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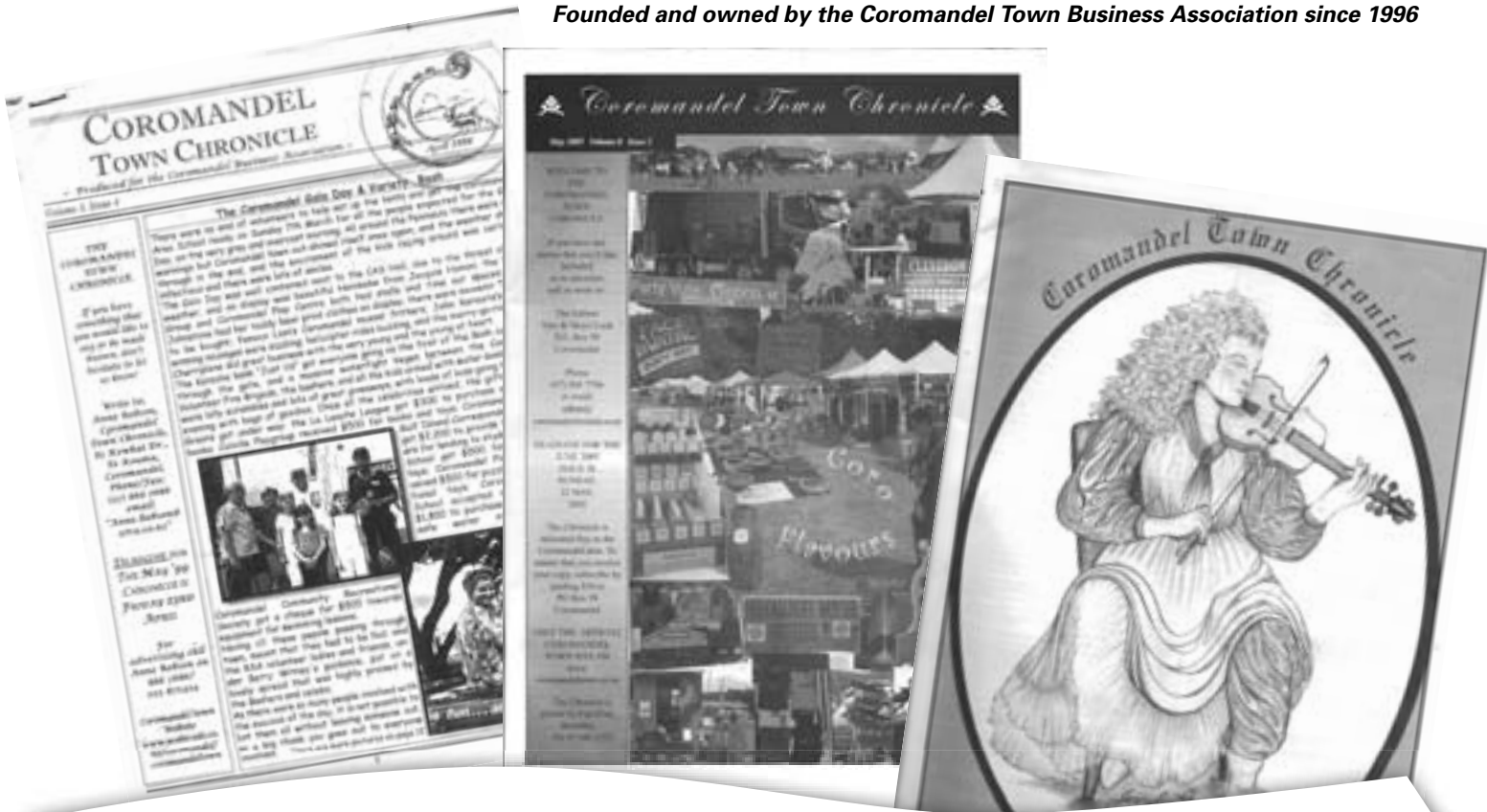
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Editor's comments

Hope you have had a good summer so far despite the weather. After such a wet start to the season, we have finally got some hot sunny days, so I hope that lasts into February and brings more tourists into town.

Sad news just before this went to print – that Barry Brickell has passed away. He has supplied 179 "Driving Creek Doings" for the Chronicle and will be missed in Coromandel town for his art and his vision. Rest in peace Barry.

Debbie

Letters

Dear Editor,

On Saturday 9 January, I held the "Coro Sonic Lab Summer Festival" on private land on the northern end of Coromandel. I just want to publicly acknowledge those neighbours and others in the area, for your tolerance of this event. I know it was very loud for most of the evening, and if you were within a couple of kilometres you would have heard it! I try to tell as many people as I can beforehand, but I can't realistically get around to everyone in the area. So a huge Thank You to those who put up with it and let the event take place. It was all over at 12.30; hopefully you still had a good night's sleep if the music kept you up till then (or even better, I hope you came and danced with us!).

This is a once a year boutique music festival, which draws a lot of people from out of town, and features a lineup of incredible musicians from all over the country. I get all the necessary permissions, had the support of TCDC, the event is well managed and kept nice and clean. On a personal level it is important to me to bring musicians of this calibre to Coromandel, and also to create something that brings a much needed positive vitality and joy to the community, and brings people together to dance, laugh and celebrate.

Thank you for your tolerance and understanding.
Cheers!

Matt Sephton, Coromandel

Hi,

I'm just on Christmas holidays visiting my grandparents in Tairua. I am very upset to find out my gramps has been battling Thames Coromandel District Council about the side of his property. Down the side of his section has always been a public walkway. Recently the neighbors on the other side ran a digger down the path and have installed a concrete driveway there even though road access to their house is from another street on the other side. Unfortunately while doing this they have created a significant drop on the edge of their section. My gramps has complained to several people over several calls and letters about it. The council told him that the driveway would have "less than minimal impact". My grandma has since taken a small fall thanks to edge that is there. They have now put up a fence but it also means they are unable to use their gate access to the walkway as it's created a huge drop to the walkway. My gramps let me know in the past that some cars tried to use the walkway and he has the letters the council replied to the incident assuring him cars are not allowed on the walkway, but yet they now allow this driveway? Another thing that seriously concerns me with this driveway/walkway is that since this afternoon when I arrived is the number of people including children that use it. Allowing cars to drive here is a time bomb waiting to happen. Thanks,

Matt Larcombe, Wellington

Upcoming events

February – See back cover

March

1,2 – Kiwi Crusade Mountain Bike Race

Friday 4 – International Women's Day Breakfast (see pg 7)

5,6,12,13 – Mercury Bay Art Escape Open Studios (see pg 27)

Sunday 6 – Family Fun Day at Mahamudra Centre (see pg 20)

Friday 11 – Mama's got the Blues at Hauraki House

Saturday 12 – Classy Chicks Fishing Competition (see pg 32)

Monday 12 – RMA submissions close (see pg 6)
23-30 Colville Arts Festival (see ad pg 26)

April

9,10,16,17 April – Coromandel Artstour (see pg 26)

May

Saturday 7 – Seafood Festival (see pg 22)

Ukumania wants you

Are you a frustrated muso? Want a platform to express your talent? Can you sing and/or play an instrument – percussion, fiddle, squeeze box, banjo, mandolin or even an Outer Mongolian nose flute?

Whatever, Ukumania wants you!

Ukumania is predominantly a ukulele band who has played around the Coromandel for six years.

Some of our founding members have moved on and we now feel it's time to reinvent the band in 2016. New blood is required and we are on the lookout for fresh members. Our music range is wide – from the blues to bluegrass, Bob Marley to Beethoven, well perhaps not Beethoven, but almost everything else.

If you think you would like to give it a try give us a call – Vaughan at (07) 866 7969 or Dave at (07) 866 8898. Or you can email udallvaughan@hotmail.com. Give it a go!

Send letters to the *Coromandel Town Chronicle*, PO Box 148, Coromandel 3543 or email to corochronicle@gmail.com. Contributions should be kept short, and should not exceed 350 words. They must include name, address and telephone number. The editor reserves the right to reject letters or edit them for clarity and space.

20 Years of the Chronicle

By Debbie Morgan

I have been publishing the Coromandel Town Chronicle on behalf of the Coromandel Business Association for almost eight years (since April 2008 issue), but it actually has been going for 20 years this year.

The Coromandel Town Chronicle was started back in 1996. Grant Eyre, the then secretary of the Coromandel Business Association says, "I remember a meeting in the bar of the Pepper Tree To elect a committee and decide what needed to be done to promote the town. I offered to start a magazine so that locals knew what was going on in the town. I wrote it and typed into my first computer out at Harmony Gardens. I took a copy into Jan Autumn to print at the Assay House and we stapled it for distribution". It is thought about 50 copies of just a few pages were done each month initially and if they were all picked up then more were printed.

At some stage printing moved to a printing company out of town, probably after there was a fire in Assay House in late 1997. Anne Loudon, who was involved in the publishing of the Chronicle at the time, says, "I remember in the early days Mum and Auntie Nance and I used to sit at the dining room table at Mum's and fold the pages after they were printed and collate them all into a magazine."

Dan and Alessandra Keighley then took over as editors, then Tom Look, and then myself and Julie Smith took over in 2008. Julie and I did the Chronicle together for three years then she left the company due to other work commitments. It has been my responsibility to publish the Chronicle since then.

Putting together the Chronicle is like doing a jigsaw with no instructions! All the copy and adverts pile in and then I have to try to fit it all into usually 32 or 36 pages. It is not usually that easy to fit in and needs a nip and a tuck or a bit of a filler found. As a graphic designer I like to keep the font size and line spacing consistent and everything lined up neatly. Once I have the layout under control then it goes to my proof reader Natalie, then I make corrections and send to print.

The Chronicle is well loved and kept on coffee tables for months after publication. Although I do sometimes get complaints about what I have put in, on the whole the comments are usually positive. It is great to have a publication specific to our area and am glad to be able to be part of it.



This is the oldest copy of the Coromandel Town Chronicle I have – April 1999 issue. It was smaller than the current A4 size and only 8 pages long. Sponsorship of some of the pages paid for the print costs. Do you have a copy of an older issue? If so please contact Debbie on 021 235 6648

Message from the Coromandel Business Association

By Jan Autumn, Chairperson

On behalf of the CBA I would like to say how proud we are of the Chronicle. From humble beginnings where it was picked up from certain shops around town, to today where it's delivered into every Coromandel household and beyond. It's informative, up-to-date and meets the needs of the community; it showcases Coromandel Town and fulfils the need for the community to have a voice or opinion without prejudice. The CBA would like to acknowledge and thank Debbie Morgan, the current editor, for her ongoing commitment and dedication to producing what is a highly professional publication.

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Coromandel Budget Advisory Service

By John Gaffikin-Cowan

January always seems to be the longest month of the year, but we're over it now and enjoying the full delights of summer. With the vegetable gardens and fruit trees flowing with produce, now is the time to be turning the excess into jams or preserves, and using other methods to store this bounty for the leaner winter months. If you need inspiration with your garden, go along and see what they're doing at the Community Organic Garden, and if you want ideas on what to do with the results, head up to the Fruit and Produce Show on Waitangi Day at the Club. There's always someone around to give a bit of advice in this community.

And of course at Budget our primary purpose is to help with your financial planning. We all know that the best managed households can be upset by an unexpected bill or expense, but it is surprising how many people forget to prepare for the expected. All families have their fair share of celebrations and birthdays which happen every year (except for those special people who only have one every four years); cars need their WOF and Rego; and insurance premiums have to be paid.

By taking some time now with a diary or calendar, you can work out where the "hot spots" are likely to be and see what provision can be made to prevent it turning into an emergency.

One other large bill facing some households is the rates bill. Even though it is split into three separate payments, it is still a lump sum which can prove difficult to find. At Budget, apart from encouraging clients to try to set aside a regular amount on a weekly or monthly basis for the rates, we also remind people to check whether or not they're eligible for a rates rebate. All the information is available at the council office as well as a very simple way to contact the IRD for a Summary of Income which is necessary for your application.

If you think we can be of assistance in these or any other areas, please drop into the Budget Office for a chat. We're here to help!

PS: Caro says that \$2,600 was donated to the Foodbank by individuals in the town, toward our Christmas parcels. Isn't that amazing! Thanking you again you lovely people.

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, John or Leigh. The office at 950 Rings Road is open Monday to Friday 11am-2pm (apart from standard holidays) and other times by appointment. The Budget cell phone number is 022 018 0849 – we reply to texts and messages during office hours

Heart Beat – St John Ambulance Coromandel/Colville

By Julia Te Huia – Acting Station Manager, Coromandel

It has not been a good month for some of our staff. Felix had a fight with his bike and some gravel, which resulted in him breaking two bones in his hand and a whole lot of resting and no doubt frustration. He does however hope to be back in the swing of things mid January. Christmas day is not one that Julie will forget, spent in hospital with appendicitis. Hopefully Julie will be back soon. Hoping that nobody else ends up with a holiday like theirs. Workload has been a bit down from last year, so that's a positive thing as you are keeping well.

You may notice if you have had a trip in our ambulance lately that we have new tablets. These are known as EPRF, and will confidentially record all your data securely, whilst also enabling a better communication with the hospital, air ambulances and medical centres. These would not have been possible without the help of generous donations from the public. Thank you from all of us.

Come along to one of our promotional days coming up. We will be in the middle of town next to the medical centre on Friday mornings from **Friday 22 January till Friday 12 February**.

Have you ever thought about volunteering on the frontline ambulance? See if you have what it takes. We are only running four assessment days for the year throughout the district, so get in while you can.

Maybe you would like a free blood pressure check.

Perhaps you would like some information on becoming a member or getting a lifelink alarm.

Need a new first aid kit? Want to learn a bit about CPR? Stop by; we will be doing demonstrations.

For more enquiries call the station and talk to the duty officer or leave a message (07) 866 8279 to find out more

Coromandel Patchwork and Quilters

By Sharon Currie

A big thank you to locals and visitors who visited our Quilt Show. The Viewers' Choice was Barb Excell's magnificent black and white Floralia Quilt. We had such a varied selection of quilts on display that it is sometimes difficult to choose. Our scratchie raffle was won by Jeni Mudgway, ticket no F75. Our Quilt Raffle will be drawn on **15 February** at our Annual General Meeting. Proceeds from the Quilt Raffle go to the Moehau Environment Group for Kiwi Habitat Restoration.

We start our meetings for 2016 on **1 February** which is also Auckland Anniversary Day.

All are welcome to our AGM on **15 February**, which includes a shared lunch.

Our meetings 1st and 3rd (& 5th)
Monday 9.30am-4.00pm, St John Rooms, Tiki Rd, Coromandel.
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Coromandel Contract Bridge Club

By Judy Bronlund

Our AGM will be at 6.00pm on **Monday 15 February** in the St John rooms.

The bridge club will be starting the year with fun nights on the first two Mondays in February as these are both holiday nights. It will be good to be back playing bridge and we hope that some folk have made the resolution to play bridge and join in with us each Monday evening. We have many competitions throughout the year, each competition has prize money.

Please contact Val if you need lessons, also if you are visiting the area and wish to join us for an evening of bridge and a partner will be found for you.

