denying her very significant contribution to
our democracy and her commitment to the values she championed
and lived by. Sometimes people are bigger than mere politics and
Jeanette was one such person.

Second was the surprise departure of Todd Muller as National
Party Leader.

Todd's decision to step down was one that I'm sure was
made carefully with his wife Michelle and family in mind. It was
completely unexpected but for those of us who have known him
for as long as we have and who understand the man and his family,
perhaps it should not have come as such a surprise.

Now that we've had a chance to gain a better understanding
and with the benefit of hindsight, the surprise has lessened. But
for me and I know many others, the respect for Todd Muller MP,
husband, father, son, friend and colleague has only grown.



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Ann's Good News, Naturally

Covid-19 instructions

What was the advice for preventing a viral attack?

- 1) Wash your hands for 20 seconds. (Sing Happy Birthday twice while washing hands.)
- 2) Wear a mask (or cough into your elbow).
- 3) Keep your distance (social distancing).
- 4) Wait for a vaccine (and continue all the above for a year or so in the meantime).

Was there any other advice? No

What were the experts saying on the TV?

What were Jacinda and our MP's advising?

All of the above, and nothing else. Why not? Was it simple naivety, or, what?

The list of instructions needed to be expanded.

Where is the focus on food and nutrition? Real health for people, not just politics or profit.

Eat well, throughout life! Provide your body consistently with good foods containing vitamin c, d, a, zinc, selenium, iron, magnesium. And more. Vital nutrients an efficient immunity needs.

It is never too late to start eating better, so when you do become exposed to viral droplets, your immune system's cells have the ability to fight off the virus and pull you through, not let you down.

More good news

Better health only occurs with better eating.

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to be attentive. His family is amazed and grateful.

- Father and son – itchy bottoms: All the lab tests done by the family doctor had shown nothing was wrong with the three-year-old boy's digestive and respiratory tract, despite having frequent diarrhoea and chest infections. On questioning, his father said he was always scratching his bottom, and admitted he needed to also. A month later, both bottoms are itch-free, three-year-old is happy, back at day care and father is on a programme for his allergies and irritable bowel syndrome, feeling the best for a long time.

- Teenage acne, constipation: At their appointment for her acne, this 14-year-old girl's mother was shocked to hear that her daughter only had a bowel motion once or twice a week. Now no problems.

- Face surgery: This 81-year-old lady's skin specialist surgically removed a basal cell carcinoma, however the scar tissue from the procedure was worse than the skin cancer, leaving an unsightly bump on her face. Thanks to my Skin Cream, she now has little evidence of any surgery ever being done.

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Poetry SPOT

Dancing

By John Irvine

dancing
no music needed
just an acceptance
that things
are



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

- Keep 30 meters** from working mussel barges at all times
- Don't tie-up** to a line being worked on
- Never cast your line** towards a mussel barge – farmers have been injured from flying hooks and sinkers
- No Anchors.** Tie-on to a longline buoy or use approved mooring hooks
- Minimise** your speed and wake
- Never** drive across the lines



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Mahamudra

By Jan van der Vliet

As I am writing this article we are having heavy rainfall, high winds, flooding and land slips. I am always in awe of our emergency services, contractors and communities who work incredibly hard during all hours, no matter the weather, so that essential services and infrastructure keep functioning. I salute you and take my hat off to all you caring and compassionate people.

It is just another reminder that nothing is permanent in life and the environment; changes are inevitable, changes are good.

According to the teachings of the Buddha, life is comparable to a river. It is a progressive moment, a successive series of different moments, joining together to give the impression of one continuous flow. It moves from cause to cause, effect to effect, one point to another, one state of existence to another, giving an outward impression that it is one continuous and unified movement, whereas in reality it is not. The river of yesterday is not the same as the river of today. The river of this moment is not going to be the same as the river of the next moment. So is life. It changes continuously, becomes one thing or the other from moment to moment.

Take for example the life of an individual. It is a fallacy to believe that a person would remain the same person during his entire lifetime. He changes every moment. He actually lives and dies but for a moment, or lives and dies moment by moment, as each moment leads to the next. A person is what he is in the context of the time in which he exists. It is an illusion to believe that the person you have seen just now is the same as the person you are just now seeing or the person whom you are seeing now will be the same as the person you will see after a few moments.

Even from a scientific point of view this is true. We know cell divisions take place in each living being continuously. Old cells in our bodies die and yield place continuously to the new ones that are forming. Like the waves in a sea, every moment, many thoughts arise and die in each individual. Psychologically and physically he is never the same all the time. Technically speaking, no individual is ever composed of the same amount of energy. He

is subject to change and the change is a continuous movement.

Impermanence and change are thus the undeniable truths of our existence. What is real is the existing moment, the present that is a product of the past, or a result of the previous causes and actions. Because of ignorance, an ordinary mind conceives them all to be part of one continuous reality. But in truth they are not.

The concept of impermanence and continuous becoming is central to early Buddhist teachings. It is by becoming aware of it, by observing it and by understanding it; one can find a suitable remedy for the sorrow of human life and achieve liberation from the process of anicca (the cycle of birth life and death) or impermanence.

At our Mahamudra Centre the winter program continues with visiting FPMT teacher Venerable Khadro.

Ven Thubten Khadro was born in Venezuela of European parents, immigrated to a New Zealand in 2004, and has lead courses/retreats in NZ, Australia, Colombia, India, Nepal and Germany. Her "international" background allows her to have an open, friendly and warm manner. She is currently studying an online Master Programme in Buddhist Philosophy, has done many solo retreats and for some months of the year lives in semi-retreat at Lawudo, a hermitage in the Himalayas, Nepal. She is a Buddhist Hospice/Healthcare Chaplain, a FPMT registered teacher, and has served in various FPMT Centers.

