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Editor's comment

Hope everyone has a happy Christmas. If you are going to be alone on Christmas Day or know someone who will be then go and get some company – register for the community Christmas lunch (see pg 18).

I have had a couple of weeks recently where my rubbish hasn't been collected. I've always put my bag out in the morning of rubbish collection day. After realising the truck must have already come before I put it out I checked the TCDC website. On there it now says "Please have your rubbish in official blue Council bags and recycling out on the kerbside by 7.30am for collection." I thought it was 9am. Anyhow that is why I missed it. I'm sure I'm not the only one who has been caught out by the earlier pickups as I noticed this week that there were plenty of blue bags that hadn't been picked up by the afternoon. So here is a reminder – 7.30am.

Merry Christmas and happy holidays from the Chronicle. Thanks for your support.

Debbie

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Letters

Dear Editor,

There has been a considerable amount of correspondence in your pages recently in relation to the changes at the Samuel James Reserve. I wish to put it on record that, as the donor of the seat in memory of my wife, Beaver, I was at all times consulted by the Community Board. I had no problem at the thought of the seat being moved, as long as it remained available to the community and visitors. Actually, when I originally offered the seat, I had considered the space to the side of the Library as a possible site, and am delighted that this is where it now is. I feel that this is an underused spot, and the "Beaver seat" being there should now change that.

As far as the Samuel James Reserve is concerned, the work on it is still ongoing, and like everyone else I await the outcome.

Kind regards,

John Gaffikin-Cowan

Dear Editor,

What a gem Coromandel Town has with the Chronicle. I always read it through to keep up to date. Our MP representative, Scott Simpson, always has a column and an advert. They reflect his vocation and political policies of the National Party.

Unfortunately this means bad-mouthing the government by inference. His November column claims that incomes will suffer if tourist numbers diminish because of petrol price increases. This ignores the "elephant in the room" of climate change. Keeping the price of fuels low will continue the profligate production of CO₂ and particulate matter. Business profit is the overriding concern of many wilfully ignoring the plight of future generations.

If the price of fuel continues to rise, then there is an incentive to find and use alternatives. Electricity is the most obvious. So let the tax take continue as it benefits all citizens.

Sincerely,

Peter H. Wood, Thames Coast

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Childhood Christmas

By Beryl van Donk

Oh for the days when we were young
the joys that Christmas brings.
Watching mother bake her cake
and wrapping special things.

The only night we did not mind
to go to bed quite early,
was Christmas Eve and then
it came quite early.

A bath, the prayers and mother's
kiss goodnight,
We soon were in the Land of Nod
as she put out the light.

We never heard Santa arrive
or hear his sleigh bells tinkle,
When morning came we both were
out of bed within a twinkle.

The walk to church on Christmas morn
my inner eye can see.
The congregation and the choir
all singing joyously.

Excitement as we opened gifts
Our parents smiled indulgently,
To celebrate the greatest gift of all
Jesus birth, the man who taught
us love and life eternally

**Poetry
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Santa Parade



By Daniel Smith

It's that time of year again, come and celebrate Christmas cheer, and join Santa, along with our wonderful emergency services, school kids, and local businesses. A big thanks to our major sponsors, Thrive Coromandel Trust, James Drainage, and Coromandel Four Square, without whom, we couldn't make this event happen.

A shout out to all of the local businessess who have also been so supportive: Coromandel Quarry, Coromandel Fishing Adventures, Driving Creek Railway, Coromandel Developments, Mussel Barge Snapper Safaris, Trinity Network, Hush Boutique Accomodation, Coromandel Accounting, and the Admirals Arms. We hope to see you all strutting your stuff. Parade departs Watt Street at 2pm sharp **Saturday 8 December**, arriving at Jacks Point, where Santa may have some treats from the North Pole to distribute.

This year is a Sci Fi theme, so grab your ray gun, and a Santa hat, and get amongst it. Parade assembles from 1.30pm at Watt Street.

Contact idlepursuits.nz@gmail.com



The 2017 parade



Town Tour Deserves to Boom

Review of Coromandel Town Information Centre "Boom, Bust & Beyond Guided Heritage Tours" by Anthea Whittle



Coromandel Town Information Centre manager Sandra Wilson introduces the Boom, Bust and Beyond Guided Heritage Tour at its opening in August

On a visit home I read about the new walking tours of Coromandel Town, and had

a visitor staying who had never been to Coromandel before. One Saturday morning we met our guide Sandra and once I'd answered questions with the team that I was indeed a local, and who my family were, we were off.

I appreciated Sandra checking in on our comfort and ability to complete the tour. The tour goes at a leisurely pace and doesn't cover any steps or difficult terrain – so is accessible for wheelchair users and doesn't require a great level of fitness. A hat, sunscreen and water wouldn't go amiss, but we managed with just the sunscreen!

From the Samuel James Reserve, we walked down to Fureys Creek to admire the Lillis Cottage next to the (now) Admirals Arms. Sandra shared both what businesses operated along the street in the past, and if those types of services existed in the town currently.

Sandra was warm and engaging, friendly and relatable and pointed out any and all things she thought would take our interest. She invited me to add anything I remembered, which was mainly some of the previous incarnations of the Assay House (the Paper Plus had a great sticker selection in the '90's!), and retelling my grandfather Harold Dobbs's story of collecting bread from the bakery from astride a steer once when he was a boy.

Turning back from Fureys Creek, we wandered up the street, Sandra pausing for the roar of motorbikes at the bank corner near where once there were stables for horses to draw carts and carriages along the two day trek to Thames.

You can take a tour anywhere in the world and learn about a place, but how special to know that your own family and the families of people you grew up with were part of the making of that place.

Seeing the Mine Managers residences and hearing about the original uses of the older buildings in town gives perspective on the relative wealth that some people would have had in our town, and how much work must have gone in to simply conducting daily life for others.

We wrapped up our tour near the old Masonic Lodge, tantalisingly close to the Museum, which would be a natural next step for the hungry history fiend... But feeling a hunger of a different kind, we headed back into town. Pizza and beer served over the bar at the Star and Garter where mum bought me school shoes as a kid at the "Drapery"... How many miles of fabric have been measured against that beautiful kauri slab?

In Coromandel we are fortunate to be able to use so much of what was created in the past and to learn from and be inspired by it – perhaps there are more stories and secrets of the buildings in town that current residents can share with the team at the Information Centre?

I recommend the tour to everyone – if you know the town inside out, go along and share your knowledge. If you have guests, take them along.

The gold rush is long over, but our tourism and hospitality is absolutely golden in Coromandel and if we continue to support initiatives like this tour, more opportunities will follow.

The Boom, Bust & Beyond Guided Heritage Tour departs from the Coromandel Town Information Centre at 11:30am Saturdays and by arrangement. Bookings essential, \$10 per person. Phone (07) 866 8598 or 027 521 5560



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NZMCA park transformation

By Jeni Mudgway

The New Zealand Motor Caravan Association park in Tiki Road under went a huge transformation last weekend. This park is only available to members of the NZMCA.

It is a great asset to our town as most campers stay more than one night and really love to support the local community.

The 20 awesome volunteers planted and mulched 500 shrubs, finished the metaling and installed the gate in two days. This was a great effort by all and there were definitely some sore bodies on Monday! Very special thanks to all involved.



Coromandel Garden Circle

By Jenny Penman

The deadline for this December Chronicle article falls before our meeting again this month so rather than reporting on past events it will be looking forward anticipating coming ones. December of course brings the annual Coromandel Santa Parade. The Garden Circle members are always enthusiastic participants with a flower and foliage bedecked float. This year's theme of Science Fiction Xmas will have had some scratching their heads but not our Parade Sub Committee who have come up with a brilliant living plant theme. We are not giving any more away here! Come and join in the fun on **8 December**.

December will bring our Xmas Party too. This year's will be a pot luck finger food lunch with some festive fun and gift exchange. Members will again swell the Coro Foodbank store with donated Xmas themed goods. Our competition arrangement theme is "Xmas Table Decoration" which will be given to Phoenix House at the end of the day to brighten their rooms and spread some cheer.

The Phormium tenax flax (harakeke) around McGregors Bay are looking stunning this year, the manuka are smothered in flower and the pohutukawa at Te Kouma are breaking into colour in mid-November. Hopefully these are signs of a wonderful summer to come in our slice of paradise.

The Garden Circle will take a break in January while we all rest and get inspiration for the following seasons, meeting again the second Wednesday in February.

Our programme for the year includes talks, demonstrations and day trips to places of interest and events. We meet the second Wednesday of the month usually at 1pm. For more information please contact Jane Warren (07) 866 8927 or 021 232 2905

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Animal Rescue Thames

By Alice and John Parris

Firstly thank mews to those who have been kind enough to donate tinned and biscuit foods into our food bin at Pak 'n Save and donations of bedding and garage sale items. These are truly appreciated and help us help the animals in our care right now. Also huge thanks to a lovely couple who donated some fresh meat for the cats to enjoy; luxury enjoyed thoroughly by them all.



To everyone who has supported us over 2018, thank mew. Without this support we certainly would not be who and what we are in the community. We wish every one a blessed, happy and safe Christmas and a happy mew year to all.

Fundraising – Christmas raffles outside Pak 'n Save **26-30 November** – five days this year – we will run an update in the New Year on this due to deadlines. Huge thanks to everyone who supports our fundraisers. They are quintessential to the unit as our only source of funding to feed and care for them all.

Garage sale – **Saturday 16 December** Grahamstown Hall, 768 Pollen St, Thames, 8.30am-noonish, our last fundraiser for the 2018 year. Books, toys, puzzles, clothes, linen, household treasures in good, clean, saleable condition welcomed.

What we raise will be totalled up and then divided by five months which will give us the amount each month we have to feed and care for the rescue cats and dictates what we can or can't accommodate across the holiday season.

Cattery mews – our trio of blacks continue to delight and frustrate the humans. Suki and Wykki are both delightful kittens who are now getting some decidedly dodgy ideas on what time to come in for dinner. Both are outside having a marvellous time, playing with the moths, watching birdies and have painted on ears that just do not wish to hear humans tell them to “come on”. This is ignored and black kitties in the dark are extremely difficult to locate and these two are beyond hopeless, often 10pm and after before their stomachs get the better of them and they howl to come in. Wykki got sin-binned for 24 hours for truly bad behaviour and sulked but has thankfully behaved since. The trio celebrated their first birthday mid November and still remain here at rescue waiting for a forever home.

Missy, our tubby pear-shaped ginger, has progressed beyond all measure. We have let her have the run of house. The first few times were pretty scary as it was all new for everyone. Grumps and growls from the longer-term felines that someone new was invading space led to some furry swear words and swipes but Missy has held her own and any swipes were met with return thwacks. She has learnt that upstairs-downstairs at Indy car racetrack speeds is brilliant fun and with ginger and black furr travelling at ridiculous speeds around the house it is not a time for humans to dare set foot in the lounge let alone any other part of the house.

They all enjoy the rusty tunnel and dive in and out up and over the thing and onto it if someone else is in it. Missy has gained huge amounts of confidence, as much confidence as she has gained inches round her middle, but she comes when called, gets in her unit and allows us to come up to her and pat her, so that is a huge step forward for her and we are confident she will be a lovely cat and permanent furr friend to an older couple on a quiet property.

Wanted – donations of garage sale items, tinned foods, sachets, biscuits for the rescue cats and kittens. At this time of year we have the most in care and more wanting in, so our limited budget gets a massive hit over this time of year. One can can help! Forever homes, loving quiet rural places for our older felines still in care.

Meowly Catmas from all and Missy.

All enquiries to Animal Rescue Thames, 532 Thames Coast Road, Te Puru, Thames 3575, (07) 868 2907 (afternoons best)

Lions news

By Lion Lyn



Labour weekend as usual, was pretty good with a sell-out of sausages, almost of mussel fritters, and a great support for the truck of firewood raffle. The winner was Mr M Sephton (I hope I spelled your name right!). All good and thank you everyone for your ongoing support.

As mentioned last month, we are selling and now raffling Lions Christmas Cakes as a fundraiser to support our local Foodbank. These cakes are very nice if you like “old fashioned fruit cake” as they are more than 50% fruit and are made especially for Lions Clubs throughout the country by Earnest Adams. You cannot buy these at any shop, only through a Lions club. I am told that they make great puddings, sliced, with custard and cream – hot or cold. Raffles will be outside Four Square most Fridays until Christmas.

Onto club: It is with pleasure we welcome back Mr Bill Chadderton as a new member, although he was a member way back when he was Headmaster of our local school in the 80s, something for some to think about maybe! Welcome back and may we all benefit from your association with us again. The dinner was as usual a top notch affair with visitors from over the hill – Whitianga brought four, making an eventful evening of 30 present. A great time had by all.

The Lion Rock was passed from Jocelyn to Lion Graham for always being so reliable and available for our firewood working bees – many thanks Graham! See you at the next one! Our evening ended with raffles drawn and a little “tale twisting” which is all about creating stories out of stories in good fun... Once again, thank goodness for dishwashers... I was home by 9.15pm (and I live out of town). A great evening – good fun, great people – if this sounds like you, we are always looking for new members with new ideas. As always, our motto is “to serve”... check this out on the web or simply talk to a Lion. Lions are at the Top Pub around 5pm on a Friday for raffles. We are taking orders for firewood still as we would rather you store it as we cannot. We do not have the facilities anymore.

