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Editor's comments

Happy New Year to you all. Thanks for your support over the last year. It is your comments and articles from all the groups in this community that makes the Chronicle so loved. Thanks too to everyone who has advertised. Do you know that if you sign a contract to advertise for at least a year you get 10% off the casual advertising rate, and that I give charities/not-for profit groups a large discount to help them afford to advertise too?

Thank you Mana Retreat for sharing a delicious biscuit recipe this issue. I have already made a batch – so glad to find a biscuit recipe not full of butter! That and another two recipes are on pages 20-21.

Can you believe the Chronicle has now been going for 20 years? If you have any memories of its early days to share then please email them in by 18 January and I'll see if I can put an article together.

Have a great summer!

Debbie

Letters

Dear Editor,
I would like to say a huge Thank You to everyone involved in the Santa Parade Family Fun Day, especially Tamsyn Nevin and her team from C.A.S. for the awesome job they did providing games and food. Well done all of you!

I would like to comment on a couple of things. Firstly it was disappointing to see people leave after receiving their present from Santa and not staying around to listen to the music, participate in the games and enjoy the entertainment provided.

Also some comments from members of the community about how unprofessional the Parade was and the lack of entries. We are NOT professionals in any way! To be told that the whole parade was unprofessional hurts – we are simply a team of very hard working volunteers who give up their time to organize this event. The entries were down compared to other years – 2015x15, 2014x26, 2013x24 – but not everyone wants to put in a float; some simply prefer to watch.

Funding in many cases is now denied us as we do not fit the criteria of many places. If we had not gotten the grant from CSST, we would not have had the Bouncy Castle and Zorb Balls. We were hoping to have a sound system, but the cost of this was more than funds allocated after paying for the entertainment. Instead the balance was used to pay for lollies (distributing on streets, Santa's pack, Lolly Scramble) and on Spot Prizes. Entertainment is extremely expensive, that's why we rely on the goodness of people to volunteer their services, eg Thames Tinkers.

This is the last Santa Parade that I will be involved in, having done it since 2009. It is time to pass it on. If anyone is interested in doing so, please contact me on (07) 866 8785. I will gladly hand the info I have over to you. A thought for everyone - there may possibly not be one next year and that would be sad.

Trish King, Santa Parade Co-ordinator, Coromandel Town

Dear Debbie,

I would like to thank all those who were able to attend my mother, Jennifer Mary Stone's service in late November. I'm particularly grateful to the many people who so generously made time to help my family with the service. Thank you to the people who have offered their kind condolences to me and my family. Of course my family and I will miss Mum terribly but my heart goes out to those in the community who will also miss her.

Kind regards, Richard Stone, Coromandel Town

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Upcoming events

February

Saturday 6 – Vegetable and Produce Show (see pg 18)

Saturday 6 – Mussel Festival – Live Music from 2pm at the Mussel Kitchen

Saturday 6– Monday 8 – Sharon Whittle Art Exhibition (see ad pg 26)

Sunday 7 – Coromandel Art Group exhibition closes

Monday 8 – Celebrate Waitangi Day at Colville Hall (see ad pg 19)

March

Tues 1 – Wed 2 – Kiwi Crusade Mountain Bike Race – (see pg 10)

Sunday 6 – Family Fun Day at Mahamudra Centre (see pg 12)

Fri 11 – Mama's got the Blues (pg 26)

Saturday 12 – Classy Chicks Fishing Competition

Happy New Year one and all

By Jocelyn Davey

When you read this little verse
The New Year may be here.
Do you sit up till midnight
To welcome the New Year?

My Australian Nana
Always sat up late.
And at midnight on the dot
She opened up the gate.

She chased the old year out with vim
Then walked right through the house
To welcome in the young New Year
And bring luck to the house.

Do you make resolutions
That you hardly ever keep
Or go to bed at midnight
To have a New Year sleep?

**Poetry
SPOT**

Dear Debbie,
I am writing to endorse Barry Brickell's comments regarding the Coromandel Pier Project in the last Chronicle.

Barry's vision, resulting in the Driving Creek Railway, has done much to put Coromandel on the map and bring in thousands of visitors a year, adding positively to Coromandel's economy in many ways. Barry's pier will be the longest in New Zealand and would place the town as a pivotal part of the TCDC's proposed Coromandel Heritage Trail.

This is ambitious, but will surely bring to our community much-needed tourist dollars in an aesthetically pleasing and environmentally sensitive way.

Not only will the project permit all-tide access for the Auckland ferry, but it will also have floating marina berths and space for other boats and fishers – it will be such a worthwhile asset for our town.

Come on Coromandel – let's get behind Barry!
Mike Donoghue, Coromandel Town

Dear Debbie,
It was heartening to read about Barry Brickell's pier proposal in the last Chronicle. Thank goodness for a sensible and creative solution to the drive for an all tide ferry into Coromandel and support for our fishermen and charter boat operators.

As well, Barry's proposal has the potential to revitalise our town in a responsible and sustainable way that will surely attract many visitors and create jobs along the way.

Forest and Bird have been involved in the Stake Holder Working Group meetings for the Harbour Project where we have repeatedly raised concerns about the damaging effect of dredging on the marine ecosystem.

Barry's pier proposal appears to create a superior end product with a fraction of the environmental effects of a marina and at considerably less cost. This idea deserves consideration and support.

Sue Wright, Chair Forest and Bird (Northern Coromandel Branch), Coromandel Town

Hi Debbie,
I am sure it has been nearly two years now since the renovation of the playground in the Hauraki reserve. My children have thoroughly enjoyed this resource. The playground and the neatly kept reserve are an asset to our community and visitors to the town. I would like to say a big thank you to all those involved in the upgrade and in the on going maintenance of this awesome space. Your hard work is greatly appreciated!

Secondly, my children have recently started swimming lessons, which has drawn my attention to the amount of effort that goes into maintaining, running the pool, and organising of lessons which is all done by volunteers! A big thank you especially to Debra Attwood and all her helpers for this huge undertaking, my kids are loving it!

Thanks for an excellent Chronicle which is keeping us well informed for the summer Debbie, we look forward to every edition.

Cheers,
Jenna James, Coromandel Town

Dear Editor,

On the night of the 5th of December my family and I had the misfortune of watching the forest opposite our property become an inferno as a result of someone's thoughtless actions.

After having called the fire brigade we watched in horror as the fire rapidly spread. We were hugely relieved when the fire engines arrived. We then witnessed the skill and expertise of these amazing people as they quickly assessed the situation and took control, preventing further spread of the fire, driving it back and finally extinguishing it.

We would like to thank the Coromandel Fire Brigade and the others who were involved. You are all true heroes.
Lynley Brown, Coromandel Town

Dear Debbie,

This is a heartwarming story of a boy my husband and I sponsored over 40 years ago. This particular boy exceeded our expectations.

The S.C.F. staff were in Garissa, Kenya. They noticed one boy in particular who seemed so intelligent. His name was Mohammed and he lived with his family in a mud hut. Through Save The Children they asked if we would like to sponsor him. We were delighted to do so.

He wrote to us telling of things that had happened to him. He said a truck collected him and the other children and took them from their village to school in Garissa. One hot afternoon the truck was about halfway home when spread out on the track sat a pride of lions. The driver could not get them to move and after waiting over an hour the driver decided they must stay overnight in the truck. The boys thought this was exciting, but the girls were afraid. However they stayed until well after sunrise when the pride decided to move off. At last the truck driver was overjoyed to be able to take the children (and no doubt himself) back to the village where they all lived.

Our boy went on from strength to strength educationally. He wrote to us on several occasions. When he left school he wished to become an engineer; a water engineer in particular.

When my husband died I wrote and told him. I have a beautiful letter from him offering his condolences. He knew loss and sorrow. Then a month ago I received an email from him. It was to tell me he is now chief water engineer in Garissa, Kenya. He is married and has six children. Four of his own and two he and his wife adopted when his brother died.

I have emailed back to him to tell him how much I appreciate his long time sharing with me. I feel truly blessed to have been able to help any child in need through that wonderful organisation Save The Children Fund.
Beryl van Donk, Coromandel Town



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Santa brings excited children into town

By Trish King,
Coromandel Lions Club



Santa Parade day was pretty special with extra entertainment and fun for the kids. Unfortunately it wasn't as well supported as we had hoped, so we will have to rethink activities for next year (if there is to be one next year!). For now, though, we have many people to thank for supporting the Lions Club on the day:

Our sponsors for providing donations and prizes: Coro Senior Settlement Trust, Coro Refrigeration, Coro Pharmacy, Admirals Arms, Coro Oyster Company, James & Turner, 360 Discovery, The Waterworks, Munchies Bakehouse, Mussel Kitchen, Scouts, Star and Garter, Driving Creek Railway, Coro Fishing Club.

People who contributed: Lion Trish for organising the parade, Lion Jayne Lister for making costumes, Sandra Wilson (Coro Info Centre) for her assistance, Alan James for organising traffic control, Tamsyn Nevin and crew (Coro Area School) for organising games, the bands – Ukumania/Thames Tinkers, Matt Sephton for organising sound system/general helper, Natarsha



Hosking for photography, Mussel Kitchen for use of truck for bands, David Stone, Coromandel Garage Ltd, Lions members/partners/friends, parade float entrants and others who participated.

Thank you all very much! A special thank you must go out also to Pat Williams for bravely donning a clown suit and walking the whole parade – well done – you're a star!

Winners were: 1st Te Rerenga School, 2nd Coromandel Community Preschool, 3rd Richardsons Real Estate.

Thanks and well done everyone – great to see so many children involved.

Coromandel Lions Club News

By Trish King

Best wishes for the New Year from all of us at the Lions Club.

The Lion Rock Award went to Lion Jayne for the outstanding contribution she has made to the Xmas Parade. She is the expertise behind all of the costume creations which added such a special touch on the day. Well done Jayne! Our turnout for Christmas Dinner was small but extremely enjoyable. Many thanks to Stan and Julianne at the Top Pub for a lovely dinner and the bubbles went down a treat! (Hic).

Upcoming Events

As usual we have the Keltic Fair on **2 January** – hope to see you all there – we will be in our usual place on the bottom field. By supporting us, you are supporting your own community. Next month we will report on where and how our money has been given out in the Community. It is with sadness that our Club accepts the resignation of past president Lion Bruce, who will be missed enormously. Hope to see you at dinner meetings to catch up. Cheers for now.

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Hot Spot - News for Coromandel Fire Brigade

By Rob Chappell

It's that time again when we send out all sorts of be safety warnings – all designed to hopefully ease our workload. The road traffic in recent weekends has changed once again to summer visitors so please be patient as many do not know our roads and often seem to struggle just to keep left.

While we are being told by the weatherman that El Nino is upon us and still it seems to try and rain, Saturday 6 December highlighted just how dry it really is when party goers up the 309 Road let off fireworks that very quickly took hold in the neighbouring forest resulting in your brigade spending much of their precious evening putting out the fire in less than safe circumstances. Be warned – if you light unauthorised fires either by accident or deliberately you may well get a bill for all the costs – and this can run very quickly into many thousands of dollars – so be sensible, be fire wise.

One very real role your brigade fulfils within our community is that of being the Civil Defence base and while it is fortunate that it has been some time since the town's last weather bomb, part of our preparation for the next one, as I mentioned in my December writing, is to alter the rear of the fire station by adding an upstairs room, allowing the current social room to become a training facility and the new upper room to become the social room/Civil Defence base for town. The project has just had a most generous financial kickstart from one of the town's personalities. Sadly Murray Beech, the school caretaker for many years, passed away recently, but in his departure has left a legacy as a gesture to his commitment to the town's future by bequeathing through the Beech Trust the sum of \$100,000 to this project, which the family very generously passed on to the brigade at our recent honours night. This added to other very generous donations including one from the late Selwyn Bronlund. It now means we have approximately \$150,000 to begin this alteration. Thank you Coromandel, we still have a way to go but this is a great beginning.

It's holiday time again – from all of us, thank you for your support in 2015. Have a great and safe summer – remember the fire ban is on – that means no fires.

Heart Beat – St John Ambulance Coromandel/Colville

By Ray Hintz, Area Committee Chairman

Felix O'Carroll, our station manager, is out of commission with a broken hand after falling off his bicycle, while riding the Hauraki Rail Trail. We hope that it is soon mended, Felix.