Contact Val (07) 866 8730

Christ Church News

Barbara O'Reilly

Of course January is the time to look forward: resolutions, plans, goal, new experiences. It all seems so easy at the beginning of a new year. What is new for us at Christ Church is that there will now be a service every Sunday at 10am. Fr Philip our Parish Priest has been with us now for a full year during his transition from Balmoral. He and Kathy are now permanently residing in Coromandel. Together with our ministry team, he has worked to move towards a more regular weekly service, which is always a Eucharist (Holy Communion or Mass) unless he is away and no other priest is available, when Morning Prayer is led by one of our Licenced Lay Ministers. Our notice board at the church and website advises service times. The immediate effect of this change to a weekly service is a sense of the momentum of the Church's year. Christmas, moving into Epiphany celebrating the arrival of the wise men from the East, the baptism of Jesus and his encounter with John the Baptist. In February we will begin the season of Lent, preparing for Holy Week and Easter Day, **27 March** this year.

It is true that Churchgoing is not a feature of everyday life these days. But going often, every week when we can, means that we learn and re-learn our faith, rediscover the scriptures, enter into faith history, enlightened with deeper insights and refreshed with new resolve. The language of the liturgy moves us from our everyday consciousness into the presence of God and beyond the things we encounter in our physical world. The ceremony we share in creates a period of time when the outside world fades a little. It does not matter how many or how few there might be in the congregation, what is important is that we worship giving thanks for the blessings we enjoy. We pray for our community, the services that sustain all of us in Coromandel and the people who deliver them, we remember those who are troubled here and in the world at large. That's what we do, every week together. We would like more people to join us; we have a whole new year to keep on trying to make the world a better place; every Sunday at 10am, Christ Church, Tiki Rd, the white church with a red roof. You'll be welcomed joyfully.

See our website at www.christchurchcoromandel.org

Te Whariki Manawāhine O Hauraki

By Rewi Browne

Wishing whanau a rewarding 2016 year, focused on positive outcomes.

Speaking of outcomes, it is pleasing to note that as we reflect on the previous year, we can report that 80% of clients we have worked with have been able to contribute within their respective families in a violence free environment.

Listed below is a reminder of some of the services we at Te Whariki (Refuge) provide.

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Youth Development

Value based programs based on the simple theory of assisting youth in identifying what are their aspirations, and assisting them in their goal development.

Waitangi Day celebration

This month we have our annual Waitangi Day celebration based on a theme of "Awakening Mauri Ora". This is all about awakening, nurturing and experiencing Mauri Ora.

When we are able to awaken our mauri, we instantly lift our wellbeing. We ignite our inner fire and that is a moment to embrace.

Waitangi Day Celebration on **Saturday 6 February** at Victoria Park Thames 11.00am – 4.00pm. See you all there.

Please feel to drop in for a confidential no obligation chat. Our offices are based at Tiki House Coromandel Town (Tuesday and Wednesday) 0274 621 844 or 204 Kirkwood Rd Thames (Monday to Friday) 07 868 8475. Contact Rewi Browne or Kai Arahi Tane at rewi@hauraki.refuge.co.nz



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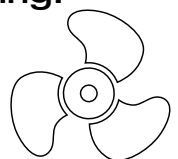
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Museum News

By Raewyn McKinney

It seems our good summer weather is arriving somewhat later than we would have preferred.

Although the wet weather over the Christmas and New Year holiday period certainly did result in increased visitor numbers for the museum, we hope for an improvement from now on.

We would also like to point out to everyone that the Coromandel School of Mines Museum is always worth a visit, whatever the weather is doing.

This month we have some articles to remind everyone to take care in and on the water:

From 'The New Zealand Herald' 25 February 1891:

"Boat Accident At Coromandel"

A Boy Drowned

Another fatal boat accident took place on Sunday last at noon at Coromandel. Three young men, Alfred Chapman, William Melsop, and Henry Melsop set out in an open boat from Melville Bay, intending to go to Sandy Bay, near Port Charles. When close to Port Charles the boat was struck by a heavy sea and capsized. Chapman being able to swim, succeeded in reaching the shore, though severely injured on the rocks. The brothers Melsop clung to the boat, the younger, Henry, a lad of 16, got washed off by the sea and drowned. One of the settlers, named Browland, observing the accident, went off in a boat and secured the elder Melsop, who was hanging on to the boat. Constable Donovan has been out searching for the body of the unfortunate youth who was drowned, but has been unsuccessful."

From 'The New Zealand Herald' 1 February 1886:

"Boat Accidents At Coromandel"

Our Coromandel correspondent, writing on Saturday, says: – "A boat accident happened yesterday, which was very near ending fatally. It appears that Messrs. Peter Barrett and Thomas Jones went out for a sail in a small boat, and when near the Sugar Loaf Rock a puff of wind suddenly capsized the boat. Mr. Barrett at once struck out for the shore, although it was a long way off, and on reaching it, had to run about two miles to Gleeson's, from whom he got a boat, and made the best of his way back to save Mr. Jones, who was still clinging to the boat. But in the meantime Mr. Thorly, who had seen them sailing about, and had noticed they had suddenly disappeared, got a telescope, and, on looking very carefully, noticed a black speck on the water. He accordingly got his boat out, and went to the rescue, and only just in time, for Jones had been washed off the boat two or three times, and was quite exhausted.

It is seldom an accident occurs in our harbour, but last week a boatman, John Wilson, got capsized in a similar manner, and, the anchor falling out, he was prevented from drifting ashore. After sitting on the boat for three hours, he was picked up by a passing boat."

Monthly Competition: "Who What Where When"

The final lucky winner of our Mystery Photo Competition was Pat Williams, who therefore received the final Four Square voucher. Pat correctly identified the two photos featured in the December Chronicle.

One was Callaway House: Sited at Kikowhakarere Bay, it is probably the oldest remaining house on the Coromandel Peninsula. It was built by John Callaway in the 1840s, and when the original owners moved away, John Callaway moved into it himself; the house remained in the family until 1985. The other photo was St Andrew's Presbyterian Church; built in 1873 on Rings Road.

We thank all those who entered our competitions, and the Coromandel Four Square for sponsoring the prizes.

The museum will be open daily through February from 1-4pm



Scott Simpson MP

In March we will have the final referendum about whether we change our flag. Coromandel people have strong views and they like to express them. I was pleased in the first referendum Coromandel voters had the highest North Island voter turnout at 57.48% while the national average was 48%. We all have our own views on whether the flag should be changed or not. That's why it's really important everyone get involved in the discussion and vote. This is the first time in our history voters have had a chance to have a say in which flag we should have. I think it's unlikely we will get such an opportunity again for at least a generation or more.

We have to consider the two flags side by side, about which one represents us as a nation now and into the future. If you didn't vote in the first referendum I seriously urge you to do so in the final decision.

Even with a few wet days, it has been more than obvious that higher than usual numbers of visitors holidayed and enjoyed the Coromandel during the Christmas / New Year period. Nationwide the tourism sector has been catering for its biggest summer yet after significant spring growth – international arrivals were up over 11 per cent in November.

Last year delivered our biggest tourism results on record with arrivals and spending both hitting new highs. Many New Zealanders are aware of the tourism industry's value to our economy, but not all know quite how highly it ranks.

It is now our country's biggest services export which means more jobs, income and economic value for the whole country and locally as well. Here on the Coromandel Peninsula international tourism expenditure is worth in excess of \$70M while domestic tourism is \$300M per year.

I'm looking forward to another busy year as the government focuses on the issues that matter to our community and to all Kiwis – a stronger economy and more jobs, better frontline health and education services, and a safer New Zealand.

As chair of Parliament's Local Government and Environment select committee I'm very involved with taking another look at the Resource Management Act.

These are important reforms aimed at reducing the bureaucracy around the Resource Management Act.

The new changes are designed to reduce costs and delays for homeowners and businesses while at the same time improving New Zealand's planning and environmental controls.

I am sure there will be many individuals, businesses, councils and other interested organisations wanting to have a say on these reforms.

Submissions close on **Monday 14 March** and if you have an interest I invite you to make a submission.



Himalaya shop : Colville

Hi Everyone, we hope you have been enjoying the drought that Met service keeps telling us about. Our water tanks are all full in Colville! The Himalaya shop will still be open 7 days throughout February.

Our times are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. although some days we will be open until 5 p.m.

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Meanwhile back in the "real" world...

By Catherine Delahunty, Green MP

I just enjoyed four days in the north Coromandel swimming in the Gulf, finding shells and fish bones on the rocks with my grandson, staring out from a bach at the ever changing mountain, the stern of the Hauraki waka. It was strange to return to the world of social media and RNZ, the world of Twitter where Donald Trump is actually a possibility rather than a cartoon and David Bowie turns into stardust. It was very bizarre to read that the signing of the TPPA would take place in this country, a reward for our role in this damaging investment deal which will play out across many aspects of our lives and sovereignty. The Herald editorial called it an "honour" but honouring corporate power? I would rather eat tripe!

Another political absurdity is the news that a company called Pacific Minerals has applied for an exploration permit to mine for gold, illeminite (iron ore) and rare earth minerals in the seabed off Waihi Beach. They are ambitious if they think they can convince the Environmental Protection Authority, which turned down several large companies last year due to lack of information about the impacts. And then there's the communities of the region who value this coast. The lessons of the "Rena" are still fresh; the impossible disaster can happen and guess who pays for it?

I was also contacted by the media about the annual Whangamata beauty contests for little girls and young women. Four-year-old girls are being encouraged to be sexualised via an outdated competition to learn how to satisfy the male gaze and start comparing their bodies. The myth is that a great modelling career could follow as a result because Kylie Bax did it. Childhood can never be free of adult power but for goodness sake let's leave the kids alone and let them play on the beach without this distortion in the name of "beauty".

Happy New Year everyone. It's a glorious place we have been gifted to live in so let's live up to it!



Coromandel Community Gardens

By Louis Kittleson

"Concrete is heavy; iron is hard - but the grass will prevail" – Edward Abbey.

What a wet summer we have been having. At least the gardeners and the farmers can celebrate the rain and the bounty it brings. Tomatoes, sunflowers, corn, and beans are all growing high, the pumpkins are rambling along with the cucumbers, and the courgettes have been pumping out enough produce to stretch the imagination on the recipe front. Let's talk plums.... wow, what a year. Plum jam, plum sauce, plum chutney, plum wine, plums in gin, whatever, just get some plums.

On another front, we should all take some time to make ourselves aware of Kauri Dieback Disease and how we should all be washing our shoes and trying to protect all of our kauri trees. It amazes me to see how the campaign is well underway and yet our proposed district plan has removed some of our kauri from the significant tree register. In fact, our politicians have removed over 37 sites from the Coromandel significant tree register, which had only 43 to begin with. We can finally get rid of the kauri in front of the Coromandel TCDC and DOC offices this April when the proposed plan takes effect. If you are interested, please go and see the council and thank your local politician man or woman for securing only six significant tree sites, most of which are magnolia and English oak. What was the net gain to the community on reducing our significant tree register and who does this serve? Why have a Kauri Dieback campaign and then tacitly promote the removal of trees from the significant tree register? If you have questions, you can always ask our community employees at customer.services@tcde.govt.nz.

Now that I have finished my rant let's get back to the garden! This is my usual response to issues that challenge common sense. The garden allows us to heal, to meet, and to laugh. It is also a place where you can counter climate change at a local level. There is nothing like sequestering carbon in a rich nutrient-dense soil. Planting seeds in the ground is a ritual and inviolable right that makes us human and binds us with our Mother Earth and Father Sky.

So when things get you down and you are feeling a bit of that modern displacement, come down to the gardens every Thursday afternoon. Or alternatively check out this inspiring site which shares the importance of local governance working with green initiatives, <http://media.bioneers.org/listing/ripples-of-community-resilience-small-acts-big-change-trathenheckman-jessie-lerner/>

International Women's Day Breakfast

By Robyn Dudson

Our Annual Charity Champagne Breakfast is on **Friday 4 March** and once again at Pepper Tree Restaurant 7.30am.

Richardsons Real Estate are now selling the tickets which are still only \$20 and as in the past \$10 of this is donated to the Waikato Branch of The Cancer Society.

For those ladies who have never attended this annual event we would love to have you join us. Pepper Tree does a fantastic breakfast selection, plus choice of juice or champagne to toast International Women's Day.

You can come along with a friend or two or just come on your own and we will make you feel at home (so to speak). Do hope you can join us and make it another memorable morning.

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New
Listing



Living at the beach could hardly be easier!!! 1,173m2 property offers your family fantastic holiday memories. Large 3-bay garage will house the boat, tractor, car and kayaks with relative ease. The smartly presented home offers 3 bedrooms, a great open-plan lounge/dining/kitchen area with 2 small decks and a courtyard for relaxing. What could be better than living by the sea? **\$750,000**

New
Listing



Set within a very easy walk of the township, this beautifully landscaped 726m2 property will have you wanting to move in immediately. Spacious lounge, dining/family/kitchen areas that open out to an extremely private paved courtyard for superb alfresco living, 3 double brms (master en-suite, walk-in-robe) & internal access to the double garage. Come on home. **\$459,000**

New
Listing



Explore the possibilities! This 24ha block offers spectacular views of Coromandel Town, the harbour, islands of the gulf & beyond. A well-established driveway leads considerable distance into the block, with power and phone at the gate. Your own private native bush retreat to build an inspiring home and/or take advantage of the flora to establish your own apiary. **\$480,000**

New
Listing



Set approx 700 mtrs from the centre of town, this landscaped ¼ acre section features both rural and harbour views with an abundance of vehicle parking and a private, sheltered rear yard. The extensively modernised brick home offers a great sunny kitchen/dining/family room, 2 decks, separate lounge (fireplace), 3 double bedrooms, office and internal access tandem garage. **\$495,000**

New
Listing



This home in the Greenhills subdivision could be your first home or a retirement/holiday option. Open-plan kitchen/dining/lounge and ranch sliders opening to a private courtyard - breakfast or BBQs outside are made simple. The 3 double brms (master en-suite) are light and spacious. With boxed gardens and a small lawn, you could hardly get any more 'easy care' than this. **\$350,000**

New
Listing



SOLD

This well-presented brick and tile home offers a great relaxed way of living. Sit in the sheltered courtyard area with a cuppa in the morning or a 'cold one' by the outdoor fire in the evening. 3 spacious bedrooms (master with en-suite & walk-in wardrobe), open-plan lounge/dining room, kitchen/family room plus internal access to the large double garage/workshop. Walk to town. **\$440,000**

New
Listing



Under Offer

This huge 1,447m2 section has been fully fenced with the landscaping including a grove of stunning native trees. The home features a superb open-plan kitchen/dining/family room (fire place & heat-pump), separate lounge, 3 double bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, brilliant decking, and internal access to the double garage/workshop/laundry. Harbour & rural views. **\$489,000**

New
Listing



Under Offer

Positioned on a large 1,970m2 section, this 43m2 sunny Versatile home features 2 bedrooms, bathroom/laundry and an open-plan kitchen/dining/lounge with a ranch slider leading out to new decking. With a stream boundary, large established fruit trees and wide open spaces, this property would make an ideal as a holiday destination for your family & friends. A 'Fisho's' retreat! **\$285,000**

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New
Listing



Secure your beach holidays forever. Situated approx 130m to Shelly Beach and 1km to Oamaru Bay, this cottage is in an ideal position to take advantage of all the Hauraki Gulf has to offer. 3 bedrooms, open plan kitchen/dining/lounge and a large single garage and separate workshop at the rear. Title adjustment pending. Perfect holidays are waiting for you. **\$395,000**

New
Listing



Te Kouma Bay – properties in this sought-after area do not come to the market often! The 813m2 section backs on to a beautiful bush reserve with large native trees, while wide harbour views are captured from the front. For either holiday or permanent residence, open-plan living, 2 brms, bathroom & decking upstairs with studio unit & garage below. Beach memories. **\$695,000**

New
Listing



In Coromandel Town's only retirement village, this tidy 2 bedroom semi-detached home awaits. The great kitchen has ample bench space and storage. The living area is open-plan and carpeted with a heat pump, plus a ranch-slider faces east to capture the morning sun and views of the Coromandel Ranges. 2 double bedrooms. Single garage with internal access. **\$280,000**

New
Listing

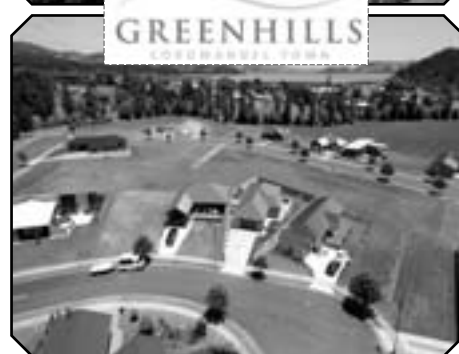


Size and a half! Brilliant 2,500m2 fenced property on the outskirts of town. A ton of room inside for your family with 2 lounges, 4 bedrooms, dining room, 3 bathrooms and private decking to provide wide rural views. Expansive garaging with ample workshop areas and a studio unit. The children will love the wide open section at the rear for great outdoor games. **\$495,000**

New
Listing



This gorgeous piece of land is situated within the Mahakirau Forest Estate approx 20 minutes' drive from Coromandel Town. Explore the relatively untouched native bush and enjoy the peacefulness this 14.41ha property provides. Small wooden shed with built in bunk beds and a little space to make the morning coffee. Escape the hustle and bustle of the city to serenity! **\$275,000**



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Te Korowai Hauora o Hauraki Panui

Ngā mihi o te Tau Hou whānau,

We are well into a new year and with that comes new opportunities for good health.