As we are coming into Christmas, may your days be happy and carefree, troubles be less, and happy thoughts prevail. Pass on to all you meet a smile, as some will wonder what you are on about! Merry Christmas from your local Lions Club! See you in the new year....

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By Caroline Dunn

Budget Advice

Well, here we are now in the countdown to the end of the year. It's a busy time of year for us all with the festivities of Christmas and the New Year fast approaching. If you're going to use the New Year as a time for change, resolutions, etc., have a good think now on how things are going to be different, and don't allow the holiday celebrations to land you in a mess at the beginning of January. Having fun doesn't have to cost the Earth.

Looking back on our year here at the Budget Office, we're very pleased to still be offering advice, supplying food parcels to help our clients, and supporting the wonderful Community Organic Garden. We look forward to continue this in 2019.

Our office will be closing on **Thursday 20 December** and re-opening on **Monday 14 January 2019**.

From all of us here, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

To make an appointment come and see us at our office in Tiki House, located opposite the BP, or call us on (07) 866 8351.

Foodbank

We are busy getting our Christmas hampers together. The team at BNZ have kindly let us put a gift basket in store. If you have a present you would like to donate to our hampers please head into BNZ and use the labels there to mark as boy/girl (age range). We do parcels for pensioners also and all generations love to receive a treat, so it doesn't have to just be children's gifts.

If you have any food items you would like to donate to our weekly or Christmas hampers, we have a collection box in Four Square or it can be dropped off to us at Tiki House.

Our last food parcels for the year will be **Wednesday 19 December** and we'll re-open again on **Monday 14 January**. If you require a food parcel please make sure Foodbank requests are with us before 12.30pm on a Tuesday otherwise you will have to wait until the following week. Pickup time is at 2.30pm on a Wednesday. You will need to book in with a Budget Advisor if you are going to need assistance over a couple of weeks.

A massive thank you to everyone who has supported the Foodbank over the last year.

Community Garden

The garden is looking fabulous and producing so much produce at present. We are lucky to now have a couple of regular volunteers coming along on our Wednesday 9am-11am time slot. It's amazing how much extra can be achieved in such a short amount of time with a couple of extra hands on board. If you would like to help, pop in on Wednesday mornings. The Community garden will still be running through the Christmas period, so please keep an eye on the Community sharing shelf as it will be restocked regularly. If you see Brooke there, please pop in and give her a hand. Watering the gardens and keeping on top of the weeds is a big task at this time of year and people's help is much appreciated.

If you are dropping produce off at the sharing shelf don't forget to pop it up on our Facebook page.

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

Merry Christmas from us all.

Coro Summer Fest

By Matt Sephton

On **12 January 2019** Caitlin and I are hosting the 5th Coro Summer Fest in our garden at 23 Colville Road. This fantastic community event is a highlight of summer for many people! Great music, BYO picnic, games to play in the sun, delicious food on offer and wonderful company. This is a wonderful time for our local community to come together to catch up after Christmas and New Year celebrations. This year we have the following performers from around New Zealand and also some international acts: Nadia Reid, FreQ Nasty, Mad Helleluja Tribe, Banana Mundo, Elise Adlam, Huia ft Rei, Gareth Priceless, and DJs AlleyKat and Matt Rapid.

If you live in the top part of town, you will have heard it last year as it does get pretty loud when it's in full swing, and depending on the wind direction the sound may travel quite far. With that in mind this column is part promotional, and part public service announcement.

We love putting this event on, and hope to keep doing it. We appreciate the tolerance of the neighbourhood, so thank you to all who support this event to take place.

The music begins at about 3pm (with a few sound checks beforehand) and it will finish at 12.30am. I'm quite strict on this finish time, so be assured that it'll be all over and quiet at 12.30am.

I am offering complementary tickets to those who live really close, and have discount codes available for others in the community, so please get in touch if you would like to take advantage of this offer.

Please get in touch if you want to know more, or have any concerns. Check the website for tickets, contact and more info:

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Thanks everyone!

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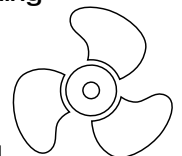


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As we head toward the Christmas break CILT would like to thank all of the volunteers who have helped us this year. We couldn't do it without you.

With the support of CILT the Coromandel Community Services Trust (CCST) is able to start trialing community day outings with our wonderful volunteers.

We are offering short touring trips for pensioners and people who have mobility limitations to various places around the Coromandel surrounds in the CCST van. We hope this will become a monthly excursion with a social aspect by stopping off in a café somewhere for a cuppa and a chat after taking in the sights.

On **Friday 30 November**, 9.30am, the van will pick you up to go to Port Jackson taking in the old flowering pohutukawa along the coast and with a stop in Colville. It will return at 1pm. Ring Rochelle at the Resource Centre for bookings or Carol Sutherland, Volunteer Coordinator, Coromandel Independent Living Trust, Tiki House phone (07) 866 8358, mobile 027 486 4043.



CoroLocalLegend with Coromandel Four Square

Congratulations to the Museum Volunteers of Coromandel, who are recipients of a gift hamper from Coromandel Four Square. The museum volunteers get together every Thursday morning generously giving their time and quietly go about their roles keeping the museum in great shape for the community and visitors to enjoy. Thanks for your community spirit Jennie, Val, Denise, Karen, Frank, Debbie, Raewyn and Judy. It's people like you that make this place. You are all true CoroLocalLegends!

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

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

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



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Artists in the Making

CILT is grateful that the Coro DO Trust has donated money to purchase screen printing equipment and supplies for CILT's Artists in the Making in Whitanga. This will allow Artists in the Making to print T-shirts and tea towels to raise money and also give them a new medium in which to express their personal artistic endeavours. Pete Sephton has offered tuition.

Community Wi Fi

We are hoping to have our public Wi Fi system running by Christmas time thanks to the Coromandel Area School being willing to share their fast fibre connection with the community. It will mean locals in the town centre can access free internet and tourists can benefit from a reliable internet connection.

The Work Co-Op

The Work Co-op participants have been working on helping to make the Coromandel plastic free boomerang bags. Annette Clark has been teaching them how to use the sewing machine and participants have been taking turns giving it a try. The Work Co-op folks have also been busy making jewelry and cards for a craft market near Christmas time.

The Work Co-Op will be closed from **22 December** (last day open is **Friday 21 December**) to **5 February** for the summer break holidays.

Holiday time at the Resource Centre!

Over the Christmas period the Resource Centre will be closed from **Wednesday 19 December** and will reopen on **Wednesday 16 January**. During this time things will run a little bit differently, so check out the details below to see how to access our services.

Travel assistance to hospital appointments over the holidays

If you are a Community Services Card holder and need a volunteer driver to a hospital appointment in Thames or Hamilton, please contact your GP. They will help you access our fantastic team of volunteer drivers. Unfortunately we will be unable to provide travel assistance over this period until we open. So keep your hospital appointment letters, get them stamped by the medical worker you are seeing and bring them in after 16 January. We will reimburse you for petrol then.

Community Van Christmas Holiday dates

The Community Van will go to Thames on **6, 13 and 20 December**. There will then be a break over the holidays and the first trip for 2019 to Thames will be on **24 January**. The van will continue to collect people from their homes around 9am and return from Thames at 2pm. Call or come into the Resource Centre to book a spot.

The Resource Centre wishes everyone a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

Heart Beat – St John Ambulance Coromandel/Colville

By Annette James, St John, Coromandel



Hi everyone and welcome to nearly summer! The weather is swapping between very hot and very cold at the moment. Don't forget so slip, slop, slap when out and about. Although it is sometimes cold at present, the sun is still very strong and can burn even when it's cloudy.

St John will be running "3 Steps for Life" courses, which are designed to give you confidence if you happen to find yourself in the position of having to perform CPR (Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation) and having to use an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) to save a life. There is no charge for the courses and at this stage they are to be held on **Tuesday 20 November** and **Tuesday 4 December**, 6-7pm and will be at the St John Ambulance Station. They are open to the public, but numbers are limited. So contact us here at St John on (07) 866 8279 as soon as possible to secure a place!

Be sure to wear comfortable clothing. You will have to get down on your knees to practice CPR.

We will be out and about in town over the next few weeks. So if you see us, come and have a chat, pick up a membership form and have your blood pressure checked while you're at it.

Stay safe. Cheers

The Generosity of Hauraki

By Catherine Delahunty

Last week I was at Te Pai o Hauraki marae for the tangihanga of David Williams of Patukirikiri. It was very sad to farewell David who was active in Hauraki matters and local issues in Coromandel town area. He was passionate about the conservation work he was doing for the motu near Coromandel and this work will continue in his memory.

It is always powerful to go to Te Pai o Hauraki, the marae in Paeroa which has an extraordinary history. Elders told us how this marae was first at Umangawha (Colville), then was moved to Waiairo on the Te Moehau coast and finally it was barged all the way down Tikapa Moana (the Hauraki Gulf) to Paeroa. It's not a large wharenui but it holds so much history.

Every marae in Hauraki has something to teach us about colonisation and the traumatic events in this region, and also about the generosity of Hauraki people toward us. We have not been taught the stories in schools and how many of us have read the Hauraki Treaty settlement information that documents some of the history of this area? My ancestors came to Thames in 1864 and yet it's taken years to learn even a little of the history. The generosity of the tangata whenua in allowing land to be used for public good, as in the former Coromandel hospital and the

Thames hospital, are just two examples of a willingness to contribute to the wellbeing of all. The churches also benefited from this generosity.

A spirit of reciprocity needs to be generated towards the Hauraki people who to this day have lost most of their land and resources. One way we can all move forward in the spirit of that original generosity is to make sure decisions about the land, coasts and all resources are made by and with the people who have the status of manawhenua, the people of the land. Often Councils talk about consultation with tangata whenua and local communities when what is actually needed is negotiation. The Thames Coromandel District Council has no councillors who represent tangata whenua and unlike many councils, discussion of Maori wards has not even started. It is also arguable that Te Tiriti o Waitangi means direct negotiation between councils and hapu and iwi, not "consult and carry on regardless", however we have a long way to go in this district. Whether it's the proposed Coromandel harbour development, dealing with the endless big company mining attempts, protecting Wainuiototo/New Chum beach or cleaning up the pollution in the Gulf, it's all about listening to the vision of the people of the land. When we work on improving health services or housing, we need to listen to them. Educational

institutions also need constant support so that all of our kids can thrive from their own cultural base. The kura at Manaia is leading but for some other tangata whenua students throughout the Peninsula, access to Te Reo and tikanga based learning is very difficult. All students benefit when schools embrace the advice of Hauraki and let go of a monocultural world view as supposedly normal. As someone said at David Williams's tangi, "Maori are flexible and walk in two worlds", but the question left hanging in the air is how flexible are the rest of us?

One of the luckiest accidents I enjoyed was when my office as a youth worker in 1992 was next door to the office of tangata whenua author Tai Turoa, who was writing the book, *Te Takoto o Te Whenua o Hauraki – Hauraki Landmarks* about places, names, meanings and stories. It's hard to find this book now, and it's only one view of Hauraki, but it's a great place to start learning. The stories of Hauraki are also online. With the help of Google we can discover that Coromandel Town is also Kapanga and Waiairo and that Kennedy Bay is actually Harataunga. We can learn how Ngati Porou came to the Bay and get some idea of why the Te Moehau area is so important to Te Arawa as well Hauraki peoples. We can learn where we are as well as who we are and learn to heal the past. It is a privilege to live here so let's live here in that spirit.

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29 Oct - 23 Dec	-	8.45 am	-	8.45 am	6.40 pm	8.45 am	8.45 am
24 Dec - 30 Dec	8.45 am	-	8.45 am	8.45 am	8.45 am	8.45 am	8.45 am
31 Dec 18 - 6 Jan 19	8.45 am	8.45 am	8.45 am	8.45 am	8.45 am	8.45 am	8.45 am
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Coromandel Bowls Club

By Linda Wright

We are in the middle of our Star and Garter Hotel – sponsored Twilight Bowls, with the greens overflowing with 16 teams. It's great to see the community enjoying the bowls evenings.

We had 10 teams competing

in our Open Alternate Fours, kindly sponsored by Mussel Barge Snapper Safaris. The winners were Colin Gawith, Sue McNeil, Ernie Groucott and Bob Sherer; 2nd was Thames Coast team Danny and Belinda Goodall and Molly and Murray Galloway; 3rd Mercury Bay team Don Bates, Colleen, Terry and Pam.

Our Championship Bowls are in full swing, with Colin, Jason and Ernie winning Men's Champ Triples and Reg, Jim and Bob runners up. Lindsay, Dianne and Maureen won the Women's, Shirley, Raewyn and Robin were runners up.

Our two Men's Inter-club teams both came second in their divisions.



Dianne, Lindsay and Maureen, winners of Women's Champ Triples

Coming up on **5 December** is Open Optional Triples, kindly sponsored by Pak 'n Save Thames.

Club day Thursday Bowls will continue on through the festive season.

Club Social Friday and Saturday nights are open from 3.30pm till 7pm.

Seasons greetings to one and all.

