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## Editor's comment

We are approaching the end of another year. Thanks to everyone who has supported the Coromandel Town Chronicle either by advertising, supplying copy, or by subscribing. Friends of mine in other areas show me how dire their community magazine is and it serves as a reminder – without your support our community wouldn't have this much-loved magazine.

Interested in the future preservation and development of Coromandel Town's town centre character? Then come to a public information session on 9 December (see TCDC ad on page 13 for more information).

See calendar on back page for all other events happening over the month.

Remember to get your advertising or articles for the February issue sorted in advance if you are going away in January.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Keep safe.

*Debbie*

## Letters

Dear Editor,

This was the 15th anniversary in running the Flight Centre K2. Each year the riders start in a different town. This year Tairua hosted the K2 start, Coromandel the K1 and Thames the Nicholas Browne Challenge. This iconic event couldn't take place without the volunteers in each centre. This year we had close to 130 volunteer helpers.

Coromandel has more area to cover than the other towns, with two major water stations, and the halfway station for relay riders. Coromandel also had the largest number of volunteers.

We would like to thank everyone that was involved with the event, it was a hugely successful day, with over 1,200 riders taking part.

In the feedback we have had, riders are asking us to pass on "thank yous" to the marshals. They are appreciative of them giving up their valuable time to help the riders get around the course.

The residents of Coromandel Town are awesome in the amount of support given, not only to our event but to many organisations within our amazing community. We are proud to be Coromandel residents, and call this town home. Thanks again for supporting us. Andy Reid, Keith & Rita Stephenson, event organisers, Spirit of Coromandel Trust

Dear Debbie,

I recently enjoyed three very pleasant days touring the top of the Peninsula, unfortunately marred at the finish by shredding two LHS tyres at Waiaro Bay (TCDC please note!).

The replacement cost was \$500 – that's the bad news.

However, this was more than balanced by the exemplary service I received from various locals who came to my rescue; the new manager at Otautu motor camp, Ngaire at Whitestar Station, and Kane and Steve in Coromandel Town. Without exception these people went well beyond the call of duty so that I could return home safely.

Sometimes it takes a mishap to show the strength of your hospitality industry. Many thanks.

Yours sincerely,  
Richard Hoyle, Auckland

Dear Editor,

I wish to acknowledge the support that the Waikato Regional Council has given the Upper Coromandel Forest and Bird Branch by funding traps for the control of possums. Regards,

Sue Wright, Chairperson, Upper Coromandel Forest and Bird Branch

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Dear Debbie,

In the October Chronicle my usual Peninsula Project Update was refused publication because it criticised DOC. At the end of it I asked:

How many people have seen any of the targeted pests die of poison out there in the wild? Apart from the bait manufacturers it seems only hunters and animal owners who have watched their own animals die, know the kind of cruelty that these cruel animal poisons are capable of. Of all the folk who put poison baits into bait-stations, how many watch their victims die? . . . or have ever watched a single one of their victims die? It is more than a little sad to see such disrespect for our fellow creatures being instilled into people through a government-propelled animal poison industry.

In 2017 the Peninsula Project enters its thirteenth controversial year with proposed 1080 drops to the south, the east and the north of Coromandel Town.

The previous occasion when all 1080 articles were shut down was 2011.

I thank Debbie for publishing my opinion each month and I especially thank all those of you who have encouraged me to keep at it and told me your own experiences. I hear of so many dog poisonings on the peninsula. You talk to me about this stuff. You have told me what to write about; personal concerns which have melted my heart and made me as angry and frustrated as I know you have been. Once a month there is this little voice in the Chronicle just to remind readers of the bitterness which is being fueled in our community by the uncontrolled use of cruel animal poisons. Many of you have pointed out that Coromandel was a much healthier place before these poisons arrived. The trees were healthy, the birds, insects and animals were healthy and the community was healthy.

We have had 20 years of our government's divisive poisoning strategy. It remains a cloud over relationships when animal poisoners mix with non-poisoners or an ambivalent individual feels they must defend someone close who is involved in poisoning. It is absurd and profoundly unsettling for everybody. There must be a way forward which is acceptable to us all. Surely we can, at least, talk about it. Civilly. John Veysey

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## Coromandel Christmas Parade

Yes, it's on – the Coromandel Christmas Parade.

**Saturday 10 December** at 2pm. Starting at the Top Pub and finishing at Jack's Point Reserve.

Lots of prizes, lots of fun, lots of noise!

We would love to see you there.

If you wish to enter a float, please do so by contacting Murray (07) 866 8893 x202 or 027 288 2084



Coromandel Town Santa Parade 2015, photo by Tarsha Hosking

Dear Editor,

Our first year at Coromandel Fish and Dive has been very enjoyable. A special thanks to all of our customers and new friends we have made in Coromandel Town. By the time you read this our new dive compressor should be up and running, which will cut down the waiting time for fills. Looking forward to chats, fishing news and of course summer.

Tight Lines.

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## Grey Power Christmas Celebration Comes Again

By John Rabarts

Grey Power Coromandel will be hosting another Senior Citizens Christmas party at 1pm on **2 December** in the Anglican Hall, behind Anglican, Christ Church, Tiki Road, Coromandel. This is open to all senior citizens in the area, with a programme of music, entertainment, presents and fun for all. Come along and bring your friends.

### Government Bill To Suppress The Free Use Of Natural Medicines

On 15 March this year a bill, titled the Therapeutic Goods Act, was introduced to Parliament that will greatly disadvantage traditional natural medicine including rongoa Maori, our ancient indigenous cures and treatments. Although not yet law, the bill is awaiting its final reading so is now close to being passed – if enough votes can be found.

The bill has an agreed list of 5500 controlled substances from Australian and Canadian regulations, suggesting it is similar to the proposals of 2006, which were abandoned under strong public opposition. The permitted natural ingredient list also includes about 3000 chemicals and synthetic additives to natural herbs and ingredients, thus allowing non-natural compositions to be sold as “natural”.

The Act will introduce into law the concept that those with serious illness cannot benefit from natural health products – despite growing scientific evidence and experience that nutrition and traditional medicines can have a huge benefit on many cancers, heart and other diseases, digestive, respiratory and other chronic illnesses. It restricts free speech about the health benefits of natural products and traditional medicine, with penalties of up to \$250,000 for those who talk or write about the benefits of natural products without first obtaining government permission. Pharmaceutical officialdom with no interest or expertise in natural medicine will decide on the merits or otherwise of traditional Ayurvedic, Chinese, Maori and Bible based herbal and natural systems of medicine..

The government has tried to justify the bill by saying that it will ensure the safety of the public, but no evidence of such risk has been presented. In fact evidence shows that it is far more dangerous to go out to eat at a restaurant, or to consume store bought greens to make up a salad than it is to take a natural health product. The bill contains a hidden mechanism to allow pharmaceutical companies to gain effective patents over natural and traditional herbal remedies to the exclusion of traditional natural health and herbal practitioners – which has already occurred in Australia. It allows unhealthy foods and products, including tobacco, sugary drinks and alcohol, to continue to be sold, while restricting healthy choices available in the world of natural and organic products. Lisa Er. Condensed from an article in Tauranga and Western BOP Grey Power Magazine. Nov. 2017.

John Rabarts. President, Coromandel Grey Power Association.  
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## Coromandel Adventures and The Booking Office opens new office

By Sarni Hart

The Booking Office is a new venture by myself and Willie Lochore, owners of the successful tour company Coromandel Adventures. We started our tour and transport company after identifying a gap in connectivity around the Coromandel, especially for those without vehicles. We are now expanding out to the Central North Island with the launch of The Booking Office; developing itineraries that both draw visitors to the Coromandel and later connect them seamlessly to the best of activities across the Central North Island.

The Coromandel is missing out on visitor flow over the shoulder and winter seasons.

Willie said, “This is specifically different to the necessary approach of the i-Sites and Information Centres who are required by their charter to treat all membership even-handedly. We intend to use the marketing power of the more recognised Central North Island Tourism pathways and operators to help The Coromandel gain a stronger off-season foothold.”

Mike Baker attended representing Ngaati Whanaunga, opening the new office with a karakia and a blessing, and will be working with Coromandel Adventures to develop the framework for a partnership between local iwi and tourism operators in The Coromandel. The spirit of this was celebrated by a double strand ribbon cutting ceremony by both Mike Baker representing local iwi and Tony Brylevich representing TCDC. Destination Coromandel was also represented at the opening.



Left to right: Tony Brylevich, Mike Baker, Sarni Hart and Willie Lochore opening the new office on Tiki Road



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#### Volunteers Welcome

If you have been listening to National Radio lately you will have heard stories about the increasing financial pressure on community groups. A survey of 280 community organisations showed 42% were worried about their financial viability and some have been forced to close.

The truth is, like other community groups, CILT hasn't had a funding increase in its main government contract for over nine years. It is having to do more with less at a time when there is greater demand and an increasing number of clients with complex needs. Like other organisations in the same boat, we too are feeling the pinch.

CILT provides a wide range of services, from volunteer drivers taking people to hospital to programs like the Work Co-Op, working with the disabled, to providing housing and programs to strengthen families. We have new areas opening up in the New Year including the new Re-use Workshop at the Refuse Transfer Station but, as we increase our services, we will depend on the community standing behind us to keep it all going. One way you can help is by offering to volunteer. It is a great way to get to know other people in the community while at the same time becoming an essential player in the town's wellbeing.

Jean Ashby at the Work Co-Op has said she would love volunteers to just drop in and have a cup of tea and a chat with the Work Co-Op members, or maybe take them for a walk or a drive, or give a hand with lunch. She would love to hear from people with special skills that the Work Co-Op members might enjoy doing.

There is always work on keeping up the Harray Track for the more energetic amongst us, and the potential of mentoring youth and sharing skill sets at the new Re-use shed at the Refuse Transfer next

year, where we will be needing people with carpentry and the other skills required for up-cycling others' trash into our treasure.

One of our new volunteers who will be involved in bringing retirees together with our youth on the Re-use project is Mike Mann who says "there are retired people out there with awesome life experience and skills that can be passed on to the next generation".

Mike is a retired Child Youth and Child Youth Justice Social Worker. He moved here in April after living in Auckland for 38 years. Mike and his wife Dianne were attracted to the lifestyle and natural beauty of Coromandel plus the fact that they could still be in close proximity to their grandchildren in Auckland.

Anyone interested in becoming a Youth Mentor please contact Mike through CILT.

If you wish to volunteer for CILT projects next year, our volunteer co-ordinator is Carol Sutherland and she would love to hear from you at [volunteers@cilt.org](mailto:volunteers@cilt.org) or give her a ring on (07) 866 8358.

As the end of year approaches we would like to thank all of our co-ordinators, staff, volunteers and clients, the people who have helped make 2016 such a good year. We would like to wish you all a Meri Kirimete and a Happy New Year and to remind you that our Tiki Road office will close over the holiday period from **15 December to 11 January**. The Work Co-Op and Artists in the Making will be closed from **21 December to 3 February**.

Contact: Tiki House, 45 Tiki Road, Coromandel 3506.

Hours: 9am-3pm Monday-Thursday. Ph/Fax: (07) 866 8358.

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Mike Mann,  
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## Coromandel Budget Advisory Service

By John Gaffikin-Cowan

### Set up a Reverse Advent Calendar at home!

Well, it really is the countdown to Christmas now. And the old traditional way to mark the progress from 1 December to Christmas Eve, the Advent Calendar has had an update. At the Foodbank we traditionally offer special Christmas hampers to our Budget Advice clients, some of whom live within very tight budgets and may not be able to afford the kind of Christmas that many of us take for granted.

This year, for a change, we are asking you in the community to consider starting a Reverse Advent Calendar at home. It's very simple – we are suggesting you set up an Advent Box and that every day you add an item such as non-perishable food, some small pharmaceutical thing or perhaps a little gift. You could get your children involved, helping to teach them the art of giving. Imagine them finding something each day to add to the box – it might even be a toy of theirs (in good condition).

Alternatively there will be donation boxes in four of Coromandel's businesses – Coromandel Four Square, James & Turner, Coromandel Pharmacy and the BNZ.

We need your Advent Boxes by **Thursday 22 December**, so drop them off then (or prior to that date) at the Budget office, 950 Rings Road. Our office is open 11am-2pm each weekday. If you can't make that time, just phone us on (07) 866 8351 and we'll arrange something with you.

Whichever way you look at it, Christmas is all about the Presence, not the Presents. Presents can be done in the simplest of ways, and certainly homemade gifts or kind gestures can mean more than expensive store-bought gifts. There is no joy in running yourself into debt just for the sake of a couple of festive days.

