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A black and white photograph of a group of about ten people, including adults and children, standing on a sandy beach. In the foreground, there is a large, detailed sandcastle shaped like a shark, lying on its side. The beach is wide, and the ocean is visible in the background with waves breaking. A forested hill is on the left side of the frame.

Sandcastles in the sun

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Sandy Bay Sandcastle Competition

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Editor's comments

I sit here with yet another glorious day unfolding outside. I can't believe the temperatures and sunshine we have had so far this year. I hope everyone has got out and enjoyed the weather. I have been trying to do everything energetic first thing. I was up the top of Castle Rock by 9.30am one morning as I didn't want to leave the walk until the heat of later in the day.

While it is lovely to have the nice weather, with paradise comes the dark side – mosquitoes. Maybe the pre-christmas downpours has caused high numbers of mosquitoes – at my house anyway – this January. I am getting fed up of waking up in the night to a faint high-pitched humming in the air, swiping out in the dark when they feel like they are about to land on my face and then waiting to see if I managed to catch it, before hearing the faint high-pitched hum again. I feel sorry to those people without fly screens and air-conditioning. I'm going to have to get a new can of Mortein, much as I hate spraying my bedroom with chemicals.

January draws to an end with the music society Beyondsemble at the Mussel Kitchen on Saturday 24 January (see pg 25). Go along and enjoy the outdoor concert if you read this in time.

In February activities include Waitianga Day workshops (see ad pg 24), the Coromandel Vegetable and Produce Show (see ad pg 15) and the Coromandel Art Group exhibition at Hauraki House which finishes on the 7th.

Hope you the mosquitoes aren't keeping you awake at night too. Enjoy summer.

Debbie

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Letters

Praise for the Coromandel Family Health Centre

Dear Editor,
During the months of November and December, I had to call the after hours number of the Coromandel Family Health Centre four times.

I can't commend Bryan Macleod and his nurses Sonia and Robyn highly enough for the excellent treatment I (and in one case my two young granddaughters who had fallen out of a tree) received at all hours of the day and night.

Having never had to use the after hours service before, it gave me confidence to see how well the system works in our small town.

Many thanks to Bryan and his team – we are lucky to have you.

With appreciation
Blair Beamish, Coromandel

Dear Editor,

It was lovely to see the pretty red bows on the pohutukawa trees in the street for Christmas. Thank you to whoever was responsible for them. Such a nice change from the usual banners on the street lights. It was a fortunate choice too as the banners would have been ripped to shreds in the storm.

Veronica Kalkman, Papa Aroha

Dear Debbie,

What a delightful and heart-warming poem by Briar O'Keefe (re New Chum Beach).

Let us hope it touches the hearts of those who see dollar signs in place of beauty.

Warm wishes,
Beryl Van Donk, Coromandel

Dear Editor,

I have just purchased the recently published book *The Intriguing Story of Coromandel Granite* 2014 by Lindsay Garmson.

What a lot of research has gone into this gem, and the photos of so many occasions.

It is just brilliant.

My late father, Jack Stongman, would have enjoyed having a good read. He once worked there, at Paritu Bay.

I remember seeing the last truck and trailer unit, loaded with huge blocks of granite, being driven through Coromandel town.

A marvellous piece of history, "well done" Lindsay and thank you.

Cheers
Dulcie Pepper, Coromandel

What were you thinking? Waikato Police ask driver



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Thanks to Phoenix House

Dear Debbie,
 After the passing of my father on Boxing Day I wish to thank all those at Phoenix House who took care of him. You will recognise me as the lady who pushed her father around the town (and in the Christmas Parade) in his wheelchair or sat with him in Samuel James Reserve having a coffee and people watching. While there is no place like home, there comes a time when professional care 24/7 is necessary be it for recuperation, illness, age, dementia or general well-being. We are so fortunate to have the facilities of Phoenix House to provide this in our small town. Without it families would have to travel many miles to visit their loved ones. Phoenix House has a family atmosphere where one can call or visit anytime; no doors are shut and a personal interest is taken in each resident. I will be forever grateful for the support and personal care my father received.
 Sincerely,
 Diann Cade, Coromandel

**Our butterflies need our help**

Dear Editor,
 I had not seen any admiral butterflies and my nettles had grown taller; they hadn't been eaten by caterpillars. Also I only saw a male monarch butterfly feeding from my lantanas, no females around.

Butterflies need our help. Please destroy all nests of social wasps.

Fewer butterflies this month was caused by European wasps catching monarch butterflies in mid-air, plus paper wasps killing caterpillars.

Paper wasp nests

Look for nests under roofs, windows, in small plants, fences, branches of trees. Nests are on south, east, and west sides of houses and buildings. Rake out and then stamp onto nests to smash them, until you've killed all paper wasps. Try in early morning or night time as wasps should be too sluggish to fly.

European wasps (common wasps and German wasps)

Follow the wasps to their nests, then lay poison powder near nest. If you don't have any poison, fill a bottle with car petrol and put the bottle into the nest. The petrol will kill the wasps.

If you do this you will give butterflies a helping hand.

Otherwise social wasps will eat all of the monarch butterflies and admiral butterflies into extinction. Think what will happen if the monarch butterfly becomes extinct in NZ, as well as there being no beautiful, colourful, exotic-looking caterpillars and butterflies, swan plants and European nettles will become weeds without caterpillars to control their numbers.

Autumn is when social wasps are in an aggressive mood, due to too few prey for them to hunt. Chinese paper wasps are the most aggressive wasp and most intelligent wasps, often attacking anything that moves close to their nests.

Destroy the nests this month to February... do not give the social wasps a chance to produce more queen and male wasps this year.

This is no joke... I am serious about the importance of giving our butterflies a break so they can recover their numbers.

Yours sincerely,
 Clinton Care, Thames

Coromandel Harbour Project

Dear Editor,
 I would like to reply to Sue Gilmer's letter from the December chronicle.

There has been much positivity recently from the mussel industry leading up to their application for consent to expand the Sugar Loaf area at Waipapa Bay.

Perhaps it is time for all residents of Coromandel to take a share of the impact that this operation causes in our lives. Coromandel Wharf area could easily be adapted for loading and unloading thus minimising pressure on Waipapa Bay.

I would be delighted to be looking at recreational fisher people as their impact on my and my visitors' lives is minimal.

We have just had a glorious time over New Year with just such happening – peace and quiet!

All changed Sunday afternoon with radios blaring and three large trucks running what I presume is their cooling system for hours.

I read that the Coromandel MFA have a code of practise which dictates, among other things, no blaring radios at the Sugar Loaf. Yeah right!

After any complaints everything is usually peaceful for a month or so and then all hell breaks loose again.

The same with chucking floats onto the barges, as was happening this morning.

They can do it quietly but these people just do not care!

Anyway I will happily accommodate Sue's recreational fishermen (as we have been doing for 38 years) if she takes over the industrial operation that we have to live with.

Also, at least you have footpaths in town to walk on when the roads are busy – we have to cope with walking/biking and avoiding trucks.
 Megan Mackie, Te Kouma

Events**February**

– see back page.

March

Friday 6 – International Women's Day Champagne Breakfast at Pepper Tree (see pg 13).

Saturday 7 – Classy Chicks Ladies' Fishing Competition (see pg 32).

Saturday 14 to Sunday 15 – ARC Adventure Race 24/12/8hr (see pg 30).

Friday 27 – Coromandel Music Society presents Bella Kalolo (see pg 25).

April

3-12 – Colville Arts Festival. Art Exhibition in Colville Hall. More details will be announced in the next Chronicle.

Saturday 11 – Gallipoli Family Day in Thames (see pg 20).

11,12,18,19 – Coromandel Arts Tour.

Saturday 18 – Kids' fishing competition (see pg 32).

Sunday 19 – Coromandel Music Society present Sisters of Swing (see pg 25).

Monday 20 – Anzac exhibition (see pg 20).

Saturday 25 April – Anzac service (see pg 20).

June

Saturday 13 – Coromandel Music Society present GALS choir (see pg 25).

September

Friday 25 – Coromandel Music Society present String Wizardry (see pg 25).

October

Friday 9 – Coromandel Music Society present John and Amiria Grenell (see pg 25).

Saturday 31 – The Cranleigh K2 Road Cycling Classic (see pg 30).


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Sandcastles in the sun

A report from the Port Charles Residents & Ratepayers Assn

By Robyn Stewart

Fun Day

Another successful Family Fun Run and Fun Day was enjoyed by over 230 people on a beautiful sunny 28 December. A big thank you to Bruce and Ann Clegg from Tangiaro Retreat for their very generous donation of prizes for the day. Also thanks to Peter and Pauline Sharp and the Himalaya Shop in Colville for donations of raffles. Once again the mussel fritters went down a treat, thanks to Paddy Bull Ltd, and the association this year held a free sausage sizzle acknowledging the hard times that fell on many during the June floods. Many events were held with competitors ages ranging from three years to over 65 years of age.

Sandcastle Competition

Held on 31 December this annual fun-filled family event is now in its third season and the numbers continue to grow. This year a whopping 28 sandcastles were created, with over 250 people on the beach enjoying all the fun, with young and old stretching their imaginations and their ingenuity. The winning creation this year used pipi shells, kelp and pohutukawa fronds with amazing gruesome affect. A big thank you to Kylie and the Swampies for all the organising that goes into this event. Many people have

already begun thinking about this year's event! You don't have to be a ratepayer to compete, it is open to all, so next year come on up to Port Charles and join in the fun.

AGM

We are very proud to have over 90 members in our Association and for a very small community this shows how passionate we all are about our little slice of paradise. Unfortunately numbers attending the AGM were down this year – with the amazing weather they were probably all out fishing! The chairperson, John Norton, and secretary, Robyn Stewart, retained their positions as did many of the committee but we are pleased to welcome new committee members, Brian Martin and Craig Brockliss to the fold. Lettecia Williams spoke at the meeting on behalf of the Port Charles Fire Brigade which has an exciting bunch of new volunteers going through their training at present and she also spoke on behalf of MEG of which she is chairperson. It was very interesting listening to all the efforts the group put into protecting the kiwi, unique species and ecosystems in our area and putting together an exciting summer programme for everyone to enjoy. Every two months Peter and Jenny Sutton compile the very popular Port Charles Bulletin that is full of local news and a big thank you was sent out to them. If anyone has any information that they would like the ratepayers in the area to be aware of please



contact the Suttons at (07) 866 7582 and they will gladly include it in the next Bulletin.

The membership remains at \$10/year and we encourage support to keep our Association remaining successful.

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Poetry SPOT

Half way through!

By Jocelyn Davey

In early days at 12 o'clock
On every New Year's Eve,
Barry blew train whistles,
At midnight I believe.

Now our really little town
Is very full of guests
In sea or beach or on the train;
They really do their best.

The gulf is full of fishermen
And kids fish from the pier
The Keltic Fair on Jan 2
Brings folk from far and near.

And I walked up our road today
I saw a hedgehog...DEAD
We rarely see them, or the frogs;
My heart felt just like lead.

But then my heart was lighter,
We were taken for a drive;
I had a swim at Buffalo Beach
And lunch kept me alive.

Then back across the 309
The bush was lush and green
We saw a rata tree in bloom,
And a foamy, bubbling stream.

Enjoy this lovely area
Soon Anniversary Day;
For work and school will soon resume
And the year is underway.

Gurnard with Tomatoes and Courgettes – recipe for February

Extract from the February chapter of local cookery book "Coromandel Flavour" by Deborah Hide-Bayne

For 2

1 garlic clove
1 lemon
225g tomatoes
1 courgette
10 black olives
good glug olive oil
1 tbsp capers
1 sprig fresh thyme
4 fillets of gurnard
salt
freshly-ground black pepper
flour to coat fish
butter

Crush the garlic; finely grate the rind and juice the lemon; roughly chop the tomatoes; slice the courgettes; de-stone the olives.

Put the oil in a saucepan; add the garlic, tomatoes, courgettes and lemon rind. Cook for a couple of minutes with the lid on. Then stir in the lemon juice, capers, thyme, olives and adjust the seasoning. Leave in the pan to keep warm.

Coat the fish with seasoned flour and fry the fillets in butter in a large frying pan for 3-4 minutes each side, until they are golden brown.

Serve with plain steamed rice.



Coromandel Town Information Centre

By Sandra Wilson



Happy New Year to you all from all of us. New Year's Day now seems so long ago as we have been so busy! Great for Coromandel town to start the new year off with a flurry.

I want to touch on the concern shown by a local and then a tourist. The local found a penguin on the beach, with one side distended. He carefully put it in a box, came in to our Centre, explained what happened and asked whom he should contact. We notified DOC who advised the gentleman that the penguin had obviously overfed on fish, and needed to be put back where it was found. DOC reassured him that the penguin would be fine in a few hours.

That brings us to the caring tourists. They were walking the Success Track and came across an animal that had wire caught around its legs. They rang us to say they had found a kiwi in distress. Without asking pointed questions I then went into rescue mode and contacted various agencies that also went into rescue mode. The tourists waited by the injured animal until help arrived. Wally from MEG was the first responder. At this point we found out the kiwi was in fact a possum and was dealt with appropriately.

This was a good learning curve for myself to remember to ask for more detailed information. It also demonstrated the high quality of our rescue process and the benefits of people's overall awareness of the environment.

The Museum is open every from 1-4pm throughout February so take some time for a visit.

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Gulf survey targets Coromandel residents and holidaymakers

The Sea Change - Tai Timu Tai Pari project

Residents and holidaymakers on the Coromandel Peninsula are being encouraged to add their voices to a major marine planning exercise in the Hauraki Gulf/Tikapa Moana.

The Sea Change – Tai Timu Tai Pari project is developing the first Hauraki Gulf marine spatial plan. This plan will ultimately inform how the Gulf is shared, used and safeguarded, now and for future generations.

Six online questionnaires are available on the project website www.seachange.org.nz asking specific questions about water quality, fish stocks, biodiversity and biosecurity, aquaculture, access and infrastructure. Responses are confidential. All those taking part go into a draw to win prizes.

The project's Stakeholder Working Group (SWG) is just six months away from completing the marine spatial plan. The information-gathering phase is now over, key issues have been identified, and the SWG will begin developing the plan in January.

SWG independent chair Nick Main said this is a great opportunity for Coromandel residents and holidaymakers to voice their opinions and share their knowledge.

"This is the last phase of general information-gathering from the public, and an opportunity for people to comment on any of the key issues." The survey will close on **26 January**.

