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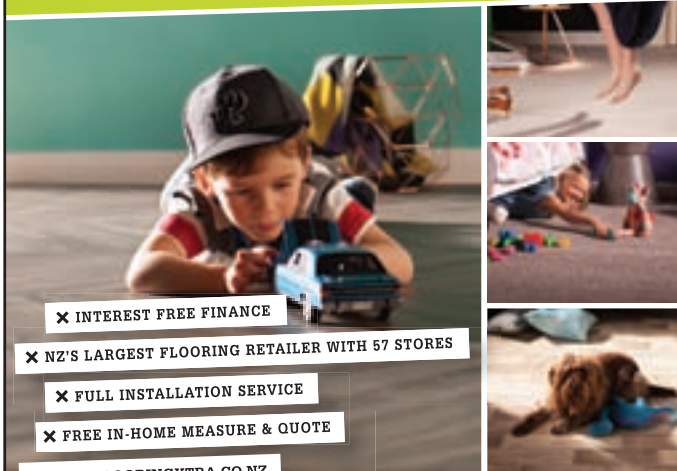
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Editor's comment

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. Without your support our community wouldn't have this much-loved magazine.

See calendar on page 38 for all 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

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Children out on Halloween

Letters

Congratulations Coromandel Area School B.O.T

The future looks exceptionally bright for the students, staff, whenua and the wider community of Coromandel Area School, with the appointment of Koren Hopoi as Principal for 2018.

I recently had the privilege of being part of the C.A.S. Board appointments committee, assigned with the critical task of selecting an inspiring principal and educator that would lead this fantastic school towards a bright and inspired future.

Rest assured students and staff at Coromandel Area School, your appointments committee conducted themselves professionally, systematically, with a heightened sense of accuracy to ensure everyone's best interests were at the forefront of their processes. Lead by a highly effective Board Chair, Abby Morgan, the committee left no stone unturned throughout the process and I can say without reservation that this process was robust, considered and implemented with precision.

After whittling the applicant field down to five suitable candidates, formal interviews were conducted with the intention of carefully examining the strengths and talents of every candidate, to identify a leader that would inspire the students and staff of Coromandel Area School. After much dialogue, questioning and the re-examining of interview notes, reference information and C.V details a unanimous decision was reached, appointing Koren Hopoi to the position.

Acting Principal of Onewhero Area School, with extensive leadership experience, Koren exhibits all the characteristics, attributes and skills that this most pivotal role requires. Visionary, driven, engaging and inspiring are but a few words that I would use to describe Koren after completing the appointment process. I whole-heartedly believe the B.O.T. has identified a leader that will truly inspire the learners of Coromandel Area School, cultivate talents within the staff and be a leader that the community can trust.

I would like to wish the community of Coromandel all the very best, for what will no doubt be a time of change, great excitement and success. I would like to sincerely thank the C.A.S. Board of Trustees for their invitation to be part of this process and congratulate them on what has been achieved.

Nga mihi

Brendan Finn, Principal, Tairua School and Lead Principal, Coromandel Community of Learning.

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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 gave us deep love
and life for evermore.

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
lost, yet with us evermore.

The Christmas cake, mince pies and
so much more.

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

**Poetry
SPOT**

Lion Rick Ward at the seat that was installed in Wharf Road in Colville by the Lions.

The Lions are installing a number around the area in conjunction with TCDC. Colville Sawmill provided the materials and the Lions have assembled and installed them.

Library News*By Raewyn McKinney*

As we approach the end of the year, we thank all of our members, volunteers, and the committee for their continued support throughout the year. The library would not be the wonderful place it is, without all the hard work that goes on behind the scenes, so thank you all.

We also thank all those who supported our Spring Raffle; the lucky winner was Paul Schubert.

Please look out for our Christmas Raffle, coming shortly.

Profits from the raffles provide extra funds, enabling the library committee to consistently purchase new books for our readers.

New additions to the library this month include the latest by popular authors Peter Carey, Michael Connelly, Bernard Cornwell, John Grisham, Fleur McDonald, Fiona McIntosh, Andy McNab, and Judy Nunn, as well as the final novel by Henning Mankell.

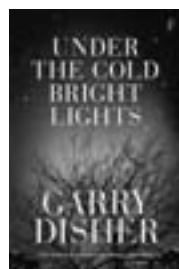
Other new acquisitions are:

***The Ministry of Utmost Happiness* by Arundhati Roy**

The first novel in 20 years from the Booker-prize winning author, *The Ministry of Utmost Happiness* takes us on a journey of many years – the story spooling outwards from the cramped neighbourhoods of Old Delhi



into the burgeoning new metropolis and beyond, to the Valley of Kashmir and the forests of Central India, where war is peace and peace is war, and where, from time to time, "normalcy" is declared. At once an aching love story and a decisive remonstration, it is told in a whisper, in a shout, through tears and sometimes with a laugh. Its heroes are people who have been broken by the world they live in and then rescued, mended by love – and by hope. For this reason, they are as steely as they are fragile, and they never surrender. This ravishing, magnificent book reinvents what a novel can do and can be. And it demonstrates on every page the miracle of Arundhati Roy's storytelling gifts.

***Under The Cold Bright Lights* by Garry Disher**

The young detectives call Alan Auhl a retread, but that doesn't faze him. He does things his own way – and gets results. He still lives with his ex-wife, off and on, in a big house full of random boarders and hard-luck stories. And he's still a cop,

even though he retired from Homicide some years ago. He works cold cases now. Like the death of John Elphick – his daughters still convinced he was murdered, the coroner not so sure – or the skeleton that's just been found under a concrete slab, or the doctor who killed two wives and a girlfriend, and left no evidence at all. Auhl will stick with these cases until justice is done, one way or another.

***Drawn Out* by Tom Scott**

Drawn Out is a hilarious, heartbreaking, heart-warming account of Tom Scott's tragicomic childhood, his manic student-newspaper days, his turbulent years stumbling through the corridors of power, his fallings out with prime

ministers, his collaborations with comic legends John Clarke, A.K. Grant and Murray Ball, his travels to the ends of the earth with his close friend Ed Hillary, and more...

On behalf of the committee, I wish all of our members and volunteers a very happy festive season, and a safe and prosperous New Year.

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

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Heart Beat – St John Ambulance Coromandel/Colville

By Julie Morris, Station Manager, Coromandel



St John wishes everyone a safe and happy time these holidays and shares this safety message:

Life threatening alcohol poisoning occurs most commonly in young people who drink undiluted spirits very quickly. In this setting it is possible for a person to drink a potentially fatal dose of alcohol before they start to show signs of intoxication – and then become rapidly unconscious. Under these circumstances 300ml of undiluted spirits is enough to kill a young person.

A person who is unconscious from alcohol poisoning who reaches hospital alive has a high chance of survival. A person who is unconscious from alcohol poisoning who is left alone has a high chance of dying.

Shake their shoulder and shout at them – if they wake they are conscious. They need someone to stay with them and look after them.

If they do not respond to a shake and shout – they are unconscious. Lay them on their side, call an ambulance, stay with them and keep them on their side.

Keep their airway open. Remove vomit if it blocks the front of the mouth.

Stay safe, keep well.

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

Illume

Come and join us at the illumination workshop **Friday 1 December** from 5pm, and **Saturday 2 December** from 2pm at the Coromandel Citizens' Hall. Lights, fabric, glue and inspiration will be provided. Bring your own umbrellas, coats, bicycles or other articles to illuminate.

Feel free to drop by to talk about how you might like to contribute to the Illume festival, and any ideas you might have for it.

illume.coromandel@gmail.com



In the last week of October Coromandel Four Square raised money for St John. The day this picture was taken the staff were dressed in 70's attire

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Departs Auckland: Pier 4, Quay Street

	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
30 Oct - 24 Dec	-	8.45am	-	8.45am	6.40pm	8.45am	8.45am
25 Dec - 31 Dec	XMAS	8.45am	8.45am	8.45am	8.45am	8.45am	8.45am
1 Jan - 7 Jan	8.45am	8.45am	8.45am	8.45am	8.45am	8.45am	8.45am
8 Jan - 4 Feb	8.45am	8.45am	8.45am	8.45am	6.40pm	8.45am	8.45am
5 Feb - 11 Feb	8.45am	8.45am	-	8.45am	6.40pm	8.45am	8.45am

Departs Orapiu to Coromandel: (approximate times)

	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
30 Oct - 24 Dec	-	9.50am	-	9.50am	7.45pm	9.50am	9.50am
25 Dec - 31 Dec	XMAS	9.50am	9.50am	9.50am	9.50am	9.50am	9.50am
1 Jan - 7 Jan	9.50am	9.50am	9.50am	9.50am	9.50am	9.50am	9.50am
8 Jan - 4 Feb	9.50am	9.50am	9.50am	9.50am	7.45pm	9.50am	9.50am
5 Feb - 11 Feb	9.50am	9.50am	-	9.50am	7.45pm	9.50am	9.50am

Departs Coromandel: Hannafords Wharf

	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
30 Oct - 24 Dec	-	3.00pm	-	3.00pm	8.45pm	4.30pm	4.30pm
25 Dec - 31 Dec	XMAS	4.30pm	3.00pm	3.00pm	3.00pm	4.30pm	4.30pm
1 Jan - 7 Jan	4.30pm	4.30pm	3.00pm	3.00pm	3.00pm	4.30pm	4.30pm
8 Jan - 28 Jan	3.00pm	3.00pm	3.00pm	3.00pm	8.45pm	4.30pm	4.30pm
29 Jan - 4 Feb	4.30pm	3.00pm	3.00pm	3.00pm	8.45pm	4.30pm	4.30pm

Auckland - Coromandel

	ADULT	CHILD	FAMILY
ONE WAY	\$60.00	\$40.00	\$160.00
OPEN RETURN	\$95.00	\$60.00	\$250.00

Waiheke Island (Orapiu) - Coromandel

	ADULT	CHILD	FAMILY
ONE WAY	\$40.00	\$25.00	\$105.00
OPEN RETURN	\$65.00	\$40.00	\$170.00

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

Please note:

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

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

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

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Coromandel Independent Living Trust

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
Nga mihi o te Kirihiomete me te Tau Hou.

Only a few weeks to the summer holiday and like everyone we at CILT are looking forward to the break. Over the Christmas period the Resource Centre will be closed from **Wednesday 20 December** and will re-open in 2018 on **17 January**. During this time things will run a little bit differently, so check out the details below to see how to access our services.

Community Van Christmas holiday dates:

The last community van trip to Thames for the year will be on **Thursday 21 December** and the next one after that will be on **Thursday 25 January 2018**. The van to Thames will pick you up at 9am and return from Thames at 2pm.

The van to Whitianga will run on **15 December** if there are enough bookings. **Travel assistance to hospital appointments over the holidays.**

If you are a Community Services Card holder and need a volunteer driver to a hospital appointment in Thames or Hamilton, please contact your GP. They will help you access our team of volunteer drivers. For those of you using your own car, we are unable to provide financial assistance until we return in the New Year. So please keep your appointment letters and make sure you have them stamped by the hospital and bring them in after **17 January**.

The Work Co-op

The Work Co-op will be finishing for the year on **23 December**, and will spend their last week going to do their Christmas

Shopping, spring cleaning the house for the next year and having their usual end of year Christmas party. Our thanks to the Work Co-op for all the work they have done for people in the community over the last year.

The Incredible Years

The Incredible Years Parent Programme was run twice in Coromandel and once in Whitianga in 2017. CILT was able to facilitate these 14-week programmes through funding from the Ministry of Education. The programme aims to positively influence the lives of all the participants and, most importantly, their children. The programme has had extremely positive feedback with one parent saying, "Our whole family is happier. I feel more part of my community. I deal with kids so differently now."

CILT is pleased to be able to announce that there will be two more Incredible Years Programmes in 2018.

If you have children between the ages of three and eight and want to enroll, you can just ring the Resource Centre at CILT and make a booking, or contact Kate Donoghue on 027 692 6494.

Strengthening Families

This programme, which brings together families and all of the agencies that have a part to play in helping families/whanau achieve their desired outcomes, will be continuing next year. Strengthening Families

brings everyone together in the one room so the family only has to tell its story once.

The Goldmine

This will be the busiest time of the year for The Goldmine, so if you are looking for presents or kitchenware for the bach, now is the time to visit and make a purchase. And remember from late December The Goldmine will be open every day. If you are new to town the Goldmine is CILT's re-use centre at the transfer station in Hauraki Road.

CILT wishes you all a great holiday season. We will return with all of our usual services and a few new ones to be announced in the New Year. So until then, Ka kite ano.

CILT Resource Centre, Co-ordinators:
Rochelle Still and Kaye Anderson. Hours:
9am-3pm Monday-Thursday. Ph/Fax: (07) 866 8358, email: cilt@cilt.org.nz or website: www.cilt.org.nz



Thought about volunteering?

Coromandel Independent Living Trust (CILT) runs community services for Coromandel. www.cilt.org.nz

CILT volunteers play an important part in helping our community and new volunteers are welcome.

Whatever your skills and interests, there is always something to contribute towards our community.

Contact CILT: volunteers@cilt.org.nz, phone: (07) 866 8358; Tiki House.

Community volunteering; what's involved?

Volunteer drivers take people to hospital appointments, or drive the community van to Thames on Thursdays and to Whitianga on Fridays.

Volunteers also do gardening for the disabled and elderly.

There is the volunteer team at The Goldmine by the Refuse Transfer Station.

This team helps out in the shop, fixes equipment for sale, strips motors for recoverable metals, works with youth on skills exchange, and other various creative projects. So if you want to tinker with tools, meet others in an atmosphere of co-operation, come join the friendly team.

All proceeds from The Goldmine go back into community services.

5 December is International Volunteer Day!

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Barry Brickell Memorial Performance Stage - Update

There has not been much to report recently on this project while our architect has been working on the construction plans, but now that they have been completed there has been a flurry of activity. After a very productive series of meetings involving the supervising engineer, concept artist, concrete contractor, architect and electrician, we have set the date for construction to start in March 2018 so that the stage will be ready for the Illume festival.

The sail cover has created a few issues for us that will be overcome eventually, but in the meantime that part of the project will be delayed. We thought it would be best to have the stage up and running temporarily uncovered rather than put a hold on the whole project.

For anyone who wants to see the architect's drawings, they will be available for the public to view at the Coromandel TCDC office. Please ring me if you want to know more.