President Linda Wright. (07) 866 8440, 027 651 3477



Colin, Jason and Ernie, Winners of Men's Champ Triples

Women's Section RSA

By Loes Beaver,
President of Women's
Section of RSA

We are a small group of women who continue to assist the RSA on special occasions, such as catering for Anzac Day and yesterday for Armistice Day. We knit our red poppies that are very popular. We will be holding our Xmas meeting and luncheon at Success Cafe on **Thursday 6 December**. My thanks go out to our members for their efforts and support over the past year.

RSA News

By Pat Williams

Since my article in last month's Chronicle, commemorations have been held at Le Quesnoy, France on 4-11 November.

The liberation of this walled town was carried out by NZ soldiers using a rickety ladder. An amazing feat of bravery that this town has never forgotten. One of our RSA members attended so we look forward to hearing about this commemoration.

Armistice Day Service was transferred from the Cenotaph to the Citizens' Hall because of the very rainy day! Our thanks go to Mayor Sandra Goudie for being our speaker, to Area School pupil Kayla Berghan for reading a poem, the Wake Sisters for Flag Duty, and the Cadets for Guard Duty. Well done, many thanks. Also to the members of the public and our RSA members who attended the service and later joined us at The Club for refreshments. Last but not least we welcomed our Patron Reg Canty and two other members from the Helensville RSA.

RSA Opening Days over Christmas/New Year are **22 and 29 December** and **5 January**, opening time 3.30pm. We have a courtesy bus available.

Our trip of the year to Mercury Bay RSA is on **9 December**. Anyone wishing to attend must put their name on the notice board at the Club ASAP.

Quote of the Month – Perseverance is not a long race; it is many short races one after another.

Take care out there have a happy and peaceful Christmas.

Coromandel Recreational Fishing Club

By Allison Brown

We have now set the date for our Xmas dinner and prize giving for **8 December** at Admirals Arms 5pm. Santa will be there between 5-6pm. Prize giving starts at 6.15pm followed by dinner.

The dinner is free to all Club members. We now need to get the numbers coming to organize the dinner and number of children for Santa. All nonmembers are most welcome for a charge of \$40 per adult and \$15 per child aged under 13yrs, also the child's age for a present from Santa.

We had a great turnout for the Labour Weekend Competition. Good fishing was had by all.

Anniversary Weekend Competition is on **27 January 2019**.

We have made the date for "The Classy Chicks" Competition **23 February 2019**, the theme starting with the letter "W".

This will be the 15th Classy Chicks Competition held by the Club. Posters and entry forms will be out next month for both of these competitions.

The Club Fish of the Month for October was kahawai. The Club's \$100 was won by Margaret – Ann Burnie with a .845kg kahawai.

November Fish of the Month is John Dory. There seem to be a lot around.

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas from the Committee and Club members.

Results from Labour Weekend Comp

Seniors: Heaviest Snapper – 6.100kg – Les Taumata; 2nd Heaviest Snapper – 4.990kg – Logan Davies; 3rd Heaviest Snapper – 2.420kg – Graham Robinson; Heaviest Trevally – 2.735kg – Tyrone Visser; Heaviest Kahawai – 1.365kg – Aiden Tonge; Heaviest John Dory – .915kg – Darren Bond; Mystery Snapper – 2.150kg – Kirsten Tonge; Average Snapper – 1.160kg – Eugene McLeod. Juniors: Heaviest Snapper – 1.750kg – Jaden McDonald; Most Unusual – Cod – .585kg – Jake Woodcock.



Logan Davies with his 2nd Heaviest Snapper with his nana and niece

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How should we use our reserves?

It's time to review our Reserve Management Plans (RMPs). Reserves are much-loved features of our district, providing open space and recreation opportunities.

We're taking feedback now until 18 January 2019 on our draft district-wide General Policies for reserves and the draft RMPs for Coromandel-Colville area reserves. We'll ask for feedback on reserve plans for other areas later next year. Some things to consider includes scattering of ashes,



placement of public art and managing dogs, freedom camping and drones.

Go to www.tcdc.govt.nz/haveyoursay or view the document at our Council offices.

Application processing times stop over Christmas

Any applications for Building or Planning consents lodged now won't be processed before Christmas as there are no longer 20 working days until the holiday period. The days between 20 December until 10 January are excluded from the statutory 20 working day processing timeframe.

Similarly, applications received now for Special Licences for the sale or supply of alcohol at an event can't be processed before Christmas.

Building/planning:
www.tcdc.govt.nz/building

Special licences:
www.tcdc.govt.nz/sla

Summer holiday information

Our Coromandel Town service centre will remain closed until 3 January 2019 when normal hours resume. Our Thames, Whitianga and Whangamata service centres will be open on 27, 28 and 31 December from 9am-4pm and closed on 1 and 2 January. Normal hours resume on 3 January at all our service centres.

We also no longer issues fire permits, Fire and Emergency New Zealand (FENZ) does this. Go to www.checkitsalright.nz for information.

For a summary of all our summer tips around dog control, freedom camping, use of Council reserves, vehicles on beaches, noise control and much more, go: www.tcdc.govt.nz/summerinfo

Register Your Interest – Casual Harbour Wardens

We are currently looking for casual Harbour Wardens for the busy summer period to cover the Coromandel Harbour area. If you are interested or would like to know more, please contact Margaret Harrison, Community Manager, at the TCDC Office, 355 Kapanga Road, Coromandel or phone: 866 1002

NEW ALCOHOL CONTROL BYLAW

Our Council has adopted the new Alcohol Control Bylaw, which takes effect from 18 December.

It consists of year-round, 24/7 town centre alcohol bans (including in Coromandel Town) as well as Christmas/New Year and long weekend alcohol bans on many of our beaches and seaside reserves.

Check the maps showing the alcohol ban areas and dates on our website: www.tcdc.govt.nz/alcoholcontrol

Kerbside Summer Collection

Coromandel Rural North

Tuesday



Friday



Coromandel Town & Te Kouma

Wednesday



Thames Coast & Manaia

Wednesday 26 December 2018



Tuesday 1 January 2019



Tuesday 8 January 2019



Tuesday 15 January 2019



Tuesday 22 January 2019



Wednesday 30 January 2019



Tuesday 5 February 2019



Our summer Kerbside rubbish and recycling collection schedule starts 26 December and ends 9 February 2018.

www.tcdc.govt.nz/kerbside

The Coromandel Town Refuse Transfer Station is located at 525 Hauraki Rd.

For opening hours for this station, and all seven stations across the district go to

www.tcdc.govt.nz/rtts

Coromandel 200

(200 Years of Coromandel)



The Coromandel 200 Community group is looking for expressions of interest to commission and create a commemorative piece on the Whangarahi Reserve to acknowledge the arrival of HMSS Coromandel to these waters in 1820.

For more details, including criteria, please contact the Coromandel office at 355 Kapanga Road.



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Poetry SPOT

Are you drinking?

By John Irvine

washed-up, on shore, the old yellow notebook
out again
I write from the bed
as I did last
year.
will see the doctor,
Monday.
"yes, doctor, weak legs, vertigo, head-
aches and my back
hurts."
"are you drinking?" he will ask.
"are you getting your
exercise, your
vitamins?"
I think that I am just ill
with life, the same stale yet
fluctuating
factors.
even at the track
I watch the horses run by
and it seems
meaningless.
I leave early after buying tickets on the
remaining races.
"taking off?" asks the motel
clerk.
"yes, it's boring."
I tell him.
"If you think it's boring
out there," he tells me, "you oughta be
back here."
so here I am
propped up against my pillows
again
just an old guy
just an old writer
with a yellow
notebook.
something is
walking across the
floor
toward
me.
oh, it's just
my cat
this
time.

Writers' Group

By Vivianne Flintoff

The Day I Got Dirty

"Waaaaahhh," my cries fill the sterile, artificially-lit room. There are no flowers in vases, no greenery in pots, all is hygienically clean. The chemicals sting my nostrils. My lungs are both relieved and aggrieved when they receive the laden air. Those standing around the bed do not notice anything amiss. They're relieved to hear my cry. Finally. They'll get some sleep tonight after all.

The person on the bed doesn't witness my distress. The first indication I've arrived are the words, "You can hold your baby as soon as we've washed her, we don't want your nightdress getting all dirty now do we?" The woman on the bed – the source of the missing sounds of, "bi boom, bi boom, bi boom?" – gives no response. Her head moves slowly back and forth on the pillow. Has she given birth? Where is her baby?

"Waaaaahhh." The light distresses me. I long for the warm, quiet, dark, liquid-filled sac, and the rocking motion that held and comforted me.

"Can I hold my baby?"

"We're almost done Mrs. Allan. She's come out pretty grubby."

Dirty? Grubby? Me? Hands are holding me. The liquid is warm and gentle and reminds me of home. But my eyes sting, then my mouth revolts at the taste of the water.

"Waaaaahhh."

"Gosh she's a complainer," the voice above me announces. The voice is enveloped in white with a funny white thing on her head. She smells odd. I don't like the smell. There's a lot I don't like it seems.

What does the white voice mean by dirty, by grubby and what is a complainer? Am I truly these things? What does that mean about me? I'm lonely and cold. I don't like these new sensations. My eyes still smart and I blink in the overly bright light. I tongue my mouth trying to get rid of the foul taste.

"Here you are Mrs. Allan. You have a beautiful little girl."

I'm beautiful now? What happened to dirty and grubby? Did I leave the complainer behind in that red water?

Hazel eyes look deeply into my brown ones. They search my very being, recognise me and love me. I hear again the bi boom, bi boom, bi boom and begin to relax. I welcome the new fragrance. Does it belong to the loving eyes? I nuzzle towards the source of the smell. Warmth envelopes me as liquid flows within.

"Christine, you're so dirty. I told you not to play in the dirt." My five-year-old self looks down at my dress. Brown clumps of earth have attached themselves to some of the butterflies playing on my skirt. I love the green and orange ones best. I look into the shadowed hazel eyes. I'm still dirty? I sigh. I like the dirt. My granddad grows vegetables and fruit in the dirt. It's so confusing.

And my adult self is no less confused. How come dirt, which we depend upon for our survival, has become a metaphor for something that is supposedly wrong or bad or at the edges of acceptable behaviour?

Our monthly meeting was held at Megan's and four of us were present. We read aloud our spontaneous writing and homework, and also shared books and poetry we have enjoyed. (Above is an example of last month's homework.)

Our next meeting will be held on **13 December** at Sue Gilmer's.

If you wish to learn more about the group, please phone either Lora (07) 866 7176, or Vivianne 022 627 4547



Coro Comment

By Tom Hollings

Members of the Coromandel Marine Farmers' Association (CoroMFA) are continuing to do Coromandel beach cleans, removing all beached litter.

Here is an example from the most recent clean-up, done this November. The area cleaned was McGregors Bay, Wyuna Peninsula to Oamaru and Papa Aroha to Waitete Bay. The approximate split was 1/3 marine farm litter to 2/3 other beach litter. The job took two hours but used 70 persons, meaning many person-hours. Concerning or notable items were heaps of glass bottles plus six tyres. The picture below shows the result.

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

Tom Hollings, Executive Officer, CoroMFA, email tom@hrm.co.nz



Items collected at beach clean-up in November

Himalaya shop : Colville

Hi Everyone. The Himalaya shop will be open 7 days a week from 1st December. We will not be open Christmas day or Boxing day. Before Christmas our hours will be 10a.m. to around 4 p.m.
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Plastic-Free Coromandel Town

By Kate James

What a fantastic and inspiring month we have had. Coromandel Town, you are awesome!

We were thrilled to be nominated by TCDC for the Community Group Award at the Keep New Zealand Beautiful Awards. We were even more thrilled when WE WON the award! At the presentation ceremony, we had the opportunity to hear about other environmental initiatives around the country. We were totally inspired by Raglan who took out the Most Beautiful Small Town Award. Their award recognises initiatives such as litter prevention, waste minimisation, community beautification projects, recycling projects and sustainable tourism attractions. The brilliant achievements by Raglan illustrate just what can be done in a small town where the locals have a focus on environmental and sustainable practices. We absolutely aspire to what Raglan has achieved – we can do it Coromandel! Let's all make an effort to keep Coromandel beautiful.

Some of our recent efforts include giving out free jute shopping bags to local families via Te Wharekura o Manaia, Coromandel Area School, the Foodbank and around town; organising another plastic-bag-free day; and sewing more bags and produce bags to make sure we are all ready for when Coromandel Four Square goes plastic-bag-free on **1 December**. We held our first beeswax wrap workshop which was a great success as people made their own re-usable wraps to replace cling film. Look out for more beeswax wrap workshops next year. Please do get in touch via our Plastic-Free Coromandel Town Facebook page if you want to get involved with anything we do.

Have a wonderful Christmas holiday and perhaps try giving friends or family unique second-hand gifts and gifts which are experiences (like movie tickets). Try wrapping gifts in newspaper, brown paper or fabric scraps. Have fun making decorations out of natural materials... generally have a go at making Christmas less plasticity!



Kate James and Judy Rooney at the Keep New Zealand Beautiful Awards in Auckland



Plastic-Free Coromandel Town having a laugh celebrating winning the Community Groups Award

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Coromandel Town Information Centre

By Sandra Wilson



I want to thank all of you who donated or purchased items from our fundraiser, The White Elephant stall, that was held Saturday 17 November. We have had such a great response from people donating plants and items for the event and raised \$800 for the Centre!