The survey includes questions on:

- marine protected areas
- invasive species and how to combat them
- the need to rebuild fish and shellfish stocks
- boating and boating facilities
- water transport, wharves and moorings
- pollution, nutrients and contaminants.

The six questionnaires reflect the work carried out by six Roundtables, whose reports and analysis will now be fed back to the SWG. A seventh Roundtable – Matakauranga Maori – is not included in the survey. Its work is continuing into 2015.

Information from all completed questionnaires will go to the SWG for consideration in developing the marine spatial plan.

Coromandel Embroiderers' Guild

By Diann Cade

It's here, **Wednesday 4 February**, our first Guild Day for 2015. Be at the St John rooms around 9.45am in time for morning tea at 10.00am and lots of chatter to catch up after our Christmas break. Be sure to check out the workshops and enrol. H and H Threads will have lots out to tempt you and look for a treasure on the sales table. The meeting will be at 10.30am with the afternoon filled by your own choice. There will be the Petite Project on offer or you can continue creating whatever you have in hand. The first two day workshop of the year is to be held on **25-26 February** with Ann Brocas. The embroidery style is Cornpad. Yes really, corn pads are used to support the stitches on the fabric. It is a bold, chunky style of embroidery with lots of texture created by various stitches. Can't wait! See you on Wednesday. Come and join us; we love sharing.

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



Coromandel Garden Circle

By Jane Warren

With the rush of Christmas preparations I'm afraid I missed the Chronicle deadline so although it is older news the following is a roundup of our November and December happenings.

During November we organised a day trip to Hamilton Gardens for their Rose Show on the 15th and the following week a group of our members went to Tauranga for Art and Garden Festival of Tauranga for a couple of days.

We once again made our presence known in the Coromandel Santa Parade with a huge effort made by our ladies to create an amazing float. The parade was one of the biggest for a long time and we look forward to ideas for next year's parade.

Our final meeting of 2014 was held at Glenise and Wayne Robertson's home at the top of the Manaia hill with, of course, a Christmas theme. After a leisurely walk around their garden we shared a scrumptious Xmas lunch with the obligatory cake and bubbles.

Glenise and Wayne were wonderful hosts, organising an intriguing treasure hunt and presenting us all with a sample of Wayne's woodturning skills.

The winners of our competitions for December were:

Single bloom

Kate Jacobsen,
Multi bloom
Lorraine Lang,
Mini bloom Linda
Wright, Vegetable
Linda Wright and
Arrangement Julie
Jensen.

The next meeting will be held on **11 February** at Jeanette's in Kingston St at 1pm.



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Heart Beat – St John Ambulance Coromandel/Colville

By Felix O'Carroll – Station Manager
Coromandel

As the number of people in the area increases so does the workload for our ambulance. As predicted our call-outs of the period have increased and so far the trend is similar to that of last year. With great sunny days and good weather we are seeing more outdoor activities taking place and ask that you cover up and take special care when walking the tracks and sites around the area. Enjoy the summer and look out for others. I hope you all had a great Xmas and a safe and enjoyable New Year.

Volunteers

Over the summer period many of our volunteers need to take time out to work on their businesses and other work commitments. This results in a shortage in volunteer numbers over what has been traditionally our busiest period of the year in terms of ambulance call-outs.

To overcome these shortages volunteers who remain on the roster volunteer to do more shifts while St John has changed the paid shift staff by adding an extra member to the team to ensure we cover every day during this busy period. As per last year we also gain AUT paramedic students from Auckland along with other outside volunteers into the town to help us keep an ambulance on the road. We are grateful for those who

have come on board to help this community maintain an ambulance service over what has been and will continue to be a busy period for the service.

We need to double our volunteer numbers to maintain a double shift ambulance 24/7 out of Coromandel and welcome all those interested to come along, see what we do and learn about how we go about providing an ambulance service. If you are keen to become a member of a great team come along now and register your interest. We offer free training to National Diploma level, but also cater for those wanting to help out as First Responder plus we can also look at driver only members who can work with and be part of a front line ambulance officer.

If this is for you, call us now.

Volunteer applications or all enquiries: Call the station and talk to the duty officer or leave a message on (07) 866 8279 to find out more.

Operations

As stated above we are currently working at peak workloads which will continue to end of February.

Training and advanced learning

Training commences **12 February**. Members of the public are all welcome to join us, 7pm start.

Other

Our building consent to add another bedroom to the station has been completed we now await the building of the bedrooms to start.



Raffle winner –
Bronwyn Malloy

Raffle results

Garden statue winner: Bronwyn Malloy.
First Aid Kit: Bubbles Harrison.

Thanks to all who supported the raffles. Special thanks to Rex Brett for the generous donation of the garden statue; huge thanks to Coromandel Meatkeeper (Shane and Tanya) for allowing our Area Committee to sell raffles in front of their butcher shop.

Be safe out there, stay well and look out for others.

Felix.

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New
Listing



Place your architect on notice!!! Set just 5kms west of Coromandel Town, these 2 adjacent sections on the Wyuna Bay Peninsula have a combined area of 1,978m² and feature panoramic views across the harbour to the ranges beyond. The driveway leads to a large grassed building site, while a pathway leads down under large Pohutukawa trees to the coastline below. The grounds are well maintained and afford superb privacy from the road and neighbours. **\$556,000**

New
Listing



This 20.26ha bush block is only minutes' drive to the small township of Colville and provides a mixture of mature & regenerating native bush with streams & waterfalls. A very large implement shed with 3-phase power sits next to a large rustic studio with all the comforts of home. There is another small studio via a 4wd track nestled on a plateau with expansive views over the ranges. There is also a 3.1ha conservation block within the property along with many fruit trees. **\$435,000**

New
Listing



Would you like to move out of your rental property and into your own home? This is a great opportunity to secure a home for your family that offers plenty of lawn areas for the children to play and a good sized double garage for car and boat storage. The relatively easy walk into town will also be a bonus. The extensively renovated cottage features an open-plan living area opening to a sun room, 3 double bedrooms and a combined bathroom/laundry. Come on home. **\$317,000**

New
Listing



Affording stunning views across the harbour to the Coromandel Ranges, this elevated 3,700m² sloping section is situated on the northern side of the beautiful Te Kouma peninsula. It is only a short walk to Hannafords Bay, a lovely sandy swimming beach. The driveway is well formed and the section is covered in small regenerating vegetation. If you have ever dreamed of living beside the sea, enjoying the sunshine, swimming and fishing, this property is perfect. **\$475,000**

New
Listing



This beautiful 3,981m² native bush section not only has the added privacy of the Coromandel Forest Park on its northern boundary, but also has stunning views of the eastern Coromandel peninsula and Mercury Islands. There is a double Skyline garage with power and decking on two sides. Plans to develop have already begun with a septic tank and large water tank on site, but not yet connected. The section is sloping but has large flat areas that can be utilised in many ways. **\$280,000**

New
Listing



This 3,397m² level section is situated towards the end of a quiet cul-de-sac in a sheltered spot in popular Tuatēawa. Approximately two-thirds of the property is covered in regenerating native bush, nikau palms and trees. The size of the land offers potential purchasers multiple site options to afford them privacy when building either a holiday or a permanent home. The great local nearby coastline is ideal for diving, fishing and kayaking around the rocks. **\$200,000**

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- Double garage, harbour views
- Very private, orchard. \$430,000



- Very motivated Vendors!! 20.9ha
- 3 brm Focus Home, serene setting
- Atop The 309 Rd, great decking
- Garage & studio. \$470,000



- Waterfront – "Life at the Beach"
- Classically styled 3 brm homestead
- Large section, bring the fishing rods
- Great car/boat parking. \$849,000



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*"It's all about
community"*

We are delighted to be involved with a large variety of local sporting and community organisations. Recent groups to receive support and/or spot prizes include the Tennis Club; various Fishing Club tournaments; the 'Kiwi' programme through MEG; Budget Advisory Service Coromandel; Bowling Club and; the very successful Lions Club Christmas Parade. Kind regards, Kim, Robyn, Kelly & Melissa

*Bowling Club Business
House tournament*



Xmas Parade Float



Museum News

By Raewyn McKinney

As I write this, the sun is shining brightly on yet another brilliant Coromandel summer's day. In spite of the glorious weather, we have had good numbers of visitors to the museum during the holiday season. Our new displays are proving to be very popular with visitors, and the old favourites are still drawing interest. One of our most popular displays is the collection of old irons, and most people are amazed just how heavy they are. It does make you realise how hard our grandmothers and great grandmothers had to work, especially in the days when everything was washed by hand and then needed to be ironed.

Another display which always draws comments is our cabinet by the door, which contains items many of us who are over 50 remember from our childhoods; items such as "cotton reel knitting" and "cotton reel tractors". Children these days do not have such simple pleasures since wooden cotton reels were replaced by plastic! I have seen similar wooden holders for knitting in toy shops, but it does seem a shame that such

things have to be bought in a shop instead of being made at home.

Of course, our "Marj Moore Display" has many brilliant examples of things that were made at home instead of being purchased in a shop; we have everything from home mending kits for shoes and saucepans to toys, household items and even chairs that were homemade. No doubt our great grandparents would be amazed at the thought of buying all these items. It often amuses me to hear someone suggest that the idea of recycling is some sort of "new-fangled idea"; after all these homemade items are the ultimate in recycling! Finding a new use for old goods is certainly better than throwing everything away, but plastic bags are not quite so easy to re-use as the old flour bags and coal sacks. Perhaps we can get some inspiration from the examples left by past generations.

A recent visitor to the museum remarked that "the only trouble is, you really need a whole day to see everything". Unfortunately, we do not have enough volunteers to open all day every day, so have reduced opening times to 1pm to 4pm daily throughout the summer.

We have a hardy group of volunteers who

enable us to keep these hours, and we thank them all for their time. If there is anyone else who would like to come along and help us one day a week or a fortnight, please contact Sue Wright on (07) 866 8039 for further information.

The museum will be open from 1pm to 4pm daily throughout February

MUSEUM MONTHLY COMPETITION "Who What Where When"



Please identify this photo and give us as much information as you can. Bring or post your entry to the Information Centre



with name and contact details by **Friday 27 February**. All correct entries will go into a draw for a voucher from Coromandel Four Square.

Once again, we had many correct entries for our December competition. The correct answer was, of course, the sundial in James Reserve. The winning entry for the grocery voucher this month was Marie Parsloe, from Port Jackson Road. Well done, Marie. Most people did also know that the plinth was originally a water fountain made for a pool in the grounds of Coromandel Hospital. Marie also advised that the plinth is made from Coromandel granite, and was constructed by John Morteson of the Moeheu quarries in the 1930's.

Thank you to all who entered in the December competition and good luck for this month.

Coromandel Budget Advisory Service

By John Gaffikin-Cowan

Here at Budget we don't like to be thought of as "the ambulance at the bottom of the cliff". Our aim is to help people arrange their lives and their finances in such a way that they steer well away from any dangers. An essential part of this is to look ahead and be prepared for those times which occur every week, month and year when specific payments are made: rent, power, rates and so on. These can all be built into the annual budget. Apart from this it is also important to try to create a little fund which can be called upon when there is an unexpected expense. There's never a wrong time to start putting something aside for a rainy day, and it doesn't have to be a New Year resolution!

Of course even the best of plans can go awry and this is when we turn to the Foodbank to help out. We are very lucky here in Coromandel to have such wonderful community support which allows us to run such a necessary service. Some of you may have noticed at the end of last month that we ran a "can drive". The idea was to make visitors to the area who are in self-catering accommodation or their own bach consider donating their unused provisions to the Foodbank. Perhaps those of you who come in contact with tourists and other visitors could help to spread this notion. Obviously we're talking mainly about canned or dry goods which we can put into our food parcels.

Thanks to everyone who has already contributed.

The Budget Service is an incorporated society belonging to the New Zealand Federation of Family Budget Services. If you wish to make an appointment, the Budget phone number is (07) 866 8351 where you can talk to Anna, Caro, Maureen, Leigh or John. The office at 950 Rings Road is open Monday to Friday 11am-2pm and other times by appointment. The Budget cell phone number is 022 018 0849 – we reply to texts and messages during office hours



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Animal Rescue Thames

By Alice and John Parris

Thank mews to everyone who supported us over Christmas/New Year with donations of cat food, bedding and sale items. To everyone who helped us with our fundraising also a massive thank mew and paws applause to the Coro Fatcats! Their kindness and generosity to the cats and staff with the red Santa bag left for us was a beautiful blessing for all at Christmas. Everyone gained a few KGs on that one.

Huge thanks to The Warehouse Thames who did a collection for us with the coin boxes. All adds up to blessing the felines.

Fundraising – our total for our fundraising was \$3000, which was under the target of \$5000 but we accept times are tougher, and we just adjust what funds we have to the number of months we need it for so basically we have \$500 a month which means we are limited on what we can take in and hope we can get through to April for our next fundraiser.

December saw Mitch and Dolly find a forever home. We are unsure how they are doing as we have not heard from the new owner, nor is the new owner responding to texts and calls to return the two loan cages and update us, which is highly frustrating and upsetting for us. The cats we rehome are our “babies” and we like to know how they are doing in their new homes.

Next out were Tootsie and Sparkles who went to Huntly and a week later we learnt they were out and about on the farm enjoying their new life and Tootsie had been a mighty hunter and brought home a large leaf, twig attached, very proud boy, with Sparkles just as proud right behind him. Tootsie was forever the clown and yes we would accept that this proud boy is happy with his sister in new home.

Newbies – we had a call from a farm that haven't called us in over a year so this was a shock. We gained two tabbys; both have wavy coats (aka the crinkle cut kitties) with their wrinkly coats and twisted whiskers,

both are now tame, doing really well and happy girls.

Next to arrive two weeks later, via trapping, two more tabby girls born and living in a cowshed roof. One tabby certainly gave me a run for my experience but now all settled and purring which is definitely a massive turn around.

So we have to budget for four spays and a neuter mid February which will be around \$400 for the five of them. This is almost an entire month's budget but something we have to do before they are able to be rehomed.

We had a two-year-old girl returned to us. Took a little hunting to locate her in our books but Kera is still the same girl I knew two years ago.

Our newest arrival – we received a call that a kitten was caught on a beach area up Coromandel way but sibling took off. My husband said “Honey – no more – aye” but I ended up going to the vet to collect the kitten, 8-week-old shy black smoke, and I named him Nomoreaye – kinda suits the little man. It took my husband ten minutes to figure what the kitten's name stood for but he is taming up nicely. Of our kittens half are already pending new homes – yay, the others will be ready end of February.

