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MEG's Lettecia Williams gives the kiwi sculpture at Port Charles a pat on the beak

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Editor's comments

Summer is here! And it is only a few weeks until Christmas.

A reminder if you get this issue in time – Colville Market Day is on 28 November (and then final one for the season is on 19 December), then the Thunder Beach Motorcycle rally is in Coromandel town on Sunday 29 November from 11.20am – so get yourself into town to welcome them.

Then there is the Seniors' Xmas Party on Friday 4 December (see pg 21), Santa Parade on Saturday 5 December (see opposite), followed by The Waterworks Summer Kick Off \$5 entry the day after on Sunday 6th.

There are lots of exhibitions coming up. The Embroiderers one has been on in November, the Coromandel Christmas Exhibition opens on 20 December (see pg 28), the Coromandel Patchwork and Quilters show starts on 29 December (see pg 20) then in January it is "Six loyal Coromandelians" followed by Coromandel Art Group.

Please note - the deadline for the January issue is a THURSDAY (10 December), not Monday like it usually is.

Debbie



Coromandel Community Market

The Coromandel Community Market will be held on **Wednesday 23 December**. Any enquiries, or for information about a stall, contact Glenda phone (07) 866 6747.

Under new ownership Coromandel Fish & Dive

Hi, We would like to take this opportunity to introduce ourselves.

We are Des and Gail London and have recently purchased Coromandel Fish & Dive from Aaron and Angela. We have been made to feel very welcome here in Coromandel and just want to let you all know we will still be doing the Hydro testing and filling of air bottles.

New stock is starting to arrive. Please call in and check for Christmas ideas, rod & reel combos, dive mask combos or we could make a combo of your choice.

We wish Aaron and Angela all the best with their next venture. See you in store.

Letters

Bush Bashing

Dear Editor,
I am saddened by the advertisement in November's Chronicle from an Auckland firewood business wanting to buy our wood. This will only escalate an already depressingly destructive trend, where people buy bush sections then clear them. Our bush is a bird and tourist magnet. Please don't be tempted to sell off an invaluable, irreplaceable asset for short-term gain! Cupidity is not something our children care to inherit.
Sincerely,
Clare Dudley, Tuatēawa

A Big Thank You

My sincere thanks to the wonderful couple who came to my aid in the Coromandel Four Square carpark, on the Saturday of Labour Weekend, when I really needed it.

Best wishes to you both
Yours gratefully,
From Gaylene Holt,
Coromandel

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

Coromandel Lions

By Lion Lyn

Seasons greetings to one and all! The silly season is upon us once again and looking already like a very busy one. The Famous Lions Christmas Cakes \$16 and Christmas Hampers \$42 are now available and selling fast. Phone Jayne (07) 866 7687 to place your order.

Santa Parade

Get your Santa Parade entry forms in now! They are available at 4 Square; simply fill in and leave in box provided. The more the merrier – groups, clubs, individuals – let's make it the best yet. Following the parade will be food, fun and games for all to enjoy, plus our very own Santa with presents for the little children! All of this will be held on the Patukirikiri Reserve (Jack's Point) on **Saturday 5 December**. See you all there, in costume if you dare! A reminder that the parade starts 2pm sharp on the side street by Top Pub. Judging is prior to this so be early for a chance to win a main prize.

Photographer needed

Are you ok on a camera and can get around everywhere on Santa Parade to take photos of the floats, parade and Santa with the kids? We would love if someone has their hands free and can get some pictures as all the Lions will be busy. If you think you could volunteer your camera and time then please contact the Lions Secretary Jayne Lister on (07) 866 7687.

On to club news: the Lion Rock Award went to Lion Trish for the amazing effort she has put in to the organizing of the Santa Parade and indeed the whole day. This has taken many months and is very time consuming. A huge thank you Trish; the day will be awesome! On a sadder note – what a mottley crew we are becoming! Two more of our members are down, but indeed not out, with illness. Get well Ian and Larry; we are all thinking of you.

Our St John fundraiser is nearing completion as we have donated proceeds from the mussel fritter stalls held on Labour weekend and also at the K2 cycle race. We will know how we are doing at the next business meeting in a couple of days. Also the proceeds of the weekly raffle at the Top Pub are going to this worthy cause, the oyster prizes are being donated by Pacific Marine Farms. Many, many thanks for your support.

Have a great festive season and see you at the Santa Parade!



Upcoming events

January

Friday 1 – Monday 4 – Colville Art Show

Saturday 2 – Keltic Fair

Friday 8 until Monday 18 – Six loyal Coromandelians – Artworks, sculpture & paintings. Hauraki House

Friday 22 to 1 Feb – Coromandel Art Group exhibition (see pg 29)

Saturday 23 – The Beat Goes On concert at the Mussel Kitchen (see pg 28)

Sunday 31 – Anniversary Weekend Fishing Competition

March

Sunday 6 – Family Fun Day at Mahamudra Centre

Saturday 12 – Classy Chicks Fishing Competition



Winning float of Santa Parade 2014

Katchafire & Sons Of Zion Ready To Light Up Coroglen Tavern

Katchafire and Sons Of Zion are teaming up for a sizzling summer tour including performing at Coroglen Tavern on **Sunday 27 December**.

Katchafire is back on home turf after wowing audiences in Brazil, California and Las Vegas, garnering five-star reviews. They've earned their reputation as New Zealand's hardest touring band.

Joining Katchafire this summer are Auckland's Sons Of Zion, sporting a new line-up and powered by their latest single I'm Ready. The boys have been laying down fresh tracks at Roundhead studios and are just about ready to drop their second album.

Joining Katchafire and Sons Of Zion at Coroglen Tavern are Ladi6.

For information on all the shows and ticketing info go to www.aaaticketing.co.nz

Himalaya shop : Colville

Hi Everyone. The Himalaya Shop will be open 7 days a week from 1st December.

We will not be open on Christmas day and Boxing day.

Our hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. but please note; before Christmas, if at 3.30 or 4 p.m we notice that our car is the last car in Colville, we might close early!

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Christ Church News

By Barbara O'Reilly

It's that time again! Advent, the time to get ready for Christmas and our greatest gift, the gift of Christ himself. At the time of writing all of us will have been stunned, saddened, dismayed, outraged at the slaughter of innocent people in Paris; as it is reported, that the perpetrators appear to be doing this in the name of God. I came across this scripture on the day it happened, Epistle of James, Chapter 3 v 12- 17 (NVI).

"Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. But if you harbour bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. Such 'wisdom' does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice. But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere.

Therefore we at Christ Church pray for the conversion of ISIS fighters and that they will lay down their arms. What they have done cannot be in God's name.

Advent is a time for seeking wisdom, increasing our capacity. As we reflect on our own needs and the needs of our world we can come to a deeper understanding and welcome the light of Christ whose birthday we celebrate on Christmas Day; we can cultivate qualities which will bear fruit in our lives. These qualities may sound somewhat "submissive" but without them we may not see Him, the Light of the World in the fullness of all His glory. We need to look at our capacity for obedience; especially the commandment to love our neighbours as ourselves; this love is the fulfilment of God's laws. We need patience; patience with ourselves and others as we struggle with the issues and calamities of day to day living. We need to wait patiently for illumination; it will come. We need hope, the hope that God has given us in Jesus; hope that despite our limitations we can be agents of hope providing help to others in need, of comfort to those who grieve, bring reconciliation where there is brokenness. And we need joy. What a gift! Abounding joy when we can see that the crooked paths have been made straight, the rough places plain and the glory of the Lord is upon us. In these moments of illumination we know that beyond our everyday realities there is a greater one, it is the Kingdom of God where all is well and all manner of things shall be well. Rejoice!

December Services at Christ Church, Tiki Rd

Sunday 6 December 10am: Morning Prayer

Sunday 13 December 10am: Parish Eucharist

Sunday 20 December 10am: Morning Prayer

Friday 25 December 10am: Mass of the Nativity

Sunday 27 December 10am: Parish Eucharist

Go to our website christchurchcoromandel.org for contact information

Christmas Pudding

By Deborah Hide-Bayne,
author of local cookery book,
Coromandel Flavour

In England, the last Sunday in November is known as Stir Up Sunday. I think it comes from a Bible verse, "Stir up, O Lord, the will of thy people..." but in many homes it was a sign to start making the Christmas pudding! Families passed down recipes from one generation to another and everyone in the house gave the pudding a little stir and made a wish for the year ahead. In reality, stirring Christmas pudding was hard work and if everyone had a go, it was a bit easier. I remember putting money in our pudding and the excitement of looking through my share to see if I had got the coin.

Perhaps Christmas Pudding is a bit stodgy for the middle of summer and boiling something for hours on the stove not exactly ideal, but it is one of my family traditions so I am passing it on.

125g currants
250g raisins
250g sultanas
125g mixed peel
½ cup brandy
1 tbsp lemon juice
2 tsp grated lemon rind
185g butter
2 eggs, beaten
250g brown sugar
250g fresh breadcrumbs (about one large loaf)
2 tsp mixed spice
1 tsp ground nutmeg



Chop up the dried fruit, pour the brandy over the top, add the lemon rind and juice and leave overnight (it will smell fantastic – really Christmassy).

Cream the butter, add the egg slowly and then the brown sugar. Beat the ingredients together then stir in everything else. Stir vigorously (include your family in this part).

Grease a 2½ litre (or 4½ pint) pudding basin and then pack the pudding into it. Cover the top with greased aluminium foil. Use plain string to tie the lid on and then steam it for 4 hours (in a big pot of water with an old saucer on the bottom so the water only comes halfway up the sides of the pudding basin. You will have to watch it to make sure it doesn't boil dry.)

Steam it a further two hours on the day you want to eat it and serve hot with custard or brandy sauce.

Poetry SPOT

Words, only Words

By Jocelyn Davey

When I was young, dad said "Strike me pink!"
My Aussie nana caled us in, 'Cooee!'
The six-o'clock swill was a great way to drink
And a whole lot of gossip was bound to be hooley.

You could get shirty or just rip shit and bust,
Go out with your sheila for love or for lust.
If you went to a dance, it was 'ladies a plate'.
You often walked home, be it ever so late.

You could be a pearler or trimmer or grouse
You could get the pricker or be micky-mouse.
More recently cool or neat's what they say
And almost certainly.. Back in the Day..



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Come along and join our team who have already started their boxing classes and boot camps.

Boot camp classes are running on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 6.00am at Coro Gym.

Thump Boxing classes run on a Monday and Wednesday at 5.30pm at Coromandel Area School.

If these times don't work for you give me a call and let's tailor a program to suit. I travel around the Coromandel Peninsula including Whangapoua, Matarangi, Whitianga and Coromandel Township.

Give me a call now so we can start working towards achieving your health and fitness goals 022 013 0786 or check out my website and sign up for a free trial to one of my classes www.catherinestephenmobilept.vpweb.co.nz



Heart Beat – St John Ambulance Coromandel/Colville

By Julia Te Huia – Acting Station Manager, Coromandel

Wow look at that stunning weather out there. Summer is here, but with summer comes a big influx of people to the Coromandel. This means our workload increases. Felix is having a well deserved holiday at the moment, so I am filling in. I grew up here from the age of 12 years old, so being an ex Coromandel Area School student a lot of you will know and recognise me. It's lovely to be back and to see old and new faces.

My first week back has been relatively busy, with transporting patients to Thames hospital and initiating the Westpac helicopter for a critically ill patient. I just love my job, I get to meet lots of amazing people whilst making a positive difference to people's lives. People often say ooh I could not do what you do. The majority of our callouts are not blood and guts. So if you are a kind, caring person who would like to give something back to your community and don't mind putting aside some time for one shift a week and a bit extra for the initial training, then pop down to the station and have a cup of tea. Or come down to training on a Thursday night at 7pm.

I hope to try and get down town to do some blood pressure checks over the next few weeks, so don't be shy; come over for a warrant of fitness. We have a stunning Christmas raffle that we will be selling tickets for.

I look forward to catching up.

For more enquiries call the station and talk to the duty officer or leave a message (07) 866 8279 to find out more

Coromandel - Auckland Ferry



Departs Auckland Pier 4

	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
29 Aug - 20 Sept	-	-	-	-	6.00pm*	8.45am	8.45am
21 Sept - 18 Oct	-	-	-	-	6.00pm	8.45am	8.45am
19 Oct - 25 Oct	-	8.45am	-	8.45am	6.00pm	8.45am	8.45am
26 Oct - 1 Nov	8.45am	8.45am	-	8.45am	6.00pm	8.45am	8.45am
2 Nov - 20 Dec	-	8.45am	-	8.45am	6.00pm	8.45am	8.45am
21 Dec - 27 Dec	-	8.45am	-	8.45am	Xmas Day	8.45am	8.45am

Departs Waiheke (Orapiu) to Coromandel (approximate times)

29 Aug - 20 Sept	-	-	-	-	-	9.50am	9.50am
21 Sept - 18 Oct	-	-	-	-	7.05pm	9.50am	9.50am
19 Oct - 25 Oct	-	9.50am	-	9.50am	7.05pm	9.50am	9.50am
26 Oct - 1 Nov	9.50am	9.50am	-	9.50am	7.05pm	9.50am	9.50am
2 Nov - 20 Dec	-	9.50am	-	9.50am	7.05pm	9.50am	9.50am
21 Dec - 27 Dec	-	9.50am	-	9.50am	Xmas Day	9.50am	9.50am

Departs Coromandel: Hannaford's Wharf

29 Aug - 20 Sept	-	-	-	-	8.15pm*	4.30pm	4.30pm
21 Sept - 18 Oct	-	-	-	-	8.15pm	4.30pm	4.30pm
19 Oct - 25 Oct	-	3.00pm	-	3.00pm	8.15pm	4.30pm	4.30pm
26 Oct - 1 Nov	4.30pm	3.00pm	-	3.00pm	8.15pm	4.30pm	4.30pm
2 Nov - 20 Dec	-	3.00pm	-	3.00pm	8.15pm	4.30pm	4.30pm
21 Dec - 27 Dec	-	3.00pm	-	3.00pm	Xmas Day	4.30pm	4.30pm

Auckland - Coromandel

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

Waiheke Island (Orapiu) - Coromandel

	Adult	Child	Family
One way	\$35.00	\$22.00	-
Open return	\$60.00	\$35.00	\$155.00

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

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- *A bus shuttle service to/from Coromandel runs on these days.
- A Sunday service operates on public holidays.

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Museum News

By Raewyn McKinney

On behalf of the Coromandel School of Mines & Historic Society Inc, I wish everybody a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

As from Boxing Day, the museum will be open daily from 1pm to 4pm, whenever volunteers are available. As ever, we welcome anyone able to join our roster of museum volunteers. If there is anyone who would be prepared to help man the museum for an afternoon once a week or fortnight, please contact Sue Wright on (07) 866 8039. We look forward to a busy and successful summer.

This month I have found an item from the 'Thames Star' 23 December 1874, which reminds us that times were pretty hard for the early pioneers of our district. This article is notable for its picture of the harshness and uncertainty of life, and the colourful language employed. It is also of interest, that although there was no government assistance for widows of the day, it seems generally accepted that those "benevolent" people, who are able, will assist the less fortunate members of society.

