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Editor's comment

This issue is full of history, not only of the restoration of the Citizens' Hall, but there are also stories within of St Andrew's church, the Colville Cafe and some historic stories about pohutukawa – apparently a Mr Samuels MP told Parliament in 1928 that a drive along the Thames Coast road was comparable with the one from Genoa to Nice on the Italian and French Riviera. Looking forward to seeing all of the beautiful pohutukawa back in flower again soon.

Debbie

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The purpose of the Coromandel Town Chronicle is to showcase the region and its people. The Coromandel Town Chronicle is open for everyone to contribute, however the editor reserves the right to select the articles, advertisements and letters that are published in line with the Coromandel Town Chronicle's publication policy.

Letters and opinion

I've decided to try grouping opinion pieces with letters this month to see how that goes. That means if you are an individual wanting to comment on a local issue, then please stick to the letters limit of 350 words (articles from community groups still have a word limit of 600 words). Thanks, Debbie (Editor)

Peculiar candidate promotion

Dear Debbie,

The local body elections are over but I felt that one piece of candidate promotion was most peculiar indeed. Most of the candidates submitted a bio for the September issue with the source evident. In the October issue there was an anonymous piece consisting of gushing comments about Sandra Goudie. This was clearly an electoral campaign plug for Goudie. My first thought was that a Mayoral candidate speaking in the third person was a very odd way to communicate to the electorate. Secondly this appears to be a breach of section 113 of the Local Bodies Electoral Act 2001 which is clearly laid out in the Candidate Information Booklet produced by the TCDC. Such electoral promotion must show the true name of the person under whose authority it has been produced.

I have since learned from you that this piece of election endorsement was provided by her PR spokesperson in Auckland. Local Community Board candidates could understand the rules, and from what I gather did their own campaign with the help of mates, yet an ex MP and Mayor and her PR representative fared poorly.

Regards,

Carol Sutherland, Coromandel Town

Bus Matters Very Much

Dear Editor,

Lizzie Kershaw deserves kudos for her "Bus Matters" article highlighting the lack of a direct bus service between Coromandel and Thames and the many valid reasons why there seriously should be one.

It makes Coromandel Town appear to be a boring little unimportant backwater place unworthy of any considerable connection. It is definitely a very backward step removing the direct link to Thames. I have appreciated the service in the past and would very much like to again.

What do we have to do to get it reinstated? Grovel ingratiatingly?

Sincerely

Clare Dudley, Coromandel Town

Insurance clarification

Dear Debbie,

Just to clear this slight misconception concerning house insurance policies against vermin, etc.:

With comprehensive house insurance cover – damage caused by vermin, insects and possums IS covered.

With basic house insurance cover – damage caused by vermin, insects and possums is NOT covered.

Sadly, with insurance, you get what you pay for.

Concerning the baby morepork (mentioned in letters last month), the 2007 Risk Evaluation by ERMA (Environment Risk Management Authority) of sodium monofluoroacetate (1080) in the environment noted that after an application, every morepork and every kahu (harrier) in the zone perished, including any fledglings in the nest.

Your sincerely,

Diana Halstead, Te Mata

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more letters overleaf...

Letters/opinion continued

Secondary poisoning

Wild animal poisoning was introduced to the Peninsula by DOC and Regional Council in 1991 and they have been steadily increasing the spread of animal poisons ever since. DOC and Waikato Council staff used to manage all of the poisoning operations but nowadays they give poison and funding to any landowner prepared to put poison on their own property. At the same time enviro-groups have sprung up which receive funding to spread poison on private lands which they do not own. These poisons are so widespread nowadays that secondary poisoning is happening all over the place to all kinds of creatures. We heard this week that: "Dog owners are being warned to keep their pets off Westport beaches after hundreds of rats washed up there yesterday. Department of Conservation (DOC) said they may be victims of a recent 1080 drop 140 kilometres away in the Lewis Pass National Reserve." This is an indication of just how far the poisons can spread in the bodies of dead animals and birds after heavy rain like we experience on the Coromandel.

Until we effect a change in council policy we live in an all poison region. The approach is different in Northland and in Hawkes Bay where the councils support trapping and where vast tracts of healthy native bush with vigorous wildlife have never been poisoned.

In our region, it is often impossible to get funds for trapping. Trapping is hard and regular work. In contrast poisoning is the lazy way, the cruel way and the careless way. We can all learn to trap and we can learn respect for all of our fellow creatures.

<https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/national/402934/dog-owners-warned-after-potentially-poisoned-rats-wash-up-on-beaches>

John Veysey, Coromandel Town



Sue Wright is wondering if anyone knows this species of lily that has appeared in her garden. So if anyone could help in the mystery that would be appreciated.

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5G concerns

Mats Söderlind incorrectly claimed in a previous Chronicle article that we have been living with the technology that 5G employs since the 1930s ... and "this means that it is safe".

Despite what the industry would like us to believe by calling this new technology "5G", this is not another small step in the same direction as previous and current generations of wireless, but is a radically different departure from those technologies. Both the frequencies and wavelengths of 5G are very different to the current 3G and 4G.

To understand the implications of this, we need to look to others who really do have the knowledge of the effects of these significant differences. This is where the whole 5G experiment comes completely unstuck and where again Mats Söderlind is incorrect. There has been no independent, ongoing research of the health and/or environmental impacts of this completely new technology. This absence of research was clearly highlighted at a recent US Senate hearing into the roll-out of 5G. As the hearing heard, the roll-out of 5G is running completely blind.

Instead of listening to the soothing assurances of "technology experts" we should be listening to those who stand outside of the technology industry. They can, without any vested interest, look at the real implications of what this technology poses as risks. There is a large worldwide body of highly respected scientists, university professors, medical professionals, civil rights organisations, to name just a few, who have the gravest of concerns about the safety of 5G and its implications for all life on our planet.

We already know that 5G has the ability to seriously impact the human body and it is for this very reason that it has already been used as an anti-personnel weapon in the USA.

Worldwide, there is massive push-back against the deployment of 5G. Florence, Brussels, Geneva and Rome are just some of the places where governments have moved to halt 5G, with many other similar moves elsewhere.

With such clear concerns about potential harm we should ensure Coromandel remains 5G-free.

Warwick Mather, Coromandel Town

And more on 5G...

Mats Soderlind's article from October is not based on real science.

A lot of the statements made have no backing to them and are not factual.

He simply worked for a telecom company. This makes him no expert on the matter of the toxicity of EMF's. It also makes him biased about this topic as he has been part of the industry that promotes it.

We have not been living with wi-fi radiation, cellphones and their towers since the 1930s. Although wi-fi radiation is a radio frequency, it is not the same frequency used by radio stations. In the RF there are many types of frequencies and waves; some are much more harmful than others.

The testing that telecom companies do is mostly thermal testing. The argument they most commonly use is that the power levels are too low-level to cause a measurable heating effect and therefore they can't harm you. There is no heating effect but studies show there are many serious adverse biological effects from these exposures. There are over 6000 scientific studies showing the harmful effects of wi-fi radiation. Our body is a bio-electrical system. Our hearts and brains are regulated by internal bioelectrical signals. Environmental exposures to artificial EMFs can interact with fundamental biological processes in the human body. In the last few decades chronic disease has increased tremendously. We are exposed to various environmental toxins and EMFs are one of them.

4G already presents health risks to humans and the environment. 5G is not already in use in NZ and it is not the same as 4G or other frequencies that have been used. The frequency 5G will use has the potential to be even more harmful than the current frequency and antennas will be installed in every street and corner.

To access some facts and scientific studies you can visit bioinitiative.org and Spaceappeal.

People don't need to be on their cellphones all day long or downloading data quicker in order to have a functioning happy life.

Ultra fast fibre is being rolled out, offering faster speed without the harmful radiation. Hard wire your devices.

Michal Tal, Waioimu Bay

Restored Citizens' Hall opens

By Debbie Morgan

At the start of November the restored Citizens' Hall was officially opened. It was a glorious sunny day and the sun shone in the north-east-facing windows. Jim Davis started proceedings with a short introduction and then introduced Mayor Sandra Goudie to speak. Sandra opened the hall with assistance from Carlene Carmichael, Chair of Coromandel Bizarre Trust.

This restoration was made possible by The Coromandel Bizarre Trust and Lotteries Community Facilities who generously contributed towards the cost.

The building looks fantastic, lots of

heritage features, and nice flow onto a sunny outdoor area. The local builder Glenn Beattie has done us proud. Project manager was Andrew Hartley and the architect was Bill Algie. Lots of local contractors were also used.

The building was blessed by Father Valerian D'Souza, the Coromandel catholic parish priest, and then refreshments served.

As was mentioned at the opening, a building like this would have been easier to knock down and start again than to restore. It is great that the passion of some local people have helped this building survive for us and future generations to use.



Museum News

By Raewyn McKinney

I am writing this a week after the reopening of the Citizens' Hall on 2 November. This reopening is the culmination of many years of planning and restoration work.

The "Peninsula Post" reported on 24 October 2013: "Stage two of repairs to the historic Coromandel Citizens' Hall are almost complete. The building is badly in need of repair and a \$1 million, four-stage restoration plan has been drawn up. Over the past 12 months Thames Coromandel District Council has spent about \$90,000 on the first two stages. So far, a stormwater system has been installed and the southwest wall has been replaced. The front of the building has been repainted in heritage colours and the roof will be painted soon."

This article goes on to state: "The hall was built in 1867 and is one of the oldest buildings on the Coromandel Peninsula." However, research in "Papers Past" and "In Search of the Rainbow" has revealed that, in fact, the hall was built in 1897, to house the Coromandel Convent School, which had been operating on a site next door for some 20 years.

The "New Zealand Herald" of 26 April 1897 reported:

"A Roman Catholic School At Coromandel.

Bishop Lenihan On Religious Education.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Coromandel, Saturday.

For some time past the schoolrooms at the Convent School here have proved altogether inadequate for the increased number of pupils attending, with every prospect of a continued influx of new scholars. It was therefore deemed wise that a school hall should be erected on



Before restoration



After

the Convent school grounds. This would supplement the space for school purposes, as well as afford a spacious hall for church social purposes. On the occasion of the opening it was decided to celebrate the same by a social; a special invitation being sent to the Right Rev, Dr. Lenihan and the clergy of the Diocese of Auckland, His Lordship consecrated the building, which was christened St. George's Hall. In the course of his address during the evening he made some very pertinent remarks on the education question. He had no words to say against the government system; but he with many others maintained that something more was wanted than bare secular instruction."

St George's Convent School was closed in 1941, and the building passed into private ownership.

The "Peninsula Post" advises it "was sold to the Coromandel branch of the Returned Services Association in 1951, who negotiated an agreement with the then Coromandel District Council for public use of the hall and then in 1965 gave it to the council."

The restoration work has replaced the roof, removed the old stage, and removed the internal entry porch and annex, which was added to accommodate the RSA. The two porches have been rebuilt to match the original construction, and the original floor has been replaced with 100-year-old matai, that was salvaged from rivers in the Hawkes Bay.

The work has been financed by the Council with help from a substantial grant from the Bizarre Trust, along with grants from Lotteries Community Facilities and Trust Waikato.

Thanks to the hard work from many people in the community, we now have a wonderful historic asset we can all benefit from and be proud of.

On behalf of the committee of the School of Mines & Historical Society Inc, I wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year. I also extend thanks and the compliments of the season to all of our hard-working committee members and volunteers.

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The Market Hub Coromandel

By Paul and Sandy

“A long time coming” are the words coming from the mouths of locals and regular visitors as they step off the pavement onto the welcome mat of Coromandel’s new “Market Hub” at the north end of Kapanga Road.

The concept grew reasonably quickly from what started as a formal meeting between Paul Barlow and Sandy Valente on the prospect of opening a possible outdoor market seven days a week, within the Courtyard in the northern part of Kapanga Road, with the possibility of providing jobs for locals, thus generating money within the township.

The prevailing weather proved a massive problem; it was clear it was not viable.

Paul and Daveena were in the throes of selling what was the old supermarket building opposite the public loos. The building needed some work but had huge potential due to its size.

Paul called Sandy with the prospect of an idea he had thought about some years ago, creating an indoor market. It was a no brainer, Sandy agreed for potentially a fantastic indoor market and was immediately interested in supporting the idea 100 percent any way she could. Paul then posted on Facebook “What’s Happening in Coromandel” page for interest. With an enormous amount of positive response, that was a decision maker.

The plans were drawn up for 15 permanent kiosks with various sizes and space for pop-up stalls also on a day basis. The painter girls went in and white-washed the interior. The outside was water blasted, the kiosks took form with solid double walls of reasonable size, kiosks were booked and the keys were cut.

Simply listening to the requests of local people to bring back the old type markets remembered by an earlier generation, creating an atmosphere of colour and vibe, and with so many talented people within Coromandel, it would no doubt draw them out of the woodwork. This offers an opportunities to make somewhat of a living and provide tourists with variation along with the already humming little town famous for its old charm and creativity.

Within the first week of opening both Paul and Sandy realised the building may not be big enough to cater to the incoming interest, but with careful managing we can rotate and deliver to the many potential employment opportunity’s, also utilising the outdoor Gelato courtyard for overflow.

The Market Hub has become what is now a historical event in the making of Coromandel’s township.

So far says Paul, the market has run smoothly in all its entirety, the building is the perfect temperature for hot or cold days with the intention of people shopping and dropping in, with space to mingle.

The fifteen kiosks have now been filled. The ladies



and their partners have been so amazing pitching in, to what has really become “a labour of love” to see the fulltime market dream realised. Doors were open by Labour weekend. It went without a hitch.

The variety within the market already is exceptional and will continue to grow, and can be followed on “The Market Hub Coromandel” on Facebook.

Kiosk operators have all become valued team members and are currently working on new ideas together. “Oh it’s not finished yet” says Sandy; watch this space as we gear up for the silly season and beyond.

We have in the works a Santa grotto suggested for photo shots and will open a late night market closer to Christmas.

We also intend on facilitating workshops during quieter times and are already brainstorming ideas. With a little imagination, it’s endless.

We welcome new interest and anyone who wishes to have a stall. Full support will be given if it’s your first time. We have available spaces and tables for hire. Pop down and discuss options with our friendly staff. We also have on behalf wall space and can also provide options for on behalf sales of items within the market. So pop in and meet the crew.

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Open Floor at Citizens’ Hall

Coromandel’s Open Floor dance community had the delight and privilege of being the first group to christen the new floor at the Citizens’ Hall. It felt special to continue Citizens’ Hall’s long history of community dances in a contemporary way. The new matai floorboards were glorious under our bare feet and the lofty white space was filled with morning sunshine.

Coromandel Citizens’ Hall will be our new dancefloor on the Tuesdays that Mana Retreat is booked for other workshops and retreats. We welcome everyone who wants to come and enjoy our new dancefloor, diverse music and inclusive community.

The first session at Citizens’ Hall focused on the theme of ground. This is one of the core resources we explore in Open Floor movement practice. We learn from our moving bodies how to ground ourselves, connect with the Earth, and find our common ground. Our inquiry included also connecting with the space itself, its history, those who have gone before and the wider land that holds us. We had a range of veteran dancers, newcomers, locals and travellers.

We will have many more community dances at Citizens’ Hall over the summer months. Come on down check out the new space and try Open Floor.