We have remained stable in numbers of felines in care for so long without anything incoming and we have had to keep numbers way down due to the fact I had to go into

hospital in Rotorua for three weeks, a long way from home, but was grateful that I was well enough so I could come home for a couple of days over the weekend – but then go back again! Three weeks is a huge time away in an area unfamiliar to me, and I hate hospitals of any form. However this was totally for my benefit and this has been put off since the end of 2011. I knew I would be doing this alone as to me the cats and their welfare is paramount and it was too far to expect my dear man to do everything and then visit me, so it was left to daily phone calls. So yes I missed all my furrbabies terribly (and husband too) and am hugely grateful to my dear husband to take over not just running the unit but also my work. This was something we had to keep extremely quiet due to some people out there who would go to any length to make things as hard and as difficult as possible for us. So with this now fully behind us, we can get on and enjoy the cats, new health and wellbeing for all.

Wanted – kitten and cat food, tinned, sachets and biscuits; towels; summer sheets purrlease; saleable items for us to sell on the internet; and homes for our older felines 1yr-6yrs.

Meow furr now.


Enquiries to Animal Rescue Thames, 532 Thames Coast Road, RD5, Thames 3575. (07) 868 2907

Coromandel Contract Bridge Club

By Judy Bronlund


After the long summer break, we are back playing bridge at the St John hall every Monday evening. The first night is **26 January**, a fun night. **Monday 2 February** will be our AGM at 6.30pm followed by the first round of our club competition. We would like to have a few more members so please make contact if you would like to join us. Lessons on how to play bridge will be held if needed. Perhaps you may be tempted by the prize money. We have 13 competitions throughout the year with the top three pairs winning a prize, a total of \$730.

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email: ace@cilt.org.nz

Thank you Hiria Tukerangi

We thank Hiria for the valuable contribution she made to our Adult and Community Education programmes delivered here at the ETC.



She has not left us completely (thank goodness!) but has started her new role as our Community Transport Service Coordinator at Tiki House.

We wish her all the best.

February Courses

Te Reo Maori

Enrol on to this very popular course that starts with the basics of pronunciation, language structures and vocabulary. Emphasis will be on cultural understanding so you will feel comfortable in a Māori environment.

Tutor: Peg Harrison

Venue: ETC, 90 Tiki Road

Start Date: 16 February 2015

Day/Times: Mondays 1-3pm

Duration: 8 weeks

Cost: Gold coin donation

Introduction to Computing (P.C1)

Enrol onto this course now and learn the absolute basics of how to use a computer at home or in the workplace. If you want to use your own laptop, let us before the start date.

Tutor: Kaye Anderson

Venue: ETC, 90 Tiki Road

Start date: 18 February 2015

Day/Times: Wednesdays, 10am - 12 midday

Duration: 4 weeks

Cost: \$20

Incredible Years

This course is aimed at parents of children aged 3-8 and 6-12 years. It focuses on preventing and managing difficult behaviours and uses role play, video clips and discussion in a group setting.

Venue: Whitianga

Start date: Feb 2015

Day/Times: TBC

Duration: 14 weeks

Cost: FREE

March Courses

Digital Photography

Back by popular demand. Enrol onto this course that will teach you how to maximise the use of your digital camera and learn how to take photos like the professionals.

Tutor: Deborah Hide-Bayne

Venue: ETC, 90 Tiki Road

Start date: 5 March 2015

Day/Times: Thursdays, 10am - 12 midday

Duration: 4 weeks

Cost: \$20

Defensive Driving

Highly recommended for new drivers. Equip yourself with the skills to drive safely on our roads. At the end of this course you will be awarded a certificate that will reduce the restricted licence time down from eight months to two months.

Tutor: Ron Agnew

Venue: ETC, 90 Tiki Road

Date: Starts 18 March 2015

Days/Times: Wednesdays, 10am - 2pm

Duration: 4 sessions

Cost: \$50

Heavy Traffic Licence Preparation

This course will prepare you to sit the test for the high demand licence to drive trucks. To sit this test, you must have held a full car licence for more than 6 months.

Tutor: Ron Agnew

Venue: ETC, 90 Tiki Road

Date: Tuesday 10 March

Times: 9am - 2pm

Cost: \$50

First Aid Refresher

Refresh your current certificate to reinforce the skills and confidence you need to deal with emergencies at home and in the workplace. Your current certificate must be not be older than 2 years, 3 months.

Provider: St. Johns

Venue: St. Johns Rooms, Tiki Road.

Date: Tuesday 31 March

Time: 9am - 4pm

Cost: \$104

April Courses

Restricted/Full Driver Licence Preparation

This course will thoroughly prepare you to sit the test for your restricted or full driver licence. To sit this test you must have held a learner licence for more than 6 months.

Tutor: Ron Agnew

Venue: ETC, 90 Tiki Road

Date: Wednesday 1 April

Times: 10am - 3pm

Cost: \$20

Learner Driver Licence Preparation

This course will thoroughly prepare you to sit the test for your learner driver licence. To sit this test you must be at least 16 years old. This course is highly recommended for high school students.

Tutor: Ron Agnew

Venue: ETC, 90 Tiki Road

Date: Wednesday 1 April

Times: 10am - 3pm

Cost: \$20

Website Design

Design, create and publish your own website. This course will introduce you to HTML and web authorising software: KomPozer, Photo Shop, Web browsers, CCS and JavaScript.

Tutor: Stephen Hutton

Venue: ETC, 90 Tiki Road

Date: Start 7 April 2015

Times: Tuesdays, 10am - 3pm

Duration: 6 weeks

Cost: \$30

Future Courses

We have future courses on the horizon so register your interest with us via our website.

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Coromandel Walking Group

By Irene Dunn

Time to join the walkers and walk off those celebration dinners and BBQ's we enjoy over the holidays. Our part of paradise looks so much better with the sun shining on it but it can be a tad hot, so from 13 January our group will meet at 8.30am at the Lotto Dairy each Tuesday and Thursday until the end of February. Starting time will then be reviewed, so if you are not sure make contact with the phone number below.

After many years of being our trusty leader, Janine is stepping down. Thank you so much Janine for all the years and times you have waited for us to turn up to walk, led us around the footpaths, around and on the beaches or into the bush. Janine has organised our twice yearly dinners and also written our Chronicle report. We will still enjoy these activities with new leader Ruth. She will take us different routes around the town and further afield – do join us, visitors most welcome.

It is with great sadness that we, as a group, acknowledge the passing of our good friend and walker Ken Nummy – he was always the gentleman every step of the way. We enjoyed walking with Ken, he could step it out, wasn't afraid to tackle the hills, would always make you laugh along the way and didn't mind being the only man in our group! We miss Ken, and hold fond memories of a kind man who made the best of life.

Looking forward to seeing you all with laces tied and rearing to go at 8.30am!

Happy walking everyone.

Contact Ruth (07) 866 7246

Community Gardens

By Louis Kittleson

The summer days have set in and the evenings have still been holding the heat. It was a rough beginning with most of the community gardens getting pretty mashed up by those windy pre-Christmas rains. Luckily most of our plants were quite small and did not get completely shredded. Plants started to grow again by early January and the gardens are looking a bit more promising.

Our tomatoes are really going for it and we always struggle to stay on top of our thinning program. It has been a great year for courgettes and cucumbers at the garden while last year was a complete fail. This year we put up a wind break and it has made all the difference to the plants. Sometimes a micro-climate is all that is needed to help plants in exposed areas.

We are using our water timers and soaker hoses to keep areas watered, now that the big dry has come. Mulch is another great way to keep plants happy and thriving. We are planting out more courgettes, cucumbers, salads, basil, mesculin, beans, carrots, and beets. In seed trays we are sowing brassica and silver beet.

Thanks to all of our volunteers and benefactors both big and small. Our pergola is slowly coming along and soon fruiting vines will be growing over it offering shade and shelter.

If you would like to come down to the community gardens and help out then come along Thursday afternoons

International Women's Day Champagne Breakfast

By Robyn Dudson

Ladies come along and help us celebrate International Women's Day at our annual Charity Cancer Champagne Breakfast. It is at Pepper Tree Restaurant at 7.30am **Friday 6 March**. Tickets cost \$20 (\$10 of which is donated to Waikato Branch of Cancer Society) and on sale now at Richardsons Real Estate. I do hope you can join us.

The Intriguing Story of Coromandel Granite

By Lindsay Garmson

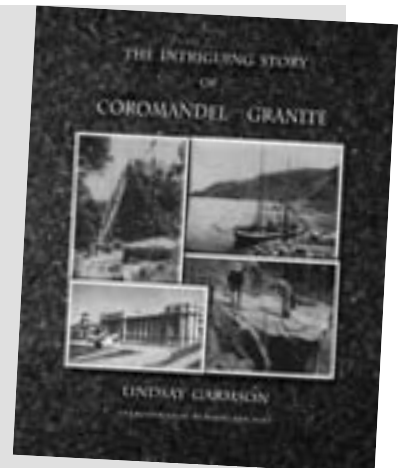
The book launch for my book *The Intriguing Story of Coromandel Granite*, held at Barry Brickell's Art Gallery, was a great success.

I would like to thank all who helped to make the evening an enjoyable occasion.

The book covers the untold history of the Coromandel granite industry, the people, the pioneers, the education of their children; also the "relief years" through the 1930s depression, and the rural mail delivery. All of this helped develop this small part of the north western side of the Coromandel Peninsula.

The book is available in a "Limited Edition" hardcover (of 150 copies only) or a soft cover option, from Driving Creek Railway & Potteries or by contacting Lindsay Garmson – phone (07) 866 6721.

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South Africa learning experience

By Jamie-Rose Leckie

Molweni nonke (hello everyone). I am back from South Africa and to be honest I was a little scared to go because all I ever hear about South Africa is riots and disease. I tell you though it is a beautiful place. After a long plane ride to get there you enter a country where smiles and hugs are contagious, where the locals welcome you to their villages to share with you the little food they have and where men, women and children work in tough rain and drought all year round. Don't get me wrong, politics, regulations and diversity are really frustrating and hard to watch but Africa gives you more than you can give it. It taught me that escaping the technological world is much more beautiful; it taught me to slow down and enjoy life; it taught me to learn and try new things; and it taught me that we are all one.

The project was eye opening for all fourteen of us. We made a huge difference to one little village in the town of Chintsa. We spent 536 hours working on a preschool



called Nelson Mandela Day Care. During that time we built a new kitchen which involved endless days of bricklaying, plastering and mixing concrete by hand. We built a footpath; we built the foundations for a rubbish pit, a veranda and a tyre obstacle playground; we pulled out thorns and prickles; and picked up glass and rubbish that was lying around the place. Alongside all that we also spent 17 hours on a community sports programme that we designed for the children. Another thing we did on one project was take a little boy named Lika to the doctors to treat his skin infections and to treat his worms as his parents would never have been able to afford that. Finally my favourite thing was seeing the happiness of children that have literally nothing. The way

they would watch us work each day, sing to us, laugh with us and play with us just makes you realise how lucky we are. I think about these children I met every day and it saddens me. I wonder where they will go, what will happen to them and how they will live the rest of their

lives.

In two weeks that is the amount of work we did in one little village. Imagine how much we could do here in New Zealand for our own country if we all tried. Volunteering overseas definitely made me realise that we still have a lot of work we could do here in New Zealand to improve our own country. This trip wouldn't have happened without the support I received so thank you all for giving me this life-changing experience and the opportunity to help change the children's lives in a little village.

Experience is the greatest teacher of all.



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Coromandel Vegetable & Produce Show



Coromandel Bowling Club
Saturday 14th February 2015

We are holding the Vegetable and Produce Show on the 14th February, where in the morning between 9am - 11am, you are invited to bring your vegetables, flowers, jams and pickles and cakes and enter them in a competition. The entry rules and schedule are available from The Information Centre. The entries are judged 11.30 - 1.30pm. At 2pm everyone can come along and views the exhibits, and sees who has come first, second or third in each class. The winners get a small certificate. The winners of each section will receive a \$10 prize. There will be a Best in Show winner for the person who has won most prizes and will receive \$50.

Prizes will be announced at 3pm. Refreshments will be available, and the bar will be open with the event closing around 3:30- 4pm when entries can be taken home.

PLEASE READ THE RULES FOR ENTRIES TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT

We are hoping the new vicar from the Anglican Church Father Phillip, will open the show at 2pm.

The classes you can enter are: -

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| 1. Onions | 2. Shallots | 3. Potatoes | 4. Dwarf Beans |
| 5. Courgettes | 6. Carrots | 7. Beetroot | 8. Lettuce |
| 9. Tomatoes red | 10. Cherry tomatoes | 11. Runner beans | |
| 12. Fresh Herbs | 13. Longest Bean | 14. Capsicums | 15. Chilli |
| 16. Any other vegetable | 17. Medley of vegetables | 18. Apples | |
| 19. Plums | 20. Fruit Medley | 21. Sweet smelling rose | 22. Rose |
| 23. Cut flowers | 24. Spray of foliage | 25. Bowl flowers | 26. Flower arr. |
| 27. Miniature flowers | 28. Jam/Marmalade | 29. Chutney/Pickle | |
| 30. Homemade wine | 32. Sponge cake | 33. Fruit Scones | |
| 34. Textile garment | 35. Item of jewelry | 43. Children's section- | Animal made from |
| vegetable free entry | | | |

You can only have one entry per class, but as many classes as you like. 50cents per entry to a max \$5.

AFTERNOON ENTRY IS FREE. There will be small charge for refreshments.

Entry-form/Schedules/Rules are available from the Information centre or email quail1352@gmail.com for more info.

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I have seen over the years how the family cook can inadvertently slowly kill her/his family, via unmindful, poor food choices and cooking. This leads to a half healthy, or sickly shorter life (which is really a very slow death). The alternative is, via real food choices, a long healthy, happy, vibrant life, free of hospital visits, drugs or surgery. Know that you can feel better. I can help you.

Foods that nutritionally nourish us are our secondary foods, because without the following you may not have complete balance or inner peace.

Fulfilling foods: primary foods

These are often overlooked. Healthy relationships, regular exercise, fulfilling career, spiritual practice, all can nourish your soul and satisfy your hunger for life. Without these you can be lonely or unhappy.

Be mindful now of your areas of "malnourishment". Be wise and live preventatively. If you need guidance or support I can help or refer you.