Pete Sephton (07) 866 8216

Grey Power Coromandel

By John Rabarts, President

December and the New Year is creeping up on us very quickly. If we haven't already been reminded about it by our families, then perhaps the shock of seeing Christmas decorations in shops will. Grey Power Coromandel will be holding our annual Christmas function for seniors as usual. 1.00pm on the afternoon of **Friday 8 December**, in the Anglican Hall behind Anglican Christ Church, Tiki Road Coromandel. Our committee members have been involved in organising this day are looking forward to providing yet again an enjoyable and fun day. 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.

Just one piece. No human in the world today will live to see an ocean free of plastic. It is a sobering fact! Our sea is clogged with plastic waste: from our coastlines to the vast convergence zones in the middle of the oceans. It's not like one giant island of rubbish, it's more like fog strewn through all of our oceans and waterways. Every plastic item that's ever been made still exists. (Except some plastic bags that break down in sunlight over time but still exist in their tiny pieces.) It's a real problem which is out of sight, so out of mind for the general population. Especially those who live inland, or only go near the sea for their summer holidays. But can we keep the plastic from getting to the sea? The greatest thing that we could do for the environment would be for each person across the whole country to pick up just one piece of plastic trash each day! Imagine having four-and-a-half million people, every day picking up just one piece of plastic rubbish – whether it's on the verge outside of your house, or walking down the street, or along the road, walking the dog or going for a walk along the beach. Just one piece each, every day. Four-and-a-half million pieces a day is thirty one and a half million pieces a week. Nine-hundred-and-forty-five million pieces a month (thirty days). What a daunting thought, but it could be so easily achieved. How does this compare to the pieces of plastic in the ocean, the likes of which I pick up every time I go to the rocks or the beach? (I live on the coast as so many of us in Coromandel do.) I haven't been able to count lately, but I would suggest that the ocean is carrying probably a hundred thousand thousand times the plastic all of us in New Zealand could pick up in a month. Someone else can do the calculation of how many pieces of plastic that is in the oceans. Frightening, isn't it!

Have a nice Christmas and New Year, and for those who get holidays over summer, enjoy your time with friends and family.



Coromandel 'Bizarre' Charitable Trust

P O Box 138, Coromandel 3543

The Trust has approved the following donations from the available income from the 2016/2017 financial year

Coromandel Art Group	\$550	Coromandel Community Preschool	\$750
Coromandel Youth Support Association	\$2000	Coromandel Rescue Helicopter Trust	\$5000
Hospice Waikato	\$3000	Spirit of Coromandel Trust	\$2200
Coromandel Budget Advisory Service	\$2000	Pastel Artists Coromandel	\$750
Coromandel Embroiderers Guild	\$560	Coromandel Hospice Group	\$798
Colville Community Health Trust	\$680	Colville Music Society	\$500
Colville Bay Pre-school	\$1000	Coromandel Community Garden	\$1000
Coromandel Order of St John	\$5000	Coromandel Independent Living Trust	\$860
Coromandel Playcentre	\$2000	Colville Social Services Collective	\$500
Coromandel Area School		\$4500	

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New
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Set approximately 8.6kms south of Coromandel Township, this **STUNNINGLY** private 38.9891ha lifestyle property offers a number of large paddocks for grazing animals, whilst encompassing a superb 12.8ha QEII covenanted bush enclave that features an extensive variety of native trees. The spacious homestead has been designed to harness the warmth of the north facing aspect with vistas to the harbour and the Coromandel ranges beyond. The interior offers a very spacious living environment with the vaulted ceiling lounge with stone fireplace and the open-plan dining/kitchen areas opening out to brilliant decking and onto the landscaped gardens. There are 3 double bedrooms, an office/study/4th bedroom, 2 bathrooms and internal access to the double garage. This property is further enhanced by a large separate workshop/implement shed, and breath-taking rural and Hauraki Gulf views! **\$1,550,000 + GST (if any)**

New
Listing



PERFECT first home, **PERFECT** rental proposition or **PERFECT** holiday base. Relatively easy care, fully fenced 653m2 section featuring a full concrete driveway and a huge garage/workshop. 3 bedroom home with open-plan living & decking. Currently tenanted. **\$430,000**

New
Listing



Bring your family now!!! Fully fenced 819m2 ROW section with lawns, gardens, single garage and carport. The home offers a full-length verandah, open-plan lounge/dining area with exposed beams and heat pump, kitchen and 3 double brms. Currently tenanted. **\$445,000**

New
Listing



Artists impression

A great House & Land package (completion due May/June 2018), set in the Greenhills subdivision. The 761m2 section will feature a brick home with 3 brms (master en-suite & walk-in-robe), open-plan living leading out to a wooden deck, office and garage. **\$590,000**

New
Listing



Situated on popular Wyuna Bay Road, this large 2,753m2 section offers panoramic views of the Coromandel Harbour whilst being surrounded by bush. The elevated site has been excavated in readiness for future development. Close to beaches and boat ramps. **\$325,000**



Over 1 acre!!! Your family will LOVE the open spaces. Bright & airy interior offers a spacious open-plan lounge/dining/kitchen area, 3 double brms (master en-suite), 4th brm/office, decking. 2 carports and a large garage/workshop with attached bunkroom/studio. **\$725,000**



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This 2,005m2 fully fenced section offers fantastic lawns, gardens, and plenty of room to park the boat. The home features 3 bedrooms with an open-plan living area and a large garage/workshop. A lovely pebbled BBQ area is the perfect spot to enjoy a cold drink on those blissful summer nights. Set on the outskirts of town. **\$599,000**



Imagine the beach, sea, islands, fishing, kayaking ... basically at your doorstep to relish virtually any day of the year! Stunning Oamaru Bay lies just north of beautiful Coromandel Township. 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, garage and the open-plan living opens out to the large verandah with commanding views over the bay. Make this your summer home! **\$795,000**



This exceedingly private 2.1961 ha property features a stunning array of mature native bush (QEII Open Space Covenant), an extensive orchard, landscaped gardens and 2 very large greenhouses. The stunningly designed home features an open-plan kitchen/dining/lounge, lengthy verandas, 3/4 bedrooms, double garage plus a studio/potting room. **\$895,000**



Stage 3 of the brilliant Greenhills development has now been released. Choose from 14 sections (2 already sold and an offer received on another) ranging in size from approximately 635m2 to 1,200m2. A number of the new lots feature a higher elevation for better views. Prices range from **\$260,000 to \$325,000**.



Show home example

Situated on a 668m2 section in the Greenhills subdivision, this brand new J2 home features 3 bedrooms (master with en-suite and walk-in robe), open-plan living/dining with northwest-facing decking, kitchen with scullery, guest bathroom and separate laundry. **\$519,995**



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Animal Rescue Thames

By Alice and John Parris, and Mascara

Firstly thank mews to everyone who has donated food, bedding and garage sale items to the rescue kitties. It is truly appreciated. Last month we completely lost it and missed the deadline – our apologies for that one! We were highly feral to have managed that. (This was through me being out of area at my mum's in recovery from a horrid virus that flattened me totally and no internet!)

We also wish to thank everyone who has supported the unit and the cats over 2017 with all donations. Without this support we certainly would not be who and what we are in the community. Our budget is horrifying at the best of times but thanks to the support we get through, often by a whisker, but the cats are fed, happy and comfortable. We have had an awesome donation of green sheets galore and the units look splendid in those.

Meowy Kittymas to everyone. May it be full of special blessings and joy this season. If travelling purrlease stay safe on our roads.

Homed: we homed the two sisters in tabby coats who amidst furry protests went across to a lifestyle block in Hamilton. It took two years to find that forever home but prayers answered and they have an awesome new life. Next homed was our blue tabby Squirt who is now in Pauanui and gone solo which will suit him completely and utterly. Bloke's cat, they said, which is Squirt to a T. He was homed with his favourite precious rag rug blankie he adored which helped him adapt and adjust to his new life adventure.

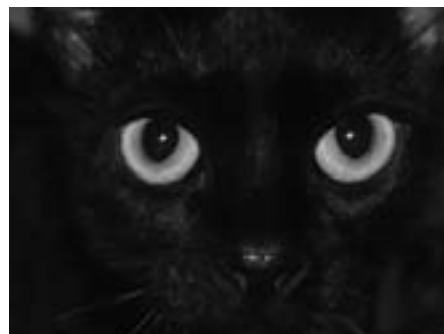
Fundraising: Labour Weekend garage sale was a phenomenal success. We had an amazing array of gorgeous English China which sold very well and we thank everyone who supported this. The donations, food for kitchen, our awesome volunteers who helped

with set up and on the day. Friday we had been advised of a donation that was coming in. We waited until 2.30pm this didn't arrive. We are unsure why but on the day we raised over \$900 to start our fundraising trilogy. Also huge thanks to everyone who came on the day to purchase items and grab some seriously great bargains!

Raffle week: outside Pak'n Save – **Monday 20 to Saturday 25 November** – another brilliant fundraiser for the cats – loads of awesome raffles. Thank mews to everyone who supported this awesome week.

Final fundraiser to raise funds which the total of all three fundraisers is divided by five (for five months) and that figure is what we have budgeted and on hand per month. Aim is \$5,000 but we go with whatever we raise! This will dictate how many felines we can cater and care for over the next five months. Currently we have 20 older felines in care so what we can take in will be dependant on what funds we have.

December:
Christmas Garage sale – **Saturday 16 December**
Grahamstown Community Hall, Pollen St, Thames, 8.30am until noonish. For this garage sale we are seeking donations of good, clean, saleable items of books, puzzles, toys, some clothes and shoes, bags, household kitchenware, glasses, cutlery, utensils, tools, linen, pillows, etc. Anything that is in good to excellent



condition. Due to the previous garage sale we sold out of many of those items! Purrlease contact us to arrange drop off.

Wanted: donations of cat/kitten tinned, sachet foods, biscuits, cat toys, towels, garage sale items. Financial blessings to help us through the season. Homes, homes, homes for our older felines who still wait so patiently for that forever home.

Meow furr now.

532 Thames Coast Road, RD5, Thames
3575 07 868-2907 (afternoons are best times)

CoroMFA Comment

By Gilbert James, Chair, CoroMFA



The Coromandel Marine Farmers Association is fully conscious and is concerned that some gear or litter escapes from marine farms/vessels, eg, rope-pieces, mussel floats and oyster sticks. It is typically soon washed ashore on adjacent beaches in intact condition. That is positive insofar as it is not significantly contributing to micro-plastics. However there is then the need to clean these beaches. The Association and its members are in agreement to avoid and remedy and mitigate beach debris by the following actions:

- All vessels at all times to do all possible to both avoid escapement and immediately recover any escapement of litter from its farms and/or vessels.
- Beach clean-ups will be done at least once per year (some areas are done four times per year), at the company's own cost.
- Remove and dispose of all types and sources of litter and debris, unless large or hazardous, or driftwood.

Keeping Records

This work has been going on for many years but now all beaches adjacent to marine farms are being covered in this way. This program is ongoing. The best find to date is a Batman suit.

Float recovery: Coromandel mussel farmers periodically lose mussel longline floats, despite their best efforts. Farmers always regret losing these floats as it represents a financial loss and a loss to the farm as floats are vital for floating and spacing the gear and crop. If you find a float or floats, please hold them and contact the Association by email at tom@hrm.co.nz and CoroMFA will collect it and make a \$15 (nil gst) per float donation on your behalf to your charity of choice. (CoroMFA currently pays to schools, fire brigades, and more).

On behalf of all of our marine farmers, kindest regards to all.



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The benefits of laughter

By Marine Prin

Laughter is contagious and we do not need a reason to laugh!

Dr Madan Kataria who created the "laughter yoga" movement was studying the effect of laughter on health in the 90s. He was trying to find ways to make people laugh and measure the effects.

In order to induce laughter Dr Kataria started telling jokes to people. However after a week of telling jokes his study group had "heard them all", so he decided to just invite people to fake laugh through small exercises. Dr Kataria realized that after a short time of "fake laughing" people started to laugh for real! For no reason!

Have you ever talked to a friend trying to tell you a funny story and you end up laughing because they're laughing or have you ever laughed just because you heard someone else laughing? A study published in The Journal of Neuroscience, mentioned in the article Why Is Laughter Contagious? showed that "positive sounds like laughter trigger a response in the area of the listener's brain activated when we smile, as though preparing facial muscles to laugh."

Laughter is good for our mental and physical health.

Laughter Online University says, "Laughter reduces mental tension and increases energy, enabling you to stay focused and accomplish more. Both sides of the brain are stimulated during laughing, encouraging clarity, humour, creativity and better problem-solving ability."

Do you ever feel relaxed after a good and long laugh session? Well, not only does laughter make you happy and relieve stress, it also leaves your muscles relaxed for up to 45 minutes.

"Laughter activates the body's natural relaxation response. It's like internal jogging, providing a good massage to all internal organs while also toning abdominal muscles." Deepak Chopra.

At "Laughter and deep relaxation" on Mondays and Wednesdays, 1.30-2.15pm in the room upstairs at the swimming pool, we practice our laughing and relaxing skills! All are welcome! \$6. Bring your mat and/or towel.

Note: There will be no class on 25, 27 December and 1 and 3 January.

Wishing you a wonderful holiday season filled with joy and laughter!

Contact Marine 028 408 7027

Coromandel Budget Advisory Service

By Lora Mountjoy

As Christmas approaches, some of us are looking forward to a break, to seeing family and going to the beach. Others are getting ready for the busiest time of the year, making the most of seasonal work, perhaps to pay off bills or at least to finance the expenses which come with Christmas. Then there are those who struggle to cover costs at the best of times. For them this can be a hard time, with the demands of family arriving and the expectations of gifts for children.

It isn't always easy to get control of your finances. Coromandel Budget Service can help. This service is free and confidential. It could be what you need to get out of debt, save money and face the Christmas season with more confidence.

Foodbank

Coromandel Foodbank would like to say a big thank you to Wharf Road for their generous fundraising initiative and also a big thank you to all of those who have supported it. Foodbank helps support people in times of need and this would not be possible without the support of our wonderful community.

Please make sure Foodbank requests are made by 12.30pm on Wednesday. Pickup time is at 11.45am on Thursday.

We appreciate donations of any overflow of fruit, vegetables or other produce. These items can be dropped off at Tiki House Monday-Thursday 9.30am-12.30pm.

Christmas Hours

The last day for Foodbank this year will be **Thursday 21 December**. Budget Service will be open until **Friday 22 December**.

We will then take a break and re-open on **15 January**.

AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Coromandel Budget Advisory Service will be held at Tiki House, 45 Tiki Road on **Friday 8 December** at 10am.

To make an appointment or arrange a food parcel phone (07) 866 8351. The office at 45 Tiki Road is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9.30am-12.30pm for the month of December and at other times by appointment. The Budget cell phone no. is 022 018 0849. We reply to texts and messages during office hours

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Wishing you all a fun, safe Christmas and a happy new year!