"Appeal To The Benevolent"

The other day in Coromandel a sad and fatal

accident occurred. A man named Edward Wilson, going along the Waikoromiko track, tripped and fell—rolling down a fearful precipice, and receiving injuries from which he died. The unfortunate deceased has left a widow and six children. Of the latter the only one who might have been of assistance to his mother had his hand torn off by machinery in a battery some eighteen months ago.

Meetings have been held in Coromandel to devise means for the relief of the widow and children, and already liberal subscriptions have been given, but the necessities of the case are such that a widespread appeal to the benevolent is desirable. From an advance slip of the report of proceedings taken in Coromandel, forwarded to us from the Mail office, we learn that committees have been appointed in Coromandel, Auckland, and Thames; and having former experiences before us of the liberal manner in which appeals from Thames have been responded to by the Coromandel people, we have no doubt the Thames public will heartily subscribe to the fund being raised... A subscription list lies at our office, and we shall be happy to receive and acknowledge the smallest donations from residents in Thames in aid of the widow and her deplorably helpless family.

MONTHLY COMPETITION: "WHO WHAT WHERE WHEN"

This month marks the final month of our monthly "Mystery Photo" competition. We thank all those who have entered on previous months, and congratulate the lucky winners.



To mark the final competition, we have two mystery photos (below) this month.

Identify the photos and give us as much information as you can. Bring or post your entry to the Coromandel Town Information Centre with name and contact details by **Friday 1 January 2016**. All correct entries go into a draw for a voucher from Coromandel Four Square.

The winner of the October competition was Pat Williams, who correctly identified the ceramic tiles at the Hauraki House Reserve Public Toilets. As Pat advised: "The ceramic tiles adorning the walls of the toilet block were made by Coromandel Area School pupils. A plaque on the wall reads Coromandel School Mural Project Sponsored by Driving Creek Potteries and Thames Coromandel District Council".

Thank you to all who entered the October competition. Good luck for this month.

We thank the Coromandel Four Square for their continued sponsorship of this competition.



The museum will be open from 1pm to 4pm at weekends only until Boxing Day, and daily thereafter



Coromandel Contract Bridge Club

By Judy Bronlund

We have come to the end of our club bridge year. On **7 December** we will be having a fun night of bridge where we will also receive the prize money for the different competitions that we have played during the year. I look forward to catching up with you all, and am looking forward to next years competitions. Seasons greetings.

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

COROMANDEL BUSINESS ASSOCIATION Logo Design Competition

The CBA needs a logo that it can place on correspondence and event marketing flyers and is running a competition to get the best logo design. The winner will receive \$200.

Conditions of Entry

- Logo must say Coromandel Business Association, Established 1993
- It can be in colour but it must work in black and white as well
- Entries should be emailed to corobusiness@gmail.com or mailed to PO Box 229, Coromandel by 31 January 2016.
- The winner will be announced in March.
- The judges reserve the right not to accept any of the logos submitted.
- The judges decision will be final

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Thames Animal Rescue

Alice and John Parris and Sandy

Firstly thank mew to everyone who has supported our fundraisers. This is helping us help the animals and fund the rescue unit to help feed and care for the unwanted and abandoned felines over Christmas and into the mew year. Thank mew to all who have donated cat and kitten food, donated bedding and garage sale items, all of which are truly appreciated. Thank you to every one who has supported us over the year; may every everyone have a truly awesome and magical Christmas.

Our next and final fundraiser is the December garage sale – **Saturday 19 December**, Grahamstown Hall, Pollen St, Thames, 8.30am until noon (ish). We were lucky enough to get the Grahamstown Hall for this event, and donations of clean saleable items are needed and welcomed. We did so well with our last garage sale we need more items, clothes, books, toys, crafts, plants, household items, knic-knacs, bric-a-brac, puzzles, linen, etc. Please call us to arrange drop off.

Cattery mews – We still have the four tabby girls, our last Christmas kittens those are, now facing Christmas for the second time in our care. Also for four others that are also last season's kittens and will be in care over Xmas here as well which means for those currently in care we face having them here over Christmas / New Year unless they get a Xmas miracle of a loving forever home. For most it means they need homes together in pairs as they have grown up together and spent all their days together and to separate them is not ideal nor would they cope with parting from each other. So yes, a miracle is needed for these darlings.

Nothing new in – we have wandered the farm – got growled at by two cats which tells us there are kittens hidden somewhere. We were also told of a 6 month feral which has had three kittens, which have also been hidden somewhere under a house. So they are definitely out there. And for now until found or brought in to us, we have absolutely no new furbabies, which right now in our current financial position is a blessing.

We have to fundraise to survive the season and care for those already in care as well, so our garage sale is quintessential to raising funds to get across the holiday season.

Wanted – garage sale items, bedding, pillows, towels, cat and kitten foods, tinned or biscuits (these can be put into our black and white cat at Pak'nSave Thames when shopping in Thames) and any Christmas treats or toys for the cats would also be welcomed and mean the world to our furbabies as well.

Meowy Catmas to all; stay safe over the holidays.

Any enquiries to Animal Rescues Thames, 532 Thames Coast Road, RD5, Thames 3575



Coromandel Budget Advisory Service

By John Gaffikin-Cowan

Christmas and New Year are almost upon us and along with the joy of the holidays some people come under a bit of stress with extra mouths to feed in the household. In the past we've emphasised the importance of forward planning and so let's hope that most people have made some provision for that. However with the best will in the world we all know that plans can go wrong, and so again this year we intend giving out Christmas Food Parcels to those of our Budget clients who need them.

At the Budget Office and the Foodbank we are continually aware of the generosity of all members of the Coromandel community who collectively help us in our work and then individually contribute either financially or in kind. We try to acknowledge every donation but occasionally someone is forgotten and so I'd like to take this opportunity to publicly thank everyone for their support. We are a charity, totally dependent on public funding, so it is a measure of the local enthusiasm for our service that we are able to continue. Thank you all.

As it happens, we are still seeking an extra Budget Adviser, so please take time to look at the advertisement elsewhere in the Chronicle.

Above all we wish you all a very happy holiday season and a peaceful and joyous New Year.

The Budget Service is an incorporated society belonging to the New Zealand Federation of Family Budget Services. If you wish to make an appointment ph (07) 866 8351 where you can talk to Anna, Caro, John or Leigh. 950 Rings Road, open Monday to Friday 11.00am-2.00pm (apart from over the holidays) and other times by appointment. Mobile: 022 018 0849 – we reply to texts and messages during office hours



Tangiario Kiwi Retreat
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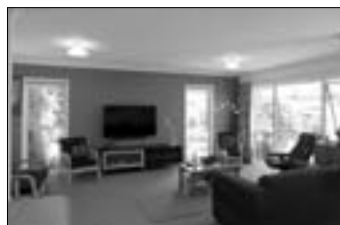


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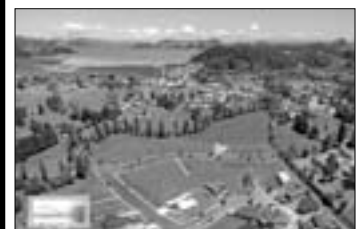


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A great hike on Whanganui Island



Monday Walkers

By Irene Dunn

The weather has played ball for our three walks this past month - it makes such a difference to the scenery and our comfort!

We did two familiar walks, the third was to Whanganui Island by kind invitation from the Coromandel Hikers Group – six keen walkers joined eight hikers and off we went by boat and dingy to the island. The island was bigger than I realised, lots of ups and downs, but we paced ourselves. The hikers kindly waited and opened/closed gates for us, and explained some of the island's history. The views were what living in "paradise" means - absolutely wonderful! We found a great spot overlooking the other islands for lunch. We really did appreciate the invitation – thank you Colin and hikers for a great day hiking.

If you are interested in walking in "paradise" with our group please phone the number below for details.

Happy walking everyone.

Irene 07 211 9758 (landline) or 021 157 8408

Scott Simpson MP for Coromandel

2015 has been a busy and full year for me both here in the electorate and in Wellington at Parliament. I'm always surprised that December rolls around so quickly and that the time for sharing festive joy arrives so promptly.

It's the time of year we take stock, share time with family and friends and for some it's a time to enjoy a classic kiwi summer holiday. For others it's the busiest time of year. The Coromandel is acknowledged as New Zealand's favourite summer holiday destination and rightly so. Soon we will be welcoming tens of thousands of visitors to the Peninsula. That means unlimited opportunities to showcase all that is great about our region to a much wider than usual audience and I know our business community are looking

forward to what should be a bumper summer season. But it's also the busiest time of year for all our volunteer emergency and community service organisations. I want to take this opportunity in advance to thank all volunteers for the work and effort they will be putting in over the summer months. Speaking of summer, weather forecasters are predicting that the already strong El Nino conditions of spring will continue over summer and into autumn. This will be good for those wanting a holiday at the beach but challenging for farmers.

During El Nino New Zealand tends to experience stronger or more frequent winds from the west in summer, leading to drier conditions in the north and east. It's important Coromandel Peninsula farmers plan carefully now for potential drought conditions in March, April and into May next year.

Recently I announced the selection of the Coromandel Youth MP Veronica Manning as the Coromandel representative for Youth Parliament 2016.

Veronica is a Year 12 Thames High School student and exudes great passion for the Coromandel. Her selection speech showed she understands the issues confronting us and is in touch with her generation.

Applicants for the role presented a speech to a selection panel. I was impressed with the high quality of applications received and how passionate young people are to represent their community at Youth Parliament 2016.

For me personally it's a key opportunity as the Member of Parliament for Coromandel to learn more about the important issues affecting our young people today as well as their aspirations and ideas for the future.

I know Veronica will be a very effective representative as the voice and face of Coromandel youth.

Finally I want to wish you and your family a very happy and safe Christmas. 2016 will be upon us before we know it and I'm looking forward to the opportunities the New Year will bring for the Peninsula and our wider region.



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Fighting Fire – Volunteers welcome!

By Andreas Gaul

Finally the summer season is on our doorstep, bringing with it the onset of higher temperatures, more outdoor activities, late night BBQs, and the onslaught of tourists. This summer has been predicted to be drier than average due to El Nino, and therefore the fire risk will be even higher than normal, but as always common sense rules apply. We will have a complete fire ban across all of the Coromandel over the Christmas period. The fire ban has been effective in dramatically reducing the number of out of control fires, which is a fantastic achievement made by all of us.

Nevertheless fire events will still occur and fire fighters will stand courageously, shoulder to shoulder, to fight these fires, protecting the people and wildlife we love. Minister Peter Dunne is currently working on possible improvements to the structure of the Fire Service across New Zealand. The basic structure of the Fire Service has not changed since the late 1940s, despite its nationalisation in 1975. Yet, in this time, the nature and volume of its work has changed considerably. So there is a need to ensure that the Fire Service continues to be fit for purpose. 80 percent of all fire fighters are volunteers and this number continues to rise, particularly across rural areas.

The volunteer fire parties across the Coromandel represent how the world was in the good old days, where neighbours and communities stood by each other in times of need. If your neighbour's house would be on fire, no one of us would hesitate to help. If the bush went on fire, towns and cities would join forces and protect their families together. As a team is needed to win the Rugby World Cup (#weareworldchampions), we need a team to fight fires. The volunteer fire parties provide the structure and professional equipment to effectively fight fires. Yet, nearly all fire parties are struggling to find new members and the baby boomers deserve to be able to retire and pass on their experience to the next generation.

So what does it take to become a Volunteer Fire Fighter? Actually, not too much. First you need to attend a few courses which might be generally helpful (First Aid), exciting and fun (driving a fire truck), a good skill to have (how to use pumps) or just something you have to do (fighting vegetation fires). You just need a few basic training units which are generously paid for by the fire party. Generally, the fire parties meet once a month for practice and a meeting to streamline their routines, since they don't want to be sorting out taps, pumps and connections when standing in front of your house watching it burn to the ground. Of course after practice you enjoy a drink together and since most of us blokes don't go to the hairdresser, where else should we pick up on the recent gossip of the area? Saying this, all women are more than welcome and are already keen members of the Coromandel fire parties.

Woman or man, young or old – fires don't stop for gender or age – we need everybody! You wouldn't trust anyone else more than yourself to take care of such an important job, would you? Next time you pass your local volunteer fire station, stop and call up the secretary or the chief and offer your duties. It might be your house which is the next one threatened by a fire and we better protect it together!

Contact: Andyfromaustria@yahoo.com – contact me if you want to join your local fire party, I will get you sorted!

Te Ahi Kaa Social Services

By Jacquie Hamon

He aha te mea nui o te Ao? He Tangata! He Tangata! He Tangata!

Nga mihi nui ki a koutou.

Over this past weekend the world has witnessed yet another terrorist attack – this time in Paris. Almost unmentioned by the media is the terrorist attacks and misery inflicted in Beirut and Lebanon days before. What is it with the western world – why do we believe we are different than the rest? That we alone ought to be above the horror that is the daily existence of millions of people? We all bleed. We all mourn. We all suffer. Intolerance. It is the scourge of any society. It breeds hatred and contempt for others. Sadly Muslims everywhere will now be fearful of being singled out and associated with terrorism. Yet we tolerate megalomaniacs who authorise atrocities on other nations.

We have also seen extraordinary scenes in Parliament which some have expressed shock and horror over. The PM losing it and women, wahine toa the lot of them, speaking up about the sexual abuse each had suffered in their lives and being turfed out of the chamber for their troubles. It takes very brave women to disclose, in public, a very personal matter.

We have become so PC now which has provided a screen for the leaders of this land to hide behind. Parliament has become almost a hallowed place, where politicians gather to pass legislation that affects the citizens of this country, most of it crap, in a civilised, passionless manner.

Perhaps I've gotten too old. I remember when the debating chamber in Parliament was just that. When politicians showed passion and guts for their beliefs, or, more correctly, for their constituents. Meantime even more draconian legislation is being applied to people on the poverty line – housing is a case in point. And sadly we have people in this country who agree wholeheartedly with the way a good proportion of its citizens are discriminated against. Love thy neighbour. If only.

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Course Highlights 2015

Farmsafe delivered the Quad Bike and Chainsaw safety courses again with the additional Tractor Driving Safety course. Participants enjoyed this activity immensely and now have the confidence to drive farm vehicles safely.



One of our popular courses this year was Maori Weaving delivered by Briar van Dort. This course was well attended with participants eager to weave and complete a kete.



This year saw the delivery of six computing courses. Many students seeking skills to operate a computer took advantage of these opportunities and are more confident.



Prospective Courses 2016

We have recently had a change in our funding and so our programme for 2016 is still being finalised. In response to surveys carried out in September, here is a preview of courses we are planning for 2016.

COURSES PLANNED FOR 2016

By popular demand these courses will be delivered again:

- > Digital Photography and Photo Editing
- > Maori Weaving

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Coromandel Independent Living Trust (CILT) Resource Centre



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Ngā mihi o te Kirihimete me te Tau Hou!

Holiday time at the Resource Centre!

The summer holidays are almost here! Over the Christmas period the Resource Centre will be closed from 16 December and will reopen on Wednesday 13 January. During this time things will run a little bit differently, so check out the details below to see how to access our services.