The station is being managed with the support of the Thames operation team, and our dedicated team of local volunteers. Our new bedrooms are proving valuable for some crew staying overnight to cover night shifts.

St John is a charitable institution, so any funds we receive help to keep the service running.

On Sunday 6 December we were visited by members of the Beech family who have long-term associations with Coromandel. They presented us a plaque in memory of the late Murray Beech, who made a generous bequest to Coromandel St John.

An enjoyable morning tea was held with old time and family memories shared among those attending.

In closing I would like to thank the Coromandel Community for the funding support that you have given St John, and wish to assure you every endeavour will be made to give the residents of Coromandel, Colville and outlying areas, St John service when it is required.

The St John team wishes you all an enjoyable and safe festive season.



The Beech family presenting the plaque to St John Coromandel Area Committee Chairman Ray Hintz

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Coromandel Budget Advisory Service

By John Gaffikin-Cowan

It never fails to amaze me how generous the people of this wonderful community can be. This spirit is seen especially at the Festive Season and this year, no less than any other year, we at Budget and particularly the Food Bank, were the fortunate recipients of much of this generosity. As a result we were able to provide almost thirty Christmas hampers to families and individuals on our client list. And thanks to so many of you out there, named and unnamed, there were presents too for children and even the not-so-young.

We try our best to acknowledge all donations, whether monetary or in kind, but it does take time, so please accept this general "thank you" until a more personal one comes along.

Of course hardship exists regardless of the season. Emergencies can strike in the best organised households at any time, and at Budget we are here to help as best we can. This makes us appreciate all the more those kind people, groups and organisations who support us throughout the year, so another thank you to them.

Traditionally the start of the calendar year is a time to take stock of yourself and your life. It's well known that I'm no fan of New Year's resolutions, but I still agree that this is not a bad time to sit down and analyse your situation. In many ways we're better placed to do this than our cousins in the Northern Hemisphere. We're starting the New Year on a high with summer stretching out ahead of us, giving us plenty of time to prepare for autumn and winter. And that's what I'd recommend now: it's a moment when we can plan, rather than make resolutions. At the Office we have plenty of tools to help you prepare a household budget, and you don't have to sign up as a client to make use of them. Call in for a brochure showing how to work out your cashflow and see how easy it can be to see exactly where your money is going and equally how you can reorganise it.

We'd love to welcome you. Oh, and Happy New Year!

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Coromandel Hikers/Trampers

By Don Hughes

Last month we had the pleasure of the company of seven members of the Coromandel Monday Walkers on a trip to Wanganui Island.

Afterwards it was jokingly remarked by one of our group that without a regular column in the Chronicle like the Walkers our continued existence is not generally known.

We have certainly not gathered any new members in the last year so I promised (in a moment of unthinking enthusiasm) to write a short piece to confirm we do indeed still exist.

We meet at 9am each Monday at the Hauraki House car park and set off for walks/hikes in various parts of the peninsula. We are usually back by 3pm and, as you can see from the time frame, you would need to bring a morning tea snack and your lunch. We are still averaging 14kms in the day, so again you can see we sometimes only walk 12kms but occasionally 16kms.

We do sometimes undertake "explorations" or "change of plans" that involve total climbs of 500 mtrs plus but it is all done at a slow, steady pace and no one is left behind. Also please note many of our walks/hikes involve private farm land so sorry, no dogs.

Finally, in the summer months we tend to include more expeditions that provide the opportunity for a swim.... so bring your togs!

P.S. the photo is of a group of us at the top of a hill we had not intended to climb.... just another one of those diversions.



Coromandel Walking Group

By Irene Dunn

It's great to be outside walking with friends – we have walked most of the pavements in Coromandel Town and some tracks. Now as the New Year approaches we look forward to another year of exercising for an hour twice a week. We walk throughout the year except for Christmas day, on Tuesday and Thursdays, meeting at the Lotto Dairy at 9am. Do join us – you're most welcome.

During the hotter months we do start our walk a little earlier at 8.30am – so if you are unsure please ring Ruth on the number below.

Thanks Ruth for organising our Christmas lunch enjoyed by a good number of our members.

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Coromandel Contract Bridge Club

By Judy Bronlund

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Secret Santa present opening

Garden Circle

By Jane Warren

Our last meeting of the year was also our Christmas meeting which is always eagerly anticipated by club members. Despite it being such a busy time of year, 23 members were able to make it to visit Karin Lillis's gorgeous garden on Tiki Road. Although the weather was threatening light showers early in the morning, by the time we got to Karin's home the sun was out and warming up nicely.

We started with the usual meeting formalities including a timely warning about using masks when dealing with compost and potting mix.

After a scrumptious Xmas lunch we were able to stroll around Karin's large garden followed by present and prize giving. There was much fun had during the Secret Santa present opening and then prizes were awarded for the best blooms and arrangements.

The winners were: Single Bloom – Lorraine Lang, Multi Bloom was won by all three entries on equal points – 1st equal Barbara Wright-Jackson, Linda Wright, and Lorraine Lang, Miniature Bloom – Lorraine Lang, Rose Arrangement – Linda Wright, and Xmas Wreath Arrangement Barbara Wright-Jackson.

The January day out will be a trip to Pukekohe Mega Mitre 10 on **20 January** with a demonstration about herb gardens and a high tea to follow.

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Museum News

By Raewyn McKinney

As I write this, summer is just starting, and we have had some wonderful sunny days. I hope the weather continues to improve, and this issue of the Coromandel Chronicle is delivered to a town basking in brilliant summer sunshine, with lots of holiday makers enjoying our town, and visiting the museum.

Of course, any increase in the population, even if temporary, requires everyone to be more alert and careful, though it does appear that Coromandel has mostly been a pretty safe place to live, as this extract from the "Coromandel County News" of 11 January, 1897 illustrates:

"The records of crime for this district during the past year shows a remarkable increase on the previous year, but this is easily explained by the unprecedented influx of population, the criminal records being in proportion to the increase. The police record shows that in 1896, 143 offences were reported, as against only 45 in 1895. The list, however, shows one indictable offence only (theft). The ruling crime is, of course, drunkenness. The number convicted being 76 as against 24 for the previous year. In numbers theft is next on the list, 16 being convicted as against 3 in the previous year. Common assaults comes next with 12 in 1896 as against 4 in 1895. It is an extraordinary fact that in 1895 no cases of 'drunk and disorderly' were reported, whereas last year 11 convictions were obtained under the heading. The number of cases of profane language in both years was equal, viz 6 in each, and other offences sparsely represented are – illegally on premises, indecent exposure, lunacy, injury to property, stowing away on board ship, unlawfully procuring liquor for a prohibited person (one case only). Even allowing the increase, taking all circumstances into consideration there is room

for congratulation, as offences are trivial, and as already stated, the number is in proportion to the increased population."

I am not sure these are all crimes now, but trust everyone has a safe summer.

Monthly Competition: "Who What Where When"

Unfortunately, there were no correct entries for our penultimate competition.

The correct answer was "Karamana Homestead".

"Karaman" means "person of distinction". This home is best known for its association with Alfred Cadman. It was built in 1872 for the Cadman family, who emigrated from Shropshire via New South Wales in 1848. Alfred Jerome Cadman was born in 1847, and married Fanny Bell in 1886, and the couple had three children. Alfred moved to Coromandel in 1868 to work in the sawmilling business. He did well, and entered local politics becoming Chairman of the Tiki Road Board and the Coromandel County Council. By 1881, at the age of 33, Alfred was elected to represent Coromandel in Parliament and was elected again in 1884, 1887 and 1890, when he joined the Cabinet as Commissioner of Stamp Duties. Later he acquired the duties of Native Affairs and Justice, and in 1893 became Minister of Mines, and later, Railways. Alfred Cadman died in 1905.

Following the departure of the Cadman family, the property was rented out for various terms before being sold to the Denize family in 1917. The property has a Category 2 Historic building classification, as an example of New Zealand's Colonial Victorian heritage.

I thank the present owner, Ian Franklyn, for supplying the above information on "Karamana" and the Cadman family.

It is planned that the museum will be open daily from 1pm to 4pm from Boxing Day, providing enough volunteers can be found

Coromandel Business Association

By Christine Petrie

Happy New Year and a warm welcome to all visitors to Coromandel Town.

Our event calendar for 2016 is starting to fill up. Here are some of the key dates for your diaries:

On 1 and 2 March the Kiwi Crusade international mountain bike race will be in town.

Our inaugural Seafood and Fishing Festival will be held in autumn with the dates to be confirmed. We are grateful to the TCDC for allocating us \$10,000 from the Major Events Sponsorship Fund to get this festival started.

On 15 and 16 July the Illume Winter Festival of Light will be back bigger and better than ever for its 3rd year. Not only has TCDC allocated \$15,000 from the Major Events Sponsorship Fund but Trust Waikato have just confirmed that they will donate \$7,000 towards the funding for this event. We are really appreciative of the support from both organisations.

On 5 November we will host a fireworks display and night market provided we can obtain the funding.

In addition to this the CBA will represent its members on Council led initiatives such as the Inner Harbour Development Project, the Urban Streetscape Design Initiative and improvements in traffic management through the central business precinct.

The first meeting for the CBA members for 2016 will be on **15 February** at 5.30pm at the Coromandel Chambers. All business owners are welcome to become members of the CBA and it would be great if all businesses did join so that they can have their voices heard in the decisions that are affecting our region. If you would like a membership form then email me on corobusiness@gmail.com or collect one from the Information Centre.

Your membership subscription as well as donations and sponsorship funds the work of the CBA and we are careful to ensure that this money is invested in our region so that all members of the community can enjoy the benefits.

Don't forget our logo design competition. You have until the **31 January** to get your entries in to have a chance to win \$200. See advert below.



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Conditions of Entry

- Logo must say Coromandel Business Association, Established 1993
- It can be in colour but it must work in black and white as well
- Entries should be emailed to corobusiness@gmail.com or mailed to PO Box 229, Coromandel by 31 January 2016.
- The winner will be announced in March.
- The judges reserve the right not to accept any of the logos submitted.
- The judges decision will be final

Summer Reflection

By Catherine Delahunty, Green MP

It's been a long year and I am so looking forward to being at home in the Hauraki Coromandel. Right now the pohutukawa will be glorious on the coast and the river at home is warming up. This year has been a very active one in the Greens and my own portfolios, with my home always in the back of my mind. I have been working hard on a lot of diverse issues from the dairy conversions that are polluting the Waikato River to the inquiry into students with dyslexia, dyspraxia and autism and school support for them. It's been a wild ride at times especially with my trip to the Gloriavale community where girls don't study science and maths very much at all but do lots of laundry. I will not forget the hospitality they offered but also the regimentation of children and the gender bias in their education and decision-making, which chilled me. This year I have also walked out of Parliament with other women who are survivors of sexual assault when the Prime Minister said we were "protecting rapists". He finally apologised for those comments on the last day of Parliament but it was very late in the saga! I have also been busy this year working on some human rights issues around detainees in Australian detention camps. I have toured quite a few regions including Waikato, Northland, Bay of Plenty, Gisborne, Taranaki, Manawatu and Canterbury looking at the state of our rivers and the effects of agricultural intensification or industrial pollution or sometimes both! Without fresh water and a healthy relationship with rivers, we are in deep trouble.

I always keep a close eye on the mining issue in our region and any proposed developments which could threaten the land, the coast or the rivers. We don't want to dredge up contamination in Coromandel or dig up more of Waihi. It's time to heal the damage, not increase it!

As a Party we have been very busy this year working on climate change issues and the growing inequality in this country. Our team was in Paris working on the climate negotiations and we were all part of the large marches in support of real binding targets. It was great to travel with a bus load of Thames people up to the Auckland march of around 15,000 people.

I have been very lucky and had my 5th Members Bill selected from the ballot. It is a bill that would mean that no more customary or freehold Maori land could be taken under the Public Works Act because the Public Works Act has done a huge amount of damage to Maori and it's still possible for this to continue. It will be an opportunity to share some historical and current issues.