Locals and visitors are always welcome.

Tuesday mornings 9.30–11.30am (warmup starts from 9:15am, come early if it’s your first time). Entry \$15. Mana Retreat Centre or Citizens’ Hall. Check out the dates for each venue on our orange posters around town, and at wildbones.co.nz

Coromandel Flying Club

By Karen McMillan

Hello to everyone that may be interested in hearing about our Coromandel Flying Club.

We, like many clubs today, are a small group of enthusiasts, with an interest in flying or just hanging around the aircraft, airfield or like-minded friends.

As a club we own our aircraft which is a Tecnam P92 and have owned it for approx. 18+ years. The Tecnam looks similar to a Cessna 150 but in actual fact is classed as a microlight and the benefit of this aircraft is "You Can Learn To Fly" without the huge expense of going for your Private Pilot License. We can highly recommend you get your Microlight Pilot License instead and go flying. Your home on the Coromandel looks amazing from up there!

We have a great crew in the club with gatherings held each Friday from 5pm in the wonderful club room that is situated at the Coromandel Airfield. It's an idyllic place to relax and have Michael cook up hot chips, share a beverage and all the news you can tell. Believe me, it comes with a lot of laughter on many a day.

The location is 1735 State highway 25, opposite and just south of the Mussel Kitchen and all new members are welcome. You can join as an Associate, Trainee or Pilot and no matter what your age, you can become a member.

We have our 42nd AGM being held on **Sunday 8 December** at 11.30am followed with a potluck lunch at the Coromandel Airfield, 1735 SH25.

All welcome to attend.

Contacts: Neville Cameron 027 494 1181 (President), Karen McMillan 027 290 8171 (Secretary)



Monday Walkers

By Irene Dunn

We've had some lovely walks of late – if you missed out join us at 9am each Monday at the north end of Woollams Ave car park.

It's that busy time of year but also really important to get that exercise, and out in the fresh air is wonderful.

We have only four organised Monday walks left before Christmas and will restart in February. So come and make the most of those left. For more info contact the number below.

Happy walking everyone.

Irene Ph 021 157 8408



Visiting pilots from Dargaville in November. Photo credit: Michael Adams

Portraits

Richard de Pomare Chrisp (Ecole du Beaux Arts, Paris) and David Broatch (School of Art, Edinburgh) will again be under the big tree at The Bakehouse, Coromandel Town this summer. To paint you for \$25, your children for \$20 or your dog for \$15. Wear what you like of course. Sitting lasts approx 30 mins only.

Info: 021 159 3144 (Richard), or 021 0245 7820 (David).

Email David on aoteadesign@gmail.com

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Building St Andrews Church, Coromandel 1873

From the "New Zealand Presbyterian Church News", June 1873. Article, supplied by John Rabarts. Lay Minister. Thames Union Parish



In December last (1872) the Rev. A M Tait, who had newly arrived from Canada, was sent to Coromandel to preach for two Sabbaths. At the close if the service on the first Sabbath he intimated that he was to preach on Wednesday evening, and that after the service there would be a meeting of friends favourable to our cause. At that meeting it was agreed to take steps without delay for the erection of a place of worship. On the 20th of the same month, December 1872, Mr. Tait was inducted Minister. The Rev. Mr. Hill, Thames, Mr. M McNicol, Auckland, and Mr. McKenzie North Shore officiated.

A site for the building was kindly offered by Mr. McGregor but after due consideration it was deemed advisable to have one nearer the road. Ultimately it was agreed to purchase the site in which the church now stands from the Rev. Mr. Scott which was done for fifty pounds. Plans for a church were then called for and that designed by Mr. J. C. Young adopted. Afterwards tenders for the erection of a building were called for, when that Mr. Young being the lowest was accepted. He immediately commenced work, but after a good many delays it was finished by Mr. James Marshall. During this time the ladies and their friends were busy preparing for a Bazaar in aid of the Building Fund. The Bazaar was held on the 12th, 14th and 15th of April, and was a grand success, realising about 200 pounds.

The church was opened for Divine Services on the 18th May, 1873, by the Rev. James Hill of Thames, who preached in the morning from Psalm 126, and in the evening from Hebrews 12:1. On Monday evening a soiree was held which was largely attended, and which gave universal satisfaction, the speakers being the Rev. Mr. Bruce of Auckland, Rev. Mr. Williams of Coromandel, and Rev. Mr. Hill. The Rev. Mr. Tait occupied the chair.

The Church is a neat commodious building seating about 200 and erected at a cost, including site of about 400 pounds. It was opened free of debt, which few churches are. That this should have been done by the small community in Coromandel, aided doubtless by their friends, but during the dull season, and the most depressed condition of business. That they should have accomplished so much in such depressing circumstances, and within the brief space of five months, reflects the highest credit on them. It is also fair to say that the young and struggling congregation has contributed its might to all of the schemes of the Church during this period. These facts speak for themselves, and we hope older congregations will take a lesson from our friends in Coromandel.

Purnell

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Coromandel Budget Advisory Service

By Caroline Dunn

Budget Advice

Well here we are, the countdown to the end of the year. It's a busy time of year for us all with the festivities of Christmas and 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.

Our last day in the office for the year will be **Thursday 19 December**; we will re-open on **Monday 13 January 2020**.

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

As Christmas approaches, we have been busy organising our hamper list. We have individuals and families who will be receiving hampers this year. We also try to add gifts to the hampers and the team at BNZ have kindly let us put our gift basket in store again this year. If you have a present you would like to donate to our hampers please head into BNZ, 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. We will need to pick up the gift basket at BNZ by Wednesday **18 December**.

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 18 December** and we'll re-open again on **Wednesday 15 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.

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 9-11am 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 on 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.

Looking back on our year, we are grateful to be here supporting the people of our community. We would like to thank everyone who has supported our services during 2019 and we are looking forward to a successful 2020.

Merry Christmas from us all.

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* Sprawling home featuring 3 brms (2 en-suites) and spacious living rooms * Separate double garage * **\$1,295,000**



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Listing**



* Imagine owning 23.0ha that includes approximately 9.5ha of QEII covenanted bush * It's time to build your dream home! * Views of Manaia Harbour * Natural spring * Set on the southern outskirts of Coromandel Township * **\$850,000**



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* Let the holidays begin! * Situated within the existing Waitete Bay Camping Ground, 'Site 24' is securing via a Licence to Use agreement * Very tidy 1 bedroom, 1 bathroom Leisure Built cabin * Car/tractor port * Use of the common land * **\$220,000**



**New
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* Your very own mini lifestyle block at Papa-Aroha... not too big... not too small * 6.8800ha featuring wonderful re-growth native bush for trekking * An area of grass, including a stream for a couple of animals * Distant gulf views * **\$375,000**



**New
Listing**



* Have you always wanted to secure your own affordable property at Papa-Aroha? * Here is your chance to enjoy long summer camping excursions with the family * Flat 1,869m2 section just along the road from the camp ground * **\$295,000**

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* True elegance personified! * A meticulous renovation has recaptured the resplendent style of this stunning double gabled Villa * 3 brms * 2 bathrooms * Beautiful living rooms * Cabana * Studio * Garage * 1,305m2 section. **\$By Negotiation**



New
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*We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our loyal Clients, Customers, Landlords, Tenants & valued friends for the fantastic support they have shown to us throughout the year. We wish everyone a very **Merry Christmas** and a safe & prosperous, **Happy New Year** from Kim, Robyn, Melissa, Laurie-Ann & Lynne at **Richardsons Real Estate** ☺*



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* Look at that glorious view! * Set amongst established gardens on a 809m2 section * Recent renovations have created wonderful indoor/outdoor living spaces * 3 brms * 2 bathrooms * 2 garages * Workshop * Just perfect! * **\$815,000**



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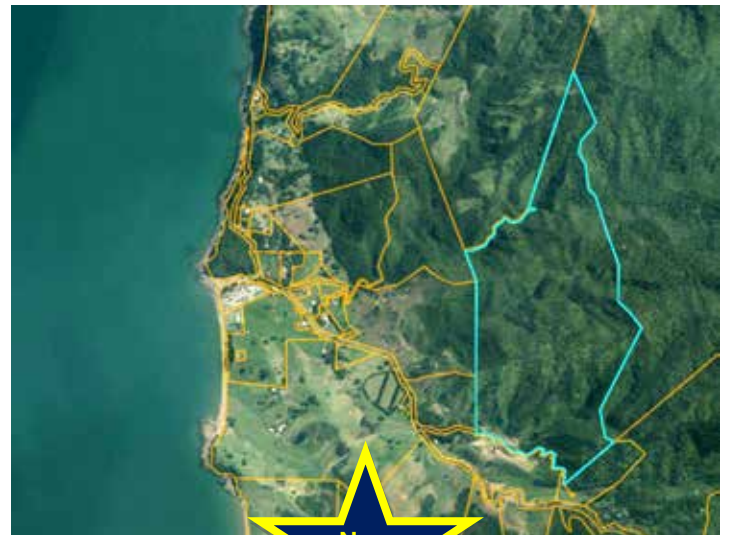
* A **phenomenal** and **extremely** rear opportunity to secure 2 Titles in the heart of Papa-Aroha * Combining an area of 13ha featuring a wonderful stream, stunning coastal/island views and pasture * **Deadline Sale** 31st January 2020 (unless sold prior)



New
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* Your dream of owning your own mini farm can now become a reality! * Set in Papa-Aroha on 13.2ha with a mix of pasture and a small pine plantation * The large shearing shed and yards will be perfect for your stock * Gulf views * **\$510,000**



New
Listing



* Ok... who wants to go bush? * Just imagine exploring 95.4ha of valleys and ridgelines, whilst being relatively close to beaches & boat ramps * A superbly private camping area for summer excursions * A brilliant hidden gem! * **\$465,000**

Coromandel Vegetable, Flower and Produce Show

By Robin Münch

There's a buzz around town about the upcoming February 2020 event. I'm told that keen gardeners have started planning their exhibits and kitchen hobbyists are already preparing jams and preserves.



To help you get started, here are the main categories that we'll be judging.

- Vegetables – Tomatoes, beans, peas, onions, spring onions, garlic, potatoes, cucumbers, courgettes, capsicums and chillies, eggplants, sweet corn, carrots, beetroot, lettuce, herbs, pumpkins, melons.
- Fruits – Apples, pears, peaches, nectarines, passion fruit, figs, apricots, berries.
- Processed fruits and vegetables – Jams, marmalade, curd, sauces, relish, chutney, pesto, pickles, bottled fruit.
- Baking – Cupcakes, muffins, savoury scones, fruit scones, plain scones, sponge cakes, assorted large cakes
- Flowers – Single rose, other single bloom, multiple bloom, sunflower, flower arrangements.

This is a fundraiser for the Information Centre so it's all for a great cause. Each entry will cost \$1 and there are no limits to the number of entries a exhibitor can enter.

There'll be even more details in the January Chronicle. Rest assured that we will accept the weirdest and most exotic fruits and vegetables in each category or in an overall weird/exotic category.

If you think we've left something out, please let us know – email Robin on robinmunch24@gmail.com

Entry forms and exhibition rules will be available from the Coromandel Town Information Centre from mid-January.

In the meantime, if you are a busker and would like us to consider allocating a space for you to perform, or if you'd like to help with planning and/or different tasks on the day, please contact Robin on coroproduceshow@gmail.com or 021 252 6892.

Date: **Saturday 15 February 2020** – Times will be announced in the January Chronicle.

Venue: Citizens' Hall, Kapanga Rd, Coromandel Town.

Entry fee for public: Gold coin donation.

Haiku

By Chris Wornall

petulant youngster
demands a brighter future-
fighting climate change



Coromandel Lions Club

Season's greetings from the Lions Club. We will see you all at the Keltic Fair on **2 January 2020**.

Plastic-Free Coromandel Town

By Robin Münch

You may have seen the article on our Facebook page about the U2 concert at Mt Smart stadium. All cups sold onsite were reusable and a "Green Team" was in action to educate concert-goers about sorting waste and placing it in the appropriate recycle bins. If major events with tens of thousands of people attending can ban single-use takeaway cups, recycle and reduce waste, surely we can do the same in our town.

Our group is aiming to tackle the problem of single-use and takeaway cups in Coromandel Town in 2020. Mt Smart diverted 100,000 single-use plastic cups from landfill over two concerts. I wonder what we can achieve at our upcoming events. Let's aim to eliminate or at least reduce takeaway cups and containers at Christmas in the Park, Keltic Fair and the 2020 Seafood Festival. Why not bring your own cup, water bottle and reusable container? It's worth noting that cups and containers labelled compostable can usually be composted only in a commercial composting facility and we don't have one anywhere nearby. In any case, most people throw their takeaway cups and containers into landfill bins and just add to the mountains of waste we generate on our planet.

The good news is that we'll have water stations at Christmas in the Park and the Keltic Fair so there'll be no need to buy plastic bottles of water.

Every person who refills their water bottle will have the opportunity to put their name into a draw for a great prize.

We are currently gathering support from local cafes to have a BYO cup day next year. Participating cafes will offer a variety of reusable cups and not supply takeaway cups for the day. A number of cafes have already indicated their support and once we've talked to all the café owners, we hope it will be a town-wide happening. We got rid of plastic bags and now we need to tackle other single-use plastic items! Hopefully we can achieve great outcomes in 2020 by working together on our projects.



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Coromandel Contract Bridge Club

By Judy Bronlund

In December we will be playing the Kereta Pairs. This is our last competition for the year. Our AGM will be held on **16 December** at 6.30pm. This will be followed by a fun night of bridge with nibbles. If you are keen to play at the club next year please get in touch; lessons can be arranged. Enjoy the summer holidays and after the break we will be starting our play on Monday of Auckland Anniversary. Season's greetings to all.

Contacts Val
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Coromandel Community Christmas Lunch update

Just a reminder that we are taking bookings for the second Coromandel Community Christmas Lunch.

Although Christmas Day is traditionally about family, friends and festivities this is not always the case for many of us.

Travel distances from family members, relationship issues, lack of funds or other problems can make Christmas Day seem like a sad and lonely date on the calendar.

But the Coromandel Community Christmas Lunch may help to put a smile on your face. Enjoy some good food, some new and interesting company and share with others the real joy of Christmas!

Where are you planning on spending Christmas Day this year? Would you like to spend the day sharing great food and fantastic company with other people – people just like you?

We welcome people who do not want to be on their own for Christmas Day. Families who perhaps are not in a position to provide a wonderful experience for their children, individuals or couples that have no close friends or families to share the day with. You might be long-term locals, newly arrived in our beautiful community, or just visiting for the short term.

Numbers will be limited, so we encourage you to contact us to express your interest.

If you want to donate funds, time, food or something else to the day, then we want to talk to you too! If you think you might have a wee gift that could be passed on to one of our guests, then that is awesome.

We are a warm, welcoming and loving town – this day is about spreading that joy and care throughout the wider community, and a fantastic opportunity to make new friends. Please don't stay at home on your own this year – come and join the community family, and make some new friends. This is an incredibly festive event – the food is yummy, the décor will be stunning and you will have lots of laughs Perhaps even have your photo taken with Santa!

If you would like to register yourself or your family, or you would like to donate money, food, gifts or something else, please contact us: coromandelchristmaslunch@gmail.com.

