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Editor's comment

I apologise for getting the dates of the moons wrong on the January issue calendar. The full moon was actually on 2 January (not 24 January). The full moon brought king tides which, mixed with a storm, resulted in the damage to the Thames Coast on 5 January.

Following the storm it has been great to see how quick roadworking crews worked to get the road open again, albeit it with lots of stop/gos and traffic lights. I feel a bit isolated when forced to go "the long way round".

Have a great month.

Debbie



"Wolf" full moon on 2 January

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Letters

The Coromandel Business Association CBA (owners of the Chronicle), apologise to Leticia Williams, Tangiaro Retreat, DOC and MEG for not adhering, in the January 2018 Chronicle, to our publishing policy of not publishing names that denigrate individuals or groups. We have learned by this unfortunate mistake and have procedures in place to ensure this does not occur again.

The purpose of the Chronicle is to showcase Coromandel Town and the northern Coromandel Peninsula.

Regards,

The Coromandel Business Association

Dear Debbie,

Just a quick update and thank you to all who have supported our fundraising efforts for St John, through our local butcher. To date we have over \$2,000 in the fund! Many thanks to Tania and Shane for allowing this to happen and to the supplies of fruit and veggies to make jams and pickles. Also the return of jars is very helpful.

Thanks again, from our team of four.

Lyn Rose, Coromandel Town

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Mural by Rebekah Pearson at Tuatēawa beach on the side of the toilets in conjunction with TCDC who sponsored the paints

McGregor Bay Wetland Society

Wetlands are the fringes of the ocean that are places of transition. They are where the tendrils of land and sea move in and out of each other and where the wild things breed.

Most people drive past it, others might regard it as swampland to be drained or filled, but McGregor Bay wetland is hanging in there waiting for due recognition. Recognition that wetlands are the most productive places you could imagine if you step back from pastoral eyes. They are the kidneys to our land and protect the sea from our land excesses.

They are filtering, breathing carbon sinks that shelter creatures of fin and feather, entice whitebait and act as sponges for both land runoff and sea surges.

New Zealand has lost around 90% of its wetlands. These are places that are an essential part of water health but have been reduced to pockets, some of which are still under threat. In "draining the swamps" we literally muddled the waters for future generations.

So why focus on a 3.4ha coastal remnant out by McGregor Bay that is a reserve owned by TCDC?

There has been concern for this wetland for 23 years but there has been no clear advancement.

There is concern on one hand that a concrete gate attached to the bridge is not allowing the natural flow of water in order for the wetland to function properly. On the other hand there is the concern that if this gate is removed then there could be water inundation on land around the reserve that was once wetland but is now pasture. However, there are things that can be done for the wetland now as well as things to be planned for the future.

The McGregor Bay Wetland Society is a new community impetus from a broad cross-section of the community and was launched in 2017 with the long-term vision being a fully functional wetland and wildlife habitat, with boardwalks allowing access to all. There is support from various organisations as well as Patukirikiri iwi. Maururu koe mo to tautoko.

McGregor Bay Wetland was one of the four national projects to be awarded a 2017 "Funds for



Nature" grant from Forest and Bird NZ. The fund enabled the hiring of a co-ordinator to carry out a baseline study and will involve children in that process, as well as putting in a predator control network.

The baseline study will help us understand what exactly we have and how best to progress.

There is a Waikato Regional Council grant for a boardwalk to allow community access.

There are pledged monies for the "Buddle Huddle", an artistic bird hide that engages children.

Conservation, education and art are the things this little 3.4ha wetland can offer and nourish.

To conserve and enhance is important for we have a duty of care to our waterways and harbour.

So be bold and imagine meandering along a boardwalk that is attractive and accessible for those less abled among us. Amble towards the artistic hide that has the quintessence of Coromandel and dwell for a while to watch the birds going about their business. Another special place for Coromandel, connecting the Harray Track and the Long Bay kauri reserve: is this too ambitious?

Not many towns have a wetland with banded rail and pateke within walking distance. We should aim to protect them, their habitat and possibly even entice fernbirds back into the neighbourhood. This neighbourhood habitat is part of our heritage and future and part of that future should also belong to this summer's swamp baby, a banded rail chick. Let's hope he or she doesn't become a past resident and that our following generations can spy its offspring as well, while we both watch the tide come and go.

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Coromandel Writers

By Lora Mountjoy

Our last meeting of 2017 combined our usual format of writing, sharing our work and discussion. As it was our Christmas breakup meeting we also included some writing games, gift giving, a shared meal and lots of laughter. For our spontaneous writing exercise we invented instructions for operating things which don't normally come with a manual. Nice nails, fairies, Christmas, low energy, shoes and fun for the over 70s were among the topics chosen.

Many of us have been reading books from both the local and Thames libraries. Sue loved *Spark Your Dreams* about a family of Argentinian travellers, while novels *News of the world*, *Blue Dog* and Susan Chidgey's *Wish Child* were all appreciated. Wailin especially liked Ping Fu's *Bend Not Break* about life in China during and since the Cultural Revolution.

During the past year two writers have chosen to step down from the group and while we are sorry to see them go this opened up space for new people. We have had approaches from two prospective members who will both join us at our first meeting on **8 February**.

The group is in good heart and we look forward to continuing our regular programme and also tackling at least one new project. Watch this space!

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Zucchini Lasagne

By Deborah Hide-Bayne

Can you use slices of zucchini instead of pasta sheets for lasagne? Yes, you can!

I tried to do this for the first time a week ago and am reporting back to you all... if like me you have an endless supply of zucchinis in your garden at the moment, this sounds like an excellent way of using them up (and it makes a gluten-free lasagne).

The main thing you don't want is soggy zucchini or lasagne. Whilst pasta soaks up moisture whilst cooking, zucchini does exactly the opposite and lets moisture out whilst cooking, so the trick is to plan for this.

I found these things helped to get a good result:

- Slice the zucchini thinly and sprinkle with salt (like with eggplant). The salt brings out excess water and you can mop it up before you start cooking. I sliced mine about 3-4mm thick with a sharp knife; you could use a mandolin too.
- Griddle both sides lightly (or quickly fry the zucchini slices on a very high heat) before using. Grilling or baking as a preparatory stage is to be avoided as this turned the zucchini to mush.
- Use a little less sauce as the extra moisture is not necessary.

My simple zucchini lasagne recipe

Make a meat sauce. Fry up a chopped onion and a minced garlic clove with 450g beef mince in a saucepan. When the onion looks translucent and the mince has started to brown, add a chopped carrot, a chopped stick of celery, a tablespoon of tomato paste, a shake of Worcestershire Sauce, a tin of tomatoes and 300ml beef stock. Bring to a slow bubble, and cook, stirring occasionally for 40 minutes or so.

Whilst this is cooking, make half a pint of white sauce. Take 20g of butter and melt in a small saucepan. Off the heat, add 20g of flour and stir into the butter. Gradually pour over 300ml of warm milk, whisking to ensure there are no lumps. Season and add a large pinch of ground nutmeg. Return to the heat and whisk until it thickens.

Layer the white sauce, meat sauce and griddled zucchini slices into an oven-proof dish, top with grated cheese and cook for 40 minutes at 190°C.



Coromandel Garden Circle

By Jenny Penman

Our last meeting was our Xmas function in December held on a very warm day on a member's property overlooking the beautiful Coromandel Harbour. It was a busy programme with a delicious shared lunch followed by a Scavenger Hunt around our host's lovely garden. Every member was a winner on the day with our host member's husband presenting everyone with a dibbler. No, MEG need not worry that our town is soon to be overrun with escaped carnivorous Australian marsupials. These were the wooden planting tool form of dibbler – he being a very able and keen wood turner.

Our meeting also saw a Xmas gift for all, some \$300 raised for the local St John and a large and varied assortment of foodstuffs for the Food Bank instead of the usual Secret Santa. One of our members then gave a well received demonstration on how to quickly put together a Xmas table centrepiece and garland decorations. Our usual competitions drew a large number of entries especially in the Arrangement Category with "Jingle Bells" inspiring many variations on the theme.

Our January meeting was to be a trip down the Coast to Peppertree Garden at Thames but following the devastation wrought on the Coast Road by the storm event of Friday 5 January this was postponed so that we were not adding to the difficulties of the hard-working roading crews. While the likes of the leggy cannas, poorly staked tomatoes and laden plum trees in our gardens took a hammering, requiring some attention once the winds abated, we can only begin to imagine the devastation of those in the worst affected areas seeing their hard worked and loved gardens under sea water and the subsequent damage. Gardeners are a tenacious and caring lot though and our group will no doubt want to lend support to those affected once our new year of meetings begins in February.

Our programme for the year includes talks, demonstrations and day trips to places of interest and events. We meet the second Wednesday of the month usually at 1.00pm. For more information please contact Jane Warren (07) 866 8927 or 021 232 2905



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Barry Brickell Doo Day

By Wailin Elliott, Lindsay Garmson, Pete Sephton – Organising Committee

To all the wonderful artists who generously gave up their time and talents to support the Barry Brickell Doo Day on Saturday 13 January, thank you for all of your help and enthusiasm in making the day such a success.

Barry Brickell, who died two years ago and did so much for Coromandel, was remembered by holding a Barry Brickell "Doo" Day in the Hauraki House Reserve. He was so generous and supported our local businesses. Barry came to Coromandel in 1961 to do his "Country Service" as a teacher. He only lasted two terms before returning to his love of pottery and railways. In doing this he encouraged other potters, artists and craftsmen to move to Coromandel, as well as his engineering and railway friends. When he opened Driving Creek Railway to the public there was virtually no accommodation in Coromandel apart from a couple of hotels and the only eating place was the Moehau Tearooms. Motels, cafes and other shops were needed to accommodate visitors and these came thick and fast until Coromandel became a popular destination



and the railway he built at Driving Creek Railway – first built to carry pine logs for use in the kilns and clay from the hills for the pottery – developed into the biggest manmade attraction on the peninsula.

The word "Doo" was coined by Barry in the early 1970s when he offered part of his land each summer for NZ potters and their families to come and camp on his property free of charge. These continued for some years and the word "Doo" became part of his vocabulary when he referred to any happening.

To see the joy and fun both children and all of the participants received from making pots, spinning, making books as well as learning to throw on the pottery wheels was a delight to all who took part.

Special thanks to Keith Stephenson and The Spirit of Coromandel Trust for donating as well as putting up and removing the marquee which provided much needed shade from the sun as well as from the slight drizzle in the morning; to TCDC through Creative Coromandel for their grant toward expenses; to Driving Creek Railway for donating DCR clay and pottery wheels for use during the day; to the Coromandel Area School for the use of trestle tables and chairs; to the Business Association for their support and help; and to all of the potters, artists, and craftsmen. Thank you too to everybody who helped set up and clear up afterwards.

It was a pity that the original date set for the "Doo" Day on 6 January had to



Potter Mike O'Donnell from Karangahake

be cancelled due to the weather and storm damage to the Thames Coast Road so that many of the artists and visitors intending to come and join in the fun were unable to travel. But there is always next year. Thank you all for such a happy, fun day. Barry would have been delighted.

The organisers would publicly like to thank everybody who helped in any way to make this day a success.

Lion News

By Lion Lyn



What a fantastic start to our month off! Keltic Fair was a great success with a sell-out of mussel fritters and sausages, and I believe one of the best ever for the day on record for the school. That in itself has got to be good for the whole of our community as "our children are our future", as the song says.

Our next public fundraiser will be Anniversary weekend at the end of the month outside Four Square with mussel fritters, then Matarangi music fest, and then the Coro food fest at our school, but let's get this month over with for now.

Projects still happening – another seat has been planted at Sandy Bay. Many thanks again to projects manager Lion Rick for his organising skills and another firewood working bee will be done before the end of this month (January), weather permitting! Last month's Lion Rock award went to Lyn and Graham for their very hard work and getting on with what needed to be done. Thank you very much. The last firewood raffle was won by Briar Sturgeon at Coro Takeaways. Congrats and thanks for ordering another load. We are taking orders now and deliveries will start again soon as we would rather get sunburn than freezer burn!

We officially begin meetings in February with our first business meet on **21 February**. If our assistance is required for any community function or need, please call or talk to a Lion or write to PO Box 91. Till next time, enjoy the sun and good health to all.

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Coromandel Embroiderers' Guild

By Jenny Penman

While writing this article in the middle of January our barbecue thermometer left in the sun is reading 33.4°C. And this is on the side of the house where there is a breeze! While not exactly a controlled scientific experiment I suspect the outcome is that many a stitcher's great plans of finishing all those 2017 projects have unravelled. It's just too jolly hot.