We have also been very active promoting fair trade, not the mysterious and far from fair details that make up the TPPA deal. One of the most lively events I have attended was a protest in Waihi when John Key visited with many young people engaged in a challenge about the future of their country. Our party is busy promoting solar and other forms of clean energy and a commitment to feeding all children through school lunches because we believe we can have a fair future and a better life for everyone. Politics is only as ethical and transformative as the people of the country so I am hopeful that we can support and challenge each other and have a more compassionate and just political environment, not only in the Hauraki/Coromandel, but across this country.



Monday Walkers

By Irene Dunn

As we approach the New Year and the hot summer sun, we walkers will be taking a short break and will resume organised walks at the beginning of February.

Those on our email list will receive details of the next walk in an email late January. If you would like to walk with us contact the number below for more information.

It has been a lot of fun exploring different tracks and beaches during the year and walking with a great group of like minded walkers – thank you all for the fun and laughter along the way.

Best wishes for a great New Year and more walks.



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Coromandel Independent Living Trust (CILT) Resource Centre



January at the Resource Centre:

The Resource Centre reopens for 2016 on **Wednesday 13 January**. We hope everyone had a great Christmas and New Year.

Travel assistance to hospital appointments before 13 January:

If you are a Community Services Card holder and need a volunteer driver to a hospital appointment in Thames or Hamilton, please contact your GP. They will help you access our fantastic team of volunteer drivers. Unfortunately we will be unable to provide travel assistance over this period until we open. So keep your hospital appointment letters, get them stamped by the medical worker you are seeing and bring them in after 13 January. We will reimburse you for petrol then.

Mobility Van Christmas January 2016 dates

The first trip for 2016 to Thames will be on 14 January. The van will continue to collect people from their homes around 9am and return from Thames at 2pm. Call or come into the Resource Centre to book a spot when we reopen on 13 January.

Heartlands Centre visits for December and 2016:

The next visit from Maori Land Court will be on 21 April.

Other agencies using Tiki House such as Probation, Gabriel the osteopath and the WDHb nurses, will continue to make visits while the Resource Centre is closed. Contact them directly to make an appointment.

Volunteers

CILT is always looking for volunteers! We have lots of exciting opportunities to become involved with the community through our diverse range of projects.

Please drop into the Resource Centre at Tiki House in Coromandel or phone Rebecca at any time on (07) 866 8358 for more information and to leave your contact details.

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

Mahamudra Centre's Upcoming Events

By Sarah Brooks

Mahamudra Centre for Universal Unity in Colville wishes everyone a very happy new year! We are kicking it off with a retreat on Green Tara, a female Buddha who embodies compassionate action. Taking place **1-10 January**, this retreat is recommended for people who consider themselves Buddhist since it is mostly prayers and meditations to Green Tara, including an all-night Tara practice on 9 Jan.

We have a special holy art public talk and class on **15-17 January** with guest instructor Ella Brewer, a Kiwi artist who studied Buddhist art in depth. Friday night at 7pm she'll be explaining the traditions and symbolism of Tibetan art – this is open to everyone and on a donation basis. Anyone who is interested in learning hands-on can register for the weekend and learn how to draw Medicine Buddha, a Buddha of healing body and mind. Ages 16 and up, no experience necessary and art supplies provided.

22-24 January is an intermediate class on Buddhist Mind Science – learning the details of the relationship between you, what you're thinking, where you are thinking it, and why. A basic understanding of Buddhism is necessary to attend this course since it builds on assumed knowledge.

Beginners to Buddhism are encouraged to try the course Make Your Mind an Ocean, **29-31 January**. The ups and downs of life can be seen like waves, and the goal of Buddhist practice is to develop a mind as vast as the ocean – underneath the chaotic surface, it always remains calm. This course will cover some of the basics of Buddhism and meditation to provide practical tools for everyday life.

Except for the art course, all the retreats and courses are led by Venerable Yönten, an experienced American nun in the Tibetan Buddhist tradition. She has been leading meditations and recently a course in Coromandel Town, so is getting well-known in the community. Our weekly meditations at the Havalona Pyramid on Driving Creek Rd. in Coromandel are back after a holiday break, happening every Thursday in January from 10-11am followed by an optional coffee and chat at a local café. Drop in anytime, no experience necessary, and donation basis.

We'll continue with a variety of courses at the centre in February, and put our Family Fun Day on your calendar for **6 March**! April features a 10-day Insight Meditation (Shamata-Vipassana) Retreat with visiting teacher Venerable Antonio Satta on 19-30th – registration is open and this is likely to be well-attended. In addition, we welcome back the dynamic Venerable Robina Courtin **23-29 May** for a week exploring How to Make Life and Death Meaningful.

All the details for our courses can be found on our website at www.mahamudra.org.nz or call us at (07) 866 6851; bookings are essential. Costs listed include the course and meals (accommodation extra), and local residents are encouraged to come on a donation basis. When courses are not running, daily meditation is offered at 8:30am during the week. We welcome visitors as well, and offer accommodation, meals, and have a lovely shop and extensive Dharma library. To protect the peaceful atmosphere, while on the property everyone is asked to practice five basic ethics – refraining from killing, stealing, lying, sexual conduct, and use of intoxicants. We find that people are very relaxed and refreshed after even a short stay!

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News from Thames-Coromandel District Council



JANUARY, 2016

Inner Harbour Partnership Proposal Document now out

A Partnership Proposal Document is now available to parties interested in working with our Council on the Inner Harbour concept of our Coromandel Harbour Project.

The 'Inner Harbour' concept relates to investigating the longer-term option of development around Coromandel Wharf, which could accommodate a commercial area, space for charter boats, recreational and ferry usage. Potentially a model of marina and on-shore activity to help offset development costs if there was demand.

"The price tag on the Inner Harbour concept could be up to \$50 - \$60M, so Council has given support that we go out to potential funders using a Partnership Proposal Document," says David Hammond, Council Chief Executive and Coromandel Harbour Project Sponsor. "There is no way our Council will be going it alone when it comes to funding this project if it is progress."

The investor-styled document was approved by Council in October, and following some minor amendments, the final version was signed off in November.

"The PPD will now be used as an introduction to potential investors around the project and

will also help to provide us with a much better understanding of whether the inner Harbour concept can get financial backing," says Mr Hammond. "The document spells out the history of the Coromandel Harbour Project and proposed options for the future within the Inner Harbour."

You can read the Partnership Proposal Document on our website www.tcdc.govt.nz/coroharbourproject

"There will be on-going discussions with the Regional Council and central government to get input and explore partnership opportunities," says Mr Hammond. "And we also acknowledge iwi, community and environmental groups have strong interest in this project and we will also be having on-going conversations with those stakeholders also."

The next steps for Council will now be promoting the Partnership Proposal Document to gain interest from potential investors.

Meanwhile if the preferred option for the Inner Harbour doesn't progress for whatever reason, an alternative proposal for development at Furey's Creek could be taken into consideration.

EVENTS

Coro Sonic Lab - Summer Festival

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Coromandel Mussel Festival

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Safe Summer Coromandel

Summer is here which means Christmas parties are in abundance and the towns are filling up. A simple plan before you party can make the difference between an awesome evening and an awful evening.

Plan B4 U Party is a part of the 'Safe Summer Coromandel' campaign to help residents and visitors to the Coromandel have a safe summer holiday. The Safe Summer Coromandel is a partnership project with Police, Thames-Coromandel District Council, CAPS Hauraki, ACC, Health Promotion Agency, Waikato DHB, Community Mental Health, Surf Lifesaving NZ, Waikato Regional Council, Maritime NZ, Coast Guard, NZ Fire Service, NZ Rural Fire Service, St John, Land SAR NZ and Hauraki Herald.

Are you drinking tonight? Remember to plan ahead and don't drink and drive! Here are some planning tips to help make your planning easier:

- Before you go out, sort out a ride home, stay with a mate or have cash for a taxi/bus
- Always go out with friends you trust, and be a trustworthy friend
- Hosting a party? Be responsible, provide food and don't let your mates drink and drive
- If you are under 20, your alcohol limit is ZERO
- Got a ride? Sweet, are they sober? Check before you get in the car
- Road safety is EVERYONE'S responsibility

Share your safe summer pics and tips on the Safe Summer Coromandel Facebook (www.facebook.com/safesummercoromandel) and Instagram (search Safe Summer Coromandel on your Instagram account) pages and win cool prizes.



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Rob's Small Motor Repairs and Carolyn's Clothing

By Rob and Carolyn

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We have taken note of what the community had to say in the Chronicle June 2015 issue. Carolyn stocks new and upcycled clothing with a repair and alterations service. Carolyn hopes in the new year to be able to offer sewing lessons and other crafty ideas with a place to work. As for a haberdashery I do have the odd thing; it might be something for the future.

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Ann's Good News, Naturally

By Ann Kerr-Bell



New year, new you – are you the elephant in the room?

Are you overweight or not really well – maybe feel a little sore or toxic? Or are you on ongoing medication for pain and inflammation, but not really addressing the real cause?

Who is the elephant in the room? That is the one who is half well, but not truly healthy.

While people speak of their ailments – constipation, aches and pains, their fatigue, liver and gut issues and indigestion, varicose veins, eczema, mood swings, depression, night sweats and flushes, depression, inability to conceive, cancer, gallstones, arthritis, gout, shingles, lipomas, polyps, high cholesterol and blood pressure, coated tongue, hair loss, piles, diabetes, and the list goes on, they don't address the true issues. The elephant in the room continued to swing its trunk, and roar louder and louder. In the past, no one seemed to be hearing or seeing the elephant. Instead we were becoming more dumbed down to that big fat elephant – the real cause of why we were sick or not truly healthy. It was the “ambulance at the bottom of the cliff” situation. The real cause was being ignored and not addressed. We have been unknowingly eating more dead (processed) foods for comfort, not nutrition, but then attempting to cure, with pharmaceutical agents and surgery.

Great news – the elephant has been acknowledged! For example it's great news that Valerie Adams is educating us on a TV ad, stating we/you, are eating too much, while showing pictures of fattening toxic “treats”. Fact: Toxins we eat, (or are from the environment, or made in our body), make us sick over time – and fat, by locking into our fat cells and, locking them in as well.

Solution: Confront the elephant. 1) Prevent ill health – be mindful, know truly what's going in your mouth, are they toxin forming? Avoid dead polluting foods. Eat fresh fruit, nuts, seeds, raw vegetables. Have good protein as a meal or snack. Don't poison yourself or your family – read the ingredients part of food labels – you can prevent fat, sick future generations of people.

2) Treat ill health – Any medicine is useless without real food. E.g., nature intended nutrient dense food to be our medicine. Herbal medicine has been used successfully for centuries, without ruining the gut lining, as a safe and effective treatment for fever, pain, inflammation, infection etc. Know that natural medicine should be your first port of call for most ailments, with pharmaceutical medicine, drugs and surgery, complementary to real food, sufficient daily water intake, inner peace, exercise, nutritional supplements, herbal medicine (80% drugs come from herb/plants) and more.

New Year's Resolutions – Fat loss, summer detox. Shake off those extra kilos and do a summer detox. There can be many factors contributing to weight gain, such as stress, reduced metabolic rate from thyroid dysfunction, imbalances in blood sugar levels, toxicity or poor digestive function. Even muscle aches or pains or frequent infections may be slowing down your fat loss due to the presence of inflammation. Liberate and free up your fat cells, rid those toxins and get healthy! Your mineral imbalances and deficiencies – www.activeelements.com, user name: 259077, password: 579819.

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Animal Rescue Thames

By Alice and John Parris

Happy Mew Year to all – huge thanks to everyone for their support on our fundraising to help the felines. Also thanks for the donations of food, biscuits, kitten kai, pet milk and garage sale items. Our felines are truly blessed with your love and support shown to them.

Homed – nothing, but it is the season when people come seeking “little”, but they have grown up into teens – still cute – but not small. It is how it has always been.

Newbies – we stopped at the farm after a trip to Paeroa, totally and utterly ill prepared – as in no net, no gloves and no cat cage – pretty hopeless but I hadn’t expected anything and to see three 6-week-olds in the grass was a disaster. I grabbed one black ‘n white and the tabby had already shot off to the left to the sheds, the black the other way under the hedge and gone, but one vehement screaming bundle of black n white got confined in a large plastic cake container. Clipped shut, he was safe and confined. Thankfully this particular container had a small hole in the bottom corner so was well ventilated without kitten able to escape. Slightly odd method but I wasn’t prepared to let him go.