More Good News

- **Bed Wetting:** Poor arousal from sleep, overproduction of urine at night, itchy bottom and poor behaviour, causing much family anguish, are in the past now for this 9-yr-old boy thanks to his naturopathic and herbal medicine. He's also stopped biting his nails.
- **Breast Feeding/Reflux:** This 14-week-old baby is now sleeping well and thriving. Our support programme, wise food choice changes for her mum, mineral support and

beautiful herb drop formula did the trick.

- **Adrenal Burn Out:** "A stressful year after a stressful life" has exhausted this 36-yr-old lady to the point where she suffered hair loss, depression, irritable bowel, high blood pressure, night sweats, poor sleep and alcohol and chocolate cravings. She has been three weeks into her treatment plan and is already feeling there is now a light at tunnel's end.
- **Healthy Family Food Ideas** – easy to make: "You don't know what you don't know." This young couple were not shown how to cook and eat well during their upbringing, or even preserve or grow vegetables. Via our pass it on, healthy living programme, they have learnt so much and feel great. Healthy grandkids will be their

rewards for the investment made.

- **Poor Performance:** Muscle cramps, spasms and pain in his lower back, glutes and legs have all gone now thanks to his sports massage. A rigorous training regime for the Hunua Cycle race was a struggle for this 39-yr-old man who has now referred other cyclists to me – he's so grateful for the amazing results. All athletes have done the Active Elements online questionnaire reflecting low mineral status and are now taking their personalised prescriptions of these essential minerals.

For further information, or to book an appointment, contact Ann Kerr-Bell on 021 046 1647

Beaver Memorial

By John Gaffikin-Cowan

Since Beaver's death in May 2010 I had been looking at some way to mark her memory here in the town she loved so much. Recently I was made aware that one of the seats in the Samuel James Reserve needed to be replaced so I offered to donate a new one in her name.

Coromandel was very important to Beaver and when we married in 2003 it was always understood that we would eventually live here, which we did after we found our dream house in Rings Road in 2006. Beaver loved being here and so she will be happy to know that, because of her, there is a spot right in the heart for people to rest themselves.

On 28 December last, Beaver's birthday, I gathered with family, whanau and friends to mark the memorial with a plaque. Her father, Jack Morrison, was here from Wellington, while her sisters Ngaere Campbell and Annette James, as well as her brother Doug Morrison, all locals, didn't have to travel quite so far!

I have to thank Sue Wright and the Beautiful Coromandel group for providing the new tree as shade.

And I really want to thank Glen Beattie for building such a fine seat which, according to Jack Morrison has exactly the right angle for a comfortable sit. I also want



to thank Keith Stevenson and Margaret Harrison and all at the local council for their help in making this happen.

Thanks are also due to Geoff Kingsmill for providing the plaque which features a cartoon created by Jack for Beaver.

Before we married in 2003, Beaver was confirmed into the Anglican Church, the Church of Ireland, by the Bishop of Connor. And so I was delighted that Coromandel's new Anglican priest, Fr Philip Sallis, was able to perform the dedication ceremony. Fr Christopher Denham, from the Roman Catholic Church, was also present.

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Finfish Farm Plan Goes Belly Up

By Geoffrey Robinson

Plans for a massive new Coromandel-based caged finfish farming industry appear to be dead in the water, despite active promotion by Waikato Regional Council and TCDC.

Both councils have been silent about the project since mid-2013, leaving Coromandel residents and visitors in the dark. But results of an Official Information Act request by this writer in November has revealed where things stand.

Internal WRC documents confirm that efforts to attract industry investors have stalled, with virtually no progress toward tenders and consents in over a year.

Space for finfish aquaculture was created by changes to the Waikato regional coastal plan in 2011 at the direction of government. WRC and TCDC promoters claimed annual production potential of up to 12,000 tonnes of kingfish and hapuka in 240 hectares of the Coromandel Marine Farming Zone off Coromandel town and 72 hectares in Wilson Bay.

Problems arose quickly, when an initial call for "expressions of interest" failed to attract investors. To restart the project, a working group of WRC, TCDC, MPI and seafood industry representatives was formed in early 2013, outlining a revised six-month promotional and tendering process.

However, internal WRC emails and reports indicate numerous "barriers to investment" were identified by would-be investors, making it likely the tender process, if allowed to proceed, would fail.

Industry concerns included uncertainties and cost of the resource consent process, lack of shore infrastructure, incomplete NIWA fishery research, bonds and coastal occupation charges, and future requirements of the Hauraki Gulf Marine Spatial Plan, expected in mid-2015.

To dodge the consent problem, a secret "Plan B" was devised whereby WRC would apply to itself for the finfish farming consent and then transfer it to an actual aquaculture operator. That idea flopped a few weeks later when council staff concluded WRC was prohibited by its own regional coastal plan from applying for the consent.

According to another "confidential" internal memo, WRC has also learned of previously unreported NIWA monitoring information indicating unusually low levels of dissolved oxygen near the proposed fed aquaculture sites.

That memo states low oxygen "may reach levels that would impede fish growth and even be harmful to farmed and wild fish."

"The immediate short-term risk is that the fish farming space in both the CMFZ and Wilson Bay Area C is not viable," the memo stated.

Meanwhile, industrial-scale finfish farming was opposed by boaties, environmentalists, recreational fishers, local mussel farmers, and flounder fisherman, according to WRC. Opponents cited environmental risks from fish waste, food waste, antibiotics, and anti-fouling chemicals, spread of disease to wild stocks, danger to mariners, and unsustainability of world fish stocks used as feed.

WRC and TCDC had also claimed finfish farms would create up to 355 new fulltime jobs in the district. But another internal WRC report admits "employment created by a marine farm operation is predominantly low paid, part-time, seasonal and casual, both on the farm itself and in the factories processing the product."

When asked in late December about the status of the plan, WRC Chair Paula Southgate confirmed caged finfish farming "is not actively being worked on".

According to WRC, further changes to the Waikato coastal plan would be needed for any future fed aquaculture development in the Firth. A review of the coastal plan will likely not begin until the second half of this year and, with appeals, might not be operative until 2020.

Neither WRC nor TCDC has revealed how much they expended in direct outlays and staff time in their attempt to encourage finfish farming off the Coromandel.

Poetry SPOT

Dancing with Spiders

By John Irvine

spider's webs
sway sensuously
in the corners above eye level
filigreed scarves
of soft pale silk
seducing the obscenities
of telephone cable
and poor workmanship

dancing delicately
to an unheard melody
in some unimaginable delusion
disguising danger
with elegance
and discernment

wistfully
wishing
in my weakness
that I were small enough
to surrender myself
to the spider's
seductively
stylish
solicitations...



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Coromandel SeniorNet

By Loes Beaver

We forward New Year's wishes to our members now that 2015 is here.

There was no meeting this month, but we do have our late celebration meeting on **Thursday 19 February**. So we invite interested people to join us; just let me know.

Now another Christmas has passed and many would have received IT presents, perhaps we can assist with help and tuition.

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Help make a difference

By Jackie Goudie

I made a decision last year to help make a difference.

Breast cancer has affected my close family and friends and many other people I know.

Seeing the New Zealand breast cancer foundation post about combining my passion for travel and fundraising for this good cause got my attention.

So in September 2015 I will be heading to China with nine other like-minded people to hike the Great Wall of China. To help make a difference.

I am fundraising while here in Coromandel town by selling cupcakes and homemade doughnuts and other goodies at the home grown markets on Fridays out front of Pepper Tree Restaurant.

You can follow my progress and make donations online via the following link: <http://pinkribbontrek2015.everydayhero.com/NZ/jackie>

Thank you all in advance for your support towards my cause and helping me make a difference.

Wishing you all a happy and safe 2015.

RSA News

By Ian Franklyn, President

As you may know 2015 is the 100th anniversary of the Anzac landings at Gallipoli. I understand that some of you will be traveling by various means to Gallipoli to share in this very special occasion.

Dawn on Anzac Day **25 April** commemorates the time that the landings commenced. Ever since then many New Zealand cities, towns and RSA Clubs have held dawn services in remembrance. I can find no record of a Dawn Service ever being held in Coromandel town, so in this special year we have decided to commence our own day of remembrance with such a service.

The Dawn Service will be in addition to the normal Citizens' Service at 10am. Members of the public are warmly welcomed to attend one or both of these services. A special "front line" breakfast will be available for RSA members after the Dawn Service. The usual buffet brunch will be available for all at the Citizens' Hall after the 10am service thanks to our Community Board.

Anzac Day will also be commemorated in Coromandel with a Field of Crosses. A white cross bearing the name and details of the 39 servicemen from our area who lost their lives in World War 1 will be placed adjacent to the War Memorial.

Our commemorations will begin on **Sunday 19 April** on a lighter note. We have combined with Coromandel Music Society to present an afternoon concert in the Citizens Hall. "Sisters of Swing" is a nationally renowned group presenting songs and music from both wars. Their Andrews Sisters tribute is a joy to hear. Tickets from the Coromandel Town Information Centre.

On **Monday 20 April** we will also sponsor an exhibition with a difference at the Citizens' Hall. Instead of a formal display we are asking you, the citizens of Coromandel, to bring along any items of war memorabilia which are especially precious and meaningful to yourselves or members of your family. We will display these treasures over the four days leading up to Anzac Day. Items from both wars are welcomed and it is not necessary that they have a link to Coromandel, just that they give yourselves and others a chance to reflect on the sacrifices that have to be made in time of war. Please ring Pat Williams (07) 866 7922 or myself (07) 866 7138, for further information.

Thames Lions Club and their doings

By Christine Kemp

2015, a New Year, a time to look forward and make plans. That is what Thames Lions are doing. We have many commitments and projects but the one which is hovering in the fairly close future is the Commemoration of New Zealand's commitment to the Battle of Gallipoli. It was a time when many of our young men did not return and at many stages it appeared hopeless. But in wartime troops and leaders have to retreat and reform to fight another day in another place.

On **11 April** Thames Lions, in conjunction with WW100, will be running a Gallipoli Family Day – either a street parade, a static display, or both in Thames. The display will be based at the Thames racecourse, we hope, and will include half an hour of mock battle from a re-enactment group, a fly-past of Tiger Moths, and an opportunity to get into old military vehicles and get photos taken. It will be a family day of remembering the men and women of New Zealand who went to war. Some came back and others didn't. We have a WW1 ambulance (replica), a WW1 push bike and many other vehicles coming. Don't miss it.

Lions will soon be out and about selling a book printed by KMG which is written by one of their members, Michael Kemp. It is about his experiences with military vehicles, war and war veterans. It is a good fun read and not expensive. All profits from it will go to funding the Gallipoli Family Day.

Thames Lions have been looking at what we do in the community and hope to continue many of the projects that we have done in the past. We are a small active club and our time is valuable so it needs to be wisely spent. However if you want something done it will do no harm to ask us. We want to continue to make a difference with our service in the Thames community and continue to be the Loving Individuals Offering Needed Service that we are.



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Library News

By Raewyn McKinney

Things are ticking along nicely in the library following our holiday break. Our new librarians have settled in well, and our members are obviously finding the wonderful summer weather is just as conducive to reading a good book as the colder days of winter.

Many thanks go to all those who purchased a ticket in our Christmas raffle at the library. We sold all the tickets, so most of our members must have been in with a chance! The lucky winner was Kevin O'Keeffe, who I believe also won our Easter raffle last year! So, well done Kevin, and thank you all for your support.

The book sale held between Christmas and New Year went well, with lots of interest. Thanks to the generosity of many of our local residents, we still have good numbers of books for sale, so do call in if you are looking for cheap, good quality holiday reading. We have an amazing range of books for sale, and there are some great bargains on offer. It is interesting to note that many visitors to the town do stop to check out our supply of books for sale; is it that people just cannot resist a bargain? Sometimes people are even lucky enough to discover a long lost "old favourite" amongst our sale items.

On this subject though, I would suggest that if anyone else has old books they are thinking of offering to the library, please contact us first. Unfortunately, we just do not

have the space for huge numbers of books, so would prefer to wait until the present collection is somewhat reduced before accepting any further donations.

Over the past year we have purchased quite a few books for our "Young Adult" collection. Obviously, there is no age limit on who reads these books, and most are proving popular with our older readers as well. However, I would particularly encourage younger residents of the town to come along and check out our collection.

A popular choice is the trilogy by Lauren Oliver; *Delirium*, *Pandemonium* and *Requiem*. *Delirium* was a New York Times bestseller. NPR wrote, "Oliver writes beautifully, with well-measured mastery." School Library Review had this to say: "Strong characters, a vivid portrait of the lives of teens in a repressive society, and nagging questions that can be applied to our world today make this book especially compelling and discussable."

Garth Nix is another popular author for this age group. We have several of his books in the library. He is an Australian author who specialises in children's and young adult fantasy novels, notably the "Old Kingdom" series, the "Seventh Tower" series and the "Keys to the Kingdom" series. More than five million copies of his books have been sold around the world, his books have appeared on the bestseller lists of *The New York Times*,



Publishers Weekly, *The Guardian* and *The Australian*, and his work has been translated into 40 languages.

We also have a very fine collection of books for younger children, including many good New Zealand picture books, such as Lynley Dodd's "Hairy Maclary" series. These are very popular with the little ones, and are great fun to read aloud.

By the way, parents and educators of young people should keep in mind that the closing date for applications for the Deidre Airey Literacy Fund is **28 February**. Those interested in applying for this grant can pick up an application form at the library.

Library hours are: 10am to 1pm on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday; 10am to 4pm on Wednesday and Friday; and 10am to 12 noon Saturday

New workshop series starting – Biodynamic growing

By Peter and Gill Bacchus

Biodynamics is a form of organic growing which involves enlivening the soil and plants and bringing the various growth energies into balance in order to grow high quality food with minimal pest and disease damage.

We moved to live in town last year and have used biodynamics on farms and gardens for many years and have given workshops around New Zealand. We are setting up a series of workshops on biodynamics. The first will be held at our orchard at 2628A Rings Road on **7 February**. This will be followed by a workshop with Louis Kittleson at the Community Gardens in March.

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Coromandel Patchwork and Quilters

By Mary Hickman

A big thank you to all those people, locals and visitors, who visited our annual Quilt Exhibition. There were 81 items on display and we were visited by over 340 people.

We were very pleased with the response to our sales table. It was great chatting to various visitors from around the country and from overseas. Hopefully some people went home inspired to begin quilted works of their own.

Viewers' Choice: Jill Wilson "Bird Dance"; Robyn Dudson "Snakes and Ladders"; Robyn Dudson "Retro Dreaming"; Sally Clow "Pasifika".

Our Grocery Raffle was won by a visitor

from Ngatea – Blue spade. F 82. Congratulations.