Te Korowai Hauora o Hauraki are very pleased to welcome two new doctors to our whānau late last year and the whānau in Coromandel can look forward to meeting both of them as they help support our practice.

Dr Charlotte Holmqvist hails from Sweden and will be joining us for the next two years and Dr Ned Azar has come to us from England and will also be with us for two years. We have Dr Matthias John who will continue to provide support to our whānau in Coromandel and the surrounding areas.

We want to encourage whānau to make sure you access our GP services for yourself and your tamariki as we offer not only GP services, but a wide range of auxiliary services that can come to your home if required and complement your good health.

All tamariki under the age of 18 can enjoy free GP services and this can really support whānau accessing important services when they are needed. We also offer low cost GP access rates for all whānau and this can again support better access to your GP when you require it.

Our nursing services in Coromandel are of an excellent standard and Katrina has supported our whānau and community for a number



of years with high quality nursing services and a great knowledge of our community.

We would like to welcome Dianne to our team. Dianne is there to help you navigate your way

around our services.

We also offer a comprehensive after-hours services for our enrolled whānau, so if you need these services please ring our local clinic number (07) 866 8084 and you will be connected to our after-hours service. We are in partnership with Colville Community Health Centre for our after-hours service, so in the first instance you will speak to our nurse who will triage your call and if required you will then be able to access a face-to-face consultation with the after-hours service in Colville.

Sometimes it helps to be able to talk to a clinician in the first instance to get advice and assistance and we should remind all whānau that Healthline is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Their number is 0800 611 116.

If you have any concerns about our services please feel free to ring and talk to anyone from our team and we will try and answer any concerns.

In the month of February we should also remind you all that there are two weeks where we will be closed for the public holidays, that is **1 February** (Anniversary weekend) and **8 February** (Waitangi Day). If you require services you can contact our after-hours service.

No reira, Tēnā koutou katoa.

Ann's Good News, Naturally

By Ann Kerr-Bell

Auto Immunity

"Auto immune diseases" involve almost every human organ system. They include diseases of the nervous, gastrointestinal and endocrine systems, as well as skin and other connective tissues, eyes, blood and blood vessels. In all these diseases the underlying problem is the same – the body's immune system (white blood cells), becomes misdirected and attacks the very organs it is intended to protect.

Causes: 1) Infection with bacteria/microbes that confuse the immune function. 2) Chemicals/toxins. 3) Physical or psychological stress.

Signs & Symptoms: Mainly inflammation, pain and fatigue. Too many to mention.

The cause of any auto immune disease can be many, but emerging research has now identified new and effective principles of treatment.

Treatment: Unfortunately conventional medicine will often prescribe drugs that suppress the immune system and can provide short term relief. However they may cause other health problems in the future, and are not a long term solution.

The good news is: My natural, bio nutritional and functional medicine works to balance the immune system, not suppress it. I have had incredible results with helping a wide range of auto immune diseases. Natural medicine is common sense.

Also, don't forget that 80% of the immune system is in the gut. How is your gut immunity?

Live preventatively. Any medicine is useless without real food. Real food is useless without a functional digestive tract.

Book now for an appointment on 021 046 1647



Coromandel Embroiderers Guild

By Diann Cade

It's here, the first Guild meeting for the year, **Wednesday 3 February**, gathering around 9.45am at the St John rooms in time for morning tea at 10.00am with lots of chatter to catch up happenings over the Christmas break. The formal meeting starts at 10.30am.

Our enthusiasm for stitching has not waned as already names are down for the first workshop in the fourth week of this month. So there are decisions to be made, materials to procure and threads to be chosen. It is not all in the stitching! We get carried away with the fabrics, the colours, the nature of the threads, that new stitch one finds and the companionship that develops among like-minded people. All adding to the social fabric of the community! The Guild is only one of many community groups that add this value to the community spirit.

Remember the Guild encourages those "interested" in stitch to come and join them and enjoy what they find in their passion for the fabrics, threads and stitches! Both traditional and creative work is encouraged, with an understanding of traditional techniques and styles that enhance the quality of the finished work.

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

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Library News

By Raewyn McKinney

The last few times I have been on library duty, I have reflected on the great number of books that have been used as a basis for movies or TV series.

This goes right back to movie classics, such as *Gone With The Wind* the 1939 movie adapted from the novel by Margaret Mitchell. The trend continued with adaptations of the James Bond stories by Ian Fleming, through to more recent movie versions of *The Hobbit* and *Lord of the Rings*, plus *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo*. The popular TV series "The Hunger Games" and "Game of Thrones" are also adapted from books. I have recently had my attention drawn to the fact that many of the movies nominated for best picture or best actor awards for this year's Oscars are also adapted from books; which include *Brooklyn* by Colm Toibin, *Room* by Emma Donoghue and *The Revenant* by Michael Punke.

We have many other great books in the Coromandel Community Library that have been made into movies, such as:



***The Girl On the Train* by Paula Hawkins.**

Rachel takes the same commuter train every morning. Every day she rattles down the track, flashes past a stretch of cozy suburban homes, and

stops at the signal that allows her to daily watch the same couple breakfasting on their deck... Compulsively readable, *The Girl on the Train* is an emotionally immersive, Hitchcockian thriller and an electrifying debut.

The film version began production in October 2015, with Emily Blunt in the role of Rachel.

***Wild* by Cheryl Strayed**

At twenty-six, Cheryl Strayed thought she had lost everything. In the wake of her mother's rapid death from cancer, her family disbanded and her marriage crumbled. With nothing to lose, she made the most impulsive decision of her life: to walk eleven-hundred miles of the west coast of America... *Wild* is a brutal memoir of survival, grief and redemption: a searing portrayal of life at its lowest ebb and at its highest tide.

The film adaptation was released in 2014 starring actress Reese Witherspoon.

***Still Alice* by Lisa Genova**



A moving story of a woman with early onset Alzheimer's disease, now a major Academy Award-winning film starring Julianne Moore and Kristen Stewart.

Alice Howland is proud of the life she worked so

hard to build. At fifty, she's a cognitive psychology professor at Harvard and a renowned expert in linguistics, with a successful husband and three grown children. When she begins to grow forgetful and disoriented, she dismisses it for as long as she can until a tragic diagnosis changes her life – and her relationship with her family and the world around her – forever... But Alice is a remarkable woman, and her family learn more about her and each other in their quest to hold on to the Alice they know. Her memory hanging by a frayed thread, she is living in the moment, living for each day. But she is still Alice.

***A Walk In The Woods* by Bill Bryson**

The Appalachian Trail stretches from



Georgia to Maine and covers some of the most breathtaking terrain in America – majestic mountains, silent forests, sparkling lakes. If you're going to take a hike, it's probably the place to go.

And Bill Bryson is surely the most entertaining guide you'll find...

A Walk in the Woods is now a American adventure comedy biographical film.

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

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8 Feb - 14 Feb	8.45 am	8.45 am	-	8.45 am	6.00 pm	8.45 am	8.45 am
15 Feb - 20 Mar	-	8.45 am	-	8.45 am	6.00 pm	8.45 am	8.45 am
21 Mar - 27 Mar	-	8.45 am	-	6.00 pm	8.45 am	8.45 am	8.45 am
28 Mar - 3 Apr	8.45 am	8.45 am	-	8.45 am	6.00 pm	8.45 am	8.45 am
4 Apr - 24 Apr	-	8.45 am	-	8.45 am	6.00 pm	8.45 am	8.45 am
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1 Feb - 7 Feb	4.30 pm	3.00 pm	3.00 pm	3.00 pm	8.15 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm
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Auckland - Coromandel

	ADULT	CHILD	FAMILY
ONE WAY	\$55.00	\$35.00	\$145.00
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	ADULT	CHILD	FAMILY
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Coromandel Independent Living Trust Training and Education

Happy New Year!

We hope you all had a wonderful safe festive season and are ready for the year to come. We've got some fantastic learning opportunities coming up for 2016 to keep you motivated and inspired.



Starts Wed 24 Feb 2016
5.30pm - 8pm
(Supper provided)

Te Whare Kura O Manaia
22 Goldfields Road, Manaia

Starts Tue 23rd Feb 2016
10.00am - 12.30pm
(Morning tea provided)

Whitianga Social Services
Centre, 2 Cook Dr, Whitianga

The Incredible Years Parenting Programme runs for 14 weeks and caters for parents of children aged 3-8 years. Over the weeks, parents develop strategies to build positive relationships with their children and to manage problem behaviours through play and spending time together using praise and encouragement.

To register or for further information:

please contact Kate Donoghue 07 866 8543 / 027 692 6494 for Whitianga or Contact Latisha 07 866 7123 / 027 927 1707 for Manaia

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Enquires can be made to:

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SeniorNet Coromandel

By Loes Beaver

A New Year is now upon us, and as I suspect many of us have received updated IT equipment from Santa.

I know I have as I have an updated cell phone and computer, and for both I need help to bring my knowledge up to date.

Here at SeniorNet we have very competent tutors, who can help us with our problems. It is a really great way of supporting our SeniorNet members.

If you are thinking of joining as a member looking for knowledge, or even someone who would be interested in lending a hand with the tutor side of things, we are always open to suggestions and support people.

Our next meeting will be held on **28 January**, and our venue for both meetings and tuition courses is the Coromandel Area School music room. We appreciate the support that we receive from the school, and hope that we can return their kindness and support in future events etc.

Looking forward to the new year, with our one-on-one tutor support and group lessons.

Contact me anytime if you have any enquiries, Loes (07) 866 8053



Coromandel Independent Living Trust (CILT) Resource Centre

Travel assistance to hospital appointments

If you are a Community Services Card holder and have an appointment at Thames or Waikato Hospital, we can give you funding to help get there. We also have a great team of dedicated volunteer drivers for those unable to drive themselves. Bring in your appointment letter and Community Services Card between 9am and 3pm Monday to Thursday, to access this service.

Weekly Mobility Van to Thames

This wonderful service collects people from their homes on Thursday mornings around 9am for the trip to Thames for shopping and appointments. Everyone meets at Pak'nSave at 2pm to come back to Coromandel. Koha for a return trip is \$12 and half price for children. Call or come in to the Resource Centre to book a spot before 1pm on Wednesdays.

Maori Land Court and IRD visits for 2016

In 2016 Maori Land Court will visit the Coromandel Heartlands Centre at Tiki House on **21 April and 24 November**. IRD will be here on **16 March, 15 June, 20 July and 19 October**. Call or come in to book a time to see either of these government agencies.

Other great services available at the Resource Centre

- Two fast computers FREE for locals to use between 9am and 3pm
- Lots of info on health, disability and community services
- Photocopier, printer, scanner, laminator and fax for public use

Volunteers wanted!

CILT is always looking for volunteers! We have lots of exciting opportunities to become involved with the community through our diverse range of projects. Please drop into the Resource Centre at Tiki House in Coromandel or phone Rebecca at any time on (07) 866 8358 for more information and to leave your contact details.

Contact: Rebecca Leaker (Resource Centre Coordinator). Tiki House, 45 Tiki Road. Hours: 9am-3pm Monday to Thursday Ph/Fax: (07) 866 8358. Email: cilt@cilt.org.nz or website: www.cilt.org.nz

Coromandel Independent Living Trust



Success Café and Bar – under new ownership

The café was named after the Success goldmine, dating back to the 1850's, during the famous gold mining era. Now under new ownership, Eleanor Spencer has taken over from Leanne Mahon.

Eleanor has had strong ties with Coromandel Town for a number of years. Staff at the café have years of experience, and we encourage all sides of creativity to offer tempting daily food dishes.

The café boasts an air of goodwill and ambience, great coffee, refreshing wines and beers.

Laze away the day or evening under the beautiful cherry tree, or inside in the soft comfort and friendliness of local staff. Let us look after you for a spell!

Full cooked breakfasts, luscious pancakes, healthy muesli, yogurt and fresh fruit. For lunch, look out for fresh Coromandel mussels, chowder, and steak sandwiches, to name a few. Maybe follow up with a super cool affogato, coffee and ice cream; nothing better.

While away the late afternoon with a light tapas, gnocchi in truffle oil infused creamy mushroom sauce, or antipasto platter with a cool wine or beer.

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Coromandel Lions

By Lion Lyn



Hello from Lions on our official month off (yeah tui). With the Keltic Fair being a total washout, and the upcoming Beach Hop now off our agenda (these being our biggest fundraisers), club funds are looking rather sad! However, here is some of where our hard earned funds have gone to: Westpac Rescue Helicopter Trust \$1000, Coro Aero Club \$1000, Coro St John \$1000, Coro Area School (Cambodia trip) \$1000, Colville School \$1000, Coro Business Association (Illume Festival) \$500, Driving Creek Arts & Conservation Trust \$500, Colville Trust \$580, Coro Community Services Trust \$400, Lions Young Ambassadors Award \$200, Lloyd Morgan Charitable Trust \$220, Pink Ribbon Appeal \$550, Guide Dog Puppy Appeal \$300, Anzac Commemoration Project (Thames) \$300, Coro Art Group \$50; not forgetting the funds that go into the Xmas parade, gifts for the children as well as Phoenix House residents; plus all of the council criteria that has to be applied and paid for, often well in advance, for almost all planned events! Now that is a lot of mussel fritters!

Our next mussel fritter stall (out of town) will be at "A Taste Of Matarangi". We will be all praying for fine weather. We have no final figure for our major project – St John – yet, as donations are still coming in. What a generous town we live in!