We are so excited to share the day with you.
The Coromandel Christmas Fairies xxxxx



☐ I would like to attend the Christmas Lunch

Number of People.....

☐ I require transport

☐ I am able to make a donation \$

☐ I am able to donate food items

☐ I would like to donate a gift

☐ I am available to volunteer on the day

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Coromandel Players presents

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By Zac Nicholls

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CILT

By Matt Sephton

Kia Ora Koutou,

CILT has now received the outcome of our application to the Provincial Growth Fund for the Coromandel Hub, and has been told that it was declined at the final level.

We are engaging with the Ministers to have our application reconsidered in early 2020. If anyone felt they could support us in achieving this goal, we would welcome their help.

At the same time we will be looking at our priorities and options.

We own 100 Pound Street and Resource Consent is due before Christmas.

CILT already has over \$2 million in indicative funding and enough in hand to continue developing the project.

Although we are obviously disappointed with the decision made, CILT feels confident that we can proceed with what is a great concept which has a huge amount of support, both locally and nationally. We are equally determined that at no stage will there be any sacrifice to the quality and integrity of the final building.

CILT believes that this has set our timing back, but has not deterred us.

To learn more about the Coromandel Hub, please visit our website: www.cilt.org.nz/hub. There you can find some background on this exciting project, which if successful will be an incredible asset to our community.

Holiday time at the Resource Centre!

The summer holidays are almost here! Over the Christmas period the Resource Centre will be closed from **Wednesday 17 December** and will reopen on **Wednesday 15 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 **15 January**. We will reimburse you for petrol then.

Community Van Christmas Holiday dates:

In December the Community Van will go to Thames on **5, 12 and 19 December**. There will then be a break over the holidays and the first trip for 2020 to Thames will be on the **16 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.

International Volunteers' Day – 5 December

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our many volunteers who give their time across so many of CILT's different projects. We have around 25 regular volunteers who during the past month alone have given over 300 hours of their time to help us in helping the community in a variety of ways, including waste minimisation at both The Goldmine and the Bizarre, drivers to help people attend their hospital appointments, maintaining the Harray Track, mowing lawns to name but a few ... thank you, thank you, thank you!

We couldn't do it without you!

Coro wi-fi

We hope that many of you have been taking advantage of our free wi-fi network that we are establishing throughout the Coromandel Town centre. The purpose of this is to provide free and fast internet for use by anyone in the Coromandel community. Many people do not have adequate internet access at home and we

believe that being connected online is essential in this modern day. The free access provides 400MB data each day. We also have paid access plans that provide faster speeds and more data. Vouchers are also available at The Resource Centre. These are free for locals and provide one week of access, increased speeds and 10GB data. Look for "Coro WiFi" as an available network on your phone.

Coromandel Community Transport Service Van Trips

If you fancy a fun day out then please join one of our popular day trips:

Saturday 7 December – Whitianga arts, craft and farmers market. Leaving Coromandel at 8.30am, departing Whitianga at 1pm to be back in time for The Coromandel Santa Parade beginning at 3pm.

Saturday 14 December – Christmas light shows – we have two options

1) Thames Wonderland at the Civic Centre starting at 7pm. Entry fee \$2. Leaving Coromandel at 4.30pm to allow time for a little shopping followed by fish & chips at the Thames Wharf before attending the show around 7pm.

or 2) Paeroa Lights starting at 8.30pm. Entry fee \$15 adult, \$5 child, \$2 preschooler. Leaving Coromandel at 6pm.

A koha towards the running costs of the van would be appreciated.

Please book at the Resource Centre or phone (07) 866 8358.

Wild things

Matuku moana

White-faced herons are found along our coastal regions, particularly in shallow tidal waters and estuaries. They nest in the tops of large trees and can be seen conducting aerial mating displays. They are a relatively recent arrival to our shores and now have a strong population. They are commonly seen stalking their prey in the mudflats. This heron, framed by pohutukawa, was photographed by Pamela Grealey.

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Scott Simpson MP**Zero Carbon Bill**

The Zero Carbon Bill passed into law earlier this month with the support of the National Party. We believe that climate change action deserves bi-partisan support. However, the legislation isn't perfect and will need amendment when a future National led government has the opportunity to do so.

In Parliament National fought to make amendments to the bill while it was being debated. We want to see a strengthening of provisions that consider the level of action being taken by other countries and allow targets to be adjusted to ensure we remain in step with the international community and including a greater commitment to investment in innovation and research and development to find new solutions for reducing emissions. If New Zealand can find solutions to the challenges of agricultural emissions we'll be helping not only our own transition but will be helping provide answers for all other agricultural producing nations as well.

We'd like to see wording from the Paris agreement that protects food production included in the purpose clause of the legislation and we strongly believe that it should be the independent Climate Change Commission that recommends what level methane should be reduced to, not the politicians.

A future National-led government will make those positive changes within the first 100 days. We will ensure the Bill drives the right long-term changes and factors in the wider impacts on New Zealand's economy, jobs and incomes as we transition to a low emissions economy.

Season's Greetings

We're heading into the last weeks of 2019 which means we've got what will hopefully be a long and sunny summer season ahead of us. I'm excited to welcome the large number of visitors that will be here over the summer to what I believe is the most beautiful electorate in New Zealand. I hope that your holiday season is spent with family and friends over this busy period and that you will be able to both reflect on the last twelve months and make plans for 2020.

Have a safe and wonderful Christmas and all the best for the New Year.



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Christmas Day
Wednesday, December 25

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Thursday, December 26
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2020

New Year's Day
Wednesday, January 1
Day after New Year's Day
Thursday, January 2
8.30am-5pm

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Ann's Good News, Naturally

By Ann Kerr-Bell

The Importance of Understanding Leaky Gut Syndrome

Did you know that any illness can be traced back to a Leaky Gut?

Unexplained food intolerances? Allergies, aches and pain? Constipation, wind and bloating? These could end up being your constant companion if proactive steps aren't sought to find out what's going on.

Your digestive tract is an elaborate system that involves organs from mouth to your anus.

One of the system's components, your small intestine, performs an essential barrier function in keeping your body free from allergy.

Your intestine's membrane acts as a wall, separating undigested food and the bloodstream. This function allows your digestive tract organs to properly break down your food into smaller, usable molecules which are then sent through your bloodstream to nourish your body's tissues.

When there is inflammation in the gastro-intestinal mucosa, the intestinal wall becomes excessively permeable – a condition called Leaky Gut Syndrome. If bits of food have not been properly broken down due to imbalances in your digestive tract, food molecules (macromolecules), which are usually too large to pass through your intestinal barrier, slip through the gaps in the wall and enter your bloodstream.

When this happens, your immune system treats these foreign substances as antigens, setting off an allergic response in which antibodies are secreted into your bloodstream to couple with and immobilise the macromolecules. This antigen and antibody combination is known as a Circulating Immune Complex (CIC). In a healthy person, CIC's are neutralised, but in someone with an immune system compromised by other factors such as childhood vaccinations, poor diet, or stress, they tend to accumulate in your blood, where they burden your detoxification pathways or initiate an immune reaction.

If too many circulating CIC's accumulate, your kidneys and liver cannot eliminate enough of them via your urine or stools. The CIC's then settle in soft mass tissue, causing inflammation, stress to the immune system, and leading to more allergies.

**Common causes of leaky gut**

- **Intestinal dysbiosis** – To every one human cell, you have 10 good bacterial cells. Most live in your digestive tract. Due to processed foods and chemicals, there's been a shift towards a predominance of pathogenic bacteria, a condition called "dysbiosis". These "bad bugs" impair digestion, absorption of nutrients, and your normal elimination process, allowing the wearing away of the walls of your intestine. Proper colonisation of these microflora, or good bacteria, contribute to intestinal strength and integrity, optimum digestion and overall body wellness.
- **Candida overgrowth** – Constant cough? Fungal toes/nails? Itchy bottom? Vaginal thrush? Candida too, triggers allergic reactions, enabling your white blood cells to release powerful peroxides such as hydrogen peroxide, causing delayed hypersensitivity reactions, such as reactive respiratory airway disease and arthritis.
- **Your liver** – Are your detoxification pathways working properly?
- **Medications** – Antacids, steroids, oral contraceptives, etc, are alkalising. They impair your stomach's hydrochloric acids' ability to break down food particles, enabling macromolecules to escape through the leaky gut. Drugs also can stimulate Candida overgrowth.
- **Alcohol** – an ethanol, or toxin, increases allergies and reduces digestive efficiency.
- **Parasites** – Release toxins that damage tissues causing pain and inflammation
- **Sugar/processed foods** – Causing cellular malnutrition and preventable western diseases.

My good news is that most diseases are preventable, including leaky gut. "Let food be your medicine via healthy digestive tract."

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**Coromandel Business Association**

Due to the continued decline in membership numbers, the decision to close down the Coromandel Business Association was made at the AGM on Tuesday 12 November. The dispersal of assets, as per the constitution, is now underway and the formal closure proceedings will commence.

We would like to thank all who have participated over the years. It has brought value and change to the area and that should be acknowledged.

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CoroLocalLegend with Coromandel Four Square

Congratulations to Diane Burton of Coromandel, who is the recipient of a gift hamper from Coromandel Four Square. Diane has been nominated by Glenys Fitzpatrick, who wrote, "We would like to nominate Diane Burton for her continuous care for the people in the Retirement Village. Diane gives much of her time to caring for the elderly people. She continually bakes for people with a need. With Diane being a good community person and a keen gardener, she has over the years pruned the gardens in the village for people who are unable to prune their roses in their gardens, enabling the people to keep their gardens manageable. Diane is also a keen bowler and has helped with the running of many tournaments. For many years Diane was previously involved in voluntary work with the St John Ambulance and gave her time unreservedly to that cause." Thanks for your community spirit Diane, you are a true CoroLocalLegend!

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

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

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



Diane with her friends



Author's talk

The author and spiritual teacher Shamare is coming to Coromandel to do an author's talk on his recently released book *Spirituality 101 to 601 and Beyond*.

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Come and hear Shamare discuss the book and spiritual awakening at the St John rooms, Tiki Rd, Coromandel on **5 December 6.30-8.30pm.**

John Irvine's haiku

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of my morose mind
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Women's Section RSA

By Loes Beaver,
President Women's Section

On 19 October the Women's Section celebrated 75 years of service with a lovely luncheon.

Our guests were Clive Collingwood, the acting district president of our area; his wife Shirley; Dianne Wilson, NWA President; Judith Steel and Celia Hurst, executive of our District Area. Past and present members were also in attendance. We welcomed our new Patron Heather Gawith, and to finish our celebrations there was cutting of a lovely cake, and sincere thanks to our caterers.

We are looking to increase our numbers so if you are interested just contact me any time.



Heather Gawith, our new patron, with Loes Beaver, President Women's Section



Table of executive and members

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Bowls Club

By Cherrie Rokela

The bowls season is well underway, with our club championships being played throughout November.

The Men's Triples Championship was won by Colin Gawith, Ernie Groucott and Jason Dickson. The Women's Triples Championship was won by Lindsay Nicholls, Dolly Welch and Dianne Burton. See photos. Congratulations to you all.

We had an open tournament, sponsored by Snapper Safaris on 31 October, and this was won by Colin Gawith, Dolly Welch, Lindsay Nicholls and Peter Herbert. Thanks to Darryl and Megan for their ongoing support.

Sponsorship

Our first Twilight Bowls competition of the season commenced on 5 November, with a great opening night; lots of fun for new and semi new bowlers. We have a record 28 teams entered this time around. If you would like to enter in the next four-week competition in February 2020, get your team name in to Linda Wright on 027 651 3477.

Our last club day saw the Coromandel Cup won by Jim Dicks and Maureen Kimber. Well done you two.

Friday night social nights are even more popular now that the better weather has arrived.

All members, bowling, social or visitors are most welcome to join us anytime after 3.30 pm for a drink, chat, meat raffle, or even a "corner to corner" competition.

Hope to see you there.



Men's Triples Championship winners



Women's Triples Championship winners

RSA News

By Pat Williams

Writing this on Armistice Day, rain was forecast – none arrived, but the service was at The Club. I am thinking that maybe the road works had something to do with it. First time I have missed going as at this point in time as I am confined to my late husband's Lazy Boy chair. Have to sit with my leg up for six days!

President Kevin and Vice President Steve attended National Council RSA AGM in Wellington and gave a report on same at our last Committee meeting. Seems the RSA is in good heart. Four members attended the Waikato King Country BOP District AGM in late September and Alan Stewart presented a report on that meeting. Note – My brother lives in Rarotonga and is an RSA Member over there and that Club also comes under our District.

Howick RSA Fishing Club are due to visit soon. That is always a busy, fun night. These guys have been visiting our Club for years.

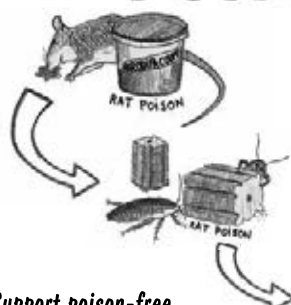
Have run out of puff, disobeying orders sitting at this computer! Hopefully next months' effort will be better.

Sign in a veterinarian's waiting room – Back in 5 minutes. SIT, STAY.

Quote for the month: "Do not look where you fell but where you slipped."

Take care out there, cheers.

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Colville Social Service Collective

Kia ora Koutou katoa,

Colville had a great screening of Show Me Shorts in the first weekend of November. We wish to express our immense gratitude to Coromandel Four Square for sponsoring our "Candy Bar". We are very fortunate to have such a community-minded business in the area! All proceeds from the Show Me Shorts screenings will go towards our Community Festival next Easter. The 2020 festival will feature Colville Sings Country and the Saturday night will include another selection of wonderful bands from around Aotearoa/NZ. Also keep an eye out for the family variety show on Sunday, which will include Colville Kids Sing.

With summer approaching in Colville, we're preparing for our tourist period. The Colville General Store is stocking up, and both the cafes – Hereford 'n' a Pickle and The Forager's Kitchen – are looking forward to a busy summer season.

Colville Social Service Collective will close on **20 December** and doesn't open again till **20 January**. We look forward to seeing you in the new year – 2020!



Mussel reef restoration project in the Hauraki Gulf

Revive our Gulf, a local community group made up of scientists, mussel farmers, donors and community members, have been taking action to improve the health of the Hauraki Gulf by restoring seabed mussel reefs which are vital for healthy ecosystems and a natural biodiversity of marine life.

The group has already placed 150 tonnes of live green-lipped mussels at a number of sites near Rotoroa Island and in Mahurangi Harbour.

Mike Moy is the Operations Manager for North Island Mussels Ltd., which is a joint venture company between Sanford and Cedenco. The company farms and processes Greenshell mussels in the Coromandel and, after several years of supplying mussels to the Revive Our Gulf project at a reduced rate, this year generously donated the mussels required as well as harvesting time and expertise.

"There's a pretty big stake in the mussel reef restoration for us. It's where we farm and the business is very exposed to environmental changes that can happen. We're dependent on looking after the area and saw this project as crucial to the heart of the Gulf as well as the future success of our business," Mike says.

Where once there was an abundance of green-lipped mussels and other shellfish in naturally occurring reefs and beds in the

Hauraki Gulf, a combination of over-fishing last century and environmental degradation of land around the Gulf means these did not regenerate.