Our AGM is on **16 February** at the St. John Hall and proceedings begin with a shared lunch, followed by the AGM.

You are most welcome to come along and meet some of our members – you may even like to join our group.

Thank you also to people who have bought tickets in our Fractured Quilt raffle – this will be drawn on **16 February**. Further tickets can be purchased from Stapleton's Drapery. Proceeds from these raffle sales go towards the refurbishment of the Citizens' Hall here in Coromandel.

Our meetings 1st, 3rd (and 5th) Mondays 9.30am-4.00pm, St John Rooms, Tiki Road, Coromandel. President Jill (07) 866 7484 Treasurer Mary (07) 866 8898



Viewers Choice – Bird Dance by Jill Wilson

Mana Update

By Donna Idol

Kindness

In my ideal world, I'd begin the year setting a few intentions to guide and inspire the life I want to live. However, the first month of the year has flashed by with an abundance of glorious summer activity and not much time for reflection. And so, playing catch up, I remind myself, and you too, that practicing a life of kindness will more than suffice.

John O'Donohue, an Irish poet and philosopher, expresses so beautifully our relationship with the quality of kindness:

"There is a kindness that dwells deep down in things; it presides everywhere, often in the places we least expect. The world can be harsh and negative, but if we remain generous and patient, kindness inevitably reveals itself. Something deep in the human soul seems to depend on the presence of kindness; something instinctive in us expects it, and once we sense it we are able to trust and open ourselves.

"The word kindness has a gentle sound that seems to echo the presence of compassionate goodness. When someone is kind to you, you feel understood and seen. There is no judgment or harsh perception directed toward you. Kindness has gracious eyes; it is not small-minded or competitive; it wants nothing back for itself. Kindness strikes a resonance with the depths of your own heart; it

also suggests that your vulnerability, though somehow exposed, is not taken advantage of; rather, it has become an occasion for dignity and empathy. Kindness casts a different light, an evening light that has the depth of colour and patience to illuminate what is complex and rich in difference.

"Despite all the darkness, human hope is based on the instinct that at the deepest level of reality some intimate kindness holds sway. This is the heart of blessing. To believe in blessing is to believe that our being here, our very presence in the world, is itself the first gift, the primal blessing."

Kindness is one of many blessings of living in Coromandel. The way we look out and care for our neighbours; the simple friendliness in evidence in our small town – walking down the street, across the shop counters, in the doctors' rooms, in the library; and also in the prompt expertise provided along with a smile and a good conversation by so many different contractors and service providers. Kindness – as simple as a smile and warm word or two, can make a powerful difference to a day, a person, the world. We at Mana feel blessed to be part of this friendly, supportive community where kindness is a norm.

Here's an easy recipe to use some of the garden abundance of courgettes.

Summer Vegetable Fritters

3 cups grated vegetables (kumara, carrot and courgette make a great combination)

half an onion, finely chopped
2 free-range eggs
3 tbsp olive oil
salt

Mix grated vegetables with onion and eggs. The batter will be quite wet. In a large heavy pan, heat oil over a medium heat.

Take a handful of vegetable mixture and drop into oil. Flatten with a spatula. Turn them over when brown and fry for several more minutes.

Drain on a paper towel and sprinkle with a little salt.

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Rangatahi

CELEBRATING OUR CHILDREN

Te Kura Kaupapa Maori o Harataunga

By Mereana Maika

Haerenga Ki Te Waipounamu (Trip to the South Island)

Ka nui te mihi!

A big shout out to all the communities, local businesses, whanau, hapu and iwi whose generosity enabled the Te Kura Kaupapa Maori o Harataunga trip to the South Island. Nga mihi ki a koutou katoa!

Kei whea mai! It was wonderful! He mahi manawa kai tutae (adventurous) and there was a lot to see. We flew to Christchurch, drove to the West Coast then up to Nelson and flew home from there.

Some of the tamariki highlights as quoted in their stories:

"I kite ahau he tohoro." "I saw a whale." – Hinetauira

"I kite ahau he kekeno me te punua." "I saw a seal and a baby seal." – Rosa

"He pai rawa nga retireti wai ki Hanmer Springs." "The water slides were awesome." – Te Ohaki

"I kohia e au he maha nga pounamu." "I got heaps of greenstone." – Hamuera

"He tino 'gifted' ratou" haven. This quote, you had to be there to

Dare to take the challenge!

By Anna Rock

New Zealand Cadet Forces

The NZ Cadet Forces (NZCF) comprise the Sea Cadet Corps, the NZ Cadet Corps and the Air Training Corps. It is a voluntary, disciplined, uniformed youth leadership training organisation for both boys and girls aged 13 to 18.

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- Foster a spirit of adventure and teamwork and to develop those qualities of mind and body essential for good citizens and leaders.
- Provide challenging and disciplined training activities which will be useful in either Service or civilian life.
- Promote an awareness of the Armed Forces and the role they play in the community.

The NZ cadet Forces are a youth leadership training organization created from a partnership between the New Zealand Defence Force and the community. It is not part of the NZ Defence Force but is supported by and gets its military training flavour from the NZ Defence Force.

Thames Squadron supports the NZ Cadet Corps (Army) and the Air Training Corps.

What will I do?

Tramping, abseiling, climbing, caving, physical training, shooting, Duke of Edinburgh Scheme, International Leadership Training and Forces Experience Programme.

What will I learn?

Leadership, bush craft, survival skills, instructional technique, citizen training, navigation – open, bush, air, land, weapons training, marksmanship, drill, radio procedures, first aid, dress and bearing, weather reading, aviation studies power flying/gliding and recreation training.

What will I gain by joining NZ Cadet Forces?

Make new friends, be part of a team, experience challenges, try new things, learn to take responsibility and have fun.

How old do I have to be?

Aged 13-18 years.

Who provides the uniforms?

Cadet Forces.

Will I be in the military?

No.

Please contact Anna (07) 866 8421. We currently have two boys from Coromandel town participating, shared driving involved. No. 37 Thames Squadron ATC, Wednesday 6.45pm, Thames Airfield, www.cadetforces.mil.nz



get it, but it was a treasure.

"I ngaro taku tianara ki nga toka panakeke." "I lost my jandal at the pancake rocks." – Hana

"He pai nga donuts i te retireti wai." "The donuts on the water slide were fun." – Te Kapua

"He pai rawa te eke rererangi." "The ride on the airplane was awesome." – Hama

"Tino pai te tuara ki te wahi kaukau." "The tuatara at the pools was fun." – Ririana

"He pai te kauhoe ki a ahau." "I liked the swimming." – Zane

No reira koutou ma, kia pai ai te nohotahi, te kai tahi, me te arohanui ki to whanau i tenei wa o te tau.

Written by Mereana Maika, Tumuaki/Principal, Te Kura Kaupapa Maori o Harataunga. Contact 022 083 5782 or (07) 866 8376

Te Rerenga School

Nurturing a community of lifelong learners

By Anna Yates



Thank you to all of our school families who helped run our school fundraising disco in Matarangi on 29 December. This fantastic fundraiser for our school was popular with so many children both local and visiting. The children just kept on coming through the doors at the Matarangi fire station!

We are looking forward to welcoming all of our students back to school on **Thursday 29 January** to start our 2015 school year. We know our children will have had so many adventures during this endless, sunshine-filled weather and they will have lots of stories to tell.

Our school building project and playground installation are all on track to be completed and ready to utilise in 2015 so we will be starting the year fresh and revitalised. Our teachers start their Teacher Only days on Tuesday 27 January and this year we welcome Susan McNeil to our team in addition to our existing teachers Shelley, Darrell, Debby and Fiona.



Luscha McMiken and Stina Towgood-Franke at the Matarangi disco

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Arts

Coromandel Writers' Group

By Marni Macdonald

Our group met for our last meeting, the day of the Coro Chronicle's deadline, so our news is now an "oldie but a goodie". We have a wonderful tradition for our Christmas meeting. A feast at Wailin's, where the table is set fit for celebrities, the tree is festooned and the room is a colourful treat. The whole day is a treat. Comfort, friends, stories, spontaneous writing, conversations, bubbles, gifts and games. Oh, and food of course! Much more than we ever need and never two dishes the same. We are in festive mood but our purpose is not lost. There was homework to be read (about Dropping Jaws), writing to be completed (there was no room), poetry readings to share and books to discuss. 2014 held the two faces of the human condition for our group, joy and sorrow as our membership ebbed and flowed. We have now lost a high percentage of our stalwarts, Kath is well settled in Hamilton and now Shona has joined her. Margaret has moved to Auckland and Jocelyn has resigned, with the triumph of one book published and with the goal of writing another. Possible new members have visited with us. We are now in something of a transition, and will have much to discuss about our direction at our next meeting which is on **12 February** at the home of Lora Mountjoy, ph: (07) 866 7176.



Ukumania in the Park

For those of you who were in town at the end of December you would have heard the music from our local group Ukumania wafting across James Reserve.

Any enquiries regarding gigs please phone either Vaughan (07) 866 7969 or David (07) 866 8898

Coromandel Art Group

By Lindsay Nicholls

Come and see this lovely piece when you visit the Hauraki House Gallery where our annual exhibition is held. It is open to the public on **Friday 23 January to 7 February**. Open daily 10am-4pm. We don't charge an entry fee but do ask that you support the club fundraiser raffle.

We post the prize to the winner if they are from out of town and in NZ as many of our visitors to the gallery are. We get a range of overseas visitors as well and many of our paintings sold have taken a long journey home. Many have travelled to Scotland, England, Australia and other places. One of my paintings has gone to Iceland after an exhibition sale! So come along and see the world famous artists of Coromandel Art



This is our group project for this exhibition. A total of twenty different paintings by different artists to create a mosaic of work as one piece. All artists just used black, white and red

Group at Hauraki House. The artists will take turns to be on duty so don't be afraid to ask them a question about their work.

Don't forget to vote for your people's choice again this year. These are votes for your favourite art piece in the exhibition. At the end of the last day, we count up and find our winners. These are great inspiration for all our artists to be voted a favourite piece. This is the day the raffle winners are notified as well. Enjoy our art for 2015.

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Coromandel Music Society

By Robin Münch

2015 Programme

In case you missed it in the December Chronicle, here is the line up for 2015.

We start with the popular Beyondsemble at



the Mussel Kitchen on **Saturday 24 January**. Gates open at 5pm, concert begins at 7pm. Tickets available from the Coromandel Town Information Centre or gate sales. Tickets \$25, concessions \$20.

Beyondsemble is an exciting band who plays an eclectic range of music to move you and to make you move.

Bring your friends, a few extra chairs or a blanket, your dancing shoes and your wallet (!) to buy food and drinks from the Mussel Kitchen's delicious menu and the well-stocked bar (there will be a vegetarian option).

Bella Kalolo - Friday 27 March

New Zealand soul at its finest.

Sisters of Swing - Saturday 19 April

A tribute to the war era and the ANZAC centenary. Sisters of Swing perform familiar songs that made The Andrews Sisters famous.

GALS choir - Saturday 13 June

Auckland based gay and lesbian singers whose repertoire ranges from the schmaltzy to the serious, from the camp to the cute, from the frivolous to the fun.

String Wizardry - Friday 25 September

A return visit from Helen Webby, harpist extraordinaire and Davy Stuart on guitar.

John and Amiria Grenell - Friday 9 October

Good old New Zealand rural music (call that country?) John sang as John Hore. Amiria is his daughter.

Miho's Jazz Orchestra - Sunday 1 November

Happy, groovy music from flute player Miho and her dynamic, pocket-sized orchestra.

And we're also hoping to bring a classical pianist in July or August.

Membership Subscription – discounts and prizes!

A \$20 Music Society membership subscription entitles the holder to a \$5 discount on tickets to all of our concerts and allows them to be entered into a membership draw for a CD or a free concert pass when they attend concerts. It's a wonderful idea for music lovers and a good way to support a local community group.

With eight concerts planned for 2015, you can enjoy the benefits of a full year's worth of entertainment.

Contact info@jacarandalodge.co.nz for further details in the first instance



Driving Creek Doings No.167

By Barry Brickell

The new exhibition here in the Driving Creek Art Gallery opened on Boxing Day without much fanfare because everyone was busily involved with the post-Christmas rush. The gallery is open every day from about 11am to 3pm and is staffed by a welcoming attendant. It is my policy to have a theme for each exhibition and to write a comprehensive catalogue that includes the provenance of each work. Few other galleries seem to do this. I believe that it helps the viewer to begin a dialogue with the work. Some visitors will stand in front of a work for some time, maybe puzzling about it, but I see this as a form of communication. The title of this exhibition is "Paint and Clay as Forms of Expression". It is certainly not like conventional art society types of exhibitions; there are some challenging works here!

Two major works by the late Keith Patterson dominate the end wall. Keith was my first art mentor when I was at secondary school. After returning from Spain in 1957, he and his wife took up residence near our family home in Devonport. Through Keith, I became acquainted with several other artists involved with the "modern" movement, hell-bent on new forms of expression, ditching any trace of "cultural cringe" or "national inferiority complex". I also needed to include the work of the newer generation of Pacifica artists and my catalogue details aspects of their work. We change exhibitions twice yearly – this one runs to about mid year. In the ceramics display are some fine works by the late Dr Deirdre Airey, with interpretations of her biblical stories. As with our previous exhibition "Railways as Art", this one is drawing a lot of interest from the public. For children as well as adults, our new DVD player provides entertainment in the form of me being filmed making the "last fatso" jug from start to finish, including the firing. Entry to the gallery is free.

Not a lot to report on the extended wharf concept at this stage except for a report by Scott Wynands on his visit to the Westhaven Marina in Auckland. Here he met up with manager Kevin Lidgard who said that he is fully behind the extended pile wharf concept, emphasising that it would be a hit for Auckland "boaties" to have such an attraction in Coromandel harbour. It would make our town much more accessible and be of great benefit to local businesses. He offered to give any advice on project development and sees no point in developing yet another ecologically questionable marina. At this point I would like to reiterate that any railway along the wharf would simply be a utility enabling a much less expensive option than a wharf designed for tour buses.

Finally, we are looking forward to the working visit of Paul Lorimer and his daughter Catherine from Okinawa, due here about 20 January for up to three months. Local restaurateurs: a reminder – consider some handcrafted local pottery! Paul has pottery skills that match those of George Sempagala, whom many of our readers will fondly remember. Also, it was heartening for Lindsay Garmonson to have made very good sales from his recent Hauraki House exhibition – his 26th! He deserves it as well as good sales of his Coromandel Granite book. And lastly, Nate Savill, our blacksmith, is working here again. Please put your orders in.