On to Club news: our annual BBQ was brought forward to January to accommodate those with work and/or holiday commitments, held at Lion Katrina's new residence. What a lovely piece of paradise you have! Thank you for a memorable evening, another one for the photo album. We do not meet now until 17 February, so if anyone needs Lions assistance, or has any queries, orders for firewood etc, please phone secretary Jayne (07) 866 7687 or Lion Lyn (07) 866 7722. Till next time. Cheers.

Animal Rescue Thames

By Alice Parris

Thank mew to everyone who has donated cat and kitten food to our black n white cat food bin at Pak n Save. The cats truly appreciate your generosity! Also thanks for the towels, bedding, sheets for our furbabies.

We had cruised so quietly into Christmas that a flurry of furr over the New Year period caught us off guard!

We gained three very feral five week kittens from Totara. They were ones we did not know of – the other litter of three older kittens we did know of, and had tried to trap and catch without success. So three tabbies playing in the garden got caught one by one – the usual hiss, scream and claws. Without gloves and net this really sets the adrenaline rushing but we were determined all three were coming back to rescue to be socialised along with the two black girl kittens we got off the farm. New Year's Eve we were advised that the older tabby had been trapped, and that was collected and named Neeva, half past 8 that night the grey had been trapped so we raced out and collected him too, named Aven. So we ended up with some a few extras we hadn't counted on.

Socialising has been a game of patience but we have won with the two farmies, three litters and the other elders are slowly, very slowly, gaining trust in humans.

Just after New Year's we had a call about a feral kitten who came when the lady called "chook, chook, chook" – kitten screaming loudly for food – they caught her and named her Archie and brought her down from Te Kouma. Next day we received a call they had caught a black 'n white kitten, who we named Nero. The wonderful people had been up all night trying to catch it. These are definitely not ferals as they tamed very, very quickly, purr and know about litter trays, so our guess would be a dumped litter.

With all on special needs diets for the first fortnight and basic gentle foods and flea treatments our budget took a hiding with more kitten food needed than we had in house!

So in all we have over a dozen kittens in various forms of socialised – for most they use the litter box without any hassle or issue, the others are just plain naughty as they know what they are for! We have shredded so many sheets, it has depleted most of our bedding supply of sheets. This way the shredded sheets can be just dumped as ferals have no concept at first of litter tray and bed, both you use for both sleeping and toileting. We used up heaps of baby blankets, loads of washing and went onto the sheets. Now we are still using pillowcases and towels that can be used and dumped when toileted on. Saves a load of washing!

We were gifted an estate lot of craft books and knitting stuff, which we have been selling on the internet and have raised over \$200 so far. This will go to purchasing more kitten biscuits, tinned kitten food, and sachets for the kittens. The dozen eat very, very well and with three meals a day nothing lasts long 'round here.

Homed – we homed one prior to Christmas and nothing since our older felines. We have three who are now almost a year old, and five that are nearly nine months old, all desexed and waiting for that elusive forever home to call their own.

Our new season's won't be ready until end of February as they have to be desexed prior to leaving.

Wanted – towels, sheets, baby blankets, linen etc, garage sale items, kitten biscuits, Vitapet milk, kitten sachets/tinned, cat tinned foods /biscuits purrlease.

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The growth of Coromandel and its surrounding hinterland

By Don Goodall

Initially there were two towns. One, based around the wharf was known as Bottom Town.

The other based around highly productive mines at the Kennedy Bay/Colville intersection became known as Top Town.

Great was the rivalry between them in the 1870s. They were linked by a road and tramway.

All goods entered the town by sea.

There were three attempts to establish new towns satellite to Coromandel after 1870, but

before 1900. Kingston, Wynyardtown, and Belleville. Survey plans exist. But none really took off in the way originally intended. They have merged into one amorphous mass sprawling lengthwise, Coromandel.

Kingston is on the entrance to Coromandel Town, just on the town side of Preeces Point.

It survives as a no exit street leading down to the Harbour. Entry is beside the Garden Centre.

Wynyardtown was named after early surveyor and Auckland Provincial Governor, Wynyard.

Plans for the ambitious ventures at these centres are on display at Coromandel Museum.

Another, less well known but very brave attempt began in the 1970's. A potter bought a substantial lot, and attempted to create a planned "craftsman settlement". Like-minded persons could pool their knowledge, become enthused by the exploits of other craftspeople, and experiment with new techniques using their fellow residents as sounding boards. The grand scheme was to attract a variety of artisans of many different ilk. Initially the plan was to limit residents to only one person representing each different craft, and create for them a secure environmental "university" where they could explore relatively free from competition. In this haven they could produce their wares relatively free from economic pressures – silversmiths, jewellers, weavers, potters, sewers and embroiderers, wood carvers, print and screen print makers, among others; all were welcome. They would pool their resources and together run a co-operative shop in town selling their wares.

It very nearly came off, but then the government of the day relaxed import tariffs and cheap Asian goods flooded the market, at prices they could not compete with. So the grand idea lapsed.

The nature of the town and hinterland is such that many people have passed through, but few have remained here all their lives. Such is the nature of a town which has experienced three separate gold rushes, a rush on natural finite resources such as kauri gum, kauri timber, and dare I say, granite.

The 1970s brought another rush, of people seeking alternative lifestyles. Several communes were established farther north on the peninsula, and they each developed their distinctive lifestyles, communities, and housing arrangements. Catching up on the trend was the "Ohu scheme" of the government which endorsed the endeavours of these inspired residents, hopeful of creating a new lifestyle. In no way can they all be considered drop-outs as they were sometimes labelled. I prefer the term "opt outs". Many were able to refresh themselves and assume prominent positions in our society, in politics and business, journalism and health and education to name but some.

The more even flow of renewable resources, such as cultivation of aquaculture products, creates a different economic base. Traditional fishing may have lapsed, but mussels, scallops and oysters have boomed and created many jobs, and who knows what other aqua species may follow in the next 25 years?

The other enterprise based on natural resources is tourism.

More people coming to Coromandel to retire here. They also affect the future shape of the town.

Eyes wide open!

By Jocelyn Davey

This beautiful earth is a place of pure wonder. There is so much to see as we journey along.

Be observant and watchful; enjoy all the beauty. Notice what's happening; there is so much to see.

In our small town I spotted last week
A new notice on Firlawn; its been there all week

It might be made over or given a lift,
That lovely old villa that looks so bleak

At the end of last year five businesses closed;
The town looked quite sad as everyone knows.

But a new year is here, there is change in the air
Some new shops are open; a sign of good cheer.

The begonia gardens in Christmas hues
Have been so very bright in red, white, NOT blue.

And now 2016 is well underway, keep alert,
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Coromandel Walking Group

By Irene Dunn

Holidays are over – time to get those walking shoes on and come walking. Bring a friend or your neighbour and walk an hour each Tuesday and Thursday with our friendly group. We do have such a lot of laughs especially afterwards at Success Cafe where the girls make great coffee – thank you for always making us feel so welcome.

Some of our members haven't been too well – we wish them all a speedy recovery to good health. We do miss them on our walks.

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What is the difference between cocoa and cacao?

By Deborah Hide-Bayne

When I started seeing things made with cacao, at first I just assumed that it was a more politically correct way of spelling cocoa. However, there is more to it than that. Although they look and sound very similar, these two products are actually quite different.

Cocoa beans come from cocoa tree fruit or pods. They are usually picked by hand and then split to get out the beans. Each pod can contain between 20-40 beans.

The cocoa beans are then fermented, roasted and de-hulled. The beans are ground to produce cocoa mass (or cocoa liquor). This is then pressed to remove the cocoa butter and what is left behind is then ground to make powder.

You can get two sorts: natural cocoa powder or Dutched cocoa. Dutched cocoa is washed with a solution of potassium carbonate that takes the normally acidic cocoa to pH neutral. Dutched cocoa is darker coloured and has a smoother, richer flavour. So if you are using a recipe that uses baking soda as a raising agent, it is better to use natural cocoa because baking soda needs the alkalinity of the cocoa to react; you may



however prefer the flavour or texture of baking with Dutched cocoa, in which case, it is better to use baking powder as the raising agent.

Raw cacao, however, is made by cold-pressing unroasted cocoa beans.

In producing raw cacao powder, the temperature doesn't go above 47°C so more of the antioxidants are retained... this means that cacao is better for you. It is, however, still a bit of a boutique product and its price reflects that.

Also, the health benefits of something you eat in relatively small quantities are not very significant unless you are going to make other healthy lifestyle choices... but at least you can be well-informed about your food choices!

Here are some useful links:

The Benefits of Cacao <http://foodfacts.mercola.com/cacao.html>

Natural Cocoa versus Dutched – <http://www.seriousseats.com/2014/08/difference-dutch-process-natural-cocoa-powder-substitute.html>

Recipes using Cacao – <http://www.onegreenplanet.org/vegan-recipe/superfood-recipes-made-with-raw-cacao/>

Is chocolate good for you? – <http://www.besthealthmag.ca/best-eats/healthy-eating/7-reasons-why-chocolate-is-healthy>

Monday Walkers

By Irene Dunn

It seems quite a while since we walked together, so we are looking forward to our first walk of the year on **8 February**. We meet each Monday at 9am at Woollams car park to car pool, usually walk in the morning and aim to be home by 1pm unless we go further afield. If you are interested in walking with us contact the walker and phone number below to receive weekly emails of information of our walks.

There are many walks, beaches and tracks around our area and further afield where we go – it's a wonderful place to get out and about for that weekly exercise, so tie up your laces and let's go walking!

Happy walking everyone.

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By Gilbert James,
Chair, CoroMFA



We offer our condolences to the Bronlund family for the recent loss of Ric Bronlund, far too soon. Ric was a good and valued mussel farmer and supportive member of our Association of Coromandel marine farmers. Rest in peace Ric.

We also note with regret the recent passing of Les Curtin of the Marine Department, then M-Fish, and now MPI. Les was central to the establishment of the NZ oyster farming Industry. Rest in peace Les.

A safety message on the Sugarloaf Wharf is that all must please keep safety as paramount and operate carefully and cautiously at Sugarloaf. It is not only a very busy time for recreational users but also for Industry with rapid growth plus big harvests for both local and export markets. The longer days help but the extra hours are all needed, with Industry typically starting at Sugarloaf from pre-dawn to complete loading the necessities. Fishing around dawn and dusk is often the best way this time of year so extra care is needed on Sugarloaf, especially in the lower light conditions. The ultimate solution is an expanded Sugarloaf Wharf and a purpose built recreational facility, however that is at least some years away, so meantime, please remember, Safety First.

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

Summer is in Full Bloom at Mahamudra Centre

By Sarah Brooks

Our gardens are looking beautiful with flowers, and we have many happy visitors growing their spiritual practice in our courses. More wonderful opportunities are available in February to join in one of our programs.

In Coromandel Town

For the first three Tuesdays in **February (2nd, 9th, and 16th)**, our current teacher Venerable Yönten leads a short course on the Six Perfections of Life at the Anglican Church (170 Tiki Rd). In Buddhism there are six perfections that, if practiced correctly, lead to happiness and enlightenment. In three classes, learn the basics of these practices: generosity, ethics, patience, effort, concentration, and wisdom based on the wisdom of the great Buddhist master, Shantideva. Drop ins welcome, and donation basis.

Join our popular weekly guided meditation at the Havalona Pyramid on Driving Creek Road (turn at the Havalona sign by Driving Creek Café). On Thursdays from 10-11am our staff lead breathing and guided meditation, and the group typically goes out afterwards for a social coffee. Drop in anytime – no experience necessary, and donation basis.

At Mahamudra Centre, Main Rd., Colville

At the centre we have free weekday meditation at 8.30am and weekend activities. Upcoming courses are listed below. We encourage local residents to attend, and don't ever let cost be an issue – we will adjust or eliminate rates if needed.

Breaking Bad (Habits!)

5-8 February. A workshop to learn practical skills from Buddhism's psychology of mind, to use positive states of mind to overcome old bad habits. Open to everyone, includes guided meditation and time for discussion.

Real Love: The Buddhist View

12-14 February. For Valentine's Day weekend, explore the Buddhist concept of loving kindness for all living beings. This "true" love opens the heart and leads to unlimited happiness. Learn meditations to help develop this state of mind, and tools for improving relationships, letting go of resentments, and finding peace.

Big Love Dinner

14 February 6.00pm. Celebrate Valentine's Day with Big Love! Join us for a social potluck vegetarian dinner as we celebrate loving kindness for everyone. Free.

Becoming Buddha: Understanding Tantra

19-21 February. Practicing tantra is the "quick" way to progress to enlightenment, in order to benefit all living beings. Tantra involves in-depth visualization, rituals, mantras and mandalas as tools for awakening. This course is for Buddhist students who want to do tantric practice or those who want to understand the basics of their existing practice more clearly. Note: Intermediate course, not suitable for beginners to Buddhism.

Intro to Meditation

26-28 February. This introductory course is for complete beginners to meditation. You will be introduced to and practice a variety of Buddhist meditations, including breathing, mindfulness, visualization, and analytical meditation. All of these different terms will be explained, as well as what kinds of skills we develop in meditation and how they can be useful in our daily lives.

Don't miss family fun day!

6 March is National Children's Day, and we celebrate in a big way with our annual Family Fun Day filled with games, bouncy castle, music, crafts, food, and more! This year's special feature is the creation of eight auspicious symbols in colored sand – come watch the creation of this amazing form of artistic devotion created by a visiting Buddhist monk. We'll also have a pet blessing, so bring your animal friends (on a leash or in a carrier) for some very special love and prayers (please check with us closer to the date for specific blessing time). 11am-4pm with free entry.

For any courses, please pre-register at www.mahamudra.org.nz or by calling (07) 866 6851

Good fishing on Mussel Farms

The Industry requests that all boaties taking advantage of better fishing inside Coromandel Mussel farms, please:

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- Do not tie up to and move off any line being worked by a farm vessel
- Always discharge any sewage more than 500m away from the farm



Overnight Search for Lost Woman at Kennedy Bay

By Steve Hart, Kuaotunu Search and Rescue, Chairperson

I thought you might enjoy a brief on the SAROP (Search and Rescue Operation) early January as it was a good challenge for all involved.

A call was received on 4 January 2016 about 9.30pm from the SAR Squad and a text alert was sent out for teams.

Information received was as follows: 28-year-old woman staying with friends at a remote campsite in a bay 2km south of Kennedy Bay had gone missing while walking to Kennedy Bay. Various information about how/why. Clear warm night but no moon.

Andrew M, Leela and Dean met myself, Gay and Nicole at home for taskings and gear.

Team 2, consisting of Gay, Nicole and Dean searched up track off Te Punga Road, Whangapoua towards the coast.

Andrew, Leela and myself met Simon Stigner and Daniel Kirsch at Coromandel. We set up base at Kennedy Bay fire station. We met friends of LP (lost person) plus police and locals on site. Whitianga Coastguard was called to do coast search and to pick up Team 1 (Daniel Kirsch, Simon Stigner, Leela, two civilians/friends of LP) off the beach at Kennedy Bay plus a pig dog belonging to the group.

SAR Squad arrived and more planning was underway using local knowledge to plan for ongoing tasks and prepare for a prolonged search.