We have been blown away by the generosity of locals and local businesses and the support they have shown for our centre. Thank you to Beady Eyes, Driving Creek Railway and Coro SuperSaver for providing items for our raffles.

A special thank you to Jean and the crew at the Work Co-op for setup, teardown and for taking our leftover goods to the Gold Mine; Ross Chick for our offsite store room; and my amazing team – Natalie, Ray, Joan, Jan, Malcolm, Pam, Liz, Suzy, Rita, Libby, Bronnie, and John – who enjoy meeting and sharing the wonders our town has to offer our visitors and also being the place for our locals to call in or ring about where things are, what time they open, etc., what the phone number for so and so is, when is the refuse centre open, needing passport forms, and for their help at the White Elephant.

This year has been quite eventful in more ways than one. First with the passing of our dear Con Anderson who volunteered here for three years every Tuesday morning unless she was away helping friends or at embroidery workshops, either as a guest or running them. Thanks also go to Con for all of the ground work for our Boom, Bust & Beyond tour. A highlight in town, it got off the ground in July and is going really well. We are always adding to it with more little gems shared by our local community or in response to feedback from the participants.

Run out of ideas for gifts for that certain someone? How about the Colville and Beyond Trail Cards or gift voucher for our guided heritage tour Boom, Bust & Beyond? We also have a selection of blank local greeting cards on sale.

Check out our Facebook page, and our website to find out what's happening in and around town over the summer. Keep an eye out for the MEG summertime programme.

Take care, enjoy the time with friends and family, take the time to explore your own background.

Just a reminder about the following events:

Christmas Parade, **Saturday 8 December** 2.00pm departing from Watt Street and ending at Jacks Point.

The Waterworks, **Sunday 9 December**, \$5.00 entry day.

Coromandel Music Society summer concert: **Saturday 19 January**, Jenny B and the Band at Admirals Arms, tickets available from the Info Centre, \$25.

Art exhibitions: Hauraki House throughout December and January.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



New President Lettecia Williams (l) with President's Challenge Winners Jean Norton, Ailie Snow (Guest Judge), Jenny Penman and Marie Keeves (l to r)

Coromandel Embroiderers' Guild

By Jenny Penman

Our November Guild Meeting was a busy one incorporating our AGM, Exhibition Opening and Judging, and Xmas Luncheon. While some committee members have stayed on to do another term in their roles, our Past President Margaret has passed over the reins to Lettecia Williams. We all appreciated the approach Margaret brought to the role over the past two years, especially in encouraging and facilitating the interaction between those based on either side of the hill. Lettecia's creativity and encouragement to move outside of our comfort zones will certainly keep us challenging ourselves next year. And she has started already, with announcing that the President's Challenge Theme for the 2019 Exhibition will be "Wabi Sabi". Google it if you haven't come across this Japanese concept before – we have all had to!

The Exhibition Opening was a great opportunity for us to see the completed pieces that we have seen taking shape over the year. Once again the variation in items and stitching styles used was amazingly diverse. Our guest judge Ailie Snow, who was tasked with choosing winners in the President's Challenge of "Time Warp", commented that the task was extremely difficult with the diversity of interpretations, styles and items. Ailie had some of her contemporary stitching on display and gave the Guild members a wonderfully inspirational talk between lunch courses. It was interesting to hear that much of her current work has been as a way of dealing positively with sad and potentially overwhelming events in her life. We Guild members all know that stitching repairs not only cloth. We will look forward to her returning for another workshop in 2020.

The Embroidery Calendar is filling up already for 2019. Those of us who have committed to the national project, "Suffrage in Stitches", are acutely aware of the approaching February deadline. The research into the inspiring women we will celebrate is almost as much fun as the stitching.

We will be taking a break from meetings over summer and our next Guild Meeting will be on Waitangi Day, **Wednesday 6 February 2019**.

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



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Alone At Christmas?

By Damian Langley
and Rita Stephenson

You are invited to share in the lunch that is being provided free of charge for people that would be alone on Christmas Day. It will be held at the Combined Clubs on Christmas Day from midday. If anyone is needing transport to and from the venue, we have got it covered, CILT and the Combined Clubs have kindly offered their vehicles so we can come and pick you up and drop you home again.

Don't stay home alone, come and enjoy great company and delicious food. I heard that Santa is coming to lunch as well. The lunch is open to people of all ages, couples and singles. We look forward to sharing lunch with you.

To help us with catering we need to know how many will be coming to lunch. Please RSVP by **15 December**. Fill in the form below and pop it into Four Square or email Damian directly and let him know. His email is Coromandelchristmaslunch@gmail.com.



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- A sedentary lifestyle with a lack of exercise.
- Emotional eating and/or cravings
- Excessive hyperpalatable food intake (e.g. regularly consuming foods high in sugars/refined carbohydrates and fats)
- Insufficient protein intake
- Poor quality or insufficient sleep
- High levels of stress or anxiety
- Routinely consuming food made outside of home (e.g., fast foods, which are typically hyperpalatable)
- Poor gut health
- Poor liver function
- Toxin exposure, e.g., endocrine disrupting chemicals (EDC's) and heavy metals

Lowering your metabolic setpoint

Evidence shows that your body has a metabolic "set point" which is influenced by the above-mentioned factors.

If you are overweight or obese, this set point is higher, which can lead to difficulties in losing weight by dieting alone, or the swift regaining of weight following a diet regime. In order to successfully lose weight, you must lower that set point. I can help you do that.

Your gut bacteria weigh-in too

Research has found a link between body weight and the microorganisms (predominant bacteria) that reside in the human digestive tract, which are collectively known as the gut microbiome. A healthy microbiome positively influences blood glucose imbalance, hunger signals, calorie intake, and energy (fat) storage. However, if these organisms become imbalanced (dysbiosis), they can trigger inflammation, disrupt hunger signalling and food metabolism, and actually harvest more calories from food. In studies, lean people were shown to have a different gut microbiome to obese people.

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Think long term

Keep in mind, losing fat and maintaining weight, is about changing your current habits and adopting a healthier lifestyle long-term. It's about waking up each day, choosing to eat a meal your body will love, and getting active, because that's what you do – it's a part of life.

Tips for success:

- Plan meals in advance to help you to stick to your programme more easily.
- Make and stick to a shopping list everytime you go shopping. Avoid impulse shopping.
- Always shop with a full stomach.
- Don't reward weight loss with food treats.
- Remove or donate as much food from your pantry that's not on your recommended food list.
- Sleep well. Remember, being well rested will ensure you're not looking for extra energy from food.

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Museum News

By Raewyn McKinney

Work is continuing on our new display, with pleasing results. We are grateful to the many people who have donated time and artefacts for this display. As the display is under construction, it is constantly changing, so if you haven't been to the museum for a while, you will be amazed by changes.

The response to our display commemorating the end of World War 1 has also been gratifying. It is planned to leave it in place for the summer season, so there is still time to come and see it if you have not been in yet.

As the year ends, here is a report on Coromandel from the "New Zealand Herald" of 30 December 1874:

"Coromandel And Its Progress

As the end of 1874 approaches, it appears a most favourable opportunity... to give the people of Auckland, and more particularly newly-arrived colonists, an opportunity of reading what... can be found in one of the many outside districts... Coromandel is situated about 37 miles from Auckland, having a splendid land-locked harbour, and is surrounded by numerous bays, affording opportunities rarely to be met with in any other portion of the province for either fishing, oystering, or pleasuring, in addition to having a good wharf...

Kapanga, as the township is called, is divided into what is termed the Upper and Lower, and, including the Tokatea and surrounding districts, has a population of over 1500 souls. In both the Upper and Lower Townships there are many really first-class buildings, amongst which may be mentioned the Provincial Government offices, the Bank of New Zealand, the National Bank, the English, Catholic, Wesleyan and Presbyterian churches... the place has also its local hospital, two literary institutes, a branch of the Loyal Orange Institution, a Court of Foresters, a sufficient number of general

stores, and close upon 20 hotels, so that one may fairly conclude that Coromandel may be looked upon as having a fair mixture of what may be termed "general requirements". The place is every day shewing indications that since the year 1854, when the district was proclaimed a goldfield... and when the precious metal was met with by Mr Charles Ring... it has as a whole steadily and healthily improved... every year between the first period and the present has shown a steady augmentation to each month's yield of gold... Nearly 9000 tons of quartz were treated in 1873, but the gold obtained was not anything in proportion to this year's total... The Tokatea declared dividends to the extent of £12,500; whilst the Royal Oak, New Green Harp, Quinton's, Harbour View Tributaries, Three Brothers, Coromandel Beach and other properties, circulated another couple of thousand pounds; thus bringing up the amount of surplus money distributed both to the Coromandel and other outside holders of the different stocks to a pretty round sum for the 12 months. Such a healthy state of matters is attributable to a variety of causes, but principally to the cheerful and substantial aid rendered by the Superintendent... in extending our tracks, sanctioning the construction of additional tramways, and in other respects doing what the finances would



allow in thoroughly opening up the field for prospectors and miners; nor must... our district member, Mr Cadman be forgotten, for no one could take a deeper interest in the welfare of Coromandel than he has."

On behalf of the committee of the School of Mines & Historical Society Inc, I wish everyone a joyous Festive Season, a Happy Christmas, and a prosperous New Year.

The museum will be open between 1pm and 4pm every weekend until Christmas

Coromandel Contract Bridge Club

By Judy Bronlund

We are playing the final competition for our year, the Kereta Pairs.

On **17 December** we will be having our AGM at 6.30pm, followed by a fun night of bridge with nibbles. We would like to have more players next year so if you want to learn the game of bridge, please contact Val and lessons will be arranged.

We play each Monday evening at the St John rooms. We take a break of the holiday time and will be back again on **Monday 28 January** – Auckland Anniversary Day.

Seasons greetings to all.

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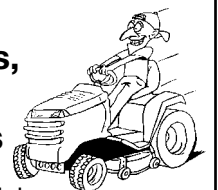
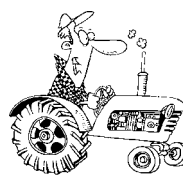
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Coromandel high on 101 Must-Do's This Summer List

The AA is congratulating the Coromandel for holding so many places on the new 101 Must-Do's This Summer list, which showcases the country's hidden gems and local favourites.

AA Travel and Tourism GM Greig Leighton said the specially curated list is designed to inspire New Zealanders to get out and explore the world-class attractions close to home, rather than jetting off overseas.

"I think people will be thrilled in reading the list to see a blend of old favourites, where perhaps they haven't gone for a long time, and there are now new things to do in those areas, as well as hidden gems that until now only locals have known about but that are well worth making the trip for.

"Kiwi summers last for a long time with hot, dry weather well into March, and with so many long weekends at the start of the new year we believe there'll be ample opportunities to turn many of the Must-Do's into #MustDone," Greig said.

Destination Coromandel's Marketing Manager Megan Nunn said the recognition is fantastic.

"We're absolutely delighted to have six iconic visitor products in The Coromandel featured in this Summer's 101 Must Do's. The Coromandel is blessed with an abundance of stunning landscapes and bucket list experiences, all of which can be enjoyed with a guide or at your own leisure. We hope as many Kiwis as possible come and enjoy the Coromandel. It will be truly good for your soul," Megan said.

Grey Power Association Coromandel

John Rabarts. President

Christmas party for seniors and their caregivers or supporters will be on **Friday 7 December**, at the Anglican Hall, Christ Church, Tiki Road, Coromandel, 1pm start. An afternoon of varied entertainment and everyone gets a present. This may be your first Christmas present of the year. No entry charge and afternoon tea or coffee with biscuits, etc., at the end of the show. You do not need to be a Grey Power member to come as this is our contribution to all seniors in the area – or if you have visitors from far away, bring them too.

I am a seenager (a senior teenager). I now have everything I wanted as a teenager – but 60 years later. I don't have to go to work or school – and I get a super allowance every two weeks. I have my own pad and I don't have a curfew. I have a full driving licence and my own car. I have got ID (its visible on my face) that gets me into bars and the liquor store. The people I hang around with are not scared of getting pregnant and I don't have acne. Yes it did take me a while to get here – but life is great.

As we age we are subject to an increasing deterioration of certain faculties. We can't run as fast as we could. We can't see as well as we once did. Our joints are not as supple and may need replacement. Some of us chose our parents well and delay the onset later than others. Most people get on with life and cope with these ageing problems. It is the other people who react to people with disabilities that is interesting. How many times have we seen a person raise their voice and speak slowly and in simple language to a person in a wheel chair, just because they are in a wheelchair, when these people have no hearing or mental impairment at all? Again, when we see a person with a white walking stick, we want to take them by the arm and help them across the street. Disability in blind people is very obvious. We need no further prompting that they are blind and require special treatment. But deafness is not immediately obvious. We have to talk to a person before we can tell if they are deaf. Before that, they are regarded as having full hearing. Once deafness is established it seems very easily forgotten. Habits are hard to change. People turn away when they speak to you. Speaking directly to a person is vital for a person to be able lip read, but even if the person can't lip read, facing the person makes for clearer speech. Often conversations take place in situations where there are multiple conversations going on and even the most expensive hearing aid can't separate the conversations. The hearing aid does little to help tell the wearer what direction the sound is coming from. Deaf people have been taken to task for not having the correct volume in the radio or TV. What may not be recognised is that a deaf person can't tell what is soft or loud until full hearing people indicate what the correct volume is. Please accept and help all people with disabilities. They all need this help and understanding including those with hearing impairment.