Season's tidings, Barry

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Environmental

Coromandel Catchment Committee

By Reihana Robinson, local community rep

While many of us are campaigning to reduce the layers of regional government, we presently are stuck with Waikato Regional Council rates as well as local TCDC rates.

Some of our WRC rates are used by the various committees created by the WRC behemoth. One of the subcommittees is called the Coromandel Catchment Committee. As you can well imagine this encompasses basically every aspect of interaction with mothernature/Papaatuanuku.

As an appointed member of this group (I personally believe that if these committees are to continue into the future, all community reps should be elected or appointed from elected representatives on our Community Board), I have presented reports with recommendations from our community covering a range of topics including a request to support bush skills training as part of the Enviroschools programme; requests to listen to our Community Board to support humane wild animal control; and the request that the upcoming Long Term Plan ends targeted rates for the Coromandel and has the region paying for where the region plays. Locals should not be picking up the tab for the Peninsula Project.

Since our beaches and harbours are the biggest assets in the region both environmentally and economically, and right now the whole region pays for the Lake Taupo cleanup and the elite cycle track (\$11m) near Cambridge, I believe all harbour, coastal and catchment work should be paid for by the whole region, not locals. This should also include the big WRC salaries paid to the Whitianga staff.

I would like to encourage members of the public to attend the **17 February** meeting as there is a public forum starting at 10am at the TCDC Council chambers in Thames.

I was unsuccessful in gaining clear support for our local community board resolution supporting humane wild animal control, however a reformat resolution was passed unanimously. A staff member changed the word "support" to "acknowledge" in the first line so that part of the long resolution now reads:

"That the Coromandel Liaison Zone Subcommittee:

1. Acknowledges the Coromandel-Colville Ward Community Board's opposition to the use of 1080 within its Ward and its support for alternative methods of pest eradication, eg hunting, trapping and cyanide."

Readers may be entertained to learn that a DOC affiliated colleague on the committee has questioned my right to communicate freely with the public concerning the committee deliberations. One imagines this "confusion" has arisen because this committee traditionally listens to reports from staff and then rubber stamps whatever comes out of head office. The fact that I am presenting recommendations has come as a surprise.

Just so there is no confusion my report here represents my views and most definitely does not represent the views of the Coromandel Catchment Committee. I am merely the local public representative.

I guess her idea is that we attend meetings, get paid a travel fee and go home. One could expect that those who apply to be on this committee would understand their role before submitting their application. This is a quote from p31 in the Coromandel Zone Management Plan 2012:

"The primary purposes of the catchment liaison subcommittees (now renamed Coromandel Catchment Committee) are:

- To provide advice to WRC on river and catchment related activities in particular;
- To provide input and feedback in relation to WRC programmes and activities;
- To assist with the exchange of information between WRC and the community."



Driving Creek Wildlife Sanctuary

By Wailin Elliott

Doug Ashby and his group of enthusiastic listeners in the Driving Creek Wildlife Sanctuary Interpretation Centre

On Thursday 8 January, Driving Creek Wildlife Sanctuary, along with the Moehau Environment Group Summer Holiday Programme, hosted a "Meet a Gecko" morning with the well known herpetologist Doug Ashby and his wife Jane. 36 enthusiastic adults and children turned up at 11am to listen to Doug and learn about geckos. Everybody had the chance to handle and observe a native gecko at close quarters. Doug and Jane showed us Duvaucel, forest geckos, green geckos and the star spangled gecko. It was a wonderful experience to learn about our native lizards thanks to Doug and Jane.

This programme was organised by MEG and was very successful and informative. Hopefully this could be an annual event. All donations raised at this event go towards predator protection by MEG.

Coromandel Kiwi Project

By Jeff Williams

A very big welcome to our new volunteers! As a result of the Chronicle articles, the Keltic Fair, and good old word-of-mouth, the Coromandel Kiwi Project now has several new volunteers – even a couple 09'ers from Auckland! Welcome all!

I've gotten quite a few inquiries of "What can I do?" from people that don't have the time to volunteer, or perhaps aren't ready to tramp up to the Kaipawa Trig. There are two things that everyone can do immediately to assist the project.

The first would be to place a stoat trap on your property. Stoat traps are available from several sources, including online at www.meg.org.nz. We have helped numerous families around Coromandel town set up personal traps and we know from reports that it makes a difference. Our trap lines cover the hills behind town but not the more densely populated areas in town and close to the shore.

The second would be to become a member of Moehau Environment Group. Membership costs about the same as takeaway fish and chips, and it lasts for a whole year. (Some say it feels better the morning after, too.) Although we operate here in the Coromandel Kiwi Project with volunteer time, it still costs money to purchase, build, and repair traps. Other MEG projects in the more remote northern peninsula cannot garner the same volunteer support and so must pay for people to trap and clear tracks.

It's the time of year we aggressively maintain our tracks. If you would like to spend a few hours in the bush clearing track and marvelling at the great views, please contact us at Coromandel-KiwiProject@meg.org.nz.

Peninsula Project Update

By John Veysey

1080 is due in the Peninsula Project yet again.

It is unbelievable that the Peninsula Project still exists after wasting so much public money already.

The purpose of all this spending was to reduce possum numbers so trees would flourish better and thus soak up more water when the heavy rain comes and thus reduce the damage which can be caused by flooding. It sounded untrue in 2004 and it is still untrue.

Turns out that the possum numbers were already low enough – below 25% RTC – before the Peninsula Project began; the trees were flourishing very adequately thank you. The rain still falls very heavily and the poisoned trees still cannot soak it up any more quickly than the trees which have not been 1080'd.

So why did all this money get spent for no visible return? And why on earth is it still being spent? We have been asking these questions for ten years.

Meanwhile DOC and regional council have gotten used to spending many hundreds of thousands of dollars every year. \$660,000 for possums and \$200,000 p.a. for goats.

After five years spending a million dollars a year there were so few possums or goats to be found that the goat shooters were

dismissed and there was no more work for the possum controllers. And yet the funding still kept turning up to be spent.

Peninsula Project funding was always approved long before the need for it had been established.

By 2010 the project was out of council's control.

Time and again council staff turned up with hundreds of thousands of ratepayer dollars to pay possum control contractors only to find that that private landowners preferred to handle their own possum control on their own lands, something which John Simmons, the then manager, disapproved of. Not knowing how to deal with private landowners, ratepayer funds meant for the Coromandel area in 2010/11 were given to DOC for a poisoning operation north of Miranda. In 2012 council gave our \$115,000 to DOC for their 1080 drop in 2013.

After a two-year trial between 2012 and 2014, regional council has shown that possums can be kept to very low numbers if the control is left to private landowners.

But what are DOC and council going to do with all the hundreds of thousands of dollars they keep pouring annually into this make-work project?

Come 2015 John Simmons has lost his job and the only PP work left happening is aerial 1080.

Now that they can no longer pretend that

possums need controlling DOC is telling themselves that the 1080 will cure a rat problem. But is there really a rat problem? And is there any benefit, long- or short-term, in spreading 1080 to control rats?

In their 2014 Battle for the Birds DOC's 1080 only achieved an 80% kill of rats which was insufficient to have prevented a manifold increase in the rat numbers by the time the birds were breeding. This was all explained on network TV by DOC's disappointed rat expert Graeme Elliot. Small wonder we have heard so little about the results.

Though well-intentioned, it appears that \$27 million spent on the Battle for the Birds has been of no more benefit to any birds than the eight or nine million dollars already spent on the Peninsula Project. The bird deaths of hawk, falcon, kingfisher and morepork from the Papapakai drop in 2013 are still being felt many kilometers beyond the drop zone. What gives DOC or council the right to favour one native bird over another? Falcon, for example, are very much rarer and more precious than kiwi.

Once again (is this the third or fourth time?), the hills behind Thames and their waterways will be doused with 1080 in the coming winter – unless council decides to step in and put community wishes first.

Will DOC's approach in 2015 be any more considerate than that dished out by the 2013 managers Leon Pickering and Nick Hamon?

Coromandel - Auckland Ferry



Departs Auckland Pier 4

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5 Jan - 25 Jan	8.45am	8.45am	8.45am	8.45am	6.00pm	8.45am	8.45am
26 Jan - 1 Feb	8.45am	8.45am	8.45am	8.45am	6.00pm	8.45am	8.45am
2 Feb - 8 Feb	8.45am	8.45am	8.45am	8.45am	8.45am	8.45am	8.45am
9 Feb - 29 Mar	-	8.45am	-	8.45am	6.00pm	8.45am	8.45am
30 Mar - 5 Apr	-	8.45am	-	6.00pm	8.45am	8.45am	8.45am

Departs Waiheke (Orapiu) to Coromandel (approximate times)

	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
5 Jan - 25 Jan	9.50am	9.50am	9.50am	9.50am	7.05pm	9.50am	9.50am
26 Jan - 1 Feb	9.50am	9.50am	9.50am	9.50am	7.05pm	9.50am	9.50am
2 Feb - 8 Feb	9.50am	9.50am	9.50am	7.05pm	9.50pm	9.50am	9.50am
9 Feb - 29 Mar	-	9.50am	-	9.50am	7.05pm	9.50am	9.50am
30 Mar - 5 Apr	-	9.50am	-	7.05pm	9.50am	9.50am	9.50am

Departs Coromandel: Hannaford's Wharf

	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
5 Jan - 25 Jan	3.00pm	3.00pm	3.00pm	3.00pm	8.15pm	4.30pm	4.30pm
26 Jan - 1 Feb	4.30pm	3.00pm	3.00pm	3.00pm	8.15pm	4.30pm	4.30pm
2 Feb - 8 Feb	3.00pm	3.00pm	3.00pm	8.15pm	4.30pm	4.30pm	4.30pm
9 Feb - 29 Mar	-	3.00pm	-	3.00pm	8.15pm	4.30pm	4.30pm
30 Mar - 5 Apr	-	3.00pm	-	8.15pm	4.30pm	4.30pm	4.30pm

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	Adult	Child	Family
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Environmental continued

Moehau Environment Group

By Natalie Collicott

Summer Highlights

What a fantastic summer we've had so far. We have thoroughly enjoyed meeting so many locals and visitors while out running our Summer Programme activities during January. Thanks to everyone who has come along and supported us. It gives such a boost to our volunteers, to see the delight on people's faces when they have an impacting encounter with nature.

At times conservation work can be arduous. And it is easy to become accustomed to the beauty of where we live and work, and the creatures we interact with. So seeing others make new discoveries about the natural world and hearing what they are observing in their backyards helps renew our enthusiasm for protecting biodiversity on the Coromandel. We hope we have inspired a few of you to get involved and help us protect what makes the Coromandel magical.

A personal highlight for me this year was listening to herpetologist Doug Ashby during the "Meet a Gecko" activity at Driving Creek Wildlife Sanctuary. Doug is a brilliant speaker with an infectious enthusiasm for gecko but I was equally impressed by the reptilian facts and thoughtful questions brought by children who attended. With everyone present getting to hold live gecko, I am sure I am not the only one the day left a lasting impression on.

Our summer programme has been running for over thirteen years and all funds raised go towards the protection of kiwi habitat in the Coromandel. Activities this year included day-trips to Cuvier Island, guided walks, Starlight Cinema, Upclose Kiwi Encounters,



nocturnal walks, a Family Fun Run at Little Bay and Coastal clean-up at Waitete Bay.

A New Enterprise

Campers at Waikawau Bay may have noticed a slight change this year, as MEG has been managing the camp store over the peak summer period. The store provides a service to the thousands of campers that stay at the popular DOC camp over summer. This year, the store is again situated in the existing historic school house adjacent to the Waikawau Camp shop office. Working under a concession with the Department of Conservation, any profit generated from the store will be used to fund local conservation projects managed by our group.

Campaign Targets Holiday Dogs

Community groups protecting kiwi populations all over the Coromandel Peninsula worked together over the Christmas period to remind dog owners to be aware of the danger their dogs pose to kiwi. The message is a simple one: dogs and kiwi do not mix. Partnering with DOC, the groups organised free kiwi avoidance training days at Waikawau Bay, Te Mata, Kuaotunu and Tairua. If you missed out but want to teach your dog to avoid kiwi, contact DOC to find out more. Please protect Coromandel kiwi by being a responsible dog owner.

Bush Bites

You've all heard of "sound bites", now our MEG trappers want to share some "bush bites" – inspiring encounters with nature they've had while out in the bush: "Week 1 – weasel in trap 5, week 3 – weasel in trap 5. Yeah!"; "Looking at my legs this morning... I think the bush bit me!!"; "4 stoats, 4 traps all in a row, good bye stoat family!"

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

March of the pines

By Carol Sutherland

One of the things that trappers might do along a line is take out the odd noxious plant. Sometimes the species seems too overwhelming in number but there are times that a quick uproot might stop one of the many trifids from getting a foothold. For example, in amongst a beautiful stream setting deep in the bush a ginger plant might appear. It doesn't take long to knock it back. A tad of bush gardening can maintain that vista.

One thing that offends botanical sensibilities is the growing presence of wilding pines. Looking up to the hills above Coromandel town one sees pine trees edging their crowns out from the bush. There are more of them each year and they are getting higher. There is the odd one that has been poisoned or ring barked (well done to those who did that) and around the Kauri Track there have been some heroic kills in order to stop them looming over the newly planted kauris.

I know *Pinus radiata* and other pine species are an important commercial resource but I wish they would keep to the plantations, but they don't. To me they are similar to genetically modified plants escaping from a farmer's field and running amok: alien species that can change the environment by outcompeting the natives. However, the exotic invasive plants don't need genetic tinkering for they are growing and procreating at a rate any geneticist would be impressed with. They don't even need a gene to glow, because one can spot them easily in amongst the natives, and unfortunately they don't have a terminator gene. If left unchecked we will be looking at a forest monoculture. It will be the struggling puriri that will look like the odd one out. It won't happen overnight, maybe not in our lifetime, but it will happen.

However, in places that matter to us, stopping them expanding will help. I have no problem with manageable exotic trees, ones that don't cut a swath through the indigenous, but with so many introduced invasive species it feels that in order to help our forests the conservationist is left wandering around like a dalek muttering "exterminate". (Although I do believe, even greenies tend to be much better over uneven ground.)

There are plenty of us that like to wander along tracks, but the wider the track the greater the chance of the forest being invaded by the fast growing noxious. So in return for those nice tracks where the forest was sacrificed for our benefit, how about uprooting the odd alien invader? If all forest users took a minute or so then that combined effort will have an effect. Call it "collective bush gardening". Wouldn't it be lovely if became a unique kiwi habit?