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- Buddhism in a Nutshell – **Tuesdays 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 September** at 6.30-8pm

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- Purification Practice Day: **11 July & 8 August**
- Merit Practice Day: **25 July & 22 August**

Much love, The Team at Mahamudra

For more detailed information on our retreats and courses please visit our website.
www.mahamudra.org.nz

Coromandel Garden Circle

By Trisha Whimp

On 8 July, 41 members of the Garden Circle met at the newly renovated Coromandel Citizens' Hall with 15 guests. Ladies from the Matarangi/Kuaotuna garden circles joined the members along with Bill Ward and Kate Jacobsen from Hamilton.

Our guest speaker, Bill Ward, spoke about where he came from, gardening by his grandfather's knee, to his radio, tv, book writing, London trips, waterlily named after himself.

Bill also spoke about the number of garden books that have been dumped, how universities have changed their training in horticulture, the history of bonsai plants, amongst other parts of his history in gardening and horticulture.

Afternoon was a wonderful spread from all the members and guests. Irene Dunn put together a "Leaf Competition" – guess the leaf, which was harder than we all expected!

The sales table was loaded with lots of plants and goodies for all to purchase. We had a wonderful collection of raffles and lots of flowers and flower arrangements for the competition tables.

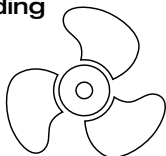
Next meeting will be at the Coromandel Bowling Club, starting at 12 noon on **12 August** with soup and followed by Rada Williams talking about her time in Fiji and New Zealand.

Conveyor of the Circle is Jeni Mudgway – 021 0227 5341



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Happylocal: Kuaotunu co-working space now open

When Courtney Linnecar and her husband first moved from Australia to the Coromandel, there was no doubt this was the paradise where they wanted to live and work. Unfortunately, the lack of reliable internet made working from the Coromandel very difficult for them. Realising there would be countless others feeling the same desire to work and live in the Coromandel whilst facing the same limitation, Courtney and her husband set out to obtain strong, reliable wifi that they could share with others.

Having succeeded, Courtney has opened the Happylocal Hub, a co-working space in Kuaotunu.

Happylocal Hub's members include Hippie Hacker, CEO and founder of ii.coop, a Tauranga-based international tech firm transforming systems, structures and culture within businesses and community using open-source software engineering and AI. Hippie and his wife, Shalom, have packed up their family home and taken their two boys out to Whitianga, where Hippie can comfortably commute to Kuaotunu and work remotely, collaborating with tech-giants like Google on cutting-edge cloud technology, before grabbing a slice from Luke's Kitchen and hitting the beach for the afternoon.

The Hub has options for either separate desks or communal tables. There is also a communal colour laser printer, a whiteboard, sound system, a wall-hung television for presentations, extra chairs for meetings, bathroom, kitchen and communal eating space. The lounge area within the Hub can also be used for meetings, subject to availability.

Realising these are still uncertain times for many, the Hub offers flexible payment options.

"The aim and vision of the Hub is to create a physical space where people can look after their whole being; face-to-face relationships/connection building, creating/working, holistic health and rest/relaxation. And definitely hoping to ensure great communication and internet facilities are available in the village to help mobilise more people living remotely and having a more balanced life," says Courtney Linnecar, founder of Happylocal Hub.

On weekends, Courtney would like to see the Hub used as a venue for free community workshops and meetings enabling greater community connection and skill-sharing.

Eventually, the Happylocal Hub will become the only health and wellbeing focused community workspace in the Coromandel.

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Mana Update

By Jade Ferrière

*We give thanks for the blessing of winter:
season to cherish the heart
to make warmth and quiet for the heart
to make soups and broth for the heart
to cook for the heart and read for the heart
to curl up softly and nestle with the heart
to sleep deeply and gently at one with the heart
to dream with the heart to spend time with the heart
a long, long time of peace with the heart.*

— Michael Leunig

It seems an unusually long winter, riding on the tailwind of our lockdown journey and many of us will be grateful for the approaching spring and change of energy that comes with it. We help the light return by seeking a seed within that wants to grow into the light – what ideas, talents or interests are you feeling called to expand into?

This is a question for the heart as well as the mind; a question for each of us to reflect on as we venture towards the end of winter as the days imperceptibly lengthen, bringing more light.

As Leunig notes, winter is also the season to "make soups and broth for the heart". Soup is always part of the dinner menu at Mana, and we are grateful to be back in the kitchen and welcoming groups after such a long hiatus. It is in winter that the comforting warmth of steaming bowls of soup is perhaps most appreciated. That is why we wanted to share this delicious soup recipe with you.

Vegan Dumpling Soup

Combine 1 c flour, 1 tsp baking powder, ¾ tsp sea salt and pepper, rosemary and chilli. Create a well in the centre of your flour mixture and pour 2 tbsp oil and ½ c warm water into the middle. Using a knife, fold together until sticky and well combined. Cover with a tea towel on top and let it rest while you make your soup.

To a large pot add 1 tbsp olive oil and a medium onion sliced thinly and cook till translucent. Then add 2 celery stalks, 2 medium-sized carrots, 5 stems of spring onion, all finely chopped. Cook for 7-8 mins and stir to avoid sticking.

Add 1 tbsp butter (or vegan substitute) and let it melt. Then add 1 heaped tbsp flour and stir till everything is coated. Now season with 1 tsp of salt and pepper and add fresh thyme and 2 bay leaves.