A single mussel can filter up to 350 litres of seawater a day, removing sediments and contaminants from the water, which improves water clarity, provides a habitat for small fish as well as food for bigger fish, stabilises the seabed and coastline, and enhances biodiversity.

Healthy, self-sustaining seafood populations are a good source of food for people too and already an abundance of life has been seen including octopus, juvenile snapper and large hermit crabs using the beds.

As a member of the Hauraki Gulf community himself, environmental sustainability is also important to Mike personally.

"Mussels, oysters and aquaculture play a key part in our local economy bringing employment, business from fishing charters and holiday makers to spend money here. My livelihood is at the very crux of it. It's dependent on the environment we grow mussels in."

The Gulf is also where Mike plays – he spends much of his spare time diving, fishing, swimming and surfing so his personal life also revolves around the Hauraki Gulf as well as his work one.

The ongoing mussel reef restoration has been made possible thanks to a combined

\$400,000 in funding from Fisheries New Zealand (FNZ), the Department of Conservation (DOC) and international environmental organisation, The Nature Conservancy. Biosecurity protocols are followed to prevent the spread of marine pests, and this includes decontamination of mussels by soaking in fresh water before transport.



Mussel reef before



Mussel reef after

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Hand to Mouth: The Colville Cafe – Then And Now

By Adam Walter

Little did I imagine when we first opened the Colville Café in December 1978, that four decades later I'd be writing this recollection of the early days and describing the happy reality which is the Forager's Kitchen today. In doing so I acknowledge all the wonderful cooks, chefs, hash slingers, bakers, baristas, passing dishwashers and patient wait staff who have served locals and visitors over so many years.

When the Colville Co-operative Society acquired the store in late '78 nobody had much use for the adjacent storekeeper's house. I saw an opportunity to retire from scrub cutting for Jim Ward and open a small takeaway food outlet in the premises over summer. After discussion with the Co-op, that idea soon morphed into "let's knock out some walls, install a (semi) commercial kitchen, throw in some furniture and start a restaurant!"

Julian Rosenberg pushed through the renovations, installing French doors, and assisting the late Paul Tobin with firing hexagonal patio tiles. The wonderful tables were handcrafted by Dirk Pako. Using traditional peg and wedge techniques he shaped rough demolition kauri and rimu into the classic pieces which still create a warm, rustic ambience in the Forager's Kitchen. Richard Lambourne turned the pedestal legs for the smaller tables and Steph McKee created leadlight lampshades.

It is also important to acknowledge the late Phillip (Andy) Anderson. Whilst his primary role was managing the financial viability of the store under the umbrella of the Co-op, without his oversight of the café there is no way we could have managed through those early years.

With \$20,000 skimmed from the store's summer trading overdraft and countless hours of labour from many members of the community, the cafe opened for business by Xmas as the summer holidaymakers made their annual pilgrimages to Otautu, Waikawau, Little Bay and Port Charles.

We served "Trucker's Breakfast", home-baked scones and muffins, and an a la carte evening menu featuring fresh snapper from longliner Mike Donoghue and crayfish from Cliff Pawley. Chef was the late Jim Viviani, who oversaw a kitchen patched together out of secondhand appliances. Every dish was plated up and garnished to please the eye and titillate the palate.

Jim's generous heart and creative flair set the tone for a little business that has always attracted innovative and entrepreneurial characters. Some were customers! I recall a bach owner from Otautu, who dined on New Year's eve with a large party of revelers.

During the evening the customers called me to present a couple of snails they had found in their salad. Having apologized and replaced the

salads, imagine my chagrin when it happened again! I berated the poor salad hand, but the next day the customer came to confess that they'd set me up, having brought the snails with them just for a bit of fun at my expense.

The café has always filled a dual role in the community. After the summer holiday peak time, there's not a lot of profit to be made from a little rural café, but it is a nice facility for social activities. Meetings of local community groups, special benefit nights hosted by volunteer cooks, birthday parties, wedding receptions and quiz nights; over the years the café has served the community well, enhancing the inclusive atmosphere of Colville's village.

After a 35-year absence, I returned last year to live in Colville again, where I enjoy watching the tidal breath of Cabbage Bay and can venture out for a fine flat white just down the road.

In its current incarnation Forager's Kitchen, hosted by Mike and Touanie with help from Jaden and Hannah, produces delicious food at reasonable prices, served in a warm and cheerful atmosphere, with a guitar in the corner and nod to the long history of the community. Well done guys.

Coromandel Patchwork and Quilters

by Sharon Currie

18 November will be our last stitching together day for the year. It has been a busy year with lots of small projects and some of us have completed a quilt or two. Our last outing for the year is to Forager's Kitchen in Colville for a Christmas lunch in early December.

Next year we plan to continue with small projects and are planning a Mystery Quilt. All of us have enjoyed the camaraderie and help throughout the year. We are very lucky to be able to use the St John Rooms which have excellent light for sewing and a very good kitchen. It is nice to start our day with a cup of tea or coffee, home baking and a chat to catch up with other members of our group.

We welcome visitors on our quilting days so just drop in to see what we are doing.

Our meetings are held 1st and 3rd (& 5th) Mondays of the month 9.30am-3.30pm, St John Rooms, Tiki Rd, Coromandel. President Raewyn Penrose Ph (07) 866 8880 Secretary Sharon Currie (07) 866 8762



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Plant-Based Eating Group

By Nalan Kirsch

The Plant-Based Eating Group is a new community group that aims to encourage and inspire people to eat more plant-based food by creating a meeting platform that is supportive and resourceful.

Why is it important? I recently came across Oprah Winfrey's interview with Suzy Cameron discussing her book *One Meal a Day* which advocates "eating for earth". Suzy talks about her family turning vegan after learning about the greenhouse effects from animal agriculture. How, she and her husband James Cameron (Avatar movie director) launched the world's first 100% plant-based and renewable energy school in the US. Since then I can't stop thinking about it. Suzy said it can be overwhelming for many people to cut animal products, but the simple idea of eating just one plant based meal a day can improve our health and reduce greenhouse gas emissions significantly. I was shocked to learn that greenhouse gases caused by animal agriculture activities worldwide are actually more than those put together by transport.

I then read an article in The Guardian about a 2018 research project by the University of Oxford. In it, lead scientist J. Poore argues that changing your diet to plant-based will have a far bigger effect than cutting back on your flights or buying an electric car. "Converting grass into food is like converting coal to energy. It comes with an immense cost in emissions" (josephpoore.com). Dr Peter Alexander, at the University of Edinburgh, comments, "...my personal opinion is we should interpret these results not as a need to become vegan overnight but rather to moderate our consumption."

Even the World Health Organisation says "Fruits and vegetables are important components of a healthy diet. Reduced consumption is linked to poor health and increased risk of noncommunicable diseases known as NCDs" (www.who.int).

I personally resonate with moderating our consumption, and the idea of one plant-based meal a day, or a few times a week. It is a win-win for our precious planet, and our health. As Suzy says, by embracing at least one plant-based meal a day, we can cut our personal water and carbon footprint in half.

If you would like to find out more, want to share your knowledge, or are simply interested, then join me on **Sunday 15 December** at 9.30am at St John, Coromandel. We'll talk about getting your kitchen ready for plant-based cooking, shopping lists and tips, online resources and more. And there'll be a cooking demonstration and tasting!

Please bring koha towards venue hire and supplies.
Thank you, and Happy Christmas!

Coromandel Town Information Centre

By Sandra Wilson, Manager

I must start this month's article with a huge thank you to everyone who supported our White Elephant Sale fundraiser for the Centre: The team of staff and volunteers who arranged it, set up on Friday and volunteered their time again to man the sale; everyone who generously donated items to sell; those within the community that also offered their time in setting up and manning the sale; Driving Creek Railway, The Waterworks, Four Square, Tara's Beads, Admiral's Arms Hotel, Wharf Road cafe, and Briar van Dort for their vouchers and goods for our raffles; and Jean Ashby and the crew for helping with setup and takedown. All unsold goods were donated to the Goldmine and The Bizarre. We made an astounding \$1900, which will enable us to purchase new equipment for our centre as well as helping with advertising costs. I hope you were able to find some great bargains and special treasures!

Keep an eye out for our Town Crier; you may see and hear him in town during the summer months announcing all sorts of activities and events.

If you have friends or family staying let them know about us. We can book their activities, accommodation, advise them on our walks and everything there is to do whilst they are here. All that and free maps, too. We are open every day 10.00am-4.00pm (closed Christmas Day). Your overseas visitors can also pay by crypto pay when booking here at the Centre, thereby avoiding credit card fees.

Our Boom, Bust and Beyond guided walking heritage tours are going strong. Over the summer months morning and afternoon tours will be available. Don't miss out; book early. The tour takes 90 minutes. Great as Christmas gifts for your family and friends. Vouchers are available at the Centre.

Don't miss the Coro Players pantomime, Robin Hood, on **6, 7 and 8 December**. See ad on page 13. We have tickets available here at the Centre. Get in soon to select your seats

Christmas in the Park will be on **Saturday 7 December**, starting at 3.00pm with the Santa Parade through town and then music, stalls, games, and craft making at Coromandel Area School field until 7.00pm. Come along, bring your picnic and chair/rug or buy food at the stalls. A great family-friendly, fun event to be enjoyed by all.

Start preparing for the produce fair **Saturday 17 February 2020**, another fundraiser for the Information Centre. Check out the article on page 12 for further details.

I would like to, on behalf of our team at the Information Centre, wish everyone a safe and peaceful festive season.



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
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KIWI BACH



Port Charles- Kiwi Beach Bach

This 3 bedroom bach is used by the family and is also rented out as holiday accomm - the reviews are awesome. Don't forget the beach toys cos the fishing, kayaking, diving and swimming up here are top notch and there's a garage to keep them in. Many of the chattels are included in the price. Just move in!

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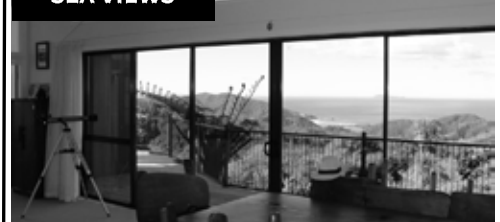


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SEA VIEWS



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Bus Matters

By Vivianne Flintoff

We (the group seeking to restore local public transport) continue to hear stories from residents about the difficulties they experience due to the lack of regular, direct, public transport between Coromandel Town and Thames. I, too, have experienced stress and transport difficulties because of the lack of public transport. For example, a couple of years ago, I fell off my bicycle, smashed a knuckle and broke a finger. I needed to get to Thames hospital for an x-ray but, because of my injury, was unable to drive myself. I didn't think an ambulance was needed in such a situation. My husband was working in Hamilton at the time so had to drive home to take me to Thames, then drive me home again before heading back to Hamilton for work. I was unable to drive my car for 10 weeks after this accident. Earlier this year I had shoulder surgery and once again found myself medically unfit to drive. This time I was unable to drive for three months. I found it very frustrating not being able to access public transport to Thames and beyond.

I was fortunate to be able to use the CILT-provided transport to Waikato Hospital. I heard from others on the van about their frustration with the lack of public transport. One woman had sold her car as she could no longer afford to run it. Others shared their personal need for regular public transport. What I have come to realise, is that my stories are just a small example of the ongoing need for regular, direct public transport. As locals we need public transport so that we can access services at Thames and beyond. Thank you to all those who continue to encourage us in our endeavours.



Spotted outside The Source – a comfy, shady spot on a sunny day. The cat's name is Helen Clark, but is actually a male

Mahamudra Centre for Universal Unity

By Jaki Chalmers and Jan van der Vliet

With the end of the Vajrasattva Retreat we are reminded that change is the only constant, as we say farewell to those that have travelled far to participate in the retreat as well as to the many volunteers that help to make it all possible. We hope that they are all touched by the beauty of Mahamudra and the surrounding Coromandel and that the benefits will remain for a while and ripple out as they return to their ordinary lives.

The centre will open to the public on **5 December**. Please visit and stay a while. The guided meditations will start on **Monday 9 December** in the Gompa. Please check website for times – all welcome.

21 December is the Lama Tsongkhapa Day. This year is the 600-year celebration of Lama Tsongkhapa's parinirvana. We will be celebrating by holding our "Community Lunch" at 12pm followed at 3pm by prayers in the Gompa.

Reflecting on Christmas I came across these words from Lama Yeshe:

"When we see each other again on Christmas Eve for the celebration of Holy Jesus's birth, let us do so in peace and with a good vibration and a happy mind."

I think it would be wonderful. To attend the celebration with an angry disposition would be so sad. Come instead with a beautiful motivation and much love. Have no discrimination, but see everything as a golden flower, even your worst enemy. Then Christmas, which so often produces an agitated mind, will become so beautiful.

"When you change your mental attitude, the external vision also changes. This is a true turning of the mind. There is no doubt about this. I am not special, but I have had experience of doing this, and it works. You people are so intelligent, so you can understand how the mind has this ability to change itself and its environment. There is no reason why this change cannot be for the better ..."

Read the complete excerpt from Silent Mind, Holy Mind on the Lama Yeshe Wisdom Archive: www.lamayeshe.com/article/christmas-dharma.

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His Excellency Kyabje Ling Rinpoche will be visiting Mahamudra on **4-10 March 2020**; it is a great honor to have him visit our centre. The schedule is yet to be confirmed. We are hoping that it will provide an excellent opportunity for the local community to join us.

We are still on the hunt for someone to help with leading simple guided breath awareness meditations (at 7am and/or 7pm) or supportive stretching classes, **Saturday to Wednesday 10-15 January or 21-26 February 2020**. Any queries for these and other opportunities to spend time at Mahamudra and serve please contact us via www.mahamudra.org.nz or retreat@mahamudra.org.nz or (07) 866 6851.

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Animal Rescue Thames

By Alice and John Parris

Meow Catmas and a purrfect Mew Year. Firstly thank mews to everyone who has supported us over the 2019 year; this is truly appreciated. We certainly wouldn't be who and what we are without this support, so many furry lives rescued, rehabilitated and rehomed, all given the most precious gift there is – life – thank mew. For the donations of financial blessings, food, bedding, fundraising treasures we are grateful. They are what helps us help our rescue cats, helps to feed and care for them. To our fundraising heroes, our volunteers, without these awesome people we could not and would not be able to do our garage sales or fundraising raffles. This man and woman power are the lifeline to fundraisers, and that funds the lifeline to the unit.

Currently nothing new in. We ask those who have "unwanted litters" to get mum cat desexed prior to us taking any in and to contribute financially to at least half of the desexing costs of the kittens. We know of eight kittens out there and we just can not take in and take in people's unwanted litters. They have to take full responsibility for not being responsible in the first place. Desexing an animal is an initial cost but not as high as repeated unwanted litters that end up dumped and abandoned. People really do not like being told to desex their cat and pay for the



litter as well.

As a rescue unit we struggle to fund the unit and people have some seriously ridiculous ideas on what we should and shouldn't do.

Dumped/abandoned/feral kittens are emergency cases and we allocate funds for those, and many are dumped around our region. This is heartbreaking stuff but typical for the time of year – the season is the reason – if you find or see dumped or abandoned, please contact us. We will do what we can (and we do know the difference between someone's unwanted litter and these forgotten unwanted), and yes people do lie to us that they have found kittens when reality was they were their unwanted kittens.