I hope plenty of pine trees were felled for Xmas. Taking out as many Xmas trees as one can is a jolly good gift to give to the forest. So uproot the seedling, machete the sapling, fire up the chainsaw, and with a piquant brew, drill baby drill!



MEG Runners line-up at the startline of the annual Cabbage Tree Fun Run in Little Bay

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Have Your Say on Wainuiototo/New Chum Beach

By Catherine Delahunty, Green MP

The new application for subdivision of the land next to Wainuiototo is publicly notified so that people can make submissions to the TCDC from **16 January to Monday 16 February** at 4 pm. We are pleased that people will at least have a chance to have a say thanks to the efforts of the people who signed the petition calling for notification and the TCDC recognition that this is a matter of significant public interest.

I have not seen the final draft of the application but I have seen enough to know that it will change the nature of the beach experience. One of the landowners came to Parliament and showed me their plan earlier this year which consisted of four houses with associated roads and several areas of bush they intend to protect. If this was a subdivision away from the coast in an area already modified by residential developments I would applaud their application. But it's the last public beach wilderness on the eastern Coromandel with no development in the backdrop and it's a global icon worthy of special protection. I don't think the landscape values and the wild beauty of this place should be sacrificed to private interests even though they own the land. I know many people want this place protected and will help "Preserve New Chum for Everyone" argue the case. I am personally motivated by the leadership of the late Peter Tiki Johnston who told us how significant the history is at Wainuiototo and how we must protect the spirit of the place for future generations. The tangata whenua have ancestral rights and sites in the area that are entitled to legal protection. Right now we can still use Part 2 Section 6 and 7 of the Resource Management Act to argue for the subdivision to be stopped due to the impact on the landscape and the amenity values (the public recreational uses) but the government is determined to change the law and remove these clauses. The government now has the numbers to force this change through Parliament but it won't affect this application. So if you love

the wildness, silence and magic of that beach, join with us in writing a submission to save it. Of course the increased profile of the beach means it needs more waste management but that is not a reason to allow subdivision. We have to do more than enjoy summer at the beach, we have to act for the longer term on this issue.

If we can save this place we will never regret the effort and people need to realise that previous efforts have been incredibly valuable. They have held a line in the sand which we can now defend.

On a beautiful summer day I would rather bask in this paradise than write submissions but the price of this environment is a continued community commitment to action. Whether it's stopping mining or subdivision in the wrong place, it's a chance to articulate values which reach beyond personal profit or gratification in world already compromised by short-sighted human activity. Be sure to check the TCDC website and the Hauraki Herald for more information on making a submission. Take the opportunity to be heard!

New Chum Beach

By Rosemary Stone

If you've read Catherine Delahunty's article above, you'll be aware that there is a housing development being proposed by the owners of the land adjoining New Chum Beach. If you would like to preserve New Chum Beach and retain its unspoilt beauty for future generations, please make a submission to TCDC before **Monday 16 February** at 4pm. New Chum is one of the very last undeveloped white sand beaches left on the peninsula. It is rare and precious. Now is your chance to be heard.

See www.preservenewchum.org.nz for helpful instructions on how to make a submission and a user-friendly pdf

HAVE A LAUGH :)

Leg Pains

An old man went to the doctor complaining of a terrible pain in his leg.

"I am afraid it's just old age," replied the doctor, "there is nothing we can do about it."

"That can't be" fumed the old man, "you don't know what you are doing."

"How can you possibly know I am wrong?" countered the doctor.

"Well it's quite obvious," the old man replied, "my other leg is fine, and it's the exact same age!"

Cross-Eyed Dog

A man takes his Rottweiler to the vet. "My dog's cross-eyed. Is there anything you can do for him?"

"Well," says the vet, "let's have a look at him," So he picks the dog up and examines his eyes, then checks his teeth.

Finally, he says "I'm going to have to put him down."

"What? Because he's cross-eyed?"

"No, because he's really heavy..."



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Sport

Sandy Bay Fishing Club News

By Robyn Stewart

With a year under their belts the new committee of the Sandy Bay Fishing Club held another successful three-day tournament in Port Charles. Membership was up this year to over 200 with a large increase in numbers for the men's day held on 2 January. Kids' Day followed on 3 January with Ladies' Day on 4 January. Even though fishing was hard for all and many hectares of the ocean were covered,



Mike Heather receiving his award from Ray Stewart

there were still plenty of nice fish weighed in. Of course the days would not have been as successful without the major sponsorship of Ocean Kayaks of Coromandel who not only advertised for the club but also subsidized prizes and donated a children's kayak as a spot prize on Kids' day. Jessie Martin from Auckland is a very happy little boy – thanks Rob and Janet. Another major thank you goes to Tom and Lorraine of Joint Venture Fishing Charters – there are 12 extremely happy men and women anglers who can't wait to test the Coromandel "hot spots" with skipper Jordan. Thanks are also extended to Salty Towers, Brian Martin Electrical, Huchwilco, the Baxter Family and Nicola and Mike who also contributed prizes for the day.

We take great pride in our successful club and this year we proudly marked the 40th anniversary of its official formation. To celebrate this, the founding president Ray Stewart of Coromandel was invited to hand out the annual prizes at the AGM.



The Stewart family now have the fourth generation of members in the club and this year Ray was able to hand out annual trophies to his son Graham and two grandchildren Kylie and Hamish.

Below are the annual awards: Men's Heaviest Snapper – Mike Heather 7.794kg; Ladies' Heaviest Snapper – Kylie Strongman 3.38kg; Boys' Heaviest Snapper – Damon Morris 1.738kg; Girls' Heaviest Snapper – Taylor-Rose Hayward 2.29kg; Heaviest Kingfish – Mike Heather 23.6kg; Golden Oldies Trophy – Graham Stewart; Mattie Bell Cup – Hamish Stewart; Ray Boland Memorial Cup – Carina Hooper.

Spirit of Coromandel Trust Update

By Debra Attwood

Welcome back to the new year. February is now upon us already and I hope you all set your new year's resolutions to get yourselves fit and take on the challenge to enter and conquer one of our iconic events, the ARC 8/12/24 Adventure Race, the K2 cycle race or the Great Cranleigh Kauri Run. The next race on our calendar is the adventure race on **14-15 March**.

This will be the 15th running of the ARC Adventure Race. The event will be around the southern part of the Coromandel Peninsula and be based from the township of Waihi Beach on the Pacific Coast.

The event is comprised of four races, the traditional ARC 24 and the ARC 12 adventure races, a new non-kayaking version of the ARC 12 and the ARC 8. The ARC 8 is a shorter, non-kayaking version of the ARC 12-hour event.

This year's events will have a special Service category for teams from the armed services, the police, fire brigades and paramedics, so



come on Coromandel Fire Brigade, Coromandel Peninsula Police, take up the challenge.

The ARC 24-hour has gained a reputation for being an honest 24-hour race and has occasionally taken teams a little longer! This year's race is being designed so that all teams will finish between 18 and 26 hours. Our aim is to ensure that all teams will finish the course.

The emphasis is on strategy, navigation, good teamwork as well as physical fitness. The race is open to teams of four or two, being mixed, men's or women's teams. The main category is the mixed team of four.

There is also a new five-person category whereby four people race and the fifth person drives the support vehicle. Team members can change during the race as long as there are four people racing at any one time.

The races will include the following disciplines:

- Sea kayaking (not ARC 8 or the non-kayaking version of the ARC 12)
- Hill, Bush and River running/Trekking/Mountain Biking
- Navigation and Rifle Shooting
- Rope work
- Mystery Activities (high adrenaline factor)

The ARC is a community based event and is put together by local Coromandel people and a large number of local volunteers. The course travels over a large tract of land which includes land administered by DOC, local iwi land and a number of private landowners, all of who have kindly given us permission to use their land.

The net proceeds from this race go into the Spirit of Coromandel Trust which has been established to encourage and support local people, particularly youngsters into sporting and outdoor activities and to put something back into the land that we use for the enjoyment of future generations.

For entry details and more information check our website www.arcevents.co.nz or check out the events on our Facebook pages for each race

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Youth Awards

Do you know an outstanding young person? Perhaps you are one. The Youth Awards are being held on the 23 May 2015. Nominations will be open soon, but in the meantime get your thinking caps on and don't be shy about putting someone forward.

The categories for the awards are:

- **The Young Creative's Award for Artistic Expression** – young people who excel in the arts, culture, music, dance, performance
- **The Helping Hand Award for Community Service** – young people who have volunteered in order to improve the community
- **The Green Thumb Award for Environmental Care** – young people who have completed environmental projects improving protection, conservation and /or sustainability
- **The Kia Kaha Award for Perseverance** – young people who have overcome challenges in order to improve the community
- **The Legend Award for Leadership** – young people who have demonstrated great leadership in projects that have improved the community
- **The People's Choice Award for Excellence** – this award is chosen from all the nominations in all the categories

To get regular updates on the awards and for more information about our Youth Projects sign up for our Youth eNewsletter go to www.tcdc.govt.nz/coroyouth

Sugarloaf Grid Bookings

ALL bookings for use of the Sugarloaf Grid should be made with Bill McFarlane, Sugarloaf Warden:
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Sunday 10:30am to 7:30pm

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Saturday 10:30am to 5:30pm

Sunday 10:30am to 7:30pm

Tairua

Monday to Friday
12:30pm to 5:30pm

Saturday 10:30am to 5:30pm

Sunday 10:30am to 7:30pm

Whitianga

Monday to Friday
8:00am to 5:00pm

Saturday 10:00am to 5:00pm

Sunday 10:30am to 7:30pm

Matarangi

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Saturday 10:00am to 5:30pm

Sunday 10:30am to 7:30pm

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Saturday 10:30am to 5:30pm

Sunday 10:30am to 7:30pm

Thames

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10:30am to 5:30pm

Saturday 10:00am to 5:00pm

Sunday 11:30am to 5:00pm

**No change for Thames*

FIRE BAN

From Monday 20 October 2014 fire permits will be issued with a maximum duration of 14 days (2 weeks). A Total Fire Ban starts on 20 December 2014 through to 8 February 2015. This means no permits will be issued during this time – and this period could be extended depending on weather. We will also be monitoring our Daily Fire Indices around the Coromandel.
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Sport continued

Coromandel Golf Club

By Peter Gray



2015 Teed-Off with the Coromandel Hotel Open (Top Pub) on Saturday 3 January. A mixed field of over 40 players competed. The Club would like to extend its appreciation for Stan Hill's (Top Pub) generous support. Unfortunately Stan could not play on the day, but was well represented by his son, Ollie.

Results for the day: Men Div1 – Gross Mark Burcombe 74, Net Ron Evans 69, Stableford Alan Rose 42. Men Div2 – Gross Colin McNeil 80, Net Zim Mareroa 65, Stableford Gain Zohrab 41. Ladies – Gross Fiona Christian 81, Net Eugene Weimer 67, Stableford Chris Chapple 38.

The "Bragging Board" for 2014 has been wiped for a new start in 2015. However, Mark Burcombe and Chris Fielding shared the Best Gross for 2014 with rounds of 68, while Ed Buckett's 59 was the Best Net. In the Ladies' Eugene Weimer's 86 Gross and Sue Davies's 60 Net were the best for 2014.

The AGM returned the same office bearers for another term with Ed Buckett, President; Kevin Verner, Treasurer; Peter Gray, Secretary; and Craig Dudson, Club Captain. The Women's Captain is Sue Davies and Women's Secretary is Philippa Medlock.

The 2015 subs were increased slightly for 2015 with full membership \$375; First Year Membership \$190 (no previous Golf Membership); Summer Membership \$220 (period of daylight saving); Country Membership \$205; Junior Membership \$40; Social Membership \$60; and 100km Membership \$100 + \$10 green fee.

Note – Twilight Golf recommenced mid January – Friday evenings 4.30-6.00pm Tee \$5.

Reminders

Saturday 7 February – Maori Tournament

Tuesday 10 February – Ladies' Open Day, Visitors' Day (P)

Saturday 14 February – Opening Day/Bob Riley Trophy (P)

Sunday 15 February – Championship Pennants Rd1 (not in Coromandel)

Tuesday 17 February – Ladies' LGU Medal, McInemey Cup, Gross Cup-St Patrick's Day Green

Saturday 21 February – India Tyre Trophy

Sunday 22 February – Peninsula Executives' Day/Goldfields/at Coromandel (C)

Tuesday 24 February – Ladies' Nancy McCormack.

Wednesday 25 February – Meat Pack, Laurie Olliff Trophy.

Saturday 28 February – Stroke-Play Championship 9am Seniors and Intermediates, 10.30am Juniors.

Coromandel Swimming Club

By Rosemary Stone

It's hot, hot, hot this month and we've been busy in the pool.

Learn to swim classes have been extremely popular and it's lovely to see new swimmers becoming confident in the water. The next learn to swim classes will begin on **9 February**. Register your interest by picking up an enrolment form from the pool.

On **21 February** our swimming club will be hosting the Peninsula Combined Fun Carnival. Once every three years, Coromandel invites swimmers from other clubs to compete in this fun event. As well as being a good fundraiser, the carnival gives our swimmers a chance to compete against members of other clubs who swim at a similar level. We will be seeking sponsors for this event, so if you would like to donate a spot prize or sponsor an event, please see Natalie Munns at Harcourts.

Some of our competitive swimmers will be competing in the Fairfield Classic meet, to be held in Hamilton on **15 February**. It is always a good experience for the swimmers to visit a larger town, swim in a bigger pool and compete. Debra and Simon spend lots of time preparing our swimmers for swim meets. There is race etiquette to learn and rules to be observed. As a parent, it is always a proud moment seeing how well our swimmers do when they pit themselves against swimmers from larger, urban clubs. Their achievements are a testament to the hard work and dedication of the coaches and to the commitment of the swimmers themselves.

The highlight of the swimming calendar for many will be held on the weekend beginning **28 February**. It's our annual 24-hour swim-a-thon. Swimmers aim to keep their lanes full for a 24-hour period. Some set ambitious personal goals, trying to get the most lengths swum in 24 hours. There is an adult lane too, and members of the public are invited to come along, make a donation and join in the fun.

Swimmers will be seeking sponsorship – either per length or a set amount so please give generously to this fundraiser.

Happy swimming everyone.

Fishing Club

By Lindsay Nicholls

What a cracker summer we are having; not too sure about the fishing though. Fish can be caught, just not as easily as when it's cooler and less populated.