Travel assistance to hospital appointments over the holidays

If you are a Community Services Card holder and need a volunteer driver to a hospital appointment in Thames or Hamilton, please contact your GP. They will help you access our fantastic team of volunteer drivers. Unfortunately we will be unable to provide travel assistance over this period until we open. So keep your hospital appointment letters, get them stamped by the medical worker you are seeing and bring them in after 13 January. We will reimburse you for petrol then.

Mobility Van Christmas Holiday dates

In December the Mobility Van will go to Thames on the 3rd, 10th and the 17th. There will then be a break over the holidays and the first trip for 2015 to Thames will be on 14 January. The van will continue to collect people from their homes around 9am and return from Thames at 2pm. Call or come in to the Resource Centre to book a spot.

Other great services available at the Resource Centre

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

The Resource Centre wishes everyone a wonderful Christmas and New Year filled with family, friends, fun, sun and good food! See you in 2016!



Contact: Rebecca Leaker (Resource Centre Coordinator). Tiki House, 45 Tiki Road. Hours: 9am- 3pm Monday to Thursday Ph/Fax: (07) 866 8358. Email: cilt@cilt.org.nz or Website: www.cilt.org.nz

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- The flats are for tenants with assets under \$15,000 for a single person or under \$20,000 for a couple.
- Tenants must be able to live independently; pets are not encouraged.
- If you register your housing needs with Work and Income by calling 0800 559 009, you may be eligible for the Income Rent Related Subsidy which will could reduce the amount of rent you need to pay. We are encouraging all potential tenants to contact Work and Income and see if they are able to get this helpful subsidy.

Application forms are available at CILT (07) 866 8358, 45 Tiki Road or on our website www.cilt.org.nz

Coromandel Business Association

By Christine Petrie

Summer is finally here and the Coromandel Business Association has had its last meeting for the year. Members are now working hard to prepare their businesses for the influx of summer visitors. We are hoping that the weather treats us kindly and that tourists find our region a welcoming place that they want to keep returning to.

Over the summer period the CBA will continue to work on a number of its initiatives including planning for the 2016 Illume and representing the business community on the Urban Streetscape Design project and the Inner Harbour Development project.

The Kiwi Crusade, a mountain bike race attracting competitors from all around the world, will be coming to Coromandel town on **1 and 2 March 2016**. The 400-500 riders will be accommodated in a tent city. Their supporters, which could be up to 1000 people, will be staying with local accommodation providers and will have two days free to enjoy our local attractions. Members have had the opportunity to meet with the race organisers. Contestants will be advised prior to the race of the places to stay and eat as well as the things to do in our region.

Plans have been finalised for Christmas decorations in the retail precinct and we hope that you will enjoy these. We are also looking forward to seeing you at our Christmas in the Park event on **23 December** at the Hauraki Reserve from 5.30pm. Come along with your picnic and enjoy a fun and peaceful time together listening to Christmas carols. Many of the shops will be open that night for your last minute Christmas shopping.

Finally, we are running a competition to get a logo designed for the CBA. The prize for the selected logo is \$200 and you do not need to be a member to enter. If you would like further information on the terms and conditions of this competition then email me on corobusiness@gmail.com.

We wish you all a safe and peaceful Christmas and a New Year where happy memories are created.

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Internet for Amodeo Bay and Papa Aroha

By Thomas Wahlgren, Anglers Lodge

We took over Anglers Lodge last Easter and since then we have been struggling to get a grip on how and if Coromandel rural areas ever were going to get reasonably good internet service. We have tested Farmside (satellite) and Spark 3G but none of them are working stable enough to allow us to use the internet for business purposes.

We got to hear from Ian "Ezy" Kemp, our neighbour, that he had been in contact with a company on Waiheke island, Gulf Internet, about setting up some kind of service, but he was a bit doubtful. A first meeting was arranged and we jointly walked a hill that overlooks Amodeo Bay and Papa Aroha and found a spot to build a wireless internet access point. The landowner was identified as Richard Kelsey and he kindly allowed us to use his land to set the site up.

You can also see some pictures from the last few day of installing the equipment on our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/anglerslodgecoromandel/.

We are financing this first step of the development and the subscribers will pay a small monthly fee to cover the investment over a period of five years. There are already two other access points that are being discussed, one to cover more properties in Waitete Bay and Colville and one to better cover Papa Aroha. The current mast will have around 20 subscribers shortly.

Bullding this network means we have in a short period of time taken internet access to an acceptable level and it has cost very little money compared to the technology used by the big companies – we are now able to develop our online booking system and give online marketing a completely different priority, which is vital in our line of business.

Coromandel MFA

By Gilbert James, Chair, CoroMFA



Coromandel Mussels, Fishing in Farms and Mussel Fritters Too!

Fishing and Farms: Understandably many recreational and charter fisher skippers take advantage of the good fishing in mussel farms, especially in Coromandel, but there can be serious problems from careless or even just casual operations. Your full support is requested please for the following important practices within farms, at all times.

Please, keep clear means keep clear! Thank you, that is, for safety's sake. Please do not tie-up to the same longline as the one that the mussel farm vessel is working on. This is to avoid our crews, and yours, being exposed to excessive risks.

Please never cast your line anywhere near mussel barges. Otherwise flying hooks and sinkers are a real threat to crew safety and their peace of mind.

All sewage must be discharged more than 500m from a marine farm, and from shore.

No anchoring inside the farm and please only either tie-on to a longline buoy, or use approved mooring hooks to secure to mussel longlines.

Minimise vessel speed and minimise wake when operating adjacent to other vessels at a marine farm. Please be aware that some horizontal longlines are subsurface.

Boat to boat, please call up on Channel 17 but please do not use this channel to chat on.

Please think safety, always, and respect for each other's operations, thank you.

Fritters: Coromandel mussel farming supports many jobs especially in Coromandel, and produces, from the sparkling clean waters of the outer Gulf, some 30,000 tonnes annually of top quality Greenshell Mussels, which is ~ 1/3 of total NZ production. For your further enjoyment of our most excellent Coromandel mussels, we recommend the following recipe for mussel fritters.

Mussel Fritters

1 kg fresh live Coromandel Greenshell Mussels

5 eggs

1 cup self-raising flour

1 tbsp sweet chilli sauce

100g feta cheese

Small bunch coriander and/or parsley

Wash mussel shells, then either shuck from raw, saving all their juice, or place in pot with a small amount (~ 2 cups) of water. Cover and bring to boil and steam the mussels until most are just open. Shake the pot to assist opening. Remove mussel meats from their shells and chop into small pieces.

Beat eggs, add flour, chilli sauce, feta cheese and coriander and mix to form a smooth batter. Add the chopped mussels and mix in.

Place large spoonful in heated pan and cook on each side until brown and cooked through. Great on the BBQ, too! Serve hot with lemon wedges, cracked pepper and chilli sauce, to taste.

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



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Coromandel Embroiderers Guild

By Diann Cade

Fifty of us met, dressed to celebrate the day of our exhibition opening and Guild Christmas lunch. The excitement and chatter was rewarded with a great exhibition and the most "sumptuous" fare prepared by the committee. This is a traditional annual event and one not to be missed. Following the exhibition opening and presentation of Challenge awards, at noon we sat to lunch at tables dressed with flowers and Christmas decorations. In turn we were served an array of food from "carved" ham to "the" steamed pudding with brandy custard. The food and the tables were presented with as much attention to detail as is given to the embroidery that was on display at the exhibition. We are passionate to the core for all things.

This was our last formal meeting for the year so there was well wishing to all until we meet again in February.

We do hope you too enjoyed our exhibition. Over one hundred pieces created through the year were on display. These were presented in the form of bags, mats, bookcovers, cushions, samplers, Christmas decorations, hankies, pouches, tea showers, buttons, hussifs, purses, teddies, shopping bags, needle books, pictures, tea cosies, boxes, etui, dresses and postcards. They were embellished with many types of embroidery- satin shading, hedebo, dorset feather, cutwork, tatting, whitework, sashiko, cornpad, crewel, beading, Richelieu, counted,

canvas, Brazilian, opus plunarium and generally surface stitch....every pastime has its vocabulary!

The presidents Challenge attracted thirteen entries. The winning item was also a first time entrant. Trish Hill, one of our members from Whitianga, won first place with her "Sashaying around Sashiko" hussif. A treasure, immaculately stitched, constructed and presented.

We will announce the "Viewers Choice" in the New Year.

In all it was another great year for our Guild and we were so happy to welcome twelve new members.

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



Walking Gemma

By John Irvine

Poetry SPOT

I love the rain
seriously
have I mentioned that before?

Today walking a neighbour's
gentle podgy dog
it dribbled a bit
the rain that is.

Gemma wasn't fussed at all
snout to the grass
interpreting the messages
kindly left by other dogs
including my own two.

Dropped a nugget or two
which I bagged up
and peed a couple of times
I fussed her a bit
a lot really
and she washed my face.

Can't wait until tomorrow
to feed her a few more treats
walk her through the village
and scruff her velvet ears.

I'm sure she misses her boss
who's crook in hospital
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in the meantime
and leap up on
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Library News

By Raewyn McKinney

On behalf of the Coromandel Community Library, I wish everyone a happy Christmas, and a prosperous New Year.

As usual, we have many new books for the library this month. These range from Bill Bryson's latest travel book to George R.R. Martin's fantasy world, as well as the latest works from popular authors Di Morrissey, Jo Nesbo, Ian Rankin, Ruth Rendell, Karen Rose and Peter Watt. Good holiday reading for all.

This month, we also have several New Zealand books:

Turning Point by James Rowe

In just seven days, Peter's life is turned upside down – his wife dies from cancer, he loses his job, and he wins a great deal of money in a lottery... *Turning Point* is about friendships, family relationships, lending a helping hand to those in need, and the problems and successes associated with starting a new business.

The book is set in James Rowe's home town of Thames. The story draws on his experiences with New Zealand Land Search and Rescue and New Zealand Civil Defence, where he worked as a volunteer for a number of years.

A Tattooed Heart by Deborah Challinor

The eagerly awaited fourth and final book in the epic Convict Girls saga vividly brings the past and its people to life. 1832: Convict girls Friday Woolfe, Sarah Morgan and Harriet Clarke have been serving their sentences in Sydney Town for three years. For much of that time they have lived in fear of sinister and formidable Bella Jackson, who continues to blackmail them for a terrible crime. In this final volume, friends and family reunite but cherished loved ones are lost, and an utterly shocking secret is revealed.

King Rich by Joe Bennett

The haunting story of two people linked by



disaster and a desire for the truth, set amid the physical and emotional devastation of a post-earthquake Christchurch. Richard hides, with a lost dog, in an abandoned, leaning hotel. Annie returns from England, seeking a lost father in her battered

home town. Vince relives the most significant emotional experience of his life. What binds these lives together, and what tore them apart? Joe Bennett's first novel is the work of a superb writer at the top of his game.

Going South by Colin Hogg

A road trip about memory, mateship and mortality into the heartland of a New Zealand that still exists and still surprises. Hogg travelled back to Southland with old friend Gordon McBride, who has terminal cancer. Hogg says

"Southland is like the southern states of America – a place of myth and wonder."

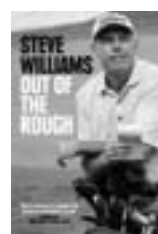
The Scene of the Crime by Steve Braunias

Twelve extraordinary tales of crime and punishment: a collection of true crime writing by New Zealand's award-winning master



of non-fiction. Acutely observed, brilliantly written, and with the Mark Lundy case as its riveting centrepiece, this collection from the courts and criminal files of the recent past depicts a place we rarely enter, but which

exists all around us.

Out of The Rough by Steve Williams

One of the most successful caddies of the modern era, Steve Williams has worked with some of the golfing world's best, including 13 years with Tiger Woods. In this candid reflection on his years caddying, Williams shares the highs and lows and explains the critical role of a caddy and offers a rare insider's view of the professional golfing world.

The library will close on Christmas Eve and re-open on Monday 4 January. Normal library hours are: 10am to 1pm on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday; 10am-4pm on Wednesday and Friday; and 10am-12 noon Saturday

Mercury Bay 250th Anniversary Trust Whitianga

A local Trust has been established to coordinate and plan for events in 2019 to mark the 250th anniversary of Lieutenant James Cook's arrival in Te Whanganui A Hei (Mercury Bay) in His Majesty's Bark Endeavour on 3 November 1769. The Trust is chaired by Mercury Bay Community Board Chairman Paul Kelly – fellow Trustees being Ngati Hei Kaumātua Joe Davis, Mercury Bay Area School Principal John Wright and Mercury Bay Museum Trustee Richard Gates. Sir Michael Fay is patron of the Trust with TCDC councillors Tony Fox and Murray McLean acting in an advisory role.

Celebrating this milestone in New Zealand history and the significance of what took place during Cook's 12 day stay in Mercury Bay will be the focus of local, national and international attention. Not only did Cook establish the geographic coordinates of New Zealand whilst in the bay, of equal importance was the shared Maori and Pakeha experience at Te Whanganui A Hei at that time. It was here where mutual respect between Europeans and local iwi evolved. It could truly be said Mercury Bay is a formative meeting place of our now multicultural nation.

The primary role of the Mercury 250th Anniversary Trust is to work with central and local government as well as inform and engage the public, community organisations and other interested parties who may wish to participate.

A public meeting will be held early in the new year to inform the local community on what is being planned for this signal historical anniversary and call for volunteers who may wish to contribute and assist.



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Hot Spot – News from the Coromandel Volunteer Fire Brigade

Planned Building Alterations

For quite some time the Brigade has been investigating the possibility of extending the present Fire Station by the addition of a second level to the rear of the existing building to allow for a downstairs training room and a larger upstairs meeting / social room with kitchen etc.

To help progress the building development we have had a further boost to funds with a generous grant of \$10,000 from the Senior Settlement Trust towards creation of the building plans. Watch this space!

Fishing Contest

For the past six years we have held an annual National Fire Service Fishing Contest i.e. a contest open to all permanent and volunteer firemen past or present and their families nationwide. This is a fund raiser toward the building development. Once again this year the contest was a big success with some 238 entries vying for a serious prize pool in excess of \$12,000 comprising a range of vouchers for equipment, local accommodation, food, fishing charters, local attractions, fishing and boat equipment.

We would sincerely like to thank the following businesses and individuals both local and outside for their massive generosity in supporting your brigade and this event: Hunting and Fishing Hamilton; Coromandel Electrical Services; Coromandel Fishing Charters 2013; Coromandel Fishing Club; Coromandel Hotel – the Top Pub; Coromandel Refrigeration; Coromandel Top 10 Holiday Park; Driving Creek Railway; Epic Adventures Ltd; Fish n Tit's; Gulf Mussel Farms / Coromandel Mussel Kitchen; Darren Walker; Mick Walker; Shane Walker; Nadege Fishing Charters; Ohana Farms; Peter Bull Ltd / Paddy Bull Mussels; Salty Towers; Simon Debenham; Snapper Safaris; The Peppertree Restaurant and Bar; Umu Café; The Waterworks.

As a foot note, this is a contest with a difference – entry in the snapper section is restricted to fish not less than 350mm and not larger than 600mm so the focus is not on chasing the biggest fish nor is there a prize for small fish. Ministry of Fisheries are in attendance.