Honesty somehow gets completely lost with some people. We do what we can with the funds and facilities we have.

Update – totally amazing news came in from Tokoroa that FOFF and Nomoraye have not just settled in but taken over – the kids have these two in bed every night, Nomoreaye is the mouth who never shuts up and FOFF loves to be under the blankets so again two exferals who we loved, adored and cherished and two cats who hated strangers have flourished in a family home and their expansive love sometimes is most overwhelming, we have been told. The

photos sent are of two very relaxed and happy cats. This is the grand news we love to get that they have settled. We still have heard nothing from the two who went to Ngatea, our Suki and Moby. Hopefully we will get word about those two.

Fundraising – Our third and final is the Christmas Garage Sale – **Saturday 21 December** – Grahamstown Hall, Pollen St, Thames 8.20am until noon-ish. We have loads of goodies, all sorts of almost everything and we have been asked to take on a garage full of treasures which will see us not just fill the hall but have it packed full to overflowing. We can only take what we have room for here which is limited at this point but we will do are darndest to accomodate as much as we can to raise some seriously decent funds.

Wanted – Donations of cat food, tinned/sachets/biscuits and kitten foods. Also kitty litter/untreated sawdust if you have this. These blessings are essential to us over the Christmas/New Year period so when shopping purrlease even one can will help. Donations of treats for Christmas – toys, blankies, tinned salmon, chicken or special tinned/sachets the cats would love.

Homes for our older felines too.

Meow Catmas to each and all of you – be safe, take care and enjoy the holiday season

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Grey Power Coromandel

By John Rabarts, President



I am sure that the older I get, the gods are conspiring against me about time. My weeks flash by in five days, not seven, with only 12 hours, not 24, in each day. I have all of these things on my "to do" list but for every day's work I take 1½ days. So if I don't feel like vacuuming today – the dust will still be there tomorrow. Life is too precious to worry.

Scams

A scam by fraudsters claiming they are from Spark (or Vodafone) saying you have a phone or internet problem and will be cut off unless you pay to certain bank account is a scam. Don't listen to them – they sound very credible – be politely rude to them and hang up. Also be really careful of people offering friendship, romance, horoscopes, business opportunity or investment, discounted magazine or newspaper subscriptions, health or medical services, etc. The list is increasing and Kiwis are losing thousands of dollars every year to bad people wishing to part us good people from our hard earned or pensioned dollars.

Stress

"Don't stress over the little things. You've already overcome so much in your life. You have good memories and bad ones, but the important thing is the present. Don't let the past drag you down – don't let the future frighten you. Feel good in the now and small issues will soon be forgotten." (Quote – author unknown). Chocolate in small amounts, especially dark chocolate in high percentage, is said to release pleasure chemicals in the brain and reduce stress. Reducing or eliminating caffeine and other stimulants can help the body cope with stress too. I also hear that we shouldn't drink tea or coffee with meals as the tannin in either one inhibits the absorption of essential iron from our food. So to avoid that effect if you must drink tea or coffee do it at least half an hour before or after a meal. Don't stress!

Pests

If you want to avoid putting too many commercial chemicals into your garden there are plenty of homemade alternatives.

General Insecticide – Mix one teaspoon of natural dishwashing liquid with two teaspoons of vegetable oil. Pour into spray bottle and shake well. Spray the liquid directly onto bugs (like aphids and mites) until they are covered and the solution adheres to the leaves. The liquid will smother them dead.

Black Spot Fungicide – Add three teaspoons of bicarb of soda (baking soda) to a litre of water plus a few drops of natural dishwash liquid, to help the liquid adhere to the leaves. Lightly spray directly onto the area affected by the fungus – be careful not to overdo it.

Snails and Slugs – Place a small shallow dish of beer (any brand will do) in the garden. It will attract snails and slugs, they will crawl into

the dish but won't be crawling out again.

Powdery Mildew – Combine equal parts milk and water in a spray bottle and spray directly onto the affected area. Three treatments spread over a week should clear up the mildew. (More tips next issue)

If you are under 50 years, the normal Grey Power joining age, you can become an associate member of the Coromandel Association and have the benefit of negotiated benefits for members, eg. Grey Power Electricity (for power, gas, phone and internet), discount health insurance, 8c a litre off Challenge petrol and diesel, Cook Strait ferries savings, etc.

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Coromandel Yesterday – pohutukawa stories

By Meghan Hawkes

• Water as blue as any part of the Mediterranean lapped the edges of the finest motor drive in the Dominion – that from Thames to Coromandel according to Mr Samuels, MP. He told Parliament in 1928 that the drive was comparable with the one from Genoa to Nice on the Italian

and French Riviera. Thirty five miles of ever changing views, magnificent bays, bush gullies and camping spots were highlighted with processions of pohutukawa and their stunning summer blooms. This coastwise Christmas tree never failed to surprise.

• The aptly named Mr Austin-Carr, when motoring from Cabbage Bay to the east coast in the early 1930s, observed a pohutukawa tree which had both yellow and red flowers. This peculiarity was the subject of great discussion among Coromandel residents. It was thought to have resulted from an accidental graft caused through a slashing of the tree by workers who had partly cut it away in making the road. A university professor suggested that as the pohutukawa and rata were of the same botanical family, perhaps the yellow flower indicated a throwback in the stock.

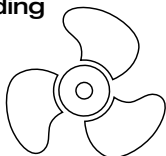
• In 1944 Mr F S Holman was credited with discovering on the Coromandel peninsula the only pure white pohutukawa that had ever been found.

• Out of season flowering pohutukawa were reported at the Pinnacles, Colville in 1934. On August 4 two large trees were seen to be budding; by August 10 they were in full flower, staying for weeks a blaze of early Christmas crimson.



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Coromandel Embroiderers' Guild

By Jenny Penman

Our November meeting was our last for the year and as always capped off a great year of fellowship in grand style. The usual delicious morning tea spread was followed by our AGM with selection of committee and office bearers. We are a fortunate guild in that there are always very willing, capable and cooperative people ready to take on the administrative tasks with very little arm twisting. As a possible sign of the times the guild this year passed the remit to become an Incorporated Society complete with a Health and Safety Plan and Officer. Not that any of us have been found running with scissors!

While the hard-working committee set about transforming the St John Rooms for our Xmas lunch, the rest of the members made their way to Hauraki House where our Annual Exhibition was opened and the winners of our President's "Wabi Sabi" Challenge were announced. Our Challenge judge this year was Linda Inglis the Waikato/Bay of Plenty ANZEG Representative. Linda awarded first to Trish Hill for her exquisite gold work overlaid on a setting of resting stones. Second place went to Linda Sampson and third to Diann Cade. Linda was impressed by the very high standard of work not only in the Challenge but in the exhibition as a whole. It is confirmation that we are our own worst critics and that there is great satisfaction to be



Trish Hill (c) being awarded First Place by Linda Inglis (l) and Lettecia Williams (r) for President's Challenge 2019

had by sharing our "labours of love".

We then made our way back for our delicious lunch which finished with a lively talk by Linda Inglis on her journey with embroidery. Her words would have resonated with many of us as she described the challenges of studying for and obtaining her Diploma of Art as a mature student and the opportunities that her eyes have been opened to as a result. To further add to the celebrations, Lettecia, our President, also announced that our Coromandel Embroiderers' Guild Extensions Group had taken out first place at the "Material Evidence" ANZEG Extensions National Exhibition held in Stratford. The



Just some of the Annual Exhibition pieces

group depicted Coromandel with a collaborative piece of individually worked blocks.

We now have the summer off. Not! Lettecia has already issued her President's Challenge for our 2020 exhibition "Pulling Thread Through Cloth". Something to muse over from those deckchairs until February.

Our next Guild meeting will be on **Wednesday 5 February 2020.**

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

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Coromandel Garden Circle

By Jenny Penman

The Chronicle deadline falls before our Garden Circle meeting again this month. By the time this is printed however we will have had our trip down the coast road to enjoy the hospitality of three gardeners from our neighbouring Coastal Garden Group area. The first two gardens we will visit are in Tararu. While one gardener has predominantly concentrated on growing a wide variety of bromeliads, the other gardener is a keen recycler of all manner of interesting objects which we hear she makes use of to great effect in her garden. We will then retrace our steps to Te Puru where another interesting garden will be on show for us as well as an opportunity to have a close up look at living in a tiny house as the hosts' son does on site too. Afternoon tea here will round off what promises to be a very enjoyable venture out.

As the year draws to a close the activities of the Garden Circle are heating up. Planning is underway on our float entry for the Christmas Parade. The decorating of the float and participating in the parade on the day is always enjoyed by a group of our members.

The Garden Circle is again represented by a team in the Twilight Bowls Competition this summer.

Our December Xmas meeting is fast approaching when we will all enjoy a shared lunch, gifts and entertainment. The Circle will then take a break from our monthly meetings until February 2020.

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 1:00pm at The Combined Club, Woollams Ave. For more information please contact Jeni Mudgway 021 0227 5341

Library News

By Robynne Jones

The Library now has a Facebook page. If you do a search for Coromandel Community Library you should find it. Please have a look and give us a like or post your comments and suggestions. We will be using it to post news on the library and in particular we can post updates on the progress we are making on the move to the Kotui system.

Just a reminder that we do have a selection of large print books and a good selection of junior books available to borrow. Membership for children is free. We also have a selection of reference books that can be viewed at the library, but not taken out as they are quite precious. Our latest purchase for the reference section is the Vincent O'Malley book *The Great War for New Zealand*. It's a beautifully illustrated book. Come in and have a browse.

I hope you are enjoying the new books that were purchased for the library last month. The volunteer committee that makes the selection put considerable time and effort into the selection process. Although, if you have a particular book that you would like the library to purchase, please let us know. Pop a post on our new FB page or just let us know on your next visit to the library.

This month's selection includes old favourites like David Baldacci, Lee Child, JoJo Moyes, John Le Carre, Di Morrissey and Karin Slaughter and some new authors like these two:

Bruny by Heather Rose

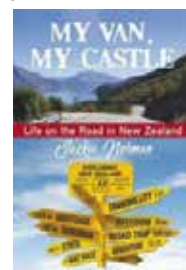
Why is a massive bridge being built to connect the sleepy island of Bruny with the mainland of Tasmania? And why have terrorists blown it up? When the Bruny bridge is bombed, UN trouble shooter Astrid Coleman agrees to return home to help her brother before an upcoming election. But this is no simple task. Her brother and sister are on either side of politics, the community is full of conspiracy theories, her mother is fading and her father is quoting Shakespeare. Only on Bruny does the world seem sane. Until Astrid discovers how far the government is willing to go.

Bruny is a novel about family, love, loyalty and the new world order. It is a gripping thriller with a jaw-dropping twist.

My Van, My Castle by Jackie Norman

Jackie Norman is a freelance journalist who writes for a wide range of lifestyle magazines and has written a blog for 15 years. She is a regular contributor to Motorhomes, Caravans and Destinations magazine. She has a travel Facebook page Riches Have Wheels. In this book she writes how she meets her soul mate, sells her suburban home and swaps it for life travelling around New Zealand in a campervan. She writes with humour and insight on the highs and lows of nomadic life and the lessons they have learnt along the way, with anecdotes, tips, suggestions and favourite spots they've seen from the tip of the North Island to Bluff in the South. On this hilarious journey with Jackie and her husband we learn about the day-to-day reality and challenges of life on the road, top campsites, special spots, how to cope with mozzies and condensation, and what the traveller community is really like.

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News from the Coromandel Volunteer Fire Brigade

By Rob Chappell

The brigade has just held its 10th Annual National Fire Service Fishing Contest which by all accounts was once again a success – hosting fire personnel past, present and family members from across New Zealand with a range of fish species in the competition with prizes for snapper, kahawai, John Dory, kingfish and trevally.

Once again we wish to say a massive thank you to all of our sponsors and supporters both locally and outside of town for our annual fundraiser.

CVFB thanks the following organisations for their support: Adventure Racing Coromandel Keith Stephenson, Ann Turner, Brinks Chicken, Burley Up Fishing Supplies, Copperworx, Coromandel Fish & Dive, Coromandel Fishing Charters/Tom and Lorraine, Coromandel Four Square, Coromandel Butcher, Coromandel Court Motel, Coromandel Electrical, Coromandel Fishing Club, Coromandel Garage (GAS) Ltd, Coromandel Gym, Coromandel Hotel, Coromandel Independent Living Trust, Coromandel Liquor, Coromandel Refrigeration, Coromandel Takeaways, Coromandel Top 10 Holiday Park, Dennis and Glenda Heath, Dickie Burgen, Driving Creek Railway, Early Bird Bait & Tackle – Thames, Feilder Bread Josh Petterd-Goodman, Harbour Master, Harbour View Motel, Hunting & Fishing Te Rapa, James & Turners, James Drainage, Kim and Kevin Brett, Lion Breweries, Liquor King, Mark Attwood, Matarangi Store (D & S Walker), Melissa McLean, Mick and Kaye Walker, Ministry of Fisheries Officer, Moana NZ (PMF), Mussel Barge Snapper Safaris Fishing Charters, New Image Hair Salon, Ohana Farms, Paddy Bull Ltd, Pin TeHuia, Richardson's Real Estate, Simon Debenham, Star & Garter/Pepper Tree, Stahl Shop – Thames, Tim Turner, Umu Cafe, Unichem Coromandel.

On the local front one of the benefits of the recent government restructuring of the NZ Fire Service into FIRENZ has been the change of name for Rural Fire parties to Rural Brigades, a change of uniform and fire kit and the amalgamation of these Rural Brigades into the overall fire management with the urban brigades the likes of the Coromandel Brigade. In recent times Manaia, Colville, Kennedy Bay and Port Charles teams have been joining our Coromandel team once a month upskilling with focus on skills, knowledge of individual fire appliances and kit and members getting to know one another before working closely at the fire scene. This has been supported both by the local training officers and our Volunteer Support Officer so these teams are getting the best of support for their new roles.

This is the last newsletter before Christmas – merry Xmas from us – be safe – remember the roads need to be shared with others who don't normally drive in such conditions.



Mana Update

By Jade Ferrière

It is a glorious feeling to discover we are capable of doing more than we realised we could. But many of us never really know what we can achieve because we don't challenge ourselves enough.

Pushing through challenges is never easy, and whether it is solving a difficult problem or stepping outside of our comfort zone, almost all of us reach a point where we want to give up. But we are usually capable of more than we give ourselves credit for. We underestimate how much growth we are capable of. How adaptable, how resourceful, and how resilient we really are — we get intimidated by the magnitude of a task before we give ourselves a real chance to dive in and get our feet wet.

As writer Robert Brault has noted, "How often in life we complete a task that was beyond the capability of the person we were when we started it?"

The key is learning to believe in ourselves, which is much easier said than done. We have been conditioned throughout our lives to doubt ourselves. We have to retrain ourselves to move beyond our fears and self-doubt in order to really see what we are capable of.

Here are four helpful things to focus on when it comes to believing in yourself. If you practice them, you may be surprised by what you are able to accomplish!