Many thanks to everyone in this generous community who have supported us in the past year, and from all at the Budget Advisory Service, the Foodbank and the Community Organic Garden, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a very Happy 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, the Budget phone number is (07) 866 8351 where you can talk to Anna or John. The office at 950 Rings Road is open Monday to Friday 11am-2pm (apart from a few days over Christmas and the New Year) and other times by appointment. The Budget cell phone number is 022 018 0849 – we reply to texts and messages during office hours

## Adult Literacy Rural Trust

"Got a trade? Got it made!" A national campaign is being run at present by employers, training providers and unions which addresses the country's desperate shortage of skilled tradespeople. While it emphasises on-the-job training, apprenticeships and careers for young people in New Zealand's trades and service industries, there are countless adults under-employed or unemployed who would jump at the chance of becoming skilled in a trade. What holds them back? Their lack of reading, writing and basic maths skills. Somehow, they got through the school system without building these foundations.

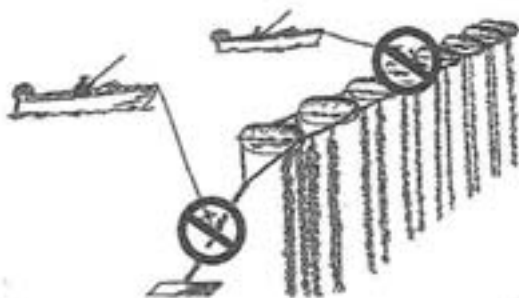
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Everyone at Adult Literacy Rural Trust wishes you all a Merry Xmas and a happy and prosperous New Year. Make your new year a literate one!

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## Coromandel Community Garden

By Tai Fair

The sun has been shining in the garden a lot recently and the soil temperature is rising. We have noticed cracks in the ground where the previously very wet patches have dried so we are loosening it up a bit and adding our high-quality compost and some mulch on top. We need more mulch so anyone who has access to grass clippings, leaves, seaweed, seagrass or any other similar biodegradable matter, please feel free to drop it off.

We have put in heaps of tomato plants and they are all going strong so we might end up with too many tomatoes to eat all at once so if you have a good recipe for preserving, come and see us at the garden on Thursdays from 2pm onward.

The broad beans need to be eaten and there are lots of young fresh mustard greens with lettuce and spinach not far off. The grapefruit is finishing up and the silverbeet too. We have direct sown the multi-coloured heritage runner beans we got from the Coromandel Meatkeeper, and have put in dwarf butter beans and some other varieties. Strawberry popping corn from last year's seeds, peas, more sunflowers and a couple of other things have gone into the ground in the last couple of weeks. There are also plenty of seeds sprouting in the greenhouse.

Last week there were three baby fantails in the grapefruit tree.



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**Christmas Day**

Sunday, December 25

**Boxing Day**

Monday, December 26

**Christmas Day  
(observed)**

Tuesday, December 27

**2017**

**New Year's Day**

Sunday, January 1

**Day after New  
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Monday, January 2

**New Year's Day  
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Tuesday, January 3

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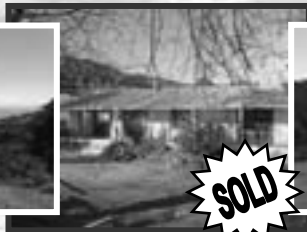
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## Museum News

By Raewyn McKinney

A lot of work has been done over the winter in rearranging and refining the museum displays. If you haven't been to the museum for a while, make a point of popping in one weekend before the Christmas rush. I am sure everyone will be thrilled with the improvements, and proud of their local museum. The museum is a credit to the hard work of a small team of committee members; in particular Val, Judy, Frank, Denise (and Denise's husband). On behalf of the committee, and the community, I thank them all very much for their efforts. We also thank the Go Girls, who have recently come and given the museum its annual "spring clean". Work is still progressing on the enhancement and digital storage of all our photos, but it is expected that this work will soon be completed.

Unfortunately, through the winter, Sue Wright decided to resign as Chairperson of the Coromandel School of Mines & Historical Society Inc. The society thanks her for her very many years of service on the committee, the last few as chairperson. The rest of the committee will continue unchanged in the meantime.

Following the recent Local Body Elections, I thought the following article was quite interesting:

From "Thames Star", 10 November 1899:  
**"Neglected Coromandel."**

## Why Not A Member Of Her Own

Under the above headings this week's Observer has the following: "Mr. McGowan will find his hardest nut to crack in the coming fight for the Thames seat when he gets to Coromandel. The people of that district are by no means satisfied with their treatment by Mr. McGowan. True, their vote went largely against him at the last election, but that fact did not justify his neglect of their interests. He was their member – the only member they had – and if they could not expect help from him where were they to look for it? But why, after all, should Coromandel always be compelled to lose her individuality in the bulk of the Thames? Why should Coromandel not once in a way elect a member of her own? With three candidates out for the Thames, there is an opportunity just now, but possibly Coromandel is not looking for opportunities."

Here are a couple of items about the various fortunes of gold mining in Coromandel from newspapers over the years:

From "Daily Southern Cross" 5 November 1872:

### **"Latest from Coromandel Specimens from the Bismarck Gold from the Tokatea"**

Bismarck – 15lb of splendid specimens were taken out of the stopes today.

Tokatea – 10 oz of additional retorted gold has been banked.

The Harbour View  
lode is looking splendid.



Royal Standard – A crushing of specimens will commence at Whakaroa battery tomorrow."

From the "New Zealand Herald",  
13 November 1935:

### **"Subsidised Goldminers Thames And Coromandel Returns For October"**

A return of gold won at Thames and Coromandel during October under the Unemployment Board's subsidy scheme shows that 102 or. 12dwt. of gold, valued at £410, was won. In the Thames district the total was 770z. to £313, and in Coromandel 250z. 7dwt., equal to £97. In addition to this, bonuses totalling £94 were paid out on gold won in September. The certifying officer, Mr. S. Smith, stated that the Unemployment Board has now taken over the insurance on the men employed on the scheme and the men will now receive their full weekly allowance."

The museum reopened on Labour Weekend and will be open from 1-4pm on weekends only from Labour Weekend to Boxing Day

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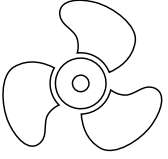
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## Waking Up

By Catherine Delahunty, Green MP

The last week has seen big changes in some parts of the world that may seem remote from the Coromandel hills and beaches. But the changes remind us that a lurch from one elite to another in politics has liberated a level of hate speech in USA which has always been there but was suppressed. Now that it's ok over there to be a Klu Klux Klan member we need to look into our own vulnerability to bigotry. Add to that the severe earthquakes in the south and the death of Leonard Cohen and the whole season starts to look rather apocalyptic. One of the terrible consequences of electing Trump is the slowdown in the world facing up to climate change. We cannot afford to ignore the latest science which makes global warming predictions worse than we imagined. Digging up coal and burning it is just a stupid thing to do if you want a liveable habitat for humans and other species. If the good news is true and TPPA is "dead in the water", will that be the opportunity for a new commitment to global fair trade to replace free trade? I wish I knew which country might lead that call."

In the meantime I am thinking of the people getting shaken around in our own country and the stress on everyone who is trying to keep us safe in our buildings and streets. For many people the most basic certainty is that our feet rely on the ground and when the ground rolls and shudders it's just terrifying. We are powerless over the faultlines but we are not powerless in our care for each other. The Hauraki/ Coromandel has been lucky this time, we missed the big shakes. I am heading off to Wellington this week with some trepidation about the reliability of the earth but am very aware that there are things we can do. We can clean up water and limit nutrient runoff; we can make schools safe and positive places for all children; we can work for Te Tiriti justice and we can call out hate speech everywhere, and we need to!



## Garden Circle

By Glenise Robertson

The November Coromandel Garden Circle meeting was held in bright sunny weather in Marie and Frank Mead's garden.

35 members took part in lively discussions about past and future activities, including planning of a float for the Christmas parade and Illume festival and several garden rambles outside the area.

We then had the privilege and pleasure of visiting six gardens in the Greenhills subdivision; amazing the variation of plantings in these compact sections, and over such a short time span.

Marie and Frank – constantly changing, multiple plant varieties, many colourful flower beds, enormous strawberries, plenty of vegetable beds, the Man Cave. Sandy – striking hanging baskets, colourful planters as "I don't bend well anymore", a secluded patio area. Carol – roses everywhere. Ray and Annette – sweet peas to long for, a very productive veggie garden, orchids and even a thriving indoor tomato planting. Caron – scented roses, wall art, a well manicured lawn and there on the path another gem of a shed. Narissa – numerous pot plants and planter boxes of thriving vegetables, a border garden of roses. All this and so much more. Thank you to you all for allowing us access to your properties.

### Competition winners this month

Single, Mini and first equal in Multi – Lyn; Multi – Pat W; Arrangement "A Hard Days Night" – Karin.

We should like to wish all readers of this column a very Merry Christmas and happy holiday times



Karin's floral interpretation of  
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From mid December through February, our duty roster will be enhanced with a second officer from Auckland, enabling us to cover shifts from 1000-2200 hours daily. The remaining night shifts will be reliant on local and AUT volunteers. If you are interested in helping your community by becoming a volunteer with St John please do call in to the station.

**Staff Profile – Coromandel Staff**

This month we went on a "Big Day Out" to visit St John Clinical Control Centre in Mt Wellington, a tour of Mt Wellington station, then afterwards to Westpac Helicopter Base at Mechanics Bay. A truly enlightening experience for all our staff, as to how our colleagues operate.

You too can be part of Coromandel/Colville Team: For enquiries call the station and talk to the duty officer or leave a message (07) 866 8279.



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**Coromandel Business  
Association**

By Christine Petrie

**Community Celebrations**

It was great to see so many of our community enjoying the spectacular Four Square fireworks display on Guy Fawkes night. Many thanks to our resident pyrotechnician John McCaughan for designing such a wonderful display. The event would not have been possible without the assistance of a small band of volunteers and we are really grateful for their efforts. These volunteers included Jane Warren, Karen McMillan, the Coromandel Rugby Club, the Coromandel Swimming Club, Natalie Blasco, Ray Morley, Jan Macdonald, Sue Swan and Gail London.

Plans for the Christmas Parade are coming along well. There is promising to be a great line up of floats and the day is planned to be a lot of fun for all the family. Make sure you are between Top Pub and Jack's Point by 2pm on **10 December** to see the parade and bring along a picnic to enjoy afterwards. There is room for more floats, so if you have something in mind, or an unusual vehicle like a yank tank or a britmobile that could feature in the parade, please get in touch with Murray McDonald on 0272 882 084.

We are working with Arts Tour artists Fran Campbell and Pete Sephton to design, make and install flags for the heritage light poles in the central business district. These will be on display over summer. The design is unique and we hope they will bring enjoyment to all.

**Local Body Elections**

Congratulations to our Councillor Tony Brjlevich who has been appointed as Deputy Mayor and also to those elected onto the Community Board. Having good leaders in these roles is really important for the health of our community and CBA members are looking forward to working with them to implement the development needed for a thriving economy.

**Security Cameras**

The CBA has been working with the police and suppliers to upgrade and increase the number of security cameras in the central business district of Coromandel Town. This will help to protect people and assets by deterring crime. The preferred solution is not cheap, but it includes the ability for face and number plate recognition and will extend the coverage from the Hauraki House Reserve down to the Admirals Arms on Wharf Road. The Community Board have allocated a Community Grant to assist with the purchase and we have applied for funding from another source as well.

With Christmas nearly upon us many of our members are already busy with summer visitors. There are no CBA meetings in December and January however the work of the CBA will continue. On behalf of the members of the Coromandel Business Association I would like to wish you all a happy and safe Christmas.

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## Coromandel Harbour Update

### Jacks Point/Furey's Creek

We've recently dredged around the Jacks Point boat ramp to remove excess silt and improve boat launching and retrieving. The dredging has been so successful there's now access at the ramp 3 hours either side of high tide.

We encourage recreational boaties and fishers to use this much-improved facility and we hope to make more improvements at Jacks Point so it can be used more. With that in mind, this summer we're monitoring the usage of the ramp to determine whether it's worth investing further in this facility over the next few years. The proposed improvements to the ramp and the budgets that were submitted to the Coromandel-Colville Community Board this year (for which they approved \$70K in funding) have evolved into what we believe is a better design following more detailed work and discussions with everyone.

An Annual Plan (2017-18) submission has been made and we hope to commence with detailed design, consultation and consenting as the next major steps for the boat ramp.

Meanwhile we continue to test the dredged material taken from around Jacks Point, which is contained within a clay bund at a consented landfill site. There is no risk to the Coromandel town water supply or of any health and safety risk to the public or native species.

If we proceed with the development of Jacks Point, it's estimated that 370m<sup>3</sup> of soft material will need to be removed plus 280m<sup>3</sup> of deeper material. The 280m<sup>3</sup> of deeper material, which may potentially be contaminated, could be moved to Hampton Downs or an approved landfill site depending on the test results.