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



Stage full of music on Labour Weekend

Local band Bits 'n Pieces took to the stage on Labour Weekend to test out the new Barry Brickell Memorial Stage at Hauraki House.

Coromandel Youth MP Sam Oxford Selected

Local MP Scott Simpson has selected Thames High School student Sam Oxford as the Coromandel representative for Youth Parliament 2019.

Sam will hold the title of Youth MP for Coromandel from 1 March to 31 August 2019. During this time, he will actively engage with the community to gain an understanding of the ideas and concerns of youth in our area.



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A load of the good stuff!

Library News

By Raewyn McKinney

I recently came across some quotes from Carl Sagan, the famous astronomer, with which I am sure all members of the library would agree: "What an astonishing thing a book is. A book is proof that humans are capable of working magic. One glance at it and you hear the voice of another person, maybe somebody dead for thousands of years. To read is to voyage through time." "The brain is like a muscle. When it is in use, we feel very good. Understanding is joyous."

As usual, we have many additions this month, including the latest publications from, among others, Belinda Alexandra, M J Arlidge, Deborah Challinor, Lee Child, Michael Connelly, Jane Harper, Anthony Horowitz, Barbara Kingsolver, Fiona McIntosh, Di Morrissey, Graham Norton, Jodi Picoult, Ian Rankin, Wilbur Smith, Nicholas Sparks, Minette Walters and Markus Zusak. We have also bought:

Wild Journeys by Bruce Ansley



Discover a world of wild, mysterious and audacious journeys... (Ansley) retraces the path of the doomed surveyor John Whitcombe across the Southern Alps, follows the raiding party of the northern chief Te Puoho along the West Coast, sails around New Zealand's northern and southern capes ... drives from Waiheke to Wanaka (in a hurry), sets off on a hunt for the South Island's Grey Ghost, looks deep into the heart of volcanic New Zealand.

Milkman by Anna Burns



In this unnamed city, to be interesting is dangerous. Middle sister, our protagonist, is busy attempting to keep her mother from discovering her maybe-boyfriend and to keep everyone in the dark about her encounter with Milkman. But when

first brother-in-law sniffs out her struggle, and rumours start to swell, middle sister becomes "interesting". The last thing she ever wanted to be. To be interesting is to be noticed and to be noticed is dangerous.

Mutiny on the Bounty by Peter FitzSimons



The mutiny on HMS Bounty, in the South Pacific on 28 April 1789, is one of history's great epics... in the hands of Peter FitzSimons it comes to life as never before.

This astonishing story is historical adventure at its very best, encompassing the mutiny, Bligh's monumental achievement in navigating to safety, and Fletcher Christian and the mutineers' own epic journey from the sensual paradise of Tahiti to the outpost of Pitcairn Island... a sprawling, dramatic tale of intrigue, bravery and sheer boldness, told with the accuracy of historical detail and total command of story that are Peter FitzSimons's trademarks.

The Girl Without Skin by Mads Peter Nordbo

When a mummified



Viking corpse is discovered in a crevasse out on the edge of an ice sheet, journalist Matthew Cave is sent to cover the story. The next day the mummy is gone, and the body of the policeman who was keeping watch is found naked and flayed – exactly like the victims in

a gruesome series of murders that terrified the remote town of Nuuk in the 1970s. As Matt investigates, he is shocked by the deprivation and brutal violence the locals take for granted. Unable to trust the police, he begins to suspect a cover-up. It's only when he meets a young Inuit woman... that Matt starts to realise how deep this story goes – and how much danger he is in.

On behalf of the committee and volunteers of the Coromandel Community Library, I wish everyone a joyous Festive Season, a Happy Christmas, and a prosperous New Year.

The library will be shut on the Public Holidays, and also some days in between.

The library is open from 10am to 1pm on Monday to Friday; and 10am to 12 noon on Saturday

Coromandel Family Health Centre

Season's Greetings from the team at the Coromandel Family Health Centre

Our opening hours during Christmas and New Year are:
24/12 – open 8.30am-5.00pm,
25/12 – closed,
26/12 – closed,
27/12 – open 8.30am-5.00pm,
28/12 – open 8.30am-5.00pm,
31/12 – open 8.30am-5.00pm,
01/01 – closed,
02/01 – closed,
03/01 – open 8.30am-5.00pm,
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Wishing you all safe and happy holidays.



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

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



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Mana Update

By Penelope Carroll

It's almost that time of the year again, with everything seeming to speed up in a combined countdown to Christmas and the end of the year. There are all of those Christmas and end-of-year functions to attend, the planning, gift and food buying for Christmas Day itself, summer holidays to organise – and all that pressure (much of it self-imposed) to complete the tasks and projects we committed ourselves to for 2018, before the end of the year.

December is a month of celebration and planning at Mana too, including completing tasks and projects. We come together as the wider Mana community on the weekend of **14-16 December** for our Summer Solstice Working Bee, giving our energy to various projects to take care of Mana buildings and the land and celebrating the coming Summer Solstice in a Saturday night ritual. Then it's planning for Christmas, and time to celebrate a prophet and teacher who personifies love and joy.

Here is a Christmas poem from Michael Leunig to help keep the busy-ness in perspective:

Life is very big and fast
But I am small and slow.
Many things go whizzing past,
That I will never know.
“What shall I do with this life of mine?”
I asked the sky of blue.
“Your life is fine,” said a voice divine,
“And what will it do with you?”

Among the many long-established Christmas rituals at Mana I love are walking/driving between the homes of those living close to the Centre and singing Christmas Carols on Christmas Eve, gathering in Tara Sanctuary (later on Christmas Eve) for a Compassionate Christmas celebration of song and meditation, jointly hosted with Mahamudra – and then of course our Christmas dinner on the evening of the 25th.

Sharing special food with family and friends is a big part of Christmas. Here is the recipe we use for our Christmas Bliss Balls.

Christmas Bliss Balls (makes 12)

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

Method: finely chop pecans in a food processor then add dates, sultanas, cocoa powder, cinnamon, vanilla, ginger, allspice, pinch of salt and the grated zest of the orange. Blend together with the juice of half the orange. When mixture has formed into one ball, remove and cut into 12 equal pieces. Roll each into a mouth-sized ball, then decorate the top half with dessicated coconut, pumpkin seeds and cranberries. Store in the fridge.

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

Hon Scott Simpson MP For Coromandel



I think it's crazy that the maximum infringement fine councils can impose for littering is just \$400. Earlier this year I introduced a Members Bill into Parliament that, if passed, would see the maximum increased to \$1,000. Needless to say

I'm really pleased the Environment select committee has recommended that my Litter (Increased Infringement Fee) Amendment Bill be passed with amendments. This means the Bill will come back to Parliament for further consideration and I'm hoping that other political parties will join my National Party colleagues in supporting so that it becomes law.

Too often as I travel around our beautiful electorate I notice more and more litter. It's on roadsides, in public spaces, on our beaches and in our bush. Over the years and certainly since my childhood, we've lost something of our cultural sense of what it is to be a tidy Kiwi. Organisations such as Keep New Zealand Beautiful do a great job in pushing the anti-littering message. But there's no doubt in my mind we've lost some of the focus on what it is to not ruin our natural spaces with ugly and unnecessary litter.

Today all around New Zealand, many local Council enforcement officers have simply stopped issuing infringement notices for littering, and they've done it because the maximum fine of \$400 is hardly worth the effort.

I like the infringement notice system because it's one of the most common ways to enforce relatively minor, but none the less important, offences such as parking offences, traffic offences, some fisheries and dog control offences. But in terms of littering, we've gotten out of sync over the years and now it's time to make the fines meaningful again.

I know this won't be a cure all and it not a silver bullet that will mean there's no more littering but I do think it's a step in the right direction and will go some way to sending a message to litter bugs.

Minimising our waste

China stopped taking the world's plastic waste for recycling about a year ago. Now we have a short term problem of what to do with the waste we used to ship there. Plastic is being stockpiled and in some cases being sent to landfill.

Ultimately China's decision will force change that otherwise may not have been made. I hope the Labour-led government will place a higher priority on this issue than they have so far and that it won't be too long before they act to provide leadership and a clear direction on solutions for communities like ours and for the entire country.

Huge congratulations to Plastic-Free Coromandel Town for winning this year's Keep New Zealand Beautiful Community Group Award. Well done and great effort. Just goes to show that people working together in towns like ours can have an impact not just locally but nationwide too.

Seasons Greetings

We're into December and it won't be long before Christmas is upon us.

The forecast is for a long hot summer season which means lots of visitors heading our way. Year after year we become New Zealand's summertime capital and I'm sure we will be again this summer. I do hope you will get to spend quality time with family and friends over this traditionally busy Christmas and New Year period. I'm looking forward to spending the summer break in and around the electorate and to having a few magical days at Kuaotunu.

Have a safe and peaceful Christmas and very best wishes for 2019.

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Coromandel Patchwork And Quilters

By Jenny Till

The festive season is fast approaching so we look forward to our Club Christmas lunch on **Monday 10 December**. This year we are holding it at the Forager café in Colville. Those wishing to attend please meet up in the town car park at 10.45am so we can car pool.

A number of our members attended the Patchwork and Quilters "Big Day Out". This involved a trip to Auckland to see a fantastic display of quilts and to enjoy some retail therapy with members buying items to use for their projects and fabrics to add to their stash.

At our last meeting there was a demonstration on how to make a quilted casserole holder, and then those that wished to, set about making their own.

Before Christmas two extra meetings (19 November and **3 December**) have been scheduled so we can get together and make items to sell at the Keltic Fair in January.

At our stall you will also find our raffle quilt on display and tickets available.

We meet on the 1st, 3rd (and 5th) Monday of each month (except for the Christmas break) in the St John hall. 9.30am start and 10am morning tea.

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Wild things

By Karen Marshall

The pateke (or brown teal) is the rarest mainland waterfowl in New Zealand, and we have them here in the McGregor Bay wetland. This photo of a pair was taken there two weeks ago.

These small dabbling ducks have become more nocturnal in order to escape predators such as falcons, but have no defence against cats, dogs, stoats and ferrets, which can kill adults and ducklings, or against rats which eat eggs.

They mate for life and are very territorial. There are only 2-3,000 left, and are only found in parts of Northland, Hauraki Gulf Islands and the Coromandel Peninsula. Wetlands must be preserved to keep these little birds from extinction.

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



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CELEBRATING OUR CHILDREN

Te Rerenga School Learning, it's what we do...

By Anna Yates

We are in the midst of another busy term at Te Rerenga School.

We have had lots of visitors through the term with Firewise sessions, St John first aid and Bikewise sessions. These visits from knowledgeable people in our community are always interesting for our children who love



asking lots and lots of questions.

Our Room 3 class travelled to Auckland overnight to spend two action-filled days at Sonshine Ranch. A few drops of rain didn't stop them kayaking, flying down the flying fox, horseriding, cooking by campfire and shooting arrows. They all came back to school the next day beaming and so proud of all the risks they had taken.

Before the end of the year we have our Room 4 class heading to Waitomo for some cave exploring and sporting competition against other schools. They are looking forward to this end-of-year trip and are fundraising with a hangi at our final assembly this year. Another money-making venture for our senior class is their busy term of chick rearing. Using the incubators and fertilised eggs, we have hatched out a number of chicks this term. They have upcycled an old wall unit to make a very stylish home for these chicks and raised them so carefully. If anyone would like to purchase some chickens we have approx 25 to sell in the last week of our school year. These chicks have been lovingly hatched and hand reared by our senior class and selling them (\$10 ea) is part of our learning about sustainability. If you are keen on purchasing some 6-week-old chickens please let us know in our school office (07) 866 4096 and a student in room 4 will call you back to arrange.



Summer at Sonshine ranch

Looking toward the end of the term we have Albey, Danyl, Anna, Luscha and Quinn leaving us to start Year 9 at MBAS. We will miss these four amazing people but know they will seize every opportunity offered to them at high school. We can't wait to hear all about their future learning. We will celebrate their time with us at Te Rerenga with a leaver's dinner and a day at Rainbow's End before the end of the term.

We look forward to all of our children returning to start the 2019 school year on **Monday 4 February** after a safe and happy summer holiday break.



Ramp building on our school field on Bikewise week

Coromandel Youth Group – Hauraki House

Closure – Friday Night

We are concerned with the fact that there are a lot of children hanging around town on Friday night instead of coming to Youth Group. If parents are happy with this situation there is no need for Youth Group to be open at this time. It's a matter of use it or lose it!

*Please note, due to the difficulty in securing sufficient funding, for the month of January 2019 we will not be opening on Mondays or Friday nights.

December School Holiday Times

11am-4pm – Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday (entry fee is \$2), Sunday 1-4pm, Friday Night 6-9pm.

Youth Group is for 5-year-olds and over. There is a variety of activities to choose from, just fill in a membership form and bring your child along with a packed lunch or money for snacks, pies or hot chips.