Coastguard collected Team 1 but not before they all got very wet getting to the vessel as big surf and vessel was unable to get closer than 1.5m depth. They then met upset local at the landing point but managed to calm him so they could commence task of searching back to LP last known point at campsite.

Team 2 moved to several high points and in good spirits. Moving towards south side of the LP last position.

3:45am – Team 1 located LP not far from campsite. She had become lost, returned to campsite then tried to walk to Kennedy Bay but become lost again and stayed put until located.

4:30am – Coastguard returned to collect Team 1, LP and transfer back to Kennedy Bay. Another wet disembarkment from the vessel to the beach but all came ashore wet, happy and seemingly excited.

5:30am – Packed up and headed home for well-earned sleep for all.

Awesome team work between all involved and despite Team 1 getting a soaking everyone seemed to have a great experience... especially the LP who had a beaming smile as she waded to shore to the waiting police and SAR crew.

Learning – among other things wet bags required for any trips with coastguard as landings may not always be ideal.

Thanks again to everyone involved.... awesome teams, and gave us back at base a lot of confidence that everyone was searching well and being safe.

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A tanka

By John Irvine

sun is yet sleeping
silence and stillness
muzzle my confusion
while outdoors a mad
mad world burlesques sanity



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Mana Update

By Penelope Carroll

"We salute the tomato, cheery, fragrant morsel, beloved provider, survivor and thriver and giver of life. Giving and giving and giving. Plump with summer's joy...."

Dear God, give strength to the wings and knees of pollinating bees, give protection from hailstorms, gales and frosts, give warm days and quenching rains. Refresh and adorn our gardens and tables. Refresh us with tomatoes.

Rejoice and rejoice! Celebrate the scarlet soul of winter sauces. Behold the delicious flavour! Behold the oiled vermilion moons that ride and dive in olive-bobbing seas of vinegared lettuce. Let us rejoice..."

Michael Leunig sums up one of the joys of midsummer with this praise for tomatoes in his delightful "A Common Prayer" – and at Mana it is indeed a time to rejoice in the abundance of vegetables and flowers, herbs and fruits (including tomatoes, "plump with summer's joy") in the centre's garden...

"I really enjoy responding to what's growing in the garden and developing a menu around it," says Jacqui, one of our Mana cooks. "I think it's very rewarding too for people from the city, if they don't grow any of their own food, to see the direct connection between the food they are eating here and the garden where it has been growing. Perhaps it will inspire them to begin growing some or their own food."

Melody (another of our cooks) talks of the particular beauty and vibrancy of the garden at this time of year, including the many colours of the edible flowers – calendula, borage, nasturtiums, cornflowers – she loves to mix with salad greens; and the green, yellow, orange, scarlet and purple/black of ripe heirloom tomatoes. The simple salad recipe below, from the Mana kitchen, allows a full appreciation of these "cheery, fragrant morsels".

Melody's Heirloom Tomato and Herb Salad (four servings)
Ingredients: 6 large and 6 small heirloom tomatoes of various colours; 1/4 c virgin olive oil; 4 tbsp apple cider vinegar; 2 sprigs fresh rosemary; 10 basil leaves; salt and pepper to taste.

Method: dice or slice tomatoes, roughly chop herbs and mix gently with rest of ingredients. Chill for 30 minutes. Serve on a bed of lettuce. (Can add feta cheese.)

P.S. The centre wants to support local organic growers. If you have organically grown vegetables or fruit for sale, please contact Melody through the Mana office.

Coromandel Town Information Centre

By Sandra Wilson



Hello and Happy New Year to everyone. We're having another busy season at the centre.

I would like to thank the Coromandel Players and Ukumania who performed at Carols in the Park in December and all those who braved the elements to turn up. It was moved to the theatre in Hauraki House and a great time was had by all.

Do take the time to explore our town and all it has to offer. Lots of attractions, beautiful beaches and amazing walks. But remember to slip on a top, slop on some sunscreen and slap on a hat.

Events happening this month:

Coromandel Art Group exhibition; Hauraki House **22 January-7 February**.

Art Exhibition by Sharon Whittle at Papa Aroha Fire Shed **6-8 February** (Waitangi Weekend) 10am-4pm.

Seafood Festival; **Saturday 7 May** 10am-5pm, venue TBC; showcasing our green-lipped mussels, oysters and fish. Cook-offs, fish filleting demonstrations and competitions, mussel shucking, oyster shucking. Get a team together and enter. Also there is a fishing competition: Average fish, strangest fish and children's fishing comp. We are looking for people to help organise the event, also volunteer on the day with setting up and taking down. Contact me at the info centre – all details below.

Position available at the centre; see the situations vacant ad in the back of this issue of the Chronicle.

We are now agents for 360 Discovery Ferry bookings. By the time you read this we will be all set up with Eftpos, making it easier for you to pay for travel at the centre.

Did you know? If you ride the 7.30am InterCity bus from Coromandel to anywhere along its route (Thames, Paeroa, Te Aroha, Morrinsville and Hamilton), your return ride is free if done on the same day.

If you or your community group is hosting an event, do let us know and we will help promote it. This is for events around Coromandel Town, Manaia, Colville and north.

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Sugarloaf and Hannaford's Wharves

Both the Sugarloaf and Hannaford's Wharves have been very busy over the Christmas holiday period.

During the holiday period over 54 infringements have been handed out for parking related offences; the most common offences being not having a boating amenity parking permit and parking in a prohibited area.

"Both Sugarloaf and Hannaford's wharves are very busy facilities placing significant pressure on the few available parking areas. To avoid incurring parking fines users need to acknowledge the parking restrictions and consider other options such as car-pooling to reduce road and parking congestion," says Thames-Coromandel Area Manager, Greg Hampton.

Use the following tips to avoid an infringement and keep wharf facilities and the roads safe during busy periods.

- When launching from the Sugarloaf please make sure you have a boating amenity parking permit which can be obtained from

the Coromandel Area Office, the Coromandel Garage on Wharf Road or from the warden who is on site during weekends and public holidays.

- Take note of the signs indicating prohibited parking areas.
- Park considerably – try not to block in other users to avoid damage to property.
- Hannaford's Wharf is the appropriate facility for loading and unloading of recreational vessels. The vertical wharf at Sugarloaf is predominantly for the use of loading and unloading aquaculture vessels. The warden may allow recreational vessels to come alongside when not in conflict with industry use.

For direct Sugarloaf and Hannaford's Wharf enquiries please call us on 07 866 1014 or call into our Coromandel Office.

For more information on wharves in the Thames-Coromandel District see our website www.tcdc.govt.nz/wharfs

The Coromandel Showcased on Fullers Fleet



World champion surfer Ella Williams and local tourism operators have given the Coromandel another publicity boost over the last three weeks, appearing in videos showcasing the Coromandel playing on the 360 Discovery fleet out of Auckland.

The videos originally produced by Destination Coromandel for its GoPro the Coromandel and Rugby World Cup YouTube campaigns, were remixed and edited by our Council's communications team.

The recut videos are playing on all the 360 Discovery cruises and on Fullers' online and Social Media channels. See www.fullers.co.nz

TREES POISONED, STOLEN FROM COUNCIL RESERVES

There's been a spate of incidents over summer with trees on Council reserves and land being poisoned, illegally trimmed or stolen.

"It's really disappointing to see that over the Christmas and New Year period we've had number of incidents across the District where perfectly healthy native trees have been poisoned, illegally trimmed, felled or dug up," says David Hammond, Thames-Coromandel District Council Chief Executive. Incidents of tree felling, poisoning and illegal trimming usually occur in spring and summer, when there is a higher population on the Coromandel.

"We strive to maintain the Coromandel brand,

which is about protecting and preserving our natural resources and biodiversity and we hope that our ratepayers, residents and visitors to our District will do the same," says Mr Hammond.

In one case a kauri was dug up and stolen from the WW1 Memorial Site in Whangamata, which is on Council reserve at the north entrance to the town. This site marks the battle of Le Quesnoy, which took place on 4 November 1918. Last year 122 native trees were planted at the Reserve to remember the 122 New Zealand troops who died in the battle.

"We will be planting a replacement tree, but we're at a loss as to understand why it was taken in the first place," says Mr Hammond.

The cost of replacing trees costs our Council thousands of dollars every year, which affects all residents and ratepayers.

"We consult with residents and talk to Community Boards about tree placement on our reserves and land so as not to impact on views and be more selective about where and what sort of trees are planted," says Mr Hammond.

If people have information on trees being damaged or destroyed they can contact our Customer Services team on 07 868 0200 or email csteam@tcdc.govt.nz



For all you need to know about dog restrictions, camping, fire and liquor bans, using drones in public check out our summer tips brochure.

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Hauraki House Public Toilets

Thanks to the collaborative efforts of students and staff at the Coromandel Area School and the Coromandel Arts Council, replacement tiles were made for the Hauraki House public toilets. We also appreciate the prompt action of TCDC and Smart Environmental staff to ensure they were up and looking good for the festive season. This project was originally the initiative of Barry Brickell and the Board is pleased that volunteers within this community work together to ensure we all get to appreciate the things that make our community special.



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Driving Creek Doings – No. 179

By Barry Brickell

Our new exhibition “Oloa Ora”, Maori and Pacific Art, is already striking a chord with the public although scarcely yet open, but will be soon when the final “birds” are put in place. Some works are on loan from some prominent artists’ collections – Baye Riddell, Manos Nathan, Chris Charteris, Colleen Ulrich, as well as splendid tapa cloths and traditional Fijian and Vanuatu hand moulded pottery together with contemporary Maori based paintings and drawings by NZ artists. This exhibition has been curated by John Perry and is a credit to his knowledge of NZ and Pacific Art.

The railway has been running very well under our new general manager and staff and the Pier Project is gaining in popularity. Paul Lorimer is back from Okinawa and is working on a large terracotta sculptural commission for a friend of mine because I am unable to work on it myself, due to being in hospital. I must compliment the staff at Phoenix House. They are splendid.

Greetings to all of my readers.

Barry

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CELEBRATING OUR CHILDREN

Kiwi Can

“Kia Ora Tatou Katoa” from the Kiwi Can team.

Our Kiwi Can leaders have finished their lesson plans over the holidays and we are ready for Term 1.

At the time of writing this the leaders and I are preparing to go to our Kiwi Can National Training. This is where all the Kiwi Can leaders from around the country come together for an intense four-day training held in Auckland. So I will update you all on this in the next Chronicle issue.

Keep an eye out for our Kiwi Can donation tins. You can find these at Coromandel Garage, Coromandel Four Square, Coromandel Hotel “The Top Pub”, The Whangapoua Store and the Matarangi Beach Store.

Kiwi Can is a life skills and values programme, designed for primary and intermediate school students aged 5 to 12. The programme teaches values such as positive relationships, resilience, integrity and respect, through physical, mental and creative challenges and is a high-energy, fun, safe and interactive programme that is delivered to three schools on the Coromandel Peninsula: Coromandel Area School, Colville School and Thames South School.

Funds raised from these donation tins at the above businesses will be used to purchase much-needed resources for the 250 plus tamariki that our programme is delivered to.

The Coromandel Kiwi Can team would like to thank these businesses for their support.

I would also like to introduce our new Kiwi Can leader Emma Hawkins: Emma is from Thames and has two young children of her own. Emma is going to be a great asset to our Kiwi Can team with her background as a Hip Hop dance tutor, Community Development Worker, and health promoter for Te Korowai Hauora o Hauraki. Welcome to the team at Kiwi Can, Emma.

Nga mihi nui from Marlene, Jamie, Gemma, Emma and Natalie.

kiwican@cilt.org.nz.

Want to help out Kiwi Can Coromandel? Then please contact Marlene Johnson on 027 223 2629.

The FYD Coromandel Kiwi Can programme is managed by the Coromandel Independent Living Trust, officially sponsored by Sandord Ltd & supported by The Lion Foundation, the Grassroots Trust, Sky City Community Trust, New Zealand Community Trust (NZCT), Thames Community Board and Driving Creek Railway Ltd, CCSC (Colville Social Service Collective)



Coromandel Youth Council Meeting

Coromandel's inaugural Youth Council meeting will happen at 4pm, **Wednesday 24 February** in the meeting chambers at the Coromandel Council Offices. All young people between the ages of 14 and 24 are invited to come learn about the Coromandel Peninsula Youth Collective, what opportunities and responsibilities the members of the Coromandel branch will have, and discuss what youth in Coromandel need.



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Wellington trip

A couple of pieces from Room 4 2015, Te Rerenga School.

Gallipoli, the Scale of our War...

By Briar O'Keeffe

In term 4 2015, Room 4 of Te Rerenga School took an epic camp to windy Wellington.

During their time they visited many attractions, enjoying the welcome company of all staff at Wellington Zoo, Te Papa, H2O Extreme Pools, and many other exciting places.

Visiting Te Papa was one of the most exciting adventures. The most loved attraction was the Gallipoli Scale of Our War, which featured giant soldier figures that had been made with extreme effort and pride by the crew at Weta.

I asked Ben Fowler how he would describe the soldiers and this is what he quoted, "You could see the beads of sweat on their dedicated faces. Every piece of hair was perfectly in place, including their arm and leg hairs. They were positioned in exactly the same place they were in the old war pictures, which meant there was a lot of time and effort put into them."

Lots of emotion was shared between us. Quinn quoting, "When I stepped foot in the room of the first soldier, I felt sad because it reminded me of my great-grandparents going to war." Sheridan saying, "I felt inspired and depressed when I saw their faces, because I felt like I could feel what they had been through in 1915."

All students in room 4 recommend repeating this camp in 4 years' time. They say it is a lot of fundraising, but it is all worth it!

Is it really a beehive?

By Mason Grice

We had all been waiting for this day, our room 4 camp to Wellington. After our 20-minute walk we arrived at Parliament, the Beehive. We entered the doors wanting to explore... wow that place was flash! Everyone's shoes were shiny and pointy.

We walked into the meeting room and sat on the chair waiting for our local MP, Scott Simpson, to arrive. He talked to us about his timetable of what he does every single week. He has to get on a plane every single week at least twice a week. I liked that he was humble and generous with his time because he is really busy but he spent time with us even though he didn't have to.

I had asked a couple of students what they thought of it all and Ben replied, "My favourite thing about Parliament was the debating chamber because it was very formal. I also liked the aspects of every single little bit of detail." Sheridan explained that, "I liked the Speaker's chair because I felt privileged to be in the room and see it."

We will all leave Wellington with all the memories buried in the in the back of our heads for years and years to come.



Coromandel Youth Group – Hauraki House

By Nadine Smith

For all children aged 5-15yrs.

Term One Hours

We will be starting our after school programme on **Tuesday 2 February**.

- Tuesday and Thursday 3-5pm
- Friday 2.15-4pm
- Friday Night Social (for years 7 and up) 6-9pm. Upon arrival all students must let staff know that they are attending.

- Sunday 1-4pm

Opening times are subject to change.

To help with running costs we would appreciate a gold coin donation for each session.

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

We would like to thank those that make this programme possible: Lotteries Waikato, COGS, Trust Waikato, Coromandel Senior Settlement Trust & Coromandel Community Board

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Coromandel Artstour 2016

By Matt Sephton

It's that time of year again, when we start planning Coromandel's own open art studio event – The Coromandel Artstour. The event will take place over two weekends in **April - 9/10 and 16/17**. 30 artists will open their studios and invite you in. This year will be the 10th Coromandel Artstour, so we are very proud that this event has become such a reliable and solid fixture on the annual events calendar. People travel here from far and wide to experience the creative side of Coromandel, to meet the artists, see the studios, and buy new work direct from the artist.