New Recruits

In this day where life is always busy, the proverb says if you want a job done ask a busy person and the job will get done, well all our brigade members and their partners must lead busy lives as all contribute to the significant demands of the Brigade be it fundraising or answering the alarm. We are so fortunate to have not only an excellent crew but also an oncoming new generation of recruits so we welcome local teenagers Logan Davies and Hamish Walton to the Brigade.



More accommodation for Coromandel town

After 4½ months of construction, the new units at The Olive Motel in Coromandel town are now finished.

There are four new units: two studios, both with a queen bed, one studio with twin beds, and a two-bedroom suite for up to six people. This adds to the motels' existing three one-bedroom suites.

All the suites are large, with Sky TV and spa baths. The studios offer a more affordable option with Freeview TV and ensuite shower rooms. All accommodation has air-conditioning, free Wifi and are modern, clean and comfortable. The motel's central location means guests can walk to shops and restaurants. It is the perfect place to recommend your friends and family to stay when they come to visit.

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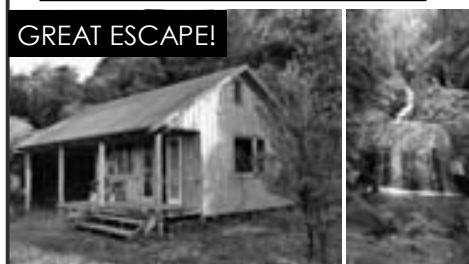
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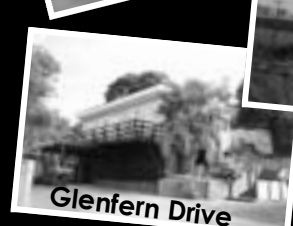
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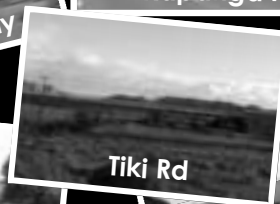
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Coromandel Patchwork and Quilters

By Sharon Currie

Our last meeting for this year is our Christmas lunch on Monday 16 November at the Pepper Tree. Then it is planning for our Annual Exhibition of quilts held at the Citizens' Hall starting **29 December until 3 January**. The proceeds of our raffle quilt this year will go to MEG for the kiwi habitat restoration. Tickets for the raffle will be available at the Colville Market Day on **28 November** and the quilt will also be hung there for you to see. We will also have a street stall before Christmas and of course tickets will be available at our exhibition.

We start our meetings again the 1st Monday in February and are already planning our programme for next year. We have had a great year with lots being achieved with a beautiful mystery quilt designed by Lorraine Abernethy being one of the highlights. All will be revealed at our exhibition.

We have had lovely morning teas amid lots of laughter, help with projects and made good friends over the year sharing our craft.

If you would like to join us our details are as follows:
Our meetings 1st and 3rd (& 5th) Monday 9.30am-4.00pm, St John Rooms, Tiki Rd, Coromandel. President Margaret Sinclair (07)866 7104, Secretary Mary Hickman (07) 866 8898



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Coromandel Town Information Centre

By Sandra Wilson



As we come to the end of another year it's time to remember that our town comes into its own during the summer season. There is so much for both tourists and locals to see and do.

The centre has had another busy year welcoming people from all over the world and NZ, helping them to make the most of their time here in paradise.

Dates to remember:

Sunday 29 November, 11.30am -- Thunder Beach Run comes to Coromandel town. Don't forget to be in Kapanga Road in your beach gear by 11am. Dress up the kids and tell Dad to pull out that Hawaiian shirt that he loves so much. As well as welcoming the bikes you can enjoy the music of the ukuleles and a sausage from the Early Childhood Centre sausage sizzle. Let's put on a good show to prove to the riders that they should stay in our town next year!

Saturday 5 December 2.00pm -- Santa Parade followed by family fun day at Patukirikiri Reserve; bring a picnic and enjoy the entertainment.

Sunday 6 December, 10am-6pm -- Summer Kick Off at The Waterworks; \$5 entry per person

Wednesday 23 December 5.30-7.30pm: Carols in the Park, Hauraki Reserve. Bring along a blanket to sit on and a picnic for the whole family. Leave your Christmas stress at home. Relax with others and join in with the carol singing.

Many of the shops will be open with market tables for your last minute Christmas gifts.

We are closed on Christmas day only; otherwise open 10am-4pm daily.

Take care, have fun and have a very Happy Christmas and New Year. See you next year.

From Sandra, Natalie, Jeanette, Ray, Con, Margaret, Susan, Malcolm, Jane, Alastair and Asuka

"Coromandel is more than a destination -- it's a way of life."

Coromandel Walking Group

By Irene Dunn

It's that time of year again when we all get busy, but don't forget to exercise; come walking with us each Tuesday and Thursday for an hour. We meet at the Lotto Dairy at 9am, then after our walk we go for coffee at Success Cafe. We have walked familiar footpaths this last month and have seen the colourful spring gardens around Coromandel town.

Our Walking Group is having a Christmas lunch in Kuaotunu on **8 December** -- meet at Woollams Ave car park at 11am to car pool. Bring your walking shoes if you want a beach walk after lunch. Phone Ruth for more info.

Happy walking everyone.

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Ann's Good News, Naturally

By Ann Kerr-Bell

Summer Health – for Life

Herbal medicine fact: Many plants contain chemical constituents which are effectively medicinal. Like foods they are bio identical to our cells. Thus they are safe to use, without side effects. Herbs heal, soothe, energise when required, and can be used for most health issues. I love herbal medicine.

Gut fact: Your gut is the gateway to your body. Optimum cellular structural and functional health of all your body systems depend on your gut health. How is yours?

Food fact: Food is your fast medicine. I have been saying it for years, I can't say it enough. It's also your slow poison. Over-processed and polluted foods with inadequate minerals, vitamins, good fats, proteins, bioflavonoids, enzymes, and complex carbohydrates cause disease, half health and illness. Do you really know what's in your food? How nourishing and repairing is your food for your family and you?

More good news

Leaky legs – Previously, this 78-year-old man suffered skin on his lower legs becoming so thin and weak from the varicosed eczema, he needed them to be bandaged by the nurse daily. He also had endured an occasional leg ulcer. Poor circulation for years to his legs and feet led to insufficient nutrients being carried to his extremities, leading to malnutrition of the cells in these areas, thus little or no healing. But then he came for our effective natural treatment – he is so grateful of. No more excruciating pain or itching – the bonus is that he has lost weight and his doctor has stopped medication for cholesterol. Blood pressure readings are improving all the time.

Pain and inflammation – Too many people suffer with this unnecessarily. After being told for years that her arthritis was the cause of her pain and inflammation, (but not what caused her arthritis), an 84-year-old is now off her anti-inflammatory medication. So many other aspects of her life have improved, especially her digestion and cognition; no more constipation, bloating or brain fog!

Sub fertility – After just seven months on their natural health regime with me, this couple now have a healthy three-month-old son. They had been trying to conceive for three years and were advised to consider IVF. Mum and baby initially had difficulty in establishing successful breast feeding, however my support with beautiful herbal medicine, correct massage to break up knotty breast lumps and sharing yummy food ideas specific to her needs has got her happily routine and on track.

Gall stones/persistent cough – Months of enduring a hacking cough and episodes of ear, nose, throat and chest infections, are now in the past for this 65-year-old woman. She also had occasional excruciating pain from gallstones. We prevented the need for her gallbladder to be removed. Gallstones are made in the liver, and are primarily caused by bad food choices, so we successfully dealt with that while healing her leaky gut. Simple common sense!

It's in the family – Acceptance or expectation of disease later in life is common. In my practice and in natural medicine generally we have known for years, that many perceived "family illnesses" are preventable. Let me help you be proactive in learning how to reverse any family predisposition to illness, and know how easy and fun-filled eating and living preventatively can be. Identify your nutritional weaknesses, deficiencies and imbalances.

Mineral status questionnaire: www.activeelements.com, username: 259077, password: 579819.

Don't accept half health! This life is too precious.

Enjoy your festive season, wind down time and be healthy and happy.



Grey Power Coromandel Inc.

By Dolly Welch

This is an announcement to all seniors that Grey Power Coromandel Inc. are once again organising the Seniors' Christmas Party to be held at the Anglican Church Hall on **Friday 4 December** at 1.30pm.

We have a full programme of entertainment, Christmas carols, gifts and a provided afternoon tea. So come along all you seniors and get where the action is. Come and dance, sing and have fun.

This event is non-denominational. No membership of any organisation or club is a pre-requisite for your attendance. The only qualification is that you are a senior citizen.

We would also like to thank Coromandel Senior Settlement Trust for their generous donation towards the cost of this event.

Merry Christmas to all members and residents of Coromandel and a Happy New Year.



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Mana Update

By Penelope Carroll

In the “countdown to Christmas”, let’s not forget the Summer Solstice on **22 December** – the day the Southern hemisphere of the Earth is tilted closest to the Sun, giving us the longest day of the year. At Mana we will celebrate the solstice on the weekend of **19-20 December**, at our Summer Solstice Working Bee. Come and join one of the friendly teams of volunteers tending the beautiful Mana tracks, gardens and buildings – for a few hours, a day or the weekend – enjoying good company, good food and peaceful surroundings. Call to reserve a bed on (07) 866 8972, or email be@manaretreat.com.

Christmas is often a time for family and feasting. Below is Simon’s “world famous at Mana Retreat” special vegetarian Christmas Day dish, Mushroom Wellington. Quantities given in the recipe below for this delicious vegetarian take on the more traditional Beef Wellington are to serve four people.

Mushroom Wellington

In the morning (or the day before), sweat together in a little oil in a covered pan 1 onion, 2 cloves of garlic and 400 grams of mushrooms, all finely diced, and mixed with 1 teaspoon each of dried coriander and mixed herbs and 1 teaspoon of molasses.

Add 1 cup of ground Brazil or cashew nuts, 1 cup of oats, 1 egg, pepper and salt. Mix all together and form a pliable ball (add more oats if needed for a firm consistency). Roll into a log shape and wrap in spinach or cabbage leaves to keep it moist. Wrap the whole log in well-oiled foil, seal, and bake for 1 hour at 160C. Let cool, then refrigerate.

The next day (or a few hours later), roll ½kg of puff pastry into a rectangle slightly longer than your mushroom log and wide enough to wrap right around it. Spread cranberry sauce on the pastry (avoid the edges), place the mushroom log in the middle, wrap in the pastry, and seal the edges with water. Brush all over with lightly beaten egg and place in a very hot oven for 10 minutes (or until golden brown). Lower the heat to 150C and leave in the oven to heat all the way through.

Serve with a nice, rich gravy or sauce, roast potatoes, orange glazed carrots and fresh greens – and enjoy!

Season’s greetings to everyone from the trustees and staff at Mana.

Mahamudra Centre Events and News

By Sarah Brooks

Many people have heard of Buddhism but aren’t sure what it’s about. The Dalai Lama has answered, “My religion is simple, my religion is kindness.” The goal is to fully develop our positive qualities and eliminate negative ones, so Buddhism is in essence a psychology of the mind. The various meditations, prayers, and practices are tools to open the heart and mind by developing wisdom and compassion.

Mahamudra Centre has many different types of programs, because – whether or not you consider yourself a Buddhist – there are many tools useful for everyone in daily life. A good example of this is our workshop on transforming problems at the Anglican Church on Tiki Road in Coromandel, which continues on Tuesday afternoons from 2-3.30pm through to **15 December**. Drop ins are welcome if you missed the earlier sessions.

We also continue our weekly drop-in Thursday guided meditation in Coromandel, which offers a combination of learning to focus on the breath along with guided meditations developing a loving and kind heart. Meets **3 and 10 December** 10-11am at the Havalona Pyramid on Driving Creek Road. We’ll take a break for the holidays after the 10th but start again in January.

On Christmas Eve, we’ll be joining again with Mana Retreat Centre for A Compassionate Christmas: a lovely interfaith celebration to honor the holiday spirit of love and compassion. Attendees are invited to participate by sharing poetry, song, or other heartfelt contributions. The service is at 7.00pm at Mana’s Tara Sanctuary, but meet at 6.30pm in the lower parking lot to walk up together if able (limited parking is available at the Sanctuary).

Below are courses and retreats at the centre this month, and we have many exciting offerings ahead in the summer season. Make sure to save the date of **6 March** for our community Family Fun Day of games, music, entertainment – and this year’s very special feature is a sand mandala!

5-6 December – Practise and Meditation Weekend

Opportunities to participate in Tibetan Buddhist practise and meditation in honour of Lama Tsong Khapa Day. Special community animal blessing for pets Saturday 10am. For detailed information see www.mahamudra.org.nz or call 07 866 6851.

11-13 December – Meditation to Develop Mindfulness

Learn techniques for focusing awareness and concentration – the tools for enhancing better attention in our everyday life and strengthening mental and emotional well-being. While instructions will be given, the emphasis will be on practicing both sitting and walking meditation.

29 December – 1 January – Purification: A Clean Slate for the New Year

A Buddhist retreat based on Vajrasattva and Dorje Khadro purification practices. Learn about the difference between guilt and regret, and, based on an understanding of karma, how to purify past mistakes.

For details on any of our events, please see our website at www.mahamudra.org.nz, drop in the centre, or call us at (07) 866 6851. We’re very happy to answer questions if you are not sure which events to attend or what’s coming up soon

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Assorted bits and bobs of Coromandel history

By Don Goodall

Coromandel has always been a bit alternative in the lifestyles of the people. Some examples from the past:

1. The Spanish influenza epidemic of late 1918 was sweeping the country, brought back by returning soldiers. Coromandelites were determined no one would die in Coromandel. The men of the district mounted a daily armed guard on the track at the top of Kereta Hills. All incoming travellers and goods were forcibly detained, unloaded or returned to Thames. Anyone leaving the upper peninsula would not be re-admitted. It is said that no one in upper Coromandel died from the Spanish Flu.

2. The guy living on Wharf Road who decided to expand his septic tank with a stick of dynamite, "loaned" from a local mine. The blast showered the Star and Garter Hotel, the Central Hotel and the Centennial Pool Hall.

3. Pop Lucas and his band of loyal Coromandel men climbed to the summit of Tokatea Ranges, to do all-day lookout duties during WW2 – the threat of Japanese planes making bombing or reconnaissance trips over Auckland was real. Pop and his men dug observation pits, watching the skies east over the Pacific Ocean, and north over the Barrier Islands. They had a signalling system to alert Auckland authorities should they make a sighting. Climb the track from the car park at the summit of Tokatea. Their pits are still there.

4. There are Maori rock carvings up the 309 Road. Was it a warrior, waiting for his nubile wahine, idle doodling with a stone on rock, or do they have special significance?

5. In 1840 Whanganui Island (in those days called Beeson's Island) was subdivided into blocks reserved for houses, recreational and education uses and sections were sold, sight unseen, in London. Many arrived to find the roads were too steep to traverse, or their "house lots with sea views" were impossible to build on.

6. Long before roads connected Coromandel with Thames there was a bridal path. Halfway up Kereta Hills, on the Coromandel side, is an old horse trough beside the bridal track. This is now some 20-30 metres uphill from the existing road. The journey along the coast took 2-3 days each way.

7. Little Waitete Bay had a jetty known as the Torehina Wharf. Steel and concrete remains can be seen.

8. Florence McLean, a "love child of a to-be king of England", lived at Whangapoua. She maintained a suite at the hotel, present day Admirals Arms, for her exclusive use. She rode on horseback, side-saddle, from Whangapoua to catch the ferry to and from Auckland.