Three days later I returned better prepared – one net, gloves and cat cage and wandered around – saw a black-white, net just bounced on the ground so I had to leap and catch, yes I got that kitten, seriously scraped one knee as I went down but I had the kitten, kitten put into cage, shred one sheet to wrap around knee and hobble around farm to check if any more. See one stripey butt behind old fridge and quietly kneel and then grab, hmm one leg and tail, thankfully small kitten swung around and sunk teeth into my right hand which having glove on made no difference to me, but meant that small tabby was now caught. The wee tabby went onto the bottle, the black-white was extremely slow to turn and purr. The other two purrballs and playing daily on the bed, all three have been on medication and gaining weight and condition daily.

We currently hold all of the previous year’s kittens, four now. Cats all being a year old – all still waiting for a new forever home.

Please be very aware of boxes, etc, on side of roads. These may contain dumped unwanted animals. Please call us immediately if you find something like this over the holidays.

Wanted – cat, kitten tinned food, biscuits, pet milk, blankets, towels etc. For those who go fishing and have surplus fish please think of us; the cats adore fresh fish for their dinner.

Meow furr now.

Any enquiries phone Animal Rescue Thames (07) 868 2907, 532 Thames Coast Road, RD5, Thames

Coromandel Patchwork and Quilters

By Sharon Currie

This is a quiet time of year for our Patchwork group with meetings not starting until the 1st Monday in February. Planning is in process for next year’s programme.

Meanwhile there is time to finish off some UFOs and just enjoy the summer.

Our Quilt Show is on from **29 December to 3 January** at the Citizens’ Hall. Our raffle will be drawn in February at our AGM and results will be published in the Chronicle.

On a sad note we say farewell to Elizabeth Whittle who has been an active member of our group. She has been unable to attend meetings for the last year because of illness. We will miss her quiet and gentle presence.

If you would like to join us our details are as follows: Our meetings 1st and 3rd (&5th) Monday 9.30am-4.00pm, St John Rooms, Tiki Rd, Coromandel. President Margaret Sinclair (07) 866 7104, Secretary Mary Hickman (07) 866 8898



A section of the Floralia Quilt designed and made by Lorraine Abernathy

Opening Hours

For your convenience, we will be
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Te Ahi Kaa Social Services

By Jacquie Hamon

He aha te mea nui o te Ao? He Tangata! He Tangata! He Tangata!

It's that season again. The one that arrives toward the end of every year, but since the big retailers choose to begin advertising wares in October, it could very well be arriving soon in July. These retailers promote themselves as being "family" stores – whatever that implies, apart from the obvious of fleecing as many as possible within the given timeframe of retail madness masquerading as Christmas. Pity the families with young children. At the risk of sounding like a spoil sport, Christmas is not about spending money we don't have (and yes, I've said this before) on things others don't want, and we don't need – you know the stuff – oh! I'll buy this now because it's reduced by 50%! And as for the greedy Boxing Day sales that's simply retail heaven.

There has been debate about what to call this season so as not to offend migrants to New Zealand. Hello? Newcomers to this country know what to expect. They do not randomly pick a spot on a map of the world and say – NZ looks a likely place to move to. Same culture, same beliefs, same laws as where I come from. In some cases this applies, in others it does not. Let's give our migrant community some credit please for



common sense. NZ's laws were founded on Christian principles. We enjoy the freedom we have because of that. Regardless of what we believe.

And finally, for the true spirit of Christmas, up and down this country on Christmas Day there will be packed church halls and community centres providing Christmas lunch for the homeless, the needy, the lonely, the unloved; some of them elderly, most of them vulnerable, and yes, families will have seats at the table too, those who cannot afford a celebratory meal on this day of days. And among them will be newcomers to our land.

Yet no matter how you celebrate it, and regardless of whom you share it with, Christ is the reason for the Season.

Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year
We will be officially closed from the **18 December 2015 until 19 January 2016.**

However someone will be available part time in the office after the **18 January.**

We are providers of whanau/family focused services that promote the welfare and safety of tamariki/children, offer counselling services for whanau/family and individuals, and deliver programmes and wananga that support whanau/families. Call in to chat or make an appointment Mon – Fri, 9am-3pm at Tiki House, 45 Tiki Road. Ph (07) 866 8558, email takss@xtra.co.nz

Vegetable and Produce Show 2016

By Martin Edwards

This year's show will be on **Saturday 6 February**, a week earlier than last time.

Last year there were many people who came along to view and then said "I wish I had entered"; well this time have a go, nothing to lose and you might win. Each entry is 50 cents to a maximum of \$5. Children's entry is free. Only one entry per class.

You will need a copy of the rules/schedule available from the Information Centre. Your entries are judged and how they are entered must comply with the schedule. It is all very simple, so all entries are judged equally.

So that you can start planning what you are going to enter, I thought I should give you a reminder by giving you a reminder of the schedule for 2016. The list so far is: 1. Onions, 2. Spring onions, 3. Potatoes, 4. Round Beans, 5. Longest runner bean, 6. Runner bean, 7. Beetroot, 8. Cucumber, 9. Tomato, red 10. Tomatoes, cherry, 11. Heaviest tomato, 12. Courgettes, 13. Fresh Herbs, 14. Carrots, 15. Capsicums, 16. Chilli, 17. Garlic, 18. Corn, 19. Rhubarb, 20. Any other vegetable, 21. Apples, 22. Plums, 23. Selection of different fruit, 24. Selection of vegetables, 25. Rose, 26. Cut flowers, 27. Bowl of flowers, 28. Multiple bloom, 29. Flower arrangement in a basket, 30. Miniature flower arrangement, 31. Sunflower, 32. Bottled fruit, 33. Chutney, relishes 34. Pickles, 35. Sauces, 36. Decorated cup cakes, 37. Muffins, 38. Fruit scones, 39. Children's – miniature garden.

The rules will be basically the same. For those entering in the preserve section please make sure there are no brand names on jars or lids; we let it go last year but this year we must follow the rules.

The marquees are already booked. We have found a brass quartet to play some gentle music in the afternoon, so start thinking and planning; refreshments will be available.

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Library News

By Raewyn McKinney

At this time of year, lots of people make New Year resolutions. One popular resolution is to learn a new skill, and the library can definitely help with this goal. We have many great books on all sorts of activities, from woodworking to dressmaking; from caring for animals, bees or gardens to quilting, embroidery or painting. So, whether you want to read for pleasure or to advance your knowledge or skill base, the Coromandel Library is the place to visit.

These days, most people appreciate that learning is not just for the young. On that subject, I found this article: "Lifelong learning keeps your brain healthy" Henry Ford said. Nearly 100 years later Margie E. Lachman, a psychologist at Brandeis University, who specializes in aging says her research has shown that the more education an elderly person has – whether obtained formally or informally – the better they performed on cognitive tests than other elderly folks who had less education. Learning new things can also help stave off old-age ailments like dementia and Alzheimer's.

Here is a sample of what the library can offer:

Square Foot Gardening by Mel Bartholomew – One of the bestselling garden books ever. When he created the "square foot gardening" method, Mel

Bartholomew, a retired engineer and efficiency expert, found the solution to the frustrations of most gardeners, it's an ingenious planting method based on using square foot blocks of garden space instead of rows.

The Quilting Bible – This is the one reference every quilter needs. Its 352



– one that you bake in your very own kitchen – can make a special occasion extraordinary. That's the inspiration behind this guide: to create vibrant, colourful and unique cakes that will bring a smile to everyone's face. Inside, you'll find basic recipes for three types of cakes, buttercream and royal icing – which is used for piping letters, dots and other decorations. You'll also learn advanced techniques for rolling fondant and preparing modelling paste. The irresistibly photographed cake designs



look good enough to eat.

Encyclopedia of Knitting by Donna Kooler – The complete, authoritative guide to the history, technique and variety of patterns. Materials and basic

techniques are clearly illustrated, step-by-step, to make learning knitting simple. Contains 22 unique projects.

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

pages and 1,000 photographs cover every aspect of machine quilting. Sections include quilt basics, block-pieced quilts, applique quilts, special piecing methods, embellishing quilts, and a sampler quilt with related projects.

The Art of Cakes by Noga Hitron – Having a really beautiful cake

Coromandel Embroiderers Guild

By Diann Cade

New Year resolutions, did you make some? At guild there is often the call of "I must finish some of my UFOs, PHDs or WIPs". What are these? you may ask. Every pastime has its acronyms. Unfinished objects, projects half done and work in progress. No matter how good a resolution we make we all seem to have some of these. But heh! There is always another project that seems more interesting to start.

The year promises another wide variety of workshops, starting with the traditional Hardanger style embroidery. Suitable for all levels of embroiderers and one that is quite quickly achieved. This workshop does not necessarily have to produce "another mat" as there are many other things that it can be made into and we encourage this. This was evident in our Christmas exhibition. The petite projects of last year became the Christmas decorations on the tree. This year there will be another theme.

The imagination will have to be searched for this year's Presidents Challenge "Dots and Knots".

Guild starts 2016 monthly meetings on **Wednesday 3 February**. Meantime many of us have stitched our own projects and continued with the Introductory Stitch Programme to produce an original and may be not traditional sampler!

For further information contact our President Jill Wilson (07) 866 7484



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Scott Simpson MP for Coromandel

Happy New Year to both local residents and visitors still enjoying the delights of a Coromandel summer holiday.

January is a busy month here on the Peninsula. Summertime holiday events are a hallmark of our region and there is plenty to do, see and experience. It's the time of year when we get the chance to enjoy all that is good and great about the Coromandel.

Many of those wonderful experiences are centred on our precious and very beautiful natural environment.

In the weeks leading up to Christmas there was much talk about the outcome of the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Paris. New Zealand committed another \$20 million to the Global Research Alliance on Agricultural Greenhouse Gases.

This world-leading research has the potential to reduce global emissions, particularly in developing countries that have similar emissions profiles to New Zealand.

While our emissions are small on a global scale, it's important we do our bit internationally.

Having set ourselves a target of reducing greenhouse gas emissions to 30 per cent below 2005 levels by 2030, New Zealand faces unique domestic challenges in reducing emissions.

Almost 80 per cent of our electricity already comes from renewable energy and around half of our emissions are from agriculture – where there are not yet cost effective ways of reducing emissions.

However the government recognises we need to change that.

In 2009 we formed the Global Research Alliance on Agricultural Greenhouse Gases, which looks at ways of reducing emissions from livestock, cropping and rice production. The government has agreed to invest a further \$29 million to capitalise on some new research to reduce methane emissions.

We've also started a review of the Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS) to assess its operation and effectiveness to 2020 and beyond. It is time to ensure our ETS remains fit for purpose.

New Zealand will provide up to \$200 million for climate related support over the next four years, most of which will benefit Pacific nations and supports the total removal of fossil fuel subsidies.

I hope you and yours have had a safe and happy Christmas. Best wishes for 2016 and for all the New Year holds.



CoroMFA Comment

By Gilbert James, Chair,
CoroMFA

Coromandel Mussels; Fishing in Farms and Eating Mussels!

Fishing and Farms: Understandably many recreational and charter fisher skippers take advantage of the good fishing in mussel farms, especially in Coromandel, but there can be serious safety problems from careless or even just casual operations. Your full support is requested please for the following important safety practices within farms, at all times;

- Please, Keep Clear means Keep Clear! Thank you, that is, for safety's sake. Please do not tie-up to the same longline as the one that the mussel farm vessel is working on. This is to avoid our crews, and yours, being exposed to excessive risks.
- Please never cast your line anywhere near mussel barges. Otherwise flying hooks and sinkers are a real threat to crew safety and their peace of mind
- All sewage must be discharged more than 500m from a marine farm, and from shore.
- No anchoring inside the farm and please only either, tie-on to a longline buoy, or use approved mooring hooks to secure to mussel longlines.
- Minimise vessel speed and minimise wake when operating adjacent to other vessels at a marine farm. Please beware that some horizontal longlines are subsurface.
- Boat to boat, please call-up on Channel 17 but please do not use this channel to chat on.
- Please think safety, always, and respect for each other's operations, thank you.