Meanwhile a new resource consent will need to be sought, which would include the additional dredging requirements. The current ramp acts as a silt trap, so the new ramp will provide a much-improved orientation (allowing natural water flow towards the harbour rather than perpendicular to it). This in itself will provide an element of self-cleaning,

### Park and Ride Facility – Hannaford's Wharf

A hearing was held in late November for a Park and Ride to be established at the Mussel Kitchen. A Commissioners decision is imminent. If successful, the initiative, once delivered should help to further alleviate congestion on Te Kouma Road and parking issues at Hannaford's Wharf. To cope with the summer peak for charter activities a warden will be on site at Hannaford's on weekends and possibly also during other busy times.

### The Inner Harbour Project

The Expression of interest (EOI) for potential partners has closed and we received 12 formal



EOIs. Over the coming weeks we will evaluate the EOI's and request more information to shortlist the list of interested parties. In the new year we hope hold to meetings with a short list of contenders to continue discussions with and/or request a formal proposal. This process will continue on into next year and will feed into our wider Marine and Harbour Strategy which is currently being drafted.

[www.tcdc.govt.nz/coroharbourproject](http://www.tcdc.govt.nz/coroharbourproject)



Coromandel  
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**UPDATE**

• **New appointments** made at the Inaugural Community Board Meeting 15 November –

**Peter Pritchard** – Coromandel-Colville Community Board Chair

**Jan Autumn** – Coromandel-Colville Community Deputy Board Chair

### • Roading update

Allow extra time when travelling around the Coromandel between now and Christmas as our road works projects ramp up before the peak summer holiday season. Also two of the remaining storm damaged sections of Kennedy Bay road on Coromandel side of the Tokatea summit are programmed for completion prior to Christmas. A road closure will be in place from Monday 14th November to Friday 16th December. The road closure will be Monday to Friday between 9am and 3pm to ensure the repairs are completed as soon as possible and minimise the impact on the school bus timetable and commuters from the Kennedy Bay area. Reinstatement of the remaining sites on the Kennedy Bay side of the road summit will commence in February 2017.

## Summer Kerbside

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We're developing guidelines to provide direction for the ongoing preservation and development of Coromandel's unique town centre character.

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## Scott Simpson MP For Coromandel

International events have dominated local discussion lately. All around the world there are signs of uncertainty, surprise and instability. But here in New Zealand we are reaping the rewards of the opposite. We have stability, certainty and a government that doesn't thrust surprises upon people or businesses.

I was sorry Helen Clark didn't get the top job at the United Nations, not because I was a supporter of her politics but rather because I thought having a New Zealander at the helm of the UN would have been good for our country and the United Nations.

Like her or not, we had nine years of stability under her leadership and by this time next year we will have had nine years of stability from John Key and the National Party. For a country like ours to have had just two Prime Ministers over the last eighteen years is pretty important. Naturally I am working hard to convince Coromandel voters that John Key and National have earned the privilege being elected for a fourth term so the benefits that come with certainty and



stability can be continued beyond 2017.

I've lost count of how many Prime Ministers Australia has had during the last eighteen years. In Europe and the United Kingdom there is uncertainty about how they will manage Brexit.

Around the world, people are still getting used to the prospect of President-elect Trump taking the helm in the USA and what that might mean.

This is all against a backdrop here of a strong and growing economy that is in great shape as we approach the end of the year and start thinking about what 2017 might hold.

We're looking at a \$1.8 billion surplus and that's a number four times higher than was forecast! Our growing economy has also boosted tax revenue for the most recent quarter, which came in above expectations at \$17.3b.

This improvement was driven by a higher corporate tax haul and stronger GST returns from the building and construction sectors along with big numbers of tourists. Locally here on the Coromandel, business is booming and so is our whole region. People are telling me they haven't seen the likes of it since the 1960s.

So what does this all mean for us as individuals and for our families and for our communities? Well, in short, a strong and growing economy give us choices. Choices about how we invest further as a nation in providing better public services, how we invest further in our health and education systems and how we support those who are vulnerable and at risk in our society.

Countries that don't have stability and a growing economy don't have those choices. Certainty, stability and growth give us options for positive decision-making that benefit all New Zealanders and I for one am pleased we are in a position to make those choices mentioned above.

### Happy and safe holidays

For many in our region, summer is the busiest time of the year. I hope you can take some time with families and friends at this special time of year.

Finally for 2016, I want to extend my very best wishes to you and yours for a safe, peaceful Christmas and New Year.

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## Coromandel Embroiderers Guild

By Diann Cade

Thank you to all who attended our exhibition at Hauraki House and voted in the viewers' choice. That outcome is kept under wraps until our first Guild meeting in February. We will tell you then.

However the raffle we do announce. Congratulations go to Jill Wilson as the winner of the grocery raffle and John Eaglen the embroidery items.

Our Christmas celebrations included the never to be missed Christmas Lunch at St John hosted by the committee. This followed the AGM and exhibition opening. At the AGM Jill Wilson stood down as president after three very well organised and successful years. We thanked Jill for her commitment to our Guild and the differences she has brought and the opportunities she has created for us in this time. Jill has now taken on the task of Resource Custodian for the national body of ANZEG. We wish her well in her new roll and are delighted that the Guild will benefit from her involvement with ANZEG.

We welcome Margaret Burgess, from Whitianga, as our new President. This certainly lessens the divide even more between East and West. We have near 20 members from Whitianga. Margaret has been a "serious" patchwork and quilter for many years and is now excited by embroidery, the Coromandel Guild and her new challenge as President. The committee look forward to working with her.

The workshop programme for 2017 is near completion. The first workshop in February 2017 is a Study Workshop in Drawn Thread.

For further information about the Coromandel Embroiderers Guild and related activities contact Margaret Burgess 866 5769. Formal monthly Guild meetings and workshops will resume again in February 2017



## Greetings from the Coromandel Community Market

By Liz Kershaw

Well on our first market of the season we were happily surprised to have twelve stallholders on board!

Often in recent years we have started with as few as four, so it seems the market is going strong.

Also we have been lucky with the weather..so far anyway.

This month we are profiling the art works of Sally. Sally sells paintings, hand-painted hand-glazed tiles, salt spoons made from wood and shell, and bunting which are strings of flags. Her jewelry is made from bits of sea glass, pottery and other objects she has found.

Her work arises from a playful and experimental approach and interest in the possibilities inherent in everyday materials.

It is important to Sally that the market be a contact for those that don't necessarily visit art galleries, making it available rather than exclusive.

Actually, it's always exciting to see how she works. For example on Labour weekend she sat spinning wool and invited visitors to have a go, and recently she has been spinning paper bags into thread!

Our big news is that the market will be relocating on **2 December** to next door to the BNZ bank, opposite Umu.

It will be easy to find us by that fabulously painted wall!

Huge thanks to everyone in the community who has offered us alternative locations to hold the market. We so appreciate your kindness and generosity.

Thanks to Carolyn and Rob as well for allowing us to store our gazebo and tables when we were rather desperate!

Finally, if you have any homemade or homegrown produce you'd like to sell, please contact Michelle on 022 653 0690 or pop down on Friday morning 8am-1pm where you will find us next to the BNZ downtown Coromandel

Best wishes from Liz Kershaw on behalf of the Coromandel Community Market.



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**Matarangi Beach Summer Fest****Matarangi Santa Parade – 10 December at 11am**

Santa is coming to town. Gather your mates and decorate your favourite set of wheels or pull out your best Xmas costume for this beach-side Santa Parade. Everyone welcome: participants and spectators, oh for the good kids Santa will have a lolly scramble.

**Fire Station Open Day – 27 December at 11am**

Get up close and personal with the Matarangi Volunteer rural fire station's engines. Kids can even have a go with the fire hose and see the Jaws of Life operating!

**The Big Dig – 29 December at 11am**

Hey kids can you dig? If so get down to the beach opposite the village green find an ice block stick (hands only). See what your prize is: entry is \$2. Age groups: up to 5 years; 6-10 years; 11-15 years.

**Kids' Fishing Competition – 30 December at 10am**

Bring your small fry (under 12years) down to the wharf for the kids to show up their parents for the kids' fishing competition. Great prizes for the biggest sea creature, most fish and biggest fish; can't wait so see you there.

**Matarangi Market Days & Gala Days – 18, 25 December, 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 January**

Seek out those crafty gifts, have your face painted, grab a treat or two, get your hair braided. Time to take a gem home.

**Annual fishing competition – 2 January at 6.30am**

The adults get a chance to show who the reel

fisherperson is! \$40 per boat plus there are fabulous prizes for all the most common fish caught on the day.

**Thunder Cats Boat Races – 3 January 10am or earlier**

This is one event you won't want to miss, Hear the roar of the heart-stopping Thunder Cats as they race up and down the shoreline, bring your sand chair umbrella and block, get your pozzie and enjoy the race. This will be a thrill a minute.

**The Rings to Matarangi Beach Swim – 4 January at 7.30am**

Brush off the wetsuits and get in the water for a swim from Rings to Matarangi beach. The prizes are fantastic and will be held at the beach reserve, where the swim finishes at 10am.

**Bingo Night – 4 January at 6.30pm**

Fancy a good old game of bingo? Find a team and get to the Fire Station first to get your winning numbers. Time to enjoy a night with friends. First team to shout "bingo" takes out the title see you there.

**Big Beach Day Out and Sand Castle Competition – 4 January at 12.30pm**

From individuals to families, young to the not so young, show your creativity on the day with castles big or small. Build a memorable moment at Matarangi Beach; entries are free.

**Cardboard Cup – 5 January at 1pm**

Kids between 8-18 years, get out all those cartons and boxes and create your uniquely designed vessel ready to race on the day. Quickest boat around the 50m course wins the race.

**Pipers' Bike Decorating – 6 January 3pm**

Kids of all ages are welcome to come with their best dressed decorated bike. Prizes for the most creative design on the day. Can't wait to see what this year has instore for us.

**Miss Matarangi – 7 January Time at 4pm**

Get along to the village green to see all the beauties and handsome young men. Perhaps you may enter this year in the yummy mummy. Generously donated prizes are awarded for first and runners up for various age groups.

**Poetry SPOT****Christmas**

*By Beryl van Donk*

There is no day like Christmas Day  
we celebrate each year.

God's precious gift of Jesus Christ  
his son who showed deep love  
for each of us, for ever and forevermore.

We all enjoy the happiness the  
festive season brings. The children's joy  
and hopes of what Santa Claus  
will bring. The Christmas tree all decked  
with lights, tinsel and trinkets galore..

The opening of gifts, much happiness  
and laughter, but there's a tear for  
those we've loved and lost, yet with us  
evemore. The Christmas cake,  
mince pies and oh! so much more.

Alas! the day must end, but may we  
look ahead to many many more

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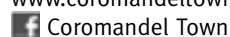
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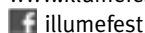
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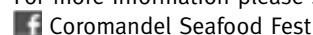
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## Roasted Vegetable Salad

By Deborah Hide-Bayne

A really robust summer salad... I do endless variations of this, sometimes adding tuna and anchovies or different vegetables when I fancy a change. There is never any left!

*Serves 8*

1 large red onion  
2 courgettes  
1 red capsicum  
1 yellow capsicum  
450g asparagus  
glug extra virgin olive oil  
700g new potatoes  
3 eggs  
1 avocado  
3 tbsp capers  
50g black olives  
2-3 tbsp chopped parsley

### For the sauce:

2 tsp Dijon mustard  
3 tbsp white wine vinegar  
175ml olive oil  
pinch of caster sugar  
salt  
freshly-ground black pepper  
1 tbsp whole-grain mustard  
2 tbsp finely-chopped parsley  
3 tbsp mayonnaise

Preheat the oven to 180°C.



Cut the onion, courgettes, capsicums and asparagus into bite-sized chunks and put into a roasting pan with a good glug of olive oil. Cook until just tender, and perhaps a little charred on the outside.

Cook the potatoes in their skins in boiling water, until just tender. Drain and set aside to cool, then cut into bite-sized pieces or leave whole if they are small.

Cook the eggs until they are hard-boiled (approx. 10 minutes). Set aside to cool, and then peel and quarter them.

Skin and cut the avocado into chunks. Put the potatoes in a bowl with all the other ingredients and stir gently.

Whisk together the ingredients for the sauce, and fold into the salad, or serve on the side.



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### Friday 9 December

Karaoke and Open Mike Night  
from 9pm - 1am

### Saturday 17 December

Karaoke Christmas and Open Mike Night  
from 9pm-1am

### Friday 23 December

DJ Tuku entertains from 9pm-1am  
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### Christmas Eve Saturday 24 December

11pm Closing

### Thursday 29 December

DJ Tuku entertains from 9pm-1am  
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### New Years Eve Saturday 31 December

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## NEW LISTING



## Waikawau Bay

### 1/2 Million Dollar Views!

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- 10 Ha (25acs) of protected native forest
- Elevated house site with 1 ac clearable
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## BEAUT BACH

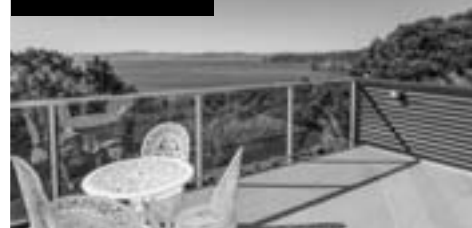


### Port Charles

Classic kiwi bach located just a short stroll from Little Sandy Bay. Room to sleep family and friends with the bonus of a covered deck for BBQ's and drinks. Scallop season has started and summer is on it's way!