Increase heat to high and add 1 tbsp of vegetable stock paste and 1½ c of boiling water to the pot. Bring soup to a boil and cook till the vegetables are tender. Scoop little balls out of your dough mixture using a tablespoon and drop them into the soup. Cook for another 5 minutes before removing from heat.

Serve with fresh dill on top.

We look forward to seeing you back at Mana now that our doors are open again!

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Rangatahi

CELEBRATING OUR CHILDREN

Colville School

By Tui McMillan, Principal

Kia ora koutou.

Colville School is having learning facilities upgraded over the next few months. Our library and ICT block is being transformed into an FLS (flexible learning space) or modern learning environment so that we can utilise this space for a variety of curriculum areas and learning activities as well as a community or school meeting space.



Colville School teaches its own "manual technology" to Year 7 & 8 students and the space will now have a fully functional kitchen and soft materials (sewing and craft) area, plus breakout areas for a hard materials workshop (wood and metal) and targeted specialised learning zone for literacy and numeracy withdrawal teaching.

Our five- and six-year-old roll is growing and the school is such a happy place to teach and to learn. We have the fantastic Colville Early Learning Centre on our grounds. Our local "land to sea" curriculum can be seen visually around the school in the new front fence, the tank mural and the new AV wall mural. Ra-Tane and his class as well as committed community members are really delivering a beautiful learning environment for our tamariki and the community to enjoy. Congratulations everyone! Be sure to call in and see the changes next time you pass Colville School.

As senior teacher Ra-Tane mentioned last month in his article, the parents of Colville worked so hard over lockdown to deliver a balanced, varied curriculum of work and play inside the family bubbles. Everyone really took pleasure in taking the opportunity to slow life down and take time to enjoy family relationships for this extended period. The children

have now returned from the Term holidays to a new set of challenges. Trips are planned, sport is going to happen and school families' passion for environmental action gives us clear guidance as a school for targeted science planning.

Our learning week offers lots of opportunities. We have classical dance opportunities this term on Tuesday afternoons with a qualified teacher. Geoff Horton continues to support our Kiwisport programme on Wednesday afternoons. Nichola Smith will be taking groups of smaller children to Pa Korero for bush kura and predator trapping education on Monday afternoons once the weather improves some. Kiwi Can continues with us on Friday mornings and this term they are focusing with us on the important area of "Integrity" or personal honesty with lessons that highlight the importance of "making good choices" in our lives.

I would like to thank our fully committed staff for their continued support of learning programmes at Colville School. The Colville community is very supportive of school. Thank you too to our "expert" partners such as Colville Harbour Care, CSSC, FENZ, St John, Department of Conservation and Moehau Environment Group.

A shout out also to the organisations Kids Can and Fonterra Kickstart who support our school with food, clothing as well as feminine and other hygiene supplies for free.



Coromandel Youth Group at Hauraki House

During the lowering of the Covid-19 alert levels, staff at Youth Group spent many hours clearing and cleaning our rooms with a view to carrying out well overdue repairs and painting of the ceilings and walls. We are now working towards this next step. If you would like to volunteer some time to help get this work done, please get in touch by either dropping in or phoning (07) 866 7061.

School Term Hours

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday – 3-5pm.

Friday Night Social 6.30-8.30pm for school yrs 6-9.

Sunday – 1-4pm.

Coromandel Youth Group is for children aged 5-15 years, where kids can hang out with friends, make arts and crafts and play. Parents just fill out a membership form for each child attending. Please make a gold coin donation per session. Parents/guardians: please feel free to phone with child's expected time of arrival and departure as we cannot take responsibility for children who don't sign in or for those who sign out early.

For more information, call in or phone (07) 866 7061.

Along with the kind donations received, we would like to thank those that make this programme possible: Lottery Waikato, Trust Waikato, "Bizarre" Charitable Trust, COGS, D.V. Bryant Trust

Kiwi Can

Kia ora koutou te whanau,

Welcome back to term 3.

Our Kiwi Can team enjoyed the recent school holidays and had a well earned break.

It was a fun end of term 2 with our usual prize giving and games day.

Our Kiwi Cannors for Term 2 were...

CAS: Room 1 – Punehu, Room 2 – Qwyn, Room 3 – Ruby, Room 4 – Bailee, Room 5 – Sophie, Room 7 – Sierra, Room 8 – Ayla, Room 18 – Alyssa.

Colville School: Kereru – Millar, Kahu – Bella.

Congratulations to all of our winners. We have seen some awesome mahi this term; keep up the great work!

This term our Kaupapa for Kiwi Can is Integrity. We know this means: Being honest and doing the right thing even when no one is watching.

We will be discovering this theme through our sub-modules of making good choices, being a role model and accountability.

Our tamariki will be participating in lessons and activities around these subjects. Our catchphrase for this term is: "Kiwi Can says – Use integrity and you will see the goodness in you, shines through me."

Noho ora mai

The Kiwi Can team!

The Coromandel Kiwi Can programme is managed by the Coromandel Independent Living Trust, officially sponsored by Sanford Ltd and supported by The Lion Foundation, CSSC (Colville Social Service Collective), Trust Waikato



Coromandel Community Preschool

By Debra Attwood



Kia ora koutou, we are now well into our winter months with lots of rain about. This does not stop our tamariki from exploring the wonders of nature. They can be found outside in the puddles and mud dressed for the occasion in full wet weather gear. We have recently seen our four-year-olds exploring at The Waterworks and at Driving Creek Railway, learning about the best our environment has to offer.