We are making some changes this time around. This year we are also pleased to announce that the Artstour will be free for visitors. We'll print a simple map/guide that you can use to find the artists, or you can just look for the flags! There will also be up-to-date maps on our website.

And then things will really change. I've been organising the Artstour since 2009, and have been partnered with designer Daniel Kirsch for the past couple of years, however this year will be the last year that Daniel and I will run the event. It's time for us both to step aside and let some fresh energy and ideas come in, so we are inviting people to come forward if you would like to be involved in the organising of this fun and creative event. We hope to put together a team of artists that can run it after we step back. In the meantime we will invite people to help put it together and learn the ropes, to ease the transition to a new organising team.

For artists wanting to be part of the open studio event, registration fees are due now - it costs \$120, or \$108 if you pay before the end of January. Please be in touch if you want to help out, be involved as an artist, or can offer support of any kind. Thanks!

Matt Sephton, admin@coromandelartstour.co.nz, coromandelartstour.co.nz

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Art Group

By Lindsay Nicholls

Today I write this with the news that our dear Betty Moss, our life member, has passed today. Betty was an inspiration to many and our little rainbow of our group. If she couldn't attend, she made an effort to pop in at least. She managed to put on a brave smile when that was the last thing she really felt like doing. May you be at peace now Betty and you will be missed with much fondness from our group.

It is fitting that this week is also the beginning of our exhibition opening on **Friday 22 January**. It is held at our wonderful Hauraki House, in the area over the bridge. Look for our flags. We are open daily from 10 am to 4pm with free admission. As we have no opening night this year, Friday will be the first chance for anyone to view the whole exhibition. This year we are having three judges to judge exhibition choice so for a change we won't be pestering you at the door to place your vote! We are open til **7 February**. Please note, all paintings are to be collected and paid for by this date. Remember to help the group with our raffle, as this is our only fundraiser. We will post the winner their prize, within NZ, so no excuses. See you there. Don't forget our wonderful group project is up for sale. This is a picture compiled of 20 individual canvases depicting a wonderful view Coromandel Harbour. Well worth the look. Enjoy our work!



Betty Moss

Colville Arts Festival 2016

Current programme (to be finalised):

Wednesday 23 March

7pm – Opening night.

Thu 24 - Wed 30 March

Exhibition open daily 10am-4pm (4-8pm some nights).

Thursday 24 March

2pm – Kids Creative Cardboard Capers and BBQ. 5pm – G movie.

Friday 25 March

Screen Printing Workshop with Peter

Sephton, 10am-12pm, 5 people \$20; 1-3pm, 5 people \$20 (register at CSSC). 6-8.30pm – PG movie night and popcorn.

Saturday 26 March

2-3pm – Music Workshop. 4pm on – Music Night and food (acts to be announced)

Sunday 27 March

10am-4pm – Workshop Market – demonstration of: beading (Kathy Parr), cloth dying* (Carolyn

Dover), screen printing (Peter Sephton), hair dressing (Debbie Dickson), felting (Raewyn Penrose), flax harakeke (Nici Greulich), poi making (Fireflies), knots (Steve Carson).

Easter Monday 28 March

11am-3pm – Family Fete: poi (Fireflies), papier mache (Jane Powell), archery/bow and arrow making (Tim Fuller).

Tuesday 29 March

10am-4pm Mosaic Workshop with Tanya Popp \$20 or \$30 inc workshop on 30th too.

Wednesday 30 March

10am-1pm Mosaic Workshop with Tanya Popp \$15.

3pm – Closing Tea Party.

All events held in/out of Colville Hall unless advertised elsewhere. More to be announced in the next Chronicle.

*Put aside your clothes you'd like to dye.

Contact Ella or CSSC for any enquiries 027 487 5131 or (07) 866 6920. See www.colvilleartsfestival.co.nz and share our Facebook page

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Coromandel Community Arts Council – Hauraki House Gallery

By Chris Stark

What wonderful exhibitions we've been having this summer. We're so lucky to have such talented artists bringing their work for us all to see.

Early in the season, the Mary Foreman Retrospective was a glimpse of the beautiful work Mary had done over the years. The Embroiderers' Guild once again showed us what a dedicated lot they are with more stunning work that obviously takes a lot of time and care to produce. This was followed by the annual Christmas Exhibition, a section of work by various Coromandel artists; another fabulous exhibition with good sales for most of those who exhibited. We then had another exhibition of a selection of the work of various Coromandel artists followed closely by the Coromandel Art Group display of their talents. The Easter Exhibition will finish off our summer season with a bang as usual.

Thanks must go to Joan Hart from the Area School; we approached her late last year to see if she could get some children to make a few tiles to replace those on the Hauraki Reserve toilet block that had broken and been replaced by plain white ones. Just before Christmas she presented us with enough replacements to solve the problem and Council rallied around and got the work done. The children did a great job of the tiles. They are beautiful and I hope they feel proud to see their artistic endeavours on permanent display.

If you are planning an exhibition for next summer, don't forget to confirm your booking, the gallery is popular and you can not just assume that it will be available – first in, first served.

Check out our Facebook site and tell us how you enjoyed our exhibitions. Facebook: Hauraki House Gallery

Crimp & Canvas exhibition

Hauraki House, Coromandel Town, 9-16 February. Artwork by Dee Moorhead (painter, potter, printer, photographer) and Raewyn Penrose (felt-maker).

Mercury Bay Art Escape 2016

The Mercury Bay Art Escape 2016 opens at Hot Waves Café, Hot Water Beach on **Friday 4 March**. Guest speaker will be well known New Zealand artist and sculptor Matt Gauldie from Otaki. Matt was appointed to the prestigious position of Official NZ Defence Forces Artist in 2005.

Tickets for the opening are available on the Art Escape website.

The Art Escape Open Studio Tour weekends are **5, 6, 12, 13 March** and are an opportunity for residents and visitors to interact with the artists in their studios and purchase artwork direct from the artistic source. Includes approx. 37 local artists from Kuaotunu to Tairua in the Eastern Coromandel District and features a variety of media from jewellery, pottery, painting, photography, hand forged knives, sculpture, woodcarving, and mosaics.

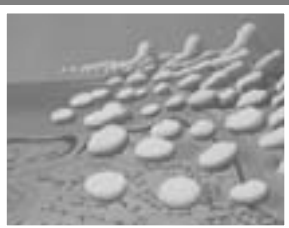
The tour is free but it is recommended that you have a copy of the latest guide available at www.mercurybayartescape.com. The 2016 Guide is a 154-page full colour, all year-round reference to the creative talent in Mercury Bay.

On **Monday 7 March** Matt Gauldie will share his knowledge and experience in a workshop for artists titled "The figure in art...portraiture and the ace up your sleeve".

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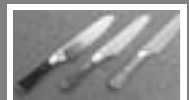
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Environmental

WRC Coromandel Catchment Committee report

By Reihana Robinson

We wonder why it is so difficult to achieve change at regional council level but Jeremy Agar has gone some way to describe the rationale in the latest Watchdog published in December 2015. Campaign Against Foreign Control Aotearoa (CAFCA) publishes Watchdog and this article looks specifically at the sell off of assets in Christchurch. Agar points out it is the “embedded managerial culture that binds local councils. In keeping with the prevailing political mood, which mandates hypocrisy, the Councillors at CCC are said to exist in a ‘governance’ role. They’re supposed to be a board of governors, rubber stamping the decisions of staffers. In a managerial culture the last thing that’s needed is for politicians to represent those who voted for them. Local government seeks to take the politics out of politics by making the Councillors depend on reports from senior (ambitious) bureaucrats, without which nothing can be done. In Christchurch the pretence had reached absurdity. As is customary when a new Council gathers, the Mayor talked of unity, contrary views being routinely dismissed as evidence of a ‘dysfunctional culture.’”

One glimpse at the nearly 700-page agenda that elected councillors must wade through at WRC’s meetings shows that it is easy to see that the Local Government Act is at fault. The Waikato has seriously hard-working councillors attempting to represent the people, but because the prevailing culture, or rather the status quo, supports the ever-growing multi-million dollar industry of poison pest control, the playing field is never even. Highly paid staff members flood the agenda with “staff reports”.

Locally at the Coromandel Zone catchment committee we have achieved some success, however the next step for successful resolutions is the Integrated Catchment Committee followed by the main council meeting where the staff jump in to write reports usually to combat every step we take. For example, reversing targeted rates for Coromandel Harbour and coastal works has been knocked back in spite of the tens of thousands of visitors from the Waikato who enjoy our beaches and who could ease the property tax/rates by contributing regional rates.

I am enclosing the following boxed item from the last Coromandel meeting so that residents can see how we can be easily duped. If one reads the right hand column comment by staffers in response to our recommendation exploring the intention for WRC to make traps available to individual landowners, one could imagine that individual landowners who want to “undertake both animal and plant pest control...” fit the criteria for funding for traps. This was presented as the reason why WRC would not fund traps. And as the comment from staff continues, “This fund currently provides for adequate service to cover the demand for traps without the need to bulk purchase.” Individuals could apply to get funding for traps.

But no. This is not the case. Unless you have covenanted land your land does not fit the bill. Also it was stated at the Coromandel WRC meeting that Goodnature trapping company does not provide a discount for bulk purchases. However a quick call to the company reveals that there are in fact discounts available when one purchases 1000 traps. So we are back to square one. As all radical souls understand, it is not for oneself this action is taken, it is for our mokopuna.

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RECOMMENDED

4. THAT the Coromandel Catchment Committee request council to explore the potential costs and benefits of bulk purchase of Goodnature A12 and A24 traps and other efficient traps, with the intention of making these traps available to individual landowners for purchase at council’s cost.

As a direct result of the number of requests for support for the Coromandel community, WRC has changed its approach to supporting individual landowners and community groups undertaking environmental restoration projects from 2015/16. WRC’s has created the Natural Heritage Partnership Programme which incorporates small scale community initiatives (SSCIF), environmental initiatives (EIF) and natural heritage (NHF) into one single funding programme with amounts available being \$0-5k, \$5-40k and \$40k+ respectively. SSCIF is predominantly utilised by Coromandel groups and individuals wanting to undertake both animal and plant pest control. Applications for funding cover a wide range of traps already, such as Goodnature, live capture cat, magpie traps and DOC 200’s as well as bait stations and bait. This fund currently provides for adequate service to cover the demand for traps without the need to bulk purchase.

Document relating to article above

Moehau Environment Group

By Natalie Collicott



This crazy weather has played havoc with campers this summer.

Despite a few cancelled events, our 2016 Summer Programme carried on, with plenty of nature activities on offer for the whole family. We were kept busy with nocturnal walks, kiwi-listening, bounty-hunting, gecko-cuddling, and training up the next league of junior bush detectives. Our Starlight Cinema proved popular once again, with a screening of the cult classic “The Princess Bride” and an Australian underdog story “Oddball”.

Our Summer Programme is run by volunteers passionate about protecting what makes the Coromandel special. While the programme usually raises around \$2,000 each year for conservation, the real satisfaction comes from seeing children (and grown-ups) engaging with nature. Many thanks to everyone who came and took part.

What’s coming up?

Cuvier Island Nature Tour 19-20 Feb and 20-21 Feb

Many locals will have wondered about Cuvier Island, the whale-shaped land-mass 40km east of the tip of the Coromandel. But few get the opportunity to visit this magical place, home to saddleback, kakariki, tuatara and rare gecko. Cuvier is a predator free nature reserve, and usually off-limits to the public. Landing is prohibited without a permit from the Department of Conservation.

This February, we are partnering with DOC to run overnight tours of Cuvier, a rare chance to visit this predator free island. Observe resident endangered species and learn about the island’s fascinating history. Numbers are limited so book quick. The trip is part of our 2016 Summer Programme. Money raised from these tours will help us continue to protect kiwi and other endangered species on the Coromandel. To book phone (07) 866 6903.

Winter Lecture Series

We have an exciting line-up of speakers confirmed for our Winter Lecture Series. Running between April and July, the series provides an opportunity to hear from scientific experts on a range of conservation topics including native frogs and plant pests. So if you’d like to learn more about what lives in our neck of the woods, come along. Dates are yet to be confirmed, but will be advertised in the Chronicle closer to the time.

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

Bush Bites

“Nice day out trapping. When it turns to evening, no wind beautiful pink colour with many blues in the sky, calm sea and nobody around, as I walk back after my trap line along the beach.

“Caught a big stoat today in a trap slightly up a tree – designed for possums.”

Meet a gecko event at Driving Creek



Actions Have Consequences

By Peter Bacchus

John Veysey expresses concerns about the use of toxins. It is unfortunate that the only response to pest management is via toxins. It is also unfortunate that the toxic material that is seen to be the most effective against the pest animals we have in our bush is general and kills many non-target species. It is also unfortunate that there is little appetite for studying what is affected and facing up to the facts.

We know that most of the effective materials trialled and used kill a second time at least, perhaps more! The animals killed are left where they die to either kill the natural predators or the insects that hatch from the rotting corpse and are fodder for the insectivores. How does this affect this group of our native birds? Has anyone studied the effect on the soil biology under a decayed corpse? If they are negatively affected this leads to compaction of the soil and anaerobia followed by pathogens that may possibly affect the health of some trees.

Studies have been done on rats where it has been found that populations expand again very quickly after poisoning, especially by aerial drops. It has been noted that predator birds also decrease dramatically in number which means that the vulnerable young rats suffer little or no predation which may be a contributing factor in the rapid increase in rat numbers. They are, after all, the most prolific breeders in the bush.

In my understanding, what are needed are species specific strategies that are effective in controlling populations of pest animals. Hunting and trapping is one method effective where trappers and hunters are prepared to live and work. While they will never get the last one they do control numbers to reduce damage.

There is another method that has been used infrequently for the last 90 + years that uses the skin of a pest animal. I see the skin as the sense organ of the reproductive system. By burning or carbonising, the reproductive capacity of the animal concerned is inverted. It is often thought that animals simply move to another area where the treatment is not

effective. Over the years I have used this method I have yet to see this happen. The opposite proved to

be the case where one farm was treated then four years later it was considered that the neighbour's land should be baited. The two bait stations closest to the boundary of the treated farm had no disturbance in them at any stage. Now 16 years later I am informed that a much larger area around this farm has no issue with possums.

As in any process, if the correct protocol is not carried out the desired result is not achieved, as a number of people on the Coromandel Peninsula are aware. From feedback provided we have been able to identify the problem to enable us to ensure the protocol is improved for the future.

I am aware that many people have difficulty grasping that organisms, including pest animals, can be controlled without toxic materials. We have often been told that there is no alternative to 1080 as an effective means of control. As far as toxins are concerned I have to agree that 1080 is the most effective, the most toxic, and there is no remedy for accidental poisoning. This effectiveness also includes everything in the food chain including many of the native beneficial organisms above and below ground.

So to meet concerns of John and those of us who share his view I suggest that species specific measures are needed that are effective in all landscapes and we need to be open minded to explore new possibilities.

Ahuahu/Great Mercury Island Pest Free

Great Mercury Island has now been free of mammalian pests for 18 months following a joint DOC and Great

Mercury Island project to rid the island of the last rats and cats. The island is already starting to show great signs of improvement, with great increases in grey-faced petrel numbers; juvenile geckos and gravid skinks are being found more commonly and kakariki have been seen flocking on the island.