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### Coromandel

This fabulous section offers panoramic views over town and out to the harbour. With forested reserve on 2 boundaries your privacy is a priority on this sunny nook. Concrete drive in place making access to the flat site easy.

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## Ann's Good News Naturally

By Ann Kerr-Bell



### Staying Healthy In A Toxic World

Is toxicity the reason you feel unwell?

- Are you tired or lethargic?
- Do you regularly suffer from bloating, diarrhoea, constipation or other digestive disturbances?
- Do you get recurrent headaches?
- Are you regularly suffering from muscle aches and pains?
- Does poor short term memory and concentration affect your ability to function at work?
- Do you have allergies or sensitivities?
- Do you suffer from depression, anxiety, and/or mood swings?

In our busy modern world, toxins are very common.

Environmental toxins include things like heavy metals, pesticides, chemicals, food additives, legal and illegal drugs, and pollutants. Toxins do not only come from the external environment; toxins can be generated internally by "unfriendly" bacteria, yeasts, and parasites in your digestive tract. Or, the end products of any of your hormones once used up can also become toxic and lock inside your fat cells, instead of being flushed out through the cellular detoxification pathways in your liver and kidneys. These internally generated toxins are then absorbed into your bloodstream, affecting your health and vitality.

### Feel Great Again With An Easy Detox Programme (Nutritional & lifestyle support, herbal medicine & massage)

Clear your body of accumulated toxins.

Allow your body's detoxification and repair systems to function efficiently without causing any undesirable effects.

Consider also mineral facts, for detox and cellular health:

- Sodium phosphate is needed as a metabolic acid remover and to prevent gout
- Sodium sulphate is for liver and blood detoxification. Is your liver sore to touch? Do you have gallstones? Ringing in your ears, swollen ankles? For conditions that arise from abnormal distribution, concentration and elimination of body fluids.
- Calcium phosphate is to rid bloating and flatulence, salt cravings and kids with picky appetites.
- Potassium phosphate: Bad breathe in the morning with dry mouth?
- Other minerals are medicinally essential for your cells too, structurally and functionally

How is your mineral status? Do this questionnaire to know your mineral deficiencies and imbalances. [www.activeelements.com](http://www.activeelements.com)  
Username: 259077. Password: 579819.

### More Good News

**Sweats/itchy skin:** This 63-year-old woman was finding life unbearable due to random sweats and increasingly itchy skin. Now, all her symptoms have gone after doing her special detox programme. She didn't realise that she could have dealt with her health issue without drugs; a very grateful lady.

**Cholesterol/obese:** This man was told he would have to have a stomach bypass operation as he was classed as obese, and his cholesterol was too high. After a four-month programme of an easy detox, and thoroughly enjoying nutrient dense foods, his bloods are normal, as is his weight. No surgery required.

**Gallstones:** After acute, fluctuating pain from gallstones, this 30-year-old woman was advised by her specialist that she should have her gall bladder removed. She was fearful of surgery, so came for an appointment. I explained that gallstones are made in the liver, not the gallbladder, and are primarily a consequence of poor diet and poor liver function. Our treatment programme turned her health and wellness right around. She is now the healthiest she has ever felt.

**Yellow sclera/pain under right side of the rib cage:** Classic liver signs were showing for this 68-year-old man. His lab tests and Live Blood Analysis improved sensationally after his 10-week treatment programme. The whites of his eyes (sclera) had never looked better and he felt amazing.

**Skin spots:** After year of sun worshipping, this 55-year-old woman has peace of mind that her sun spots are all clear after applying my special cream. No surgery required.

## Coromandel Contract Bridge Club

By Judy Bronlund

In December we play our last competition, the Kereta Pairs. This is only a two-week competition and our final night of bridge for 2016 will be our prize giving and a fun night of bridge on **19 December**. We will be starting play in 2017 around Auckland Anniversary weekend. Seasons greetings to all and we look forward to seeing you at the St John rooms next year.

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## Happy Holidays from Mahamudra Centre!

By Sarah Brooks

We're looking forward to a lovely summer and sharing the holidays with the community. We have lots of opportunities for learning and celebrating this month. On **9-11 December** Ven. Yönten will be leading a weekend beginner's workshop on Breaking Bad (Habits!), which uses Buddhist methods for developing a positive mind as an antidote to addictive and destructive behaviours. We held this course last year, and the participants found it so helpful we decided to run it again.

**23 December** is a Buddhist holy day, recognising one of the great teachers Lama Tsong Khapa. We'll have special prayers and practices throughout the day open to the community to drop in, but we especially invite everyone to our community pet and animal blessing at 10am. Bring any type of animal (on a lead or contained) for a special blessing ceremony, and if you don't have your own you can bring or sponsor live mussels to be saved, blessed, and released. Part of the reason for these releases is that saving the lives of any creature creates the causes for health and long life.

On Christmas eve, we are very happy to again partner with Mana Retreat Centre for an interfaith celebration of Christmas at their lovely Tara Sanctuary. Everyone is invited to attend and participate with song, poetry, and kind words. Please come to Mana at 6.30pm and the group will walk up to the sanctuary together.

The festivities continue on Christmas Day at noon, when we host our annual potluck picnic and party at Waitete Beach (or Mahamudra Centre if bad weather). New this year, we'll have a fun gift game:

bring something you already own that you want to "re-gift" – it can be funny or cool. Make sure it's wrapped so we can't tell what's in the bag or box!

Then, to ring in the new year, we'll have our second Vajrasattva Purification retreat **27 December to 1 January**. This is a special Buddhist practice for helping let go of past mistakes and set a strong intention to do better in the future, so perfect for starting the new year with a clean slate. This retreat is recommended for people who consider Buddhism their path, since it's done with faith in the Buddha Vajrasattva.

We'll be offering a course in Coromandel Town at the Anglican Church Hall, 170 Tiki Rd., on Discovering Buddhism: Mind and its Potential. Running for four weeks, **29 November – 21 December** from 2-4pm and is on a drop-in and donation basis. It's a great course for those curious about the Buddhist view of the mind and handling our positive and negative emotions.

We continue to offer Guided Meditation at Havalona Pyramid on Driving Creek Road (behind the café) every Thursday from 10-11am followed by socializing over coffee and tea at a local café with anyone who has time. No experience necessary, drop-ins welcome, and it's on a donation basis.

Please make sure to register well in advance for our courses and retreats – it's a kindness to help us order enough food, print the right amount of materials, and do all the background work necessary to provide the best possible experience for you to get the most out of our special environment and with our excellent teacher.

We hope to see all our old friends soon and make some new ones!

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## Poetry SPOT

### Brainless

By John Irvine

Brainless again in 2010  
Driving the 27 kilometres  
of narrow coastal road  
into town this morning  
side effects from radiation  
treatment on my head  
kick in unexpectedly.  
Left eye blurs  
focus shot  
Stargate perspective.  
Disoriented  
and confused  
I slow down  
but keep going  
bloody-minded as always  
feeling not so much capable  
as culpable

*Note:  
Scribbled this into a  
notebook in 2010 and forgot  
about it! After my facial  
cancer gig.*

# COROMANDEL & AUCKLAND FERRY

TIMETABLE EFFECTIVE TO 12 FEBRUARY 2017



### Departs Auckland: Pier 4, Quay Street

	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
31 Oct - 18 Dec	-	8.45 am	-	8.45 am	6.40 pm	8.45 am	8.45 am
19 Dec - 25 Dec	-	8.45 am	-	8.45 am	6.40 pm	8.45 am	-
26 Dec - 8 Jan	8.45 am	8.45 am	8.45 am	8.45 am	8.45 am	8.45 am	8.45 am
9 Jan - 5 Feb	8.45 am	8.45 am	8.45 am	8.45 am	6.40 pm	8.45 am	8.45 am
6 Feb - 12 Feb	8.45 am	8.45 am	-	8.45 am	6.40 pm	8.45 am	8.45 am

### Departs Orapiu to Coromandel: (approximate times)

	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
31 Oct - 18 Dec	-	9.50 am	-	9.50 am	7.45 pm	9.50 am	9.50 am
19 Dec - 25 Dec	-	9.50 am	-	9.50 am	7.45 pm	9.50 am	-
26 Dec - 8 Jan	9.50 am	9.50 am	9.50 am	9.50 am	9.50 am	9.50 am	9.50 am
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6 Feb - 12 Feb	9.50 am	9.50 am	-	9.50 am	7.45 pm	9.50 am	9.50 am

### Departs Coromandel: Hannafords Wharf

	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
31 Oct - 18 Dec	-	3.00 pm	-	3.00 pm	8.45 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm
19 Dec - 25 Dec	-	3.00 pm	-	3.00 pm	8.45 pm	4.30 pm	-
26 Dec - 8 Jan	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	3.00 pm	3.00 pm	3.00 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm
9 Jan - 29 Jan	3.00 pm	3.00 pm	3.00 pm	3.00 pm	8.45 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm
30 Jan - 5 Feb	4.30 pm	3.00 pm	3.00 pm	3.00 pm	8.45 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm
6 Feb - 12 Feb	4.30 pm	3.00 pm	-	3.00 pm	8.45 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm

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**Library News**

By Raewyn McKinney

As I mentioned last month, the library is not able to contact everyone whenever their subscription becomes due and, in fact, does not often need to contact members. However, it is still important for us to have a current address and phone number, so, if you are moving, please make a note to advise the library of your new contact details.

Someone in town is missing a very important accessory. This walking stick was left in the library several weeks ago, but noone has come in to claim it. If it is yours, or you know who owns it, please call in and advise the duty librarian, as we would love to be able to return it.

Have you lost your walking stick?



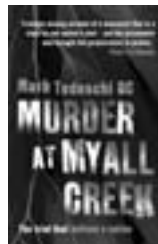
This month there is a lot of new fiction coming on to our shelves in time for the holiday reading season. This features, among others, the latest works by popular authors M J Arlidge, David Baldacci, Lee Child, Martina Cole, Michael Connelly, Patricia Cornwell, Anne Holt, Fiona McIntosh, Cathy Kelly, Di Morrissey, Jodi Picoult, Matthew Reilly, and Nicholas Sparks.

This month's new books also include:

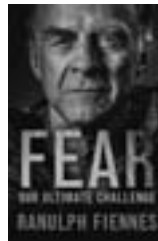
***Songs Of A War Boy* by Deng Thiak Adut**

Deng Adut's family were farmers in South Sudan when a brutal civil war altered his life forever. At six years old, his mother was told she had to give him up to fight, this young boy trained to use an AK-47 and sent into battle. He lost the right to be a child. He suffered from cholera, malaria and numerous other debilitating illnesses but still he had to fight. He thought he was all alone. But Deng was rescued from war by his brother John, he was smuggled out of Sudan and into Kenya. Here he

lived in refugee camps until he came to Australia as a refugee. Despite physical injuries and mental trauma he grabbed the chance to make a new life, he learnt English, taught himself to read and started studying. In 2005 he enrolled in a Bachelor of Law. This is an inspiring story of a man who has overcome deadly adversity to become a lawyer and committed worker for the disenfranchised.

***Murder at Myall Creek* by Mark Tedeschi**

One of the most shocking murder trials in Australia's legal history, and the tribulations of the man who conducted it. In 1838, eleven convicts and former convicts were put on trial for the brutal murder of 28 Aboriginal men, women and children at Myall Creek in New South Wales. The trial created an enormous amount of controversy because it was almost unknown for Europeans to be charged with the murder of Aborigines. It would become the most serious trial of mass murder in Australia's history... Written with wit, verve and heart

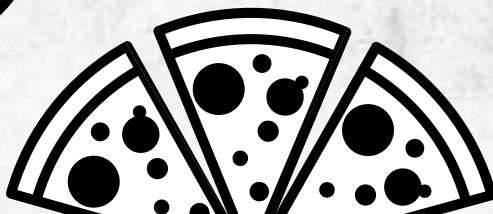
***Fear: Our Ultimate Challenge* by Ranulph Fiennes**

Sir Ranulph Fiennes has climbed the Eiger and Mount Everest. He's crossed both Poles on foot. He's been a member of the SAS and fought a bloody guerrilla war in Oman. And yet he confesses that his fear of heights is so great that he'd rather send his wife up a ladder to clean the gutters than do it himself. In *Fear*, the world's greatest explorer delves into his own experiences and those of others to try and explain what fear is, and how we feel it. With an enthralling combination of story-telling, research and personal accounts of his own struggles to overcome fear, Sir Ranulph Fiennes sheds new light on one of humanity's strongest emotions.