Fish of the month for November was Logan Davies 1.987kg John Dory. December winner was Clay Short with a 2.918kg trevally weighed in. Well done, dollars coming your way.

Any member is entitled to weigh in a fish and be up for the month's prize. The rest of January is snapper and February is kingfish.

Scales are now at Fish and Dive and at Val and Max Larsen's for after hours at 356 Wharf Rd, next to the walkway. A courtesy phone call beforehand would be good please. Raffles at Admirals are selling well. These can be sold anytime within your duty week. Thanks to those supporting the club in this way.

Hopefully we will be running Anniversary weekend tournament. Nonmembers can join in for a day fee. The next tournament after that to put into your diary is Classy Chicks on **7 March** and our kids' comp is now on **18 April**. Every kid who enters gets a prize. This is the last weekend of school holidays before term two starts.

Coromandel Croquet Club

By Judy Bronlund

Now that we are having beautiful summer days it is great to be out playing croquet. Beats doing housework any day! Recently two ladies saw us playing as they were going to the shops and they called in. They had a fun game of golf croquet before joining us for morning tea. The ladies had been touring around New Zealand and had been down to Stewart Island. From Coromandel they were heading back to Wellington where the daughter lived and worked and the mother was returning to Scotland shortly after.

We ladies at croquet are wondering if enough people were interested in playing golf croquet, that maybe a Thursday would be suitable for it. Contact us if you would like to give it a go.

Our condolences to the family and friends of Jessie Anderson. Jessie was a regular player on our lawns 20 years ago.

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

By Debra Attwood

With most of our summer season behind us we are now heading into the school term again. January saw some beautiful days and the pool headed up nicely with the solar heating at times reaching 31 degrees. We continue to offer our early morning swimming six days per week and this is proving to be very popular. It is a great way to wake up and get going in the morning swimming or walking a few laps in the pool.

December was not very kind to us. Unfortunately the storm and high winds ripped our covers right off, damaging them, so we are in the process of getting new covers at a great cost. This extra cost (\$17,000) could mean that once again we may have to delay the badly needed painting of the pools as the cost of painting is \$30,000. We are currently fundraising to meet this goal. You can help to support us by buying a "brick" on our supporters' wall. Each brick will have your name on it at a cost of \$200. If you are interested call in to the pool or contact Debra. Contact details below.

Our learn to swim classes were once again



very popular. It is great to see the enthusiasm that the children have to learn how to swim. Water safety is an essential life skill as in New Zealand the drowning statistics are very high. It is vital that everyone learns how to keep themselves safe in the water. Water safety New Zealand has set a target that by the age of 12 all children can swim 200 metres nonstop (8 lengths in the pool). So set yourself and your children a challenge to meet this target.

Also if you are interested in private one-on-one learn to swim lessons these can be organised at a time to suit. Call in and see Debra for further information or give her a

call on phone: (07) 866 7660 or mobile 027 348 2400.

Pool Hours from 2

February

Mornings: Monday thru Saturday 6-8am.

Afternoons: Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 3-5pm. Tuesday and Thursday afternoons 5-6pm lane swimming only. Waitangi Day: 12-5pm.

Entry costs: Adults \$3.50; Students and Seniors \$2.50; Preschoolers 0-5yrs \$1.00; Spectators \$1.00. Concession cards are available as well. Call in to

the pool and check out the great deals.

Check out our Facebook page (Coromandel Community Swimming Pool) for up-to-date information and upcoming events.

Remember, we now have solar heating installed at the pool; this greatly helps to heat up the pool and to maintain that warmth.

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 Coromandel Hikers Group, Hauraki House, contact Don & Anne (07) 866 8885.....9am
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 Kohanga Reo o Kapanga, contact (07) 866 8417.....9am-3pm
 Coro Gym – sit and be fit, Charles St, contact Peg (07) 866 8635.....9.30am
 Aerobics low-high xtrng KiwiCan rooms, contact Evy (07) 866 8242.....5.15-6.15pm
 Coro Gym – boxing/aerobics, contact Marty (07) 866 8635.....5.30-6.15pm
 Shrinking Violets, contact Betsie (07) 866 7076.....5.30pm
 Coro Contract Bridge, Coro Ambulance rooms, contact Natalie (07) 866 8422.....7pm
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Every Tuesday

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 Mahamudra Centre, guided meditation-in Gompa, contact (07) 866 6851.....8-8.30am
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 Kohanga Reo o Kapanga, contact (07) 866 8417.....9am-3pm
 Music and Dance, Elim Church- Preschoolers Dance Group.
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 Coro Ladies Golf, Hauraki Rd, contact Peter (07) 866 7633.....tee off 10am
 Yoga, Colville Hall, contact (07) 866 6612.....10am
 Croquet, Woollams Ave, contact Judy (07) 866 8637.....9.45am
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 Aerobics non-impact cross training & stretching KiwiCan rooms, contact Evy (07) 866 8242.....5.15-6.15pm
 Coromandel Ambulance training, Ambulance Station, contact Felix (07) 866 8279.....7-9pm
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 Coro Gym – sit and be fit, Charles St, contact Peg (07) 866 8635.....9.30am
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 Coro Tennis Club – club night, Tiki Rd, contact Gayle (07) 866 8063.....4pm
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 Running Group, meet at rugby club grounds.
 Contact Mark 027 338 6697 or (07) 866 7660.....5-6.15pm
 Coro Gym – step/LBT, Charles St, contact Georgia (07) 866 8635.....5.30-6.30pm
 Circuit Training – Hi-Tech Health & Fitness, contact Marlene (07) 866 8019.....7pm
 Yoga, Events Centre (behind 4 Square) \$8, contact Jessica (07) 866 8405.....7-8.30pm
 Discussion night-optional pot luck dinner, Mahamudra Centre, contact (07) 866 6851.....dinner 6pm, meeting 7-8.30pm
 Walking & sitting meditation, Dharma Gaia Centre, contact (07) 866 7995.....7.30-9pm

Every Thursday

Mahamudra Centre, guided meditation-in Gompa, contact (07) 866 6851.....8-8.30am
 Rudolf Steiner Kindergarten, Rings Rd, contact Anna (07) 866 7794.....8.30am-1.30pm
 Rudolf Steiner Nursery (<3's), Rings Rd, contact Anna (07) 866 7794.....8.30am-1.30pm
 Coro Walking Group, Hauraki House car park contact Janine (07) 866 7660 or Joy (07) 866 7762.....9am
 Coro Art Group, St Andrews Church, contact Val (07) 866 8911.....9am-12pm
 Colville Bay Early Learning Centre, rear Colville School, contact Linda or Alex (07) 866 8319.....9am-3pm
 Kohanga Reo o Kapanga, contact (07) 866 8417.....9am-3pm
 Coro Community Garden, Glover St, contact Louis (07) 866 8866.....2-4pm
 Service of the Word & Holy communion, St Colmans church, contact Jocelyn (07) 866 7126.....5pm
 Beginners Yoga with Becks, at Coro Gym, \$5, all welcome. Contact Becks 027 407 0079.
 Last class for 2014 is 11 Dec, restart Feb 2015.....5.15pm to 6.30pm
 Aerobics – step only, KiwiCan rooms CAS, contact Evy (07) 866 8242.....5.15-6.15pm
 Swissball Training – Hi-Tech Health & Fitness, contact Marlene (07) 866 8019.....7pm
 Quiz Night, Admiral's Arms, contact (07) 866 7069.....7pm

Every Friday

Circuit Training – Hi-Tech Health & Fitness, contact Marlene (07) 866 8019.....6am
 Coro Gym – aerobics, Charles St, contact Peg (07) 866 8635.....8-9am
 Colville Bay Early Learning Centre, 3-4 yr olds, rear Colville School contact Linda (07) 866 8319.....9am-3pm
 Rudolf Steiner Kindergarten, Rings Rd, contact Anna (07) 866 7794.....8.30am-1.30pm
 Rudolf Steiner Nursery (<3's), Rings Rd, contact Anna (07) 866 7794.....8.30am-1.30pm
 Mahamudra Centre, guided meditation-in Gompa, contact (07) 866 6851.....8-8.30am
 Colville Bay Early Learning Centre, rear Colville School, contact Linda or Alex (07) 866 8319.....9am-3pm
 Kohanga Reo o Kapanga, contact (07) 866 8417.....9am-3pm
 Yoga for everyone, Anglican Church Hall, contact Katie (07) 866 6612.....9-10.30am
 Colville Services Collective, Colville Hall, contact (07) 866 6920.....9am-3pm
 Coro Gym – sit and be fit, Charles St, contact Peg (07) 866 8635.....9.30-10.30am
 Coromandel Playcentre, Woollams Ave, contact Debbie (07) 866 7119.....9.45am-12.15pm
 Coro Tennis, Men's night, contact Gayle (07) 866 8063.....4pm

Every Saturday

Mahamudra Centre, guided meditation-in Gompa, contact (07) 866 6851.....8-8.30am
 Coro Tennis Club – juniors, Rings Rd, contact Gayle (07) 866 8063.....9am
 Croquet, Woollams Ave, contact Judy (07) 866 8637.....9.45am
 Coromandel Golf Club-club play, Hauraki Rd, contact Peter (07) 866 7633tee off 12.30pm
 Coromandel RSA, contact Ian (07) 866 7138 (winter 1st, 3rd & 5th Sat only).....4-10pm
 St Colmans Catholic Church-mass, Rings Rd, contact Frieda (07) 866 7872.....5pm
 Prayers for dead and healing, Mahamudra Centre, contact (07) 866 6851.....5-6pm

Every Sunday

Mahamudra Centre, guided meditation-in Gompa, contact (07) 866 6851.....10-10.30am
 Aerobics – step combo, KiwiCan rooms CAS, contact Evy (07) 866 8242.....9-10am
 Elim Church Services, Rings Rd, contact Steve (07) 866 6900.....10am-12 noon
 Coro Tennis Club-club play, Rings Rd, contact Gayle (07) 866 8063.....2pm
 Swissball Training – Hi-Tech Health & Fitness, contact Marlene (07) 866 8019.....2pm
 Circuit Training – Hi-Tech Health & Fitness, contact Marlene (07) 866 8019.....4pm
 Prayers for dead and healing, Mahamudra Centre, contact (07) 866 6851.....5-6pm
 Alcoholics Anonymous meeting Anglican Church Hall, contact 021 314 467.....7.30pm

Monthly

1st Mon – Coro Patchwork & Quilters Ambulance rooms, contact Jill (07) 866 7484.....9am-4pm

2nd Mon – Friendship Group, contact Jocelyn (07) 866 7101

3rd Mon – Coro Patchwork & Quilters Ambulance rooms, contact Jill (07) 866 7484.....9am-4pm

3rd Mon – Alzheimer's Carers' Group, Retirement Village Hall, bring plate & koha, contact (07) 282 0453, (07) 866 8653.....10.30am

1st Tue – Coro Motorcycle Club general business John (07) 866 6776.....7.30pm

2nd Tue – Coromandel/Colville Cmty Board, Council Chambers, contact (07) 866 1001.....9am

2nd Tue – Public Trust, Harcourts, contact 0800 368 620.....by appt

1st Wed – Coro Embroiderers' Guild, Ambulance Station, contact Jill Wilson (07) 866 7484.....10am-3pm

1st Wed – Lions Dinner Meeting, Ambulance Rooms; contact Jayne Lister (07) 866 7687.....6pm

2nd Wed – Garden Circle, ph Linda Wright for venue, (07) 866 8440.....1pm

3rd Wed – Lions Business Meeting, Ambulance Rooms; contact Jayne Lister (07) 866 7687.....7pm

4th Wed – RSA Women's Section, RSA lounge, contact Betty (07) 866 8192.....1.30pm

2nd Thu – Coromandel Writers' Group, contact Margaret (07) 866 8862.....10.30am-2.30pm

3rd Thu – Coromandel Poetry Group, contact Jocelyn Davey, (07) 866 7101 .. 6pm

4th Thu – Coro SeniorNet, Trust Waikato Events Ctr, contact Loes (07) 866 8053... 1.30pm

3rd Fri – Housie at Bowling Club, bar available, contact (07) 866 8886.....doors open 6.30pm, calling starts 7pm

1st Sat – Coro RSA, RSA Hall, contact Errol (07) 866 8845.....4-10pm

3rd Sat – Luncheon Ladies, contact Lorraine (07) 866 8144.....12pm

3rd Sat – Coro RSA, RSA Hall, contact Errol (07) 866 8845.....4-10pm

1st Sun – Coro School of Mines & Historical Sty/Museum, contact (07) 866 8711.....4pm

1st Sun – St Andrew's Union church service, Rings Rd, contact (07) 866 8633.....10am

2nd Sun – Christ Church service, Tiki Rd, contact Barbara O'Reilly (07) 866 8299.....10am

2nd Sun – Young Eagles, Tiki Rd, contact Lisa (07) 866 2055.....9am

3rd Sun – St Andrews Union church service, Rings Rd, contact Hilda (07) 866 8633.....10am

4th Sun – Christ Church service, Tiki Rd, contact Barbara O'Reilly (07) 866 8299.....10am

5th Sun – Christ Church/St Andrew's share.....10am

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Calendar of events

Coromandel Town February 2015

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Coromandel Art Group exhibition
continues (see pg 24)

High tide 5.59am (2.6m), 6.20pm (2.5m)
Low tide 12.08pm (0.7m)
Best bite 10.30am/pm

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Low tide 12.08pm (0.7m)
Best bite 10.30am/pm

High tide 10.56am (2.7m), 11.19pm (2.6m)
Low tide 4.36am (0.5m), 5.04pm (0.5m)
Best bite 3am/pm

High tide 4.08am (2.5m), 4.21pm (2.5m)
Low tide 10.16am (0.8m), 10.43pm (0.6m)

High tide 4.08am (2.5m), 4.21pm (2.5m)
Low tide 10.16am (0.8m), 10.43pm (0.6m)
Best bite 9am/pm

22
Peninsula Executives Day /
Goldfields at Coromandel Golf
Club (see pg 32)

High tide 10.32am (3.2m), 10.59pm (3.1m)
 Low tide 4.12am (0.1m), 4.42pm (0.1m)

🐟 Best bite 3am/pm

**RUBBISH & RECYCLE
TRANSFER STATION
SUMMER HOURS**

Sunday and public holidays
10.30am-7.30pm

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Tide times and heights from Land Information NZ for Coromandel Harbour. For Thames times -15min High and -18min Low. Note: Tide heights are different for Thames.

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