Another twist in the weather this month will have definitely posed a dilemma for those very enthusiastic guild members who let nothing come between them and their needlework. If supplies of material or thread have run low is it a stop/go trip down the Coastl Road or a lengthy circuit with all the holiday traffic down the east coast to Thames or further afield to replenish. Or do you put that project aside and start a fresh one where you're sure you've got everything you need? And you know you want to!

If nothing else the December/January break is the perfect time to lazily scroll through all those embroidery internet sites, or that stack of Guild library books on long summer loan, providing many ideas and much enthusiasm for the stitching year ahead. The first Guild meeting for 2018 will be on **Wednesday 7 February**. Interested new members are always welcome.

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

Coromandel Contract Bridge Club

By Judy Bronlund

It will be good to catch up with members on Anniversary Day for a fun night of bridge. The club competitions start on **5 February**. It would be nice if some folk made a resolution to play bridge at the beginning of the year and come and join us! Visitors to Coromandel are also welcome to play with us. We meet at the Coromandel St John rooms and play starts at 7pm. Please contact Val if you wish to join us.

Contact Val (07) 866 8730 or Lyn (07) 866 8658

Mahamudra Centre

By Sarah Brooks

Change is a Constant

We hope you've had a chance to take advantage of our summer programmes to help develop more happiness and peace in your life, and it's still not too late to join in. One big change is that this is the last foreseeable time we'll have our teacher in residence, Ven. Yönten, here for the whole summer season. We'll bring her back when her schedule allows for future courses and retreats, but word has gotten out what a great teacher she is so she's had increasing demands to teach around the world and be more involved in a Buddhism and psychology project in Israel. We were lucky to have her as long as we did.

February will be the last chance for a while to study with her, and we've got three weekend courses planned that we hope you'll find helpful, and each has a free public talk at 7.30pm on Friday night that anyone can join in. Starting on **2 February**, we'll be exploring how to reframe problems and difficulties as opportunities for personal growth and developing happiness using Buddhist psychology. Then on **9-11 February**, our How to Die Happy course explores what we can do to make the most of our limited time here, and how an awareness of our mortality can be used to find meaning in life. Then the last course with Ven. Yönten on **16-18 February** is an introduction to karma and meditation – we hear karma used all the time in popular culture, but this gets into the specifics of how it works.

After that I'll be leading two courses in March. Back by popular demand is the Mindful Photography course, which last fall was really enjoyable and all of the participants were enthusiastic about what they learned. It's a very non-intimidating way to learn about photography techniques, and get a taste of mindfulness meditation and how it relates to photography and creativity. Hopefully the weather will be pleasant and we'll go to some beautiful places to take photos. There's also a weekend on Meditation for a Calm and Happy Mind for anyone who would like to learn different Buddhist meditation techniques and discuss how they work and why.

We deeply regret that we will be unable to offer our annual Family Fun Day (usually on the first Sunday in March) when we enjoy the company of the whole community for a day of music and activities. We do plan on having it again next year, though, and aim to make it very special.

Our drop-in meditation in Coromandel Town continues on Thursday mornings from 10-11am at the Havalona Pyramid, behind Driving Creek Café. Offered on a donation/koha basis, no experience is necessary. At our centre in Colville we also offer free daily meditation at 8.30-9.00am when we're not running a course or retreat.

We'll be open to visitors throughout February and March, so we hope to see you before the season winds down.

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For further information see: <http://www.lin.govt.nz/regulatory/place-names/recent-place-name-decisions-and-place-names-interest/>

Schedule

Official Geographic Name	Geographic Feature Type	Description
Motutere / Castle Rock	Hill	A prominent rocky feature at 525m on Coromandel Peninsula, between Coromandel Harbour and Whangapoua Harbour. Approximately 7.5km southeast of Coromandel (locality). NZTopo50-BA35 286239. Geodetic mark code A6KM is located at its summit. Alteration from Castle Rock (recorded name).

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Relax with family & friends on your sun-drenched deck while the BBQ is cooking the 'catch of the day'. The 506m2 section is within a very easy walk of the township. The spacious open-plan lounge/dining/kitchen area features ranch-slider access to the massive deck, exposed wooden ceilings and a heat-pump. Master bedroom with access to deck, heat-pump, walk-in-robe and an en-suite with spa bath. Completing the home: 2 further double bedrooms, guest bathroom, and internal access to huge garage with workshop & laundry. **\$520,000**

New
Listing



Well-presented 2 bedroom weatherboard home offering a great sunny aspect. The lounge opens to a very private deck, which overlooks the mature trees and the rambling stream that runs along the southern boundary. The kitchen/dining space is light and airy, and the 2 double bedrooms capture the afternoon sun. The bathroom has a twin basin/vanity, and the shower is over the bath. Large rumpus/play room/studio. Plenty of vehicle/boat parking. This property would be perfect as a holiday base, first home or rental proposition. **\$409,000**

New
Listing



Graced with yesteryear's classic proportions and charm! The 511m2 corner section features traditional white picket fencing to further enhance the appeal of this piece of Coromandel's history. Open-plan living/kitchen area offers an excellent new wood fire for cosy winter evenings, and French doors for alfresco summer dining; 2 double brms (master with French doors to terrace); and a near-new bathroom. Private covered deck, paved courtyard, large garage/workshop and an attached studio room to make a great art space. **\$415,000**

New
Listing



This may well be "the place to be"... Resource Consent has been granted for this near flat, 2ha piece of pastoral land situated virtually at the entrance to town. The property could effortlessly be fenced into various paddocks to allow easy stock rotation. The north/eastern boundary adjoins a small stream including an esplanade strip to protect the waterway. An incredibly desirable location that only one fortunate purchaser can call their own! All you have to do is decide on the design of the home and garaging that you desire. **\$465,000**

New
Listing



Does PRIVACY, BUSH, LOCATION, 5.04ha and a STREAM BOUNDARY sound good? Very rarely do these attributes combine within a single property, let alone being within a relatively easy walk of the township, and maintaining great seclusion. Re-growth native bush, large specimen trees and sprawling lawns only add to the ambience. The main dwelling features 3 bedrooms and an open-plan living area with cathedral style ceilings, while the second cottage, although having seen better days.... provides a great space that would be perfect for artisan. **\$610,000**

New
Listing



This is your chance to take your first step onto the property ladder. With the golf club and town centre close by, this 808m2 section allows plenty of space for kids or pets. It comes complete with a large single garage/workshop and a small studio. The 2-bedroom cottage has an open-plan kitchen/dining/lounge with a large north-west facing deck. It is currently tenanted, and the tenants have indicated that they would be happy to stay on if you wish to add this to your portfolio. **\$320,000**

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This gorgeous well-manicured 2,320m2 section in Tuatewa is ready for you to enjoy. Birds are feeding and singing in the trees, and a majestic Puriri tree graces the skyline. Enjoy the gardens, glimpses of the ocean, the stone fireplace, rock-lined walkways, Nikau Palms and many native trees. Bring a caravan or tent, or utilise the studio that is already on the property. A double carport is ready to house the boat and car. This fabulous section is calling your name. **\$314,000**

New
Listing



This elevated bush section is located at the end of a cul-de-sac with views of the Pacific Ocean and within a 3-5 minute walk down to the sandy beach of popular Little Bay. The section has been partially developed with some excavation, power, phone and local water supply to site, but still retains a large portion of the native bush. There is also a garden shed, some decking and an outdoor shower installed. There are no covenants on the property. With plenty of parking for cars, boats and caravans. **\$372,000**



* Well fenced 653m2 section * Full concrete driveway * Very large garage/workshop * Open-plan living opening to good decking * 3 bedrooms * Currently tenanted. **\$430,000**



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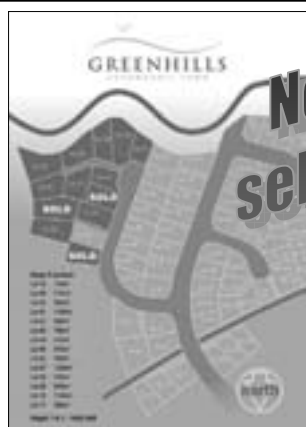
* Almost 1/2 acre for the children to play * Open-plan living * 3 bedrooms * large garage/workshop with internal access * BBQ area * Set on the outskirts of town. **\$580,000**



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



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Library News

By Raewyn McKinney

Fortunately, it seems the road repairs following recent damage to the Coast Road will be completed quickly and life will soon return to normal. We do hope everyone in Coromandel has a good summer.

I was interested to note on New Year's Day the New Zealand Herald ran a story about the experiences of Auckland libraries in 2017. The most popular category of book was crime fiction. The top ten authors were: Marian Keyes, Lee Child, Dan Brown, John Grisham, Michael Connelly, Nora Roberts, Jill Mansell, Karin Slaughter, Jo Nesbo and Ken Follett.

These are also popular authors in the Coromandel Community Library and their latest works are quickly snapped up by our members.

Recent purchases for the library also include *The Darkest Day* by Håkan Nesser, *The Boy Made of Snow* by Chloe Mayer, *The Maid's Room* by Fiona Mitchell, *False River* by Paula Morris, and the following:

***Driving to Treblinka: A Long Search for a Lost Father* by Diana Wichtel**



Diana Wichtel is an award-winning journalist, who, of course, needs no introduction to readers of the "New Zealand Listener". Awarded a fellowship, she wrote her life story and specifically that of her father, a Polish Jew who miraculously survived the Holocaust, but who disappeared from her life when she moved with her mother and siblings from Vancouver to New Zealand. This is the story, which sees her visiting Warsaw to find out what happened to him.

***Home Fire* by Kamila Shamsie**

Isma is free. After years spent raising her twin siblings in the wake of their mother's death, she is finally studying in America, resuming a dream long deferred. But she



can't stop worrying about Aneeka, her beautiful, headstrong sister back in London – or their brother, Parvaiz, who's disappeared in pursuit of his own dream... Then Eamonn enters the sisters' lives. Handsome and privileged, the son of a powerful British Muslim politician, Eamonn has his own birthright to live up to – or defy. Is he to be a chance at love? Two families' fates are inextricably, devastatingly entwined in this searing novel that asks: what sacrifices will we make in the name of love?

***Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine* by Gail Honeyman**



Eleanor Oliphant has learned how to survive – but not how to live. Eleanor Oliphant leads a simple life. She wears the same clothes to work every day, eats the same meal deal for lunch every day and buys the same two bottles of vodka to drink every weekend. Eleanor Oliphant

is happy. Nothing is missing from her carefully timetabled life. Except, sometimes, everything. One simple act of kindness is about to shatter the walls Eleanor has built around herself. Now she must learn how to navigate the world that everyone else seems to take for granted – while searching for the courage to face the dark corners she's avoided all her life.

***Into the World* by Stephanie P arkyn**



1791. In the midst of the French Revolution, unwed mother Marie-Louise Girardin takes one last look at her baby son before entrusting him to her friend ... She must escape, and only the most daring plan will bring her both the anonymity she needs and the independence to return one day for her son. Marie-Louise disguises herself as a man and joins a voyage of exploration employed as a steward on the Recherche ... Inspired by a true story a compelling novel.

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

Book tour

Kiwi on the Camino – A Walk that Changed my Life

Meet Coromandel Town author Vivianne Flintoff, as she visits our District Libraries speaking at three locations in February.

Thames Library – **2 February** – at 10.30am.

Tairua Library – **7 February** – at 10.30am.

Mercury Bay Library – **19 February** – at 10.30am.

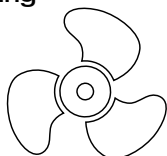
Kiwi on the Camino is essentially a travel book in which Vivianne includes historical, social and spiritual reflections gained on her challenging journey.

Listen to the joys, pain, fears, anxieties and the fun Vivianne encounters on the famous pilgrim trail – The Way of St James.



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Hidden Gold

The Goldmine (Re-use Centre) has been just that for many people over the holiday season as they have picked up bargains for themselves and their families. Benjamin and Erana have a collection of quirky offerings that include a bible from the 1800's, an art deco heater and 1950's Bell radio. The comments book is full of positive reactions: "Great shop. Great people who run it. Excellent." "Great staff. Helpful, friendly. Good stock of all sorts of things." "This is a great shop for bargains." "Love shopping here." "Coffee would be excellent. Otherwise this place is epic." "Fantastic shop." "Awesome work." "Cool little shop. Well done."

Many thanks to the people who have brought things in to sell and the staff and volunteers who have given their time over the holiday period to make The Goldmine the place to visit.