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## Coromandel Patchwork and Quilters

By Sharon Currie

A collage from  
our Peninsula  
Day

Our patchwork year is coming to a close. In November we held our last meeting for the year at the St John Ambulance rooms and we have our Christmas lunch at Pepper Tree on 21 November. We also had a trip to the Auckland Quilt Show.

Our annual Quilt Show at the Citizens' Hall runs from **Thursday 29 December to Tuesday 3 January** inclusive, 10am to 4pm.

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

## Coromandel Lions Club

By Lion Lyn

Wishing everyone in Coromandel a Merry Christmas and a happy new year. Thank you to all our supporters throughout the year, because without you we can't give the support back to the community.

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## Mana Update

By Penelope Carroll

December is a month for celebrations at Mana. Here are some words of thanksgiving for Christmas from Michael Leunig:

...we give thanks  
for the lives of all prophets, teachers, healers,  
and revolutionaries, living and dead,  
acclaimed or obscure, who have rebelled,  
worked and suffered for the cause of love  
and joy...

We give thanks and celebrate.

One of the many parts of Christmas at Mana we treasure is our long established ritual of walking/driving between the dwellings of families living on the Mana land or nearby on Christmas Eve, singing Christmas Carols. Then of course there is the Christmas Eve gathering in the sanctuary...and on the evening of the 25th, our community Christmas dinner at the Centre. So many occasions to celebrate and give thanks!

The weekend before Christmas the wider Mana Community comes together "with love and joy" at our Summer Solstice Working Bee, giving our energy to various projects caring for the Mana buildings and the land. Come and join us, for a few hours, a day, or the weekend – just contact the office if you are thinking of coming. On the Saturday evening we will celebrate the Summer Solstice – the day the "down-under" part of the Earth is tilted closest to the Sun, giving us the longest day of the year.

We make yummy bliss balls in the Mana kitchen throughout the year – but here is the recipe we use for our special Christmas Bliss Balls (makes 12):

Ingredients:

1 cup each of pecans and medjool dates; ¼ cup of sultanas and ¼ cup of cocoa powder; 2 tsp of cinnamon and ½ tsp each of ground ginger and allspice; 1 tsp of vanilla essence and a pinch of salt; 1 orange. And for decoration: 2 tbsp desiccated coconut, 24 pumpkin seeds and 24 dried cranberries.

Method:

Blend pecans in a food processor until finely chopped, then add dates, sultanas, cocoa powder, cinnamon, vanilla, ginger, allspice, pinch of salt and the grated zest of the orange. Blend together with the juice of half the orange. When the mixture has formed into one ball, remove from the processor and cut into 12 equal pieces. Roll each into a ball, then roll the top half of the ball in desiccated coconut and decorate with pumpkin seeds and cranberries. Store in the fridge until ready to eat.

Happy Solstice and a joyful Christmas from all of us at Mana!

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# Rangatahi

CELEBRATING OUR CHILDREN

## Kiwi Can

By Marlene Johnson

### Kiwi Can Community Wonder Games

"Kia Ora Tatou Katoa"

Apologies for missing the November Chronicle. It seems my article didn't make it to print so have done a double up for this month.

In mid October Coromandel Independent Living Trust's financial advisor Jo Scott and I attended the Graeme Dingle Foundation Youth Awards in Auckland. This was an awesome evening celebrating the achievements of just some of the youth that have gone through and completed the many Graeme Dingle Foundation programmes.

The Graeme Dingle Foundation aims to inspire all school age New Zealand children to reach their full potential through programmes that help build self-esteem, promote good values and which teach valuable life, education and health skills. Current programmes include Kiwi Can, Stars, Career Navigator and Project K.

These programmes have the potential to significantly benefit New Zealand.

Term four is well underway and our students have been super busy with activities based around our theme of Resilience. We have been learning to set goals to achieve certain activities and how to examine what influences us when we set goals. By being able to identify our obstacles we can then create a list of actions which will help us achieve our longterm goals. We have looked at what the problems are, their causes and explored the learning strategies we can utilise to overcome them. We examined the emotions that come up when things are getting tough and learned to identify the behaviours that hinder our achievements



as well as learning to accept failure and/or frustration and still be able to stay on task. And finally having the patience to stay motivated when things do get hard. Phew, been a busy term.

On Sunday 30 October we held our Kiwi Can Community Wonder Games. Wow! What an awesome day, thank you to all those who participated. A big thank you to Sanford staff for operating the barbecue and for supplying the mussels. Thank you to Pete and Lesley from Auckland for the donation of flour and plastic cups etc. Paul, Maddie, Belinda, Kelly and Mary for helping out with our mussel batter mix. Thank you to Peter for allowing us to sell the rest of our fritters outside Four Square. And a big huge thank you to my Kiwi Can Leaders Gemma, Jamie and Jasmine for the amazing job you all did and for volunteering your valuable time. A total of \$560.60 was raised. The winner of our raffle on the day was Dylan and Abbè. We really do have a pretty awesome community.

To top off a good month we were thrilled by the feedback from the principals of three schools we work with after we sent them the 2016 Ministry of Education Kiwi Can Report.

Barry Ross, Colville School Principal: "Meitaki Korera for your exceptional input and enthusiasm with our Colville School students. You have all gone beyond the norm to help bring about positive changes with our children. We believe your efforts have made



a significant impact on the school, teaching staff and community."

Murray MacDonald, Coromandel Area School Principal: "Great efforts - we owe you all a heap of thanks."

Kim Nikora, Thames South School Principal: "The team is a key part of how we work here."

Now, don't forget if you are shopping at the Thames Warehouse please support our Kiwi Can Programme by placing a token found at the checkout into our Kiwi Can slot at the voting unit. We only have a short amount of time left for this fantastic opportunity. Nga mihi nui from the Kiwi Can team Marlene, Gemma, Jasmine, Emma, Jamie and Natalie.

Want to help out Kiwi Can Coromandel? Contact Marlene Johnson 027 223 2629, email: [kiwican@cilt.org.nz](mailto:kiwican@cilt.org.nz).

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



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## Coromandel Youth Group – Hauraki House

By Nadine Smith

### Coromandel Youth Group - Christmas Holiday Programme

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## Te Rerenga School

Learning, it's what we do...

By Anna Yates



The start of November was all about our school's biennial Pet Day and it was a fantastic day that brought our school community together. We had a fabulous team of judges with our former students Briar and Sheridan, Christian and Ra with her mother Lucy. We also utilised the expertise of our local farmers Susan McNeil and Matt Vause and recruited Matua Errol for a day's leave from his retirement. This year we took a creative approach to the day to ensure maximum participation for our children. The categories extended from the traditional "best trick" and "most obedient" to "cutest", "best dressed pet and owner" as well as "most creative". We were so pleased to see our children embrace this and among the rabbits, dogs, lambs, goats and cat we had a pet rock, a very artistic ladybird house, Rosie the crocodile, an invisible dog on its lead as well as a younger brother cleverly disguised as a pet shark.

Pet Day was also an opportunity for our school to perform after a term of learning with Anita Prime. Anita is our music specialist who works with us two days each week. Classes have been practicing some songs together which they joined together to sing and a vocal tuition group also performed on the day. We love having music incorporated so extensively in our school curriculum and the BOT will continue this funding of in-class lessons each week for 2017. Our classes are currently working on some songs for our final assembly which will also involve solo parts and instruments as part of the performances. We are always blown away by the courage and confidence our children show in taking on performance roles that take them a little outside their comfort zones.

Before the end of the term we have a few class trips, the walk-through-Christmas in Whitianga for room 1, our year 8 leavers' dinner at Pepper Tree as well as our school fun week of dress-up and creativity... it will be a fun-filled end to this busy year of learning.



Anna Mikkelsen with her pet chicken (photo by Emma Steel)



Ivy Baylis & Bella Steel enjoying the day (photo by Emma Steel)

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# Rangatahi

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## Coromandel Community Preschool

By Debra Attwood



It is with great sadness that we report the passing of our friend and colleague Pete Buddle and our condolences go out to his family and friends for their loss. Pete had been a teacher at this preschool for nine years and over that time he formed relationships with many, many children and their whaanau. We felt privileged to have a positive male role model as a teacher and he shared his passion for learning, music and conservation with all around him. You will forever be in our hearts and the hearts of the many children that you shared your life with. The children loved you and it was so good to see how you could make the ordinary so special for many of the children here.

Here are a few thoughts from some of our parents:

"Thanks Pete...for letting Lil help drill the shelves, and 'dancing under their umbrella', and recently Maia and Khymani shared with me the way to boogie when ya hear 'what does the fox say?'. Thanks Pete, you rock."

"He's just an amazing man! The Coromandel kids will never forget this beautiful man, the simple things like, he taught Sumatra how to spell her name through song. Thank you Pete, forever & always the image of your happy face is in our hearts."

"Pete gave all of the children so much, a love of music, respect and love for the environment and pest control amongst others. He was a strong positive male role model at preschool who we were so lucky to have."

"I feel truly blessed for having met you Pete and for you to have been a part of my girls' lives, I know Ruby has always had a special place for you in her heart and you will be truly missed."

"You truly were one of the treasures of preschool Petey, you brought such a joyous energy with you. Thank you for helping to build confidence in our children by encouraging them to do all they could for themselves and each other. Kyron W just loved you and we will both miss you terribly."

"Pete you were amazing! The joy you brought to Chloe's world everyday was priceless. Your passion for teaching, learning and expanding little ones' ideas on the world, nature and conservation were inspiring. Every day Chloe would come home telling me about kauri dieback disease, stoats and rats killing our beautiful native birds and telling me about how to create a tunnel to track animal paw prints. You turned a city kid into a country kid. One lasting memory I have is dropping Chloe off and hearing you say in a big huge excited voice 'Wow kids look at this!' I rushed over too and the mega exiting thing

you were telling all the kids about was... ants. They were totally engaged in the story you were creating and I thought sheesh Chloe is lucky. A teacher that turns the everyday into an adventure."

Now the cries of

Petey, Petey, Petey are silenced at the centre; you are missed and never forgotten. We pray that you are now at peace.

We will once again be holding our centre Christmas party at Long Bay. This will be on **Friday 2 December** so lock in that date for a great evening. Then we will be closing the centre for the Christmas break at 3pm on **Friday 23 December**.

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



Pete Buddle

## Coromandel Area School

### Relievers Needed

We have a shortage of relief teachers, both primary and secondary, available for our school. If you are qualified and interested, or know of anyone who is qualified and interested, can you please contact Victoria Field on [v\\_field@coroarea.school.nz](mailto:v_field@coroarea.school.nz) for secondary or Vicki Rouse on [v\\_rouse@coroarea.school.nz](mailto:v_rouse@coroarea.school.nz) for primary. Thank you.

### Grandparents' Day

Grandparents' Day was on 27 October. We saw parents, grandparents, babies, and even a grandparent with a beard! We put on a concert and invited the grands into our classrooms. There was a big morning tea in the staff room.

When they came strolling into our class, Room Four, they watched us do mathematics. We did a bit of mathematics together. They were amazed at the work we had done. Some nanas and poppas laughed at our stories, and they chatted to each other with wide smiles.

Stella's nan said, "You're getting good at mathematics!"

Her great-gran said, "I can't wait to have morning tea!"

Layke's granny had never been to our school; she liked the mathematics.

Next was an enjoyable morning tea in the staff room. Kingsley's nana said she loved the food. A nana sneaked a cake for someone in our room.

The primary school participated in a concert at the hall before lunch. There were thousands of grandparents – maybe that's an exaggeration, but it looked like it. We all sang "We Are Aotearoa" and the school song. Grandparents stood with us and sang too.

We were a little bit nervous when we did the line dancing. The second time we did it, we grabbed our own grandparent to join us and follow the dance moves. Jade's poppa really liked the Achy Breaky Heart line dance. Jade said he played the song at home over the speaker about a hundred times. Clap! Clap! Clap! The grandparents went wild and they jammed along when the band played.

We know that it was the best day ever! A sunny day, great food and a concert that made everyone smile and join in. Classrooms full of grandparents who got to see our amazing work.

Room Four Students



## Coromandel Area School Cleaning Contract expires 01/01/2017

If interested in the contract opportunity,  
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2nd December 2016.



# Arts

## Coromandel Players

By Don Hughes

By the time you read this we should only be a few weeks away from our next production. We are preparing a combination of short one-act plays and Christmas carols and songs, with the plays having a Christmas connection.

One of the plays is written by Barbara O'Reilly, who you will remember (no pun intended) from her central role in our last production, "Bothered and Bewildered".

From an Australasian first for "Bothered and Bewildered", we go to a World First for Barbara's play "When Jack Comes".

Pulling together singers, musicians, and actors and back stage crew at this time of the year is tricky, so please do keep an eye out for our posters with, hopefully, final details.

At present we plan to present the show, "Christmas Spirit", on **Thursday 15 December, Friday 16 December** at 8pm, and 2pm on **Saturday 17 December**.

Bring your voices, sense of humour and lots of Christmas spirit and enjoy the evening or afternoon.