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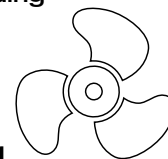
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Coromandel Business Association

By Christine Petrie

**Business Association Survey Results**

We were very pleased with the number of responses we received from our September survey, "Being the best Business Association we can be". Thank you to everyone who took the time to have their say as it greatly assists us with our planning. A big congratulations to John Gurney who won the \$200 Four Square voucher draw.

We received a good representation of opinions from both people who run a business and those who don't. The five most important things that survey respondents felt the Business Association should do well was:

- Promote the region to visitors.
- Promote the region to people wanting to start a business in the region.
- Represent business views on Community Board and local Council initiatives.
- Run the Coromandel Town Information Centre, making sure that it has a booking service and is open seven days a week.
- Facilitate networking events and community meetings.

Some respondents suggested that events such as Illume and the Christmas Parade did not need to be run by the Business Association; they could also be run by a team of community members.

Community Waikato ably led members of the Coromandel Business Association in a strategic planning meeting in October. During the meeting the mission and objectives of the Business Association were discussed, as was the structure that it operates under. Further work is currently underway to develop the ideas tabled.

The survey revealed a few misconceptions about the CBA and the Information Centre. It is a good time to make it clear that:

Anyone is welcome to join the Coromandel Business Association, whether as a business member or as a friend of the CBA if you do not run a business.

You can advertise at the Coromandel Town Information Centre if you are not a member.

We hope that you have a wonderful Christmas and holiday season, whether you are welcoming visitors to our region or taking a break.

CBA meetings are on the second Monday of every month (excluding December and January) at the Coromandel Chambers starting at 5.30pm. If you would like further information about membership or advertising, please email either corobusiness@gmail.com or coroinfo@xtra.co.nz

Taizé

Written by some of the group

For this month's Chronicle, we've put together some brief comments from some of the group. When I asked them for their thoughts, I expected profound, deeply moving comments – just goes to show it doesn't pay to have expectations!

"We laugh, we sing, we share and we eat chocolate."

"Don't worry about the words, Sue has them on the board."

"Taizé takes me to a deep place of stillness and connection."

"It is absolutely the highlight of my week."

"After an evening of meditative Taizé singing, I go home feeling calm and warm inside."

Said with concern. "Is that the moon tipped over?" "No J....., it's a street light."

"For me singing with the Monday night Taizé group is really uplifting."

The harmonies of Taizé, I'm told, Are sometimes discordant and bold.

From beginning to end

Warm shivers they send,

'Tis a sound to be heard and behold.

As Sally wrote in the Chronicle earlier in the year, "we're a disparate bunch". Yes we are. We are also warm, welcoming and caring. What a great group of people.

For more information, phone Sue (07) 866 8833

Coromandel Walking Group

By Irene Dunn

Here comes summer! Morning walks around our town continue each Tuesday and Thursday – getting exercise is great and such great company too! The only day we will not be walking is Boxing day 26 December.

We are looking forward to our Christmas luncheon organised by Ruth – a nice way to finish the year. Thanks Ruth.

Looking back on the year, it has been a regular group of ladies walking each week plus a few visitors some months. We can always rely on Janine to be the first one to be waiting at the dairy – and Ruth to be the last! We tread well-worn tracks around the town and sometimes go over to Whangapoua beach.

Feel most welcome – newcomers and visitors to Coromandel – to join us any Tuesday or Thursday, meeting at the Lotto dairy at 9am.

Wishing everyone a happy and healthy Christmas – keep up the walking!

Best wishes.

Contact Ruth (07) 866 7246

Bookabach winner

The Bookabach Bach of the Year award winners were announced earlier this week, and a gorgeous Coromandel Town home "The Bali Room" has won silver in the eco friendly category.

For more info, please visit www.bachoftheyear.co.nz



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Coromandel Embroiderers' Guild

By Diann Cade

Which piece of embroidery was your "viewer's choice"? The winner will be announced at our first 2018 meeting in February. There were nearly 100 articles to choose from at the exhibition; a great array of articles completed this year.

Our AGM, exhibition opening and Christmas luncheon was attended by over 40 members. Our guest speaker and judge, Trish Hughes, spoke of her introduction to embroidery at a very early age and her exhibited pieces showed her passion for fine counted work. Trish is the Northern North Island Representative for ANZEG and she is as dedicated to representing our region as she is to producing beautifully embroidered articles. She shares her skills through her workshops.

Our first Guild meeting for 2018 will be on the first Wednesday of February. February's workshop, held later in the month will be taken by Heather Constantine, one of our members, titled Buttons, Toggles, Cords and Tassels.

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

SeniorNet Coromandel

By Loes Beaver



Our numbers at SeniorNet have stayed steady, with past years. The trend today is for IT equipment that can be taken with one, such as smartphones, iPads, etc, and that is why we have our classes as a one-to-one as we all have different problems and Tom is very good at explaining and teaching us the correct procedures. I have recently purchased a smartphone; what a learning experience. I now have access to all while travelling and at home, with maps to guide our travels.

We meet at the Music Room at the Area School Tuesdays 4pm. A small registration fee and weekly tuition fee is all we require for membership. If you think you may be interested, call in to see how we work with our members.

Have a great Xmas. We will be closed over Xmas but ready for a new year of learning, discussions, and support.

Contact Loes (07) 866 8053 if you have any queries

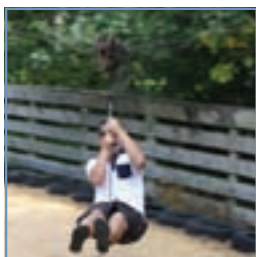


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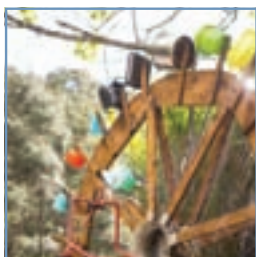
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Hon Scott Simpson MP For Coromandel

Parliament Resumes – a view from the opposition benches

The 52nd Parliament has been sworn in and opened by the Governor General. The new government got off to a shaky start when they didn't have the numbers on the floor of Parliament to elect the Speaker. It was a shambolic start. As Bill English promised, National will be a vigorous opposition and will be relentless in its scrutiny of this government. Our system of government relies on there being a strong and effective opposition. In the first couple of weeks National has made it clear we will be strong and effective.

This is my first time in opposition since being elected an MP. I accept absolutely the decision of Winston Peters to appoint a Labour led government. That said, the dynamics in Parliament are quite different given the National Party has more MPs than the combined numbers of Labour and NZ First together. The MMP system delivers a Parliament and the politicians put together a government. I am not sure that's what some people understood until this election but that's how the system works and that's what we've got.

The Future

I am thrilled that Bill English has asked me to be Opposition Spokesperson for the Environment. I'm passionate about our beautiful natural environment, not just because our region has so much of it, but because what we feel is important as New Zealanders is so firmly linked to our environment.

We have a very inexperienced new government and that will provide many opportunities to exploit its relative inexperience. National won't be a carping opposition.

However we will stand up for the strong pillars of growth that have delivered our resilient and growing economy. These pillars are an independent Reserve Bank, free trade agreements, a simple and broad-based tax system and free labour market which all have delivered strong public services and the strongest employment growth in a generation.

I believe the Labour/NZ First Coalition's employment policies are a real threat to the businesses that provide jobs here on the Coromandel. People who remember won't want to go back to the strikes and industrial problems of the 1970s and 80s but I am afraid that's what Labour's National Awards policy will do. Ratcheting up of wages irrespective of the employer's ability to pay will lead to a major increase in our unemployment levels, especially among the unskilled and young.

There is a lot at stake and we can't let a Labour-Greens-NZ First coalition risk everyone's future and take us backwards.

Authorised by Scott Simpson, 614 Pollen St, Thames



Scott being sworn in as MP

Monday Walkers

By Irene Dunn

Last month we managed a good walk most Mondays despite the weather. We've walked some new tracks and also some old favourites, trying to do the bush tracks now before the heat hits us. The weather plays a big part in where we walk. Thanks to Libby and Jeni for standing in for me several times while I have been away.

It's been great to have several new walkers along with us – every one is welcome – we walk each Monday, meeting at 9am at Woollams St car park. Contact me on the phone number below for more info.

Our last organised walk for this year will be **11 December** and then we will take a break until **12 February**.

Wishing you all a very happy Christmas and the best New Year.

Happy walking everyone.

Contact Irene 021 157 8408



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Coromandel Patchwork and Quilters

By Sharon Currie

November is the end of our Patchwork year and we wind up with a Christmas lunch which is being held at the St John Rooms. This is a chance to wind down for the year and finish off quilts and small projects for our Quilt Show which is held at the Citizens' Hall **29 December to 3 January**. It has been a busy year with two mystery quilt projects either finished or still in progress and two tutored classes. We have had some excellent morning teas and lots of fun over the year while sharing a craft we all enjoy.

We welcome visitors to our meetings so if you are interested in patchwork and quilting please come and visit.

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

President Barb Excell Ph (07) 866 7493,
Secretary Raewyn Penrose Ph (07) 866 8880



Quilt made by Shirleen Notman

Invitation

Hari huritau.

To celebrate his birthday and relocation to Wellington, Richard, Maria and Tane ask you to join them for a costume party, une soiree d'Adgragré. 6pm-midnight on **Saturday 23 December** at Faré Tahiti, Pagitt Street, Coromandel. Children and dogs welcome. BYO and bring a glass. Koha for supper \$5. Prize for best costume.

Then till dawn for barbeque breakfast (please bring sausages, fish, bacon, eggs, mussels. etc.).

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Z to introduce plastic bag ban

All Z service stations will be free of single use customer plastic bags by June 2018, as the company responds to a groundswell of support from Kiwis for eliminating New Zealand's dependency on plastic bags.

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How to cook a perfect scallop

By Deborah Hide-Bayne

The scallop has to be one of my favourite types of seafood. How do you eat yours?

I love them wrapped in bacon... or raw sliced thin like sashimi with browned butter poured over them... or on a bbq skewer with prawns... or served with a fresh salad greens, sliced apple and toasted hazelnuts... or with wine, garlic and Swiss cheese (Julia Child's classic recipe is still the best).

The key to it all is of course the scallops, and the perfect cooking of them.

I think these are the key things to remember:

- Scallops that have been dived for are a more sustainable choice than dredged.
- Season the scallops really well with salt and pepper.
- Get the rest of the meal ready so the very last thing you do is cook the scallops.
- The frying pan has to be really hot. The scallop should sizzle the moment it hits the pan.
- Always cook scallops in butter.
- Don't crowd the pan.
- Cook the scallop each side for two minutes. Don't jiggle them around.
- The cooked scallop should be golden

brown both sides and opaque through the middle, but still have some "give".
• Serve immediately (and relish every mouthful!).



Ann's Good News, Naturally

By Ann Kerr-Bell

Enjoy festive season wellness, for you and your bugs

The food you eat feeds you in your small intestine. The fibre from the food you eat, feeds your good bacteria in your large intestine. If you or your good bugs are not fed and nourished, you become malnourished and unwell.

- You don't get constipation, due to being without constipation tablets all your life.
- Shitty livered with mood swings? Your liver is trying to tell you something.
- You don't get bloating, reflux and heartburn due to being without omeprazole, or Mylanta or Quickeze all your life.
- Gallstones are not caused by a gallbladder.
- Diverticulitis, haemorrhoids, bowel cancer too, are all preventable.

Illness, pain & inflammation occurs because of bad food choices.

It's not just the digestive tract that suffers at a cellular level. Because the gut is your body's gateway, letting all the good nutrients in, the cells in every system in your body, becomes malnourished and compromised.

Wellness comes from good food choices

So what's for Christmas dinner? Here are some helpful tips for getting well and staying vital for the summer.

Hydrate – After drinking water, your cellular hydration depends on mineral balance. Hydration occurs when you are assimilating and absorbing the essential minerals from the foods you are eating. Do the mineral questionnaire to know your deficiencies and imbalances. You may be drinking enough water, but not getting it into the cells. www.activeelements.com user name: 259077, password 579819.

Acid/alkaline balance – The Western diet causes a PH that is too acidic, causing western diseases.

Choose organic – The residue from fungicides and pesticides, as well as the preservatives, flavourings, and colours in foods. Challenge your elimination and detoxification organs (liver, kidneys, lungs, gut and bowels – and your skin) causing longterm illnesses and premature death.

Protein – Enjoy fresh pasture-raised meats – beef, lamb, game, chicken, turkey, duck and other fowl, organ meats, seafood of all types, fresh shellfish, eggs, and vegetarian proteins that provide your cells with all the essential amino acids.

Complex carbohydrates (ie. not simple or processed) – A corn on the cob will provide you with real cellular nourishment. There is nothing nourishing about cornflakes or Nutrigrain. Enjoy wholegrains that have been treated for the removal of phytates. Enjoy your poached egg with rainbow coloured and leafy vegetables. Say no to the dead processed grains and their flours, such as pasta or most modern bread.

Vegetables – Enjoy 3-9 cups a day to provide your cells with the energy your need. This takes away the need for stimulants like coffee, sugar or the Western diet go to for energy foods which cause Western diseases. Vegetables provide the correct cellular pH for best health.

Fruit – Nature intended fruit to be our lollies.

Good fats get rid of bad fats. Choose good fats such as avocados, nuts, seeds, fish oils, organic butter, olive oil, coconut oil, or unrefined flaxseed oil. Say no to the processed cooking oils and "margarine-like", nutrient deprived butter replacements.

Beverages – Filtered high mineral water, soda water, meat stocks, vegetable broths, coconut water, kefir. To get the required amount of resveratrol from red wine you need to drink two bottles! The alcohol toxicity therefore negates the benefits.

Exercise/relax – enjoy life!

Be mindful to live preventatively, enjoy nourishing traditional foods.

Summer specials – naturopathic live blood screening, nutrition, therapeutic and relaxing massage. 30 minutes \$65, 60 minutes \$95, 90 minutes \$120. Children – 15 minutes \$15.

Tiki House Appointments – Friday or, home clinic appointments – Monday or Wednesday.

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Coromandel Contract Bridge Club

By Judy Bronlund

At the time of writing it is still wintry weather, but as Christmas is coming summer can't be far away. Our last competition for the year runs over two Monday evenings.

Our AGM and prize giving will be on **18 December** at 6.30pm. This will be followed by a fun night of bridge with nibbles. New members and visitors to Coromandel are welcome to join us. Bridge competitions will begin in February.

Seasons greetings to all.

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News from Thames-Coromandel District Council



DECEMBER, 2017

Coromandel Harbour Marina Berths

Interested?