- Believe it's possible: believe that you can do it regardless of what anyone says or where you are in life.
- Visualize it: think about exactly what your life would look like if you had already achieved it, solved the problem, made the decision or given it a go.
- Act as if you already have it: behave in a way that is consistent with where you want to go and who you want to be.
- Take action: do not let fear stop you, nothing happens in life until you take action.

When we keep moving and challenging ourselves, the motion of growth keeps us young. We continue to expand beyond what we thought we were and into a realm of welcomed surprises. This is our hope for you as we venture into another beautiful and busy summer season here at Mana. May you grow and prosper.



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17 DEC	Summer Solstice Women's 1/2 Day Workshop - An Open Floor Dance Collaboration	
20-22 DEC	Summer Solstice Working Bee December	
27 - 2 JAN	The Space Between w/ Katy Carter	

Rangatahi

CELEBRATING OUR CHILDREN

Coromandel Playgroup

By Angela
McWatt

Hiya, my name is Angela McWatt. I hold a playgroup for children/tamariki of all ages – all family/whanau members are welcome.

I began studying and working in Early Childhood over 10 years ago. I am a certified Rudolf Steiner Early Childhood teacher and have a certificate in Early Childhood Education.

The rhythm of our morning includes free-play with naturally made toys and resources, shared fruit-time. Circle-time with singing, a story and the very popular honey buns.

In an increasingly changing world, I believe that a holistic approach to early childhood education helps children's learning and development, enabling and empowering them and their families to treasure and care for our community and environment. Children are our taonga and an important part of all our world's future.

We meet every Monday from 10am until 1pm at St Andrew's Church Hall, 1426 Rings Road, Coromandel. Drop in anytime – tea, coffee and honey buns provided – please bring a piece of fruit to share and a \$5 koha to cover venue costs etc.

Contact Angela on 021 255 0399 for more details



Coromandel Community Preschool

By Debra Attwood



With the final term for the year we are all looking towards Christmas and nice hot summer weather. We take this opportunity to remind you all to be sun safe, wear a bucket hat and sun screen.

We have enjoyed some outings with tamariki in the past month joining in with the Coromandel Area School athletics day, and walks out and about in the community.

We want to revitalise our carpentry area, so if you have any items that would compliment this area of learning for our tamariki, we would greatly appreciate it. Or if you have some time that you could spare to work with our tamariki, come and see us.

With Christmas fast approaching we will once again be holding our Centre Christmas party at Tuck's Bay on **Friday 6 December** from 4pm, so mark it on your calendar.

At this time we also like to send out a huge thank you to everyone who has assisted us through the year, especially Yoshiko who comes in every Thursday to teach our tamariki about how to make and eat rice balls, to all the parents who have assisted on outings, to the committee who help the centre run smoothly and to anyone else who has lent a kind and willing hand. There are just too many to mention individually.

We have recently celebrated birthdays for Lizzy, Honour, Talia, and Eli. We wish them all a very happy birthday. We said farewell to Mereaneta and we welcomed Cam, Eli and Steele. We look forward to learning all about you.

Our centre will close over the Christmas period with the date to be confirmed and we will return on **13 January 2020**. I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe New Year. See you again in 2020.

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-4.00pm. We are situated at 155 Pottery Lane. If you are interested call in for a visit or phone us on (07) 866 7570



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Te Rerenga School

By Mary Kedzlie,
Acting Principal



Lego Masters Competition

Te Rerenga School held its inaugural Lego Masters competition in October. The challenge was to design a Lego masterpiece that represented something from our local area. The children had four weeks to design and build their creation and could pair up with a family member or friend. The design brief was that it could be: a local landmark or place; a local activity; something from the past. The choices were endless.

The competition was a resounding success with around 25 children entering either as part of a team or as an individual. The thought and creativity that went into the designs from all of the children was fantastic. The school was very grateful for a generous donation of \$200 towards the purchase of the Lego prizes from a Matarangi resident, Mrs Maria Gawor, who also came and judged the masterpieces. The standards have been set high for the 2020 competition. Check out some of the entries!

Congratulations to our winners: Junior

Individual – Mekhi Follas “Whangapoua”, Junior Team – Charlie and Danny Bay “Kuaotunu Flood”, Senior Individual – Lachlan Mikkelsen “Fire Station of the Future”, Senior Team – Jacob and Isabella Comer and Cooper Mullins “Kuaotunu town”.

FLY DC3

On 7 November, FLY DC 3 flew into Whitianga, collecting for the charity IGYBP (I Got Your Back Pack).

Rooms 1 & 2 were given the opportunity to go and see the DC3, hop on board for a look and to check out the cockpit, as well as look underneath and around the plane.

The charity collects essential supplies for women, men and children who have to leave their homes in a hurry due to domestic violence. We collected a large number of items at school for the children to deliver to the DC3.

These items will be repacked into lovely little packs to add into bigger backpacks or tote bags. These quality packs get sent all around New Zealand. The charity likes to provide at least 6,000 packs a year. The school is delighted to support this charity.



Lego Masters competition – Kuaotunu floods – by Charlie and Danny Bay (Y2)



Lego Masters competition – Kuaotunu town by Jacob and Isabella Comer and Cooper Mullins (Y4/5)

KiwiCan

Kia ora koutou,

Term Four is trucking along nicely, the time is flying by and our tamariki are engaging in some excellent lessons around our theme of “Integrity”.

We have been lucky enough to have the opportunity to run the Great NZ Santa Run Fundraiser here in Coromandel Town on **Saturday 7 December**.

The Santa Run concept is simple – a 2-3km fun run/walk in a Santa suit! Each adult entrant receives a free Santa suit as part of their entry fee. The courses are kept easy so everyone can finish, with minimal training. This will be a really fun event!

Timetable

10-11am Santa Run Registration (outside the CILT office – 45 Tiki Road)

3-4:30pm Santa Run Registration (bottom field of the Coromandel Area School grounds)

4:15pm Santa Run briefing (after the Santa Parade)

4:30pm Santa Run start

Santa suits are adult, one size fits all sizing. Santa suits are men's (trousers) or ladies' (skirt), top, hat, belt and beard. You will be asked to choose men's or ladies' when you enter. Santa suits are provided on a first in, first served basis. Santa suits are collected from registration on event day. Enter online at www.santarun.co.nz/

Hope to see you there!

The Kiwi Can team would like to wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a happy, safe New Year.

Until next time Ka kite ano from the Kiwi Can Team

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CELEBRATING OUR CHILDREN continued

Coromandel Area School

2019 has been an epic year for our kura. Each day there were amazing feats of learning happening, and there have been some huge experiences that we have been a part of.

Our Kapa Haka roopu has come such a long way, with new uniforms, and a lift in pride and performance. We participated in both the Coromandel Cultural Festival and Te Powhiri at Wharekaho with poise and grace, and all students were terrific ambassadors for our school. In 2020, this will only continue to improve as our Kapa Haka roopu is destined for great things.

Sport, in general, has thrived over the course of this year, and plans are in place already to ensure that we continue to grow this important aspect of our kura. Not only are we participating in local, regional and national events, we are competing and matching it with other top schools. In 2020, there will be a Sports Academy running, which will help develop skills and attitudes through sport, and lift performance even higher.

There will be a big emphasis on continuing to develop our Enviro Curriculum in 2020, with staff already planning to incorporate many local contexts and resources into their units. There will be an entire day given in the senior curriculum to an Outdoor Education course, which is the first step towards developing an Enviro Academy in the future.

School pride is an area that we really focused on improving this year, and this has occurred. The school Whanau competition was in full force, with full-school events such as Crazy Day, Athletics, Swimming and Skipping, allowing the students to wear their colours with pride. The competition was fierce and extremely close with Hauraki, Tokatea, Matawai and Kapanga all lifting their game.

We finish this year with over 220 students on our roll and with the majority of these returning in 2020, we are anticipating another epic year to occur. We would like to thank the Coromandel Town community for the

COROMANDEL AREA SCHOOL



support shown to us this year, and we wish you all a very Merry Xmas and Happy New Year.

The first day back for the whole school is on **Friday 31 January 2020** – there will be a full-school powhiri at 9.00am.

If I were the Queen of the World.

By Kingsley Mackenzie

If I were queen of the world, I would wear ball gowns made of the finest silk and lace. My hair would be golden in the perfect bun. I'd be wearing a crown full of blue crystals, diamonds and amethyst as sparkly as the nights sky. I'd be the most beautiful queen in the world.

But as well as being beautiful I will be kind, patient and caring to my people. I would make my own rules and change some of the existing rules to make life happier. Some of those changes would be:

Homeless people would be provided with small but decent homes. Children, elders and poor people would receive free medical care because they could be super sick!

I will also plant as many trees as possible



Our school flags that we fly with pride!

and I will make sure that all animals are protected, because people just abandon their pets on the side of the street and it's sad.

My people would be so happy that there would be no violence because violence is bad. People can get really hurt from it.

And there would be an alpaca cafe, dog cafe and most of all a cat cafe because they're all my favorite animals. They're just the best.

I know that I will be an awesome queen of the world because I will bring joy, happiness, style, creativity, beauty and most of all I will look after my people now and in the magnificent future.

Coromandel Youth Group at Hauraki House

Youth Group is for 5 to 15 year olds. Choose from a variety of activities and hang out with friends. Just fill in a membership form for each child attending.

School term times: Sunday 1-4pm, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 3pm-5pm, Friday night (school years 6 to 10) 6.30-8.30pm. Please make a gold coin donation for after-school sessions. Friday afternoons we pick children up from school; please make a request before 5pm Thursday.

School holiday times: Bring your child along with a packed lunch or money for snacks, pies or hot chips. Holiday entry is \$2. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 11-4pm, Sunday 1pm – 4pm, Friday night (school years 6 to 10) 6.30-8.30pm.

Our last day for 2019 is **Tuesday 24 December**. We reopen **Sunday 5 January 2020**.

For more information call in at the Youth Rooms, Hauraki House 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, Trust Waikato, Coromandel "Bizarre" Charitable Trust, COGS and D.V. Bryant Trust

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Coromandel Town street works won't be stopping Santa Parade

The bulk of the roadway improvements to Coromandel Town's main street Kapanga Rd will be finished by the time Santa and his helpers pay a visit for the annual Santa Parade on 7 December.

Our contractors have been busy over the last few months working to reduce the excessive 'cross fall' or slope on the street and the kerb line where vehicles park, to allow for easier access into the street for vehicles and to avoid any significant damage to buildings and shop verandas.

Further work will see the current T-intersection at Tiki and Kapanga Roads

change to a small mountable roundabout to allow larger vehicles to drive over it and will be of a cobblestone-type construction. The Kapanga Rd pedestrian crossing will be moved to opposite Samuel James Reserve.

Stormwater infrastructure along the main street has been upgraded at the same time.
tcdc.govt.nz/coromandel-town-upgrade

Our holiday hours

Our Council service centres will be closed 25-27 December and 1-3 January 2020. We are open 30 and 31 December from 9am-4pm, except for Coromandel Town, which will be closed from 3pm on 24 December. Normal hours for all service centres resume on 6 January. For general enquiries over this time email: customer.services@tcdc.govt.nz For urgent enquiries call our 24-hour service line: 07 868 0200

Volunteers needed: Coro 200 Illume Festival

From May 29 -31 2020, the commemoration of the 200th anniversary of the visit of the Royal Navy Ship "Coromandel," after which the town and our peninsula is named, will combine with the Illume Festival in Coromandel Town. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer or setting up a stall contact Daniel Smith at illume.coromandel@gmail.com

Welcome back to the Citizens' Hall





A party to celebrate the reopening of the Coromandel Citizens' Hall after its refurbishment was attended by more than 100 people last month.

Long-time residents rubbed shoulders with new arrivals and swapped stories about the old building, which dates from 1897.

"Isn't this beautiful," Mayor Sandra Goudie said at the opening celebration. "Really, a job well done and congratulations to the contractors who accomplished this work, and thanks to the Bizarre Trust and the Lotteries Community Facilities fund for helping to pay for it," Mayor Sandra said.

To book the hall, contact our Council's service centre at 355 Kapanga Rd, call us on 07 868 0200, or email customer.services@tcdc.govt.nz

Kerbside Summer Collection

Coromandel Rural North	Coromandel Town & Te Kouma
Tuesday 	Wednesday 
Friday 	

Our summer Kerbside rubbish and recycling collection schedule starts on 26 December for Coromandel Town and Te Kouma and 27 December for Coromandel Rural North. Collections as usual on New Year's Day and the rest of that week, but no collections on Christmas Day, Auckland Anniversary and Waitangi Day (collections will be one day later). Bags left in cages or hung from trees or poles won't be collected, so please place your rubbish bag on the kerbside, on the morning of collection day. Follow our Facebook page for daily Kerbside reminders.

www.tcdc.govt.nz/kerbside

Coromandel Town Summer Refuse Transfer Station Hours

Mon 16 Dec - Sun 23 Feb 2020
Monday to Friday 11am-4:30pm
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Sunday 10:30am-6:30pm
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Our Council no longer issues fire permits, Fire and Emergency New Zealand does. Go to their website www.checkitsalright.nz if you wish to apply for a fire permit. We could be in for a hot, dry summer which means an elevated fire risk as vegetation and soil dries out. If you see an out of control fire, call the Fire and Emergency New Zealand on 111.



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Community Board
UPDATE

The next meeting of the Coromandel-Colville Community Board is scheduled for 9am on Tuesday, February 25 at the Coromandel Service Centre at 355 Kapanga Rd, Coromandel Town. Members of the public are welcome to attend and have the opportunity to comment in the public forum. The agenda will be published two days before the meeting on our website tcdc.govt.nz/meetings



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Arts



Back Room Gallery Season Opening

By Denise Jones

The Back Room Gallery is now forging ahead for their 2019/2020 season after opening for the first time late in 2017.

The idea of a gallery was spurred by Wayne Todd and a group of local artists who wanted to establish a platform to sell their work in the heart of Colville. Wayne has since relocated further south, however his contribution and legacy is truly appreciated by the gallery members.

Now in its third year, this nonprofit, volunteer based gallery promises to yet again be a great destination point for holiday makers, tourists and locals alike.

Less than a three-hour drive from Auckland, Hamilton or Tauranga, a visit over summer is well worth it.

Located next to the Colville General Store, and a short walk through the outdoor seating area of the Forager's Kitchen cafe, the Back Room Gallery is a perfect place to browse while waiting for your latte.

Currently the gallery is undertaking a makeover, with a fresh lick of paint by local Colville identity and nationally recognised artist, Steve Carson.

This concept in itself is exciting.

The Back Room Gallery sets a very high standard. Back again this year will be Hannah White with her contemporary and unique silver handcrafted jewellery; Rebekah Pearson, whose signature style art appears all over the peninsula; Nici Greulich, who can weave the unweavable; and John Eaglen, sculptor extraordinaire. And if you have been collecting his pieces over the years, good news...Sam Ireland's pottery will be in stock, plus many more exciting artists!

The gallery will be celebrating their season opening on **Friday 13 December**, from 5.30pm to 8.00pm, with drinks and nibbles and a chance to meet the artists, and early bird purchases will be available. Forager's Kitchen will also be open so you can make a night of it!

With Christmas around the corner, the Back Room Gallery offers many unique gift ideas with vouchers also available.