We are especially pleased that it is being so well appreciated as The Goldmine is CILT's first Social Enterprise. A Social Enterprise is a business that trades for the benefit of a community or the environment, but not for personal profit. The Goldmine is already filling those functions by reducing the amount of waste that goes into the landfill, giving goods a second life and helping out those whose budget won't always stretch to new goods. At present, The Goldmine is



yet to make a financial surplus, but when any extra money becomes available it will go back into the community through the many programs that CILT runs, for example Kiwi Can, volunteer transport and the Work Co-Op.

Earlier this year, when Mike Noonan from CILT was in Scotland he visited a number of Social Enterprises in different communities. Some were run to benefit the disabled, the young and older people or rural communities like ours. In the last few years, Scotland has responded to Britain's reduction in services by proving that communities can do things for themselves, usually more effectively and with better value for money than Central Government. There are over five thousand Social Enterprises in Scotland, many of them in the isolated Highlands and Island regions. Their activities range from energy developments to festivals, to arts initiatives, gardening, shops and community buildings.

One of the things that impressed

Mike was the Scottish Government's Community Empowerment Act which meant that communities had been fully involved before local government made decisions. It also meant that any disused government or public buildings had to be offered for sale to communities at a favourable rate before they could be put on the open market. Communities had more rights to buy land and also to tender for local community services.

Scotland has expanded the area of Community Arts and, as Coromandel Town has more than its fair share of talented artists, there could be scope for development in our area.

Mike also visited several community hubs, places where people and groups could work together in innovative ways, maximizing new technology. The idea is to provide community groups and individuals with a structure that enables them to work more efficiently, with more support and at less cost, whilst also reducing any sense of isolation. Expect to hear more on this from CILT next month.

2018 is looking like an exciting year and we look forward to sharing CILT's services with you and collaborating on some new developments.

CILT Resource Centre, Co-ordinators:
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Fundraiser

Erica Lyons is a volunteer for CILT supporting The Goldmine.

She shares our vision to expand operations up there so we have more space for a community workshop with tools and equipment so people can repair, upcycle, and refurbish items that come in.

All proceeds from The Goldmine shop go back into the community to expand services.

As a community organisation CILT encourages people to participate in sharing skills and ideas between generations, whether that is up or down in years.

Erica not only volunteers, she has come up with the idea to organise an art exhibition of her and various other Coromandel artists' works at Hauraki House on **9-19 February**.

65% of proceeds will go towards The Goldmine.

CILT is pleased to have such generosity and we hope you will come along and view a wide variety of paintings, mixed media art, jewellery, ceramics, and digital art work and find something you like. CILT will be there with a display as to where the proceeds of the exhibition will go.



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PARAHEKA BLOCK GOLDFIELDS ROAD, MANAIA NOTICE OF MEETING

A meeting is to be held to consider the ownership of Paraheka Block which is customary Maori Land situated off Goldfields Road, Manaia. An application was lodged on 2 June 1992 by Joseph Phillip Collier to determine ownership of Paraheka Block but this application has not been resolved. Subsequent research of the Māori Land Court records indicates that Ngapu Ririnui had a claim to this land. The meeting is to be held as follows;

Venue: Manaia Fire Station, 60 Goldfields Road, Manaia, Coromandel

Date: Saturday, 24 February 2018

Time: 10.00am

Agenda

1. Mihimihi and Karakia.
2. Registration. All attendees to register their names and addresses on arrival and prior to the start of the meeting at 9.30am.
3. Explanation of purpose of meeting.
4. Consider the determination of Ngapu Ririnui as the sole owner of Paraheka Block.
5. Consider the recommendation to declare Paraheka block as a Māori Reservation pursuant to Section 338 Te Ture Whenua Māori Act 1993 for the benefit of Nga Uri O Whaanga for the purposes of an historic site.
6. Consider the appointment of trustees for the Māori reservation.
7. Consider any other recommendations that the meeting attendees put forward.

For further information and copies of the research of the Māori Land Court records contact:

L E Wilson, Māori Land Court
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Borneo adventure

By Breeahn Munns

On 3 December 2017 I set off on my big adventure to Borneo. After nearly 13 hours spent flying we finally reached Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, Malaysian Borneo. We spent our first four days in the city where we visited the City Mosque, the University Malaysia Sabah, the Museum, a wildlife park and Mamutik Island. On 9 December we set off in the hope of conquering Mount Kinabalu. It was a long, hard grind, straight up for six hours. Thankfully we only had to carry enough gear for one night. We were very lucky compared to one man who was carrying 50kg of concrete! We woke up at 1.30am the next day and got the unfortunate news that we were not going to make the summit due to heavy rain. We were gutted but there was nothing we could do except go back to sleep.

After the mountain we drove to Kota Marudu, Sabah where we would spend our next six nights to complete our community project, which was to build a bus shelter to provide school kids a place to stand where they can remain dry whilst they wait for their school bus – which is actually a dump truck! During our stay here we would be staying in a bamboo longhouse. At first this was a bit daunting, because there were gaps in the walls, floor and the roof of the room, which

meant bugs could get in! But after a night or two, we realised how beautiful it was and how lucky we were to be staying in it. A family of six hosted us and in our breaks from building, they taught us how to make local food and how to play local games.

During the project, we had the opportunity to interact with local kids and learn about how they lived, a very eye-opening experience. On our last night at the project, the locals held a little gathering. They showed us traditional outfits and dances while we ate local food, which consisted of eating rice by hand from a banana leaf. We were gifted beaded necklaces, with the Rongo tribe symbol on it. It was amazing that people who have so little could manage to give us gifts. This night was definitely the most memorable night of the trip!

From here we went to a jungle survival camp for two nights, then to Sabah Tea, then finally back to Kota Kinabalu. In our last few days in the country we went to Sapi Island, where we zip-lined from one island to another, and went on a river tour to see proboscis monkeys. The things I won't miss

are cold bucket showers, rhino beetles, rice for every meal, chicken and the funky smells. But I definitely learnt a lot of things which I will remember and am grateful for.

I am also grateful to everyone in our community who helped me fundraise by donating old batteries, buying mussel fritters, cupcakes, donuts or raffle tickets. I would especially like to thank Mike and Karen from Pepper Tree for donating vouchers, Jake Bartrom for donating mussels, Harcourts and Peter and Leslie from the Four Square for letting me sell cupcakes and mussel fritters outside your businesses, the Admirals Arms Hotel for allowing me to sell raffle tickets, and lastly my family, for helping me with everything along the way! I appreciate everything this community did for me so I could experience life in Borneo.



My travel group in front of Laban Rata hut 3270 metres above sea level



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By John Rabarts, President

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The Great New Zealand Energy Survey, 2017

This was conducted among 21,131 electricity users throughout the country, with some interesting results. 80% use energy efficient lightbulbs (compared with 29% in 2014); 5% use solar panels now to save energy (2% in 2014); 49% said they would use panels in the future; and if they were free and if the electricity price remained the same, 68% said they would want solar. 86% would buy an electric car next time they bought one if they were an equal price as other (petrol or diesel) cars. 48% preferred an energy price fixed for a number of years (as is the case with Grey Power Electricity) compared to only 5% who prefer a price which fluctuates day to day or even hour by hour. 39% are very active in trying to reduce household electricity consumption – so 54% are prepared to wash clothes after 10pm to save money on electricity and 3% must dine late, as they indicated they would cook after 10pm too. In addition to a good price 57% see brand values and product features as important, while 32% stated that price is the only thing

they care about. 45% are enjoying not being locked into a long-term contract (as with Grey power electricity which requires only one month notice to change power supplier) and 12% were unsure. Your power price has charges for electricity, metering, power lines, transmission, administration, government fees, etc. Results show that 76% of people still prefer to see these charges broken down on their bill (compared with 80% in 2014). 68% believe a prompt payment discount is a benefit for paying on time, while 21% believe that not getting it is a penalty for paying late. 27% believe switching (from one power company to another) is time consuming and difficult, and 15% have never switched – which I think means that 58% found switching neither difficult nor time consuming. One third of respondents see local ownership as an important quality they look for in an electricity retailer (Grey Power Electricity and Pulse Energy are both New Zealand owned). Price and customer service remain the two most important qualities people look for in an electricity retailer, with 93% indicating price and 79% customer service.

Electric cars are now widely available from dealers, including at least one in Thames, for under \$20,000 second-hand. Most are limited to 100km to 120km of travel per recharge, but recharge stations are now installed in Coromandel, Whitianga, Thames and most towns farther away. It takes about 15 to 20 min to recharge a car, and a friend of

mine who has one says it is about \$5 to fully recharge. You can also save by recharging at home overnight (or day).

More good news – anyone can join Grey Power Electricity as this is a national contract not restricted to the 50+ age range for normal Grey Power membership. You will still need to join Grey Power Coromandel (\$15 a year), but your savings will repay this in a month or two. (I saved about \$50 a month with Grey Power Electricity when I changed from my old supplier.)

For enquiries and help to change over please phone Grey Power Coromandel vice president Dolly Welch, (07) 866 8852. The next Grey Power Coromandel meeting is in February. Members will receive a newsletter before the meeting as usual

For My Mother

By Beryl van Donk

You will always be with me
Throughout all my days.
Your caring, your deep faith
And all loving ways.
All you have given me,
How can I repay?
Except that I'll love you
To my dying day.

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	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
8 Jan - 4 Feb	8.45am	8.45am	8.45am	8.45am	6.40pm	8.45am	8.45am
5 Feb - 11 Feb	8.45am	8.45am	-	8.45am	6.40pm	8.45am	8.45am
12 Feb - 25 Mar	-	8.45am	-	8.45am	6.40pm	8.45am	8.45am
26 Mar - 1 Apr	-	8.45am	-	6.40pm	8.45am	8.45am	8.45am
2 Apr - 8 Apr	8.45am	8.45am	-	8.45am	6.40pm	8.45am	8.45am

Departs Orapiu to Coromandel: (approximate times)

	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
8 Jan - 4 Feb	9.50am	9.50am	9.50am	9.50am	7.45pm	9.50am	9.50am
5 Feb - 11 Feb	9.50am	9.50am	-	9.50am	7.45pm	9.50am	9.50am
12 Feb - 25 Mar	-	9.50am	-	9.50am	7.45pm	9.50am	9.50am
26 Mar - 1 Apr	-	9.50am	-	7.45pm	9.50am	9.50am	9.50am
2 Apr - 8 Apr	9.50am	9.50am	-	9.50am	7.45pm	9.50am	9.50am

Departs Coromandel: Hannaford's Wharf

	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
8 Jan - 28 Jan	3.00pm	3.00pm	3.00pm	3.00pm	8.45pm	4.30pm	4.30pm
29 Jan - 4 Feb	4.30pm	3.00pm	3.00pm	3.00pm	8.45pm	4.30pm	4.30pm
5 Feb - 11 Feb	3.00pm	4.30pm	-	3.00pm	8.45pm	4.30pm	4.30pm
12 Feb - 25 Mar	-	3.00pm	-	3.00pm	8.45pm	4.30pm	4.30pm
26 Mar - 1 Apr	-	3.00pm	-	8.45pm	4.30pm	4.30pm	4.30pm

Auckland - Coromandel

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

Waiheke Island (Orapiu) - Coromandel

	ADULT	CHILD	FAMILY
ONE WAY	\$35.00	\$22.00	\$92.00
OPEN RETURN	\$60.00	\$35.00	\$155.00

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

Please note:

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

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

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

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Coromandel Bowling Club

By Linda Wright

We are coming to the end of all our championship events, with the last event the Men's singles being played as we go to print.

The Men's Pairs winners were Colin Gawith and Jason Dickison.

U/8 Men's Singles winner was Willem Kalkman.

The Women's Singles winner was Sue McNeil. Sue has since played the TV Champ/Champs and was 3rd equal.

The Open Optional Triples, kindly sponsored by Twentymans, was played in brilliant sunshine on 10 January. We had



Winners of the Twentymans Tournament: Philippa Medlock, Dianne Burton, Lindsay Nicholls

visitors from Mercury Bay, Morrinsville, and Australia all enjoying the summer on our greens. The winners were Lindsay Nicholls, Dianne Burton and Philippa Medlock. The r/ups were Graeme Goss, Irene Goss and Vi King.

The Second Session of Twilight Bowls starts again on Tuesday 30 January and plays for four weeks on Tuesday at 6pm. Come down and watch, as some teams need an extra player and you might get a game.

Our next Open Tournament is Optional 2x4x2 Pairs, kindly sponsored by Tapu Motorcamp, on **Wednesday 7 February**.

We are gearing up for our two day Open Seafood Fours Tournament, on the weekend of **3-4 March**. A busy time for our club with many visiting teams, coming to enjoy the Coromandel.