Friday 24 July saw unprecedented action taken by Early Childhood Centres around New Zealand. Stop work meetings were held as we campaign to fight for pay parity with kindergarten teachers. Within the Early Childhood Education sector kindergarten facilities make up 15% of all Early Childhood Centres and Education and Care facilities (like us here at Coromandel Community Preschool) make up 55%, but our pay lags up to 49% behind kindergarten and primary teachers with the same skills, qualifications and responsibilities. That's not OK and we are asking the government to fix the pay gap in ECE. Early childhood teachers do an incredibly important job and it is now internationally recognised that the first 1000 days of a child's development is crucial to how a child grows and develops. As Nathan Wallis (New Zealand's renowned neuroscience educator) states, "The first 1000 days of life will shape what kind of grown-up your child will turn into. It's not about genes, or alphabets, or numbers or colours, it's about love and interaction." If we want Aotearoa to be the best place in the world to raise a child, valuing all of the teachers that work with them is a great place to start.

So we are sorry that you might have been inconvenienced by this action, but now is the time to take a stand for fairer treatment for ECE teachers and for further investment in Early Childhood Education which has been underfunded for many years, putting strains on all concerned. You can all help us by going to the website and adding your voice to our cause at www.ecevoice.org/vote.

Kaleb and Malakye have recently celebrated birthdays and we wish them a very happy birthday. We said farewell to Kaleb who has started school.

Our rolls are currently full, but you are welcome to come along if you have a child this age and are looking for a quality early childhood centre and see if this is the right place for you and your child to begin their lifelong journey of learning. You can put your child's name on the waiting list if required. Check out our latest Education review on the website: www.ero.govt.nz/review-reports/coromandel-community-preschool-25-05-2018/.

The centre operates Monday to Friday 8.00am-4.00pm. We are situated at 155 Pottery Lane. If you are interested call in for a visit or phone us on (07) 866 7570

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Coromandel Area School

By Jamie Rose Leckie

COROMANDEL AREA SCHOOL



Term Two has come and gone. As we head into the busy Term

Three let's take a look at some awesome writing from our youngest children in the school.

Tegan Year 1 – The bird is magical, it has purple eyes. The bird can even make magical roses, flowers, and rainbows.

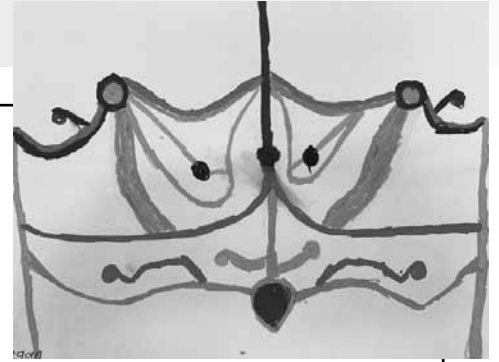
Punehu Year 1 – There was an ant. He ate 2 oranges, 1 plum, 3 lemons and 4 pieces of pizza.

Genesis Year 1 – I found a rainbow and saw a little bird.

Nyah-Khan Year 1 – My story is about a ghost that jumped out of the woods and fell in a hole.

Ryan Year 1 – Me and Daena are walking to Leanne lolly ladies beach.

Zoey Year 1 – Once upon a time my mummy and daddy and me are going to Samoa then we are going to splash in the water and we are going to



Artwork by five-year-old Tegan

put sunscreen on.

Hudson Year 1 – I like snakes with long trails and ginormous eyes.

Ihaka Year 1 – We need to save us from the mad zombies.

Junan-Kaito – I like cooking.

Shaniya Year 2 – In the weekend I played with my blackbird. She is very friendly. She has a nest in our persimmon tree, it is losing all of its leaves, so I made a house under the house. We fed it every day. Her name is Black Beauty.

Lucy Year 2 – I have a dog called Tip and we play running races!

Kenzo Year 2 – I went to the volcano and I slept at the snow.

We hope you enjoyed these gorgeous stories. That is all for now, stay warm and keep well.



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Arts

Coromandel Art Group

By Barbara Peddie

The Art Group is going well, and we are forging ahead almost as if there were no lockdown.

First we have held our AGM at last, and there is no change in office holders.

Second, we have started on our joint painting which we do every year and exhibit in our summer exhibition. For the last few years we have painted panoramas of local scenes, with each member painting a panel which is part of the scene. This time will be different. The theme is “gardens”, and we are each painting whatever we choose on separate small canvases – as long as it relates to the overall theme. These will all be displayed as a single artwork at the exhibition, and can be purchased as such, or the paintings can be sold separately. This is all new for us, and we can’t wait to see what we all come up with!

Today we had our first one-day workshop of the year, this time taken by local Whangapoua painter Lucy Kuchlein. The theme was again “gardens”, and the medium acrylic paints. Lucy was a delight, and her painting technique is unique and fascinating. She showed us how to build texture under a painting, enlivening and freshening it,



Lucy Kuchlein starting her workshop

and adding dimension. We all loved your workshop Lucy, and there may well be some aspects of your technique on show in our joint painting.

Unfortunately not everyone could attend, as we again have a good old easterly storm, but the weather provided quite a dramatic backdrop to the day, with howling winds and torrential rain.

Finally we welcome another new member, Patsy Deverall. This brings our membership up to full complement.

ArtsTour

Chris Tryon

By Jan

Linklater

High on the hill surrounded by bush and with views of the harbour, Chris lives in a great position to indulge her love of landscape and sea. New to Coromandel, she has thrown herself into the art scene, attending every workshop possible to hone her skills and broaden her techniques.