For further information follow our Facebook page "backroomgallery" or contact: Steve Carson stevecarson29@gmail.com 021 711 489 or, Hannah White hann.white@gmail.com 021 0286 6011

Coromandel Art Group

By Barbara Peddie

In October we had a wonderfully creative full-day workshop led by Vaughan Udall. The subject was "Towards Abstract Landscapes", and we were told we would be painting on paper, not canvas – we soon learned why.

After spontaneous, wild brush strokes and splashes of glorious colour, we then stood back and observed what the painting was suggesting to us, in other words the painting was carrying us along. Then, to our horror, Vaughan told us to rip up our masterpieces, and join them together in different patterns. It was amazing how diverse landscapes did start to suggest themselves.

It's fair to say most of us were taken way out of our comfort zones, but we were surprised by just how well we had done. It was a thoroughly enjoyable day, full of spontaneity and imagination. Some of the results may well be on display in our summer exhibition.

Thank you very much Vaughan, and thanks to the TCDC Creative Communities Scheme for part-funding the day. Also thanks to JASCO Pty. (NZ) Ltd, Auckland, for supplying us with samples of Winsor & Newton acrylic paint. The hues were glorious!

Phone Ross Dixon (07) 866 8310, or Barbara Peddie (07) 866 7728



Vaughan explaining abstract painting



Pastel Artists Coromandel

Pastel Exhibition 2019

By Rosemarie Murphy

Pastel Artists Coromandel held their Annual Exhibition in Hauraki House on Labour weekend. For a club with only 12 members we managed to display 87 paintings. If you managed to get in to view them you have seen some lovely works by some talented artists.

Congratulations to Annette Bishop who sold her painting "The Red Door".

The raffle donated by Allan Beaver was won by Mary Hayward.

On 4 and 5 November the club hosted Australian Pastel Artist Tricia Taylor who tutored us in the techniques of painting Rocky Coastlines (an apt subject for Coromandel). Creative Communities donated \$268 towards this workshop so thank you for helping towards the cost of the tutor. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the two days and went home exhausted but with some more knowledge to put towards future artwork. Just look at what we came up with this time.

Many thanks to Bizarre Charity Trust for their generous donation. It was a lovely surprise.

Pastel Artists Coromandel meet on Tuesday mornings from 9am to 12 noon in the Aero Club Rooms on Tiki Road, Coromandel Town. Come along and see what we get up to, get dusty and have a cuppa with us



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Arts Tour

Pete Sephton

By Kaye Anderson

"We are all standing on the shoulders of artisans, largely anonymous, who achieved excellence and expertise in arts and crafts." Pete Sephton is explaining how a series of his screen-prints celebrates those unknown and probably illiterate artisans.

Each print contains the symbol of what Pete calls "the maker's mark", a simple cross. The first in the series acknowledges the work of Seuffert, a 19th century New Zealand furniture maker, Pene Taiapa, a traditional Maori carver, artist Ralph Hotere and sculptor Rodin. The last in the series is inspired by the pottery of Caitlin Moloney, and is pictured here.

Pete describes his own work as a mixture of art and craft. First he does a pencil, paint and ink drawing. Then comes the craft of constructing the screen, a wooden frame with fine nylon mesh stretched over it. The process ends with the art of transforming a transparency made from his original drawing into a print on top quality paper. If you want to learn about the many steps in between you should sign up for one of Pete's workshops. But be warned the next six are already fully subscribed.

"It's a diminishing craft too," Pete tells me, "because of modern ink-jet printers." His screen-prints are produced entirely by hand.

Raewyn Penrose

By Kaye Anderson

Well-known for her stylish felted merino and silk garments, Raewyn Penrose is now on a new trajectory, and she's very excited about it. It began with attending Pete Sephton's first ever screen-printing workshop, her idea being to print designs on felt and silk. Then came another brainwave – to print T-shirts for the summer when merino's not so popular.

The designs come from doodles, often suggested by nature. There are stones, trees and something spidery which Raewyn has named "the twiddle." It's the one in the photo. Although the screen-printing process is complex, the result is a simple, elegant garment.

Raewyn's experimenting with getting a raised effect by printing on



half-felted wool and then continuing the felting. Her enthusiasm for her new directions is palpable.

Her other exciting project is the Coromandel Creative Classes Exhibition to be held in Hauraki House **15-21 January**. Alongside three other artists, Annette Kaye, Tim Fuller and Vaughan Udall, she is involved in curating, contributing to and running the exhibition which has, as an added bonus, workshops in the Art Room. For more information visit their website: www.corocreativeclasses.com.

Nici Greulich

By Jan Linklater

As a youngster Nici always wanted to do basket weaving but the complicated machines in her native Germany discouraged her. Once she moved to NZ however she could realize her ambition, and passionately and expertly absorbed the Maori weaving culture. She learned the fundamentals of flax weaving patterns and forms on a marae-based course, gaining her Advanced Certificate of Weaving.

The new patterns for her kete are the culmination of 10 years' hard work, including a striking star pattern that commemorates Matariki, Maori New Year.

Now she is working with the Nga Turuturu o te Tara weaving group where she delights in being a pupil again, collaborating on big projects for events.

The highlight of her past year has been her near sell-out exhibition at Carson's Gallery, Thames. As a caregiver, her time is limited, so it is astounding the quality of her work that lights up the Source Gallery in Coromandel as it also did at the Hospital Hub in the Arts Tour.

To find out more about these artists visit our website www.coromandelartstour.co.nz



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The 31st Coromandel Christmas Art Exhibition 2019-2020

Hauraki House, Coromandel Town **15 December until 11 January**.

Come to the opening **Sunday 15 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; Pamella Annsouth; Anneke Borren; 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; Jan Kocian; Sam Ireland; Mike Cogswell; Raewyn Penrose; Marian Cogswell; Deborah Hide-Bayne; Iain Crichton; Petra Meyboden; Diane Cade; Jan Linklater; Mary Lee; Joanne North; Rex Brett; Jenny Shearer; Sue Pidgeon; Ian Dalzell; Vaughan Udall; Tewhanoa Cobbe; Andrew and Jeannie Van Der Putten; Bob Drummond; Chris Tryon.

The exhibition will be open from 10am until 4pm daily **15 December until 11 January** – closed on Christmas Day

Come along and experience some of New Zealand's leading artists.

Environment

Coromandel Watchdog of Hauraki

By Catherine Delahunty

40 years later in Coromandel....

If you are like me and involved with lots of groups, the end of the year is very busy with AGMs and end of year events. Recently I attended the AGM of a group I have been a member of for 40 years. I am currently the Chairperson of that group as well as active in several newer groups and I value the history of such groups highly. Coromandel Watchdog of Hauraki was formed to be an umbrella group for local antimining campaigns around 1980. I was a young parent living in Colville and part of the Colville group determined to protect Te Moehau maunga from a Canadian company called Otter Minerals who wanted to mine it.

As the price of gold soared there were applications for mining activity all over all classes of land across the Peninsula. Through joining Coromandel Watchdog I met people from many small communities in Hauraki and learned so much about where we live, what we value and whose land we stand upon. The value of being threatened is that it requires people to think more deeply about what is worth fighting for.

I can never be grateful enough to Betty Williams of Manaia for her challenges, her knowledge and her leadership that she shared with us in Watchdog so that we thought more deeply about the issues and moved from just being antimining to being passionate advocates for a holistic respect for Hauraki, for Te Tiriti issues, for true sustainability. Not everyone listened but I certainly did and it changed my world view.

Now 40 years later I sat in our AGM with three generations of families who continue to be active on these issues and felt both tired and inspired. I am tired of broken government promises to protect this region from greedy multinationals but I am inspired by younger people who are stepping up to continue the work. Part of the work now is to communicate a new and positive form of mining which is known as "urban mining". Urban miners take the "waste" products of our throwaway world and extract the minerals for reuse. There is literally infinite potential in reuse of minerals from electronic waste in particular. We do not need to dig up any more gold and silver. We need to mine the urban waste and start with our cell phones. This activity is taking off in other countries and we need to catch up, starting right here where the minerals originally came from. It is time to heal and value our world in new ways. We also need the underground mining rhetoric to be truly costed. Since we won the battle against open cast pit mining, the greedy are back with a focus on underground extraction.

The amounts of fossil fuels involved in underground tunnelling and extracting an ore body for processing are phenomenal and in this century we just cannot afford to do this. The climate chaos is giving us a clear message. So for me the AGM of our 40-year-old group was heartening. There were group representatives from Coromandel, Colville, Kuaotunu, Whitianga, Whenuakite, Tairua Opoutere, Whangamata, Karangahake and Thames. We have serious work to do but if not us, then who? I am proud to be part of a tradition of activism and education and proud to acknowledge that small groups of dedicated people are how we change the world for the better.

Forest and Bird

By Kate James



The Upper Coromandel branch of Forest and Bird consists of a small group of environmental champions. The committee meets each month to discuss what we can do to help care for our local environment. New members are always welcome to come to meetings or get involved with what we are doing.

Recently we have been working with Moehau Environment Group and some wonderful local volunteers to help reduce pest animal numbers in our beautiful coastal bushlands. We have been successful in securing funding from the Waikato Regional Council for traps which have been deployed in the Long Bay kauri reserve as well as around some coastline further north of Coromandel. Willing and enthusiastic locals check and service the traps. Results to date have seen high numbers of possums in particular removed from the Long Bay kauri reserve. We are pleased to help protect this precious block of bush which is enjoyed by many locals and tourists all year round.

We also work alongside Plastic-Free Coromandel Town to support funding efforts and we recently helped to set up a beach litter monitoring project in conjunction with Sustainable Coastlines, a New Zealand charity. Called "Litter Intelligence", this is a long-term programme that collects litter data, provides powerful insights about the problem of beach litter, and inspires widespread action for solutions. The programme works in close collaboration with the Ministry for the Environment, Department of Conservation and Statistics New Zealand. Google "Litter Intelligence" for more information on this project.

Email katejamesscientist@gmail.com for more information about Forest and Bird in Coromandel

McGregor Bay Wetlands

By Carol Sutherland

What have wetlands ever done for us?

Civilisation might be a start. Wetlands were important in the rise of the Maya, Inca and Aztec in Latin America, the Khmer in Asia, the Marsh Arabs in Mesopotamia and those of the Nile. Here in Aotearoa Maori used wetlands extensively for food and materials. In fact look all around the world and you will find wetlands and river mouths playing important part in sustenance and cultural advancements. It's the sediment they lay down that is the key. 75% of the world's population live on former wetlands.

If we look back millions of years wetlands captured carbon so efficiently that we can now drive our cars and benefit from the fossil fuel economy that drives our present life. Oil, coal, etc., is a result of wetlands sucking up all that carbon which we now release. Today we not only mine old wetlands, we drain existing ones, we alter them, and by doing so release even more carbon and stop them from doing their carbon sucking magic into the future. Yet it is now we need them the most.

So the question might be, "What have we ever done for wetlands?"

New Zealand has obliterated around 90% of wetlands and we are still doing it. New Zealand signed the Ramsar Convention in 1971 designed to protect wetlands. Since then there has been a series of laws and policies from different layers of government, but we are not only still failing to protect our existing wetlands, we are losing them at 2% a year since the RMA came into play. So more "reviews" of laws, policy statements, strategy plans, management plans, area plans, etc., might seem pointless when we do not seem to implement the existing ones.

So the third question might be: "Are any of the gases released in talkfests ignitable? Has anyone a match?" The McGregor Bay Wetland Society has partaken in many a meeting. Our files are growing (thankfully now electronic otherwise they would surpass the boxes already accumulated pre-2017). So although there is frustration, we will continue to push for environmental protection and restoration of the wetland. We owe it, but New Zealand authorities need to own it.

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Moe hau Environment Group

Our Very Own Medal Recipient

We were super excited to be informed that Lettecia Williams, our MEG Chairperson, was a recipient of a 2020 Kiwibank Local Hero award. She attended the ceremony in Tauranga earlier this month to collect her award. After dedicating the past 20 years to conservation on the Coromandel Peninsula, this is certainly well deserved. Congratulations Lettecia!

New MEG Donation Boxes

Glad to report that we've also now got our donation boxes at Long Bay Campground, The Pepper Tree and The Star & Garter. Huge thanks to those business owners for supporting us.

Jakob Büssemaker

A huge welcome to Jakob who has come all the way from Germany to volunteer with MEG till February next year! Jakob is midway through his university studies and has come to NZ to gain some practical skills. He will be working alongside our field team and will be involved in activities such as predator control, track maintenance, track clearing, monitoring, etc. When Jakob arrived in Coromandel and had his first walk through the bush he commented that "The New Zealand forests were not forests but more like jungles!" We hope you enjoy your time here Jakob.

Vandalism – a Real Kick in the Guts!

Unfortunately some of our signage in Port Charles was vandalised in early November. Someone took it upon themselves to pour a pot of white paint on the info boards near our Rat Attack area and at the kiwi listening platform. As if the battle to protect our native species isn't relentless enough, we then have to waste time and money on cleaning up after someone who obviously has nothing better to do. If you have any information on this senseless act of wilful damage, the police would be very interested to know. This is a real "kick in the guts" for a community group who undertakes huge amounts of trapping in the northern Coromandel, 3300 monthly trap checks to be precise, and means we now have to look at installing surveillance cameras to protect these community resources. If the culprit is reading this and you have an actual grievance with us, how about we talk it through?

Have a great month everyone.



Rural Revolt

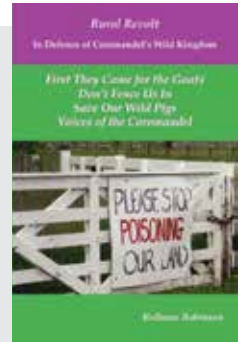
By Reihana Robinson

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This volume is the companion to *The Killing Nation: New Zealand's State-Sponsored Addiction to Poison 1080*.

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MitoQ K2 Cycle Event

By Rita Stephenson

2 November 2019 – What a stunning day for a bike ride. This was the day many cyclists from around New Zealand, plus a few from overseas, lined up to take part in the annual road cycle event, the MitoQ K2. Two of those riders were students from Coromandel Area School. They had taken up the challenge to ride from Coromandel to Thames. Below is their account of their journey.

Earlier this month, I completed the Nicholas Browne Challenge, a 54km cycling race from Coromandel to Thames. Despite the somewhat daunting distance, it took a surprisingly small amount of time to train for it - only two months. I had been interested in doing it for several months, but I probably wouldn't have actually done it if Keith Stevenson hadn't had a presentation at our school hall, recruiting those interested. We discussed training options with him, eventually settling on training twice a week. He was extremely kind and supplied me with cycling gear and a bike to use for training. Unfortunately, I didn't have anything to sufficiently repay him (and I still don't). The training was rather uneventful, consisting of (rather mundane sounding) group cycling and slowly increasing distances, except I had a minor altercation with the road near the bottom of Whangapoua hill. My pride was as bruised as my elbows, and the back wheel was about as bent as the corner. Eventually all three were fixed, and I continued with my training. The harder the training, the easier the previous ones would seem, until I felt comfortable with riding the full distance.

There wasn't much to do at that point but wait the week until race day, so that's what I did. I wasn't particularly nervous at the start.