We have been talking with a number of marina developers about the potential for developing a new marina somewhere within the Coromandel Harbour (specific site to be determined).

We now need to gauge whether there is any demand likely from existing and potential mooring holders, recreational fishers and boaties for a marina if one is built – and if so – what size marina is needed.

We would like your comments and feedback – and in particular whether you are specifically interested in purchasing a marina berth in the future if one is developed within this area. To fill in the survey and for more information go to www.tcdc.govt.nz/coromarinaberths



events

Santa Parade
Coromandel Town

9 Dec
2pm

Keltic Fair
Coromandel Town
www.kelticfair.co.nz

2 Jan

SUMMER TOTAL FIRE BAN

The Total Fire Ban in our district runs from 20 December until 8 February 2018 and may be extended if conditions warrant. With limited exceptions, no permits will be issued for fires in the open during this time. For more information on fire seasons see www.tcdc.govt.nz/fire

NEW CONTRACTOR TAKES ON SH25

National roading company Higgins has set up depots in the Coromandel now that the NZ Transport Agency has awarded it the contract for management and maintenance of state highways in the eastern Waikato.

The contract began on 1 November and covers 530km of state highways in Thames-Coromandel, Hauraki and Matamata-Piako districts.

Higgins is working from a main base in Morrinsville and two additional bases in Kopu and Whitianga, with 14 office staff (including three staff from consultancy Beca) and 17 dedicated field crew in total to cover the region.

NZTA is looking forward to improved roading service on the Coromandel from the contract with Higgins, who will also be using local subcontractors, drawing on local people with local knowledge.

If any road user sees a problem on state highways, they can call 0800 4 HIGHWAYS (0800 44 44 49) to alert the call centre team who will bring this to the attention of the contractor. You can register for NZTA alerts for your journey at: www.onthemove.govt.nz. For updates on state highway conditions go to: www.journeys.nzta.govt.nz/traffic

Updates on the status of our Council's local roads will be posted on our website www.tcdc.govt.nz, our Facebook page www.facebook.com/ThamesCoromandelDistrictCouncil and our email newsletters: www.tcdc.govt.nz/subscribe

Kerbside Summer Collection

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Tuesday



Friday



Wednesday



Our summer Kerbside rubbish and recycling collection schedule begins the week following Christmas and ends the week beginning 5 February 2018.

www.tcdc.govt.nz/kerbside

Our Refuse Transfer Stations are open extended hours beginning 18 December until 25 February 2018. The Coromandel Town transfer station will be open:

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UPDATE

Barry Brickell Memorial Performance Stage

The first detailed design for the Barry Brickell Memorial Performance Stage at Hauraki House Reserve in Coromandel Town has been received and is being assessed by the Board and Driving Creek Railway Arts and Conservation Trust. Options for shade sails are being investigated as well as an artistic design for the poles, rather than standard poles. A portable disability ramp to be added to the stage for events is being looked into. Engineering geotech assessments are being conducted and once this is done, the detailed design can be completed and the construction costs finalised. We're looking at construction of the stage to take place in March 2018.



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A Time for Gratitude and Generosity – Mahamudra Centre

By Sarah Brooks

As another year comes to a close, it's a natural time to reflect, and it's humbling to see how much we have been supported by the community. First, a thank you to everyone who helped with the Community Beach Clean-up last month, especially Colville Harbour Care and Hauraki Gulf Beach Cleaners. In addition, we are incredibly grateful to the many people who support us all year by offering their time, talents, donations, and kindnesses in so many ways. There's not enough space in one article to name all of the people who have given something big or small to us, but know that we hold you in our hearts and feel enormous gratitude for each of you.

We're mindful that this time of year can bring a lot of stress, so we offer back to you opportunities to better cope and have a happier mind. At the Anglican Church Hall we're offering a workshop series on *The Road to Recovery: Burnout and Fatigue Prevention and Recovery from the Buddhist Perspective* starting **7 December**. Venerable Yonten has training and experience not only with Buddhist psychology, but also is a faculty member of the Human Spirit Program, a Psychoanalytic-Buddhist Training Program in Lod, Israel. Set aside some time Thursday afternoons from 2.00-3.30pm to give yourself the gift of practical tools for the mind this season. You can also join in our Thursday morning guided meditations at Havalona Pyramid behind the Driving Creek Café from 10-11am. No experience is necessary – drop in any week. All of these programmes are on a koha/donation basis.

At our centre in Colville, we have programmes on *The Mind and Mindfulness* and a *Health and Long Life Retreat* the first two weekends in December. On the **28 December through New Year's Day** is the

Breaking Bad Habits retreat to help develop a healthy mind that supports positive choices and actions. To make these totally accessible to you, we offer them to the local community on a donation basis so anyone can come. We hope you'll take us up on that offer and help us to practice one of the six perfections – generosity.

There's a major Buddhist holy day this month – *Lama Tsong Khapa Day* on **12 December** – so we'll have prayers and practices open to everyone, including an animal blessing and liberation at 4.00pm when you can bring your pets and animals of all kinds for special prayers to benefit their

life and happiness. We also partner with Mana Retreat Centre for the annual Compassionate Christmas interfaith celebration at their stunning Tara Sanctuary. Join us at 7.00pm on **Christmas eve** for meditation, song and any expression of compassion and loving kindness you'd like to make.

We hope we can give back to you as a way of saying thank you for everything you give to us. Happy Holidays!

Mahamudra Centre, www.mahamudra.org.nz,
retreat@mahamudra.org.nz,
(07) 866 6851

Literary challenge

Local author and poet, John Irvine from Colville, is a contributor in an official attempt at a Guinness Book of Records literary challenge!

Welcome to the greatest anthology of short stories you will ever read! South African entrepreneur Shaun Jooste, a part-time genius (when he's not writing!) is totally responsible for this heroic event, along with help from 109 authors who circle the globe. The title is registered as CEA Greatest Anthology Written. The CEA is an acronym for Celenic Earth Anthologies and a play on the word "see", which they use for all of their titles.

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And remember, people... Santa is currently packing his sleigh!

Oh yes, and guess what? Our John has a story in this historical Guinness Book of Records attempt! Along with two very talented ladies from Invercargill, he is very excited to be included in the book.

It can be purchased for a very reasonable cost from Amazon: search "CEA-Greatest-Anthology-Written-Guinness".



John Irvine

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Ernie, Colin and Jason winners of Coromandel Men's champ triples

3rd Dolly & Coral.

The Open Alternate Fours, kindly sponsored by Tapu Camp, was won by Colin Gawith, Lindsay Nicholls, Dolly Welch and Jason Dickison; 2nd Bruce, Peter, Eunice and Cherrie; 3rd Reg, David, Ernie and Linda W. The Coromandel Cup was won by Sue McNeil and Willem Kalkman, 2nd Colin & Vi, 3rd Jack [Aust] & Bob.

The Women's Champion Pairs had six teams in a round robin draw, with many tight matches and the final game going down to the wire, all even playing the last end, with the defending champs Sue McNeil and Linda Wright winning the match, and r/ups were Irene Goss and Vi King. Well played everyone.

The Men's Champion Triples was won by Colin Gawith, Ernie Groucott and Jason Dickison, The r/ups were Reg, Miha and Willem.

Then there was much to celebrate with three Coromandel teams getting to the semifinals of the Thames Valley Mixed Pairs. Then two Coromandel teams into the final, which was played at home Friday afternoon and the winners were Colin Gawith and Dolly Welch; 2nd Lindsay Nicholls and Jason Dickison; 3rd equal Graeme and Irene Goss; Lynn Clifford and Peter French. Congratulations to Colin who earns another TV Star, with this TV Centre win.

There is plenty of bowls coming: Women's Champ Triples **28/29 November**; Open Optional Triples (Hams) kindly sponsored by Pak 'n Save **Wednesday 6 December**; M/W Under 8 Champ Singles **3 December**; M/W Under 8 Champ Pairs **7/8 December**; Women's Champ Singles **19/20 December**.

Plus our Thursday Club days, with Club Christmas Bowls on **14 December** and Christmas dinner on **Friday 15 December**.

Merry Christmas to everyone.

Linda Wright 027 651 3477

Combined Clubs Of Coromandel THE CLUB

Coromandel Bowling Club

By Linda Wright

We are well into our Bowling season now with lots of games being played. What a big turnout from the community to our Twilight Bowls November sessions. It is great to see everyone enjoying their time on our greens.

Well done to our Men's and Women's Interclub teams. Both came 2nd in their divisions, with good matches being played.

The Ecclestone Cup was won by Bruce Gawith and David Weatherly, 2nd Colin & Vi,

RSA News

By Pat Williams

Our Armistice Day Commemoration went off well. Thankfully the rain which had been forecast held off, so that was a bonus. There was a bitterly cold wind though, and I felt for our Flag Girls, the Wake Sisters and our Honour Guard Boys. They must have been freezing. Once again a pupil from Coromandel Area School recited a poem (The Little Red Flower). Thank you Chayma Radick. In fact a big thank you to all who participated in some way to make this event successful. Once again a contingent from Kaipara RSA led by our Patron Reg Canty attended. We really appreciate the fact that they come all this way to visit us each year.

President Kevin and Vice President Alan attended the RSA National Council AGM in Wellington and as usual some controversial issues arose. What's new?

Membership fees are due prior to **31 December**. You will receive reminders either by email or by post. Payment options are: direct bank credit, cheque to P.O.Box 93 Coromandel 3543 or cash to Treasurer Marie Mead, 46 Mary-Ellen Place or at The Club on Club Night.

Our three teams entered in the Twilight Bowls are really enjoying themselves, I hear.

Last month I mentioned the big bike race. Well done to Andy Corles on his great effort in the race and good luck for next year.

On 18 November it was one year since we lost our President Ian Franklyn. We miss you, RIP Ian.

Quote for the month: You'll never plow a field by turning it over in your mind.

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Elton John, Slash and toured with 'Fly My Pretties'.

2pm-6pm / Happy Hour 4pm-5pm

American Style Bar Menu available 3pm-6pm

Saturday 20th January 2018

Coromandel Music Society Concert

'The Beat Girls'

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Saturday 10th February 2018

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Hot Spot – Notes from the Coromandel Volunteer Fire brigade

By Rob Chappell

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As I write this we have our latest junior recruits (3) away training to become firemen while the rest of us are in the middle of our annual National NZ Fire Service Fishing Competition based from Coromandel Fire Station. This is our one fundraiser for the year. What an amazing line-up of sponsors once again, almost all from our town who have offered support in the form of prizes, vouchers and supplies. In return we have firemen – volunteer, permanent and former – coming from as far south as Richmond in the South Island and all over the North Island to compete. This year over 250 have booked into town spending their money, enjoying our accommodation, fishing outlets and bait shops, cafes and restaurants and a number returning at a later date with partners and family after winning prizes such as accommodation, adventure and meals. In this way we can not only help our fundraising but can contribute to the wider town.

By the time this is published hopefully the rain and wind may have eased a little and we will get a summer, and with that comes the risk of fire. With all the growth around, once the summer arrives the vegetation will dry out very quickly and become a serious risk. This last year has seen some significant forest fires, both in God's own (Canterbury and closer to home in Whitianga) and abroad; where homes have been lost and lives affected. Don't let that be Coromandel – be fire wise.

Always remember your brigade is here to help. We have an amazing team of young and no so young locals who willingly given their time to your community to ensure there is assistance when you most need and we are only a call away – 111.

Have a safe and wonderful festive season.

Coromandel Garden Circle

By Jane Warren

On the morning of our November meeting it was once again raining persistently but the weather forecast had shown the rain to be clearing from 1pm and, sure enough, when our meeting began at 1pm the sky was clear at last.

Despite the morning's dismal start we had a great attendance of nearly 30 members at Anne Stobie's home on Tiki Road.

After the formalities of meeting business we had a trivia quiz which was plant related. It caused a lot of animated discussion and hilarity and the lucky winners were our hostess Anne Stobie and Kath Denize.

The sun came out as we strolled around Anne's lovely rambling garden and as usual the afternoon was finished off by a lovely afternoon tea.



Coromandel Adventures – Increased transport services for Coromandel Town

By Sarni Hart and Willie Lochore

Coromandel Adventures are excited to announce a new contract with ManaBus.com connecting with their Coromandel-Rotorua shuttle. This is a significant development for our town, as it encourages improved visitor dispersal around the peninsula as well as providing increased connectivity throughout the North Island for our community.

This contract has enabled an increase in the weekday service from Coromandel Town to Rotorua to a 7-day service from Whitianga – Coromandel – Rotorua. The extended service between Coromandel Town and Whitianga will provide an important link between our two towns and connectivity where it is really needed. It will enable visitors to enjoy the facilities and activities in both towns and move more freely between them.

Another significant improvement is an improved connection to Hamilton (via Matamata), which is an important link for our those in our community needing access to family and services there. Additional connections via Coromandel Adventures and the Mana Bus/Naked Bus network now extend as far as Napier, Wellington and Taupo.

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Greetings from the Coromandel Community Market

By from Lizzie Kershaw on behalf of the market

I'm glad that winter and early spring are behind us and we can enjoy a bit of sun... and rain! – but at least it's been good for our gardens.

So far we've been lucky at the market, dodging rain and just missing bad weather. Long may it last!

It's great to have a place where our community can come together, shop and meet for a chat.

We sell delectably delicious food such as cakes, fudge, curries, samosas, pies, homemade bread and gluten-free options, plants, honey, walnuts, spices, jams and chutneys, herbal products, soap, children's clothes and some very classy artistically designed tea towels with a local flavor – all reasonably priced.

If you have any homemade or homegrown products that you'd like to sell, come on down and have a chat with Michelle, our market manager or give her a ring on 022 653 0690.

If you're new in town or holidaying in Coromandel, the market is held next to the BNZ, across the road from Umu in downtown Coro, every Friday till the end of May (except for Good Friday when the market opens on the Saturday). We open from around 8.30am till 1pm.

Huge thanks to the kind and generous staff at the BNZ for allowing us to use this venue. We look forward to see you then.

Writing Group

By Sue Gilmer

A smaller than usual group met for our monthly gathering at Sues' house. Starting as usual with spontaneous writing, we were each asked to choose a picture, which had been placed face down on the table. The exercise was to write a descriptive piece, leading into possible character traits, then develop this into a situation, using the person in the picture as a prompt. We all enjoyed this exercise and the writing created from it was excellent.

We then shared a review of any books we have been reading along with poetry that we had enjoyed during the last few weeks.

Because we were a small group, we covered these pieces more quickly than normal, so were able to share our homework set at last month's meeting before lunch rather than later on in the day.