Our last day for 2018 will be **Sunday 23 December** and we will reopen **Thursday 3 January 2019**.

School Term Times

Sunday 1-4pm, after school Tuesday and Thursday 3-5pm, Friday 2-4pm, Friday Night 6-9pm.

Please make a gold coin donation for after school sessions. On Friday we can collect your child from school; just phone us before 5pm Thursday.

For more information call in at the Youth Rooms or telephone us on (07) 866 7061.

Parents are welcome to browse our fundraising table for Nu 2 U bargains.

This programme is made possible by the kind donations received and grants from: Lottery Waikato, COGS, Trust Waikato, Coromandel "Bizarre" Charitable Trust. Thank You!

Coromandel Scouts and Cubs

By Abby Morgan, Group Leader, Coro Scouts and Cubs

The Scouts and Cubs meet every Monday after school in the den at Hauraki House. The session starts at 3.30pm and runs until 5pm during the school term.

This term we are learning about geocaching, map reading and compass work among other things. We have some activities planned around this as well as visiting the gecko sanctuary at Driving Creek and a camp or horse riding outing at the end of term.

In February we are hosting the Founders Day camp for the groups from around our district; more details to come for that but it looks like the main camp will be on the school grounds with activities around town and local beaches.

Our wonderful Akela, Cheryl Gabb, has left us and moved to Thames so we are keen for anyone interested in taking on this role to come along and visit. Maybe there is someone out in the community with a Scouting background who would like to join our small group.

Previous experience is not necessary as training can be provided and the Scouting Association is very supportive with lesson plans and guidelines. If anyone is interested feel free to call or text me on 021 149 2410.

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Colville School

By Kahu Class

It all started when several Colville School students and Matua Ra watched a film called BLUE, which Colville Harbour Care were showing at the Colville Cafe. "We were shocked to view how damaging plastic was to marine and bird life. It showed how over 100,000 sea birds are dying each year when they mistake small pieces of plastic for food" said Isla Campbell, a Year Six student. Almost three terms later Kahu Class have finished a mural inspired by that film and we're so proud of the final product. The message of our mural is "Take 3 for the Sea". We aim to encourage locals and tourists to collect three pieces of rubbish each time they visit our beaches on the Coromandel Peninsula. The mural includes a mussel buoy that has been repurposed as a rubbish bin! Kahu Class have already started sorting rubbish that the public have put into our bin. A team then sort and weigh the rubbish before it is disposed of. Our rubbish categories include fishing and hunting, mussel industry, household, food and drink, building and other. Ashlee, a Year 6 student, hopes "people stop littering, but if they find rubbish on the beach they'll stop and pick up three pieces. That would make a huge difference if we all did that!" Big thanks to Beth Pearsall and the team from Colville Harbour Care who donated materials and time to the project, Natasha Hunter for guiding Kahu Class through the painting process and Caitlin Moloney and Rebekah Pearson for inspiring us during the mural design phase.



Kiwi Can

As most of you are aware our Kiwi Can programme is just one of four programmes that the Graeme Dingle Foundation deliver.



And we are excited to learn that the Graeme Dingle Foundation has been chosen as New Zealand Rugby's official charity.

The Graeme Dingle Foundation have been successfully appointed as the official charity of choice for New Zealand Rugby (NZR) and its national teams, including the All Blacks, Black Ferns, Maori All Blacks and Junior All Blacks.

"We are absolutely delighted to be the official charity of choice for New Zealand Rugby. Rugby is at the heart of so many of the communities we work in and we know our kids are going to love the opportunities this brings them. More than this, we believe this partnership will enable us to go deeper and wider with our work to help young Kiwis thrive and grow in their resilience and self-belief."

NZR Chief Operating Officer Nicki Nicol said the Graeme Dingle Foundation's programmes addressed many of the challenges faced by New Zealand children and teenagers and NZR was keen to help them reach an even bigger audience.

"The Foundation's mission is to help make New Zealand the best place in the world for children, young people and their families. That's hugely inspiring, and aligns closely with our rugby values.

"As New Zealand's national sport we have a responsibility to do what we can to have a positive influence on the community. Building self-esteem, goal setting and finding a positive path are challenges many of our players of all ages can relate to."

The partnership is a three-year agreement and Nicol said representatives from the All Blacks and Black Ferns were involved in helping select the Graeme Dingle Foundation to help ensure there was a genuine connection.

"We are all excited to start working together and do what we can to help New Zealand children and young people live their best lives," concludes Nicol.

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

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Coromandel Area School

By Jamie Rose Leckie

Worm Farm Making.

By Jesse-James and Kaelyb

We made a worm farm out of a bathtub and recycled material with Benjamin and Matt, two guys that live in Coromandel.

The reason we made a new worm farm is the one that we have at school is full from all of the food scraps. So we needed a new one. And it was fun to make something from scratch.



COROMANDEL AREA SCHOOL



How did we make it? We used second hand stuff: a bathtub, wood and corrugated iron.

The process was, firstly we had to measure the width and length of the bathtub. We got the wood and then we had to cut it to size. Next, we hammered and drilled the legs of the frame to the each other and put in the bracing. We had to brace it otherwise it wasn't sturdy and it would have fallen over.

For the lid of the worm farm bath we used corrugated iron and we used tin snips to cut the iron to size. To do this we had to first use the tin snips, then we got pliers and ripped the tin to size. It was a bit hard, but not too bad. Kaelyb was the best at it. It ripped a bit wonky, but it still worked.

We put two pieces together to make it the right length. Then we had to make the handle. To make this we used two pieces of wood like a sandwich. We got one piece of wood and put it on top of the corrugated iron and the other under it, so when you open the lid it doesn't cut you.

We used drills, saws and hammers, tin snips, nails, screws and pliers.

We learned how to use a saw as a ruler. You use the top long straight bit. This made our line straight.

Both of us enjoyed drilling the most because it was like a gun and we like shooting.

Benjamin and Matt are cool guys and we enjoyed being outdoors and using our hands and working with them.

We are looking forward to working with them again in Term 4 making something with the mussel buoys that we found on our beach clean-up at Long Bay.

Cultural Festival

At the start of Term 4 we took 40 students to Tairua School for the annual Ko te Rangatahi o te Tara Cultural Festival. The children did the school proud and were very happy with their efforts and the time it took learning the songs and actions. You may have seen the live recording on our Facebook page. If not, check it out!

Coro's Got Talent

On 30 October we had Coro's Got Talent. We had magic tricks, dancing, singing and gymnastics. It was great to see so many parents and community members there who came along to watch. We would like to thank everyone who supported the event, especially our wonderful music teacher Maria. We look forward to another event next year.

End of Term

We would like to say a huge thank you for your support this year! We wish you a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy new year.

Beginning of Term 1 dates:

Remember to stay up to date with what is happening by checking our Facebook page regularly and our calendar on the school website.

Thursday 31 January 2019 – Year 11 to 13 students and any new student starting at CAS to attend this day.

Friday 1 February 2019 – Day Two: Y1 to Y13 students attend. Full-school powhiri and assembly at 9.00am.

Student led expedition

We are a team of students from Coromandel Area School who are fundraising towards an expedition in India (Himalaya and Rajasthan).

We have been overwhelmed by the support given to us by the community; especially at our recent cake stall and our steak sandwich stall at the K2.

We'd like to thank the Coville Music Club for their support at their Coville Music Fundraiser, and also the Colville Nursery who took us on as seedling planters.

We will be manning the gates at the Keltic Fair on **2 January**, so any additional donations will be greatly appreciated.

In another note, we are looking for odd jobs around Coromandel. If you are interested please contact us at worldchallengeindiahimalayas@gmail.com or phone (07) 866 8893.

Coromandel Community Preschool

By Debra Attwood

This is our final Chronicle report for the year; it has flown by so fast. We have been busy taking the children out on trips into the community.

They have enjoyed fishing off the wharf. Catching a few sprats is always fun and educational. We can talk about conserving our fish, only taking what you need and releasing some back to live another day. Then we went on a trip to a native forest block at Papa Aroha to commemorate our friend and teacher Pete Buddle. We took along with us a special kauri tree to plant in his memory. It was such a special day, walking through the bush listening to the bird song, finding a possum in a trap where Carol from the Wetland Society talked to us about pest control in the area, and then stepping out onto the beach. The tide was so tempting that we just had to have a paddle around. We explored rock pools, climbed mountains, and just enjoyed spending time in and with nature.

Our Children's Christmas Party will once again be held at Tucks Bay on **Friday 7 December** starting at 4pm. Come along and enjoy the sun and surf, a barbecue and a shared dinner.

We will be closing the centre for the Christmas period on **Friday 21 December** promptly at 3pm and reopening on **Monday 14 January 2019**.

We have recently celebrated birthdays for Promise and Honour. We wish them a very happy birthday. We said farewell to Promise who has started school.

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

<http://www.ero.govt.nz/review-reports/coromandel-community-preschool-25-05-2018/>.

The centre operates Monday – Friday 8.00am-4pm. We are situated at 155 Pottery Lane. If you are interested call in for a visit or phone us on (07) 866 7570



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Arts

The 30th Coromandel Christmas Art Exhibition

Hauraki House, Coromandel Town, 16 December until 12 January

Come to the opening, **Sunday 16 December**, mix and mingle from 5pm, opening at 6pm – all welcome.

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

The exhibition will be open from 10am until 4pm daily – closed for Christmas Day. Come along and experience some of New Zealand's leading artists.



Pastel Artists Coromandel

Pastel Artists Coromandel held their annual Exhibition in Hauraki House over Labour Day weekend. We were showing some of the work we had done over the past year. Quite a few people came through showing interest and we even sold some paintings.

Jackie Ellis, an artist from Waihi, came to Coromandel to tutor a workshop in pastel in November. She is an excellent tutor and we are hoping to have her do another workshop in April next year.

We meet every Tuesday from 9,00am to 12 noon in the Aero Club rooms in Tiki Road. Call in to see us at morning tea time and we'll share a cuppa with you.

Contact Christine Lunn Ph (07) 866 7220

Award-Winning Duo

Tattletale Saints are coming to Coromandel Town.

If you're a music lover, you're sure to appreciate this award-winning, internationally featured duo who will present a programme of old and new songs, along with the band's take on classic country, pop and American songbook hits. Cy (vocals and guitar) sounds like Paul Simon, Vanessa's vocals are perfectly harmonised and her bass playing is first-class.



The now Nashville-based band won the NZ Music Award for Folk in 2014 for their debut album *How Red Is the Blood*, produced by Grammy award winner Tim O'Brien.

For further information, see the full article in the November Chronicle. Posters around town, Coromandel Buy and Sell Facebook page and Events on Facebook.

One Show Only – **Tuesday 4 December** 7.30pm (bar and snacks from 6.45pm). Hauraki House Theatre, Kapanga Rd, Coromandel Town. Pre-sale tickets (\$20) are available from Richardsons Real Estate, 151 Kapanga Rd, Coromandel Town or online from www.eventfinda.co.nz or robinmunch24@gmail.com. Door sales – \$25.

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Coromandel Art Group

By Barbara Peddie

This time of year sees our art group members not so much winding down, as winding up. Sure, we have a break Christmas and early January, but then it's all on for our annual exhibition next month. Our joint panoramic painting (see last month's Chronicle) is all finished and awaiting framing, but there is loads more to do already. We have to organise and finish the paintings we wish to exhibit, frame and label them, organise judges to judge them, prizes, flyers and other advertising, and a roster of members to cover the exhibition. It's all great fun, but a good thing it only happens once a year!

Pencil in the dates **25 January to 7 February** for our Exhibition at Hauraki House. Doors open 10am to 4pm, all welcome.

And before that is our Christmas Party, which we are all looking forward to on **20 December**.

Merry Christmas to everyone! See you in January.

Coromandel Players

By Don Hughes

Debbie and the crew do an excellent job at getting the Chronicle out at the beginning of each month, so I am confident that this reminder about the performances of the panto "Aladdin" on **Friday 30 November** at 7pm, **Saturday 1 December** at 7pm and **Sunday 2 December** at 2pm at the Hauraki House Theatre will reach you. I can't be sure that seats will be available but do try calling in at Harcourts Real Estate who are kindly handling bookings for us again. It has been a long time since we produced such a colourful show so try not to miss it. Lots of fun that the whole family can enjoy.

We also aim to present our evening of Christmas songs and carols on **Friday 21 December** at 7pm. If weather forecast is for good weather we hope to use the outdoor stage dedicated to Barry Brickell, with the theatre the backup option.

Hope to see you at the pantomime and the singing.

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Open Studios ArtsTour – a cracking start to the Coromandel Summer Art Scene

By John Eaglen



- 900 visitors to the ArtsTour exhibition at Hauraki House
- As many at the inaugural “Hospital Hub”
- More than 10,000 artist-visitor studio encounters

Good weather, good publicity, a very high standard of work from 35 participating artists, a happy and effective voluntary committee working almost tirelessly through the year – these made up the formula that brought out the locals and drew special trip visitors to Coromandel Town. A great boost to our artists – and a great boost to Coromandel businesses and our community.