Though used to painting in oils, she now finds pastels “less of a struggle”. She has them handy on the kitchen table so can work frequently and quickly, achieving striking effects of light and atmosphere. I was impressed by how she uses every tool to help her gain inspiration: talking to and studying other artists, taking her own and online photographs and using views from her windows.

Her subjects range from crisp bright seascapes to mist over bush clad hills. A well-travelled lady, her striking Vietnamese street scene shows Chris’s varied talent,



whilst printing using cellophane, paint and watercolour paper indicate her desire to experiment. Leftover paint washed over a canvas becomes a base for more imaginative images; this encourages her to develop a freer way of applying colour.

Her studio, piled high with work, reflects her drive and enthusiasm; she will be a great new addition to the next ArtsTour.

Nici Greulich

By Kaye Anderson

Fibre artist Nici Greulich is busy building up her stock for the Arts Tour. The latest addition to her many creations is an open design hat, a practical and stylish solution for those with long hair. They sit firmly on the head and can withstand windy weather. A local fisherman wears one as testimony to this.

“I’m always learning,” Nici tells me. “This year it is making muka. Then I can weave all taniko with the real stuff.” Taniko is a weaving technique which produces a robust fabric traditionally used in making korowai (cloaks). The fibre required is muka, extracted from flax by making just the right cut and then scraped out with a mussel shell. With a special method it is rolled into a twisted strand, washed



and pounded and boiled. This process is complex, labour-intensive and time-consuming. “It will take me a year to learn – partly because I get everything wrong before I get it right!”

Then Nici wants to make a

korowai, first attending a wananga in spring at the Harataunga Marae. She will make all of it herself, from producing the muka to making the feather adornments. It will take three or four years and the result will be a family treasure.

Barbara Von Seida

Conversation with an artist

Trees or people

People or trees

Turn the canvas upside down

Let the painting speak to you

Abandon trodden pathways

And explore the forms, the shapes, the colours

Your intuitive brush makes

Take risks, experiment

And be excited

Start with the thrill

That shaft of light

A woman embracing her child

Confusion in the forest

It must come from the heart

It’s got to be truthful

Then, and only then

Will the painting sing to you

It might provoke memories

make you laugh

make you think

make you cry

... or remember your dreams

Thank you, Barbara Von Seida,

for sharing your wisdom, passion and enthusiasm. “I do not plan my paintings, I find them.” Picasso’s words, which you

quoted at the

beginning of our

interview, could

also be yours. –

Kaye Anderson

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Watch This Space – Coromandel

By Sally Tennant-Brown

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Big thanks to the artists who showed their work in the recent exhibition, “Between You and Me”, in Hauraki House. And many more to the public who attended with such engagement and enthusiasm. It felt good to be offering an art event once again, particularly at a time when holiday-makers were back in such numbers.

Deborah Hide-Bayne took photos of some of the pieces.

And next month will be the Shared Studios’ “Process” exhibition – our fifth annual showing of experimental work from the Art Room over the winter. No doubt you’ll see some “books” from Robyn Lewis’s wonderful workshop on 25 July – we’ll keep you posted ...

Thanks for your support, everyone!

Colville Mini Spring Fest 4-5 September



Not long now – the stage is set – as long as we stay at level 1 it’s a go. Hand sanitisers, etc., will be provided. Put on masks or bandanas if you wish. So to reiterate: **Friday 4 September 7.30pm** – Colville Sings Country. \$25. Age 16 up please. Tickets essential – available at Colville Store or Richardsons Coro. Tea/coffee etc., provided at halftime. Dress up country style.

Saturday 5 September – Country Party! Yeehaw. \$20 door sales – cash only. Under 16 koha. 5pm kids disco, then DJ Doc Westie and DJ Issac Levi Tucker.

Don’t forget:

- Saturday night Pie Baking Competition – savoury and/or sweet
- Dress up Country both nights
- Prizes for best pie and best costume
- Low alcohol event (no boxes or bottles of spirit in the hall)

More details and contacts: www.colvilleartsfestival.co.nz

Coromandel Players News

By Liz Cameron

I am thrilled to announce that we are well into rehearsals for our next play, *Pass it On* by playwright Renee. Celebrating the role of working class women in the 1951 Waterfront Lockout, this play explores the different experiences of Jeannie, the political activist, and her brother Cliff’s wife Nell, and traces their relationship from initial distrust to a firm alliance against the political and economic forces.

This is the third play by Renee that we have produced. Her first play was *Setting The Table*, set in a women’s refuge, which she wrote in 1981 at the age of 52. She went on to write plays which feature women in leading roles and humanise working class people. All excellent dramas, with some wonderful scenes.

At this stage we are planning five or six performances in early October. Tickets on sale a month before.

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Environment

Forest & Bird

By Kate Donoghue, Chair



Restoring Nature's Balance

Collaborating with other environmental groups and working with the local community, community board and the TCDC as we help restore nature's balance, is at the core of Coromandel Forest & Bird's approach to protecting our environment.

For the past year we have run a trapping programme with local environmentalist Richard Webster in the TCDC-owned reserve at Long Bay. Anyone who regularly walks the track will have heard the results in the noticeably increased bird song.

Forest & Bird has also provided traps for Moehau Environment Group (MEG) to carry out a trapping programme around the coastal margins between Papa Aroha and Colville.

This year Forest & Bird will support the local community to begin a planting programme at Torehina, the much-loved perfect little bay at the south end of Waitete Bay. Native trees are being provided by Forest & Bird with some trees sourced from Colville Harbour Care. Forest & Bird are also providing traps for MEG to undertake trapping in the area, and the Colville and Coromandel schools, as well as the wider community, will be invited to help with the planting. TCDC are involved and Council's landscape architect has drawn up the planting plan.