The topic we had been given was "a conversation with God". This was a struggle for at least one person, whereas others really enjoyed the challenge. Within this theme, a tongue-in-cheek story was written about the joys of being a modern day domestic cat. A poem about connecting with nature, and another poem written on the theme of invoking the Rain God to come, were read. On a more serious note, another wrote, noticing, acknowledging and giving thanks for all that we have.

The poems shared stimulated a discussion on what makes a poem a poem. It was agreed that rhyme is no longer a necessity of poetry. Among other thoughts it was suggested that a poem has an intensity of meaning and unnecessary words are best taken out. The placing of key words was also mentioned.

Our next month's homework is to be "a conversation between two given characters e.g. a cross dressing astronaut and a dishonest lawyer, set in a given location e.g. a shoe shop, and needs to be around a Christmas theme". I'm sure we will get some laughs when we share our homework next time at our Christmas gathering.

Because of the sharing involved and the time that this takes, we cap our group number at a maximum of 12 people. At the moment we have 10 members so there is now room for two more people to join us.

If you are interested in learning more about our group please contact Lora – phone (07) 866 7176

Dance yourself sane in the silly season Open Floor Movement Practice

By Jacqui Chan (and Lisa Corston)

To celebrate the New Year we will be offering two dance opportunities.

We will be leading a class in the morning at Mana Retreat Centre. The focus will be on the personal transition into the new year.

We will also offer a Community Dance in the evening in Coromandel Town (in the Anglican Church Hall). This is an opportunity to come together and simply celebrate through dance. The evening session is longer and includes time for sharing and social time at the end. We will provide chai and homemade bliss balls.

Special **New Year's Eve** Morning Class at Mana Retreat 9.30–11.30am \$10.

Special **New Year's Eve** Community Dance at Coromandel Anglican Hall 7–9.30pm \$25 (this includes chai and bliss balls). Or \$30 to attend both dances.

Everybody is welcome to both sessions – bring your friends. If you are new we invite you to arrive 10-15min early so we can welcome and orient you.

Thursdays 7*-8.30pm, Coromandel Anglican Church Hall **30 November, 14, 28 December, 11, 25 January.**

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COROMANDEL TOWN INFORMATION CENTRE

Coromandel Town Information Centre

By Sandra Wilson, Manager

We are nearing the end of another year. Again our numbers of tourists/locals through the centre have continued to grow. Through road closures, detours, and terrible weather, people have made their way here. During those hectic times the Info Centre became the point of call for tourists and locals alike to find out what the latest updates were.

Some important dates to note:

9 December – 2.00pm Christmas Parade

10 December – Summer Kick-off at the Waterworks \$5.00 entry per person

15 December – Opening night Back Room Gallery at Colville Co-op Building behind the café. 6-8.30pm

17 December-13 January – Art Exhibition at Hauraki House

29 December-3 January – annual Patchwork Quilters exhibition at Citizens' Hall

2 January – Keltic Fair at Coromandel Area School Grounds

18 January-2 February – Coromandel Art Group Exhibition at Hauraki House

Keep an eye out for the Beat Girls in on **20 January**; tickets on sale in December. They make great Christmas presents. Proudly brought to you by the Coromandel Music Society.

Looking at travelling over the holiday period? We can assist with 360 Discovery Ferry bookings, InterCity and Bluebridge, or maybe you have family and friends coming to visit. We can book your visits to Hobbiton and Mitai Maori Village.

Exploring the walks in and around town? Be sure to use the shoe cleaning stations at entry and exit points of most tracks. Otherwise make sure you clean your shoes, walking poles, dog's paws, etc., before you venture onto another walk. Let us work together in preventing the spread of Kauri Dieback Disease.

As we come to the end of another year it's time to thank our "friends of the centre": Jean and the Work Co-op crew, Ross, Frank and Rick.

On behalf of Natalie, Rita, Ray, Con, Joan, Bronnie, Margaret and myself, we wish you all a happy, safe Christmas and New Year.

We are closed on Christmas Day only, otherwise open 10am-4pm 7 days a week to 18 December then 10am-5pm 7 days a week

Mana Update

By Penelope Carroll

December is a month for celebrations. First we have our working bee and Summer Solstice celebration at Mana – and then it's time to celebrate Christmas. This includes a Compassionate Christmas gathering in the sanctuary on Christmas Eve, facilitated by friends from the Mahamudra Buddhist Centre; and on the evening of the 25th, our community Christmas dinner at the Centre.

A big part of both of our December celebrations is about giving – our energy, our presence and, at Christmas, presents. I like this quote from Charles Schultz, the cartoonist who brought us Snoopy, reminding us that giving at Christmas is not just about presents: "Christmas is doing a little extra something for someone."

Our Summer Solstice working bee and celebration is also a chance to do "a little extra something for someone". On the weekend of **17-18 December** the wider Mana Community comes together to give their energy to various projects caring for the Centre buildings and the land. The following quote from the Canadian philosopher, theologian and humanitarian Jean Varnier, reminds us of the gifts in giving our time and energy for others: "When we begin to see that there is greater Joy in working with and for others, rather than just ourselves, then Life will truly become a celebration." On the Saturday evening we will co-create a ritual to celebrate the Summer Solstice – the day the Southern Hemisphere is tilted closest to the Sun, giving us the longest day of the year. Join us for a few hours, a day, or the weekend – just contact the office if you are thinking of coming.

Here is an easy-to-make recipe for this busy time of the year. This nut and seed bread is great alternative to crackers, or grain bread. Gluten free and protein packed, it is completely delicious. And it keeps well. It will be good to eat for a week at least – if it lasts that long!

Nut and seed bread

Ingredients: 2 cups of raw nuts (such as almond, pecan, walnut, macadamia, cashew) roughly chopped and four cups of seeds (such as pumpkin, sunflower, sesame seeds, poppy); five eggs; 1/3 cup of olive oil (or similar); 1 1/2 tsp salt. Mix all together and spoon into a loaf tin lined with baking paper. Bake at 160°C for one hour.

Allow to cool, then slice very thinly.

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



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Museum News

By Raewyn McKinney

No doubt many people have admired the fine war memorial outside the Thames Coromandel District Council building in Coromandel. I wonder how many realise it is made from local materials?

Coromandel granite is not really granite; it is a tonalite rock that is well suited for construction and statuary.

It has been quarried since the early 1900s and was used to build New Zealand's Parliament Buildings, the Auckland Chief Post Office and the Auckland War Memorial Museum, among others, as well as many War Memorials and headstones for soldiers' graves. Local uses are seen in the Coromandel War Memorial, and at Samuel James Reserve. The NZ Coromandel Granite Company (est. 1918) built wharves for shipping the stone off to market. The second granite wharf to be built at Paritu was constructed from large blocks of granite from the quarries. Originally the wharf was

used for loading the granite onto the scows to transport it to Auckland. Local quarry operations continued until the 1960s, by which time the stone was being trucked out rather than shipped by scow to Auckland. Now the wharf is a popular tourist attraction and fishing destination. In the early 1990s the Moehau quarry was reopened to provide stone for the refurbishment of Parliament Buildings in Wellington.

Here are a couple of newspaper articles featuring this stone.

From New Zealand Herald, 1 December 1923:

"Coromandel Granite"

Two scow loads of this well-known granite arrived recently from Mr. R.R. Hunt's extensive quarries at Moehau (sleeping wind) Paritu Point, Coromandel Peninsula. This is a very important event for architects and builders, as there is now a good prospect of an abundant supply of this well-known granite got cheaply for the market, for the building trade, which has been almost entirely neglected because of its scarcity and ridiculously high price, which had risen to 17s 6d per cubic foot, which price the opening of Mr Hunt's quarries will pull down to a price to enable architects to stipulate for it, and the builders to use it. One enthusiastic user of the stone declares it to be the best, soundest monumental and building granite yet discovered in the Dominion. The first two scow loads were sold to Mr John Bouskill, the well-known monumental mason, who has been

working up Coromandel granite for well over twenty years. – (Advt.)"

From Auckland Star, 17 December 1925:

"Coromandel Granite."

Paritu Point Quarries

In connection with the development of the Paritu Point granite quarries, the government has been offered a supply of stone to be used in connection with the completion of the Parliament Buildings in Wellington. In this connection, the Public Works Department has made arrangements under customary securities, to assist the owner, Mr. R. R. Hunt, in regard to the setting up of a thoroughly complete and modern plant, Mr. Hunt, while free to sell to the public, is under a bond to give a preference to the Crown in regard to any supplies it may require during the next five years. Part of the machinery is already on the site, and Mr. Hunt expects to make his first deliveries to the public early in the New Year."

Further information on Coromandel granite can be obtained from Lindsay Garmson's excellent book *The Intriguing Story of Coromandel Granite*.

On behalf of the Coromandel School of Mines & Historical Society committee, I wish all members, and museum visitors a happy Festive Season, and a safe and prosperous New Year.

The museum is open from 1pm to 4pm on weekends until Christmas, then from 1-4 pm daily starting Wednesday 27 December

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CELEBRATING OUR CHILDREN

Coromandel Area School

By the Board of Trustees: Abby Morgan (Chair), Daniel Kirsch (Deputy Chair), Deborah Hide-Bayne, Yvette Storey

Coromandel Area School Board of Trustees is very pleased to announce that we have appointed a new Principal to start at the beginning of term 1 2018. Koren Hopoi comes to us from Onewhero Area School near Tuakau.

Our Principal vacancy advertisement in the Education Gazette generated 11 applicants, two of whom withdrew their applications. Of the remaining nine applicants we selected five for interviews. We had support from the New Zealand School Trustees Association for this exercise to ensure our process was thorough and diligent. Our interview panel consisted of four Board members, Vicky Rouse our Head of Primary here at CAS, Kate Donoghue who has an extensive educational background particularly in the area of special needs education, and Brendan Finn who is Principal of Tairua School and the lead Principal of our Community of Learning group. Koren was clearly the stand out applicant and we are very happy that she has accepted our offer of appointment to the position of Principal for our school.

Koren has been Deputy Principal at Onewhero Area School for seven years and held the position of Acting Principal several times when their Principal was on extended leave or resigned. Onewhero Area School is very similar to CAS in many ways, just with 500+ students. Koren has strengths in areas of curriculum, administration, staff management, teaching and general management of an Area School. We look forward to working with her and supporting her leadership to develop and grow our school in the years ahead.

The Board asks our community to welcome Koren, her husband Dave and their three children to Coromandel and join us in wishing them all the best for this exciting new beginning.

COROMANDEL AREA SCHOOL



Coromandel Area School student writing

By Kylah Berghan 14/9/2017

"The greatest barrier to success is the Fear of Failure" – Sven Goran Eriksson

"The greatest barrier to success is the fear of failure. Fear is a consistent tornado destroying everything in its way. Fear is the disbelief we have in our minds that we will not succeed. Fear is the thought of failure before ever reaching fame. Fear is a worldwide disease." To me, this quote symbolizes how success is the result of hard work, learning from failure, and perseverance. However, if we let failure overcome us we will never succeed. I also think the quote inspires us to think about how in life we should let nothing hold us back.

In life we should let nothing hold us back because fear is temporary, but regret is forever. If we let things get in the way of who we want to be, we will never be happy with ourselves. The greatest barrier to success is the fear of failure. An example of this is when I entered Thames Valley Touch. For me the barrier to success was the people there. They were all tall, fit, strong and skilled, and in my head I was little, weak, and cute to most of them. There was no way I was getting in! At that very point of time I had given up on myself and the future I wanted, until my name was called. The coach stood up and confidently told them, "This girl is a pocket rocket firecracker, as the underdog it was hard for her to show her talent, but with self-confidence she hopped on the field and showed up most of the boys and leaders from last year." I will never forget him and his encouragement. But if I had let fear overcome me, and the choices I made, I wouldn't be the person I am today. When I grow older I want to be a professional touch player, but first I have to find the strength within myself. Everything you want is on the other side of fear, don't let anything stop you from finding yourself and who you want to be.

If you think about some of the most successful people in life, nearly all of them, at times, have let something hold them back. However, if they decided to let everything bad or good bring them down, they wouldn't be the person they are today. Failure is an unavoidable part of our lives. There is no way we can run away from it. For example, Michael Jordan is considered the greatest basketball player ever to play the game. At 5'11" back then, he was told he was too short to play at that level and he also lacked the skills to play basketball. Imagine that the best player in the history of basketball, who redefined the game with his skills, speed, talent and attitude, was considered terrible earlier in his career. I couldn't even imagine. But if he had given up after facing early failure, where would he be now? I know for a fact he wouldn't be the man he is today.

"The greatest barrier to success is the fear of failure." I now realise that life is filled with failure. No one will ever be perfect. No matter what we do in life, be it sport, education or your own career, we will always reach points where we just want to give up. Fear kills more dreams than failure ever will. Although, if there is no fighting for what you want, the world would be a clichéd paradise, full of stereotypical figures. So if we let fear overcome our dreams, we will never become the person we want to be, and forever stay unhappy with ourselves.

Coromandel Youth Group

Christmas Holidays at Hauraki House for 5 to 15 yrs

We will be closed from
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Holiday opening times

11am-4pm Monday to Thursday,
6-9pm *Friday night (for
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1-4pm Sunday,
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Entry fee for activities Monday to Thursday is \$2.

School term opening times are

3-5pm Tuesday and Thursday,
2.15-4pm Friday after school,
6-9pm *Friday night (for
11-14yrs)
1-4pm Sunday.

*Please ensure that your children sign in with a staff member on arrival.

To help with running costs please make a gold coin donation for after-school sessions; every little bit helps us to stay open!

For more information and/or a copy of our opening times, please call in at the Youth Rooms, Hauraki House or phone us during opening hours on (07) 866 7061.

We would like to thank those that make this programme possible: Lottery Waikato, COGS, Trust Waikato, "Bizarre" Charitable Trust and The Tindall Foundation



Coromandel Playcentre

By Jenna James

The lovely weather has finally arrived and was on form at the recent Coromandel Athletics Day. As so many of our Playcentre tamariki have siblings at the school, we jumped at the invitation to attend! What an epic event.

Lots of adults made time to come in during the holidays to help spring clean and reshuffle. The carpentry table has made a great resurgence with children trying their hands at sawing and hammering and banging. There was even an attempt to saw through playdough...! The warmer weather has also made waterplay more tolerable, with lots of pouring, splashing, tipping, floating, sinking and turn taking lessons to be had.

I'm constantly amazed at how many adults in our community have attended Coromandel Playcentre as kids and have amazing experiences to reflect on. If you have children who could benefit from these experiences, please feel free to call in during one of our sessions (and maybe have a bash at some carpentry or water play yourself for old times' sake!).