## 28th Coromandel Christmas Exhibition 2016/2017

Exhibition at Hauraki House, Coromandel Town **18 December until 6 January**.

This is the 28th year running for the Coromandel Christmas Exhibition where some of the best known artists in New Zealand come together to show their work.

The artists exhibiting in the exhibition are : Michael Smither, Gian McGregor, Lindsay Garmson, Cindy Alger, Ian Webster, Kim and Kevin Brett, Christy Benton, Rex Brett, Mary Lee, Allan Beaver, Barbara von Seida, Diane Cade, Bronwynne Cornish, Bev Thatcher, Tracey Johnson, Deborah Hide-Bayne, Mike Cogswell, Fiona Tunnicliffe, Mike Barton, Mike O'Donnell, Michelle Blake, Jan Linklater, Stuart Fyfe, Kay Ogilvie, Jan Koshian, Erica Lyons, Peter Sephton, Caitlin Moloney, Petra Meyboden, Uli Christopherson, Richard Crisp, Ray Morley, Rod Macleod, Ian Dalzell, Sue Pidgeon, Iain Crichton, Wailin Elliott, Paul Armstrong, John Eaglen.

There will be a mix and mingle on **Sunday 18 December** from 5pm, with an opening at 6pm. Everyone is welcome, bring a friend.

## Coromandel Music Society – Christmas Gift Idea

By Robin Münch

Christmas is coming and so is our ever popular Mussel Kitchen concert. What a great idea to combine these two occasions and purchase a ticket or two as a Christmas gift for your nearest and dearest.

The Rocking Roller-Coasters, a five-person band of twenty-somethings, will take us back to the golden age of 1950's rock 'n roll and 1960's pop at the Mussel Kitchen on **21 January**.

The Rocking Roller-Coasters possess the magic blend of being sophisticated enough to be genuinely into music from before their parents' time while having the youthful exuberance to pull it off. The result is a vibrant dancing opportunity that spans every generation in the audience. Bring your dancing shoes.

In addition to the main band, there will be warm-up acts to entertain you.

Date: **Saturday 21 January** at 7.30pm. Doors open from 6pm. Venue: The Mussel Kitchen, corner SH25 and the 309 Rd, Coromandel. Tickets: Coromandel Information Centre ph (07) 866 8598 and door sales. Full price \$25, gold card holders \$20.



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Charlie Kim

## Coromandel Art Group

By Lindsay Nicholls

We had a good workshop with our tutor Bruce Hutchinson from Tauranga who demonstrated pen and wash technique.

We all achieved a great painting as a result of the day and of course, the lunch was very memorable again. It's great to have so many foodies in our club. Yum!

Our group project is finally finished after many months of changing hands and every artist putting their "mark" on it. It looks fabulous and shows many buildings around the Coromandel.

It will be on display at our Annual Exhibition at Hauraki House from **20 January to 5 February**. Open daily 10am-4pm. This is a free entry event so we would love to see you all there. Put it in the calendar today. Most of the artwork displayed will be for sale.

We will have our Xmas wind-up luncheon on **1 December** and we will have our last group day on **22 December**. We will resume again after the exhibition in February when we will start to paint outdoors.

We would like to wish all the colourful folk out there a wonderful, bright Xmas!



Bruce demonstrating  
the pen and wash  
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# Arts continued

## Watch This Space – WTS Coromandel Artist News “By Artists for Artists”

By John Eaglen

Already the end of 2016 is nearly here, and the team at WTS Coromandel are planning creative activities for next autumn and spring. A pilot programme that to many seemed new and perhaps a little strange just nine months ago proved its popularity with artists' Shared Studios, four inspiring exhibitions, a collaboration with the Coromandel Players, and more.

To quote a couple of our artists “Sharing studio time was better than we had ever imagined. We decided we'd like to do it together twice each year.”

The 2017 shared studios programme will be in the Hauraki House Art Room from **15 March to 17 September**, and will culminate in a “Shared Studios” exhibition open to all who have participated. The programme is open to all Coromandel Peninsula creatives – visual and craft artists, writers and poets – your imagination is the only limit. We'd love to pair a painter and a poet! If you're planning your winter programme give us a call and we'll pencil in your studio slot. Call Sally on 027 302 4245 or email [info@wtscoromandel.org](mailto:info@wtscoromandel.org).

Participation fee is \$60 – confidential partial sponsorship by a philanthropic supporter may be available on basis of financial hardship.

We will also repeat the group visit to Gibbs Sculpture Farm in the Kaipara, an additional trip to a mystery art destination, and an artistic CPD workshop. These will be open to all Coromandel artists (WTS Shared Studio participants will receive priority and a price discount or to some events a price waiver).

In 2016 WTS held a themed exhibition “Secrets Gifts and Memories – Spheres of Connection”. This was our collaborative project with the Coromandel Players. In 2017 we will hold a similar themed exhibition in March, featuring new work from artists on the west and east side of the Coromandel.

If you are inspired by the thought of being part of this project call Sally on 027 302 4245 or John on 021 930 470 or email [info@wtscoromandel.org](mailto:info@wtscoromandel.org)



“My Grandmother's Orchard in Martinique” by Benni Bonin in “Secrets Gifts and Memories - Spheres of Connection”

## Pastel Artists Coromandel

By Christine Lunn

Our first “Mainly Pastels” exhibition held at Hauraki House over Labour Weekend was very successful with both local and international visitors viewing our work. Our visitor's book contained some very complimentary comments about the quality and variety of work such as: “a well displayed exhibition of a different media”, “tranquillity and light in abundance”, along with the very brief “well done!” We were very surprised and pleased with the number of overseas visitors, particularly from Europe.

Several of the works sold went to overseas destinations – France, Switzerland, and the United States of America.

We were so pleased with the show that we have already confirmed our venue for next year's show.

A number of our group are planning to attend the PANZ (Pastels Artists of New Zealand) Annual Convention that is being held in Morrinsville and Te Aroha in March 2017. This will be a great opportunity for us to meet with pastel artists from throughout New Zealand as well as several international visitors. It may be that some of us may even enter one of our works in the exhibition. This convention is restricted to PANZ members although the accompanying exhibition will be open to the general public.

Our final meeting for the year will be in the form of a pot luck lunch to be held at Annette's on **29 November**.

Then it will be on our own doing our own thing until January – more later.

Pastel Artists of Coromandel meet Tuesday mornings 9am to 2pm at the Coromandel Aero Club rooms on Tiki Road.

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

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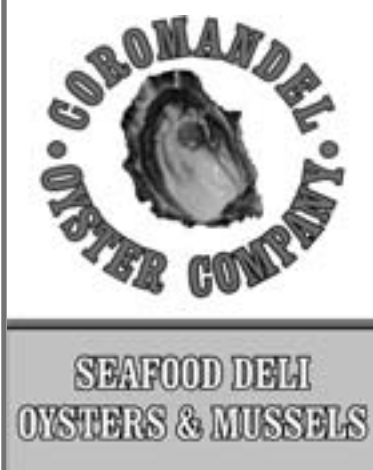
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# Environmental

## Moehau Environment Group

By Natalie Collicott

### Farewell Pete

We are saddened by the sudden and tragic loss of our friend Pete Buddle. Pete was a local legend- an eco-warrior who dedicated his life to protecting the environment, and inspiring the next generation. It was Pete's vision and enthusiasm that sparked the formation of Moehau Environment Group over 16 years ago, and his conservation legacy on this landscape will continue long after his memory fades.

He taught us a lot. He taught us to dream big. He taught us to see the natural world through the eyes of a child. He taught us to hold true to our core values, and that actions speak louder than words. He knew the value of people, and the strength of community. He taught us to persist, and to not back down. He taught us that one person can make a difference in bringing about change.

Pete, we salute a life well-lived. Rest in peace

### New mural outside BNZ

You may already have admired the new mural of a Coromandel Striped Gecko outside the Coromandel BNZ. We commissioned Caitlin Moloney, an amazing local artist, to brighten up this concrete block wall. There's also a blackboard noticeboard where we can update locals on MEG news. Big thanks to the generous supporters whose donations helped make this a reality.

### Coro Kiwi trap update

Congratulations Riko! The trap you made has caught the first stoat on the Harray Track. That's one less predator out there eating our native birds!

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](mailto:natalie@meg.org.nz) or go to [www.meg.org.nz](http://www.meg.org.nz)



### Bush Bites

This month, our trappers recount memories of their friend and fellow trapper, Pete Buddle.

"What I remember about Pete was his passion for Conservation. He was always bugging me for more traps! He set up a grid of traps in Papa Aroha and would check them every day in the beginning until he got the rat numbers to zero. He also organised a large group of volunteers to help put out stoat traps in Papa Aroha. He was definitely dedicated to the cause."

"Pete introduced me to conservation on the peninsula about 5½ years ago. I had just finished a ridge walk from KBay to White Star and was hitching home. Pete was the first car by and stopped to give me a ride. Once he learned I was new to Coromandel and interested in the bush, he started talking passionately about the bush and didn't stop talking for 20 minutes! He had an enthusiasm and passion for all things conservation and environment related, that was unmatched."

"I met Pete in 1998 while spotlight surveying for lizards around Port Charles. He joined us and invited us to look down the Mahana driveway. One of my fondest memories of Pete is meeting in Thames Pak'nSave, a couple of weeks after I had moved back to the Coromandel. Although we hadn't seen each other for 5 years, it was like we'd only caught up the week before. He was brimming with enthusiasm, questions, observations, and his trademark animation and zest for the Coromandel environment. We stood there for half an hour solving the world's environmental problems, with the supermarket customers flowing like a tide around us. The Coromandel is a lesser place for Pete's passing, and he leaves a living legacy in the environment he dedicated so much of his considerable enthusiasm and abilities to."

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# Environmental continued

## Forest of sorrow

By Carol Sutherland

The night Pete Buddle was found the wind was howling. Adding to this sound were his friends from the conservation movement, for he had left us. If the bush shook in convulsions it may well have been from losing its bright-eyed, blue-eyed hero.

We knew he was down, but at times he was smiley Pete, that seeker of ideas and dreams, and plans and schemes. Time was granted as a healer. Time failed that day.

When he handed over his maze of traps, at a density only Pete could achieve, I thought it was a step back, possibly freeing himself up of obligations so he had the option of leaving, starting afresh. Unfortunately I was thinking geographically.

There is a limit to the amount of traps one person can service; trap densities to cover all pests on a large scale are unattainable, so he concentrated on sweet patches – although his heart covered the whole of the Coromandel. Pete had quite a few sweet patches; for he knew the Coromandel bush so well. He could skip through a forest of supplejack while I was left cursing in a muddle.

He was a man committed to this land. A man who would pack-haul water for pohutukawa that he had planted, and take out pines in order to let his little babies grow. A man who would gush about the development stages of the kids at his work, and teach them how to call like a kiwi, for he loved them all, as he did his own daughters. The weighty scientific tome of a book on NZ trees that his daughters gave him thrilled him, so too did the small things, like the way a rata vine grew up a tree at trap station B5. Or, in Pete's language: East in the roots of a huge pohutukawa 18m SSW from trig. For every metre seemed to be mapped in his mind.

Pete came from Wellington, and perhaps bush-clad hills with the sea nearby were imprinted on him as a babe, but it was the hills of Coromandel that made him a local man. Bush-clad hills that at times, after a gentle rain, soon kissed by the sun, seem so soft and beautiful.

There is a hole in that bush where he used to be, there is a hole in our lives, but hopefully the rata vine will grow to close that spot, and we will remember the blue-eyed boy who could skip through supplejack as if it parted for him.



Pete Buddle (far left) at the Kiwi listening platform in Port Charles with (l-r) Jeff and Raine Williams, Wally and Sue Gilmer and Carol Sutherland

## Pete Buddle, eco warrior

By Lora Mountjoy

The past month saw the sad death of one of CLAIM's most active and passionate supporters, Pete Buddle.

The first time I was really conscious of Pete was on top of a pine-clothed, shaven-haired mountaintop at Whangapoua sometime in the 1980s. I remember that day a large group of locals and other supporters from around the Peninsula had gathered to take a stand on a cleared hilltop in the pine forest there. The aim: to stop the company bringing in a drilling rig by helicopter. We were peaceful protesters, but the company men and the police were not. One policeman even had "make my day" written on his baton and he had no hesitation in wielding it. In the ensuing melee Pete was thrown down a bank and the resulting back injury plagued him from then on.

A member of our committee for a number of years now, Pete was always to be relied on, not just to turn up at protests but also to reply to emails and to offer well researched and relevant opinion on any matter at hand.

Before coming to live in Coromandel, Pete was a longterm resident of Port Charles. There he built a home for his family and began a lifetime of active defence of the environment. For me early memories of Pete include him playing bass on stage in the Colville Hall in local band "Robin and the Hoods".