The island receives hundreds of visitors each day over summer, and the risk of stowaway rats, mice, cats and stoats from visiting or nearby boats is high. Department of Conservation staff will be at boat ramps to remind people to check their boats and gear for stowaways before leaving for the island.

Public day visitors are welcome on the island, but we need your help to keep it pest free. If you are visiting Great Mercury Island or any off-shore island this summer, please follow these simple steps to do your bit to ensure the islands remain a pest free haven:

- Keep your boat tidy and clean. Don't leave rubbish or fish scraps on board.
- Inspect your boat for signs of rodents and insects, especially ants, before departure.
- Owners of larger vessels are encouraged to maintain pest control on board.
- All food should be packed in sealed containers.
- Do your loading in daylight hours.
- Vessels should stay anchored offshore except for embarking and disembarking passengers.
- All items should be visually inspected as close to departure time as possible and cleaned of seeds, dirt and plant material. If in doubt don't bring it onto the island.
- Only land during daylight hours.
- **Remember** – Check all your gear for stowaways.

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Environmental continued

Peninsula Project Update

By John Veysey

Annette Scott's article in the *Farmer's Weekly* of 11 January tells us ECan has recognised that "pest management" needs to be tackled by landowners.

The Canterbury Regional Council had committed significant resources to the management of pests with limited success said Commissioner Lambie and council now propose a change in focus.

This new direction would place more responsibility on individual landowners to manage pests on their properties themselves, he says, with the council focusing more on preventing pest spread to neighbouring properties. This covers weeds and animals.

For more than twenty years regional councils country-wide have been blindly following a set of regulations which demand that all wild animal control work be done by certified, approved contractors to a monitored figure of, in the case of possums, 5% RTC.

At Te Mata in 2010 a council staff, determined to carry out a possum control operation for the sake of 1.5% RTC, employed one of their contractors to do work which the landowner had offered to do for free. Hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of damage was left behind after the contractor finished. This kind of mistake can happen with council staff following an immovable policy on private lands before listening to the owners.

While such a costly and inefficient mentality still exists within the Hamilton offices Waikato farmers will take heart from the fact that if Canterbury can effect such a change in their approach to wild animal control then so can Waikato.

Like the one who managed the Te Mata job, there are only one or two approved contractors who arrange all the operations including the monitoring and absorb practically all council's wild animal control budget. Nationwide, property owners have been required to watch as an "approved contractor" comes daily onto their properties to do work which they could easily be doing themselves at minimal cost.

As a result of these enforced operations landowner groups have sprung up all over the Coromandel to speak up against this council policy.

The first instance for me came when council arrived at the neighbour's farm to tell him he had too many possums on his land; a possum control operation would be necessary and could be managed, for free, by council. It was a large piece of land; the neighbour no longer climbed the hills, so he couldn't do it himself. Let 'em catch a few possums he thought. But when he came to sign the agreement it said brodifacoum on the form. Rat poison. The council offered to do a trapping job if the owner did not want poison on his land. But it would cost him in the region of \$20,000. Trapping \$20,000. Poison free! My neighbour went with the poison.

Twenty-five years later Waikato Regional Council still comes with the same offer and the same set of regulations.

Much of this work has seemed unnecessary, all of it has been imposed by regulation, all of it has been purchased at maximum cost. Coromandel Town holds the record for highest cost per hectare of any wild animal control operation anywhere – a three-figure sum set in 2007.

Back then it was obvious that council should have been listening to the community. They have struggled to do so.

ECan has a document: "The purpose of the document is to seek the community's views on the best approaches to be taken in a new plan."

Let us hope Waikato's Regional Council is not long in following suit.

Claiming Our Catchment

By Lora Mountjoy

We at CLAIM were pleased to see that the Ministry of the Environment are making water quality a priority in the coming year. In their advice to the government the Ministry "recommends that regional councils prioritise the protection of vulnerable water bodies and catchments..... The government has indicated it will consult on amendments to the National Policy Statement in 2016 as part of its freshwater reform agenda."

While the emphasis these days is on the downstream effects of farming, gold mining is also a very real threat to water quality, and even a small accident or spillage could affect not only our rivers but the waters of the gulf on which so many of us depend for sustenance. We will work with others to ensure that our Councils are aware of this.

While CLAIM is a local group focused on Coromandel north, Watchdog has oversight of the whole peninsula and is active both on the ground and with our policymakers, working to ensure that we leave a healthy environment for our children. CLAIM supports Watchdog, and if you are a member, please remember to pay your subscription, which can be any amount from \$5.00 up. Check out their website, www.watchdog.org.nz, where you can read an interesting account of living in Waihi - not the prosperous paradise the mining company would have us believe!

Raffle: there are still tickets available in our great raffle with a prize of a 24-hour fishing trip for up to eight people on MV Te Wairoa. Buy tickets at Umu or the Colville Store, which also has our bumper stickers for sale.

We held a successful street stall in December and hope to do it again before the raffle is drawn on **12 February**... keep an eye out for us. If you don't understand why we feel so passionately about this issue, we would be happy to talk with you about it!

CLAIM (Coromandel Lobby Against Indiscriminate Mining) is a local group dedicated to protecting our environment. For further information or to join us contact claimcoromandel@gmail.com

Coromandel Kiwi Project

By Jeff Williams

The start of a new year and the opportunity to both reflect and ponder.

Last year was an active year for the dozen volunteers of the Coromandel Kiwi Project. We were involved in educational activities, community awareness events, and of course trapping pests around Coromandel Town.

2015 by the numbers: 57 stoats, 5 weasels, 300 rats, and 7 hedgehogs. Stoats were caught every month of the year with summer being peak season. Rats peaked in April last year, but were caught every month.

We estimate that our trappers donated over \$15,000 worth of their time to the project. Our expenses were low, with only three traps stolen and two seriously vandalized. DOC continues to support us by donating eggs for bait, and Moehau Environment Group by defraying the costs of the dried rabbit bait.

And a big shout out and thank you to the landowners who graciously allow access across their property so we can maintain the tracks and traps throughout the hills.

Looking forward to 2016, we would like to expand the Kiwi Project in several directions including more volunteers, more community activities, and more hectares of protected land. Our goal is to improve the chances for all bird species to thrive in and around Coromandel Town.

The Coromandel Kiwi Project is made up of your friends and neighbours volunteering time to help protect birds around Coromandel Town. Can you help with time or donations? Please contact CoromandelKiwiProject@meg.org.nz



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Sport

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

By Debra Attwood

Well our summer holidays have come to an end and as school goes back the swimming pool will revert back to school term operating hours. The weather in January was very unsettled with many wet days and the odd fine day or two. Over the New Year period the weather was terrible and this had a major impact on our figures for the summer period, with many people leaving the peninsula early. However we still managed to be open most days for the hardy souls who braved the wind and rain. Our early morning swimming is becoming more popular, so come along and try swimming. It is a great way to wake up and get going in the morning, swimming or walking a few laps in the pool.

Our learn to swim classes were well attended with over 30 children in the lessons. Thank you to our instructors for all of your hard work.

Pool Hours from 2 February

Mornings: Monday to Saturday 6-8am

Afternoons: Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 3-5pm

Monday and Wednesday: Closed for Swimming Club.

Entry Costs

Adults \$4, students and seniors \$3, preschoolers 0-5yrs \$1, spectators \$1. Concession cards are available as well; call into the pool and check out the great deals.

We have available tea, coffee, snacks, cold drinks, and ice creams. EFTPOS available.

Check out our Facebook page (Coromandel Community Swimming Pool) for up to date information and upcoming events. If you are looking for a venue to hire for a day, night, afternoon our hall is available contact Debra Ph: (07) 866 7660, mobile 027 348 2400 or email debmark62@hotmail.com

Coromandel Croquet Club

By Judy Bronlund

Our croquet lawns are in Woollams Avenue where we play croquet on Tuesday and Saturday mornings as well as Thursday afternoons. Please feel free to come along and play a game with us. New members and visitors to Coromandel are most welcome to join in with us.

Contact Kaye (07) 866 8966 or Judy (07) 866 8637

Coromandel Golf Club

By Peter Gray



Coromandel Hotel (Top Pub) Mixed Open kicked off 2016's program on Saturday 9 January. The mixed field of over 40 players competed, however, Mercury Bay and Thames visitor numbers were down due to these Clubs re-scheduling events on the same day given the weather conditions the previous week. The Club would like to extend its appreciation to Stan Hill at the Top Pub for his generous support and for him to make himself available to play and represent the Coromandel Hotel at such a busy time.

Results for the day: Men – Gross Bruce Wallace 74, Net Ron Evans 64, Stableford Tony Horne 40, Ed Buckett 40. Ladies – Gross Fiona Churston 79, Net Joan Evans, Stableford Glenise Robertson.

As The Coromandel Hotel Mixed Open kicked off 2016, 2015 finished with the annual Coromandel Xmas Tournament. A couple of highlights on the day: the golf of Chris Fielding, with a round of 67 Gross which included 8 birdies; Ezy and Jan from Harcourts also arrived to make their \$1000 presentation to the Club from their sponsorship arrangements. In Men Div1 Chris Fielding – Gross from Arron Verner, Allan Rose – Net from Kevin Verner, Greg Overce (Thames) – Stableford from Mark Burcombe. Men Dive 2 Malcolm Stone – Gross from Bruce Fitzpatrick, Bob Carr (Thames) – Net from Wayne Robertson, Terry Hollard – Stableford from Doug Way. Ladies Eugene Weimer – Gross from Ester Hall (T), Philippa Medlock – Net from Sue Davies, Joan Evans – Stableford from Gina Carr. A big thank you to Lyn and her helpers for the catering plus the volunteers for the course preparation. Also appreciation to all the visiting golfers that made the trip to Coromandel and helped make the day a great success

The annual Maori Tournament will be held on **Saturday 6 February**. This tournament is not only popular for the golf and prizes but also the catering.

The 2016 season officially kicks off with opening day on **Saturday 13 February**, with the playing of the mixed Bob Riley Trophy.

The next day, Sunday 14th, will see Coromandel host the first round of the Inter Club Goldfields Trophy which will give the club the opportunity to showcase its facilities and hospitality to surrounding Clubs

Calendar: February 2016

Saturday 6 February – Maori Tournament.

Saturday 13 February – Opening Day/Bob Riley Trophy (P)

Sunday 14 February – 1st Rd. Goldfields Trophy at Coromandel

Tuesday 16 February – Ladies' Opening Day/Visitor's Day (P)

Saturday 20 February – Stroke Play Championship, 9am Seniors and Intermediates, 10.30am Juniors

Wednesday 24 February – Meatpack/1st Rd Laurie Olliff Trophy

Saturday 27 February – India Tyre Trophy



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Sport continued

Coromandel Fishing Club

By Allison

Hi, now February has arrived we hope the weather will have settled down and we get some nice summer weather.

Over the Xmas period we had a few nice days but all in all it was not too flash, unlike last year which was really hot and calm – great fishing weather.

My family decided to go Great Barrier Island for New Year and spent four days and nights without getting off the boat. It just blew and rained; lots of dinghies upturned by the wind with their outboards still on. All the boats were just anchored up and no one was moving around much. We finally saw a window in the weather and hightailed it back to Coromandel. When we got back we did a bit of fishing but unfortunately could not find many fish around. Hopefully the weather will pickup in February.

I will announce the winners of the Anniversary Weekend Competition in the March edition.

December Fish of the Month for \$100 was won by Rob Davies with a 2.18kg trevally. Fish of the Month for February is kingfish.

Weigh-in for fish is at Val and Max Larsen's or Fish & Dive.

Our next competition, Classy Chicks, will be on **12 March**. Entry forms will be available from Wyuna Studios, Fish & Dive, from mid February or email us: coromandelfishingclub@gmail.com.

Coromandel Swimming Club

By Debra Attwood

Well the school holidays are at an end and Swimming Club is back in full swing. We are expecting all swimmers to be back in early February, refreshed from their holidays and ready for a month or two packed with swimming, from carnivals, race nights, school swimming days, and our own 24-hour swimathon.

Over the holiday period we said farewell to one of our coaches, Simon Kuriger, who has supported the club over the past few years, and we wish him all the best in his new adventures. He will be missed and we thank him for his enthusiasm and dedication to our swimmers.

Over the holidays one of our swimmers was busy. Hineariki Lewis attended the Waikato Long Course Christmas Meet and performed very well and then she attended a coaching course in Auckland facilitated by ex New Zealand Olympic swimmer Corney Swanepoel. It was a great experience for Hineariki and I am sure she gained some fantastic training during the day camp.

In February, first up we have our learn to swim classes beginning on **8 February** and I believe that these are very nearly full (if not already full). Our new instructors have been teaching through the holiday period and will continue during this course of lessons. If you want learn to swim classes contact Debra and we will try to accommodate you. At the end of this session they will be assessed and gain their National Qualification in Swim Teaching.

We will also be attending a few swim meets in February starting with the Matamata sponsored meet on **6 February**, the Fairfield Meet and in early March our own Peninsula Carnival which is being held in Whangamata this year.

24-Hour Swimathon

Then our eagerly awaited 24-Hour Swimathon is being held on the weekend of **19-20 February** starting at 5.00pm on Friday 19th. This year we are supporting the Coromandel Community Swimming Pool with all donations for the swimathon going towards painting of the pools.

We are also opening up the competition. We have two lanes available for any business house or community organisation who would like to either compete for the full 24-hour period or for a shorter 12-hour period. Anyone interested contact Debra at the pool or numbers in this article.

Our swimmers will be out looking for sponsorship so please support them. This is a great team-building exercise and provides the swimmers with some great endurance training. Last year one of our swimmers aged 12 swam continuously for 350 lengths (that is 8.75km).

Check out our Facebook (Coromandel Swimming Club) page for more details about events and results

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BOWLING CLUB NEWS

Before we get down to the serious side, the Christmas pantomime cannot be passed without comment, and attached are two photos the like of which would never have been seen before in our newsletter (and I hope will never be repeated!) Executive (!) committee members starred in 'Be Careful What You Wish For' premiered at the Christmas party. John Gaffikin-Cowan was superb as the Magical Genie, Eamonn Walsh performed his duties as the schoolteacher, Linda Walsh, Philippa Medlock and Maureen Kimber were the three schoolgirls, and I leave the rest to your imagination – I think the photos tell the rest of the story. The music and sound effects were ably orchestrated by Martin Edwards and Geoff Kingsmill.

With little bowling activity over the Christmas break, club events and competitions have started again in full swing. Peter Herbert, our new star player in his first year, took out the Under 8's Mens Champ Singles and Irene Goss again is the Under 8's Womens Singles champion, playing a hard fought final against Vi King (in the rain!). The Under 8's Mens Champ Pairs was won by Kerrin Muir and Jim.

The Open Triples tournament, sponsored by Twentyman's Funeral Service was won by a team of six players (work that one out in a triples game – only at Coromandel Bowling Club – Reg Wright and Vi King ably assisted by Trisha Croft, Jim Muir, Peter Herbert and Mike Martin. Again our sincere thanks go to Twentyman's for their continuing support and sponsorship of this event.

The Mixed Club Pairs is always a fun day and the prize at the end is a clock that never goes but has a most attractive clock face set in a bowling bowl, and has been contested at the club for many years – the event itself appears not to have a name, but the winners of the clock this year were Martin Edwards and Maureen Kimber.