We look forward to seeing you!

Kiwi Can

"Kia Ora Tatou Katoa"

Our Kiwi Can Disco on 3 November went off without a hitch and all of our tamariki and care givers that attended had a great time.

Our Halloween costume winners were: Junior Boy – Connor; Junior Girl – Zianna; Senior Boy – Ian; Senior Girl – Kaila.

We managed to raise \$853.30 for our Kiwi Can students which is awesome and will go a long way to purchasing prizes and resources for our lessons. Thanks so much to all those that supported us.

On Thursday 2 November our Kiwi Can team, Marlene, Gemma, Jasmine and Emma, went to Auckland for the biennial Auckland Kiwi Can Jam. This is when all of the Auckland schools that have the Graeme Dingle Foundation Kiwi Can programme come together for an evening of entertainment put on by the Kiwi Can Leaders and Students. Keep any eye out early next year as we are planning on duplicating this in Coromandel.

We would like to congratulate the Hoterini ki te Tonga Kapa Haka group from Thames South School who performed at this year's 45th Hauraki Kapa Haka Festival. Gemma and Emma were lucky enough to be able to attend this and they were certainly wowed by all of the performances on the day.

There is only a couple of weeks left in this school year and our Kiwi Can leaders are certainly looking forward to their holiday break.

Jasmine is off to have her baby and will be on maternity leave when we come back in 2018.

We would like to wish her all the best and Marlene, Gemma and Emma can't wait for cuddles.

Don't forget to follow us on Facebook www.facebook.com/kiwicancoromandel/.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

Until next year...Be great, Be awesome, Be you! Nga mihi nui from the Kiwi Can team Marlene, Gemma, Jasmine, Emma.

Want to help out Kiwi Can Coromandel? Contact Marlene Johnson 027 223 2629 email: kiwican@cilt.org.nz.

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



Te Rerenga School

Learning, it's what we do...

Last week we had our school science fair which we have every second year, alternating with our school's pet day. Our older children worked in small groups or individually to explore a question they had. The range of investigations was wide with children looking at a solution to spiciness, nutritious uses for kale, the best recipe for slime, the creation of a multi-purpose surf and skate wax, etc. There was such a range of fascinating ideas and topics that made the learning lots of fun. In our junior rooms the focus was on problems associated with our school gardens and the concept of "fair testing" which was applied through a range of contexts. One focus of the Science Fair is for our children to share their learning with others and it was fantastic to have so many of our school families at the fair to ask the important "on-the-spot" questions so our children could share their learning and reference their presentation. We are so appreciative of having such a supportive and encouraging school community that nurtures the curiosity of our amazing children.

As the term comes to a conclusion we continue to have exciting things happening in the classroom as well as outside. Room 4 are off to Te Whanganui a Hei marine reserve for a day snorkelling and kayaking with DiveZone, Whitianga. Room 1 have their annual walk-through-Christmas in Whitianga. We have our annual dress-up fun week with a special school disco afternoon run by our Year 8's. Our leaver's dinner will be a special evening to farewell our incredible Year 8's (Donald, Ike, Marco, Zyon and Jac) who are all heading to MBAS for 2018. Room 3 have an overnight adventure to Hamilton with two days packed full of learning at the Waikato Museum, a sleepover at the observatory and a day at Hamilton Zoo. An afternoon session at Jump is also scheduled to energise us all!



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Arts



Coromandel Art Group

By Barbara Peddie

This month I will profile Wendy Moore, our newest member. Wendy is originally from England, and moved to Coromandel a year ago after many years spent teaching in Auckland. Wendy came to our art exhibition last summer, and asked to join us – and here she is!

Her background in painting started in college in England, with a hiatus while she pursued her teaching career, but she says she did help out with art displays. Then on retiring three years ago Wendy started

painting again. This year with us she has specialised in delightful small paintings of birds, most of which have been commissioned by relatives. Who knows where her talent will take her?

And I have to add that Wendy always provides us with delicious treats for morning tea!

We are all busy preparing for our annual Art Exhibition, which will run from **18 January to 5 February** in Hauraki House. We have a joint panoramic painting of Coromandel Harbour we are working on, each member doing a small canvas.

See you at the exhibition!

Coromandel Players News

By Don and Liz

Last year we presented an hour of Christmas Carols and were enthusiastically received, with a lot of audience participation. Visitors from out of town said it was a community event sadly lacking in their own communities nowadays.

Therefore we are aiming to present another hour of carol singing on **Friday 22 December** at pm at the theatre in Hauraki House. Please come along and bring your friends of all ages. This is a free event – our contribution and thank you to the community.

Also a note to anyone “out there” – we would really love some new members! Members who would like to utilise our theatre, lighting, etc, and put something on stage. Perhaps you have always wanted to direct a play, do theatre sports, stand up comedy, anything!

See you at the Christmas Carols! We wish you a Merry Christmas! And a Happy New Year!

Please get in touch Don (07) 866 8885, Liz (07) 866 8508

Pastel Artists Coromandel

By Christine Lunn

Our Labour weekend attracted an interesting cross-section of local, national and international visitors, with some very complimentary comments from a number of them. A common theme was along the lines of “we never realized pastels were so versatile”.

Thoughts and planning are now turning to our late November two-day workshop with Maxine Thompson on landscapes and seascapes. After that it will be our Christmas get together and then a well earned break from January through to early February (more in next month’s Chronicle).

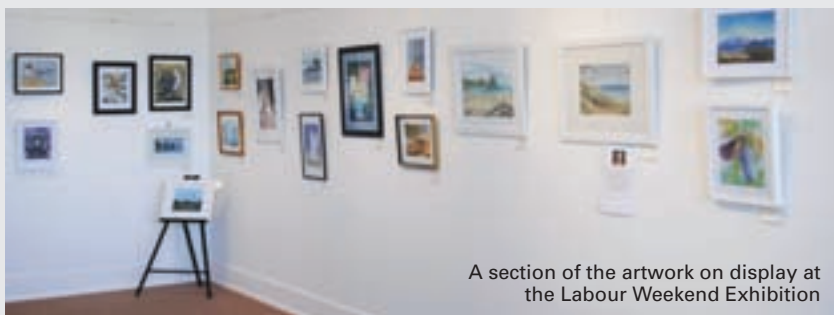
Our members have considerable experience and still work in other media but they dedicate Tuesday mornings to pastel, pencil and coloured pencil work.

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

We welcome visitors at our weekly meeting at the Coromandel Aero Club rooms on Tiki Road on Tuesdays between 9am and 12 noon (around 10am is always a good time, when tea and bikkies generally appear).

A happy holiday season to you all.

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A section of the artwork on display at the Labour Weekend Exhibition



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Open Studios Coromandel ArtsTour and WTS Coromandel "Watch This Space"

From the Open Studios ArtsTour at the beginning of October to the Easter Exhibition next April, Coromandel's summer months offer a feast of diverse and interesting art. With more than 20 artistic and creative organisations in and around the town there is always something to interest everyone. Call in to Hauraki House – the exhibitions are running back to back from now. And check out the art shops, cafés, and The Source – many of our artists are represented. Perfect for Christmas presents!

This year there are 39 Coromandel ArtsTour artists. They all opened their studios to you in the first two weeks of October. But they haven't gone into hibernation now! Many open their studios or home galleries most days of the year – keep an eye open for their signs. Others will welcome your interest. Pick up the Artist Guide from Source or the Information Centre – you'll find illustrations of their work and contact details. Call or email, make an appointment.

Opportunities for artists in 2018

2018 Open Studios Coromandel ArtsTour

Artist registrations are open for the 2018 Open Studios ArtsTour. Includes participation in October ArtsTour, featured place in 2018 Artist Guide (7,000 copies distributed free through the region), and your own page on the website www.coromandelartstour.co.nz. Current members have priority but applications are welcome from new (or past) Artstour artists. Temporary studios in a shared "hub" may be available for those who live in more remote Coromandel locations.

Email artstour@wtscoromandel.org.

Watch this Space Shared Studios 2018

May to September. Open to all artists living in the Coromandel Peninsula region. A limited number of artist residencies for artists from elsewhere may be available on application – email info@wtscoromandel.org.

December Featured Artists

Raranga with Nici and Briar

Nici Greulich and Briar van Dort have enjoyed living in the northern Coromandel Peninsula for more than 28 years. Their love of this beautiful and unique place shines through their raranga (flax weaving). Both were inspired to learn this art from the same woman – a descendant of the famous weaving whanau, the Hetet whanau.

Nici completed an advanced certificate in raranga harakeke in



2002. Since 2003, Briar has learned alongside her at Nici's weaving workshops which Briar has attended regularly for the past fifteen years.

Briar's next colourful exhibition is at Umu Cafe in December and will also feature a large piece by Nici.

Contact details: Nici Greulich, Facebook Raranga Harakeke by Nici Greulich, 021 031 9878. Briar van Dort – 022 402 9681.

Annabel Nesbitt

I was raised in Auckland and studied science at university. But living on Great Barrier Island awoke the artist within me. While raising four children and following other career paths, my art has remained a constant joy and therapy. I've had excitement along the way with solo exhibitions and commissions. I've also enjoyed sharing with others who have needed motivation to ignite their own inner artist. The little town of Coromandel has been a wonderful place for me to express and explore.



This image has been created to invoke the feeling of cleansing one's soul, leading to inner serenity. As I paint them I feel the possibility of that, and it's enriching. Water flowing is symbolic of that cleansing.

Contact details: Annabel: 021 0289 0397 annabelnesbitt52@gmail.com



The 29th Coromandel Christmas Art Exhibition

The 29th Coromandel Christmas Art Exhibition is on at Hauraki House, Coromandel Town, **17 December until 13 January**. Come to the opening, 5pm, **Sunday 17 December**. All welcome.

Artists exhibiting include: Bronwynne Cornish; Michael Smither; Gian McGregor; Fatu Feu'u; Wailin Elliott; Lindsay Garmson; Erica Lyons; Cindy Alger; Fiona Tunnicliffe; Bev Thatcher; Rod MacLeod; Barbara Von Seida; Jenny Curry; Mike O'Donnell; Allan Beaver; Tom Folwell; Peter Sephton; Kaitlin Moloney; Kim and Kevin Brett; Christy Benton; Ian Dalzell; Sue Pidgeon; Kay Ogilvie; Tracey Johnson; Ian Webster; Stuart Fyfe; Mike Barton; Ray Morley; Jan Koshian; Mike Cogswell; Marian Cogswell; Jenny Shearer; Deborah Hyde-Bayne; Michelle Blake; Iain Crighton; Petra Meyboden; Diane Cade; Jan Linklatter; Mary Lee; Casey Marshall.

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Arts continued

Barry Brickell Doo Day

The inaugural Barry Brickell Doo Day will take place on **Saturday 6 January 2018** in the grounds of Hauraki House. Between 10am and 3pm anyone who wanders by will be able to experience the wonder of working with our special local terra cotta clay. Tables will be set up with artists and friends of Barry's available to assist people to make something out of clay and for the more adventurous there will be a couple of kick wheels set up for people to have a go at throwing. The emphasis is on participation and fun to celebrate local potter and artist Barry Brickell. As well as having some of Barry's friends on hand to tell a few stories there will be a special section of the Christmas Art Exhibition at Hauraki House featuring Barry's work. This will be open during the Doo Day.

Back Room Gallery Colville

Grand Opening of the Back Room Gallery will be held on **Friday 15 December**. 6.00-8.30pm. Reception with refreshments provided.

Colville's new arts co-op is a gallery of locally-made crafts and artwork. Located in the room behind the Colville Café, this space has been beautifully renovated thanks to Wayne Todd and the kind support of a number of community members. The gallery offers a chance for you to see the incredible talent in our community, and to buy unique gifts in time for Christmas. The gallery will be open regularly through the summer – specific days and hours will be announced in December.

For online updates, join our Facebook page @BackRoomGallery

Coromandel Community Arts Council Hauraki House Gallery

By Chris Stark

The gallery has been a hive of activity over the winter months with "Watch this Space" in residence over most of the winter. It is great to see it being used and enjoyed during what used to be the quiet time of year.

In August, the Coro Players celebrated their 40-year anniversary with an outstanding exhibition. Combined with a display of work by Watch this Space, it was a special display.

The Arts Council took the opportunity to invite members of the recently formed Coromandel Arts and Creative Industries Board, now called Creative Coromandel, to come to Coromandel to see what wonderful facilities we have here and more importantly to meet some of our fantastic artists. We had a very enjoyable evening exploring everyone's work and chatting about things to come.

The Coromandel Open Arts Studios tour and exhibition was another successful event followed by the Pastel Artists and Embroiderer's Guild display.

Upcoming exhibitions to look forward to over the summer are as follows:

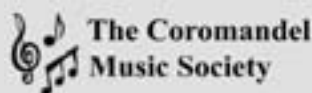
17 December to 13 January 2018 – Christmas Exhibition

8-17 January – Coro Artisans

18 January to 2 February – Coro Art Group.

We're taking bookings now for next summer so if you have a specific date you want, I suggest you get in quick and confirm a booking.

Check us out Facebook: Hauraki House Gallery



Coromandel Music Society

By Maureen Kimber

The annual January concert we promote in conjunction with the Mussel Kitchen will be especially exciting in 2018 when we welcome back the talented and popular Beatgirls.

The gates open at 5pm for those who want to enjoy an early dinner and showtime commences at 7pm on **Saturday 20 January**.

Show tickets are available at the Coromandel Town Information Centre and will make a very acceptable Christmas present for family members and friends when you are stuck for a new gift idea.

We take this opportunity to thank everyone who attended our promotions during 2017.

It has truly been an amazing year with great audiences enjoying a wide variety of music.

If your favourite genre has not been featured, please let us know and we will see what we can do in the future. The Music Society committee members look forward to promoting another entertaining year in 2018.



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Environmental

Waiau Hawks

By John Veysey

When the Ernslaw company began clear-felling their forest lands on either side of the 309 road the Waiau valley became a favourite hunting ground for hawks during the day and moreporks at night. At any time of day you could always see hawks in the sky and often on the ground as well. I publicised the fact that these birds were so easily seen and heard with the establishment of the Waiau Hawk and Morepork Sanctuary (WHAMS).

Threats of aerial 1080 in 2007, 2010 and 2012 alerted us to the fact that the first priority of WHAMS must be, not publicising our work, not applying for public funding but ensuring that no animal poisons were spread willy-nilly over the Waiau valley.

The first areas to be clear-felled were soon regenerating with young pines and new areas opened up for hunting birds.

In 2010 the Ernslaw manager established a possum trapping operation throughout the Ernslaw land in our valley.