Pete's passion for the environment was a huge part of who he was. I recall stories of his war against magpies, mynahs and other birds which threaten native wildlife. When he moved to Coromandel Town and settled here he continued to act for the health of the planet, putting his considerable energy to use for a number of related causes as well as practical pest control and education, especially with the preschool children he loved so dearly.

Pete Buddle was never just a "stay at home and pay" type of group member. As well as being on the CLAIM committee, he was a founder and active member of Moehau Environment Group (MEG), fought for the health of our kauri trees, a member of Forest and Bird and of Peninsula Watchdog. Pete got out there and took responsibility, caring for Papatuanuku, for Tane's children and the vital realm of Tangaroa.

Most recently Pete has been part of the CLAIM team which has persisted in confronting Council on the illegal dumping of toxic dredgings at a clean fill site in our drinking water catchment. Thankfully there has been no elevated arsenic levels in the water to date, but Pete was committed to making sure this sort of bungle doesn't happen again. CLAIM is still in conversation with Mayor Goudie, the TCDC and Waikato Regional Council on this matter.

We have lost a true eco warrior, but we have not lost the battle. Even though Pete may have sometimes found it hard to believe in happy endings, they do exist. Just as most people on the Peninsula supported Watchdog's anti-mining stand in the 1980s and '90s, I believe Coromandel people will stand up for a harbour future in which the health of the marine ecosystem is paramount and transport, aquaculture and recreational needs co-exist with that.

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# Sport

## Coromandel Golf Club

By Peter Gray

Mark Burcombe achieved a hole in one on the par3 6th hole while playing in the first round of the Men's Top Dog Competition on Saturday 5 November. Mark finished with 42 Stableford points. However, it did not match his outstanding round on Wednesday 26 October when he had a 66 gross, net 61 and 45 pts to win the Meat Pack day.

Sunday 6 November the Club hosted the Auckland Eagles on their annual visit celebrating 60 years. 54 starters teed off on a successful day with Allan Rose's 43, the best round from Norm Davies 42, Kevin O'Keefe 41 and David Lunn and Eagle John Loader 40 leading the men home. Eagle Lady Anne (BOP) led the ladies from Joan Evans 36, Eugene Weimer and Carol Carson 35. A packed clubhouse enjoyed the prize giving and the "feast" thanks to Lynn and her band



President Ed's Birthday

of helpers. A 60th anniversary cake prepared and presented by Joan and Ron Evans was also appreciated. Thanks must also go to the Eagles for a great BBQ welcoming on the Saturday night, again to a full house.

The ladies played the Captain's Trophy on Tuesday 1 November. In a good field Philippa Medlock won the 18-hole trophy with 45 pts with Christina Page winning the 9-hole event. Philippa saved her best for last with her round of 62 net being the YTD best net round. The ladies also presented their trophies for the year's competitions:- LGU Bronze Medal – S Davies, Kowhai Cup (Gross) – P. Medlock, S. Davies, Putting Cup – E Weimer, Young Cup (Stableford) C. Carson, McInerney Cup (Net) – G

Robertson, Ringers – G. Robertson (18 Hole), C. Page (9 Hole), Par Tree – P. Medlock, Birdie Tree – G. Robertson. The



Odd Couple win Top Dog – Peter Gray and Ron Brooking

Mary Turner Trophy (Foursomes) will be played on Tuesday 22 November the final day of the ladies competition.

In the men's competition the Top Dog (Best Combined Stableford over two rds) was taken out by the unlikely pairing of Peter Gray and Ron Brooking with 157 pts from Ed Buckett and Graeme McGowan 134 pts. It was a case of an "Aussie carrying the Kiwi".

In the rain delayed Golconda Cup, Bruce Fitzpatrick 134 finally took home the silverware from Ed Buckett 135 and Tom Folwell 137.

The October Meat Pack/Laurie Olliff trophy was won by Mark Burcombe with his outstanding round of 45 pts from Kevin O'Keefe 40, Don Bryant, Wayne Robertson and Allan Beaver 38.

### Calendar December

**Saturday 3 December** – Closing Day AGM, Eagles Salver (P)

**Saturday 10 December** – Coromandel Xmas Tournament 10.30am Tee (C).

## Coromandel Tennis Club

By John Veysey

Don Bryant, our president since 2008, is leaving Coromandel to be closer to his son's family in Whitianga.

Don joined us in 2003, the year we resurfaced the courts, put up new surround netting and became a viable facility again. Don put some of his boundless energy into making sure that tennis was played as often as possible. His enthusiasm will be sadly missed.

Don lived just within sight of the club. In all his years with us Don watched over the courts, tackling visitors who had not paid, bikers and skateboarders and intruders into the clubhouse. It's thanks to Don's presence that these offenses no longer occur. Largely as a result of Don's maintenance and care, the clubhouse is sound and the courts are still good to play on. We are seeing a greater respect for the fragility of the asphalt surface, the building, and our impecunious position. Sorry to see you go Don but we wish you and Ann well in your new home.

Special thanks go to all the businesses who have put up signs: Top Catch; Goldiggers; Coromandel Electrical; Coromandel Four Square; Coromandel Refrigeration; Hush Boutique Accommodation; Jacko's Place; Coastal Small Engine Services; Richardson's Real Estate. Without these wonderful sponsors we would not survive as a club.

Thanks also to Dave Aston who, as our neighbour, has taken on the maintenance of our grass and weeds. Much appreciated.

Subscriptions are now due: Adult \$60, Family \$80. Please pay Gayle at Coastway Cutters on Kapanga Road.

We know there are many tennis players out there and it would be great to see you on the court at one of our club days: Friday 4pm onwards and Sunday from 2pm. See you there.

## Coromandel Swimming Club

By Debra Attwood

Woohoo, the pool is open and looking great with the new paint job. We have started club and have a good group of children in all of our groups. The groups are, firstly, the junior group for swimmers who can swim one length of freestyle, and need help to develop their other strokes. These junior swimmers attend two nights per week. The club and competitive swimmers attend three nights per week.

Swimming Club is held on Monday and Wednesday afternoons from 4pm and on Friday from 5pm.

We would like to increase our pool of learn to swim instructors as we have more and more children registering for classes and our instructors have a very full load. If you are interested, give me a call and we will find a training day for you to attend.

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# Sport continued

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

By Debra Attwood

I am happy to report that the pool has now opened for the season. It has been painted and looks great. Come along and check it out. Our morning swimmers have started their swim to Waiheke or Great Barrier challenge and it has really spurred some interest. Swimmers record the distance they swim each day and we track their progress on a chart. It is 46km to Waiheke Island return and 120km return to Great Barrier. This challenge is not restricted to swimmers; walkers can enter as well. Swimming or walking in the pool is a great wake me up exercise in the mornings. 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.

We will be running learn to swim classes in January. This is a block course that runs for eight lessons, four days per week over a two-week period beginning **9 January**. Call in to the pool to collect a registration form or contact Debra for an emailed form. Places will be restricted so book your spot early.

### Lifeguards and learn to swim instructors required

We are looking to increase our pool of lifeguards and learn to swim instructors so if you are interested in either, call in and talk to Debra.

### Pool Hours During School Term until 13 December

Mornings: Monday to Saturday 6-8am.

Afternoons: Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 3-5pm. Saturday and Sunday: 12-5pm

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Mornings: Monday – Saturday 6-8am.

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### 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. Hot metered showers are also available, and a tuck shop selling ice creams, chips, drinks, etc.

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## Cake and Croquet

By Kaye Anderson

Several local people came to taste both the delights of croquet and cake on Tuesday 8 November, despite a gnarly wind.

We began with a round of Golf Croquet, giving the newcomers a chance to hold a mallet and hit balls down the lawn and through a hoop or two.

After much laughter and cheering at one another's successes, we took a break for tea and delicious cakes made by club members Sharon and Jeni.

Then it was time to learn some of the intricacies of Association Croquet, take-offs, split shots and the croquet sequence.

If you would like to join us, phone Kaye on (07) 866 8968, or just come along on a Tuesday or Saturday at 9.45am for a 10am start. The Croquet Club is in Woollams Avenue next to the Bowling Club



## Coromandel Area Sports

By Geoff Horton, Sports Coordinator

The 2016 sports year winds down for students at Coromandel Area School, with a handful of touch rugby games at Whitianga and Coromandel and a volleyball tournament at Katikati, remaining for the female athletes.

The North Peninsula cluster schools travelled to Coromandel Area School on 8 November, for the annual athletics event, seeking qualification to represent the region at upcoming major Thames Valley Primary School track and field events. Competition was hot as students vied for top spots and the final results saw great representation from all schools attending.

Coromandel Area School seniors held their catch-up athletics day on 11 November with very good representation once again from the Year 10 group as students tried their hand at all track and field events on offer. Final house points were also up for grabs with the 4 x 400 metre relay creating great excitement at the end of the day.

Prizegiving is set for **9 December** with virtually all sporting categories completed for the year.

Everyone at Te Rerenga School wishes to thank the following local businesses for their incredible generosity in donating items for our Te Rerenga School Pet Day. Our students approached a number of local businesses for sponsorship and we were overwhelmed by the response. All items donated as well as other fundraising on the day helped us to raise approximately \$1500 for our Room 4 camp in 2017. Thank you to:

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The day would not have been so successful without the support of our school community. Thank you to the following people who committed such time, energy and expertise to the event:

Our awesome judges – Christian Fletcher, Matua Errol, Ra & Lucy Kuchlein, Briar & Sheridan O'Keefe, Matt & Susan Vause; Coral Parr & Gaye (from Whangapoua); Tiffany and Jenna, our facepainters; Mark & Kelly Simpson; Emma Steel & Jenna James – our photographers; our dedicated team of teachers; Cheryl & Anita Prime; Ange Gregory; Emma Gates; Jo Lamplough; Josie Airey; Brooke Beattie; Mary Fowler; Richard & Lorna White; Paul Kington; Ash Tonkin and all our parents who lent a hand and helped us have a great day. We love it that all our parents and grandparents participate in the day and help out at a moment's notice to make the day a success for everyone.

Thank you to all of our previous students who came along for the day too... we always love to see the amazing adults you have grown to be.





## BOWLING CLUB NEWS

Half of the bowling season almost over, and a mixed bag of weather has made life very interesting. Our match committee has worked valiantly to ensure all games are finalised before the short Christmas break, so roll on some settled weather.

The Club mixed junior singles champion is Kerrin Muir, who also featured with Linda Wright as the runner up in the Drawn 2x4x2 pairs, which was won by Shirley Stol and David Weatherly. The Mens' Champion Pairs are Colin Gawith and Tahi Mahuta. Our alternate 4s sponsored by the Royal Oak pub at Tapu was won by skip Reg Wright's team of Miha Matthews, Peter Herbert and David Weatherly.

The Championship games for both men and women's fours were competitively played with winning results going to Colin Gawith, Ernie Groucott, Tahi Mahuta and Jason Dickison. The women's champs are Sue McNeil, Linda Wright, Irene Goss, and Vi King. The winners of the women's Pairs Championship were Sue McNeil and Linda Wright.

We had a great fun day with our visitors from Huskisson New South Wales, who last year presented a shield to be challenged annually. We won it by 2 points last year and the Aussies won it this year by 8 points. Bring on the 2017 challenge!

Don't forget the World Bowls Challenge in Christchurch starting 29 November – this promises to be the showcase for bowls and we will see bowlers representing many different countries. Another exciting event coming up in April is the Masters Games featuring dozens of different sports again featuring competitors from all over the world in many different fields. Makes a change from rugby and cricket...

We take this opportunity to wish everyone a very happy and safe Christmas and may your God go with you in 2017.



Mens champs left to right:  
Tahi, Jason, Colin and Ernie



Womens champs left to right:  
Sue, Irene, Linda and Vi

## RSA NEWS

Armistice Day 11 November, was remembered this year by a short service held at the Coromandel War Memorial. The address was presented by Lt Col (Ret) Graeme Ready who described the origins of Armistice Day and its relevance today. It was particularly pleasing to have Coromandel Area School pupil Maquita Haera, beautifully recite the remembrance poem "In Flanders Fields". We also thank Saffron Wake of Coromandel Scouts for once again taking charge of the Flag during the Last Post. A contingent from Kaipara RSA, led by our Patron Reg Canty, also attended. Thanks to our Women's Section ladies for the refreshments. Armistice Day is now a regular remembrance on our calendar and we welcome you to join us next year.