Don't forget that every Saturday afternoon from 1 p.m. everyone and anyone is invited to enjoy a roll up at the Club – be it your first time holding a bowl or a practice for future tournaments. There will always be a member or two to coach or just advise on the game – no fee, just turn up.

February 6th is the date for the Produce Show at the Club, so make sure you pick up your entry form and show off your prize veges, flowers and baking – see elsewhere in the Chronicle for details of entry and join us for yet another great event.

AGMs will be featuring in the coming months, so please watch out for notices for the Bowling Club and CCC dates and please give some serious and considered thoughts to the election of committee members for the next year.



Winners of the clock – Martin and Maureen



Irene and Vi under 8's Champs finalists

RSA NEWS

What pleasant premises we now share. Bright and airy and plenty of space. It is a pleasure to sit and socialise.

Please note that if your subs are overdue you may post to P.O Box 93 or pay at the bar. We cannot get your membership card printed until you pay. Financial members may uplift their RSA Club card at the bar. Some good discounts to be had.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held at 2pm on Saturday 12 March 2016. Nomination forms for Executive are available at the Club.

Anzac Day. There will be no Dawn Service this year. The normal Citizens Service in conjunction with Coromandel Colville Community Board will be held at 10am at the War Memorial. Parade will muster at Citizens Hall at 9.45 am.

We have new stocks of the popular metal poppy badges available at the bar. All proceeds to our Poppy Trust to benefit Veterans, Widows and Families. "Fighting for our Flag" bumper stickers also available.

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Every Monday

Boot camp with Catherine Stephen at Coro Gym	6am
Coro Gym – Step/aerobics, Peg (07) 866 8635	8am
Mahamudra Centre, guided meditation in gompā	8.30-9am
Coromandel Hikers' Group, Hauraki House, Colin & Elspeth (07) 866 7137	9am
Monday Walkers, Irene 021 157 8408	9am
Colville Social Services Collective, Colville Hall, (07) 866 6920	9am-3pm
Kohanga Reo o Kapanga, (07) 866 8417	9am-3pm
Coro Gym – Sit and be fit, Peg (07) 866 8635	9.30am
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Coro Gym – Kick fit with Christajo, 155 Pottery Lane, 021 033 9329	5.30-6.30pm
Thump Boxing classes with Catherine Stephen at Coromandel Area School	5.30pm
Shrinking Violets, Betsie (07) 866 7076	5.30pm
Coro Contract Bridge, Coro Ambulance rooms, Lyn (07) 866 8858	7pm
Four-part harmony singing, Sue (07) 866 8833	7.30pm

Every Tuesday

Homeschoolers' gathering, Julene (07) 866 8005	8.30-9am
Mahamudra Centre, guided meditation in gompā	8.30-9am
Colville Bay Early Learning Centre, rear Colville School, Alex (07) 866 8319	9am-3pm
Coro Walking Group, Ruth (07) 866 7246	9am
Colville Social Services Collective, Colville Hall, (07) 866 6920	9am-3pm
Kohanga Reo o Kapanga, (07) 866 8417	9am-3pm
Music and Dance, Elim Church- Preschoolers Dance Group, Dawn (07) 866 8150	9.30-11am
Coro Ladies Golf, Peter (07) 866 7633	tee off 10am
Yoga, Colville Hall, (07) 866 6612	10am
Croquet, Woollams Ave, Judy (07) 866 8637	9.45am
Coromandel Playcentre, Woollams Ave	10.30am-1pm
Narcotics Anonymous meeting, 021 314 467	12 noon
500 card session at the Bowling Club, (07) 866 8886	1pm
Coro Gym – Fitness and Fun, Judy (07) 866 8637	1pm
Coro Cub Scouts, Scout Hall, Hauraki House, Abby Morgan (07) 211 9790	4-6pm
Beginners Yoga with Becks, Coro Gym, \$7, 027 407 0079	5.20-6.40pm
Ambulance training, Felix (07) 866 8279	7-9pm
Coro Motorcycle Club, Star & Garter, John (07) 866 6776	7-9pm
Badminton, school gymnasium, racquets available, Josh 021 0839 7825 or Nadine 022 174 5524	7pm

Every Wednesday

Boot camp with Catherine Stephen at Coro Gym	6am
Dharma Gaia, Meditation, (07) 866 7995	6-7am
Dharma Gaia, Sitting & Walking Meditation, (07) 866 7995	7.30-9pm
Coro Gym – Step/aerobics, Peg (07) 866 8635	8am
Mahamudra Centre, guided meditation in gompā	8.30-9am
Early Learning Centre, rear Colville School, Linda or Alex (07) 866 8319	9am-3pm
Colville Social Services Collective, Colville Hall, (07) 866 6920	9am-3pm
Kohanga Reo o Kapanga, (07) 866 8417	9am-3pm
Coro Gym – Sit and be fit, Peg (07) 866 8635	9.30am
Coro Gym – Fitness & Fun, Judy (07) 866 8637	10.30am
Coromandel Golf Club – men's, Hauraki Rd, Peter (07) 866 7633	tee off 12.30pm
Scrabble Club, Joan for venue on (07) 866 7580	1pm
Coro Tennis Club – club night, Gayle (07) 866 8063	4pm
Wing Chun Kung Fu- Hong Kong Style, Chi Sau Club 027 283 0773	4.30-8.30pm
Running Group, meet at rugby club grounds, Mark 027 338 6697 or (07) 866 7660	5-6.15pm
Coro Gym – Pump with Betty, (07) 866 8635	5.30-6.30pm
Thump Boxing classes with Catherine Stephen at Coromandel Area School	5.30pm
Yoga, Events Centre (behind info centre) \$8, Jessica (07) 866 8405	7-8.30pm
Discussion night-optional pot luck dinner, Mahamudra Centre, (07) 866 8851	dinner 6pm, meeting 7-8.30pm
Walking & sitting meditation, Dharma Gaia Centre, (07) 866 7995	7.30-9pm

Every Thursday

Mahamudra Centre, guided meditation in gompā	8.30-9am
Coro Walking Group, Ruth (07) 866 7246	9am
Coro Art Group, St Andrew's Church, Val (07) 866 8911	9am-12pm
Colville Bay Early Learning Centre, rear Colville School, Linda or Alex (07) 866 8319	9am-3pm
Kohanga Reo o Kapanga, (07) 866 8417	9am-3pm
Meditation for Everyone, in Pyramid (behind Driving Creek Café)	10-11am
Tai Ji, Top Floor, Waikato Events Centre, Sol (07) 866 8971	10-11am

Coro Gym – Fitness & Fun, Judy (07) 866 8637	10.30am
Coro Gym – Ukulele group practice for beginners, Peg (07) 866 8635	
Bowling Club Housie, Sharan (07) 866 7760	from 1pm
Coro Community Garden, Glover St, Louis (07) 866 8866	2-4pm
Service of the Word & Holy communion, St Colman's church, Jocelyn (07) 866 7126	5pm
Coro Gym – Kick fit with Christajo, 021 033 9329	5.30-6.30pm

Every Friday

Boot camp with Catherine Stephen at Coro Gym	6am
Coro Gym – step/aerobics, Peg (07) 866 8635	8-9am
Colville Bay Early Learning Centre, 3-4 yr olds, rear Colville School, Linda (07) 866 8319	9am-3pm
Mahamudra Centre, guided meditation in gompā	8.30-9am
Colville Bay Early Learning Centre, rear Colville School, Linda or Alex (07) 866 8319	9am-3pm
Kohanga Reo o Kapanga, (07) 866 8417	9am-3pm
Yoga for everyone, Anglican Church Hall, Katie (07) 866 6612	9-10.30am
Colville Services Collective, Colville Hall, (07) 866 6920	9am-3pm
Coro Gym – Sit & be fit, Peg (07) 866 8635	9.30-10.30am
Coromandel Playcentre, Woollams Ave	9.45am-12.15pm
Coro Gym – Fitness & Fun, Judy (07) 866 8637	1pm
Coro Tennis, Men's night, Gayle (07) 866 8063	4pm
Coro Gym – Crazy Horse Productions, Natalie 021 048 9772	4.15pm

Every Saturday



Mahamudra Centre, guided meditation in gompā	8.30-9am
Croquet, Woollams Ave, Judy (07) 866 8637	9.45am
Coromandel Golf Club-club play, Hauraki Rd, Peter (07) 866 7633	tee off 12.30pm
Coromandel RSA, Ian (07) 866 7138 (winter 1st, 3rd & 5th Sat only)	4-10pm
St Colman's Catholic Church-mass, Rings Rd, Frieda (07) 866 7872	5pm
Prayers for dead and healing, Mahamudra Centre, (07) 866 8851	5-6pm

Every Sunday

Mahamudra Centre, guided meditation-in Gompā, (07) 866 8851	10-10.30am
Elim Church Services, Rings Rd, Steve (07) 866 6900	10am-12 noon
Coro Tennis Club-club play, Gayle (07) 866 8063	2pm
Prayers for dead and healing, Mahamudra Centre, (07) 866 8851	5-6pm

Monthly

1st Mon – Coro Patchwork & Quilters, Ambulance rooms, Jill (07) 866 7484	9.30am-3.30pm
2nd Mon – Friendship Group, Jocelyn (07) 866 7101	
3rd Mon – Coro Patchwork & Quilters Ambulance rooms, Jill (07) 866 7484	9.30am-3.30pm
3rd Mon – Alzheimer's Carers' Group, Retirement Village Hall, bring plate & koha, (07) 282 0453	10.30am
1st Tue – Coro Motorcycle Club general business, John (07) 866 6776	7.30pm
2nd Tue – Coromandel/Colville Cmty Board, Council Chambers, (07) 866 1001	9am
2nd Tue – RSA, club rooms, Ian Franklyn (07) 866 7138	
2nd Tue – Public Trust, Harcourts, 0800 368 620	by appt
1st Wed – Coro Embroiderers' Guild, Ambulance Station, Jill Wilson (07) 866 7484	10am-3pm
1st Wed – Lions Dinner Meeting, Ambulance Rooms; Jayne Lister (07) 866 7687	6pm
2nd Wed – Garden Circle, ph Julie Jensen for venue, (07) 866 7546	1pm
3rd Wed – Lions Business Meeting, Ambulance Rooms; Jayne Lister (07) 866 7687	7pm
4th Wed – RSA Women's Section, Club rooms, Loes Beaver (07) 866 8053	1.30pm
2nd Thu – Coromandel Writers' Group, Barbara (07) 866 8299	10.30am-2.30pm
4th Thu – Coro SeniorNet, school music room, Loes (07) 866 8053	1.30pm
3rd Sat – Luncheon Ladies, Lorraine (07) 866 8144	12pm
1st Sun – Coro School of Mines & Historical Sty/Museum, (07) 866 8711	4pm
1st Sun – St Andrew's Union church service, Rings Rd, (07) 866 8633	10am
2nd Sun – Christ Church service, Tiki Rd, Barbara O'Reilly (07) 866 8299	10am
2nd Sun – Young Eagles, Tiki Rd, Lisa (07) 866 2055	9am
3rd Sun – St Andrew's Union church service, Rings Rd, Hilda (07) 866 8633	10am
4th Sun – Christ Church service, Tiki Rd, Barbara O'Reilly (07) 866 8299	10am
5th Sun – Christ Church/St Andrew's share	10am

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
1 Auckland Anniversary Day Public Holiday Coromandel Art Group exhibition continues	2 Thames Health & Disability mobile showroom (see ad Pg 29)	3	4	5 Breaking Bad (Habits!) workshop starts at Mahamudra Centre (see Pg 20)	6 Sharon Whittle Art Exhibition starts at Papa Aroha Fire Shed Vegetable and Produce Show (see ad pg 15) Mussel Festival - Live Music from 2pm at the Mussel Kitchen Maori Tournament at Coromandel Golf Club (see Pg 31) High tide 6am (2.5m), 6.10pm (2.5m) Low tide 12.07pm (0.8m)	7 Coromandel Art Group exhibition closes
High tide 1.28am (2.4m), 1.43pm (2.5m) Low tide 7.28am (0.8m), 7.56pm (0.7m)	High tide 2.14am (2.4m), 2.28pm (2.4m) Low tide 8.19am (0.9m), 8.45pm (0.8m)	High tide 3.07am (2.4m), 3.19pm (2.4m) Low tide 9.15am (0.9m), 9.40pm (0.8m)	High tide 4.06am (2.4m), 4.14pm (2.4m) Low tide 10.12am (0.9m), 10.37pm (0.8m)	High tide 5.04am (2.4m), 5.12pm (2.4m) Low tide 11.08am (0.9m), 11.34pm (0.7m)	High tide 6.51am (2.6m), 7.05pm (2.6m) Low tide 12.27am (0.6m), 12.53pm (0.6m)	
8 Waitangi Day Public Holiday Celebrate Waitangi Day at Colville Hall 10am-4pm Sharon Whittle Art Exhibition Papa Aroha Fire Shed ends February learn to swim classes start (see Pg 32)	9	10	11	12	13 Opening Day / Bob Riley Trophy at Coromandel Golf Club (see Pg 31)	14 1st Rd. Goldfields Trophy at Coromandel Golf Club (see Pg 31) Big Love Dinner at Mahamudra Centre (see Pg 20)
High tide 7.40am (2.8m), 7.58pm (2.7m) Low tide 1.18am (0.4m), 1.43pm (0.5m)	High tide 8.28am (3.0m), 8.48pm (2.9m) Low tide 2.06am (0.3m), 2.32pm (0.3m)	High tide 9.16am (3.1m), 9.37pm (3.0m) Low tide 2.53am (0.2m), 3.21pm (0.2m)	High tide 10.04am (3.2m), 10.26pm (3.1m) Low tide 3.41am (0.1m), 4.10pm (0.1m)	High tide 10.53am (3.2m), 11.15pm (3.1m) Low tide 4.29am (0.1m), 4.59pm (0.1m)	High tide 11.43am (3.1m) Low tide 5.18am (0.1m), 5.49pm (0.1m)	High tide 12.05am (3.0m), 12.34pm (3.1m) Low tide 6.10am (0.2m), 6.41pm (0.2m)
15 COROMANDEL TOWN CHRONICLE MARCH ISSUE DEADLINE Coromandel Contract Bridge Club AGM (see Pg 5) Coromandel Patchwork and Quilters AGM (see Pg 4)	16 Ladies' Opening Day at Coromandel Golf Club (see Pg 31) Crimp & Canvas exhibition ends at Hauraki House (see Pg 27)	17	18	19 Becoming Buddha: Understanding Tantra starts at Mahamudra Centre (see Pg 20) 24 Hour Swimathon starts at 5pm (see Pg 32) Cuvier Island Nature Tour (see Pg 28)	20 24 Hour Swimathon finishes (see Pg 32) Cuvier Island Nature Tour (see Pg 28) Stroke Play Championship at Coromandel Golf Club (see Pg 31)	21
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22	23	24 Meatpack /1st Rd Laurie Olliff Trophy at Coromandel Golf Club (see Pg 31) Coromandel's Inaugural Youth Council meeting 4pm (see Pg 24)	25 Reki Retreat starts at Mana Retreat (see ad Pg 22)	26 Intro to Meditation starts at Mahamudra Centre (see Pg 20)	27 India Tyre Trophy at Coromandel Golf Club (see Pg 31)	28
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