Our Thursday club day is being well attended by our members and we would encourage anyone interested in bowls to come along at 9.30am and get in a drawn team, for two 1-hour games.

Plus our Club Friday nights, is open from 3.30pm till 7pm, for social bowls roll-ups, and new members very welcome to come down and join us.

Contact Linda Wright 027 651 3477 or (07) 866 8440

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RSA News

By Pat Williams

Our Armistice Day 11/11/17 went off smoothly with quite a good turnout. Thanks to our RSA Ladies for the food and cuppas served on the day. The yearly trip to the Mercury Bay RSA Christmas do, as usual, was enjoyed by those attending. I was away and missed it, first time ever!

26 November we held our RSA Annual Dinner. This was a catered meal and top marks must go to the caterer, A1. The tables were set up beautifully by some of the members and admired by all; thanks ladies.

Over the holiday period we have had many out-of-towners take time to visit The Club and seemed to enjoy our facilities.

Thanks to a grant from The Colville/Coromandel Community Board funds, we have been able to have our storage container painted and will shortly have an over-roof installed for further protection. Money from this grant also goes into the catering, etc. for our Armistice Day and Anzac Day Services.

RSA membership fees were due on 1 January. All members have been notified and subs are rolling in. Thanks.

Coromandel RSA is now on Facebook!

Quote for the month: "The more I know, the more I know I don't know."

Till next time, be kind to each other.

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International Women's Day Charity Breakfast

Tickets on sale now at Richardson's Real Estate for our charity breakfast on **Friday 2 March**. This year it is at Umu Cafe, and tickets are limited to 60, so it's case of "first in" this year. Breakfast cost is \$25 of which \$10 goes to the Waikato/BOP branch of the Cancer Society. So as well as enjoying the fellowship of other like-minded woman celebrating International Women's Day, you will be supporting a really good cause. Breakfast starts at 7.30am so we'll see you there. Cheers. Robyn.

**We now have a solicitor in
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BRENDA FLAY, SOLICITOR: Travels to Coromandel on Tuesdays.

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Ann's Good News Naturally

I have much good news to share. Here are the facts:

- 1) Preventable Western diseases come from the over-processed Western diet. (How nutrient dense are your foods?)
- 2) Real health starts with optimum preconception wellbeing. Ensure healthy sperm, healthy eggs, for a healthy pregnancy. Boost immunity with a vaginal birth, and breastfeed for at least six months.
- 3) Enjoy natural food, not packeted, canned, sugared, processed or preserved with toxic chemicals, flavours or colours.
- 4) The food you eat feeds you in your small intestine. The fibre from the food you eat feeds your good and brilliant bacteria in your large bowel.

Love your gut (digestive tract from mouth to bottom) and love the bugs in your gut!

Eat well and live well. You can be vital enough to be running along the beach with your grandchildren.

More Good News

Tourettes: Since his tics and unusual language and behavior subsided, this 9-year-old boy is now a very happy person at home and at school. He had a history of allergies and food sensitivities, then sore throat, dry cough, and eye blinking, which has stopped also. His mum said he was a normal baby until he had a bad reaction to a vaccination. A simple programme of homoeopathic, nutritional and herbal medicine has given great relief to him and his family.

Vitiligo: The loss of pigment and irregular patches on the skin was becoming a real concern for this 17-year-old man. After screening for heavy metal toxicity, it was identified he had a very high arsenic, mercury and lead load, which triggered his immune system to be switching into an auto-immune state creating this tissue-specific auto-immune process. Our first line of treatment was to reduce the inflammation, then reverse that oxidative damage to the melanocytes in the skin.

Shitty-livered, migraines, tight neck and shoulders: Thanks to her commitment in continuing to do some basic stretches to maintain length in her contracted muscle fibres, and after my strong deep tissue massage and osteopathic techniques for her upper back, neck and shoulders, this 32-year-old lady is no longer all-consumed with muscle joint pain. Her family says she's now great fun to be with!

Extended Spectrum Beta Lactamase (ESBLs), Polymyalgia Rheumatica (PMR): After only being half well through her life, due to eating foods that were not nutrient dense (i.e., the Western diet), this 68-year-old lady developed PMR. This is an auto-immune condition that causes the white blood cells (immune system) to attack (rather than protect) parts of her body, resulting in pain in the neck, shoulders and lower back, hips and thighs. A short time in hospital for another health issue exposed her to the hospital superbug which she was eventually told that the antibiotics were not able to destroy. These superbugs produce enzymes (ESBL's) that wrap around the bacteria, creating resistance to any antibiotic medication. She was advised there was nothing more that could be done for her and to go home and cope as best she could.

As her Natural Health Practitioner, I am extremely grateful that she came to me, and understood the "why and how" of her treatment programme, and trusted in my support.

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- Something that looks different to other spots (an 'ugly duckling')
- It has become raised ('sticky out') and looks shiny in appearance
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Museum News

By Raewyn McKinney

At this time, the Coast Road is undergoing repairs following damage in a recent storm.

It is true inclement weather does boost visitor numbers to the museum, but we do hope the rest of the summer is fine, and visitors to the museum will be taking a rest from the sun, rather than dodging the rain.

Road access problems are, of course, not a new problem.

I thought some articles on historic road issues might prove of interest in the current circumstances:

From the "Auckland Star" 6 February 1936:

"Roads Open – Coromandel and Coroglen

Roads in the Coromandel district have suffered serious damage, several bridges on the Coromandel highway, including the concrete bridge at Tapu being unfit for use, but mails and passengers from Coromandel reached Thames by service car yesterday. Access to Mercury Bay by the direct route via Coroglen will be definitely blocked until the end of the month, but it is hoped to establish a connection via Coromandel today. A ford is being formed in a stream between Coromandel and Mercury Bay, where a bridge has been washed away, and this will naturally interfere with traffic in wet weather."

From the "New Zealand Herald" 7 February 1938:

"Storm's Effects, Flooding at Thames, Power Interruptions, Timber Mill Unroofed, Wooden Bridge Goes to Sea

Extensive flooding occurred on Friday night all over the Thames district and considerable damage was caused by wind and water...



Country travelling in New Zealand, fording a stream at Manaia on the Thames Coromandel Road

The electric power failed for some time, but the local generating plant was able to give at least a glimmer of light, which was all that local shopkeepers had to work by during the evening...

Matatoki again suffered and all low-lying land was covered with water yesterday morning. A shed was blown down and the timber mill had its roof torn off, the iron being scattered over the road and some sheets entangled in the power lines.

At Te Puru, down the Thames coast, several campers had an unenviable experience as the stream rose. The torrent tore a boat from its moorings and it was washed to sea.

At Tapu the main bridge, a concrete structure, was so seriously broken in 1936 that it had to be rebuilt, and is now in the hands of the contractors. A temporary wooden structure has been used for some time, but this went to sea on Friday evening.

No traffic could get through to Coromandel or Mercury Bay yesterday on account of heavy slips on both roads, and also because in the case of Coromandel traffic the Tapu Stream was unfordable."

Open Day

The committee has decided to repeat last year's successful Open Day, with free entry to all on **Waitangi Day 6 February**, from 10am-4pm.

The museum is open from 1pm to 4pm daily during February

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Coromandel Town Information Centre

By Sandra Wilson, Manager

The Centre has been busy over the past 12 months to the end of December with just under 31,000 people through our Centre, both tourists and locals.

We have more staff and more volunteers to cope with the busy season. Even with the roading issues causing a few hiccups. Just a note for people to check with us when there are roading issues as we can advise on the best route to take to get to/from Coromandel. We have had a lot of people enquiring as they assume Coromandel Town is closed and I am more than happy to advise that we are open for business as usual. Power cuts and roading issues are not going to keep us down.

At the Centre we field many calls from people looking for tradespeople of all descriptions, such as painters, electricians, glaziers, locksmiths. You name it, we've been asked. If you are interested in registering with us, we would love to hear from you to discuss further options with you.

Also to all of our community groups who hold events, exhibitions, markets, etc., throughout the year, keep us in the loop so we can help promote and inform people. Give me a call or pop in and see me. We are here to support the local community. A note too, that all these exhibitions, etc., can be promoted through our Thames Coromandel District Council's Weekly Events. Contact them directly to arrange this other medium of getting your message out.

As per usual, summer is proving to be full of events for everyone. Do follow us on Facebook to see what is happening and check out our website: www.coromandeltown.co.nz.

If you live near the beach, near a stunning view, live up north, have a camera and would be interested in sending a picture through not only depicting the beach, view etc but showing off the fabulous weather, I would like to hear from you. Just trying to get our fabulous town and surrounding areas out there in picture to show what we have in our backyard.

Do come and see us for a copy of the new improved Heritage brochure, a self-guided walk to see some of our heritage treasures. Watch this space as we look into other options to bring heritage tours around town.

Coromandel Budget Advisory Service

By Anna Galvin

Budget Advice

Thought about Budget Advice, but afraid you'll be told to cut down on those bad habits?

Wait a minute – it's not an advisor's job to tell you what you can and can't spend your money on.

It's their job to help you see what you are spending, then brainstorm with you on ways to reduce costs and increase income that works for you.

Please don't be put off by what we might say, be excited by how you can change your and your family's life for the better.

Hey, and don't forget, we can talk to organisations you owe money to, coming up with mutual agreements to pay back debt at a rate that you can afford.

We're not saying it will happen overnight, but we are saying it will happen – with your will, and our expertise.

Phone Coromandel Budget Advice (07) 866 8351 for an appointment.

Food-bank

A big thank you to everyone who donated towards our end-of-year parcels in December. Everything was greatly appreciated and put to good use.

Food-bank continue to appreciate donations of small, clean jars and containers, egg cartons and any overflow of fruit, vegetables or other produce you may have. These items can be dropped off at Tiki House Monday to Friday 9.30am-12.30pm or call us on (07) 866 8351 to arrange pick-up.

If you require a food parcel please make sure Food-bank requests are with us before 12.30pm on a Wednesday, otherwise you will have to wait until the following week. Pick-up time is at 11.45am Thursday.

Community Garden

The Coromandel Organic Community Garden is looking a little worse for wear but has been taken over by our very enthusiastic Food-bank coordinator and will now be growing vegetables exclusively for the Food-bank and garden volunteers.

That being said, we are having a working bee on **9 February 9am – 2pm**. If you can spare an hour or two, we would love to see you there.

The Community Garden would also appreciate donations of mulch if you have some spare.

The office is at 45 Tiki Road (Tiki House) down the hallway. Office hours – if you need to make an appointment or organise a food parcel the Budget phone number is (07) 866 8351 or 022 018 0849 where you can talk to one of our staff or leave a message. Phone messages are checked and replied to Monday-Friday. Food-bank – Pick-up time from 11.45am Thursday. Please make sure food-bank requests are with us before 12.30pm on a Wednesday

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JUST LISTED



OPEN HOME
 Sat 27 Jan
 11-12am

Coromandel - a Transformation!

Here's an immaculate first home, rental or holiday pad, just a stroll from town and looking neat as a pin from a recent makeover! Timber lined lounge, 3brm, double gge, lots of space, even room for Xmas marquee out the back!

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Coromandel - The Dream Marine Property

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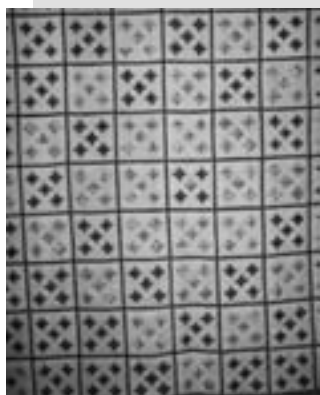
Coromandel Patchwork and Quilters

By Sharon Currie

Thank you to all who visited our Quilt Show which was held from 29 December to 3 January. The work on display has been completed in the last year and we had many beautiful quilts to display. Viewers' Choice was won jointly by Val Spicer for her quilt "A Touch of Blue" and Sharon Currie for "Applique Blooms". The grocery raffle was won by Sheila Watson and the Scratchies by Ursula Walsh.



Applique Blooms made by Sharon Currie



A Touch of Blue made by Val Spicer

Our Quilt Raffle will be drawn on **19 February** when we have our AGM.

We start meeting again on **5 February**. New members are always welcome. Come and join us for morning tea and see what members are working on.

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

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

Farewell to a community treasure

On the morning of 28 December, Tom Whittle passed away at Waikato Hospital. He had called the ambulance himself and was responded to by the fire brigade and Colville St John. He was airlifted to Waikato Hospital though there was no more to be done for him.