Planting will be along the narrow strip on the right of the path going down to Torehina. It is hoped that this small beginning will be part of a larger plan to revegetate the area, encouraging more birds and other native biodiversity, and preventing erosion.

The Torehina project is an example of how people coming together can make a real difference – and hopefully have an enjoyable day out at the same time. We will advertise the planting date in Coromandel and Colville so keep an eye out for it.

New members are always welcome.

Kate Donoghue 027 692 6494

McGregor Bay Wetlands

By Carol Sutherland

Pipeline plans and AGM

The Society has been active since 2017, and its objectives are to protect and enhance the wetland. Yes, we have added to that paper mountain that already existed and threw in some MBs as we lobbied hard for this community wetland, and we are glad that the days of dredging channels and chucking the fill into the wetland seem to be over.

However, although a remedial work plan is in the pipeline, how long that will take is anybody's guess.

The TCDC asked the Coromandel-Colville Community Board to approve of a report, which they did.

Resolved That the Coromandel-Colville Community Board:

1. Receives the "McGregor Bay" report dated 25 March 2020.

2. Recommends that Council approve the further investigation and report back on the implementation of the following actions in relation to the McGregor Bay Wetland:

- Replacement of the existing gate with an adjustable tide gate to incrementally increase the amount of tidal inundation until the desired level is achieved.
- Diversion of the accessway channel upstream of the wetland to return freshwater inputs to the north eastern portion.
- Infill of the Long Bay roadside drainage channel and removal of the bund created by it.
- Refers the funding of the work to the 2021-2031 Long Term Plan review process for consideration.

The Waikato Regional Council has to approve of this plan before anything can happen, so there are no instant fixes, but that does not mean the Society will sit and wait for that. The wetland still needs help and we are now looking at the logistics of enhancement. We'll need a few resource consents, some funding for weed removal (the bulk of the funds held is the community money raised in the 1990s and is earmarked for the boardwalk), thus we are starting to talk with contractors. We have some work cut out for us before we can implement.

We have our AGM coming up on **Sunday 9 August** 4.30pm at the Aero Club. The Society prides itself on very quick AGMs. A shared pot luck meal will follow where people can mingle and talk. As for talks we are delighted that Keith Woodley, Manager of Pukorokoro Miranda Shorebird Centre, has agreed to be the guest speaker. He is an excellent speaker and last time he gave a talk in Coromandel the venue was packed. The Aero Club rooms offer more space this time and everyone is welcome.

Moehau Environment Group

By Nat Munns

Winter Lecture Series

Our Winter Lecture Series will run a little shorter than normal this year. But we are excited to announce that we have two speakers booked. First is Freshwater Ecologist Stephanie Parkyn talking about "The Secretive Life of Koura: NZ's Freshwater Crayfish" on **Sunday 23 August**. Then on **13 September** Sandy Bartle, curator of birds at Te Papa 1976-2012, will talk about his favourite topic, seabirds. See you at the Pepper Tree Restaurant, talk starts at 7pm.

Leghold Trapping

With an increase in possum trapping in our area over winter it's timely to remind people that possum traps set incorrectly, ie, on the ground, endanger the lives of our precious kiwi. Most leg injuries to kiwi caused by incorrectly set traps result in euthanasia or the kiwi being predated upon by another animal (dog, ferret, etc.) while stuck in the trap. You can help protect kiwi by raising the trap off the ground by 35-70 cm. This will prevent kiwi from walking over the trap and being caught, but will not affect the efficiency of the trap. There are a number of ways to raise the trap: you can either use two nails to attach the trap to a tree or use a wooden board as a shelf to sit the trap upon.

Visit the Kiwis for Kiwi website for a downloadable info sheet on how to avoid



kiwi while trapping.

If you or someone you know leghold traps for possums, please make sure to share this information with them. Our area is real kiwi country – let's keep it that way!

Megaphone

Our latest MEG newsletter, The Megaphone, has been distributed around town. It's also available to read on our website www.meg.org.nz.

We have a few hard copies available; get in touch if you'd like one.

Ginger Bash

We held another volunteer "Ginger Bash" in July. The cooler working temperature was enjoyed by all. We've moved on from our initial site on the Kauri Block/Harray Track and this time put the team of 13 volunteers to work on our "new patch" on one of our Coromandel Kiwi Project stoat lines. The goal is to remove this pest plant along the entire length of the track – no small feat! If you'd like to be alerted about our next "bash", email us at info@meg.org.nz to be included.

MEG Operations

Our field team have been working with the Department of Conservation, pre- and post-Covid-19, cutting tracks and installing bait stations on the DOC block at Papa Aroha.

It's great to have some conservation work happening in this significant forest in the Papa Aroha area.

Have a great month everyone.

Contact us at info@meg.org.nz or make a donation by visiting our website www.meg.org.nz

Sport

Coromandel Recreational Fishing Club

By Allison Brown and Committee

Hi to all,

We have now had "Take a Kid Fishing", the last fishing competition for the Club's fishing year. There was a great turnout and enjoyed by all. The weather (for the middle of winter) was quite good and 31 seniors and 41 juniors made the day. See results right.

Our AGM is on **Saturday 8 August** at Admirals Arms Hotel 2.30pm. Due to Covid-19 we are running a month late.

The fish of the month for June was John Dory won by John Denenham, weighing 2.295kg; very good for this time of the year.

We were so lucky with the weather for the kids' competition as it really packed up mid July. Looking forward to some nice winter days ahead! Need some fishing R&R.

Here's to tight lines as always.