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## Coromandel Town weekly and monthly meetings

## Every Monday

Coro Gym – Step/aerobics, Peg (07) 866 8635 ..... 8am  
 Mahamudra Centre, guided meditation in gompas ..... 8.30-9am  
 Coromandel Hikers' Group, Hauraki House,  
 Colin & Elspeth (07) 866 7137 ..... 9am  
 Monday Walkers, Irene 021 157 8408 ..... 9am  
 Colville Social Services Collective,  
 Colville Hall, (07) 866 6920 ..... 9am-3pm  
 Kohanga Reo o Kapanga, (07) 866 8417 ..... 9am-3pm  
 Coro Gym – Sit and be fit, Peg (07) 866 8635 ..... 9.30am  
 Coro Gym – Fitness and Fun, Judy (07) 866 8637 ..... 10.30am  
 Scouts and Cubs, Scout Den, Hauraki House,  
 Abby Morgan (07) 211 9790 ..... 3.30pm  
 Coro Gym – Kick fit with Christajo, 155 Pottery Lane,  
 021 033 9329 ..... 5.30-6.30pm  
 Shrinking Violets, Betsie (07) 866 7076 ..... 5.30pm  
 Coro Contract Bridge, Coro Ambulance rooms,  
 Lyn (07) 866 8858 ..... 7pm  
 Four-part harmony singing, Sue (07) 866 8833 ..... 7.30pm

## Every Tuesday

Homeschoolers' gathering, Julene (07) 866 8005 .....  
 Mahamudra Centre, guided meditation in gompas ..... 8.30-9am  
 Pastel Artists Coromandel,  
 Coromandel Aero Club Rooms (07) 866 7220 ..... 9am-mid day  
 Colville Bay Pre-School, rear Colville School, cr  
 (07) 866 8319 ..... 9am-3pm  
 Coro Walking Group, Ruth (07) 866 7246 ..... 9am  
 Colville Social Services Collective, Colville Hall,  
 (07) 866 6920 ..... 9am-3pm  
 Kohanga Reo o Kapanga, (07) 866 8417 ..... 9am-3pm  
 Music and Dance, Elim Church- Preschoolers Dance Group, Dawn  
 (07) 866 8150 ..... 9.30-11am  
 Coro Ladies Golf, Peter (07) 866 7633 ..... tee off 10am  
 Yoga, Colville Hall, (07) 866 6612 ..... 10am  
 Croquet, Woollams Ave, Kaye (07) 866 8968 ..... 9.45am  
 Coromandel Playcentre, Woollams Ave ..... 10.30am-1pm  
 Narcotics Anonymous meeting, 021 314 467 ..... 12 noon  
 500 card session at the Bowling Club, (07) 866 8886 ..... 1pm  
 Coro Gym – Fitness and Fun, Judy (07) 866 8637 ..... 1pm  
 Ambulance training, Felix (07) 866 8279 ..... 7-9pm  
 Coro Motorcycle Club, Star & Garter,  
 John (07) 866 6776 ..... 7-9pm  
 Badminton, school gymnasium, racquets available bring non-marking  
 sports shoes contact Lorraine (07) 866 7606 ..... 6.30pm

## Every Wednesday

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

## Every Thursday

Mahamudra Centre, guided meditation in gompas ..... 8.30-9am  
 Coro Walking Group, Ruth (07) 866 7246 ..... 9am  
 Coro Art Group, St Andrew's Church,  
 Val (07) 866 8911 ..... 9am-12pm  
 Colville Bay Pre-School, rear Colville School,  
 (07) 866 8319 ..... 9am-3pm  
 Kohanga Reo o Kapanga, (07) 866 8417 ..... 9am-3pm  
 Guided Meditation at Havalona Pyramid ..... 10am  
 Tai Ji, Top Floor, Waikato Events Centre,  
 Sol (07) 866 8971 ..... 10-11am  
 Guided meditations at the Havalona Pyramid ..... 10-11am

Coro Gym – Fitness & Fun, Judy (07) 866 8637 ..... 10.30am  
 Coro Gym – Ukulele group practice for beginners,  
 Peg (07) 866 8635 .....  
 Croquet, Woollams Ave, Kaye (07) 866 8968 ..... 12.30pm  
 Coro Community Garden, Glover St,  
 Tai 022 601 7081 ..... 2-4pm  
 Coro Gym – Kick fit with Christajo, 021 033 9329 ..... 5.30-6.30pm

## Every Friday

Coro Gym – step/aerobics, Peg (07) 866 8635 ..... 8-9am  
 Colville Bay Pre-School, rear Colville School,  
 (07) 866 8319 ..... 9am-3pm  
 Mahamudra Centre, guided meditation in gompas ..... 8.30-9am  
 Kohanga Reo o Kapanga, (07) 866 8417 ..... 9am-3pm  
 Yoga for everyone, Anglican Church Hall,  
 Katie (07) 866 6612 ..... 9-10.30am  
 Colville Services Collective,  
 Colville Hall, (07) 866 6920 ..... 9am-3pm  
 Coro Gym – Sit & be fit, Peg (07) 866 8635 ..... 9.30-10.30am  
 Coromandel Playcentre, Woollams Ave ..... 9.45am-12.15pm  
 Coro Gym – Fitness & Fun, Judy (07) 866 8637 ..... 1pm  
 Coromandel RSA, Woollams Ave, Ian (07) 866 7138 ..... 3.30pm  
 Coro Tennis, Men's night, Gayle (07) 866 8063 ..... 4pm  
 Coro Gym – Crazy Horse Productions,  
 Natalie 021 048 9772 ..... 4.15pm

## Every Saturday

Mahamudra Centre, guided meditation in gompas ..... 8.30-9am  
 Croquet, Woollams Ave, Kaye (07) 866 8968 ..... 9.45am  
 Coromandel Golf Club-club play, Hauraki Rd,  
 Peter (07) 866 7633 ..... tee off 12.30pm  
 Coromandel RSA, Woollams Ave, Ian (07) 866 7138 ..... 2pm  
 St Colman's Catholic Church-mass,  
 Rings Rd, Frieda (07) 866 7872 ..... 5pm  
 Prayers for dead and healing,  
 Mahamudra Centre, (07) 866 6851 ..... 5-6pm

## Every Sunday

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

## Monthly

RSA Women's Section Coromandel, Loes (07) 866 8053 .....  
**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** – Public Trust, Harcourts, 0800 368 620 ..... by appt  
**1st Wed** – Coro Embroiderers' Guild, Ambulance Station, Jill  
 Wilson (07) 866 7484 ..... 10am-3pm  
**1st Wed** – Lions Dinner Meeting, Ambulance Rooms;  
 Pres. Nigel Strongman (07) 866 8045 ..... 6pm  
**2nd Wed** – Garden Circle, ph Julie Jensen for venue,  
 (07) 866 7546 ..... 1pm  
**3rd Wed** – Herb Federation NZ.  
 Contact Ann Kerr-Bell 021 046 1647 ..... 9.30 to 11am  
**3rd Wed** – Lions Business Meeting, Ambulance Rooms;  
 Pres. Nigel Strongman (07) 866 8045 ..... 7pm  
**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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## Calendar of events Coromandel Town December 2016

**COROMANDEL  
RUBBISH & RECYCLE TRANSFER  
STATION & E-CYCLE HOURS**  
Tuesday and Thursday 11am-4:30pm  
Saturday and Sunday 11am-5:30pm

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
<div><div>New moon</div><div>Full moon</div></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, <a href="http://www.predictweather.com">www.predictweather.com</a> ●● = Average fishing, ●●● = Very good fishing, ●●●● = Excellent fishing</div>	<div><b>Make sure your event gets listed</b></div> <div>To get your event listed, email the details, your name and contact phone number to Debbie at <a href="mailto:corochronicle@gmail.com">corochronicle@gmail.com</a> 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>1</div> <div>Discovering Buddhism: Mind and its Potential continues at Mahamudra Centre (see pg 21)</div> <div>High tide 9.18am (2.7m), 9.28pm (2.6m) Low tide 2.55am (0.4m), 3.15pm (0.5m) ●●●●● Best bite 7.30am/pm</div>	<div>2</div> <div>Coromandel Community Market 8am-1pm next to BNZ (see pg 15)</div> <div>Senior Citizens Christmas party (see pg 4)</div> <div>Preschool Christmas party (see pg 26)</div> <div>High tide 9.55am (2.7m), 10.07pm (2.6m) Low tide 3.32am (0.4m), 3.54pm (0.5m) ●●●● Best bite 8am/pm</div>	<div>3</div> <div>Closing Day AGM, Eagles Salver at Coromandel Golf Club (see pg 31)</div> <div>High tide 10.33am (2.7m), 10.47pm (2.6m) Low tide 4.10am (0.4m), 4.35pm (0.5m) ●●●● Best bite 9am/pm</div>	<div>4</div> <div>High tide 11.33am (2.7m), 11.27pm (2.5m) Low tide 4.48am (0.4m), 5.17pm (0.6m) ●●●● Best bite 10am/pm</div>

<div>5</div> <div>High tide 11.55am (2.7m) Low tide 5.29am (0.5m), 6.01pm (0.6m) ►► Best bite 1am/pm</div>	<div>6</div> <div>High tide 12.10am (2.5m), 12.40pm (2.6m) Low tide 6.12am (0.5m), 6.48pm (0.6m) ►►► Best bite 12am/pm</div>	<div>7</div> <div>High tide 12.56am (2.5m), 1.28pm (2.6m) Low tide 7am (0.6m), 7.39pm (0.6m) ►►► Best bite 12.30am/pm</div>	<div>8</div> <div>Summer Spanish Tapas Night at Pepper Tree Restaurant (see ad pg 5)</div>	<div>9</div> <div>Tangairo Kiwi Retreat – Closed for wedding</div> <div>Coromandel Community market Coromandel Town centre design guidelines public info session 9.30am (see ad pg 13)</div>	<div>10</div> <div>Coromandel Christmas Parade 2pm (see pg 3)</div> <div>Matarangi Santa Parade 11am (see pg 16)</div> <div>Coromandel Xmas Tournament 10.30am Tee at Coromandel Golf Club (see pg 31)</div>	<div>11</div> <div>Coroarea market day at CAS The Waterworks Summer Kick-Off \$5 entry (see ad pg 25)</div>
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<div>12</div> <div>CHRONICLE DEADLINE – January issue content – 4pm</div>	<div>13</div> <div>Coromandel Area School – last day of school term 4</div>	<div>14</div> <div></div>	<div>15</div> <div>Coromandel Players present Christmas Spirit at 8pm (see pg 27)</div>	<div>16</div> <div>Coromandel Community market 8am-1pm next to the BNZ Te Rerenga School – last day of school term 4</div> <div>Coromandel Players present Christmas Spirit at 8pm (see pg 27)</div>	<div>17</div> <div>Coromandel Players present Christmas Spirit at 2pm (see pg 27)</div> <div>Tangairo Kiwi Retreat – Closed for wedding</div>	<div>18</div> <div>28th Coromandel Christmas Exhibition starts (see pg 27)</div>
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<div>19</div> <div>High tide 5.53am (2.8m), 6.17pm (2.9m) Low tide 12.02pm (0.4m) ►► Best bite 5am/pm</div>	<div>20</div> <div>High tide 6.52am (2.9m), 7.15pm (2.9m) Low tide 12.29am (0.1m), 12.59pm (0.3m) ►►►► Best bite 6am/pm</div>	<div>21</div> <div>High tide 7.48am (3.1m), 8.11pm (3.0m) Low tide 1.25am (0.0m), 1.54pm (0.2m) ►►►► Best bite 7am/pm</div>	<div>22</div> <div>High tide 8.42am (3.2m), 9.06pm (3.0m) Low tide 2.19am (0.0m), 2.47pm (0.1m) ►►►► Best bite 7.30am/pm</div>	<div>23</div> <div>Coromandel Community market 8am-1pm next to BNZ Lama Tsong Khapa Holy Day at Mahamudra (see pg 21)</div> <div>Christmas Carol night – Free (see ad pg 7)</div>	<div>24</div> <div>Compassionate Christmas at Mahamudra partners with Mana at Tara Sanctuary (see pg 21)</div>	<div>25</div> <div>Christmas Day Annual Christmas Potluck Picnic and Party at Mahamudra (see pg 21)</div>
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<div>26</div> <div>Boxing Day Tangairo Kiwi Retreat – Closed</div>	<div>27</div> <div>Public Holiday Matarangi Fire Station Open Day (see pg 16)</div> <div>Vajrasatva Purification Retreat starts at Mahamudra (see pg 21)</div>	<div>28</div> <div>High tide 7.30am (2.6m), 7.38pm (2.5m) Low tide 1.07am (0.6m), 1.27pm (0.7m) ►►►► Best bite 6am/pm</div>	<div>29</div> <div>Coromandel Patchwork and Quilters Quilt Show starts (see pg 23)</div> <div>Matarangi – The Big Dig (see pg 16)</div>	<div>30</div> <div>The Coromandel Community market 8am-1pm next to BNZ Kids' Fishing Competition, Matarangi (see pg 16)</div>	<div>31</div> <div>High tide 9.31am (2.8m), 9.44pm (2.6m) Low tide 3.08am (0.4m), 3.31pm (0.5m) ►►►► Best bite 8am/pm</div>
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### Upcoming events

- January**
- 2 - Keltic Fair in Coromandel Area School Grounds
  - 20 - Coromandel Art Group exhibition starts (thru 5 Feb)
  - 21 - Coromandel Music Society – The Rocking Roller-Coasters at The Mussel Kitchen