After Tom passed, family ground into action, reaching out to the Coromandel community who have always supported our family, and Tom particularly.

Tom Whittle was raised on his parents' farm in Papa Aroha, the third of six children born to Vic and Margaret Whittle. He was educated in Coromandel for the most part, finishing in Auckland before starting work.

After joining the Young Farmers association, and working in Waitakaruru, Tom returned to Coromandel and Papa Aroha where he remained for the rest of his life.

Many in the community will recall him and his wife Elizabeth (Biff) Whittle working for the welfare of others. Tom served the Coromandel Area School Board of Trustees, he was a lifetime member of the Coastguard and awarded for his service to St John and the Rural Fire Force – which he had a hand in through the Coromandel, Papa Aroha and Manaia forces. Of course he is remembered by others in the fire service throughout the peninsula.

He was a member of the Coromandel Silver Band. He was a Masons member, taking up a membership his father held beforehand.

Tom was behind the construction of Elizabeth Park in Coromandel Town, in which the community and close friends have found a happy home. Tom was chiefly a keen boatsman, diver and fisherman, complemented by his lifestyle on the farm and supported by the close-knit Papa Aroha community.

On Monday 1 January we celebrated Tom and his contribution to the community of Coromandel and further afield. He wouldn't have wanted any fuss, but of course many people turned out to the beachfront of Tom's farm to join the Whittle family in farewelling someone so dear to us who we shared with our whole town.

The Whittle family wish to thank our extended family – the McCalls, especially Mike McCall who will miss Tom rolling in each morning.

Thanks to The Colville Health Centre, in particular Dr Kate, who cared so well for Tom, Elizabeth and by extension us all. To the St John team, especially the first responders, so often the first to know sad news in towns like ours, which stings all the more when that news befalls their own. Thank you so much for continuing your work.

To every organisation and individual who assisted us, consoled us and attended Tom's memorial, thank you. We can't list you but you are recognised kindly.

We hope you signed our condolence book, however if you missed it or were unable to attend, you are welcome to email the family if you wish. We are sharing letters from near and far with our bereaved family and your stories are a comfort to us.

Mostly, in Tom's example, we wish for those of you considering community service for your career or in addition to your own full life, to take every opportunity. The work can be the hardest but also the most rewarding and our community has brought us through so much. Thank you.

Send family condolences by email via: anthea.whittle@gmail.com. We request donations in Tom's memory to The Colville Health Centre Trust: The Colville Project, Account Number: 38 9007 0484491 06. Quote Reference: TCP - land purchase



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

-  **Keep 30 meters** from working mussel barges at all times
-  **Don't tie-up** to a line being worked on
-  **Never cast your line** towards a mussel barge – farmers have been injured from flying hooks and sinkers
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-  **Never** drive across the lines



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Heart Beat – St John Ambulance Coromandel/Colville

By Julie Morris, Station Manager, Coromandel

We Shall Remember Him – Lest We Forget

The following is a speech from the funeral of Tom Whittle spoken by Julie Walker on behalf of St John Ambulance Coromandel/Colville.

"Hi, my name is Julie Walker and I first was introduced to Tom in 1981 when I moved to Coromandel.

He was an active and senior member of the Coromandel Ambulance Service which was later to become merged under the Order of St John.

In the 80s being an ambulance officer was very different than from now. We wore white overalls that were practical but unflattering, we had no paging system, the hospital or doctors staff phoned around to get a crew and the ambulance station was a tin shed situated at the Coromandel Hospital.

Trainings were extremely relaxed, and qualifications on paper limited. But we had an experienced core group of locals who knew the area like the back of their hand, they had contacts in each remote town and they usually knew the phone numbers of the people there. And most importantly they cared about the folks in the community. Tom was a huge part of this group. Sitting by the phone and leaving his farm work and family unattended in readiness for the "urgent call" to help out.

I suffer from motion sickness and the trip around our roads was often hellish for me unless Tom was driving. Same speed, no sudden braking, the calm man in the front. Very little panicked him and he had a very calming effect on all those around him. Many, many locals and visitors alike have been privileged to pleasant driving in trying conditions.

Tom had a passion for seeing volunteers looked after and this was where he and I found a niche for our abilities to fundraise. Operating out of a "Tin Shed" with no facilities became unbearable for us and when we were lucky to be left funds from a local resident, we set about looking for somewhere to build an ambulance station and rooms. This wasn't without challenges either. Where? What type of building, Share premises? As well as the gnarly task of raising in excess of \$185k.

A situation where everyone had an opinion but in Tom's quiet way he directed all around to his way of thinking.

The end result of many hours of work behind the scenes is the facility that now houses the Order of St John – Coromandel. It is used by lots of community groups as well as being an operational ambulance station. The building is Tom's vision – a true community centre that can benefit all of our residents. It is a functional and unassuming monument to a very humble, quiet achiever that was determined to provide the town with an asset that could grow as his favourite town would.

In 2002 he was formally recognised for his contribution to our town and surrounding districts by St John when he was admitted as a Serving Brother of the Order of St John.

As Tom wound down from Area Committee roles he was always available to provide solid advice to any who asked. He always made time for a chat and often spent an hour instead of just a minute catching up in my office.

He will be fondly remembered by all in the service as a firm believer that there was no letter "I" in the word team. His wise council will be missed.

This small poem sums up the Tom we loved and admired.

Dear Friends I go,
But do not weep.
I've lived my Life,
So full, so deep.
Throughout my life
I gave my best,
And now I've earned my rest.
I never tried to be Great or Grand,
I've always tried to be a helping hand.
When I helped in a team or on my own,
I was more than repaid by the good friends I have known.
When I went the extra mile, I did it with pleasure - it was all worthwhile.
A small contribution from me,
Created a bond never-ending.
Now sadly I leave you and travel alone,
Through the mystic veil, to the great unknown.
Keep the beautiful memories that forever will be,
This is the way that I hope you'll remember me.
Rest in Peace - Tom."

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

Monday Walkers

By Irene Dunn

It's not easy to keep up with our outdoor exercise in this particularly hot weather but hopefully when we restart our walks on **13 February** we can escape into the bush.

You are welcome to join us each Monday – we meet at the north end of Woollams Avenue car park each Monday at 9am. Phone Irene on the number below for more info on where we are walking each Monday, or to be added to our email list.

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Closing date: Friday 16 February 2018

CoroMFA Comment; Beach Cleaning

By Gilbert James, Chair, CoroMFA

Some non-biological, ie manmade, material, notably pieces of farming rope, does escape from marine farms and this is cast ashore in intact condition typically on an adjacent beach.

The Coromandel Marine Farmers Association and all of the marine farmers of the area who are its members, are committed to:

- Avoiding the escapement of all farm materials from farms;
- Remedying it when it does escape, by removing it from beaches; and also
- Mitigating it by also removing all other litter from beaches.

Therefore the Association has in place a Beach Cleaning Policy for all of the beaches adjacent to Coromandel marine farms. All of the beach litter apart from driftwood is removed and disposed of. The coastline covered is from Amodeo Bay in the north down to Te Puru and including all the harbours and islands in between these two places. Also done are the shoreline locations adjacent to marine farms in the western Firth and at Waiheke Island and at east Coromandel.

The Association and its members agree to avoid, remedy and mitigate beach debris as follows:

- All vessels at all times to do all possible to both avoid escapement and immediately recover any escapement of litter from its farms and/or vessels.
- Beach clean-ups will be done at least once per year, at company's own cost.
- Remove and dispose of all litter and debris, unless large or hazardous, or driftwood.
- Keep records and use Association form and report to Association.
- Association pays \$15 (nil gst) per float to the charity of the float recovery person's choice.

Some areas are done more than annually, eg the shoreline from Wilson Bay (north of Kereta) down to Waikawau that is adjacent to the large areas of mussel farms at Wilson Bay, is done four times per year. Different parts of the coastline are allocated to each company.

The program has been running for some time now in most areas. However all areas are now covered hence this announcement. Results to date indicate that marine farm debris are typically pieces of farm rope or of floats, however litter from other marine users or running to the sea from the land is often glass bottles, so it is very good to see them off the beaches due to the hazard they pose when broken.

Coromandel mussel farmers also periodically lose mussel longline floats despite their best efforts. Farmers always regret losing these floats as they belong on the mussel farm, not on a beach, and also as it represents a financial loss and a loss to the farm as floats are vital for floating and spacing the gear and crop. If you find a float or floats, please hold them and contact the Association by email at tom@hrm.co.nz and CoroMFA will collect it and make a \$15/float donation on your behalf to your charity of choice. (CoroMFA currently pays to schools, fire brigades, and more.) The maritime law by the way is that the floats remain the property of the marine farmer so they do need to be returned, thank you.

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

**Coromandel Family Health**

Hello all,

This month we are focusing on Manage My Health.

You may have seen our new t-shirts (pictured below) promoting our online patient portal.

If you register with Manage My Health in the month of February you will go in the draw to win one of two t-shirts for yourself.

Winners will be drawn **1 March**.

We have recently had renovations done to our treatment room, giving more space and efficiency. We would like to give a big thanks to Angus, Peter, Steve and team for their effort.

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Coromandel Community Garden Working Bee

The garden has turned into a jungle!

If you can spare an hour or two on **9 February** to help, we would love to see you there.

The working bee will be running 9am-2pm.

The Coromandel Community Garden provides fresh fruit and vegetables to the Coromandel Foodbank and is sustained by volunteers.

We are situated at the end of Glover Street near Hauraki House; look for the bright gates.

See you there!

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FEBRUARY, 2018

Review of Trade Waste Bylaw

We're reviewing our bylaw on trade waste – waste produced by businesses which has a substantial impact on our wastewater treatment systems – and the draft bylaw will be going out for public consultation from mid-March to mid-April, alongside our Long Term Plan consultation.

Information about the draft bylaw will be available once Council has approved it for consultation at its meeting on 20 February. We'll be contacting all affected businesses that produce the kind of trade waste covered by the bylaw.

Fees for disposing of trade waste into our wastewater treatment system will be set after

the public consultation and will take effect from 1 July. These will be available for feedback as part of our Long Term Plan consultation.

From mid-March you can make a submission through our online portal www.tcdc.govt.nz/haveyoursay, email to consultation@tcdc.govt.nz or post to Thames-Coromandel District Council, Private Bag 1001, Thames 3540.

For any further information regarding the upcoming review and consultation contact consultation@tcdc.govt.nz or call 07 868 0200.

Water restrictions

We're announcing water restrictions on Coromandel More FM radio as well as on our website, Facebook page and email newsletters. Details on all of these are at the bottom of this ad. For more information and smart water conservation tips go to www.tcdc.govt.nz/water

Please report any water leaks or wastage to our 24/7 Customer Services line: 07 868 0200.

Kerbside Collections

Our summer Kerbside collection schedule ends on 10 February and the non-summer schedule begins Monday 12 February.



Here are the collection days for these areas over the rest of the year:

Coromandel Rural North – Tuesday
(biweekly recycling pick-up begins 20 Feb)

Coromandel Town & Te Kouma – Wednesday
(biweekly recycling pick-up begins 14 Feb)

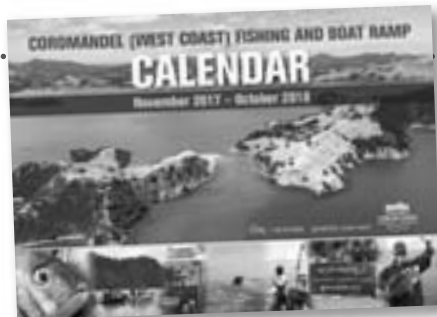
Thames Coast & Manaia – Tuesday
(biweekly recycling pick-up begins 13 Feb)

See www.tcdc.govt.nz/kerbside for the full year's schedule for your area

Summer hours at the Hauraki Rd Refuse Transfer Station in Coromandel Town continue until 25 February.

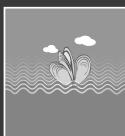
Monday – Friday	11am to 4:30pm
Saturday	10:30am-5:30pm
Sun and public hols:	10:30am-6:30pm

See www.tcdc.govt.nz/rtts for hours and locations of all our Refuse Transfer Stations



Fishing and boat ramp calendar

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or pick up a copy from our Coromandel Office, 355 Kapanga Road.



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UPDATE

Coromandel marina proposal feedback –

Over the past few weeks we've been gauging whether there is interest in marina berths in the Coromandel Harbour. The type, location and size of a potential marina have not yet been finalised. To date we have received more than 180 expressions of interest in purchasing a marina berth, if a marina were built within the Coromandel Harbour, with over 80% positive feedback from potential purchasers and the community.