Coromandel Recreational Fishing Club Fishing Competition – Inner Harbour Tournament "Take a Kid Fishing"

Results seniors (snapper only)

- 1st Kevin Brett (0.995kg)
- 2nd Ian LeMaitre (0.765kg)
- 3rd Kim Brett (0.760kg)

Results juniors

Snapper:

- 1st Oliver LeMaitre 1.520kg
- 2nd Ryan Tocker 1.065kg
- 3rd Hamish Sturgeon 0.925kg

Kahawai:

- 1st Fisher Moody 1.325kg
- 2nd Carla Fenton 0.950kg
- 3rd Jaxx Burell 0.940kg

Unusual:

- Jackson Benton – Sea Squirt
- Yellow Tail: Charlee-Rose 0.205kg
- Parore: Zianna Fenton 1.105kg



Kim & Kevin Brett 1st & 2nd winners in the Snapper Div

If you would like to join the club you would be most welcome. Drop us an email on coromandelfishingclub@gmail.com or call into to Wyuna Studio, Kapanga Road, Coromandel and pick up a subs form to become a member



Oliver LeMaitre – winner of the Juniors Snapper Div

Coromandel Croquet Club

By Kaye Anderson

Challenging weather we sometimes have to endure. Challenging games we love to play. Shouts of "Bravo!" can be heard across the lawns as winning shots are played. If you want to try croquet out, come along and find out if it's the buzz for you.

We meet on Tuesdays and Fridays at 9.45am for a 10am start. If you are keen to join us and need more information, call Kaye on (07) 866 8968. Otherwise just come along on a Friday. The club is situated in Woollams Ave next to the Bowling Club.



K2 – Road Cycle Change of Date

By Andy, Keith and Rita, Event Organisers

As most of you are aware the K2 Road Cycle has always been held the weekend following Labour weekend – we will not be staging the event this year.

We appreciate many of you will be disappointed that we have postponed the K2 to next March. We took this decision for a number of reasons which we'd like to share.

We hope to continue running this iconic event for many years to come, and that is at the heart of our thinking. As you may know, the K2 is run by a small group of volunteers and any profits generated support charitable projects to encourage and facilitate cycling on the Coromandel and in particular opportunities for young people to take part in outdoor events and the creation of a bike park. We hope to raise a modest amount for these activities; we could break even but clearly we cannot run the K2 at a loss. It's an expensive event to run; the cost of keeping everyone as safe as possible increases year by year. Our break-even figure would be around 900 riders; last year there were 950 on the start line.

Ongoing uncertainty around the Covid-19 crisis had already halved the number of applications and led to a number of sponsors pulling out. It was looking extremely likely that the K2 would have run at a substantial loss had we gone ahead; we hope by rescheduling to next year we can preserve the event for the future. We will review next March and if the timing is a success, it may be permanent.

If you would like to know more about our projects, or indeed become involved, let us know. You can contact us by email arceventsrita@gmail.com or phone 027 210 3734



Coromandel Golf Club

By Lynne Fenwick

After 24 years the Waikato Men's Handicap Pennant trophy has arrived back in Coromandel after a fantastic win by the 2020 team consisting of Norm Gilbert, Ross Mudgway, Craig Dudson and Rex McLean.

Well done team.

Back in 1996 the team comprised John Raye, Norm Davies, Rex Rose and Ron Evans. Ron Evans is the Patron of our club today and Norm Davies still a current playing member. When the 1996 team won this trophy, their win took the last spot on the existing trophy. As a mark of good will, Coromandel Golf Club had a new trophy made as a replacement using local native wood. The size of this new trophy leaves plenty of room for us to win it a few more times.

The club is very proud to have this beautiful trophy back with us for a year.



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Coromandel Town weekly and monthly meetings

Some of these may not be up and running yet until more people are able to meet – please check before turning up.

Every Monday

Step Aerobics at Coro Gym..... 8am
 Coromandel Hikers' Group, Hauraki House, Colin & Elspeth (07) 866 7137 9am
 Monday Walkers, Woollams Ave car park north end, Irene 021 157 8408 9am
 Gold Fit at Coro Gym..... 9.30am
 Coromandel Playgroup, St Andrews Church Hall, Rings Road.
 Contact Angee 021 255 0399 9.30am-12.30pm
 SeniorNet Coromandel contact Loes (07) 866 8053 4pm
 Bridge, St John rooms..... 7pm
 Four-part harmony singing, Sue (07) 866 8833..... 7.30pm

Every Tuesday

Croquet, Woollams Ave, Kaye (07) 866 8968 9.45am
 Pastel Artists Coromandel, Coromandel Aero Club Rooms (07) 866 7220.. 9am-12pm
 Coro Walking Group, Lotto Dairy, Ruth (07) 866 7246 9am
 Open Floor Community Dance, Citizens' Hall
 (*come 15mins early if you're new or would like a longer warmup) ... 9.30*-11.30am
 Yoga for everyone, Colville Hall, Kate 021 125 3152 10am
 Playcentre, Woollams Ave..... 10.30am-1pm
 Beginner Yoga with Becks, at the Anglican Church Hall, 170 Tiki Rd, \$10.
 Contact 027 407 0079 5.30-6.45pm
 Coro Motorcycle Club, Star & Garter, John 027 234 1013 7-9pm

Every Wednesday

Step Aerobics at Coro Gym..... 8am
 Coromandel Community Organic Garden volunteers' drop-in time..... 9-11am
 Gold Fit at Coro Gym..... 9.30am
 Ballet Class For Adults, Coromandel Citizens' Hall, \$10 per class.
 Contact Marilyn 027 336 5263..... 9.50-11.20am