Coromandel mussel farming supports many jobs

in and around Coromandel, and produces some 30,000 tonnes annually of top quality Greenshell Mussels, which is ~1/3 of total NZ production. For your further enjoyment of mussels, we recommend the following recipe.

Salt and Pepper Mussels

1 kg fresh live Coromandel Greenshell Mussels
1 tsp flakey salt
130 g corn flour
1 tsp chilli powder
130 g rice flour
1 tsp white peppercorns (finely ground)
3 beaten eggs or 200ml milk
Frying oil eg canola

Wash mussel shells then either shuck whole from raw, or place in pot with a small amount (~ 2 cups) of water. Cover and bring to boil and steam the mussels until most are just open. Shake the pot to assist opening. Remove mussel meats from their shells and rest.

Mix all the dry ingredients well. Dip the mussels into the milk or the beaten eggs. This ensures the dry ingredients stick well to the mussels. Heat the oil in a pan or fryer to 185C. Remove the mussels from the egg/milk and shake off the excess, then dredge through the dry ingredients to thoroughly coat in this seasoning. Fry the mussels in batches to maintain frying heat and until coating is crisp. Serve hot.

Serve hot with lemon wedges, pepper and chilli sauce, to taste. They are of course good too with mayonnaise, chutneys, and even tomato sauce too if you must, since it's Christmas!

On behalf of all our marine farmers, best wishes to all for a Happy New Year.

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Artichokes

By Deborah Hide-Bayne

Isn't it lovely to be able to walk out into the garden, and say, "What's for dinner?"

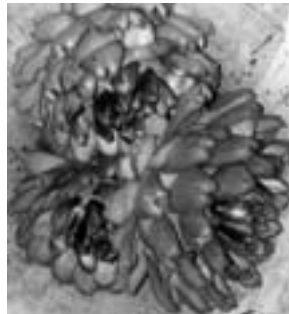
The broad beans have now finished, but as well as salad, young beetroot, strawberries and fresh herbs, we can now add artichokes to the list. They are growing in the garden where we are renting at the moment, and wow, what amazing plants they are. A member of the thistle family, they are majestic with enormous flower heads (the inside and base of which form the edible part) and when they flower, the blooms are an incredible vibrant violet purple. The bees can't keep away and each flower is wide... about 10cm across and home to about 20 bees at any one time. Jack and I touch the springy narrow petals and the bees push against our fingers to get to the nectar. They really wedge themselves between the petals and then have to slowly push themselves back out.

Artichokes don't really count as a whole meal, but they make a great entrée, and are fun to eat... I guess they look a bit scary as they can be very spiky and most people know there are bits you should remove, but they have a distinctive flavour and full of anti-oxidants (according to my internet research), so why not try one?

How to deal to an artichoke

- Allow one artichoke per person and give each a good wipe over. Trim off the woody stalk and cut off the tips of the petals if they will be too spiky to hold.
- Put the artichoke face down into a steamer. Steam for 30 mins or so.
- You can pull a petal off to check if it is ready. Hold the woody part of the petal with your fingers and then use your teeth to scrape off the fleshier part at the other end. A well-cooked artichoke should be creamy but not slimy.
- Start eating the artichoke petals from the outside and work your way in. The closer you get to the middle, the softer the petals will be, until the middle ones are entirely edible.
- Once the petals have gone, underneath there is an area of fuzzy stuff (the choke) that you can't eat. But under that, there is the "heart" attached to the stem, a great edible bit that is pale green and has the best flavour.
- Serve with melted butter, hollandaise or aioli (for those of us who are dairy-free), and perhaps some crusty bread. Enjoy!

You can see this recipe and more seasonal stories and recipes at www.coromandelflavour.co.nz



Mana Update

By Penelope Carroll

"Thank you is the best prayer that anyone could say. I say that one a lot. Thank you expresses extreme gratitude, humility, understanding..." – Alice Walker

Thank you, thank you, and thank you, to all the friends of Mana Retreat and the community of Coromandel for your continued support of Mana Retreat! It is wonderful to see the Centre flourishing, the beautiful grounds, the upgraded buildings – and to experience the dedication of our great staff and the openness of those who come on retreat and to participate in courses and working bees. As trustees we have a lot to be thankful for at Mana.

We have a full schedule of programmes for 2016 to further inspire and nurture course participants and retreatants, to bring us back to the realisation of our essential unity. And this year we will be building another treatment room, to enhance our many wellness programmes.

Coming up in the middle of this month is a one-day "Mana in Auckland" retreat with Hilary Star – "Living wholeheartedly with resilience and vulnerability". This day of inner inquiry and practical inspiration is an opportunity to realise that vulnerability is not weakness; it is in fact "our greatest measure of courage" (Brene Brown, in Rising Strong) – and to orient our choices towards full participation in life. You can check details about this and other courses/retreats for 2016 on our new website at www.manaretreat.com.

With summer picnics in the offing, here is a recipe for delicious dairy-free "Yogic Cookies", which also travel well. The recipe for these energy-packed cookies came to Mana through the Sivananda Yoga Centre Cook Book.

Yogic Cookies

Ingredients: 3 c rolled oats, ¾ c whole spelt flour, ¾ c brown sugar, 1/3 c raisins, 1/3 c raw unsalted peanuts or nuts of choice (we use sunflower seeds and roughly chopped almonds), 1 ½ tsp ground cinnamon and ground ginger, ½ tsp freshly grated nutmeg, ½ tsp baking powder, ¾ c plus 2 tbsp oil, approximately ¾ c water.

Method: pre-heat oven to 200C/400F. Grease 2-3 baking sheets. Combine all dry ingredients in large mixing bowl, add oil and mix thoroughly. Stir in enough water to make a firm dough. Roll dough into balls (about the size of a ping pong ball), place on baking sheets and flatten into a circle. Bake 12-15 minutes until golden at edges. Cool on wire rack. Enjoy!

Good wishes for the coming year from all of us at Mana Retreat Centre.

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Good wishes for the coming year from all of us at Mana Retreat Centre.

Dates for your diary

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Rangatahi

CELEBRATING OUR CHILDREN

Coromandel Area School

The Amazing Christmas Parade

Yay! Honk! Honk! There's our float with Mr Kuriger cooking sausages on the barbecue. Mr McDonald drives the big green tractor. Our school children hand out handmade Christmas cards. They give away rocks with secret Christmas messages on them.

On Saturday, 5th December, the Coromandel Area School children gathered together behind their Christmas float. They started by the Top Pub and finished at the reserve.

Mikayla said she liked getting dressed up, and walking with Tyler.

Brenden liked the lollies. He ran ahead and sneaked them from other floats.

The parade started in front of Sabrina's house. She didn't have to walk far to get to her school float.

Charlotte went inside the see-through plastic balls with the holes in the middle. She like going upside down and crashing into people.

Santa was sitting in his red chair. He was friendly and chubby, very funny too. He asked children how old they were, then he would grab the presents and hand them out.

People gave out ice blocks, drinks and lollies. We had a bouncy castle and raffles.

Mr McDonald, our principal, sat in a chair and wore a cover, because for \$1 you could "cream him". Mikayla's Aunty paid \$1 and Mikayla creamed him, even though he begged her not to.

It was good to have the parade to celebrate Christmas. The little kids love to see Santa.

Also the senior school was fundraising for their overseas trip to Vietnam and Cambodia.

We all loved participating in the parade, and we enjoyed Santa's company.



Massive Family Fun Day

Come to a Massive Family Fun Day **23 January** at Colville School, Colville. Time: 2-8pm

Music, hangi, stalls, bbq. Come and join our haeremai to our new Principal Barry Ross and farewell to David McShane.

Coromandel Youth Group - Holiday Programme

By Nadine Smith

3 January - 1 February

Come and get creative with arts and crafts, be social, get active, play or just chill out! Youth Group is for children over 5 years. If coming for the day bring a packed lunch or money for hot chips or a pie.

Starting on Sunday 3 January opening times are: 11am – 4pm Monday to Thursday, 6-9pm Friday night (for years 7/8/9), 1-4pm Sunday. We are not open Saturdays.

Entry fee for activities Monday to Thursday is \$2.

For a copy of the holiday programme or 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: The parents who kindly make donations and our funders – Lottery Waikato, COGS, Trust Waikato, Coromandel Senior Settlement Trust & Coromandel Community Board

Coromandel Playcentre

By Jenna James

By the time you read this playcentre will have held its last session for 2015, concluding the year with a joyous Christmas party filled with great food, good company, a visit from Santa and most importantly, lots of happy children! We start term 1 on **2 February**; new members are always welcome!

Thanks you to all those who supported us at our cake stall on Friday 4 December, to BNZ for letting us use their frontage (I imagine it was a symbiotic relationship...!) and to NIML for the mussels. Thank

you also to all those who contributed to the event from the kitchen to the sidewalk, in particular Claire and Rose for all your hours on the day. Sonia won our Christmas hamper and Audrey the \$50 note raffle!

We would like to welcome newbies Kylie and Kale to our centre, and also farewell our members Meri and Callan. We hope you adjust well to city life! Farewell also to our graduates who start school next year: Lucy, Rosie and Bella. It seems like only yesterday you were shoving sand in your mouths, paint in your hair and playdough in your pants! We wish you a very bright future!

Congratulations Rebecca, Kate and Linda for completing course one of our free parenting courses, and for keeping our centre qualified and funded! Noddy badges all round!

We will continue to prepare ourselves for the Education Review Office visit and lots of exciting new learning opportunities next year.

Email secretary.coroplaycentre@gmail.com to find out more or drop into a session on Tuesdays 10.30am-1pm or Fridays 9.45am-12.15pm. We are next to the Area School on Woollams Ave carpark – with bright cutouts on the fence

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Kiwi Can

"Kia Ora Tatou Katoa" from the Kiwi Can team.

FYD Rebrand

In January 2016 the Foundation for Youth Development (FYD) will be changing its name.

The new name of the charity is the Graeme Dingle Foundation, acknowledging Graeme Dingle's role as co-founder alongside his partner Jo-anne Wilkinson with the single minded purpose – "transforming young lives forever".

While the organisation is taking on a new name, its purpose, people and structure will remain unchanged.

The organisation aspires to capture more "hearts and minds" and identify more strongly with its key stakeholders and the New Zealand public at large.

2016 marks the 21st anniversary of the creation of FYD. In approaching its "coming of age" milestone, the organisation is pledging to redouble its efforts to make a difference to 50,000 young New Zealanders by 2025.

The Graeme Dingle Foundation will continue to deliver its highly effective school based programmes – Kiwi Can, Stars, Project K and Career Navigator along with MYND (an Auckland based programme for youth offenders). From the start of Term One, 2016 this will be under the name The Graeme Dingle Foundation.

Graeme is one of the world's leading outdoor adventurers. With more than 50 years' experience in outdoor activities, he has inspired, organised and led numerous expeditions, and achieved more than 200 mountaineering and adventuring firsts throughout the world.

Graeme has dedicated 45 years of his life to improving outcomes for NZ's young people, is a published author – winner of the Montana Book Award in 2006 and founded OPC in 1972 – now the Hillary Outdoors Education Centres.

In 1995 Graeme received the "Award of New Zealand" for services to Sport & Recreation, an MBE for services to outdoor pursuits and in 2001 in the New Zealand honours list he was awarded the "Officers of the New Zealand Order of Merit" (ONZM) for his services to youth.

Our awesome Kiwi Can team are all on holiday. We hope you have all had a great Christmas and safe new year.

See you in February. Nga mihi nui from Marlene, Jamie, Gemma, Emma and Natalie (kiwican@cilt.org.nz).

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

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

Coromandel Youth Project

By Ruby Powell

Coromandel Youth Project is a drug and alcohol free youth centre open to all youth 13-18yrs old.

Throughout the summer months we will be running a variety of workshops, trips and open days. Find us on Facebook or pop down to the centre to check out the programme.

We are looking forward to the Coromandel Peninsula Youth Collective leadership camp at the end of January and are keen to meet more young people who are keen to step up into leadership roles for our area and the wider district.