If you are interested in purchasing a berth, please let us know by completing our short survey, available on our website at www.tcdc.govt.nz/coromarinaberths

For any questions or comments contact our project manager Jacqui Thorby via email jacqui.thorby@tcdc.govt.nz

MANGROVE MANAGEMENT BILL

have your say

Public submissions are now being called for by the Select Committee for the Mangrove Management Bill, which allows communities to draft their own plans for mangrove management within the Thames-Coromandel and Hauraki districts.

This is a local bill in the name of our Coromandel MP Hon Scott Simpson, which would allow both our Councils to develop management plans to manage the proliferation of mangroves within our coastal boundaries.

Make a submission to the Select Committee by midnight 23 February 2018 via the Parliamentary website www.parliament.nz in the "Make a submission" section.



FIRE BAN

We've got a Total Fire Ban in the Coromandel which means no fires in the open are permitted. The fire ban runs until 8 February, when it is reviewed and extended if conditions warrant.

For more on fire safety, go to the Fire and Emergency New Zealand website www.fireandemergency.nz

Coromandel summer tips

For all you need to know about applying for fire permits, water conservation, noise complaints, dog exercises areas and much more go to www.tcdc.govt.nz/summerinfo



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Mana Update

By Penelope Carroll

Mana's mission is to facilitate the exploration and awakening of consciousness, the unfolding of our creative and healing potential, and the realisation of our essential unity. Two four-day 2018 "Coming Home" retreats provide sacred space and opportunities to explore all of these in ourselves in a self-directed way – the first in **June (7-11)** and the second in **November (1-5)**.

While retreats usually involve working with one teacher and following specific methods for self-exploration, our Coming Home retreats combine "offerings" from those who live and work at Mana to provide time and space and a variety of resources, allowing self-exploration in whatever way works best for each individual.

Says Sarah, Centre manager and part of the Mana team facilitating the retreats: "I love our Coming Home retreats as they are a great opportunity for our team to share our depth of life skills and experience with others. During our four-day retreats we share wonderful ways to enhance our lives with meditation, dance and song, with times of stillness and silence."

Movement classes, periods for self-enquiry and time to commune with nature are all part of the daily retreat routine. Sarah facilitates yoga classes; Jade, Mana's communications manager, honours our connections with nature through the sacred art of ritual; and Shanti, one of Mana's three trustees, provides guidance for self-enquiry. In her book, *Finding the Luminous Field*, Shanti suggests reflecting on a series of questions to discover what nourishes and inspires us.

Here are four questions which might be helpful to start the process – right now:

- Who or what inspired me today?
- Where did I experience a sense of peace and ease today?
- What made me happy today?
- When do I feel most motivated, most inspired? How can I bring more of that into my life, starting today?

Says Shanti: "For many people coming to Mana is "coming home" to themselves. These retreats give us all a chance to breathe out and be renewed, refreshed and deeply nourished by the beauty around us, and the support of the practices. Come and join us and see for yourself!"

For more details about our Coming Home retreats, please refer to the Mana website (manaretreat.com); or phone the Mana office on (07) 866 8972

Plastic-Bag-Free Coromandel Town

By Kate James

Happy summer everyone!

I hope you have all been enjoying some sunshine and maybe even picking up some plastic rubbish when you spend time at the beach. This year brings us a fresh chance to think about how to improve our beautiful Coromandel environment, and a change to how many of us will do our shopping! Countdown and New World supermarkets have both committed to phasing out single-use plastic shopping bags this year. This will save hundreds of millions of plastic bags from entering our landfills, waterways and the wider environment. Plastic-Bag-Free Coromandel Town is really pleased this is happening; we can't wait to see which stores will be next to stop providing plastic bags to customers.

To help replace plastic bags we are busy making more reusable fabric bags for Coromandel people to take shopping. We also have 100 awesome jute shopping bags ready to distribute. These have been kindly sponsored by Driving Creek Railway. Fabric bags can be used hundreds of times to do the shopping, and not just for groceries. It's great to use them for all shopping. Our environmentally friendly bags also look super cool. Make a statement and choose to reuse. Every change we make to reduce our plastic waste has a positive impact on our environment!

If you have any unwanted fabric, old curtains, duvet covers or the like, we can make them into bags. Please leave donations of fabric at Carolyn's Clothing and Haberdashery, 18 Kapanga Road.

To keep up to date with what we are doing, and where you can get some fabric bags, go to our Facebook page (search for Plastic-Bag-Free Coromandel Town) and click the 'like' button. We would love to hear from anyone who wants to be involved with this initiative, including businesses who may like our help to move away from using plastic bags or are interested in sponsoring fabric bags. If you would like to get in touch via email please contact info@jacarandalodge.co.nz





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Hon Scott Simpson MP For Coromandel

I hope you had an enjoyable and peaceful Christmas and New Year break.

That hasn't been the case for many people on the Thames Coast and at Kaiaua on the Firth of Thames as they continue the clean-up after the huge summer storm that hit the Coromandel and other parts of New Zealand in January. While summer storms are something we have come to expect most years, this last one was more intense and inflicted more damage to homes, roads and coastal foreshores than usual.

When the coast road is closed it's not just the folk in the immediate area who are impacted but those who live and work in Coromandel Town and north are also affected. Businesses suffer the obvious losses of revenue and patronage. Road closures during the peak summer season mean the negative impacts are even greater than at other times of the year and losses almost impossible to make up.

This most recent weather event was exactly the scenario former Environment Commissioner, Dr Jan Wright, said we could expect more of in the future. The combination of a severe north-easterly storm, heavy rain and king tides mean that our part of New Zealand is particularly at risk during such events.

The key issue is how best to plan for future similar events and questions around our continued drive to build homes close to at-risk coastal and low-lying tidal estuaries. The NZ Insurance Council has already made it clear it's going to become increasingly expensive and difficult to get insurance against such events on properties located in known risk areas.

Keeping the Coromandel Beautiful

One of my goals for 2018 is to raise the issue of litter as a major threat to our beautiful environment and New Zealand generally. Over the years I think we've lost something of the old fashioned "be a tidy Kiwi" character we once had. There is no silver bullet answer to reducing litter but there are things we can all do, like simply not littering in the first place.

The real solution lies in a significant attitudinal change. In the same way we've changed our attitude to smoking and wearing seat belts, we also need to rediscover our collective attitude to do the right thing when it comes to rubbish and litter.

A step along that pathway is to get tougher on people who are mindlessly dumping rubbish on public property.

I'm sponsoring a member's bill to increase the maximum fine for littering from \$400 to \$1000. Our Litter Act needs a full rewrite and I hope the new government will work on that but in the meantime it's pretty clear that there should be a stronger deterrent to littering so we can help councils and communities keep our streets, highways and environment cleaner.

Councils are spending millions of dollars per year on cleaning up on litter bugs who are needlessly polluting and degrading our local environment.

I know ratepayers would rather this money better spent on things like roads and parks. Fines are a part of a solution to this growing problem, especially with an expanding economy and population.

Please never hesitate to make contact with me if I can be of assistance with any matter. For an appointment you can phone my electorate office on (07) 868 3529. Email: mpcoromandel@parliament.govt.nz



Animal Rescue Thames

By Alice and John Parris and Cupcake

Firstly thank mews to those who have donated cat and kitten food- truly appreciated as the older felines chew through the tinned and sachets very quickly! Also huge thanks to the lady who made a beautiful financial blessing to us that arrived just after Christmas it has helped our budget and means with all of the fundraising and the blessing we have just over \$100 a week for food and vet care.

Newbie – one ginger kitten abandoned in Totara 15 December – cute little kitten who was collected 9.30pm wrapped up in a cute cupcake blanket and held by a delightful wee girl who wanted to name him Turtle but then chose Cupcake as a name. Hmmm, but that is him- delightful kitten and the only one we currently have. This has been a truly odd season but with everything else going on here its almost a blessing to only have the one in care. He eats pretty much all foods which is great as we have very, very little kitten food. Huge thanks to Anexa FVC for the donation of biscuits has also been a blessing to the unit and to Cupcake.

For rescue the trip to hospital was a little longer than planned but surgery is done and now just a case of rest and recovery from that which is both long and painful but in time this will heal and I hope to be back to my usual happy, bright self again. A week in hospital was more than long enough for me and far too long for one dear husband and with the road as it ended up after the storm made for some seriously stressful times. Thankfully to ease my mind dear husband rang once he got home and then rerang in the evening, so that was a blessing. The cats were grateful to see me home again and are their usual selves, Cupcake is a rambunctious little ginger ninja who will take on both two-year-old rescue kitties without any qualms whatsoever and is all legs 'n teeth, which is not a cute nor loveable trait for a kitten, but that is eight-week kitten for you.

Fundraising – we have booked in our garage sales for the year and our Xmas raffles are still on hold due to Pak 'n Save doing renovations end of year so we do not know yet if we will get our end of year spot.

Wanted – tinned/sachet foods cat or kitten for our rescue felines, garage sale items that are clean and saleable, and homes for our older rescue felines.

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Arts



Coromandel Art Group

By Barbara Peddie

By the time you read this our annual exhibition will be in full swing. This is the only chance many of our artists have to exhibit, so come along and see what we have been up to in the last year. You will be impressed with the progress of our members!

Check out our joint panoramic painting of Coromandel Harbour, where 10 individual artists contributed a small panel each. This has turned out very well and would look stunning in a lounge, office or cafe. It will be on display, and for sale if not sold prior. And be in to win one of our raffle prizes.

The judges this year were Carlene Carmichael, Dulcie Pepper and Kim Raddick. We give a great big thank you to them, and to our sponsors for the Judges' Choice awards - the Lions, Four Square, Pepper Tree and Success Cafe.

Come along to our one and only exhibition this year at Hauraki House Gallery, open daily 10am to 4pm until the afternoon of **6 February**, Waitangi Day. Entry is free.

Olive Copperbottom: A New Musical by Charles Dickens and Penny Ashton

Following the sold out successes of Promise and Promiscuity, Penny Ashton (Radio NZ The Panel) swaps Austen for Dickens and brings orphaned hero Olive, and a squalid gaggle of Victorian characters, to pox-ridden London life. Will Olive find a family amongst the brothels, toffs and gruel? Or will Mrs Sourtart break her heart as well as her teeth? A rollicking one-woman musical journey that will fulfil your greatest expectations and be the best of times and well... the best of times.

On at Hauraki House Theatre **Wednesday 28 March**.

More details later.

Portrait Painting

Richard Chrisp will set up his easel and will be painting portraits outside Coromandel Bakehouse under the fig tree, opposite Four Square from **Friday 2 - Sunday 18 February**.

Pastel Artists Coromandel

By Christine Lunn

Although we are in our summer recess things are still happening with the group. Just after we held our last meeting of the year we heard that two of our members had received merit awards in the latest New



Rosemarie's "Café et Thé"

Zealand Pastel Artists Magazine's competition. Rosemarie with her "Café et Thé" (coffee and tea) painting and Christine with her "Downtown" painting. Well done!

This competition is open to all members of Pastel Artists New Zealand. Planning for our **5 March** workshop is now underway with a good registration list already.

Our members have considerable experience and still work in other media but they dedicate Tuesday mornings to pastel, pencil and coloured pencil work. Some of our members' work is on display in the window of Liquor King on Wharf Road – don't forget to have a look next time you pass.

Our first meeting for 2018 will be on **13 February**.

We welcome visitors at our weekly meeting at the Coromandel Aero Club rooms on Tiki Road on Tuesdays between 9am and 12 noon (around 10am is always a good time, when tea and bikkies generally appear). Or contact: Allan Beaver (07) 866 8053 or Christine Lunn on (07) 866 7220



Christine's "Downtown"

Hi Everyone. The Himalaya shop will be open 7 days during February month. We still have a great selection of summer clothes in stock as well as home decor items.

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Colville Easter Festival 2018

Yes! It's on again, three fun nights.

Friday 30 March 8pm – "Colville Sings the 60s". A lot of interest already due to the highly successful "Colville Sings Leonard Cohen" last year. Be in early for tickets.

Saturday 31 March – Music Night.

Awaiting final confirmation from exciting and different acts, Folk/Blue Grass/Psychedelic/Indie-Rock/Dance and more... to be announced very soon.

Sunday 1 April – Auckland Playback Theatre Company coming to do a full show. Very entertaining, funny, serious and surprising. Preceded by The Bubble Show! Be put inside a bubble. Kids will love it, you will all love it.

Food and beverages will be available on all three nights.