9. Early stone masons made brilliant retaining walls, etc. For examples check out Te Kouma Road retaining wall just beyond the Sugar Loaf, and the bridge culvert in Top Town just above the old Union Presbyterian church.

10. Tunnels of gold mines under Tokatea Range are actually linked. It used to be possible to go via the tunnels from one side to the other as late as the 1980s.

11. The locals were circulating a petition not to tar-seal the highway from Thames to Coromandel. They wanted no more "loopies" visiting the town. ("Loopies" were day visitors who drove the loop around the Coromandel Peninsula.)

12. I recall quizzing one owner why he did not open his petrol bowlers for one hour on Sunday mornings. Said I, "The fizz boats are all lined up on the beaches – they have run out of fuel. You would make a fortune." His reply was classic, "Bugger them, I wanna go fishing."

13. Let's not forget the traditional annual midwinter foot-race from Bottom Pub to Top Pub. Starters gun rang out just after "closing time" was called. Competitors raced up the street, lined with cheering spectators, and punters with money riding on their favourites. The only entry condition – topless.

14. Coromandel was so macho in those days that the names of Saturday's rugby team were only announced at the Top Pub at 10am, after a head count revealed who had not yet returned from Friday night's pig hunting. On occasions games were defaulted.

Has this jogged the memories for longtime Coromandel residents? Our Coromandel history is rapidly disappearing as yet another generation disappears. Is it not time these events were recorded more fully and in some cases recognised by signposts and paths cleared for public access?



Driving Creek Doings – No. 177

By Barry Brickell

We have pleasure in announcing that the NZ Transport Agency has now given the railway permission to carry young children under five years old to once again travel with their parents or guardians on our train. This permission has been a long time coming but thanks to the hard work put in by John Gurney in negotiating the deal with the authorities, we can now look forward to a great summer of welcoming families for a ride on the train and to see the new developments up at the Eyefull Tower.

In my last letter to the Chronicle about the Harbour Pier concept, catering for charter boats was omitted by mistake. In fact, the pier will be able to cater for all harbour users but it will take time to develop all the facilities for these interests. Meanwhile, a dredged channel for recreational fishers and pleasure boats is fully compatible with the pier project. These projects must be seen as complimentary rather than contradictory, please!

Having lived in this community now for the past 54 years, I have helped to put Coromandel "on the map", as they say. My apology is that I have not been very active socially simply because of the demands of hard work in setting up the potteries and building the railway. All I now ask is that the community gets in behind me for the pier project in any way it can. If there are any sceptics, please let me know your reasons so I can modify the concept if need be. I am preparing an attractive brochure on the pier project to be distributed nationwide early next month. All I ask is that the community trusts me after all these years.

Regards to all,
Barry.

Driving Creek Railway

Summer trains depart at 10.15am, 11.30am, 12.45pm, 2pm and 3.15pm daily with extra trains at 9am, 4.30pm and 5.45pm for 5 or more adults.

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Kiwi Can

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

We are nearly at the end of Term Four already. Boy this term has just flown by quickly.

Our tamariki along with our Kiwi Can leaders have had a super busy time participating in lessons around our theme Respect and learning that if we want others to respect us then we must have respect for ourselves and also show respect to others, by positive communication and being aware of how we speak to others with our tone of voice and body language.

As mentioned in the last Chronicle, on Thursday 22 October our KC leaders went to Auckland to watch the Kiwi Can Jam; this is an amazing celebration of talent from all the schools in Auckland that have Kiwi Can...wow, amazing!



Gemma and Marlene got to enjoy a fun-filled day at The Hamilton Zoo with Rooms 3 and 4 from the Coromandel Area School. We all had a blast and were super proud of our CAS students and how well behaved they were.

We also got to be part of Colville School's Pet Day. The morning was spent creating miniature gardens, sand saucers

and aqua jars. Wow! There was some awesome work done with these.

Then in the afternoon, all the pets were brought in. There was an awesome variety of pets from guinea pigs, baby chicks, chickens, goats, sheep and calves. Well done Colville what a great day!

Thursday 5 November was Athletics Day and wow, it was so nice to see the Coromandel Area School, Te Wharekura o Manaia, and Te Kura Kaupapa Maori o Harataunga coming together for athletics today. Ka mau te wehi.....

Our Kiwi Can team would like to wish you all a safe and happy Christmas. See you in 2016.

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

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

Sign up to Tiny Mighty Power. Nominate FYD Coromandel and they will donate \$50 to FYD Coromandel Kiwi Can for every new connection and \$12 if the connection continues every year.

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



Coromandel Youth Group - Christmas Holiday Programme

By Nadine Smith

13 December 2015 – 1 February 2016

Come and get creative with arts and crafts, be social, get active, play or just chill out! Youth Group is for children over 5 years. If coming for the day bring a packed lunch or money for hot chips or a pie. Entry fee for activities Monday to Thursday is \$2.00.

Opening times are:

11am-4pm Monday to Thursday (Christmas Eve 11am-1pm),

6-9pm Friday night (for years 7/8/9),

1-4pm Sunday.

We are not open Saturdays.

We will be closed **25 December until 2 January**, reopening on **Sunday 3 January 2016**.

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

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

Coromandel Playcentre

By Jenna James

We recently held our Coromandel Playcentre AGM, which was a successful and pleasant evening at Pepper Tree Restaurant. Thank you to those who have worked hard over the past year and to those who enthusiastically offered to take on new roles to keep our centre running and rocking for our awesome tamariki!

The past few sessions have been glorious and sunny, prompting the setup of the slip'n'slide! The children were delighted and it didn't take long for them to use their communication skills to negotiate safe play by going up one way and down the other. Many of them tried the said negotiation skills to avoid having to wear sunscreen and hats... to no avail!

Our centre has just purchased a selection of quality new resources for the sandpit including spades and trucks, some waterplay equipment and some fabulous new animals that have been used in a plethora of ways – washing in the water, burying in the sandpit, the construction of zoos and farms, and the extension of observation, communication and turn-taking skills! We also have some new implements for our "mud kitchen" and many of the children have enjoyed imagining ingredients out of sand, pouring, measuring, mixing, baking, decorating and setting the table. Such engaging role-play increases both their understanding of the world they live in, and works to develop positive interpersonal skills.

The Education Review Office are due to visit our centre next year and we are eager to show off our children's beautiful work and continued progression. I am sure they will be wowed – watch this space!

Well done to Carolin Hahn who completed the playcentre course one with so much enthusiasm! Your qualifications contribute directly to help keep our centre funded.

Email secretary, coroplaycentre@gmail.com to find out more or drop into a session on Tuesdays 10.30am-1pm or Fridays 9.45am-12.15pm. We are next to the Area School on Woollams Ave carpark – with bright cutouts on the fence



Aiyana and Nuriya rocking their babies to sleep

Coromandel Community Preschool

By Debra Attwood

We recently went on a trip to the bush around Papa Aroha and Pete has written this report below;

As part of Save Kiwi Month, a group of our children went on a field trip to a native forest block. Wearing packs with food and water, and accompanied by staff, parents and Natalie Collicott of Moeau Environment Group (who gave a talk about kiwi), they set off tramping.

Staff had prepared some learning experiences for them two days before, such as the dead possum they saw in a Timms trap, and the inked card in a tunnel which they inspected for footprints of small animals, like weta, rats, lizards, mice, rabbits, hedgehogs and possums.

Next, they visited a pitfall trap (a bucket set into the ground and baited with peanut butter and pear) and, while a pīpīwharuroa (shining cuckoo) sang to us from above and a kereru landed on a branch nearby, they

examined a variety of insects, which they then sent on their way.

At lunchtime we were visited by a bellbird and a tui. The children then visited an enormous pohutukawa that must have been 500 years old and was covered in epiphytes, before arriving at the beach. They quickly whipped their shoes off and had a paddle, whooping with glee as the little waves chased them back up the stones.

Some children did some rock climbing, some harvested oysters, and some checked on the young pohutukawa trees that a staff member and a parent had planted in winter.

The children had a taste of "real tramping" when a few drops of rain came down at the beach. The clouds that had obscured Moeau were now beginning to cover islands closer and closer to us. We quickly put on our shoes and coats and headed back up the track. The rain came on gradually, and by the time we arrived at the cars the rain was still quite light. Perfect timing!

The children had an exciting adventure, did some scientific research, removed some rubbish and learned about the beautiful coastal forest environment that the Coromandel has to offer.

Thanks to the adult helpers who drove the

cars and came tramping.

Our children's Christmas party will be held on **4 December** with a picnic out at Tucks Bay. Our last day of preschool for the year will be **Wednesday 23 December**.

Since our last report we have celebrated birthdays for Ngakau, Sophia-Rose, Tye, Savannah, and Waimana, and we wish them a very happy birthday. We said farewell to Tye, Sophia-Rose and Ngakau, who begin their learning journey at school. Welcome to Loiusa, Helena, Kayah, Indy, Kale, and Juan-Kaito; we look forward to learning more about you and your whānau.

At present we have spaces available in our under 2's area so if you have a child this age and are looking at preschool options come along for a visit. We are full on the over 2 years side but if you are looking for a quality early childhood centre come along and see if this is the right place for you and your child to begin their lifelong journey of learning; you can put your child's name on the waiting list if required. Check out our latest Education review on the website: <http://www.ero.govt.nz/Early-Childhood-School-Reports/Early-Childhood-Reports/Coromandel-Community-Preschool-18-11-2013>.

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



Coromandel Youth Project – How you can help support the youth of our town

By Ruby Powell

Our youth centre for 12- to 18-year-olds down at the netball centre just keeps getting better and better. All it really lacks now is more members of our community to get involved!

We need more people to volunteer to be on the Friday night roster. We need more people willing to help organise in-house workshops or fun days. We need more help with fundraising and to donate food. We need more people to take our vibrant youth on trips. We need you.

We get a diverse range of youngsters coming down to the centre that really benefit from forming relationships with positive adult role models and also teach us a lot. How much they achieve and what the youth centre will become depends on how much time and energy the community is willing to put into it.

You don't need to volunteer to be on every Friday evening – once a month is great – and any input is hugely welcomed.

Coromandel Youth Project is open to all teenagers and open Fridays from 6-9pm and runs day trips and programs in the holidays and on some weekends.

If you are interested in finding out more or ready to volunteer, contact Ruby on 022 102 7414, Coral on 027 937 2589 or Caro on (07) 866 8351. You can find out about upcoming events by visiting the youth centre or by finding us on Facebook

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Te Rerenga School

Learning, it's what we do...

By Anna Yates

Term 4 is flying by at our school with new and exciting opportunities for our enthusiastic learners each week.

We have had a new music teacher, Rhys, join us for in-school private music lessons this term and they are proving to be extremely popular with our school families and students. We have 2 days of lessons booked with Rhys each week as our students learn to play the drums, guitar, recorder, ukulele and piano. It is awesome to hear our school whare filled with music as our students have their scheduled lessons as well as lots of optional practice at break times. We will be scheduling even more of Rhys's precious time next year as our music specialist and we love this new area of learning developing within our school.

Our Room 4 class have returned from their opportunity-filled, week-long, Wellington school camp. We flew to Wellington on Monday and had a week crammed full of exciting adventures. We went to Te Papa, the Planetarium, Tenpin bowling, the cable car, Capital E for 3-D game design and newscast recording, took the train to a wave pool and hydrosides, visited Parliament, and had a sleepover and night tour of the zoo.



Scott Simpson met us at Parliament and answered all of our students' burning questions. We were really grateful he gave up some of his busy morning to meet with us before we walked around Parliament, learning about all those places we've only seen on TV or heard about. For some of our students it was their first ever plane ride and this was a highlight in itself!

Every student has a different highlight from their camp week and these included the three hydrosides, Jayden taking out round 1 of tenpin bowling, feeding sunbears their breakfast, angry baboons, the amazing Gallipoli exhibits, charades on the train, an unexpected bush walk in the botanic gardens and eating Japanese food at Wagamama with chopsticks.

Taking 22 children to Wellington is an expensive exercise and we were extremely fortunate to have the financial support of the Lion Foundation and Pub Charity in assisting us to travel to Wellington and have such fantastic educational programmes. Our school and BOT are committed to providing every opportunity possible for our learners and the BOT contribution supplemented the fundraising and parent contributions to make this camp affordable and achievable. Thank you also to our amazing R4 teacher, Fiona Watts and our enthusiastic parent volunteers, Miriam, Kelly, Richard and Paul, who gave our students care and attention 24/7 while we were away.

Not wanting to be left out of exciting, learning-filled adventures in the city, our year 2-4 students travelled to Auckland this month. They slept overnight at Kelly Tarlton's, wore off some energy at Jump trampoline park, attended an education session at the museum and relaxed at Miranda Hot Springs to break up the drive back home. They had a fabulous



Our year 5-8 students in Wellington

time with many stories to tell on their return back to school!

In the midst of all this excitement classroom learning programmes are also still continuing as our students strive to meet their learning goals in this last term of the year. Our school roll is growing again with many new entrants starting both this term and in early 2016. We will be starting 2016 with four classrooms due to our thriving school roll. We will have a dedicated New Entrant/Year 1 class starting the year with nine children, a year 2/3 class, a year 4/5 class and a year 6-8 class of 20 children. All of our incredible teachers are returning for 2016.

If you are enrolling your child with us for 2016 please give us a ring in the school office on (07) 866 4096 or email admin@tererenga.school.nz as this helps us with our class organisation for the New Year and we can schedule some pre-school visits if your child is a new entrant.

This year we have Briar and Sheridan O'Keeffe and Ben Fowler leaving us as year 8's for high school. We have a leavers' dinner scheduled in December at Pepper Tree Restaurant for these three amazing people. We know they will be outstanding in their future education and will so miss having them here with us as leaders, as learners and as really great people.

Have a wonderful Christmas and holiday and we hope that all of our students enjoy a well-deserved summer break filled with lots of happy family time in our beautiful home of the Coromandel.



Jayden, Sheridan and Briar after feeding some sunbears their breakfast at Wellington Zoo

Coromandel Area School

Visit to the Hamilton Zoo

Rooms Four and Five were lucky enough to be selected to visit the Hamilton Zoo on Wednesday 28 October, and take part in The Warehouse Zoofari Programme. This provided the students with an opportunity to receive learning experiences at the zoo for no cost.

Here is a comment from one student describing his exciting visit.

"Yesterday we went to the zoo. We saw some giraffes close up, eating a branch. It was cool. We went on a bus. The type of bus we went on was a Murphy bus. We also went to see chimpanzees. It took two hours to get there." Coby.

Marco Salewsky catches a Sea Snake

On Saturday 31 October, while fishing off the Port Charles Wharf, I got a tug on my snapper rod. After a while, it didn't seem like I was going to get another bite, so I started to reel the line in. I thought it was snagged on the bottom on some seaweed or rocks, so I gave it a good pull. Suddenly my rod started to bend and I realised I had something on, and so I brought it up close to the wharf. I thought it was a normal sea eel, but then I saw the teeth and shape and realised it was no eel, more a snake looking thing. After photographing my catch, I brought it up on the wharf. When I did this, it started to bite itself and then it strangled itself on the fishing line. A mate said it was a snake eel. I asked a few people what it was and none of them had ever heard of a snake eel, let alone seen one. That's how my Halloween went – I might not have got any lollies, but I got the catch of my life!