Any questions contact:

Ruby on 022 102 7414, Coral on 027 937 2589 or Caro on (07) 866 8351 or email coroyouthproject@gmail.com



Driving Creek Doings – No. 178

By Barry Brickell

Lots going on with the railway of late. The load of new rails has arrived, which will be used to gradually replace the worn and rusty ones. The handsome new platform shelter shed at the Eyefull Tower has now been completed and we are installing new safety barriers at the station to separate passengers exiting and joining the trains. Manager John Gurney is also arranging new ballast bins so trucks can unload ballast and the wagons can be filled more quickly for work trains to spread it up the line between the running of passenger trains, which need to be kept to schedule. He is also keen to extend the branch line to the art gallery and to extend the bush track below the potteries to an old gold prospecting tunnel, something I have had in mind for years.

It is great to also be able to carry supervised young children on the trains again after a long delay.

By the time this column appears, Paul Lorimer will be here again managing the potteries and helping me to re-start my pottery and large ceramic sculptures, which I have not been able to do because of recent ill health.

Meanwhile over the interminable winter months I have been able to do much painting and writing.

Please look around town and see the colourful new posters and accompanying brochures I have designed and had printed to gauge support for the Harbour Pier project. Once again, please let me know what you think about the concept; I do need more local input than I have received in the past.

I trust you will manage to survive the unholy scramble of Christmas, while the children enjoy it and that the New Year will be fine and warm but as we need some rain, let it pour on Christmas Day!

Season's cheers, Barry.

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Environmental

Moehau Environment Group

By Natalie Collicott



2015 has been a busy, productive year for MEG. We have volunteered over 6000hrs, cut 117km of track, checked 890 stoat traps monthly, employed 15 workers, replaced 250 stoat traps, knocked possums down in 1200ha and built a kiwi listening platform and giant kiwi sculpture! We continue to be inspired by the increase in wildlife our efforts bring. To all who have helped and supported MEG over the last year thank you very much. We wish you a merry Christmas.

We think our 2016 Summer Programme is the best yet, with nature activities for the whole family. It runs from **3 January- 21 February**. To find out what's on, visit www.meg.org.nz/projects/summer-programme or grab a booklet from the Coromandel Information Centre. For bookings call (07) 866 6903. All funds raised will help protect kiwi on the Coromandel.

What's coming up?

Cuvier Island Nature Tour

19-20 Feb and 20-21 Feb

A rare chance for an overnight stay on this usually off-limits predator free island. Observe resident endangered species and learn about the island's fascinating history. Numbers are limited so book quick.

Meet A Gecko

7 & 13 Jan, Driving Creek Railway

See and handle real live geckos up close with lizard expert Doug Ashby.

Up-Close Kiwi Encounter

7, 14 & 15 Jan, Port Charles

See a kiwi in the wild as it has its 6 month health check. Always popular, so book in quick!

Fun With Flax



MEG trappers in the Coromandel Santa Parade

11 Jan, Glover St Park, Coromandel

Have a go at flax-weaving in this hands-on class with an experienced weaver.

Bounty Hunters

4 & 16 Jan, Driving Creek Railway

Kids, help us track down some furry intruders that don't belong in this pest free sanctuary.

Junior Rangers

5 Jan, Papa Aroha; **6 Jan**, Long Bay;

9 Jan, Waikawau Bay

Bush activities to enthuse kids about our unique plants and animals.

Nocturnal Walk

5, 6 & 20 Jan,

Waikawau Bay

Engage all your senses with this after dark tour of nature.

Kiwi Night

Adventure

3, 6, 12 & 21 Jan,

Port Charles

Explore the forest at night time. Hear kiwi call and see a kiwi nest.

Starlight Cinema

3 and 9 Jan,

Waikawau Bay

A crowd favourite.

Pack a picnic and

come down to watch a family flick outdoors on the big screen.

Family Fun Run

3 Jan, Little Bay

This 3.5km course from the beach to the top of the hill caters for the whole family

Teach Your Dog To Avoid Kiwi

5 Jan, Waikawau Bay. Call (07) 867 9080

to book. 9 Jan, Te Mata; 16 Jan, Tairua. Call (07) 868 9912 to book.

Any dog can kill kiwi. So get your dogs trained to avoid kiwi in the bush. The training is a simple tool to help reduce the threat dogs pose to kiwi. Training is free and only takes 10 minutes. Please help keep kiwi safe this summer.

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

Coromandel Kiwi Project

By Jeff Williams

The Coromandel Kiwi Project aims to protect native birds around Coromandel Town by trapping stoats, weasels, and rats across 1000 ha of rugged bush country. To facilitate this, there are about 170 traps strung along 27 kilometers of 11 trap lines. At least once a month our volunteers from here in town walk those lines, removing any catch, refreshing the bait, and resetting the traps.

As you might imagine, the traps themselves are subject to some deterioration over time. Dirt and debris collect in the trap boxes and under the kill mechanism; dead animals can be corrosive to metals, and – frankly – there's a certain amount of vandalism as well.

So we are extremely appreciative to three overseas volunteers who came to Coromandel for four days to work with the Project. Filipi and Stephanie, two Canterbury University exchange students from Brazil, and Matt, an American environmental educator (BAE), have all chosen to spend several weeks volunteering on Moehau Environment Group projects around the Coromandel Peninsula. We were fortunate enough to benefit from that.

During four days they walked more than 35 kilometers, inspecting, servicing, and testing 133 of the stoat traps. That's 80% of our infrastructure done and dusted in four days. The remaining 20% will be done before this article hits the press, so we'll be starting 2016 with our trap lines in good shape for the year.

The Coromandel Kiwi Project is made up of volunteers who enjoy tramping around the bush and helping native birds combat introduced predators. If you are keen to see Coromandel from a slightly different point of view, please contact us at coromandelkiwiproject@meg.org.nz

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Poison Testing

By John Veysey

Since 1991 Coromandel Peninsula has been used as a testing ground for animal poisons. Not only DOC's but anyone's animal poisons.

After Talon first appeared in Kennedy Bay in the early nineties locals immediately noticed the decline in the morepork numbers. Other birds such as hawks and kingfishers disappeared. The poison ended up in the wild pigs. Internal bleeding for humans and the beginning of dog and pet losses through animal poisons on the Coromandel.

A year or so later we got 1080. 1080 baits are a government-made product and were pushed in preference to Talon, which was ICI.

Then the government came up with their own version of Talon and began releasing their own Talon under the Pestoff label.

Apart from DOC there were others out there eager make a dollar selling animal poisons.

Someone had come up with something called cholecalciferol and, once again, it was Kennedy Bay that took the first load. Having witnessed the horror of Talon the Kennedy Bay folk were told that cholecalciferol did not cause secondary poisoning at all and that their dogs would be safe this time. So they agreed to the poisoning - only to find they had been told a lie. Cholecalciferol causes secondary poisoning all right.

Soon after that we got something called diphacinone. 12 years later we had another dose of that diphacinone up Stony Bay this year.

Then, as they had done with ICI's Talon, the government took over the manufacture of cholecalciferol. By the year 2000 1080, Talon and cholecalciferol were all being manufactured under the government's Pestoff label. All being pushed by DOC.

In 2007 DOC spread tonnes of cholecalciferol around the Coromandel Town area saying it would be much more acceptable to

the locals than 1080. Many of us got to see first hand just how cruel a death cholecalciferol can give. Dogs which may die within 24 hours on 1080 take days to die on cholecalciferol; a possum's death may take weeks. This poison requires massive intakes for a fatal result and left many animals with a non-fatal dose, which will have prompted this comment from the then manager Fin Buchanan:

"One area required two treatments of the costly pesticide to achieve <5% RTC. It also tested the possum team working with a pesticide that they lacked confidence in."

The extra bait cost \$6000, the extra labour \$40,000. A nice little bonus for DOC and the factory.

A year or so later the people of Kuaotunu who, like us, objected to DOC's use of 1080, were given the option of cholecalciferol, told the same story about it being safe, and then conned into paying \$10,000 for the extra cost of Cholecalciferol over 1080. Another nice little bonus for DOC.

We have had three dumps of cholecalciferol in our area this year. The poison has not become less cruel. It still causes secondary poisoning.

I am not sure that the distributors ever get to witness the cruelty they cause. It doesn't seem to bother them. Neither does it bother them that the Sunday dinner will probably contain some of their poison. It may be an eel, a rabbit, a possum, a duck or a wild pig. And that's just from the land.

Those miners who took samples in the harbour last summer will be aware of toxic levels caused by the leaching of animal poisons.

A growing number of Coromandel people are aware that these animal poisons are not what they are touted to be. We should all know better than to use them. It seems that well-meaning nature-lovers who seek help from DOC or Regional Council find themselves spreading poison. No poison – no funds. We prefer no funds.

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4 Jan - 10 Jan	8.45 am	8.45 am	8.45 am	8.45 am	8.45 am	8.45 am	8.45 am
11 Jan - 31 Jan	8.45 am	8.45 am	8.45 am	8.45 am	6.00 pm	8.45 am	8.45 am
1 Feb - 7 Feb	8.45 am	8.45 am	8.45 am	8.45 am	6.00 pm	8.45 am	8.45 am
Departs Orapiu to Coromandel (approximate times)							
2 Nov - 20 Dec	-	9.50 am	-	9.50 am	7.05 pm	9.50 am	9.50 am
21 Dec - 27 Dec	-	9.50 am	-	9.50 am	XMAS	9.50 am	9.50 am
28 Dec - 3 Jan	9.50 am	9.50 am	9.50 am	9.50 am	9.50 am	9.50 am	9.50 am
4 Jan - 10 Jan	9.50 am	9.50 am	9.50 am	9.50 am	9.50 am	9.50 am	9.50 am
11 Jan - 31 Jan	9.50 am	9.50 am	9.50 am	9.50 am	7.05 pm	9.50 am	9.50 am
1 Feb - 7 Feb	9.50 am	9.50 am	9.50 am	9.50 am	7.05 pm	9.50 am	9.50 am
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28 Dec - 3 Jan	4.30pm	3.00 pm	3.00 pm	3.00 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm
4 Jan - 10 Jan	4.30pm	3.00 pm	3.00 pm	3.00 pm	3.00 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm
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Arts

Coromandel Art Group

By Val Gray

By the time you read this, Christmas will have come and gone. So we hope you all had a wonderful time, lots of laughter and fun with family and friends, as that's what it is all about.

We are now on countdown to our exhibition which starts **Friday 22 January** and closes **Sunday 7 February**, not 1st as was printed in last month's coming events.

We really enjoy meeting the public as it is where we get our feedback and receive constructive comments. It is also interesting to hear from group members from other places around NZ and overseas.

We constantly hear how fortunate we are to live in such a beautiful place with so much to inspire us and I have to agree.

With all the rushing around over Christmas, take time out in January to slow down and enjoy life and come to our exhibition where you can look at how we've enjoyed ourselves throughout the year.

Of special interest this year is the group panorama of Coromandel organised by Sharon Whittle.

Happy New Year and we look forward to seeing you there.



Coromandel Music Society

By Robin Münch

The beat goes on...

...and we want you to join the beat-lovers who are already flocking to buy tickets to a fantastic spectacle.

Dressed in authentic costumes to suit the era, The Beatgirls will take you on a musical journey through the 60's and beyond.

This talented group has performed far and wide from Sydney to Athens to the USA and beyond, at parties, festivals, functions and major events. Imagine how excited we are to be bringing them to the Mussel Kitchen and Coromandel Town. You can catch up with them before the concert on www.thebeatgirls.com and on their Facebook page.

Pull out your 60's memorabilia, call your friends, bring your family and make an evening of it. There'll be a bar, delicious Mussel Kitchen meals, music and dancing. Our outdoor concerts are always fun and this one promises to be bigger and better than ever. Let's see you there!

Date: Saturday 23 January. Gates open at 5pm for meals and bar. Concert begins at 7pm. At The Mussel Kitchen, corner Tiki Rd and the 309 Rd, Coromandel. Get your tickets from Coromandel Town Information Centre ph (07) 866 8598 and The Mussel Kitchen \$25 full price, \$20 gold card holders, free for children 12 years and under.



Mama's got the Blues

On **11 March** "Mama's got the Blues" is coming to Hauraki House in Coromandel Town. Ruth Wyand from North Carolina USA is a multi award winning blues/jazz musician and historian.

In this merging of film and live music Wyand takes the audience on a musical journey with a radio like experience at the show's opening then sets out exploring the women who helped shape America's rich blues history.

Wyand plays the songs of women blues artists from the early 1900's to the present who have blazed the trail of blues, jazz and rock and roll.