The Hospital Hub was a definite highlight. Bringing my studio into the Hospital Hub – Nici Greulich

Even before the ArtsTour began it was already fun to be able to recreate a working place – and our fellow artists helped us to clear any furniture that was stored in the rooms, and give it a good clean and makeover.

The extent of the success was somewhat unexpected but very welcome. Amazingly we had hundreds of visitors coming in.

And the stories they brought to us... teaching us all the history and lives of the hospital itself.



During the day we would visit each other and checked if we all did well and be astonished together at how well this actually worked. I think it was good for people to see a few artists in such a place of interest, have a stroll through the building's past and think about its future. And be able to appreciate such different artistic talents in each room.

I am so grateful to have been able to have had this experience.

Sharing, Talking and Listening – Creating our own space – Lettecia Williams

Into the Hospital. Not without self doubts, not really knowing what to expect. The chance to “huck out” our draw’n’ room gave us license to create our own space – to put our own stamp on. Everyone threw themselves into their work and as a result seven awesome displays, all very different, unique and reflecting the different artists.

For me, it was the first time ever that I was able to hang a (small) body of work in one space. The experience was uplifting, and



gave me a sense of calm, completion and satisfaction.

After days preparing it was “Opening Time”. The entrance to the building was appealing with the flags colourful and inviting. The first visitors came just on ten and they did not stop until late in the day; the days that followed were the same. We spent the days sharing, talking and listening.

Breathing life into a beautiful old building – Fran Campbell

For me personally as a first time ArtsTour participant it was safe and comfortable and I would recommend it to any artist who is perhaps stalling or thinking they're not ready.

The number of people through was pretty amazing and sales also pretty encouraging.

Sharing the experience with seven other like-minded people was fun and an awesome way to get to know each other better.

The set up at the hospital itself with its separate rooms was fantastic and a wonderful chance to breathe life into a beautiful old building. Something that was appreciated by locals and visitors as well.

All in all a fantastic experience for me – and a hope that it can happen again.

The artists and committee give grateful thanks and deep respect to the late David Williams and the Patukirikiri iwi for enabling this use of their fine historic building.

Exhibition “Impressions III”

Paintings by Richard de Pomare Chrisp, ex Ecole des Beaux Arts, Paris.

Sculpture by Uli von Christoffersen, ex School of Fine Arts, Berlin

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Environment

Forest & Bird

By Alison Carter



Shorebirds Face an Unsure Future

On our recent holidays in Sri Lanka one of our best experiences was setting off in a tiny boat, paddled by an elderly grandfather at the stern, his grandson our guide on deck, to do a bit of bird watching at the Kalametiya Bird Sanctuary. The 700-hectare sanctuary includes mangrove swamps, rich coastal lagoons and patches of scrub jungle with the Indian Ocean at its edge. It is home to 150 species of birds, 54 of them migratory. We paddled serenely around this vast area with our young guide quietly pointing to the different birdlife. It was hard not to think of home and the enormous effort the McGregor Bay Wetland Society are putting into trying to restore a much, much smaller wetland in our town. It was also hard not to think of New Zealand's ever diminishing coastal wild spaces.

Fringes of waterways, beaches and harbours are home to a diversity of birdlife, but this environment and its inhabitants are increasingly under threat. Shorebird numbers are declining all over the world. The food in our intertidal areas, along our waterways and on our beaches is necessary for every phase of their annual cycle. They must produce enough energy to moult, nest and, in the case of migratory birds, fatten enough to survive their long trips.

Forest & Bird have expressed concern about the effects that two major developments on Auckland's North Shore could have on the feeding grounds of the godwits (kuaka). At this time of year they are returning from Alaska (the longest non-stop flight of any bird in the world).

Here on the Coromandel Peninsula recent years have seen more coastal developments, new marinas, more dredge spoil, all chipping away at shorebird habitat. Combine that with holidaymakers walking their dogs and the sheer population of people using the beach. Altogether it makes it more difficult for birds that nest on or near

the beach and for the shorebirds which cannot feed during high tide and need to roost on the shoreline. Safe and undisturbed high tide roosts are essential for shorebirds.

Excessive or prolonged disturbance makes them waste energy, which may be a critical factor for birds like godwits preparing for a massive non-stop migration flight.

Shrinking habitat is not the only problem facing shorebirds; mammalian predators – rats, cats, mustelids, hedgehogs and dogs – pose a continual and potent threat, especially for those species that breed here.

So, what can we do to support our shorebirds so they can survive and continue to share our water margins with us?

- We can volunteer to help on trapping programs for predators. We can assist with the management of key breeding sites. Without community groups and volunteers the New Zealand dotterel would be even more critically endangered. We can obey the rules about walking our dogs and avoid areas where dotterels occur. Remember you may only be on the beach for a brief time, but others will also be there at various times during the day. Cumulatively that all adds up to a lot of disturbance which may make the difference between breeding success and failure for coastal nesting birds.
- We can value the wild margins of our harbours and waterways. Here in Coromandel there have been fernbirds reported living on the harbour margins on the edge of the township.
- And if we don't value our birds just for themselves, we can find out as I did in Sri Lanka just how exciting a tourist attraction watching birds can be. The best time for bird watching is two hours either side of high tide.



Mike Noonan and Alison Carter birdwatching in Sri Lanka

Moehau Environment Group

By Nat Munns

Kiwi Avoidance

Training – Port Charles

The next local kiwi avoidance training will now be held on **Saturday 15 December** at Port Charles. Bookings are essential and can be made by phoning the Kauaeranga Valley Visitors Centre on (07) 867 9080. This will be the last training session in our area for 2018.

Predator Free Wyuna and Preeces Point Peninsula Initiative

We are currently in the process of making contact with residents of both Wyuna and Preeces Point Peninsula to gauge interest in creating a backyard trapping network in both areas. Not only would this be a beneficial exercise for the residents and their properties but also for the native birds, including kiwi, in the area. Our initial flyer drop has



met with good results, with a number of interested landowners offering to jump on board. If you haven't received a flyer and would like to be involved, then email us at info@meg.org.nz.

Weed of the Month – Pampas Grass

This month's weed of the month is pampas grass. Not to be confused with our native toetoe, pampas also grows in large clumps up to 4m tall with fluffy flower heads. However, there are a few ways to distinguish between the two... The older leaves of the pampas curl at the base of the clump and tend to look like wood shavings. Pampas has a central rib on the underneath of the leaves whereas toetoe has secondary ribs. Pampas leaves are easy to tear and the fluffy pinkish-white flower head is produced from January to June. Pampas rapidly dominates disturbed sites, preventing native regeneration, and provides habitats for mice, rats and possums. The seeds are copious and

spread long distances on the wind. You can remove the seed heads to prevent spread, then dig or grub out small plants and remove sizable plants where possible. You can compost or leave on site to rot down. Burn or bury any flower heads and cut and apply herbicide to base and leave plants in the ground till the roots have died off. And just remember, pampas is not a native!

MEG Stoat Trapping Operation Data

October 2018 predator and pest catch data from our entire stoat trapping operation for October 2018:

Species	October 2018	Total to Date
Hedgehog	4	307
Possum	-	9
Rabbit	2	73
Rat	205	14,871
Stoat	10	2,133
Weasel	3	833
Ferret	1!	2

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McGregor Bay Wetlands

By Carol Sutherland

Remembering friends, planning for the future

It is with regret and sadness that we acknowledge the passing of our friend David Williams. David was a strong supporter of the McGregor Bay Wetland and one of the original members of the McGregor Bay Wetland Society. With David's passing, not only have we lost a special friend but our special places have lost a staunch advocate for conservation.

The bird hide competition for schools is in. The Society received entries from 35 children with some children from Coromandel Area School deciding to do theirs as models.

We would like to thank all of the children from CAS and Colville schools for submitting an entry.

The winners are:

1st prize: Dylan Crow with his "Unspottable hide" from CAS wins a pair of field binoculars

Highly commended: Marigold Tibbo with "Hide with the underwater window" from Colville school also wins a pair of field binoculars.

Notable mentions: Isla Campbell and the team effort of Piri Pearsall and Hailey Bolton from Colville win a McGregor Bay Wetland T-shirt each, as do Kelson Wirihana Tawake and Dorian Smith from CAS.

Four CAS model makers also win T-shirts – Kingsley Mackenzie, Mere Shanly Bodger, Paige Phillips and Luca Phillips.

The shirt transfers were kindly done by Geoff and Kathy at Laughing Frog Studio.

Big thanks to those that submitted a design.

From CAS: Arryn Eynon Grindlay, Kate Davies, Charlie Tukurangi, Riley Renata Hotere, Caleb McLean, Kyle Shaw, Sierra Walls, Syriah Newton, Sage Morgan, Trieste Newton, Jonny Anderson Sweeney, Griffin Fletcher, Paige Brown, Chelsey McNeil, Kaila Fenton, Alyssa France, Ciera Colmer Pijfers, Teia-Marie Colmer-Pijfers.

From Colville School: Annie Ireland, Taylor Mackenzie, Cameron Ward, Wyatt Brighthouse, Kiahui Hernandez-Powell.

The Society is now calling for design entries from the wider public and we hope the community will take on board some of the ideas the children have put forward as a guide (displayed at Coromandel Accommodation). The Society has not decided on the prize yet, but we are working on it.

The criteria for the bird hide:

A functional bird hide that engages small children, has minimal environmental impact, reflects the artistic side of Coromandel, caters for disabled access and embraces conservation, education and art. The "Buddle huddle" will be dedicated to conservationist Pete Buddle, who combined these things in life.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask mcmgregorbaywetland@hotmail.com



Pete Sephton awarding first prize to Dylan Crow

Cruel Poisons

By John Veysey

After thousands of New Zealanders marched in disgust at the government's poisoning of wild animals, the government has released some horrifying facts about the effects of rat poison in the wild.

A death by rat poison is cruel. It is not just cruel, it is inhumane.

Our scientists tell us that a method which kills in a matter of a few minutes is deemed humane.

When a newly invented kill-trap goes for registration the trap must kill within a few minutes or else it is deemed inhumane and not approved. Now we have more than a dozen different rat poisons approved for release and all of them are deemed inhumane because they do not kill quickly.

Anyone putting out rat poison in bait stations is forcing inhumane deaths.

When will we stop all this animal poisoning?

After each spread of rat poison there's a visible decline in bird-life.

You hear a bunch of morepork singing every night; then you spread rat poison all around and the moreporks magically disappear. The disappearance of the morepork takes no more than a week. Anyone in touch with our bird-life has put together the connection between rat poison and the disappearance of birds. How much longer does it have to go on? You will find a poison bait station at the end of each of our wharves. Each rat poisoned by these baits will poison whatever animal or bird first comes across its dead or dying body.

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Sport



Flight Centre K2 Road Cycle Classic 27 October 2018

By Andy Reid, Keith and Rita Stephenson,
Event Organisers

What an incredible day we had for the Flight Centre K2. There were close to 1,100 competitors taking part in the five distances on offer.

We want to thank the people of Coromandel who supported the event, the people who gave up their valuable time to assist with pack making, sponsorship and marshaling on the day. Without this help the event would not take place. Over the four towns – Coromandel, Thames, Tairua and Whitianga – we had over 160 volunteers. Coromandel had 55 marshals; a number of these had more than one role on the day. There were also people not involved with the event, who supplied the marshals out on Tiki, Whangapoua and Strongman roads with ice cold drinks and BBQ sausages in bread – awesome thanks so much for doing that; the marshals were thrilled.

Below is some feedback from grateful competitors:

“Thank you so very much for putting on such a great event... I'd love to be able to thank all the many cheerful volunteers – what a cool bunch of people. It was a really tough but wonderful day on the bike.”

“Words cannot express the gratitude that I felt throughout the day, for the outstanding presence, guidance and encouragement rendered by the legions of volunteers who marshalled the course traffic in favour of the

participants.”

Since the event we have had a number of people say that they would like to help next time. If that's you, please touch base with Rita (027 210 3734; email arceventsrita@gmail.com) and let her know.

Everyone who assists in some way with the three events we run annually is helping us to reach our long-term goal of establishing an outdoor centre – for those that aren't aware we are a not-for-profit organization with proceeds from the events going towards the centre.

A huge thank you to the wonderful people of Coromandel for your support and help – oh by the way the record was broken on the day for the K2. It now stands at 5 hours 47 seconds.

Facts about the Flight Centre K2

Michael Torckler smashed the previously held course records for the Flight Centre K2 (held by Jeremy Yates – 5:02:34 in 2008), blitzing around in 47 seconds shy of the 5 hour mark.

A new 72km Dirty K gravel course

attracted 130 riders who rode from Coromandel Town to Colville, Waikawau and Kennedy Bay and back to Coromandel. It was not a race, but a social ride.

Two records went in the Cerveo K1 this year. The fastest time recorded over the distance by 17-year-old Xandier White from Cambridge in a time of 2:20:12. Someone actually went 18 seconds faster on the day: 51-year-old Rex Thorley, on an electric bike.

Olympic swimmer Moss Burmester competed this year, winning his age category in the Cerveo K1.

For the first time in the history of the K2, a daughter and mother came first and 2nd in the K2 Women's race, Kirsty McCallum and Carol McCallum, with the mum commenting, “I tried to catch her, but she was just too fast”.

A full list of event results are online at www.arcevents.co.nz.