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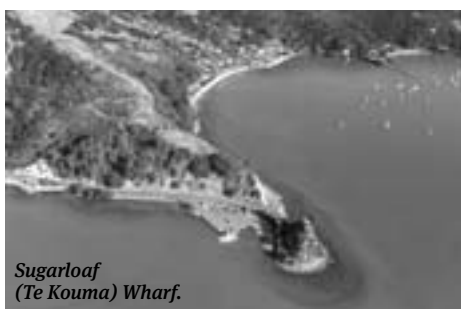
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Piled Wharf could be best option for Sugarloaf Wharf Improvements

Our Council has been in discussions over the past year with the Coromandel Marine Farmers Association (CoroMFA) around improvements at the Sugarloaf Wharf as part of our Coromandel Harbour Facilities Project. Through discussions a piled wharf attached to the existing reclamation at the Sugarloaf (Te Kouma) Wharf is becoming the preferred option for improvements to this facility.

The CoroMFA Executive Sub-Committee have indicated that the structure that possibly best suits their future needs is a piled wharf attached to the existing reclamation.

Parallel to this, we're working to resolve land ownership title for reclaimed land at the Sugarloaf, which requires on-going iwi input and consultation. Our Council owns the infrastructure upon the reclamation but we don't have the title to the foreshore and seabed related to the reclamation. Iwi have signalled their proprietary interests in the foreshore and seabed, and therein the footprint upon which the reclamation sits.



Sugarloaf
(Te Kouma) Wharf.

The 'Inner Harbour' concept

The 'Inner Harbour' concept relates to investigating the longer-term option of development around Coromandel Wharf, which could accommodate a commercial area, space for charter boats, recreational and ferry usage. Potentially a model of marina and on-shore activity to help offset development costs if there is sufficient investment interest.

The price tag on this could be up to \$50 - \$60M, so Council has given support to go out to potential funders using a Partnership Proposal Document (PPD), which is an investor-styled document which we can take to market to get a better understanding of whether the inner Harbour development will get financial backing.

A draft of the "Partnership Proposal document" was presented to Council at its meeting in late October and will be released for public viewing once it's had its final sign-off.

If our preferred option for the Inner Harbour doesn't progress for whatever reason, an alternative proposal for development at Furey's Creek could also be taken into consideration.

Coromandel Pier Project

The Coromandel Pier Project is a separate and independent concept developed by Driving Creek Railway founder and renowned artist Barry Brickell and his team looking at the development of a "pier" extending out from Coromandel Harbour.

This is not a Council-led initiative, and is not Council's preferred option, however when options were under consideration we did contribute \$10k earlier this year to support work on a business case around the concept.

www.tcdc.govt.nz/coroharbourproject

Dog policy and bylaw

Proposed changes out for feedback and closing soon

There is still time to have your say about the proposed changes to our policy on dogs and our dog control bylaw. Submissions close at 4pm on Monday 7 December 2015. To read the proposal and make a submission go to www.tcdc.govt.nz/dogsreview

A new policy and bylaw won't come into effect until mid-2016 so until then the current rules apply.



Summer Refuse Transfer Station Hours

**Monday 26 December 2015
– Sunday 28 February 2016**

The transfer station listed below has facilities to accept recyclable materials, green waste, scrap steel, car batteries, household quantities of waste oil and chemicals. If you miss your rubbish collection, transfer stations will accept your official blue bags and recycling for FREE.

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Monday to Friday	12:30pm to 5:30pm
Saturday	10:30am to 5:30pm
Sunday	10:30am to 7:30pm
Public Holiday	10:30am to 7:30pm

www.tcdc.govt.nz/rts

FIRE BAN

Fire permits will be issued with a maximum duration of 14 days (2 weeks). A Total Fire Ban starts on 20 December 2015 through to 8 February 2016. This means no permits will be issued during this time – and this period could be extended depending on weather. We will also be monitoring our Daily Fire Indices around the Coromandel.

www.tcdc.govt.nz/fire



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Parking around the Hannaford's Wharf and Sugarloaf

Parking at the Te Kouma wharf facilities (Sugarloaf) and nearby Hannaford's Wharf in the Coromandel Harbour is at a premium and there is currently no park and ride service.

Right now we are asking all users to use appropriate and legal safe parking areas, and consider courtesy and safety of traffic and pedestrians, when using either the Sugarloaf or Te Kouma wharf facilities. Council intends to proactively enforce no-parking areas throughout the summer to ensure public safety in these areas.

New signage is also being put in place as part of the amended no-parking areas, which was signed-off during our recent bylaw review.

Our Council is currently in discussions with the Coromandel Charter Boat Association about how we can reduce the impact this activity has on Te Kouma Rd and there are several sites that we are investigating as potential "park and ride" parking areas.



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Arts

Coromandel Christmas Exhibition

The 27th "Coromandel Christmas Exhibition" is on from **20 December 2015 to 8 January 2016** at Hauraki House Art Gallery.

Artists exhibiting: Ian Webster, Michael Smither, Gian McGregor, Cindy Alger, Barry Brickell, Wailin Elliott, Christy Benton, Rex Brett, Allan Beaver, Lindsay Garmson, Bronwynne Cornish, Bev Thatcher, Barbara Von Seida, Rod McCloed, Diane Cade, Tracy Johnson, Stuart Fyfe, Mike Cogswell, Fiona Tunnicliffe, Mara Herman, Virginia O'Sullivan, Ian Crighton, Jan Linklater, Kay Ogilvie, Mike Barton, John Madden, Eric Lyons, Mike O'Donnell, Ray Morley, Petra Meyboden, Jan Koshian, Ian Dalzell, Sue Pidgeon, Tanya Popp, Ken Ballard, Peter Sephton, Caitlin Moloney, Evelyn Siegrist, Paul Armstrong, Uli Chistophenson, Richard Crisp, Arron Larson, Paul Lorimor, Michelle Blake, Kevin Brett.

Opening at 6pm on **Sunday 20 December** – everyone is welcome.

Coromandel-Colville Art Group

By Christine Lunn

We have continued to support the Coromandel Colville area with a display and sales table at the Colville market with very pleasing results. As well as selling several items we are able to promote our group and welcome new members. We will be there again in December. We now have the facility to mount and frame work.

Presently our meetings are held on Thursdays at Ladybug gallery in Colville. New members are welcome to join us.

Our last meeting of the year is on **10 December** where members bring a shared lunch.

Initial contact can be made with President Sue Hughes on 07 211 9774 or mobile 021 142 1124 or Secretary Christine Lunn on (07) 866 7220 or mobile 021 484 118

COLVILLE ART SHOW

Paintings by

**ROD MACLEOD
BARRY BRICKELL
MICHAEL SMITHER
LINDSAY GARMSON**

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Coromandel Players

By Liz Cameron

The Coromandel Players are taking to the streets again!

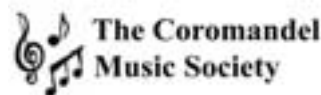
Watch out for us on **5 December**. After our Santa Parade, we will be singing a few Christmas songs to entertain you, then again on **23 December**, when we will sing Christmas carols in the street.

We welcome any old players, new players, or those who love to sing to join us.

Call Liz 027 494 1188 or Don (07) 866 8885 for rehearsal times

Coromandel Music Society – The Beat Goes On

By Robin Münch



What the does the Coromandel Music Society do? Do we get together and play musical instruments? Are we music lovers who have small meetings to listen to our favourite music? Do we offer music lessons to Coromandel residents? No, no, no.

We organise concerts for the people of Coromandel. We're a charitable society whose aim is to provide a wide range of music to all members of the public. The committee members are volunteers and money from ticket sales and other activities such as raffles, pays for artists. If we don't sell tickets, we can't provide concerts. So we hope you'll support our concerts.

The Beat Goes On – January 2016

Fabulous girl group, the Beatgirls, is coming to town with your favourite groovy hits from the 60's and the following decades. The nationally and internationally famous Beatgirls perform with sassy choreography, humour, great costumes and a fabulous repertoire that's guaranteed to have you dancing.

Flamboyant and ever-popular, the Beatgirls have appeared at hundreds of gigs and events including the Sydney and Athens Olympic Games organisers' events, NBC's Today Show, All Blacks and Super 12 pre-matches, weddings, conferences, festivals, launches and more. You can read rave reviews and testimonials on their website www.thebeatgirls.com and follow their page on Facebook.

This is a show you won't want to miss! And to make sure that your friends and loved ones enjoy it too, you can buy tickets before Christmas to put under the tree!

If you really want to get "in the mood", gather a group of friends, break out your boots, scour your wardrobe for memorabilia, tease that beehive, and get ready to Go-Go. There'll be a prize for the best dressed female and the best dressed male.

Date: **Saturday 23 January 2016**. Gates open at 5pm for meals and bar. Concert begins at 7pm at The Mussel Kitchen, corner Tiki Rd and the 309 Rd, Coromandel. Tickets from Coromandel Town Information Centre and the Mussel Kitchen are \$25 full price, \$20 gold card holders, free for children 12 years and under.



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Coromandel Writers

By Lora Mountjoy

Five of us gathered at Lora's house for our November meeting. In a break with tradition we began with a cup of coffee, then quickly moved on to tackle the spontaneous writing exercise. Writers were asked to list five words they really like – for whatever reason. Then came the hard bit, fitting all of these words into a story about a party, or celebration. Imaginations were engaged and a rich variety of writing was the result.

We then discussed the books we have been reading, which turned out to include several non-fiction works, as well as novels: *Olive Ketteridge*, *Bruno* and *Wintergarden*, plus the collected works of Agatha Christie. As it was close to Memorial Day Barbara shared the well known and still moving poem "In Flanders Field" and Lora read "A Collection of Small Things" by Nicholas Reid, which she found in the latest "Landfall" (borrowed from the Thames Library).

After lunch and cake, it was time to share our homework on the topic of "Refugees". As well as excellent pieces of writing ranging from fiction to philosophical contemplation, members noted that the subject had stimulated a lot of thought about the issue.

Next meeting will be on **10 December** and will include a shared lunch. The homework topic is "Standing on shaky ground".

If you are interested in joining Coromandel Writers please contact Barbara on (07) 866 8299



Coromandel Art Group

By Lindsay Nicholls

Exciting! Our group project has finally been pieced together and looks amazing, with twenty different canvas blocks, all carefully painted and then collated to create a stunning piece of our Coromandel Harbour view. We are very proud of the way it's pieced together and also the effort of all our artists. Some of them had just joined and were offered a canvas block in their first week! Well done to our new artists especially and to our whole group.

We will be having our Xmas windup in December with fun and games before a wonderful Xmas spread. Many thanks to Val for her dedication and work behind the scenes for another good year.

Our exhibition this year will not have an opening night. So the first day open to the public is **Friday 22 January**. We are opening an extra day this year to finish on **Sunday 7 February**.

There are a few adverts around stating the 6th is our closing day but that is incorrect. We are open daily from 10am to 4 pm. It's free, so come along and spend half an hour browsing. It will be great to see you.

The Arty lot wish you all a colourful Xmas. Some of you may get an adult colouring book in your stocking! Wouldn't that be great! Merry Xmas Coromandel.

Put Some Colour in Your Life

By Ernie Le Heron

On 10 November, a film crew from the Australian art programme "Put Some Colour in Your Life" visited Coromandel and spent the whole day filming/interviewing local multi-award winning artist Barbara von Seida at work in her studio. Barbara demonstrated her particular style of landscape painting using Stony Bay as the subject and also elaborated on what continues to motivate her.

The presenter, Graeme Stevenson, was captivated with local scenery and was left in no doubt as to what it was that inspired Barbara to concentrate on painting images of the Coromandel Peninsula. "You have it all outside the window! -- and if I had a desire to move, this is an area I would choose to live in" he said enthusiastically.

The episode featuring Barbara will air on the Sky Arts Channel 20 as well as the free to air channels CTV and Shine early in the New Year. It will also be available on YouTube.

The film crew spent 10 days in New Zealand filming a total of six other artists at work in their studios, from Orewa in the north to Christchurch in the south.



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Moehau Environment Group

By Natalie Collicott

Save Kiwi Month

October has come and gone, and it's time to reflect on another successful Save Kiwi month. It was an eventful month. We had a movie night at Moon Hair Salon where patrons soaked up the intimate setting while feasting on local gourmet sausages. Four Square donated a mouth-watering suite of delicacies which the lovely ladies at BNZ raffled off for us (congratulations to Leanne Mahon for winning the draw).

I visited local schools to raise awareness of our national icon. We particularly enjoyed an outing with Coromandel Playcentre to Papa Aroha. The kids got to discover what



lives in the bush, dip their toes in the ocean and play bush detectives for the day.

We auctioned off some amazing packages on Trademe, raising \$999 for kiwi protection. Huge thanks to Diane Arundel from Harcourts, and the owners of Sea Perch, Kaka Cottage, Castaway Cottage, Pepper Tree and Mana Retreat for donating experiences.

Our trail cameras captured our first glimpses of Ronnie, a male Coromandel brown kiwi who lives near Port Charles. He was incubating eggs, but sadly these have turned out to be infertile. Ronnie has abandoned this nest, but hopefully it is early enough in the breeding season that he will lay another clutch. To watch the video clip of Ronnie, visit our Facebook page.

Last but not least, we erected our giant kiwi sculpture at Port Charles. If you haven't spotted him yet, he is worth a visit. Standing over 2 metres tall and made from corten steel, he is a kiwi of epic proportions. It took a few hands, some kiwi ingenuity and a couple of tractors, before the kiwi was installed on Labour Weekend. He can be found on the road to Port Charles, just after the second bridge and Port Charles welcome sign. It really is an eye-catching piece, with a simple message: kiwi live here.

Funding Success

Moehau Environment Group has secured more funds to help fuel on-the-ground conservation work. Funding from the Department of Conservation's Community Conservation Partnership fund will allow us

Bush Bites

"Grey warbler eggs on the ground, it must be spring, the shining cuckoo is back."

"When we see more evidence of kiwi than of possums, we'll know our job's done"

"Went running up Success Track this weekend. Took a rat out of trap six and a stoat out of fifteen."

to grow the number of volunteers involved in conservation on the Coromandel. We know that for conservation to be sustainable, we need more "boots on the ground". This funding will allow us to engage our wider community and help grow the volunteer pool.

We're pretty happy with the funding announcement, as it means we can forge ahead with plans to extend the area under kiwi protection. Part of the three-year grant will be used to connect our Coromandel Kiwi Project and MEG Kiwi Sanctuary, to provide safe corridors for young kiwi looking for a home. The funding will also allow us to continue our environmental education and volunteer programmes, and provide support for landowners wanting to protect biodiversity on their properties.

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



MEG Port Charles farmer Colin Caldwell helps lend a hand, as Lettecia Williams and Diance Prince guide the kiwi into place

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Coromandel Kiwi Project

By Jeff Williams

The Coromandel Peninsula is the native home for a unique group of brown kiwi – the Coromandel brown kiwi. The Coromandel brown kiwi is distinct from other populations of brown kiwi based on its genetic makeup and behaviour. As an endangered species on the IUCN Red List, the plight (not flight) of the kiwi is recognized throughout the world. But its survival rests on local actions.