Workshops will be run during the days: A Dye Anything Workshop – different techniques of dyeing will be presented with Carla Davis; A Dyeing Harakeke Workshop – for experienced weavers with Nici Greulich and Briar Van Dort; A Pounamu Workshop – presented by master carver Ian Pe Aika, covering all aspects of the pounamu industry; A Leather Craft Workshop – again with the Carsons. Numbers limited. Details re days and times of workshops to come.

Sculptures created by local artists, will be presented throughout the village.

A big thank you to you all who purchased our 2018 fundraising calendar. Sold out, yay!

Donations towards the festival would be gratefully accepted. Big help if you can help.

For any enquiries, to donate, purchase tickets or for more information contact CSSC (07) 866 6920, Ella 027 487 5131 or Steve 021 711 489. ellaosi@gmail.com, stevecarson29@gmail.com. www.colvilleartsfestival.co.nz

**Coromandel Players**

By Don Hughes

About twenty years ago we had a reading of "Absent Friends" by Alan Ayckbourn, a wonderful play that just demonstrated superbly his ability to mix laughter and pathos, with a thought-provoking ending. We thought we could cast it and planned a production but, regrettably, two people couldn't, in the end, commit the time.

Just this last year the play was presented (for the third time I think) in the London, West End and received rave reviews. Old memories were stirred and I read it again and just confirmed my view of it...just great fun but with that edge to it. I suggested to Liz that we should at least try to gather a cast and she wholeheartedly agreed.

Accordingly we are calling auditions for **Thursday 15 February** at 7.30pm in the Little Theatre. We are looking for: 1 woman 20's, 2 women late 30's/early 40's, and 3 men late 30's/early 40's. So, if you would like to try for one of these roles please, please come along. If the Thursday evening is not convenient for you but you are interested, ring Liz at (07) 866 8508 or Don (07) 866 8885.

P.S. Those ages are "flexible". Hope to see you keen actors on **15 February**.

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Arts continued

Open Studios

By John Eaglen

It's just four months since the Open Studios Coromandel ArtsTour opened the Coromandel summer art programme. The artists are back at work now, creating new works, sometimes following fresh directions, replenishing their stocks. It's a great time to visit them, now the big tourist rush has slowed a little. Pick up your Artist Guide (i-sites in Coromandel, Whitianga, Thames or Tairua) or from The Source or Weta in Coromandel Town. You can download it from www.coromandelartstour.co.nz – while you're there check out the artists on their own personal pages (access from the "Our Artists" page or by entering their name at the "Search" button).

Call and make an appointment to visit – you can also see works from many of them at galleries and craft shops in Coromandel, Whitianga and Thames.

February Featured Artists Raewyn Penrose – Fibre Artist – ph (07) 866 8880

The felt-making process that I use is where fabric is created from wool (or other natural animal fibres) through a labour intensive process of manipulation

and agitation. Wool shrinks and consolidates during this process, resulting in an end product which is light, warm and durable.

Very fine NZ Merino wool is incorporated in all of my work to various degrees, often in combination with other natural fibres such as silk.

Colour, texture, form and functionality combine into a wide range of outcomes, from fashion clothing and accessories through to wall art.

Each piece is a one-off – a unique item.

For over 25 years I have worked largely alone in experimenting and developing new felt-making techniques and methods. I get a lot of pleasure passing on my accumulated knowledge to students.

My workshops and exhibitions have taken me to many parts of NZ, Australia and Europe, and resulted in many lifelong friendships. I am currently part of an exhibition in Queensland with three Australian felt-maker friends.

Nature's ever changing colours, textures and patterns provide much of my inspiration and challenge - to try and reflect and interpret what I see in nature in the items I create.

Deborah Hide-Bayne – Artist – ph 021 169 7190

I really have started writing my next book! I have finalised the concept, title and cover design, and started laying out the first section (Spring).

Working with photographer Emma Steel to document myself and some finished projects that will be included (I normally take my own photos but you can't be behind the camera and in front of it at the same time), I am working on completely finishing the Spring section and then start sending that out to publishers.

As some of you know, I am doing fruit and vegetable printing as illustrations for the book. The latest print is a strawberry (pictured).

I am also being inspired by the work of Christine Hellyar. Barry Brickell has a beautiful painting by this artist, which is how I first came across her work.

The works consist of loose painterly backgrounds with closely-observed botanical illustrations over the top. I've had a go at using these techniques for myself and I am pleased with the initial experiments (pictured). This is a project that is going to evolve, and I am pretty excited about it.

I did some plastic bag ironing with Debbie Morgan last year and ended up ironing Vogels' bread bags into woven squares. I would like to do more of this in the coming months, possibly some much larger pieces that have more visual impact.



Not all Who Wander are Lost

By John Eaglen

Did you enjoy "Secrets Gifts and Memories – Spheres of Connection" in 2016? or "Making Conversation" just a year ago? Then don't miss this new exhibition from WTS (Watch this Space) Coromandel.

"Not All Who Wander are Lost" will be running from **Saturday 3 March until Sunday 11 March**. You'll see work from a number of artists representing their personal/cultural/archetypal responses to the issues raised by this lightly cryptic quote from Tolkien.

Maybe it will touch, stir, even provoke... but surely entertain you!

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Back Room Gallery

The Back Room Gallery Colville artist co-op had a successful grand opening in December and has been welcoming visitors daily since. The artwork ranges from flax weaving to jewellery to paintings and photography, and the gallery is a wonderful new addition for the community.

Rangatahi

CELEBRATING OUR CHILDREN

Coromandel Area School

By Jamie Leckie

Term 1 is already looking to be full of sports and activities to keep our tamariki busy!

Welcome back to all of our staff, students and families. The teachers have been working hard to organise exciting learning programmes for this year. We hope you have all had a relaxing holiday and are ready for the year ahead. We will have a powhiri on the first day back at school to welcome our new staff, students and their families to our school. We would like to say a big warm welcome to you all and we hope you enjoy Coromandel Area School as much as we do.

Keltic Fair

A big thank you to everyone who was a part of the Keltic Fair organising committee and the helpers. It was a very successful day and the weather was great.

Upcoming dates

First day back for the whole school: **1 February.**

Primary school camp (Rooms 1,2,3,4 and 5) at Tuck's Bay: **22 and 23 February.**

Communication

We endeavour to communicate as effectively and efficiently as possible in regard to all school matters. Please ensure you read all newsletters, notes home and check the website regularly to keep up to date with any information you may need to know. Please also check our official Facebook page. The name of the page is Coromandel Area School, so please "like" and "follow" us on the page to get instant and up to date information, photographs and updates on school achievements.

We look forward to an enjoyable 2018.



Kiwi Can

"Kia Ora Tatou Katoa"

A huge congratulations to our Kiwi Can leader Jasmine O'Neil on the birth of her handsome little man Carter.

Carter arrived on the 23 December at 4.15pm and weighed 8lb 13oz. Well done Jasmine!

By the time you all get to read this we will just about be back at school excited and ready to see our precious tamariki, who will no doubt be just as excited to tell us about all their adventures over the holidays.

This year Kiwi Can were very lucky to be offered a gate at the Keltic Fair to man as a fundraiser for our programme. Firstly I would like to thank Jo Scott and her mum, my husband Paul and our son Dylan, his partner Abbe and their friends Kevin, Courtney and Ainsley for helping this run so smoothly.

This was worth \$1000 for our Kiwi Can programme which is an awesome injection of funds towards our resources and prizes for our students. I would also like to extend a huge thank you to Abby Morgan and the Coromandel School for this opportunity. Thank you!

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

Nga mihi nui from the Kiwi Can team Marlene, Gemma, Jasmine, Emma.

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

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



Coromandel Youth Group

Coromandel Youth Group is for all children aged 5-15yrs; all parents/caregivers need to do is fill out a membership form for each child attending. To help with running costs please make a gold coin donation for after school sessions. Every little bit helps us to stay open!

Term One Opening Hours

Sunday drop in and social 1pm-4pm,

Tuesday and Thursday 3pm-5pm,

Friday Afternoon 2pm-4pm.

Friday Night Social 6-9pm (for students 11-14yrs).

All students must check in with staff on arrival.

For Friday afternoon sessions we can collect children from school if you phone the Youth Rooms before 5pm on Thursday.

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: Lottery Waikato, COGS, Trust Waikato, Coromandel Senior Settlement Trust



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Environmental

Moehau Environment Group

By Ally Davey

Volunteers are a huge part of non-profit organisations such as Moehau Environment Group. In fact without them there would simply not be a group. Throughout the summer program we work to engage and share conservation efforts and the work that our volunteers do.



This is the story of local Port Charles volunteer Sue Bedwell's experience. She played the role of kiwi escort to a kiwi chick, whose new home is now Motutapu Island, as part of Operation Nest Egg (ONE). ONE is being carried out to establish a founding population of Coromandel brown kiwi should anything untoward happen to kiwi on the Coromandel or mainland, to ensure a population base for the future that is nurtured in a safe environment.

Most kiwi chicks don't survive in the wild due to predators such as stoats unless there is intensive predator control. MEG volunteers currently check over 1132 stoat traps monthly. We monitor male kiwi and when they have established incubation of eggs in the field. The eggs are lifted from the burrows

and brought to Rainbow Springs partially incubated. The incubation is completed artificial (kiwi eggs take approximately 78 days to incubate in artificial conditions, slightly longer when in the wild) and chicks are raised to 1kg in weight. They are then returned to the wild when they are able to defend themselves. Here's Sue's story:

"When we first met "our" anonymous kiwi chick it was a tiny ball of brown feathers tucked into the corner of a transportation box. The only thing that conclusively identified it as a kiwi was its long narrow beak.

"The fact sheet told us that our special passenger weighed 265gm but it had no name because its sex would only be known after a DNA test was completed.

"The eight-week-old kiwi began its trip that day when Diane Prince picked it up from Rotorua and met my partner Greg and me just north of Thames on the road to Auckland. Diane gave us our first peek at that ball of feathers before its transportation box was secured on the back seat of our car.

"The kiwi's journey to its permanent home on Motutapu Island in the Hauraki Gulf began earlier this year when its egg was taken from the hills behind Port Charles and delivered to the Rotorua kiwi hatchery. It was a journey that ended after rides in three



vehicles and a boat trip from Half Moon Bay to the island.

"On the Department of Conservation boat we met the other people lucky enough to be part of the kiwi escort. Aside from the iwi representative James, who called Greg and me the little bird's uber drivers, we were joined by two pupils and their teacher from MacLean's College in Auckland.

"We got down to the serious business of naming our kiwi. The pupils belonged to the college's Kupe House which supports the Kiwis for Kiwi Trust. One of the key characteristics fostered by the house is strength so we decided to call our kiwi "Kaha Rawa" meaning very strong or almighty in Maori.

"On Motutapu, James welcomed Kaha to the island with a powhiri. We also met DOC staff member Hazel who drove Kaha and its escort to Motutapu's bush block and showed us where Kaha would start a new life.

"We finally got a close look at Kaha when Hazel took it from the transportation box. After a brief struggle, the perfect kiwi nestled into Hazel's jacket with its eyes closed

"The shelter built by Hazel was designed to allow Kaha time to settle down after its long journey but also allow Kaha to easily escape into the bush proper should it wish to do so.

"We were warned that sometimes the kiwi "broke out" of the shelter immediately. If this happened we were to "make like a tree" and not interfere. Kaha chose to stay put.

"As we turned to leave, I couldn't help feeling a little sorry for the poor thing. That morning Kaha had left the only home it had known. Just six hours later it is alone on a mysterious island with about 40 unknown other kiwi.

"Delivering Kaha to its new home was an incredible experience. The whole day was magical; from the anticipation driving down the Thames coast to leaving the island knowing that Kaha was as safe as possible in its new predator-free home.

"I started smiling from the moment I first learned Greg and I would deliver this precious chick to Motutapu until well after we had arrived home."

Thanks to Sue and Greg for taking Kaha to Motutapu Island.

All proceeds raised through the summer program help to support conservation efforts in the northern Coromandel.

Please visit www.meg.org.nz for further information or if you would like to become a volunteer

Here We Go - 2018

By Catherine Delahunty

I remember the millenium. We stayed up all night on the beach at Turanga (Gisborne). The dawn was peaceful and there was a gentle feeling of hope for the new century as a double-hulled waka headed towards us with a patch of sunlight on the water. I remember New Year's Eve in the 1980s. Colville Hall with Herbs and the local bands playing. We all loved "Robyn and the Hoods". Now the new year is quieter. I would pay money not to stay up all night. The feeling is also less peaceful as the world gets crazier all the time. All that technology and all that wealth but still endless war and endless deprivation. The climate deniers have to admit that the climate is in trouble now, and when the climate is in trouble, we are in trouble.