Hawks and moreporks thrived, as did all of the wildlife in our valley.

Until 2013, when 1080 was dropped in the valley behind Manaia and the Waiau hawks disappeared, well, most of them disappeared. A few days after the drop I spotted a trio of very young hawks cruising the same flight paths used by their parents. I had read about a scientist's idea that the deaths of native birds under 1080 was OK because their populations would bounce back and I figured that these three teenagers would be the beginnings of the hawks' bouncing-back population. The hawks did eventually return but not just from these three youngsters. Hawks from the north drifted in and slowly took over the vacated area. It was three seasons before the number of hawks could be said to be recovering.

We got used to seeing the local birds every day. We never had to look out for them. They were always there to be seen in the sky. They knew the likely spots to find carrion, checking along the 309 looking for road kill, flying over the spots in the forest where they had previously found dead animals and cruising over the magpie nests in the top of the gums. Three or four times a day we would hear the magpies protesting, look up and see a couple of magpies chasing, or, at least, thinking they were chasing, a hawk away from their nest.

The hawks' flight paths identified them as knowledgeable locals. 15 or 16 different birds came through every day. Not all of them had their nests in the valley but they were local enough to make use of us on a daily basis looking for food.

Early in 2017 we learned of another 1080 drop planned for the area behind Manaia.

I requested that DOC refrain from their poisoning because of the very visible destruction it would cause to hawks and moreporks.

The drop went ahead on 18 October. I saw a hawk on the 21st and then no hawks in our skies were seen for over two weeks.

Now we are seeing interlopers from the north. It is the same pattern we witnessed in 2013. The invading hawks come to check things out, not believing that this whole area has become vacant. They are all boys and, from their undirected flight paths, I can tell that none of them are locals. All of our "local" adult birds have gone. Their offspring, if they had any, have, by now, died of starvation.

I have failed my birds miserably.

Coromandel Watchdog

Coromandel Watchdog of Hauraki, the organisation which has fought mining in the Hauraki/Coromandel region for 38 years, is delighted with the Minister's announcement that there will be no new mines on conservation land.

"This is wonderful news for the whole country, and especially our region," says Augusta Macassey-Pickard, spokesperson for the organisation. "The mining industry now know that they will not be allowed to open new mines in our conservation estate and the community now has certainty conservation land will be for conservation."



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Environmental continued

Moehau Environment Group

By Ally Davey



Well done local dog owners! We had 30 dogs attend kiwi avoidance training at Papa Aroha recently. During our recent kiwi call survey we noticed an increase in male calls around the Coromandel area, which is a tribute to the Coromandel volunteers who service the stoat lines each month. Unfortunately, a decrease in calls around the Colville area was reported after the annual kiwi listening survey. A kiwi, by simply being knocked to the ground, can cause internal damage with disastrous effects. Taking responsibility of your dog in known kiwi areas, keeping them inside at night and reducing roaming can make a huge difference to the livelihood of kiwi living in our back yard. Our next training will be in Colville on **7 January**.

We have completed two stages of ground-based possum control in the Port Charles over 3,300ha.

We are gearing up for the new summer programme, which kicks off on **Friday 29 December**, the first event a paws and owner workshop with Kim Wagner, professional dog trainer, building balanced K9's. Join the session and learn how to teach your dog to recall from birds and improve control in open areas. Make it easier for you and your best friend and help keep our beach birds safe this summer.

We're also excited and privileged to be hosting our Great Mercury Island guided hike on **19 January** from Whitianga. This is a rare chance to enjoy a guided tour of this unique predator-free paradise on our back door. Check our website www.meg.org.nz for more details and how to be included.

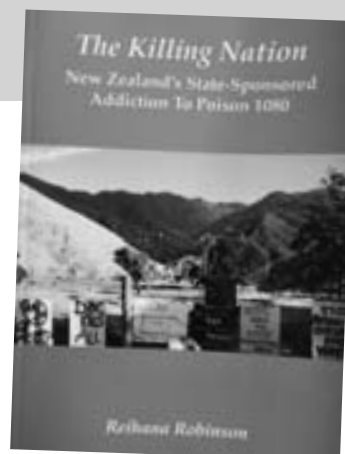
MEG Summer Programme

- 29 December** – Teach your dog new tricks with K9 Cadets, Little Bay
- 2 January** – Keltic Fair, Coromandel, Create Your Own Kiwi
- 3 January** – Family Fun Run, Little Bay
- 4 January** – Kiwi Night Adventure, Port Charles
- 5 January** – Junior Rangers, Waikawau Bay
- 6 January** – Teach Your Dog to Avoid Kiwi Sailors Grave, Whenuakite; Create Your Own Kiwi, Little Bay
- 7 January** – Teach Your Dog to Avoid Kiwi, Colville and Te Mata; Starlight Cinema, Waikawau Bay
- 8 January** – Nocturnal Walk, Waikawau Campground.
- 10 January** – Bounty Hunters, Coromandel Town; Up Close Kiwi Encounter, Port Charles
- 11 January** – Up Close Kiwi Encounter, Port Charles; Dune Weeding, Cooks Beach
- 13 January** – Traditional Medicinal and Edible Plants, Te Rongoa Maori, Coromandel Town; Kiwi Night Adventure, Port Charles; Teach Your Dog to Avoid Kiwi, Kuaotunu; Dune Weeding, Taputaputea Spit
- 15 January** – Nocturnal Walk, Waikawau Campground; Weta Hotel Building, Hahei Campground
- 16 January** – Meet a Gecko, Coromandel Town
- 18 January** – Waikawau Nature Trail Track Build, Waikawau Campground
- 19 January** – Kiwi Night Adventure, Port Charles; Ahuahu Great Mercury Island, Sanctuary Walking Tour, Whitianga
- 20 January** – Kiwi Night Adventure, Port Charles; Walk and Weed, Opera Point, Whangapoua
- 24 January** – Dune Weeding, Cathedral Cove
- 26 January** – Dune Weeding, Hot Water Beach

For more info and to book phone Terry Whitehouse (07) 866 6903 or 021 186 3876

Book review – *The Killing Nation* by Reihana Robinson

Review by members of the Coromandel Landcare groups



In her just-released book, *The Killing Nation*, environmental activist and researcher Reihana

Robinson explodes the carefully cultivated myth of New Zealand as the "Clean and Green" paradise of the South Pacific. While the government and tourism industry promote images of exotic native bush, rare avian species, clean running streams, and untainted farms, Robinson lays bare New Zealand's "Dirty Little Environmental Secret" – the wholesale poisoning of the landscape with one of the world's deadliest poisons to kill wild animal species, all in the name of "conservation".

Reihana Robinson has devoted her life to the protection of Coromandel's wildlife.

There has been a noticeable depletion of wildlife since wildlife poisoning began here in the early '90's. The evidence suggests more strongly than ever that we cannot expect any resurgence of our wildlife until the poisoning is stopped. However, the government is determined to keep poisoning. Reihana explores what is really behind this determination. The poisoning regime defies all environmental logic and is acting as a divisive tool among outlying communities. Reihana lives in one of these outlying communities, regularly facing government intrusions which will affect their way of life.

Reihana has been tireless in lobbying to change government's approach to wild animal control. She has already published four books recounting the effects of this government-driven wild animal control policy upon the Coromandel communities. *The Killing Nation* is the fifth in the series.

Reihana says she wrote this series, *Rural Revolt – In Defence of Coromandel's Wild Kingdom*, because she felt the social and environmental history of local people needed to be recorded. The earlier books were printed for those who had been involved for many years. *First They Came for the Goats* tells of the government's "wall of death" programme against feral goats. *Don't Fence Us In* tells of an attempt to enclose farming families and others behind a divisive predator-proof steel barrier. *Save Our Wild Pigs* exposes the stealth attack by local government to take wild pigs off the rural menu. *Coromandel Voices: Poison Peninsula* presents the struggle for humane conservation policies.

Reihana lives in the area proposed for enclosure and her volume, *Don't Fence Us In*, reminds us, all too well, how it feels to be one victim among only a few others facing this enormous authoritarian onslaught. Outsiders have not the slightest clue what it must feel like to be so enclosed and the authorities blindly go ahead with building the fence. All the materials were bought before the landowners across whose land the fence was to be built had given their consent. When these landowners said no to the fence it did not go ahead. The fence money was wasted and the idea was proposed again some years later. In Reihana's account you can feel the helplessness of those who faced living within a fenced area and understand why the landowners sought strength to fight the idea in uniting as a body – the UCLA (Upper Coromandel Landcare Association). So far there is no fence.

One is surprised at the enormity of government callousness and lack of human consideration in every chapter of Reihana's latest book *The Killing Nation*. It is not just the callousness but the level of callousness which is revealed in these chapters which surprises.

Reihana refrains from any name-calling in this factual, peer-reviewed and well-documented and surprising history of New Zealand's unusual and failing attempt to poison its way to a clean environment. *The Killing Nation* is a volume of classic investigative reporting and detailed research which exposes the conflicts and professional intrigue that keep the poison flowing.

Dr Wendy Pond says Robinson's investigative journalism gives credibility to the observations of common people and to the movement against poisoning wildlife. Wildlife now has a Nicky Hager.

The Killing Nation is available at Carson's Bookshop in Thames (07) 868 6301 and Amazon from 9 December

Stepping Up for Home

By Catherine Delahunty

After 38 years of hard work, the organisation that I am proud to be part of, Coromandel Watchdog of Hauraki, is feeling a weight has lifted. The new Minister of Conservation has signalled there will be no new mines on conservation land. For our region where the intersection of gold reefs and mountain ranges is a permanent challenge because of corporate multinationals, this announcement is a game changer. We are seeing some slow healing from more than a century of destructive land practices. There are regenerating native forests as well as some seriously awful impacts from the current forestry industry. There are some biodiversity success stories as well as some potential disasters. We have much to celebrate if we have seen the end to proposed mining in the Parakiwai forest behind Whangamata or on Karangahake mountain. It would be great if the northern Coromandel was not under threat from exploration licences and we could stop worrying about being mined and start looking at some other major issues affecting the whenua and the moana. Sediment and slash from forestry hits the creeks and then the harbours; the once rich fishing grounds and lush wetlands are struggling. The TCDC has a bill before the Parliament to make it easier to rip out mangroves in our area without any recognition of the positive role mangroves play in a climate-changed world. We are still battling subdivision of coastal land. We have to hold on to what wild beauty remains and we have to pay respect to the Hauraki people who lost so much land here and who have struggled so hard to hold on to their culture and resources since the day the sailing ships came over the horizon and the goldminers started digging up their home. There are some really positive projects working for the greater good in this region and I am pleased to be home to support them. One of them is the wetland restoration project in Coromandel Harbour. I had a look at the area and it's badly in need of restoration. A few years ago some of us stood in the mud of the harbour and peacefully opposed an attempt to drill and mine in this area which is meant to be protected under Schedule 4 of the Crown Minerals Act. Behind us were the hills where mine waste was once dumped and where people have worked hard to replant trees and build walks. The harbour is also a huge food source from the oyster beds to the mussel farms. The wetland is at a site in the harbour known by some as McGregor Bay and has strong support and even some money waiting to be spent on it, but it needs Council to step up and support the restoration. It needs community support and to keep working with respect for manawhenua, their history, their relationships and rights and their vision for the future of the harbour.

The climate chaos which will affect us in so many ways we cannot anticipate will be most obvious via sea level rise and storm surges in our region, so we had better not get complacent about winning the campaigns we have won and keep facing reality. Today I was walking along the road in the Kauaeranga forest and I met two young men from Scotland and France who were moss scientists collecting data about the endemic moss of this country and the evolutionary place of these remarkable plants in the forest architecture. They showed me miniature tree like plants of extraordinary beauty which I had never seen before. There is so much to learn about what is around us every day. There is too much at stake to let any more of the world die, anywhere, but especially here.

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Sport



The Flight Centre K2

By Rita Stephenson

We would like to thank everyone that helped to make this year's Flight Centre K2 as successful as it was. This year was the 16th anniversary of the event. We had over 1,000 riders taking part. To run such an event successfully we need the help and assistance of many people. We had close to 140 volunteers leading up to and on the day of the race. We would like to thank each one of them for giving up their valuable time to assist in what has become an iconic kiwi bike ride. Without the volunteers, this event wouldn't happen. Thank you for being part of this year's K2. We look forward to K2 2018, when we will be working from home in Coromandel Town, as it will be hosting the K2 start and K4 starts.

Anyone wanting further information can check out our website www.arcevents.co.nz

A chat with an awesome guy

By Rita Stephenson

Further to my article in the October Chronicle you will remember that I told you Andy Corles, who was left tetraplegic after a horrific accident in July 2014, had been training for the Nicholas Browne Challenge 50K – one of the distances in the Flight Centre K2 Road Cycle Race.

It's race morning, all set on the start line Andy is horrified and perplexed when a woman comes up to him and tells him she no longer likes him. He racks his brain trying to recall upsetting her, realises he's never even met her before. The woman tells him that she had seen him several months earlier on telly talking about riding in the Nicholas Browne Challenge 50K, she was encouraged and inspired by Andy and decided if he can do it on a hand bike she could ride it as well, only now that she was on the start line she wasn't quite so sure! Both she and her daughter took part.

Andy hand cycled from Tairua to Whitianga – a distance of 43 kilometers. It took just under 5½ hours – I cannot think (or imagine) one single person capable of doing push ups for one hour let alone 5½ hours – which was what Andy did the equivalent of.

Karl Fisher had been out with Andy on many of his training rides leading up to the event. He rode alongside Andy on race day, offering encouragement, advice and most importantly invaluable friendship – "I couldn't have done it without Karl". Knowing that wife Shelley and daughter Maddie, along with many friends and supporters, were waiting for him at the finish line kept him going when it got tough.

Andy was raising funds for the Westpac rescue helicopter – he believes that without them he simply wouldn't be here today. If you are interested in donating to this invaluable cause it's not too late. Go onto everydayhero.co.nz, type Andy K2 into the search, and make your donation. He asked me to thank all of you who have supported him and offered encouragement.

"It's K1 next year. I've had the gears on my bike changed so it's going to be easier." We chat about the modifications on the bike, how he might do things a little bit differently, about how he can't wait to ride the K2 in a couple of years. He talks of himself as just being "ordinary". I see an extraordinary guy who has more guts, determination, stubbornness and passion for life than the ordinary person... I think of him as Awesome Andy.