On the eastern side of the Coromandel Range on the Kuaotunu Peninsula, Project Kiwi Trust has been managing kiwi conservation for 20 years. It was the first community-based project in New Zealand to protect kiwi and over the years has set numerous benchmarks and precedents for conservation.

The 400 volunteers and trustees of Project Kiwi have established predator control on 2850 hectares of private land with the goal that kiwi footprints will always be seen on the Kuaotunu Peninsula. They actively participate with Operation Nest Egg to nurture kiwi chicks until they are of sufficient weight and strength to be returned to the wild within the Trust's operational area.

As a result of these continuing conservation and education activities, the residents of Kuaotunu regularly hear kiwi calls at night. Imagine if we had the same success here in the township.

The Coromandel Kiwi Project works year round to remove introduced predators from the hills near the township. We are a volunteer organization and can offer hours of entertainment walking tracks and clearing traps. Please contact coromandel-kiviprject@meg.org.nz if you'd like to join in or make a donation

CLAIM - keeping Coromandel mining-free

By Lora Mountjoy

Tonight I have fish for my dinner, a gift from a neighbour and a healthy treat. Today I have been contacting family and friends who are planning to spend some of the summer here on our lovely land and beaches. The gifts of the sea, the environment which nourishes us, these are the things we all value and the very things which could be ruined if the gold mining industry were allowed to get a foothold here.

The recent tailings dam disaster in Brazil is another reminder of how one failure can pollute forever. If something like that happened here, could we safely eat the mussels and fish? If mining trucks were on our roads, would visitors want to risk the drive?

For these and many other reasons the members of Coromandel Lobby Against Indiscriminate Mining (CLAIM) are dedicated to opposing efforts to restart a toxic extractive industry from which our land is only just recovering. Some of us went to Waihi a few weeks ago as part of an "unwelcoming" committee to tell the new mine and permit owners, Oceana Gold, that they are not wanted here. Members also wrote to the company directors, suggesting that instead of digging up the ground, they look at the gold to be sourced from recycling electronic equipment.

According to a study done by the United Nations University there is 40-50 times more gold in a ton of old computers and cellphones than there is in a ton of gold-bearing rock. Currently only 15% of the worlds "e-waste" is being recycled.

If you want to know more we will be at the Keltic Fair again this summer, and information is also available on the Coromandel Watchdog website www.watchdog.org.nz and on their Facebook page.

How you can help

Bumper stickers are available for only \$2 from Umu and the Colville Store. Slap one on your car and spread the word wherever you go.

Buy a raffle ticket and be in to win a 24-hour fishing trip for up to eight people on the MV Te Wairoa. Available at the Colville Store, Umu and from CLAIM members.

Postcards with artwork by Cindy Alger and T-shirts designed by Daniel Kirsch will also be on sale at the Colville Store, Keltic Fair and other locations yet to be sorted.

Don't be dispirited. Though the odds may seem stacked in favour of big companies, we've faced them down before and can do it again if we need to. Wishing you a happy holiday season.

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Sport

Coromandel Community Recreational Society Trust Waikato Events Centre (Community Swimming Pool Complex)

By Debra Attwood

It has been a great start to the season with some fantastic warm weather and the pool temperature even getting up to 30° for a time. Our pool is solar heated and therefore there will be some fluctuation in temperature depending on weather conditions. Our morning swimming is going well and we are open for business most days. Come along and try swimming. It is a great way to wake up and get going in the morning, swimming or walking a few laps in the pool. Over the summer holidays it is a great place for the children and adults to spend the day, swimming and enjoying the company at the pool complex; no sand and no waiting for the tide. We have a tuck shop selling snack food, tea, coffee and we now have Eftpos.

Learn to swim lessons

We will be holding a block course of learn to swim lessons from **Monday 4 January** for a two-week period; get your registrations in early. This course will be held in the mornings between 9am and 12pm each day. Demands for these lessons are high so get your registrations in early to secure a place. Cost \$60 for eight ½-hour lessons. Call in to the pool for registration details.

Pool Hours until 11 December 2015

Mornings: Monday – Saturday 6-8am

Afternoons: Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 3-5pm

Saturday & Sunday: 12-5pm

Pool Hours 12 December to 2 February 2016

Mornings: Monday – Saturday 6-8am

Daily: 12-5pm (Closed Christmas Day)

Entry Costs

Adults \$4, students and seniors \$3, preschoolers 0-5yrs \$1, spectators \$1. Concession cards are available as well; call in to the pool and check out the great deals.

Remember, if you are looking for a venue to hire for a day, night, afternoon our hall is available contact Debra Ph (07) 866 7660, mobile 027 348 2400 or email debmark62@hotmail.com

Coromandel Golf Club

By Peter Gray

The Coromandel Ladies had a big day when they hosted the Thames Valley Bronze 2 & 3 Champion of Champions on Friday 6 November.

The Coromandel team dominated the day winning all individual and the team events. Jenny Coatsworth took out the Bronze 2 (92 gross) from Glenda Baily – Te Aroha (102 gross). Philippa Medlock won the Bronze 3 (103 gross) from Dianne Stanfield – Thames (105 gross).

The Coromandel team of Jenny, Philippa and Bronwyn Verner also took out the team event with a combined nett of 211.

The Course combined with the great weather provided a very successful day with the many visitors remarking on the excellent presentation of the Course.

The big weekend at the Club continued with the annual visit of the Auckland Eagles with approximately 40 players teeing off. The day was won by Coromandel President Ed Buckett with 49 pts from Malcolm Stone 47 and David Lunn 42.

The Club also took out the annual shield by a point decided by a number of random cards from each group. The visitors again praised the course presentation, wonderful catering and the hospitality.

The weekend also hosted the annual Pratt Family gathering on the Saturday morning.

The Men's Top Dog event over two rounds was taken out by the pairing of Graeme McGowan and David Lunn from Ed Buckett and Jim Davies, with Malcolm Stone and Kevin O'Keefe third.

There were a few "best" achievements over the month with David Lunn cracking "100" and Malcolm Stone having an 82 off the stick. Unfortunately for David, the YTD best net score, the ink was not dry when Ed Buckett had a 57 nett (49 pts) the next day and took great delight in wiping David's score and adding his own. Malcolm was also shocked to see his 47 pts on the Eagles day eclipsed by Ed's 49 pts.

My Aussie trip was not long enough as these three "English Gentlemen" were still taking about their rounds when I got back.

Calendar

Saturday 5 December – Closing Day, AGM, Eagles salver (P)

Saturday 12 December – Coromandel Xmas Tournament (C) 10.30am tee.



Coromandel Recreational Fishing Club

By Allison

Hi to everyone from the Coromandel Recreational Fishing Club.

Here's hoping December brings some settled weather and it will be a lovely Xmas and New Year.

Very disappointing that we couldn't run the Labour Weekend Competition; really was down to the weather. We didn't want to have anyone going out in adverse weather. Like predicted it was rather unsettled and very windy. Next competition is Anniversary Weekend and Classy Chicks **12 March 2016**.

October Fish of the Month for Club members – \$100 was won by Madison Burgess with a 2.131kg kahawai.

Fish of the Month for December is trevally.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year.

We will be back in January with a list of prize winners from the Club presented at our Xmas party held on 21 November.

Email coromandelfishingclub@gmail.com with any interesting fishing stories you may wish to share with us; look forward to hearing from you.

Coromandel Swimming Club

By Debra Attwood

Swimming Club is going strong and we will continue to operate through the holiday period with three sessions per week for our club and competitive swimmers and twice a week for our junior development team. We are still taking registrations so if you are interested come along and give it a go.

Learn to swim classes have started and these are going well, there will be another set of classes in early January and also in February so give us a call but be quick as they fill up fast. If you are interested, call in to the pool and fill out a registration form.

Our competitive swimmers will be starting their season with a meet in Waihi and a pre-Christmas meet in Hamilton. Our club race nights

are held every second Wednesday with some great competition.

It is fantastic to see when our swimmers achieve personal best times; it shows us that hard work and perseverance pay off.

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

Coromandel Croquet Club

By Judy Bronlund

We play croquet on Tuesday and Saturday mornings as well as on a Thursday afternoon, our lawns are in Woollams Ave beside the bowling green. Our members appreciate playing on the smoother lawns, and are having to don sun hats. This is a welcome change to our woollen ones. We welcome new members as well as visitors. Seasons greetings.

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

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BOWLING CLUB NEWS

A very important milestone occurred on November 9th when the CCC became an incorporated society. This was the final stage of the formation of the parent club of the RSA and the Bowling Club, cementing the two together. What is even more delightful is that members of both clubs have already been enjoying coming together and didn't need to wait for any formal declaration. The atmosphere is just tremendous with full turnouts at bowling tournaments and local matches, good attendance at RSA and Bowling club days with members from each club attending – the Club is firmly formed.

The weather is now turning to summer! And although no postponements as yet there have been a few close calls and lots of windy days to contend with. The first championship teams have been found, the Women's 4s skipped by our patron Eunice Macdonald with Raewyn Berghan, Linda Wright and Natalie Taylor and the Men's 4s carried to victory by Graeme Goss, with Reg Wright, Eddie Budd and Alan Rose. The Open Alternate fours sponsored by the Royal Oak Hotel Tapu was won by the team of Lindsay Nicholls, Dolly Welch, Shirley Stol and Maureen Kimber and congratulations especially go to Lindsay as winner of the Thames Valley Women's Open Singles Championship. The club mixed 2x4x2 tournament saw Reg and Maureen winning all their games!

We have fun roll-ups on Saturdays from 1 p.m. – you don't have to join, just come and have a go. Or become a social member and watch – you will prefer to bowl, just ask the Twilight Bowlers whose teams have played every Tuesday evening filling the rinks to capacity, having a great time bowling followed by prizes and a sausage sizzle. December 1st is the final Twilight bowling night, so dress-up your teams and win the best-dressed prize – one team will also become the overall champion of this year's Twilight season.

The Club is all about creating a venue that is welcoming and friendly, where you can have fun with friends old and new, join the social evenings of both clubs, and play fun or competitive bowls. It is all there for Coromandel town to enjoy. We would love to see you over the summer holiday period and beyond. Don't forget to book functions and meetings in our comfortable functional club room.



Style of a champion

RSA NEWS

Thanks to those who attended Armistice Day on 11 November. We will continue to commemorate this most important day along with many towns and cities throughout New Zealand.

As this column goes to press we are joining with the citizens of Paris in trying to come to terms with the needless violence which has disrupted their lives, and will surely disrupt all of our lives for some time to come.

You will have had your first vote on the flag by now. I hope you didn't waste your vote. The next vote is the one that counts.

We have new stocks of the very popular poppy badges (the single poppy and the silver fern and poppy). They are available across the bar at The Club. Also a limited number of "Field of Crosses" badges.

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Coromandel Town weekly and monthly meetings

Every Monday

Boot camp with Catherine Stephen at Coro Gym.....6am
 Coro Gym – Step/aerobics, Peg (07) 866 8635.....8am
 Mahamudra Centre, guided meditation in gompas.....8.30-9am
 Coromandel Hikers Group, Hauraki House,
 Colin & Elspeth (07) 866 7137.....9am
 Monday Walkers, Irene 021 157 8408.....9am
 Colville Social Services Collective,
 Colville Hall, (07) 866 6920.....9am-3pm
 Kohanga Reo o Kapanga, (07) 866 8417.....9am-3pm
 Coro Gym – Sit and be fit, Peg (07) 866 8635.....9.30am
 Coro Gym – Fitness and Fun, Judy (07) 866 8637.....10.30am
 Coro Gym – Kick fit with Christajo, 155 Pottery Lane,
 021 033 9329.....5.30-6.30pm
 Thump Boxing classes with Catherine Stephen at Coromandel
 Area School.....5.30pm
 Shrinking Violets, Betsie (07) 866 7076.....5.30pm
 Coro Contract Bridge, Coro Ambulance rooms,
 Lyn (07) 866 8858.....7pm
 Four-part harmony singing, Sue (07) 866 8833.....7.30pm

Every Tuesday

Homeschoolers gathering, Julene (07) 866 8005.....
 Mahamudra Centre, guided meditation in gompas.....8.30-9am
 Colville Bay Early Learning Centre, rear Colville School,
 Alex (07) 866 8319.....9am-3pm
 Coro Walking Group, Ruth (07) 866 7246.....9am
 Swissball Training – Hi-Tech Health & Fitness, Marlene
 (07) 866 8019.....9am
 Colville Social Services Collective, Colville Hall,
 (07) 866 6920.....9am-3pm
 Kohanga Reo o Kapanga, (07) 866 8417.....9am-3pm
 Music and Dance, Elim Church- Preschoolers Dance Group, Dawn
 (07) 866 8150.....9.30-11am
 Coro Ladies Golf, Peter (07) 866 7633.....tee off 10am
 Yoga, Colville Hall, (07) 866 6612.....10am
 Croquet, Woollams Ave, Judy (07) 866 8637.....9.45am
 Coromandel Playcentre, Woollams Ave.....10.30am-1pm
 Narcotics Anonymous meeting, 021 314 467.....12 noon
 500 card session at the Bowling Club, (07) 866 8886.....1pm
 Coro Gym – Fitness and Fun, Judy (07) 866 8637.....1pm
 Coro Cub Scouts, Scout Hall, Hauraki House,
 Abby Morgan (07) 211 9790.....4-6pm
 Beginners Yoga with Becks, Coro Gym, \$7.
 027 407 0079.....5.20-6.40pm
 Ambulance training, Felix (07) 866 8279.....7-9pm
 Coro Motorcycle Club, Star & Garter,
 John (07) 866 6776.....7-9pm
 Swissball Training – Hi-Tech Health & Fitness,
 Marlene (07) 866 8019.....7pm
 Badminton, school gymnasium, racquets available,
 Josh 021 0839 7825 or Nadine 022 174 5524.....7pm

Every Wednesday

Boot camp with Catherine Stephen at Coro Gym.....6am
 Dharma Gaia, Meditation, (07) 866 7995.....6-7am
 Dharma Gaia, Sitting & Walking Meditation,
 (07) 866 7995.....7.30-9pm
 Coro Gym – Step/aerobics, Peg (07) 866 8635.....8am
 Mahamudra Centre, guided meditation in gompas.....8.30-9am
 Early Learning Centre, rear Colville School,
 Linda or Alex (07) 866 8319.....9am-3pm
 Colville Social Services Collective, Colville Hall,
 (07) 866 6920.....9am-3pm
 Kohanga Reo o Kapanga, (07) 866 8417.....9am-3pm
 Coro Gym – Sit and be fit, Peg (07) 866 8635.....9.30am
 Coro Gym – Fitness & Fun, Judy (07) 866 8637.....10.30am
 Coromandel Golf Club – mens, Hauraki Rd,
 Peter (07) 866 7633.....tee off 12.30pm
 Scrabble Club, Joan for venue on (07) 866 7580.....1pm
 Coro Tennis Club – club night, Gayle (07) 866 8063.....4pm
 Wing Chun Kung Fu- Hong Kong Style,
 Chi Sau Club 027 283 0773.....4.30-8.30pm
 Running Group, meet at rugby club grounds.
 Mark 027 338 6697 or (07) 866 7660.....5-6.15pm
 Coro Gym – Pump with Betty, (07) 866 8635.....5.30-6.30pm
 Thump Boxing classes with Catherine Stephen at Coromandel
 Area School.....5.30pm
 Circuit Training – Hi-Tech Health & Fitness,
 Marlene (07) 866 8019.....7pm
 Yoga, Events Centre (behind info centre) \$8,
 Jessica (07) 866 8405.....7-8.30pm
 Discussion night-optional pot luck dinner, Mahamudra Centre,
 (07) 866 6851.....dinner 6pm, meeting 7-8.30pm
 Walking & sitting meditation, Dharma Gaia Centre,
 (07) 866 7995.....7.30-9pm