Tickets available at Coromandel Town Information Centre and Eventfinder

Coromandel-Colville Art Group

By Christine Lunn

Our attendance at the Colville market is proving very useful for all our members.

Our final meeting for the year was on 10 December where members enjoyed a Christmas lunch. We will now be in recess until early 2016 as members travel to be with family.

Initial contact can be made with President Sue Hughes on 07 211 9774 or mobile 021 142 1124 or Secretary Christine Lunn on (07) 866 7220 or mobile 021 484 118

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Sport

Coromandel Recreational Fishing Club

By Allison

Hi to everyone and a Happy New Year to one and all.

We had a most enjoyable Xmas Party and prize giving. A big thank you goes to Santa and Santa's helper Joss James for organizing the presents; I'm sure all the kids had a great time.

Fish of the month for November was John Dory; unfortunately no one won the \$100. Fish for the Month for January is snapper. It is still not too late to become a member and weigh your fish in for the monthly \$100. Weigh stations are still at Max and Val Larsen's, ph (07) 866 7656 or Fish & Dive, ph (07) 866 8797.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Aaron and Ange of Fish & Dive for all their help with weighing fish and competitions for the Club and wish them well for the future. We would like to extend a big welcome to the new owners of Fish & Dive – Des and Gail London, they have very kindly come on board and will continue to provide a weigh in for your fish.

Our next competition is on Anniversary Weekend, 31 January; entry forms can be obtained from Wyuna Studios, Fish & Dive, or contact us email: coromandelfishingclub@gmail.com.

Trophy and Pin List – 2014-2015 Season

Junior Pins:

First Snapper on 10kg line 2.450kg Savanna Bourke
Heaviest Kahawai on 15kg line 2.423kg Quinn Burgess
Heaviest Kahawai on 8kg line 2.380kg Kendyl Short

Junior Trophies:

Heaviest Snapper 2.450kg Savanna Bourke
Heaviest Kahawai 2.423kg Quinn Burgess NCR



Some of the kids at the Fishing Club's Xmas party with Santa

Senior Pins:

First Snapper on 6kg line 3.096kg Kim Brett
First Snapper on 8kg line 2.849kg Max Larsen
First Snapper on 10kg line 8.541kg Kevin Brett
First Snapper on 15kg line 7.005kg Nikki Stephenson
First Trevally on 15kg line 2.918kg Clay Short
First Kahawai on 6kg line 2.620kg Dave Nicholls
First Kahawai on 8kg line 1.067kg Elliot Grant
First Kahawai on 10kg line 2.330kg Margaret Burnie
First Kahawai on 15kg line 2.718kg Steve Burgess

First John Dory on 6kg line 2.489kg Kim Brett
First John Dory on 10kg line 1.987kg Logan Davies
First John Dory on 15kg line 3.800kg Nikki Stephenson
First Kingfish on 6kg line 5.258kg Kevin Brett
First Kingfish on 8kg line 11.115kg Max Larsen
First Kingfish on 25kg line 8.815kg Margaret Burnie
First Paraore on 10kg line 1.150kg Raewyn Moreland

Senior Trophies:

Heaviest Snapper 8.730kg Steve Burgess
Heaviest Trevally 2.918kg Clay Short
Heaviest Kahawai 2.780kg Steve Burgess
Heaviest John Dory 3.800kg Nikki Stephenson NCR
Heaviest Kingfish 11.115kg Max Larsen
Heaviest Paraore 1.150kg Raewyn Moreland
Heaviest Marlin 108.9 kg Steve Burgess
Winner of Ladies' Tournament: Snapper 6.894kg Shavanna Davies
Heaviest Fish caught by a Male: Marlin 108.9kg Steve Burgess
Heaviest Fish caught by a Female: Kingfish 8.815kg Margaret Burnie
Most Meritorious Snapper 6.038kg on 6kg line Kim Brett
Most Meritorious Kingfish 11.115kg on 8kg line Max Larsen

Coromandel Swimming Club

By Debra Attwood

Swimming Club is still operating during the holiday period with many swimmers participating on our regular sessions on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings.

Learn to swim classes have been very popular so if you want your child to learn to swim book them in early for the next course. See the Community Swimming Pool article on page 28 for full details.

We are very lucky to have four new instructors for learn to swim classes. We would like to welcome Ron, Felicity, Sarah and Karena and we look forward to them completing their 20 hours of in-pool training during the January and February lessons. This means we will be able to take more participants for the lessons.

Some of our competitive swimmers attended the Waihi Go for Gold swim meet which was held in a 33m pool. This was a new experience for them and they produced some great results. Keep up the training and good luck for your next meet in Hamilton for the pre-Christmas meet. That will be a large 3-day event with over 300 swimmers attending.

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

Coromandel Croquet Club

By Judy Bronlund

Croquet is played three times a week on the lawns in Woollams Avenue, Tuesday and Saturday mornings and Thursday afternoon. New members and visitors are most welcome to join us. Those of us without visitors will be playing most of these days, so please feel free to come along and join us.

Contact Kaye (07) 866 8968 or Judy (07) 866 8637

Good fishing on Mussel Farms

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

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Sport continued

Coromandel Golf Club

By Peter Gray

The AGM of the Coromandel Golf Club was held on Saturday 5 December.

The 2016 committee is Ed Buckett – President, P. Gray – Secretary, D. Lunn – Treasurer, J. Davis – Club Captain, Sue Davies – Ladies' Captain, Philippa Medlock – Ladies' Secretary. Big thank you to Kevin Verner, Treasurer, and Craig Dudson, Club Captain, for their efforts and services over the past years.

A couple of highlights from the Presidents report was that the Club membership had increased in 2015 and it is pleasing to see new faces to the town joining the club. Also mention was made that the Club's financial trading over 2015 had resulted in a surplus which is a pleasing result considering the



club had purchased some expensive new machinery without grant assistance. The President also thanked the committee and the many volunteers.

The membership fees for 2016 were set with a slight increase basically to offset increased charges from the club's affiliated bodies.

Full and Nine Hole Membership \$385, 1st Year Membership \$190, Country Membership \$215, Summer Membership \$220, 100Km Membership \$120 + \$10 Green Fee, Junior Membership \$40, Social Membership \$60.

The Eagles Salver, mixed pairs combined stableford, played after the AGM, was taken out by the pairing of Eugene Weimer and Allan Rose.

The Laurie Olliff Trophy, played in conjunction with Meat Pack Day during the year with the members' best six rounds counting was concluded on the last Wednesday in November. C Dudson took out the trophy from Ron Brooking

The Club Xmas Tournament will be held on 12 December with Wednesday and Saturday Scrambles continuing over the Xmas and New Year period.

Tournaments for members to look forward to in the New Year are the Coromandel Hotel Mixed Open on **Saturday 9 January** (11.00am tee).

Also the annual Maori Tournament to be held **Saturday 6 February**.

A couple of members finished the year on a high with Ron Brooking having a round of 49 Stableford points, 84 gross, net 57, (to equal Ed Buckett YTD Best net 57) on the same day that Malcolm Stone had 81 off the stick (45 Pts), Mark Burcombe and Chris Fielding both recorded Gross 69 (1 under par for the course) to record the Year's Best Gross.

Reminder - 2016

Saturday 9 January – Coromandel Hotel Mixed Open (11.00am tee)

Saturday 6 February – Maori Tournament



Golf Club Gets the Big Cheque!

Harcourts principal Ian (Ezy) Kemp presents a big BNZ cheque of \$1000 to Golf Club President Ed Buckett, as part of Harcourts ongoing sponsorship to donate \$500 from the sale of any gold club member's property. Ed says it's a great boost for the club to go towards a new "greens machine" and encourages golf club members to take up the offer to "help us help the golf club" by listing and selling their property with Harcourts. "We're really pleased to be able to donate to the club" Ezy says, "because it is tough raising funds for what are the pretty expensive machines necessary to maintain the course to a high standard. We'll also pay your sub for a year – so it's a win win all round!"

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

By Debra Attwood

Happy new year to everyone. I hope you all had a fine Christmas with friends and family. Welcome to all our visitors to the Coromandel. Our swimming pool is open to the public for your recreation and fitness, or to work off those few extra pounds from the Christmas cheer. The main pool is solar heated. Over the summer holidays it is a great place for the children and adults to spend the day swimming (no waiting for the tide and no sand in your sandwiches), so sit back and enjoy the company at pool complex. Our morning swimming is going well and we are open for business every day. Come along and try swimming. It is a great way to wake up and get going in the morning swimming or walking a few laps in the pool.

Learn To Swim Classes

Register now for our learn to swim lessons which start **4 January**. Call in and collect a registration form from the pool. These classes will run over a two-week period for four lessons per week and will be held in the mornings between the hours of 9am and 12pm; cost \$60 for eight lessons.

Also if you are interested in private one-on-one learn to swim lessons these can be organised at a time to suit. Call in and see Debra or Michelle for further information or give them a call on (07) 866 7660 or Debra mobile 027 348 2400; Michelle mobile 027 919 5129.

Pool Hours until 2 February 2016

Monday to Saturday 6-8am, daily 12-5pm. Keltic Fair day opening hours 10am-7pm.

Entry cost: Adults \$4, students and seniors \$3, Preschoolers 0-5yrs \$1, Spectators \$1.

Concession cards are available as well, call into the pool and check out the great deals.

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

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

If you are looking for a venue to hire for a day, night, afternoon our hall is available contact Debra, ph (07) 866 7660, mobile 027 348 2400 or email debmark62@hotmail.com



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See meeting list for class times

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Combined Clubs Of Coromandel **THE CLUB**



Half of the bowling season is over already and may the second half be as productive and enjoyable as the first.

The Men's and Women's Triples championships were hard fought, with Graeme Goss, Reg Wright and Miha Matthews taking that title, and Sue McNeil, Sharan Rose and Irene Goss becoming the Women's Champs. Lindsay Nicholls is the Women's Singles Champ after a strong challenge by Irene Goss in the final. Congratulations also go to Vi King who won the Thames Valley Under 8 years Pairs title with Janet Munns from Mercury Bay Bowling Club.

One of our drawcards of the year is our Ham Open Tournament, sponsored by Pak'n'Save and James Drainage. The winners of the magnificent hams were the triples team of Ray Yearbury, Malcolm Burgess, and Reg Wright.

The Twilight Bowls tournament ran over 6 weeks, with more than 50 members of the public having a riotous time, and this year's winner is the Men's RSA team – can you spot Pete, Bill, Winnie and Jimmy in one of the photos? (No prize for the correct

answer!) The Women's RSA team looked great in their T shirts worn with a little more decorum than their counterpart. Thanks to everyone who helped make these evenings ones to remember all year, especially prize giving night!

Another highlight of the year was the Ladies Garden Party organized by Shirley Stol at her lovely home. The sun shone, the birds sang and all the ladies dressed up for the occasion. Members of the bowling club, the art group and friends spent a very enjoyable afternoon with great food, drink and games – thank you Shirley, maybe you have created yet another annual event. The photos shows the bowling club ladies in all their finery!



The Christmas spirit was celebrated at the Bowling Club with the annual Christmas party complete with pantomime, secret Santa, a Christmas Quiz and a sing-a-long, not to mention a plethora of food and drink! We hope that everyone had a very happy Christmas and that 2016 is all we could hope for. See you all at THE CLUB next year.



Contacts: Martin Edwards 866 8886 (Bowls) or Ian Franklyn 866 7138 (RSA)

Classifieds

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ARE YOU THINKING of having those needed jobs done? Whether it be Carpentry, Decorating, Tiling, I can give you advice and a free quote. Call Vaughan on (07) 866 7969.

BEGINNERS YOGA WITH BECKS

Tuesdays at the Coro Gym from 5.20pm to 6.40pm, \$7. All are welcome and equipment is provided. Phone 027 407 0079 for more information. First class for 2016, 12 January.

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TREESHAPES. Qualified Arborists for all treework, chipping, stumpgrinding, hedges, section clearance, free quotes. Phone 0274 726 627.

WINDOW CATCH BROKEN? Call Mike Coromandel Glass (07) 866 8869.

YOGA WITH JESSICA - classes will begin again for 2016 on Wednesday 20 January 7-8.30pm, ph: 021 884 518 for more info.