Suddenly it's very real. The storm surge ripped up the coast road between Whakatete Bay and Te Pūru. The flooding was one thing but the wind and the king tide were the last straw for some rock walls and tarmac. The people on the coast and at Kaiaua had no real warning that they would become the front line of the weather event. The damage is hurting them and the people in Coromandel who rely on the summer traffic to spend money in their shops and cafes. But one thing is cruelly true: nature is boss. Nature is boss and we ignore this at our peril. Nature is the boss of us whatever we do or want to believe. We do not have dominion over the planet and other species, we are just one of the many who depend on the natural world. If we keep up this way of living which pollutes the atmosphere and the food sources, we are done. It won't happen the way any of us expect but it's going to happen, is happening; take a look at the Thames Coast Rd. We have to change to clean energy and that will take time. We have to be fair to people who cannot afford solar power and electric cars. We have to face this together. I have faith in our strength as communities but corporates and technology won't fix this mess. It's time for a hard look at who is benefitting from fossil fuel pollution and time for them to pay.

The simpler life is not simple. I was thinking about this when the sad news came of the passing of Colville legend Alan MacDonald. Alan died early in the New Year aged 90. He was a man who stayed in one place and did one job, building fences. He was a straight up, old-school worker who lived without an ounce of pretence and befriended people without affectation. His life was simpler than some of us but utterly unique, rich and honest, based on a connection to the land. He wasn't a landowner, he was just part of the north Coromandel, a post in the ground. It is sad to see this generation of back-country people go; their stories as wild as our youth, but grounded in the sense of one place, one way of life. 2018 is already different without the self-titled "Mad Fencer" of Colville and without the certainty we can drive up and down the most beautiful coast in the world. This Peninsula is being warned by the wind and the tide; are we listening?

Sport

Coromandel Recreational Fishing Club

By Allison Brown & CRFC Committee

Hi to all,

Here's to welcoming the New Year and wishing everyone a very happy and prosperous one.

The year seems to be already galloping away.

Hope you have all had a chance to get out fishing as it wasn't too bad; a few rough days but generally quite good fishing and the scallops have been nice and fat; worthwhile going out for some. Apart from the nasty front that hit us just after New Year the weather has been great, getting nice and hot which makes it pleasant out on the water.

Looking back to last year we had a similar front pass over on New Year's Eve and four days following as we were stuck at Great Barrier.

A big thank you to the roading contractors who really worked quickly to get the Coast Road open so as not to cause too much hassle to motorists and fishos coming to the Coromandel.

Have heard that the fishing is going quite well at the southern mussel farms and along the coast to Papa Aroha good size snapper and the kingi are running in close and around the mussel farms. Watch that they don't get your lines tangled around the mussel farm ropes as they head straight for them given half a chance.

Coming up is our first fishing competition on Anniversary Weekend. Classy Chicks competition is also coming up on **24 February**. Entry forms available from Wyuna Studios and Fish & Dive, Kapanga Road, Coromandel.

Fish of the month for club members for December was trevally and won by Nikki Stephenson, weighing 1.275kg; \$100 going her way.

Fish of the month for January is snapper. Please don't forget to weigh them in and the \$100 is yours for the heaviest one. Club members only.

Weigh station is at Fish & Dive, ph (07) 866 8797.

Here's to tight lines as always; hoping to see you on Anniversary Weekend.

Coromandel Croquet Club

By Kaye Anderson

We finished the year on Tuesday 19 December with a shared lunch and a refreshing glass of Pimms after our usual game. With a short break over the Christmas and New Year holidays, we are now back to our regular days of Tuesdays and Saturdays meeting at 9.15am for a 9.30am start.

If you wish to join us for a game, call Kaye on (07) 866 8968. The club is situated in Woollams Ave, next to the Bowling Club.

Coromandel Golf Club

By Peter Gray



The Coromandel Hotel (Top Pub) Mixed Open was held on Saturday 6 January and by all means a great success.

After the numbers for the previous Xmas Tournament swelled to 75, resulting in some bottlenecks, the numbers for the Coromandel Hotel Mixed Open were capped at 60. There were 55 prior registrations with a final field of 45 teeing off. This was a remarkable number due to the weather event days leading up to the event and the resulting closure of the Thames Coast road.

The players enjoyed a top day with the course in outstanding condition despite the hammering it had taken leading up to the event and a few showers on the actual day.

The Club committee and members along with the visiting golfers greatly appreciate the support of Stan Hill at the Coromandel Hotel (Top Pub), in sponsoring the day and providing a wealth of top prizes.

The major winners (all players took home a prize):

Senior Div – Tony Edgar 43pts, Joshua Sturgeon 39, Allan Rose, Tony De Coek 38.

Junior Div – Dave Dudson 43, Kevin Brown 43, Paul Kasper 41.

Ladies – Peg Mclean 42, Jenny Coatsworth 40, Philippa Medlock 39, Eugene Weimer 36, Marilyn MacKenzie 35.

Good to see Dave Dudson back on the golf course. After that round, “we all want to get on whatever he is on”.

Kevin Brown from the Matarangi Golf Club thanked the Coromandel Golf Club for hosting an enjoyable day with a well presented course, great prizes and of course the “food”.

All would again like to extend a big thank you to all of the volunteers who contributed in making the day a great success. Special thanks to Lyn Whitcombe and Elaine Everitt for the catering and Joan Evans for the desserts, also Peter Richardson for sorting the field and results board along with the help of Ron Evans.

A golf club is always a place for hard luck stories. President Ed Buckett and Patron Ron Evans were both up early on the day mowing greens and raking bunkers, etc. Peter Richardson (exerting his authority early) then despatched them to the “far corner of the course” to start the day on the fifth tee (they were in a cart). Also to rub salt into the wound Ed lost in a ballot for players on 38pts for a pick of the major top shelf prizes.

Notice to people wanting to join the Club – It is now a good time as registrations commence on 1 January so you can take advantage of a full annual membership. For people that have not previously been a member of a golf club, the first year membership is only \$215.00. The Club encourages you with a couple of free rounds and can also assist with coaching.

Calendar

Saturday 3 February – Seafood Tournament (C).

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Every Saturday

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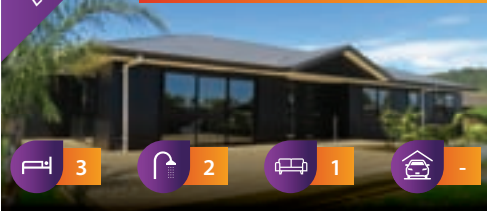
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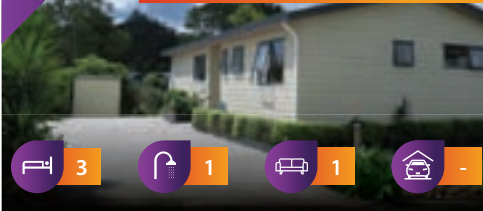


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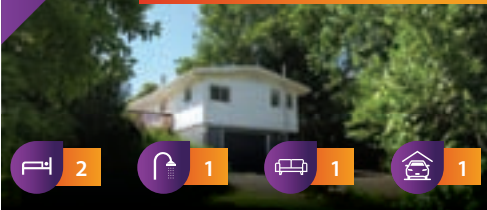


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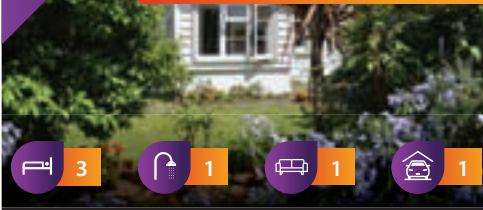


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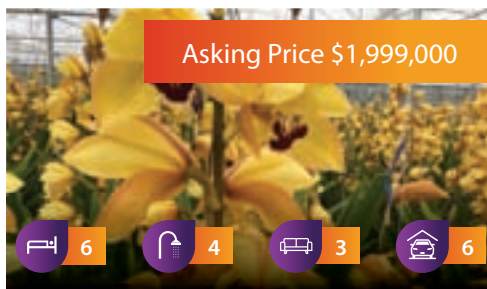
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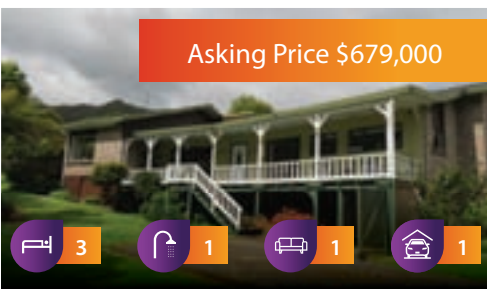


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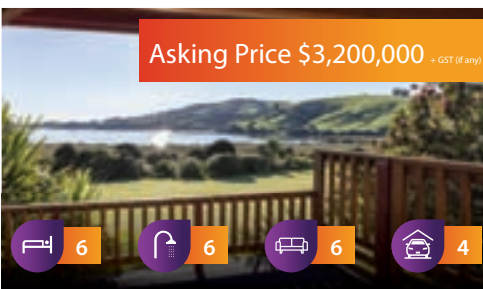


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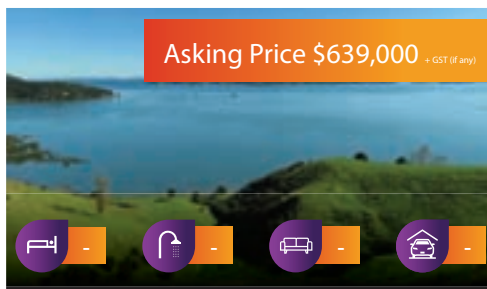


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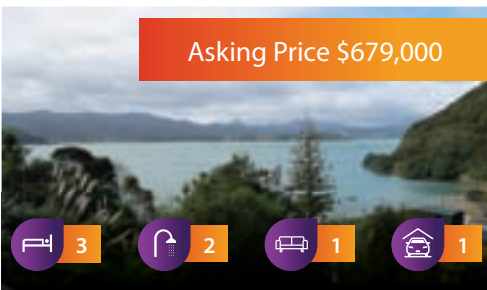


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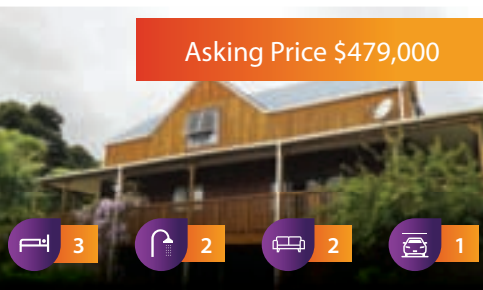


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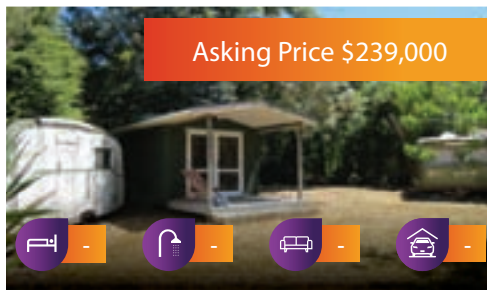


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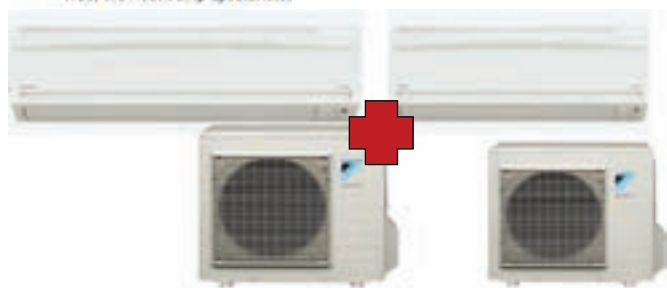
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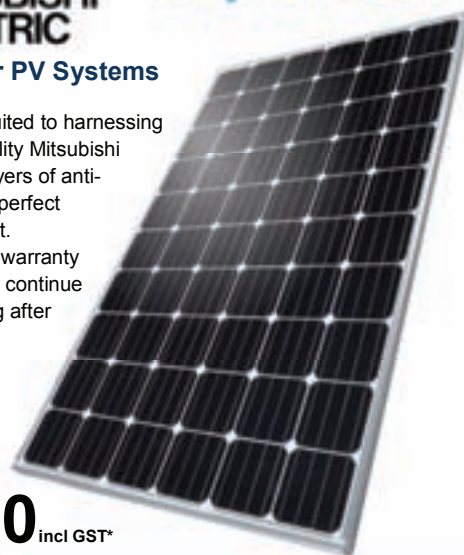
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