Funds from the Flight Centre K2 go toward sending four local youngsters on an outdoor education course and toward the establishment, one day, of our very own outdoor centre.

K4 – a personal journey

By Joanna Sharpe,
fastest female racing the K4

I love the Coromandel and one of the things I enjoy most is riding my bike up and down all of our legendary hills, so the K4 was an event I was really keen to take on this year.

I started riding five years ago when I was diagnosed with osteoporosis and therefore could no longer run. I can remember thinking that people who took part in this event must be superhuman and can't honestly say I ever expected to be doing the K4 myself. However, having taken on the K1 four years ago, the K150 the following year, then the K2 twice, I had the bug, I needed to do it.

I had been training all winter for the UCI Gran Fondo World Champs in our region and was hoping that the many, many times I'd gone up and down Whangapoua preparing for that would help me on K4 race day.

I was so excited to start and had spent a lot of time with Evo Cycles ensuring my bike was ready. I had also spent a lot of time with my coach Dylan from Training Wheels, coaching on not only my fitness but also race prep.

From the start my aim was to hold the breakaway for as long as possible and I had a great run with them through to Hikuai, when we split in two. The guys I was with and I were all feeling good and working together well and when we crested Whangapoua for the first time (my lap one stop location), I was feeling strong and loving every minute.

A quick pit stop to refuel and I was off again and was pleased to be caught in Manaia by one of my lap one comrades. Riding together through the coast road we chatted, spotted dolphins and had a really great time in each other's company reveling in our journey.

We really enjoyed the descent in the daylight as we started to see cars heading to the K1 start point. Two other of our lap one compatriots caught us. I started slowing and it was getting tough. I just couldn't hold the wheel so decided on a solo from Coroglen. Later I realised whilst descending into Kuaotunu that I had a puncture. Oh my life! When the wheel wagon with the K2 elite passed and offered me a wheel I was over the moon; life got a lot better from there.

Approaching Whangapoua for the second time I was ecstatic. I knew I could ride this hill. The Elites and K2 G1 group all gave me a cheer and encouragement as they flew past, urging me on by saying I was the lead female and to keep going. To be honest my goal was always to finish. It's a personal journey, the K4, and I was happy to be doing my best, so approaching the finish line near to my goal time of 15:30 and winning was just the icing on the cake.

I'd like to say a huge thank you to all of the organisers, helpers, supporters and riders for such an amazing event; my partner Jude for being such a fab Lap 1 support crew; and to Evo Cycles and Training Wheels Coaching for getting me to the start line in such great shape.

Will I do it again? Wow, that's a bit soon isn't it, but yeah of course I will. It's a tough and fabulous event in a place I feel blessed to have a home.



Coromandel Tennis Club AGM

By John Veysey

We held our AGM on 28 October and we welcome Dan Smith as our new president.

Summer is underway and member subscriptions are now due: Adult membership \$60, Family membership \$80. Please pay Gayle at Coastway Cutters, 100 Kapanga Road. Club days are Sundays from 1pm and Fridays from 4pm. All welcome.

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Without you we would not be able to survive.

Enjoy your tennis. See you on the court.

Coromandel Golf Club

By Peter Gray

The Men's Club Champs were held on Sunday 28 October. In the Senior Division Chris Fielding defeated last year's Senior Champion and Club Captain, Peter Richardson. The Intermediate division saw Tom Folwell maintain his crown with a win over Max McLean. The Junior Champ is Kevin O'Keefe prevailing over Les O'Leary and in the Junior B Final, Bruce Fitzpatrick retained his trophy, giving outgoing President Ed Buckett a bit of a "send off".

In the Ladies Club Champs the Division 1 finalists are decided but still waiting for the final to be played between Eugene Weimer and Glenise Robertson. In Division 2 Jenny Coatsworth won over Philippa Medlock and Division 3 Joan Evans won with Elaine Everitt runner up.

The Ladies had their AGM on Tuesday 6 November. Elaine Everitt was elected Captain with other positions run as a co-operative in 2019. Thanks must go to outgoing President Glenise Robertson.

The Club hosted the annual Auckland Eagles visit over 3-4 November. The Sunday Golf was well patronized by both the visitors and Club members. Although the rain held off the very windy conditions made golf difficult with Jim Davis the only player in the field to break 80. Club President Ed Buckett won the day, resulting in a rare smile for the duration of his welcoming speech.

The October Meat Pack/Laurie Olliff trophy was a three-way tie. Ed Buckett was the Club House leader on 42pts only to see the "two Ronnies", Ron Evans and Ron Brooking, also card 42 pts and steal some of Ed's pork chops.

Hole in One – Ian "Ezy" Kemp enjoyed a rare golfing feat at the course on Friday 2 November when he had a Hole in One on the Par 3, 6th hole. His retirement and spending more time on the golf course is certainly paying off.

As with true "Golfing Mates" his Thursday playing partners claim that they saw "nothing" and because they were playing on a Friday it does not count, however they were quick to accept Ezy's shout.

After eight years of compiling the Chronicle report for the Golf Club, I regret to say this is my last article as I think it is time for another member to put their stamp on the report.

Reminder that **Saturday 1 December** is the AGM and Closing Day (Eagles Salver P). As there is a "changing of the guard" within the Club committee, a full attendance is encouraged. **Saturday 8 December** is The Coromandel Xmas Tournament with a 10.30am tee (C).

December Calendar

Saturday 1 December – Closing Day AGM, Eagles Salver

Saturday 8 December – Coromandel Xmas Tournament 10.30 tee (C)

Saturday 2 January – Coromandel Hotel Mixed Open 10.30am Tee (C)



Ezy scores a hole in one



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Coromandel Croquet Club

By Kaye Anderson

Don't let the holiday season deter you from taking up the game of croquet! We'll be playing right up until **Friday 22 December** and will resume play on **Friday 4 January**. Keen members may also fit in a game before the New Year comes upon us.

We are now on summer time, even if the weather is not always clement, meeting at 9.15am for a 9.30am start.

If you are keen to try out this great game and need more information, call Kaye on (07) 866 8968. Otherwise just come along on a Friday at 9.15am. The club is situated in Woollams Ave, next to the Bowling Club.



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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF AGM COROMANDEL FLYING CLUB SOC. LTD will be held at the Clubrooms **Sunday 9 December** at noon followed by a pot-luck lunch. All Welcome. Contact Secretary Karen McMillan ph 027 290 8171 or PO Box 118, Coromandel 3506.

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Coromandel Town weekly and monthly meetings

Every Monday

Step Aerobics at Coro Gym.....	8am
Free Guided Meditation, Mahamudra Centre	8.30-9am
Coromandel Hikers' Group, Hauraki House, Colin & Elspeth (07) 866 7137	9am
Monday Walkers, Irene 021 157 8408.....	9am
Sit n Be Fit at Coro Gym.....	9.30am
SeniorNet Coromandel contact Loes (07) 866 8053.....	4pm
Four-part harmony singing, Sue (07) 866 8833.....	7.30pm

Every Tuesday

Free Guided Meditation, Mahamudra Centre	8.30-9am
Pastel Artists Coromandel, Coromandel Aero Club Rooms (07) 866 7220.....	9am-midday
Coro Walking Group, Lotto Dairy, Ruth (07) 866 7246	9am
Croquet, Woollams Ave, Kaye (07) 866 8968	9.15am
Open Floor Dance at Mana Retreat Centre, (6, 13, 27 November)	9.30-11.30am
Yoga for everyone, Colville Hall, Kate 021 125 3152	10am
Playcentre, Woollams Ave.....	10.30am-1pm
Coro Motorcycle Club, Star & Garter, John 027 234 1013	7-9pm

Every Wednesday

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

Every Thursday

Free Guided Meditation, Mahamudra Centre	8.30-9am
Coro Walking Group, Lotto Dairy, Ruth (07) 866 7246	9am
Coro Bowls club day.....	9.30am
Coro Art Group, St Andrew's Church Hall, Val (07) 866 8911.....	9am-12pm
Free Guided Meditation, Havalona Pyramid	10-11am
Body Balance & Yoga Classes at Waikato Trust Events Centre (upstairs Swimming Pool) contact Tina 021 201 9750	5.15-6.25pm
Candlelit Yoga, Colville War Memorial Hall. School term only. Contact Vanessa 021 124 7267.	5.30-6.45pm
Open Floor Dance, Anglican Church Hall	7-8.30pm

Every Friday

Step Aerobics at Coro Gym.....	8am
Free Guided Meditation, Mahamudra Centre	8.30-9am
Yoga for everyone, Anglican Hall, Kate 021 125 3152.....	10am
Croquet, Woollams Ave, Kaye (07) 866 8968	9.15am
Playcentre, Woollams Ave.....	9.45am-12.15pm
Coromandel Home-school Group, Julene (07) 866 8333	10am
Coromandel Tennis Club "club day"	4pm

Every Saturday

Free Guided Meditation, Mahamudra Centre	8.30-9am
RSA Coromandel, RSA Club Rooms Woollams Ave. Courtesy van available. Contact president Kevin Stone (07) 866 7576.	3.30-7pm

Every Sunday

Free Guided Meditation, Mahamudra Centre	8.30-9am
Anglican Church Service	10am
Yoga with Kate Shelley, Mahamudra Centre,	10.30am
Coromandel Tennis Club "club day"	1pm

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	1pm
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

If your meeting has been omitted, 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.

Calendar of events

Coromandel Town

December 2018

MON	TUE
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10	11
17	18
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High tide 4.16am (2.6m), 4.39pm (2.7m) Low tide 10.24am (0.6m), 10.57pm (0.5m)	High tide 5.18am (2.6m), 5.36pm (2.7m) Low tide 11.24am (0.5m), 11.53pm (0.4m)
High tide 10.05am (2.8m), 10.20pm (2.6m) Low tide 3.42am (0.4m), 4.05pm (0.5m)	High tide 10.46am (2.8m), 11.01pm (2.6m) Low tide 4.21am (0.4m), 4.47pm (0.6m)
High tide 2.40am (2.3m), 3.13pm (2.4m) Low tide 8.52am (0.9m), 9.26pm (0.8m)	High tide 3.36am (2.3m), 4.05pm (2.4m) Low tide 9.50am (0.9m), 10.19pm (0.7m)
High tide 9.01am (3.1m), 9.25pm (3.0m) Low tide 2.39am (0.1m), 3.06pm (0.3m)	High tide 9.51am (3.1m), 10.17pm (3.0m) Low tide 3.29am (0.0m), 3.59pm (0.2m)

WED	THU
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12	13
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High tide 6.15am (2.7m), 6.30pm (2.7m) Low tide 12.18pm (0.5m)	High tide 7.08am (2.8m), 7.21pm (2.7m) Low tide 12.45am (0.4m), 1.08pm (0.5m)
High tide 11.26am (2.7m), 11.40pm (2.5m) Low tide 5am (0.5m), 5.30pm (0.6m)	High tide 12.07pm (2.6m) Low tide 5.39am (0.6m), 6.13pm (0.7m)
High tide 4.35am (2.4m), 4.58pm (2.5m) Low tide 10.46am (0.8m), 11.13pm (0.6m)	High tide 5.32am (2.5m), 5.51pm (2.6m) Low tide 11.41am (0.7m)
High tide 10.42am (3.2m), 11.10pm (3.0m) Low tide 4.19am (0.0m), 4.52pm (0.2m)	High tide 11.34am (3.1m) Low tide 5.10am (0.1m), 5.46pm (0.2m)

High tide 7.56am (2.8m), 8.09pm (2.7m) Low tide 1.34am (0.3m), 1.55pm (0.5m)	High tide 12.21am (2.4m), 12.50pm (2.5m) Low tide 6.21am (0.7m), 6.58pm (0.7m)
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High tide 12.56am (2.9m), 1.23pm (3.0m) Low tide 6.58am (0.3m), 7.37pm (0.4m)	High tide 1.53am (2.8m), 2.19pm (2.8m) Low tide 7.57am (0.4m), 8.35pm (0.4m)

SAT	SUN
1	2
8	9
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22	23
29	30

1 Back Room Gallery, Colville opens for summer (see Pg 31)
AGM and Closing Day at Coromandel Golf Course (see Pg 35)
Coromandel Players present Aladdin 7pm (see Pg 30)

2 Coromandel Players present Aladdin 2pm (see Pg 30)
Impressions III art exhibition starts (see Pg 31)

8 Santa Parade 2pm (see Pg 4)
Xmas Tournament at Coromandel Golf Course (see Pg 35)
Coromandel Fishing Club Xmas dinner and prize giving (see Pg 12)

9 The Waterworks \$5 entry day (see ad Pg 2)
Coromandel Flying Club Soc. Ltd AGM (see Pg 37)

Kiwi avoidance training at Port Charles (see Pg 32)

The 30th Coromandel Christmas Art Exhibition opens (see Pg 30)

Last day of Preschool for 2018 Christmas songs and carols (see Pg 30)

High tide 7.20am (2.8m), 7.39pm (2.8m)
Low tide 12.58am (0.3m), 1.24pm (0.5m)

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Low tide 12.06am (0.5m), 12.33pm (0.6m)

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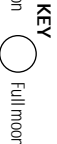
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RN = Rural North
CT = Coromandel Town & Te Kōwhiri
TC = Thames Coast & Maratua

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