SITUATIONS VACANT

COLVILLE SOCIAL SERVICE

COLLECTIVE has a vacancy for a Community worker. Hours to be negotiated, up to 12hrs. Closing date **15 January**. Please contact CSSC for a job description, cssc@colville.org.nz or (07) 866 6920.

FOR RENT

MOORING. TAKAWHARE BAY, Te Kouma. No. 342. Up to 10m vessel. Professional maintenance & survey carried out Nov 2015. Long term \$25 per week, short term \$35 per week. Ph Kerry 027 474 2850. Sharon evenings (07) 866 8300.

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FOR SALE

CHOOKS FOR SALE – (07) 866 6687.

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WANTED ALL LIVESTOCK. We inspect in the paddock. Also we transport every Thursday to Waikato's largest saleyards in Morrinsville. Phone Dave Coatsworth 0274 817 100.

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EVENTS

COMING TO COROMANDEL TOWN, March 11 2016 'Mama's got the Blues' @ Hauraki House. Ruth Wyand from North Carolina USA is a multi award winning Blues/Jazz musician and historian. In this merging of film and live music Wyand takes the audience on a musical journey with a radio like experience at the show's opening then sets out exploring the women who helped shape America's rich blues history. Wyand plays the songs of women blues artists from the early 1900's to the present who have blazed the trail of blues, jazz and rock and roll. The songs of Ma Rainey, Bessie Smith, Memphis Minnie, Nina Simone, Billy Holiday, Bonnie Raitt plus a few others that have been overlooked and forgotten throughout history. Tickets available at Coromandel Info Centre and Eventfinder.

DATE CORRECTION: Six loyal Coromandelians – Artworks, sculpture & paintings. Hauraki House, 10 days only. **Saturday 9 January until Tuesday 19 January.** Caitlin Moloney, Cindy Alger, Erica Lions, Henery Mackeson, Louis Kittleson, Natasha Armstrong-Hunter.

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The Dream

By Beryl van Donk

I heard the wind sighing over the grasses,
it brought a fresh clean fragrance
to wipe away my tears, and instead
I searched everywhere, but could not
find you and in place of the caressing it
brought fresh tears that stung my eyes
and whipped my my cheeks with
frenzied hurling. Leaves and petals
flying and cavorting, and still I still
still searching, but alas in vain!
The sobs rose loud within me
and gathering strength, escaped
in tumultuous grieving that woke
me from my dream.

This poem won The Editor's Choice Award from the International Library of Poetry including return trip to Washington for Gala evening. Also published in *The Sound Of Silence*

Poetry SPOT

Coromandel Town weekly and monthly meetings

Every Monday

Boot camp with Catherine Stephen at Coro Gym 6am
Coro Gym – Step/aerobics, Peg (07) 866 8635 8am
Mahamudra Centre, guided meditation in gompas 8.30-9am
Coromandel Hikers Group, Hauraki House,
Colin & Elspeth (07) 866 7137 9am
Monday Walkers, Irene 021 157 8408 9am
Colville Social Services Collective,
Colville Hall, (07) 866 6920 9am-3pm
Kohanga Reo o Kapanga, (07) 866 8417 9am-3pm
Coro Gym – Sit and be fit, Peg (07) 866 8635 9.30am
Coro Gym – Fitness and Fun, Judy (07) 866 8637 10.30am
Coro Gym – Kick fit with Christajo, 155 Pottery Lane,
021 033 9329 5.30-6.30pm
Thump Boxing classes with Catherine Stephen at Coromandel
Area School 5.30pm
Shrinking Violets, Betsie (07) 866 7076 5.30pm
Coro Contract Bridge, Coro Ambulance rooms,
Lyn (07) 866 8858 7pm
Four-part harmony singing, Sue (07) 866 8833 7.30pm

Every Tuesday

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

Every Wednesday

Boot camp with Catherine Stephen at Coro Gym 6am
Dharma Gaia, Meditation, (07) 866 7995 6-7am
Dharma Gaia, Sitting & Walking Meditation,
(07) 866 7995 7.30-9pm
Coro Gym – Step/aerobics, Peg (07) 866 8635 8am
Mahamudra Centre, guided meditation in gompas 8.30-9am
Early Learning Centre, rear Colville School,
Linda or Alex (07) 866 8319 9am-3pm
Colville Social Services Collective, Colville Hall,
(07) 866 6920 9am-3pm
Kohanga Reo o Kapanga, (07) 866 8417 9am-3pm
Coro Gym – Sit and be fit, Peg (07) 866 8635 9.30am
Coro Gym – Fitness & Fun, Judy (07) 866 8637 10.30am
Coromandel Golf Club – mens, Hauraki Rd,
Peter (07) 866 7633 tee off 12.30pm
Scrabble Club, Joan for venue on (07) 866 7580 1pm
Coro Tennis Club – club night, Gayle (07) 866 8063 4pm
Wing Chun Kung Fu- Hong Kong Style,
Chi Sau Club 027 283 0773 4.30-8.30pm
Running Group, meet at rugby club grounds.
Mark 027 338 6697 or (07) 866 7660 5-6.15pm
Coro Gym – Pump with Betty, (07) 866 8635 5.30-6.30pm
Thump Boxing classes with Catherine Stephen at Coromandel
Area School 5.30pm
Yoga, Events Centre (behind info centre) \$8,
Jessica (07) 866 8405 7-8.30pm
Discussion night-optional pot luck dinner, Mahamudra Centre,
(07) 866 6851 dinner 6pm, meeting 7-8.30pm
Walking & sitting meditation, Dharma Gaia Centre,
(07) 866 7995 7.30-9pm

Every Thursday

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

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

Every Friday

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

Every Saturday

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

Every Sunday

Mahamudra Centre, guided meditation-in Gompas,
(07) 866 6851 10-10.30am
Elim Church Services, Rings Rd,
Steve (07) 866 6900 10am-12 noon
Coro Tennis Club-club play, Gayle (07) 866 8063 2pm
Prayers for dead and healing,
Mahamudra Centre, (07) 866 6851 5-6pm

Monthly

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

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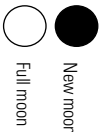
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Calendar of events

Coromandel Town **January 2016**

Make sure your event gets listed

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**COROMANDEL
RUBBISH & RECYCLE
TRANSFER STATION
SUMMER HOURS**
Monday to Friday
12.30pm-5.30pm
Saturday 10.30am-5.30pm
Sunday and public
holidays 10.30am-7.30pm

1
Colville Art Show starts
Coromandel Patchwork & Quilters
show continues (see pg 15)
High tide 12.38am (2.6m), 12.57pm (2.6m)
Low tide 6.33am (0.6m), 7.08pm (0.6m)

2
Keltic Fair in Coromandel Area
School grounds
High tide 1.22am (2.5m), 1.41pm (2.5m)
Low tide 7.21am (0.7m), 7.59pm (0.7m)

3 Dylan Wade & Friends – live
music at the Mussel Kitchen
Coromandel Patchwork & Quilters
show finishes (see pg 15)
MEG Family Fun Run, Kiwi Night
Adventure and Starlight Cinema
(see pg 24)
High tide 2.10am (2.4m), 2.28pm (2.8m)
Low tide 8.12am (0.8m), 8.44pm (0.7m)

4
Learn To Swim Classes start
(see pg 28)

Colville Art Show finishes
MEG Bounty Hunters (see pg 24)

High tide 3.02am (2.4m), 3.17pm (2.4m)
Low tide 9.06am (0.9m), 9.35pm (0.8m)

5

MEG Junior Rangers and MEG
Nocturnal Walk (see pg 24)

High tide 3.58am (2.4m), 4.08pm (2.4m)
Low tide 10.02am (0.9m), 10.29pm (0.8m)

6

MEG Junior Rangers, Nocturnal
Walk and Kiwi Night Adventure
(see pg 24)

High tide 4.54am (2.4m), 5.01pm (2.4m)
Low tide 10.57am (0.9m), 11.22pm (0.7m)

7

MEG Meet A Gecko and Up-Close
Kiwi Encounter (see pg 24)

High tide 5.48am (2.4m), 5.54pm (2.4m)
Low tide 11.48am (0.8m)

8

High tide 6.38am (2.5m), 6.45pm (2.5m)
Low tide 12.13am (0.6m), 12.37pm (0.7m)

9 Six Loyal Coromandelians
exhibition starts (see ad pg 30)
Coromandel Hotel Mixed Open at
Coromandel Golf Club (see pg 28)
Coro Sonic Lab Summer Fest.
www.corosoniclab.co.nz/summerfest
Kate T – at the Mussel Kitchen

High tide 7.25am (2.6m), 7.35pm (2.6m)
Low tide 1.01am (0.5m), 1.24pm (0.6m)

10

High tide 8.10am (2.8m), 8.23pm (2.7m)
Low tide 1.46am (0.4m), 2.10pm (0.5m)

11

MEG Fun With Flax (see pg 24)

High tide 8.54am (2.9m), 9.11pm (2.8m)
Low tide 2.31am (0.3m), 2.56pm (0.4m)

12

MEG Kiwi Night Adventure
(see pg 24)

High tide 9.39am (3.0m), 9.58pm (2.9m)
Low tide 3.16am (0.2m), 3.43pm (0.3m)

13

MEG Meet A Gecko (see pg 24)

High tide 10.25am (3.0m), 11.45pm (2.9m)
Low tide 4.01am (0.2m), 4.31pm (0.2m)

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MEG Up-Close Kiwi Encounter
(see pg 24)

High tide 11.12am (3.0m), 11.39pm (2.9m)
Low tide 4.47am (0.2m), 5.19pm (0.2m)

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MEG Up-Close Kiwi Encounter
(see pg 24)

High tide 12.01pm (3.0m)
Low tide 5.33am (0.2m), 6.09pm (0.2m)

16

Mussel Kitchen closed from
2.30pm for a private function
MEG Bounty Hunters (see pg 24)

High tide 12.22am (2.9m), 12.52pm (3.0m)
Low tide 6.26am (0.3m), 7.01pm (0.3m)

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High tide 1.15am (2.8m), 1.46pm (2.9m)
Low tide 7.21am (0.4m), 7.55pm (0.3m)

18

CHRONICLE DEADLINE
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High tide 2.11am (2.7m), 2.42pm (2.8m)
Low tide 8.21am (0.5m), 8.53pm (0.4m)

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Six loyal Coromandelians –
Artworks, sculpture & paintings at
Hauraki House finishes
(see ad pg 30)

High tide 3.13am (2.7m), 3.41pm (2.7m)
Low tide 9.24am (0.6m), 9.53pm (0.4m)

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MEG Nocturnal Walk (see pg 24)

High tide 4.17am (2.7m), 4.42pm (2.7m)
Low tide 10.28am (0.6m), 10.55pm (0.4m)

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MEG Kiwi Night Adventure
(see pg 24)

High tide 5.20am (2.7m), 5.43pm (2.7m)
Low tide 11.30am (0.6m), 11.55pm (0.4m)

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Coromandel Art Group exhibtion
starts (see pg 26)

High tide 6.20am (2.8m), 6.42pm (2.7m)
Low tide 12.27pm (0.5m)

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High tide 8.53am (2.9m), 9.18pm (2.8m)
Low tide 2.32am (0.3m), 3pm (0.4m)

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High tide 9.38am (2.9m), 10.02pm (2.8m)
Low tide 3.16am (0.3m), 3.45pm (0.4m)

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High tide 10.20am (2.9m), 10.44pm (2.7m)
Low tide 3.58am (0.3m), 4.29pm (0.4m)

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High tide 11.01am (2.8m), 11.24pm (2.7m)
Low tide 4.39am (0.4m), 5.09pm (0.5m)

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High tide 11.41am (2.7m)
Low tide 5.19am (0.5m), 5.49pm (0.5m)

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Mussel Kitchen closed from
2.30pm for a private function

High tide 12.04am (2.6m), 12.20pm (2.7m)
Low tide 5.59am (0.6m), 6.29pm (0.6m)

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Anniversary Weekend Fishing
Competition (see pg 27)
Coromandel Business Association
logo competition closes
(see ad pg 10)

High tide 12.44am (2.5m), 1pm (2.6m)
Low tide 6.42am (0.7m), 7.10pm (0.7m)

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