Every Thursday

Mahamudra Centre, guided meditation in gompas.....8.30-9am
 Coro Walking Group, Ruth (07) 866 7246.....9am
 Coro Art Group, St Andrews Church,
 Val (07) 866 8911.....9am-12pm
 Colville Bay Early Learning Centre, rear Colville School,
 Linda or Alex (07) 866 8319.....9am-3pm
 Kohanga Reo o Kapanga, (07) 866 8417.....9am-3pm
 Meditation for Everyone, in Pyramid
 (behind Driving Creek Cafe).....10-11am
 Tai Ji, Top Floor, Waikato Events Centre,
 Sol (07) 866 8971.....10-11am
 Coro Gym – Fitness & Fun, Judy (07) 866 8637.....10.30am

Coro Gym—Ukulele group practice for beginners,
 Peg (07) 866 8635
 Bowling Club Housie, Sharan (07) 866 7760.....from 1pm
 Coro Community Garden, Glover St,
 Louis (07) 866 8866.....2-4pm
 Service of the Word & Holy communion, St Colmans church,
 Jocelyn (07) 866 7126.....5pm
 Coro Gym – Kick fit with Christajo, 021 033 9329.....5.30-6.30pm
 Swissball Training – Hi-Tech Health & Fitness,
 Marlene (07) 866 8019.....7pm

Every Friday

Boot camp with Catherine Stephen at Coro Gym.....6am
 Circuit Training – Hi-Tech Health & Fitness,
 Marlene (07) 866 8019.....6am
 Coro Gym – step/aerobics, Peg (07) 866 8635.....8-9am
 Colville Bay Early Learning Centre, 3-4 yr olds, rear Colville
 School, Linda (07) 866 8319.....9am-3pm
 Mahamudra Centre, guided meditation in gompas.....8.30-9am
 Colville Bay Early Learning Centre, rear Colville School,
 Linda or Alex (07) 866 8319.....9am-3pm
 Kohanga Reo o Kapanga, (07) 866 8417.....9am-3pm
 Yoga for everyone, Anglican Church Hall,
 Katie (07) 866 6612.....9-10.30am
 Colville Services Collective,
 Colville Hall, (07) 866 6920.....9am-3pm
 Coro Gym – Sit & be fit, Peg (07) 866 8635.....9.30-10.30am
 Coromandel Playcentre, Woollams Ave.....9.45am-12.15pm
 Coro Gym – Fitness & Fun, Judy (07) 866 8637.....1pm
 Coro Tennis, Men's night, Gayle (07) 866 8063.....4pm
 Coro Gym – Crazy Horse Productions,
 Natalie 021 048 9772.....4.15pm

Every Saturday

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

Every Sunday

Mahamudra Centre, guided meditation-in Gompas,
 (07) 866 6851.....10-10.30am
 Elim Church Services, Rings Rd,
 Steve (07) 866 6900.....10am-12 noon
 Coro Tennis Club-club play, Gayle (07) 866 8063.....2pm
 Swissball Training – Hi-Tech Health & Fitness,
 Marlene (07) 866 8019.....2pm
 Circuit Training – Hi-Tech Health & Fitness,
 Marlene (07) 866 8019.....4pm
 Prayers for dead and healing,
 Mahamudra Centre, (07) 866 6851.....5-6pm

Monthly

1st Mon – Coro Patchwork & Quilters Ambulance rooms,
 Jill (07) 866 7484.....9.30am-3.30pm
2nd Mon – Friendship Group, Jocelyn (07) 866 7101
3rd Mon – Coro Patchwork & Quilters Ambulance rooms,
 Jill (07) 866 7484.....9.30am-3.30pm
3rd Mon – Alzheimer's Carers' Group, Retirement Village Hall, bring
 plate & koha, (07) 282 0453.....10.30am
1st Tue – Coro Motorcycle Club general business
 John (07) 866 6776.....7.30pm
2nd Tue – Coromandel/Colville Cmty Board, Council Chambers, (07)
 866 1001.....9am
2nd Tue – RSA, club rooms, Ian Franklyn (07) 866 7138.....
2nd Tue – Public Trust, Harcourts, 0800 368 620.....by appt
1st Wed – Coro Embroiderers' Guild, Ambulance Station, Jill
 Wilson (07) 866 7484.....10am-3pm
1st Wed – Lions Dinner Meeting, Ambulance Rooms; Jayne Lister
 (07) 866 7687.....6pm
2nd Wed – Garden Circle, ph Julie Jensen for venue,
 (07) 866 7546.....1pm
3rd Wed – Lions Business Meeting, Ambulance Rooms;
 Jayne Lister (07) 866 7687.....7pm
4th Wed – RSA Women's Section, Club rooms,
 Loes Beaver (07) 866 8053.....1.30pm
2nd Thu – Coromandel Writers' Group,
 Barbara (07) 866 8299.....10.30am-2.30pm
4th Thu – Coro SeniorNet, school music room,
 Loes (07) 866 8053.....1.30pm
3rd Sat – Luncheon Ladies, Lorraine (07) 866 8144.....12pm
1st Sun – Coro School of Mines & Historical Sty/Museum,
 (07) 866 8711.....4pm
1st Sun – St Andrew's Union church service, Rings Rd,
 (07) 866 8633.....10am
2nd Sun – Christ Church service, Tiki Rd,
 Barbara O'Reilly (07) 866 8299.....10am
2nd Sun – Young Eagles, Tiki Rd, Lisa (07) 866 2055.....9am
3rd Sun – St Andrew's Union church service, Rings Rd,
 Hilda (07) 866 8633.....10am
4th Sun – Christ Church service, Tiki Rd,
 Barbara O'Reilly (07) 866 8299.....10am
5th Sun – Christ Church/St Andrew's share.....10am

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<div>COROMANDEL RUBBISH & RECYCLE TRANSFER STATION & E-CYCLE HOURS Tuesday and Thursday 1.30pm-5.30pm Saturday 10.30am-5.30pm Sunday 11.30am-7.30pm</div>		<div>1 A Joyous Heart and Mind Workshop continues at Anglican Church (drop-ins welcome) (see pg 22) High tide 11.57am (2.8m) Low tide 5.32am (0.3m), 6.07pm (0.4m) ➡ Best bite 5am/pm</div>		<div>2 High tide 12.23am (2.6m), 12.45pm (2.7m) Low tide 6.20am (0.4m), 6.58pm (0.5m) ➡➡➡ Best bite 5.30am/pm</div>		<div>3 Guided Meditation at Havalona Pyramid (see pg 22) High tide 1.11am (2.5m), 1.34pm (2.6m) Low tide 7.09am (0.6m), 7.49pm (0.6m) ➡➡➡ Best bite 6am/pm</div>		<div>4 Seniors' Xmas Party (see pg 21) Preschool Xmas Party (see pg 25) High tide 2.02am (2.4m), 2.25pm (2.5m) Low tide 8.02am (0.7m), 8.41pm (0.7m) ➡➡➡ Best bite 6.30am/pm</div>		<div>5 Santa Parade (see pg 3) Closing Day AGM, at Coromandel Golf Club (see pg 32) Practise and Meditation Weekend at Mahamudra (see pg 22) High tide 2.55am (2.4m), 3.16pm (2.4m) Low tide 8.58am (0.8m), 9.34pm (0.7m) ➡➡➡ Best bite 7am/pm</div>		<div>6 The Waterworks Summer Kick Off Practise and Meditation Weekend at Mahamudra (see pg 22) High tide 3.50am (2.4m), 4.08pm (2.4m) Low tide 9.56am (0.8m), 10.26pm (0.7m) ➡ Best bite 8am/pm</div>	
<div>7 High tide 4.46am (2.4m), 4.59pm (2.4m) Low tide 10.51am (0.8m), 11.17pm (0.7m) ➡ Best bite 9am/pm</div>		<div>8 Walking Group Xmas lunch (see pg 20) A Joyous Heart and Mind Workshop continues at Anglican Church (drop ins welcome) (see pg 22) High tide 5.40am (2.4m), 5.48pm (2.4m) Low tide 11.41am (0.8m) ➡ Best bite 10am/pm</div>		<div>9 High tide 6.29am (2.4m), 6.35pm (2.4m) Low tide 12.05am (0.6m), 12.27pm (0.7m) ➡➡ Best bite 11am/pm</div>		<div>10 Coromandel Town Chronicle DEADLINE for January issue Guided Meditation at Havalona Pyramid (see pg 22) High tide 7.14am (2.5m), 7.21pm (2.5m) Low tide 12.50am (0.6m), 1.11pm (0.6m) ➡➡➡ Best bite 12am/pm</div>		<div>11 Last day Term 4 Coromandel Area School Meditation for Developing Mindfulness starts at Mahamudra (see pg 22) High tide 7.57am (2.6m), 8.05pm (2.6m) Low tide 1.33am (0.5m), 1.54pm (0.8m) ➡➡➡➡ Best bite 1am/pm</div>		<div>12 Coromandel Xmas Tournament at Coromandel Golf Club (see pg 32) Garage Sale (see ad pg 35) High tide 8.38am (2.7m), 8.49pm (2.6m) Low tide 2.15am (0.4m), 2.36pm (0.5m) ➡➡➡➡ Best bite 1.30am/pm</div>		<div>13 Garage Sale (see ad pg 35) High tide 9.19am (2.8m), 9.33pm (2.7m) Low tide 2.56am (0.3m), 3.19pm (0.4m) ➡➡➡➡ Best bite 2am/pm</div>	
<div>14 High tide 10.01am (2.9m), 10.17pm (2.7m) Low tide 3.38am (0.3m), 4.03pm (0.4m) ➡ Best bite 2.30am/pm</div>		<div>15 Last day Term 4 Te Rerega School A Joyous Heart and Mind Workshop continues at Anglican Church (drop ins welcome) (see pg 22) High tide 10.45am (2.9m), 11.02pm (2.7m) Low tide 4.20am (0.3m), 4.49pm (0.4m) ➡➡ Best bite 3am/pm</div>		<div>16 High tide 11.30am (2.9m), 11.49pm (2.7m) Low tide 5.04am (0.3m), 5.37pm (0.4m) ➡➡ Best bite 4am/pm</div>		<div>17 High tide 12.19pm (2.9m) Low tide 5.51am (0.3m), 6.27pm (0.4m) ➡➡➡ Best bite 5am/pm</div>		<div>18 High tide 12.39am (2.7m), 1.10pm (2.8m) Low tide 6.42am (0.4m), 7.20pm (0.4m) ➡➡➡ Best bite 6am/pm</div>		<div>19 Colville Market Day (see ad pg 20) Summer Solstice Working Bee at Mana (see pg 22) High tide 1.32am (2.7m), 2.05pm (2.8m) Low tide 7.38am (0.5m), 8.15pm (0.4m) ➡➡➡ Best bite 7am/pm</div>		<div>20 Coromandel Christmas Exhibition opens (see pg 28) Summer Solstice Working Bee at Mana (see pg 22) High tide 2.29am (2.6m), 3.02pm (2.8m) Low tide 8.38am (0.5m), 9.14pm (0.4m) ➡➡➡ Best bite 8am/pm</div>	
<div>21 High tide 3.32am (2.6m), 4.02pm (2.7m) Low tide 9.43am (0.5m), 10.15pm (0.4m) ➡➡ Best bite 9am/pm</div>		<div>22 Summer Solstice (longest day of the year) High tide 4.36am (2.7m), 5.02pm (2.8m) Low tide 10.47am (0.5m), 11.15pm (0.3m) ➡➡ Best bite 10am/pm</div>		<div>23 Last day Preschool (see pg 25) Carols in the Park (see ad pg 25) Coromandel Community Market (instead of Friday this week) High tide 5.39am (2.7m), 6.02pm (2.8m) Low tide 11.47am (0.5m) ➡➡ Best bite 11am/pm</div>		<div>24 A Compassionate Christmas at Mana (see pg 22) High tide 6.38am (2.8m), 7pm (2.8m) Low tide 12.14am (0.2m), 12.44pm (0.4m) ➡➡➡➡ Best bite 12am/pm</div>		<div>25 Christmas Day Mass of the Nativity 10am at Christ Church (see pg 4) High tide 7.33am (2.9m), 7.55pm (2.9m) Low tide 1.09am (0.2m), 1.38pm (0.3m) ➡➡➡➡ Best bite 1am/pm</div>		<div>26 The Space Between - a Yoga Retreat w/ Katy Carter starts at Mana (see ad pg 22) Boxing Day High tide 8.24am (3.0m), 8.48pm (2.9m) Low tide 2.01am (0.1m), 2.30pm (0.3m) ➡➡➡➡ Best bite 1.30am/pm</div>		<div>27 Katchafire & Sons Of Zion at Coroglen Tavern (see pg 3) High tide 9.13am (3.0m), 9.37pm (2.9m) Low tide 2.51am (0.1m), 3.20pm (0.3m) ➡➡➡➡ Best bite 2am/pm</div>	
<div>28 Public Holiday (Boxing Day observed) High tide 10am (3.0m), 10.25pm (2.8m) Low tide 3.37am (0.1m), 4.08pm (0.3m) ➡➡ Best bite 2.30am/pm</div>		<div>29 Coromandel Patchwork and Quilters show starts (see pg 20) Purification Retreat starts at Mahamudra (see pg 22) High tide 10.45am (2.9m), 11.10pm (2.7m) Low tide 4.22am (0.2m), 4.54pm (0.4m) ➡➡ Best bite 3am/pm</div>		<div>30 High tide 11.30am (2.8m), 11.54pm (2.7m) Low tide 5.06am (0.3m), 5.39pm (0.5m) ➡➡ Best bite 4am/pm</div>		<div>31 High tide 12.13pm (2.7m) Low tide 5.49am (0.4m), 6.23pm (0.5m) ➡➡ Best bite 5am/pm</div>		<div><div>New moon</div><div>Full moon</div><div>Tide times and heights from Land Information NZ for Coromandel Harbour. For Thames times -15min High and -18min Low. Note: Tide heights are different for Thames. Bite times and good fishing ratings supplied by Ken Ring. www.predictweather.com ➡➡ = Average fishing, ➡➡➡ = Very good fishing, ➡➡➡➡ = Excellent fishing</div></div>		<div><div>Make sure your event gets listed</div><div>To get your event listed, email the details, your name and contact phone number to Debbie at corochronicle@gmail.com with the subject "event". Or post to Jude Publishing, PO Box 148, Coromandel. There is limited space available and will be published subject to space availability, with preference to not-for-profit groups.</div></div>			