Andy Corles accompanied by Karl Fisher cycling the Nicholas Browne Challenge 50K

Coromandel Croquet Club

By Kaye Anderson

Over the last month or so we have welcomed twelve people to the club, all potential new members. Most didn't wait for our Cake and Croquet Day, which dawned fine and sunny and where there was a surfeit of fabulous food, to get started. Their enthusiasm for learning the game is a great boost to the club.

The Bowling Club has kindly allowed us to use their winter green as an extra croquet lawn to help with the increase in numbers. We thank them for this support.

We also wish to thank David and Sheila Key, two of our newcomers, for setting out the additional lawn and making new equipment.

In the meantime, Christmas greetings to you all, and please note that we play all through the holidays with the exclusion of the statutory holidays.

We meet on Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 9.45am, with play starting at 10am. If you wish to join us on any of these days, call Kaye on (07) 866 8968. The club is situated in Woollams Ave, next to the Bowling Club

Coromandel Rugby Club

By Elly Smith, Club President

Recently we held our AGM at our clubrooms, a change in date as previously it has been held at the start of the year. This appears to have been a good move, allowing the committee time to plan and prepare for the coming season.

The Club would like to thank Justin Kerrison for the huge amount of time and effort he has put in over the years, not only in his role as President but also as a valued coach and committee member. His absence will be noticed, however we wish him well as he takes some well earned time out to spend with his family. We look forward to his return in the future.

The 2018 season will mark 130 years since the Coromandel Rugby Club was founded (1888). One of the longest established rugby clubs in the Thames Valley province, we have had our share of ups and downs but can take pride in our early roots and longevity.

With a new season just around the corner we are looking to secure the future growth of our club, not only in players and membership but in governance roles within our committee.

As well as general committee members, we are also looking for people with an interest or experience in the following areas: funding applications, bar management, history and record keeping, sponsorship, administration. You don't need to be a "Rugby Head", just enthusiastic, organised and reliable. Please feel free to contact me for a no obligation chat about any of these positions.

Our junior players had a great season with the Under 13's successfully defending their age grade championship trophy for the second year in a row. We have had five junior players represent Thames Valley this season across three different grades (U45's, Roller Mills and U14's), a big achievement for a small club.

We are looking for more managers and coaches in the Junior team and ask anyone who may be interested in volunteering to get in touch. No previous experience required, a Small Blacks training night will be held at the club in April to get you started.

Thank you to all of our members and supporters for getting behind us. We wish you a safe and merry holiday season!

Any enquiries via email to mrs.smith.coro@gmail.com



Coromandel Golf Club

By Peter Gray



The weather finally defied the MetService to deliver fine days for the Annual Auckland Eagles visit and the final round of the Club's Top Dog competition.

The Auckland Eagles's annual visit over 4-5 November was well patronized by Club members and the Auckland Eagles. The Meet and Greet Eagles-sponsored BBQ on the Saturday kicked off the weekend and it was great to see the Clubhouse full with members making an effort to attend despite the wet afternoon.

The sun shone for Sunday's golf with a large field teeing off. Local knowledge again prevailed with the Coromandel Golf Club taking out the Eagle Shield.

The winner of the day was appropriately Ron Evans, a Waikato Eagle Life Member, Coromandel Golf Club Life Member and Coromandel Golf Club Patron, with 41pts. He was followed home by other club members, Allan Rose and Robin Attwood 40pts from Ed Buckett and Bruce Fitzpatrick 39, Norm Davies and Gain Zohrad along with the leading Eagles John Fraser and Stu Bremmer 37.

The Coromandel Ladies also led the Ladies home with Glenise Robertson and Gina Carr 32, Eugene Weimer and Jenny Coatsworth 30.

A large crowd of over 60 sat down to a catered meal provided by "Head Chef", Lyn Whitcombe and her band of helpers. Thanks must go out to all those members and family who helped in the catering, prizes and course preparation to make the day a continued success.

It is pleasing to see tradition prevail with the Eagle members in their distinctive red jackets and ties & making sure they donned their jackets for the presentations and meal.

However, the "Gentleman Eagles" are still up for a bit of banter on their own members with Ron Evans's winning 41 pts having him bestowed with some "titles" that were not as complimentary as those prestige titles above.

The final round Top Dog (Combined Pairs Stableford over two rounds) was played on Saturday 11 November and taken out by the pairing of Kevin O'Keefe and George Campbell on a count-back from last year's winners, "The Odd Couple" Ron Brooking and Peter Gray.

Congratulations must go out to the Coromandel Ladies, Jenny Coatsworth, Philippa Medlock, Sue Davies who took second place in the Thames Valley Bronze 2 and 3 Champion of Champions recently.

Some ladies are travelling to the popular Christmas Tournaments around the district – I believe that they have had some success on the Golf Course and also are "cleaning up" in the raffles.

The Ladies' regular Tuesday competition has numbers increasing as spring arrives, plus a number of new lady members starting out in the game, so if you are thinking of joining it would be a good time.

The October Meat Pack/Laurie Olliff Trophy was won by Ed Buckett 47pts, from David Lunn 45, Malcolm Stone 41 and Bill Howard 40. Tom (Jim Furyk) Folwell seems to have a mortgage on the Laurie Olliff Trophy. Played in conjunction with Meat Pack Day over the year, the six best Stableford scores are tallied and Tom is currently leading with 239pts from Peter Richardson 231 with one round left.

The Club's AGM will be held on **Saturday 2 December** at 10.30am. At the time of writing there are a number of the Club's officers that are still undecided to recommitting – hence, it would be a good time for some succession planning, as some members have served for a number of years.

Reminders

Saturday 2 December – AGM (10.30am), Closing Day and Eagles Salver (P).

Saturday 9 December – Coromandel Xmas Tournament 10.30am Tee (C).

Saturday 6 January – Coromandel Hotel Mixed Open 11.00am Start (C).

Saturday 3 February – Maori Tournament (C).



Coromandel Recreational Fishing Club

By Allison Brown & Committee

Labour Weekend
winning snapper caught
by Nikki Stevenson

Hi to all,

We have had our Labour Weekend Competition. The weather wasn't that great but we had a few keen anglers. See picture of Nikki Stevenson and her winning snapper. The snapper are now in the Gulf and in very nice condition and as the water warms up I'm sure there will be some good catches out there. We went out last weekend. Although it was overcast, it was very warm and the sea very calm on Saturday and overnight we caught some very nice snapper and gurnard. Also some very large trevally were caught mid November not far from the Coromandel Harbour entrance, 8.5kg and 3.5kg; looking very promising for the coming summer months.

Labour Weekend Results

Seniors

Snapper – 1st Nikki Stevenson 5.925kg, 2nd Rob Davies 3.675kg, 3rd Logan Davies 3.455kg (fishing story of the day – Logan dropped a huge snapper when he just got it to the boat). Kahawai – Carol Leeney 1.010kg. Trevally – Carol Leeney 1.010kg.

Juniors

Snapper – Khiana Masters 0.725kg. Kahawai – Khiana 1.195kg. Unusual – Yellow Tail 0.235g.

Average weight was 1.040 won by Darren Bond 1.100kg. Mystery weight was 1.800kg won by Rob Davies 2.004kg.

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

Xmas Party and Prizing Giving

This is booked in at the Admiral Arms on **2 December** at 5pm. Hope you can join us. For new members the dinner is free and a bar tab provided, so why not join up and also be in to winning \$100 per month for the Heaviest Fish of the Month for club members?

Anniversary Weekend Competition is on **Sunday 28 January 2018**.

"Classy Chicks" is on **Saturday 24 February 2018**. Theme for dress up is "J".

Here's to tight lines as always even though to date the weather has been all over the place so hopefully we now have good fishing months to look forward to.



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Every Monday

Mahamudra Centre, Free Guided Meditation 8.30-9am
 Coromandel Hikers' Group, Hauraki House, Colin & Elspeth (07) 866 7137 9am
 Monday Walkers, Irene 021 157 8408 9am
 Laughter and deep relaxation. Upstairs Coromandel Swimming Pool,
 Marine 028 408 7027. (No classes on 25 Dec and 1 Jan) 1.30-2.15pm
 Zumba. Upstairs Coromandel Swimming Pool, Marine 028 408 7027.
 (No classes on 25 Dec and 1 Jan) 5.30-6.30pm
 Four-part harmony singing, Sue (07) 866 8833 7pm

Every Tuesday

Mahamudra Centre, Free Guided Meditation 8.30-9am
 Pastel Artists Coromandel, Coromandel Aero Club Rooms (07) 866 7220 9am-midday
 Coro Walking Group, Ruth (07) 866 7246 9am
 Open Floor at Mana Retreat Centre – 5, 12, 19 December, 16 January, 20 February 9.30-11.30am
 Croquet, Woollams Ave, Kaye (07) 866 8968 9.45am
 Playcentre, Woollams Ave 10.30am-1pm
 SeniorNet Coromandel contact Loes (07) 866 8053 4pm
 Beginner Yoga with Becks, at the Anglican Church Hall,
 170 Tiki Rd, \$10. Contact 027 407 0079 5.30-6.45pm
 Coro Motorcycle Club, Star & Garter, John 027 234 1013 7-9pm

Every Wednesday

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 Coro Walking Group, Ruth (07) 866 7246 9am
 Coro Bowls club day 9.30am
 Coro Art Group, St Andrew's Church Hall, Val (07) 866 8911 9am-12pm
 Yoga for everyone, Colville Hall, Kate 022 071 8470 10am
 Guided Meditation, Havalona Pyramid 10-11am
 Body Balance & Yoga Classes with Tina 5 Oct - 7 Dec at Waikato Trust Events Centre
 (upstairs Swimming Pool) contact Tina 021 201 9750 5.10-6.20pm

Fortnightly Thursday

Open Floor Dance Classes (30 November, 14, 28 December, 11, 25 January),
 Anglican Church Hall, \$10. Jacqui 022 392 8588 or Lisa 021 175 4741 7-8.30pm

Every Friday

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 Yoga for everyone, Anglican Hall, Kate 022 071 8470 9am
 Playcentre, Woollams Ave 9.45am-12.15pm

Every Saturday

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

Every Sunday

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 Anglican Church Service 10am

Monthly

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

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

1st Wed – Coro Embroiderers Guild, St John Rooms, Margaret Burgess (07) 866 5769 10am-3pm

1st Wed – Lions Dinner meeting, Ambulance Rooms.
 Contact President Jean Smith 021 208 7576 6pm

2nd Wed – Garden Circle. Contact Jane Warren 021 232 2905

3rd Wed – Lions Business Meeting, Ambulance Rooms.
 Contact President Jean Smith 021 208 7576 7pm

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

I clear this section every winter to make sure it is kept correct. If your meeting has been missed out, please email Debbie at corochronicle@gmail.com with the subject "meeting", or txt/ph 021 235 6648, or post details to PO Box 148, Coromandel 3543. Please include contact name and phone number.



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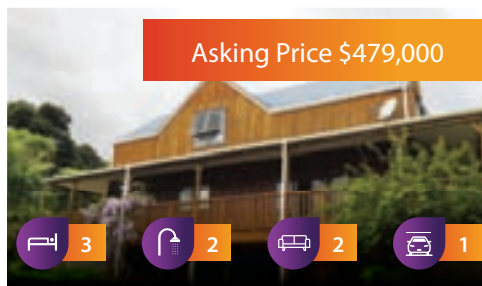


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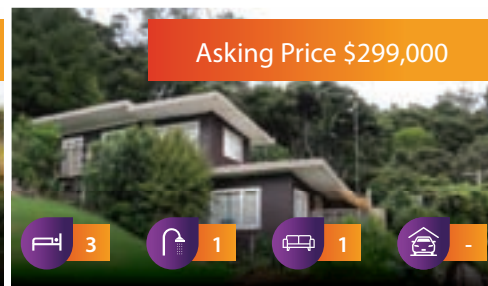
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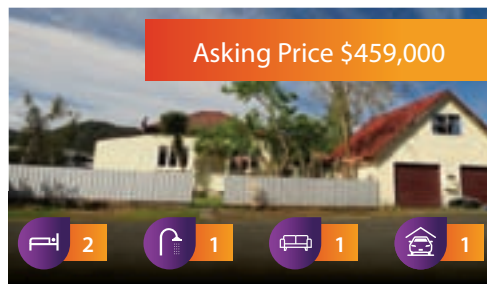
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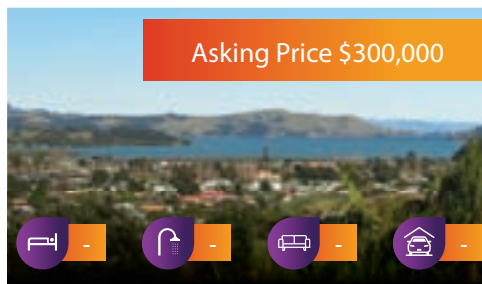
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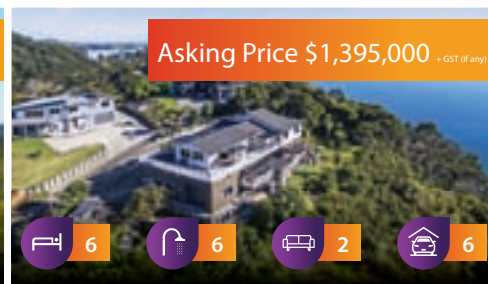
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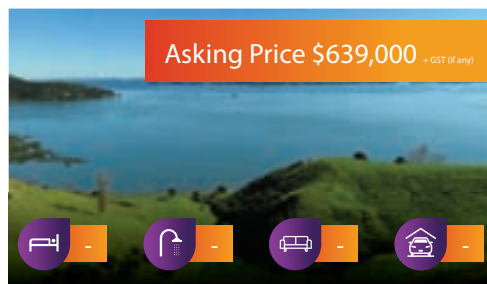
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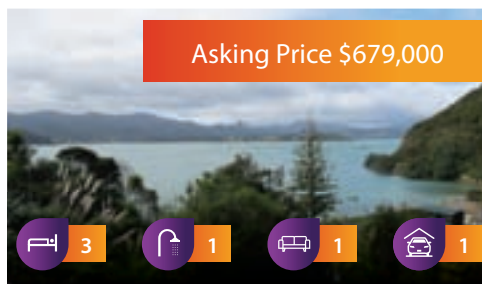
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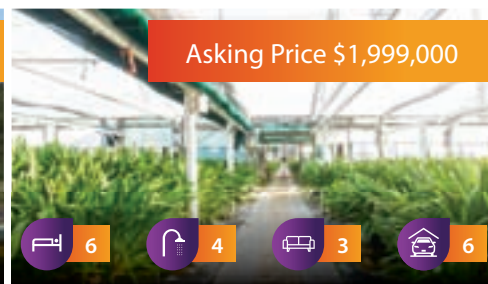
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