Every Thursday

Coro Walking Group, Lotto Dairy, Ruth (07) 866 7246 9am
 Coro Bowls club day..... 9.30am
 Coro Art Group, St Andrew's Church Hall, Val (07) 866 8911 9am-12pm
 Free Guided Meditation, Havalona Pyramid 10-11am
 Yoga, Move & Relax at Trust Waikato Events Centre (upstairs Swimming Pool) contact Tina 021 201 9750..... 5.10-6.20pm
 Zumba class every Thursday (school term only), Coromandel Area School Hall, Claire 021 653 650 5.30-6.30pm
 Sunset Yoga with Vanessa, Colville School Hall, \$10. School Term only.
 Contact 021 124 7267 5-6.15pm

Every Friday

Step Aerobics at Coro Gym..... 8am
 Yoga for everyone, Anglican Hall, Kate 021 125 3152 9am
 Croquet, Woollams Ave, Kaye (07) 866 8968 9.45am
 Playcentre, Woollams Ave..... 9.45am-12.15pm
 Coromandel Home-school group, Julene (07) 866 8333 10am
 Coromandel Tennis Club "club day" 4pm
 Coromandel Flying Club social gathering, all welcome 5.30pm

Every Saturday

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

Every Sunday

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

Monthly

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

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

1st Wed – Coro Embroiderers' Guild, St John rooms,
 Win McMinn (07) 866 7508 10am-3pm

1st Wed – Lions Dinner meeting, St John rooms.
 President Lyn Rose (07) 866 7722 6pm

1st Fri – Gay Social Group, ph Roz 022 308 8975 7pm

2nd Wed – Garden Circle. Jeni Mudgway 021 0227 5341 1pm

2nd Tues – Meditation Discussion Group, ph Roz 022 308 8975 7pm

3rd Wed – Lions Business Meeting, St John rooms.
 President Lyn Rose (07) 866 7722 7pm

Last Thurs – Green Drinks at Star & Garter 5pm

1st & 3rd Sun – Church Service at St Andrew's Church, Rings Road..... 10am

If your meeting has been omitted, please email Debbie at corochronicle@gmail.com with the subject "meeting" or txt/ph 021 235 6648. Please include contact name and phone number.

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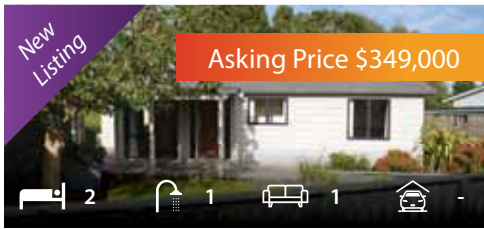
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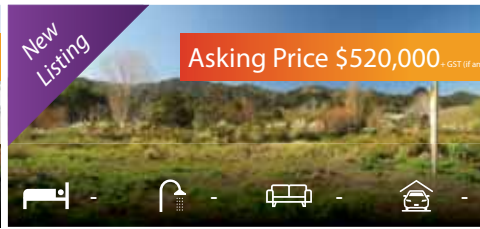
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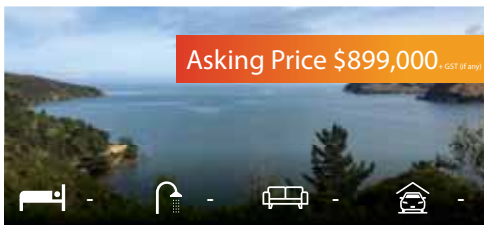
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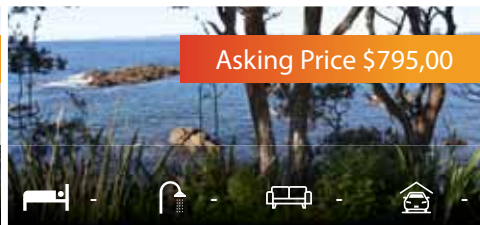
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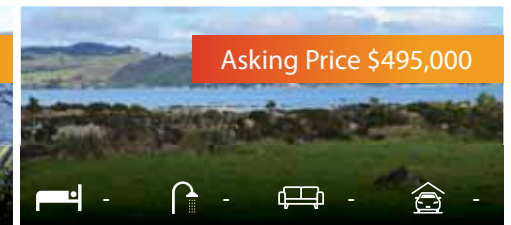
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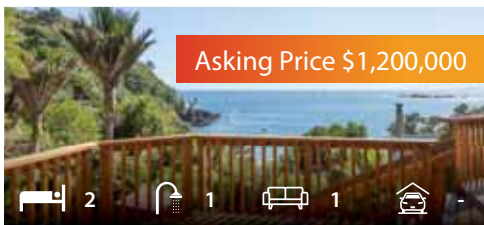
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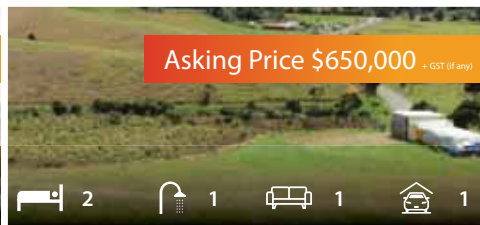
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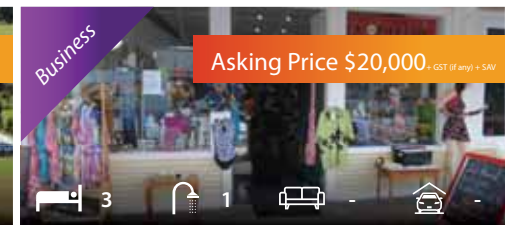
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