Without Keith and Rita, the race wouldn't have existed in the first place, I wouldn't have access to a road bike, I wouldn't have the skills to ride with it, I wouldn't have had any of the experiences I had riding with the group, and none of the experiences from race day. For that I thank you both. – *Finn Robinson*

After only two months of training for the Quarter K, I lined up at the start preparing myself for the ride from Coromandel to Thames. Looking at the other riders I begin to question what I have gotten myself into. The hooter goes and I have no time to ponder. 2 hours and 39 minutes flashes by. Great weather, amazing views, and the encouragement of marshals makes my ride down the coast one never to forget. As I cross the finish line I am greeted with warm smiles and hugs from the race organisers and mum. Even though this was a grueling mental and physical challenge, I say to anyone who is given the opportunity to give the Quarter K a go. Lastly I want to say thank you to Keith and the team for their support, mentoring, and training throughout my journey. – *Alex Sowerby*

Great effort Finn and Alex, you should be very proud of your efforts.

A big thank you to all who helped with the MitoQ K2 Road cycle on 2 November, those that marshalled, helped on drink stations, made up the race packs, and others who offered support in many other ways. We cannot do it without you. We have had a number of competitors give us feedback, asking us to

pass on their gratitude to the many marshals out over the course, particularly the students on the Whangapoua and Kereta water stations, so thank you again.

Adventure Racing Coromandel is a not-for-profit organisation that stages three annual events on the Coromandel Peninsula. Over the last 20 years these events have inspired over 32,000 people to take part., with the nett proceeds from events going to the Spirit of Coromandel Trust.

The Spirit of Coromandel Trust was set up by Adventure Racing Coromandel in 2000. The purpose of the trust is to establish an outdoor centre and a bike park in Coromandel. We are getting closer to our goal each year. It's a slow but steady process that will come to fruition.

Every year, through the Spirit of Coromandel Trust, four students from the area are sent to Outdoor Pursuits Centre in Turangi. This year four students from Coromandel area school were selected. They are going on a five-day course starting on **15 December**. We wish them a safe journey, and know they are heading to an experience of a lifetime.

If you are interested in assisting with events, marshalling, making race packs or helping at registration, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Rita Stephenson arceventsrita@gmail.com or 027 210 3734. Be part of the dedicated group that get us closer to our goal each year



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Coromandel Croquet Club

By Kaye Anderson

On Sunday 19 October we were delighted to host Trillian Trek, formerly Variety Bash, who were in town with their very eye-catching charity car rally, raising money for Kiwi Kids in need.

After a hearty breakfast served from their own barbecue trailer, we set up three lawns and showed them the basics of Golf Croquet. The Trekkers, as they call themselves, are a lively lot so there was much laughter and a good time was had by all. After an hour or two they went over to Coromandel Area School to participate in a working bee before heading back to Auckland.

If you are keen to try out the great game of croquet 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



Coromandel Recreational Fishing Club

By Allison Brown

Hi to all,

Looks like summer has arrived what with the lovely weather we have had. The fishing has been great with everyone enjoying the catches. The Gulf started off very good at the beginning of November so hopefully it will carry on during the coming months of summer.

To follow are the results of the Labour Weekend Competition which went very well. I won't say the weather was all that great as it was quite blustery out there on the water. Don't know if any of you went out the next day but it was absolutely beautiful and fish were biting and good catches were had (some good size snapper out there).

Results

Seniors: Heaviest Snapper – 5.090kg – Garry Woodcock; 2nd Heaviest Snapper – 4.735kg – Graham Robinson; 3rd Heaviest Snapper – 4.485kg – Pamela Harris; Heaviest Trevally – 1.895kg – Allen McNeil; Heaviest Kahawai – 1.635kg – Margaret-Anne Visser; Mystery Snapper – 1.600kg – Mark Caton; Average Snapper – 1.705kg – Logan Davies.

Juniors: Heaviest Snapper – 3.595kg – Jade Hobern; 2nd Heaviest Snapper – 3.090kg – Chelsey McNeil; 3rd Heaviest Snapper – 2.160kg – Layke McNeil; Heaviest Kahawai – 1.685kg – Layke McNeil; Most Unusual – Crab – Indi-Lee Moore.

I made a mistake last newsletter saying that Nicola Moy won the \$100 with a trevally weighing 5.35kg when in actual fact it only weighed 0.535kg. Nicola very honestly rang me with the correct weight.

Fish of the Month November for Club members was John Dory and won by Talei Russek weighing 2.521kg.

The committee and members of the club would like to wish everyone a very merry Xmas. As always here's to tight lines.

**Coromandel Golf Club****Results from our Club Champs****Ladies**

Senior: 1st Eugene Weimer,
2nd Peg McLean

Intermediate: 1st Lynne Fenwick,
2nd Philippa Medlock

Junior: Sue Davies, 2nd Elaine Everitt

Men

Senior: 1st Chris Fielding, 2nd Darryl O'Keeffe

Intermediate: 1st Max McLean, 2nd Allan Rose

Junior: 1st Ian Kemp, 2nd Calvyn Wilson

Junior B: 1st Malcom Stone, 2nd Wayne Beaver

Dates to remember

Club Prize Giving: **Saturday 30**

November

Club AGM: **Saturday 7 December**

Twilight Golf started on Friday 8 November with a great turnout and BBQ to follow.

Come along and join the fun evening; everyone welcome.

Community Swimming Pool**Pool Hours during the school term (till 13 December)**

Mornings Monday – Friday 6-8am, afternoons 3-5pm,
weekends – 12-5pm.

Entry costs: adults \$4, students and seniors \$3, preschoolers 1-5yrs \$1, spectators \$1.

Joke corner

Q: Why did the golfer wear two pairs of pants?

A: In case he got a hole in one!

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Coromandel Town weekly and monthly meetings

Every Monday

Step Aerobics at Coro Gym 8am
 Coromandel Hikers' Group, Hauraki House, Colin & Elspeth (07) 866 7137 9am
 Monday Walkers, Woollams Ave car park north end, Irene 021 157 8408 9am
 Sit n Be Fit at Coro Gym 9.30am
 Coromandel Playgroup, St Andrews Church Hall, Rings Road.
 Contact Angee 021 255 0399 10am-1pm
 SeniorNet Coromandel contact Loes (07) 866 8053 4pm
 Bridge, St John rooms 7pm
 Four-part harmony singing, Sue (07) 866 8833 7.30pm

Every Tuesday

Pastel Artists Coromandel, Coromandel Aero Club Rooms (07) 866 7220 9am-12pm
 Coro Walking Group, Lotto Dairy, Ruth (07) 866 7246 9am
 Open Floor Dance, Mana Retreat Octagon.
 October dates: 1st, 15th, 22nd, 29th. Price \$15. 9.30-11.30am
 Croquet, Woollams Ave, Kaye (07) 866 8968 9.45am
 Yoga for everyone, Colville Hall, Kate 021 125 3152 10am
 Playcentre, Woollams Ave 10.30am-1pm
 Beginner Yoga with Becks, at the Anglican Church Hall, 170 Tiki Rd, \$10.
 Contact 027 407 0079 5.30- 6.45pm
 Coro Motorcycle Club, Star & Garter, John 027 234 1013 7-9pm

Every Wednesday

Step Aerobics at Coro Gym 8am
 Coromandel Community Organic Garden volunteers' drop-in time 9-11am
 Sit n Be Fit at Coro Gym 9.30am

Every Thursday

Coro Walking Group, Lotto Dairy, Ruth (07) 866 7246 9am
 Coro Bowls club day 9.30am
 Coro Art Group, St Andrew's Church Hall, Val (07) 866 8911 9am-12pm
 Free Guided Meditation, Havalona Pyramid 10-11am
 Yoga, Move & Relax at Trust Waikato Events Centre (upstairs Swimming Pool) contact Tina 021 201 9750 5.10-6.20pm

Every Friday

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

Every Saturday

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

Every Sunday

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

Monthly

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

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

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

1st Wed – Lions Dinner meeting, St John rooms.
 President Jean Smith 021 208 7576 6pm

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

3rd Wed – Lions Business Meeting, St John rooms.
 President Jean Smith 021 208 7576 7pm

Last Thurs – Green Drinks at Star & Garter 5pm



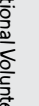
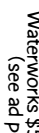
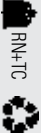

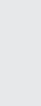
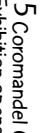


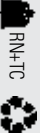
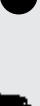







1st & 3rd Sun – Church Service at St Andrew's Church
 Rings Road 10am

If your meeting has been omitted, please email Debbie at corochronicle@gmail.com with the subject "meeting", or txt/ph 021 235 6648, or post details to PO Box 148, Coromandel 3543. Please include contact name and phone number.

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Calendar of events

Coromandel Town December 2019

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	High tide 12.09pm (2.7m) Low tide 5.41am (0.5m), 6.16pm (0.6m)	Open Floor Community Dance at Citizens' Hall (see Pg 6)	High tide 12.27am (2.5m), 12.56pm (2.6m) Low tide 6.27am (0.6m), 7.05pm (0.7m)	High tide 1.13am (2.4m), 1.46pm (2.5m) Low tide 7.15am (0.7m), 7.56pm (0.7m)	High tide 2.02am (2.3m), 2.37pm (2.4m) Low tide 8.09am (0.8m), 8.48pm (0.8m)	High tide 2.55am (2.3m), 3.29pm (2.3m) Low tide 9.07am (0.9m), 9.40pm (0.8m)	High tide 3.51am (2.3m), 4.20pm (2.4m) Low tide 10.06am (0.5m), 10.32pm (0.8m)	High tide 11.23am (2.9m), 11.41pm (2.6m) Low tide 4.58am (0.3m), 5.28pm (0.5m)					
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	High tide 5.42am (2.3m), 5.58pm (2.4m) Low tide 11.49am (0.8m)	Total Hearing Clinic, Tiki House (see Pg 37)	High tide 6.31am (2.4m), 6.44pm (2.5m) Low tide 12.10am (0.6m), 12.34pm (0.8m)	High tide 7.16am (2.6m), 7.29pm (2.6m) Low tide 12.55am (0.6m), 1.17pm (0.7m)	High tide 7.59am (2.7m), 8.15pm (2.6m) Low tide 1.39am (0.4m), 2.07pm (0.6m)	High tide 8.42am (2.8m), 9.01pm (2.8m) Low tide 2.22am (0.3m), 2.45pm (0.5m)	High tide 9.26am (2.9m), 9.47pm (2.7m) Low tide 3.06am (0.3m), 3.30pm (0.5m)	High tide 10.11am (2.9m), 10.35pm (2.8m) Low tide 3.50am (0.2m), 4.17pm (0.4m)					
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	Coromandel Contract Bridge Club AGM (see Pg 13)	Solstice Women's Workshop at Mana Retreat (see Pg 29)	High tide 11.47am (2.9m) Low tide 5.23am (0.2m), 5.58pm (0.4m)	High tide 12.14am (2.8m), 12.39pm (2.9m) Low tide 6.14am (0.3m), 6.52pm (0.4m)	High tide 1.07am (2.7m), 1.34pm (2.8m) Low tide 7.09am (0.4m), 7.48pm (0.4m)	High tide 2.03am (2.7m), 2.31pm (2.8m) Low tide 8.08am (0.5m), 8.47pm (0.5m)	High tide 3.04am (2.6m), 3.29pm (2.8m) Low tide 9.11am (0.5m), 9.46pm (0.5m)	High tide 4.07am (2.6m), 4.28pm (2.7m) Low tide 10.15am (0.6m), 10.46pm (0.4m)					
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		Open Floor Community Dance at Mana Retreat TBC (see Pg 6)	High tide 6.10am (2.8m), 6.24pm (2.7m) Low tide 12.13pm (0.5m)	Christmas Day	Boxing Day	High tide 7.56am (2.9m), 8.12pm (2.8m) Low tide 1.33am (0.3m), 1.57pm (0.4m)	High tide 8.45am (2.9m), 9.02pm (2.7m) Low tide 2.22am (0.3m), 2.46pm (0.4m)	High tide 9.31am (2.9m), 9.48pm (2.7m) Low tide 3.08am (0.3m), 3.33pm (0.4m)					
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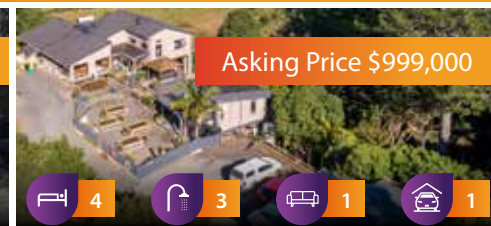
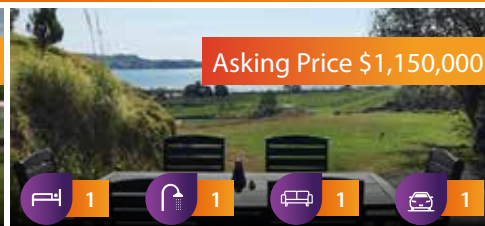


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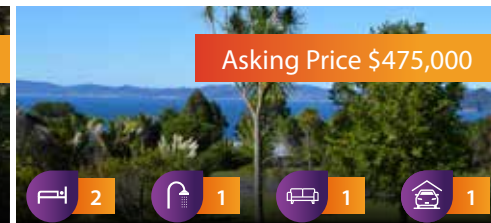
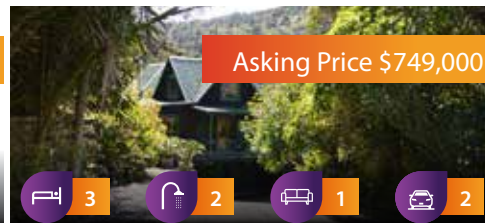
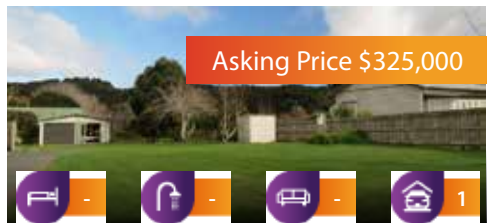
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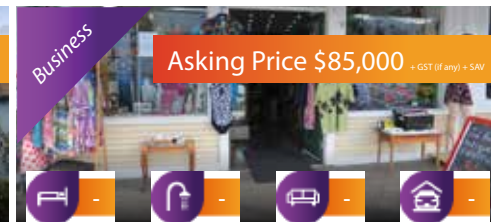
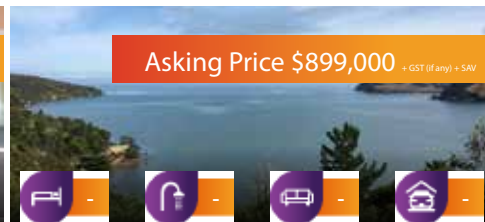
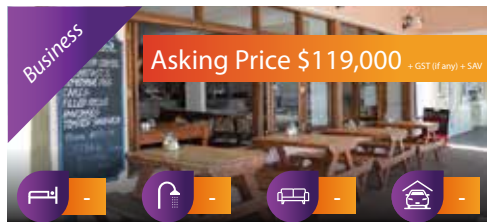
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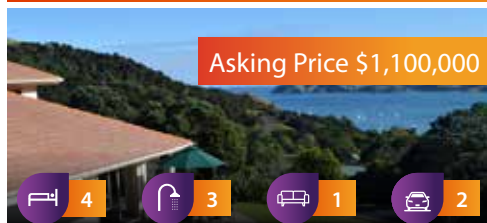
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