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## Editor's comment

Since the tsunami siren went off during the middle of the night in November, I have been supplied a map showing the 20 metre contour line. 20 metres is the height that it is recommended you evacuate above. The map won't represent very well in greyscale and only small, so get to know where 20 metres above sea level is near you and decide where you will evacuate to if the siren goes off again – for instance Preeces Point Road once you go up the first slope is above 20 metres, from the bottom of the Whangapoua hill is 20 metres and from about St Andrews church on Rings Road is 20 metres.

Waikato Region Civil Defence recommend you are prepared to evacuate and download the Red Cross hazard app onto your smart phone.

Stay safe and have a great summer.

*Debbie*

## Letters

### The Coromandel Weekly Market

Dear Editor,

In the last month, our very popular weekly market had to relocate from outside the Pepper Tree, to a narrow privately owned lawn, sandwiched between two commercial buildings on Wharf Road. Thanks go to the landowner for stepping into the breach, however many agree that this alternative site is far from ideal as it greatly reduces the exposure the market enjoyed at its previous location.

The market adds flavour and colour to our small town each Friday morning and has become a focal meeting point enjoyed by locals and visitors alike. The dedicated stall holders who turn up week after week deserve to be supported and it begs the question --- why cannot the market operate from a more centrally located position within the business area, offering better street exposure, i.e. James Reserve or on the open area in front of Hauraki House?

I am informed that these options are there, but only if our "marketeers" pay the weekly half day licence fee of \$115.00, imposed by our council!

To me, reserves are publicly owned areas, administered on behalf of the public by our council. To be charged by the TCDC to use what effectively belongs to the community, for just a handful of hours weekly through the extended summer season, smacks of opportunism.

C'mon TCDC, rather than be accused of gouging, extorting, inhibiting and/or restricting or tax-farming a small market, why not join in, become part of your community and support these folk who have limited means, but who believe in our town? They add character, help promote Coromandel, and provide a worthwhile benefit, way beyond the weekly fee.

Forego the miserable annual take (less than \$3000), become community minded by meeting, discussing and resolving this situation to everyone's mutual benefit, and you, as a Council, will gain so much more respect from those you are charged with serving!

regards

Ernie Le Heron, Coromandel

Dear Debbie,

I understand that Coromandel has a new "streetscape", a plan for the future of our town. I also understand that in this plan the Community Garden is not identified, but the land it is on is designated for future parking.

While some may not see the value in the garden, for me it provides a beautiful living heart to our town. If you haven't checked it out I suggest you walk up the road by the dairy and take a look.

Not only does the garden provide vegetables and fruits for the Foodbank, it also welcomes volunteers to drop in and help, and of course to share in the produce. Given that we don't have a community centre with a drop-in space, this is a valuable community asset.

To those who think parking is more important than gardens, I'd like to quote the warning in an old song by Joni Mitchell, "...we don't know what we've lost till it's gone, they paved paradise, put up a parking lot." Let us not make the same mistake.

Sincerely,

Lora Mountjoy, Coromandel

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## Coromandel Town Streetscape

By Debbie Morgan

On 9 December council invited members of the public to come and view their visions for the future of our town. They have been working on plans with input from the Coromandel Streetscape Stakeholder Working Group – focusing on pavements, roading and parks.

There was a good show of people with Greg Hampton from TCDC opening the session. He explained that by creating plans now they can be added to the district plan, 10 year plan and when work comes up to be done in a particular area council have a vision on file of how to proceed.

Some of the community board members and stakeholder working group were present.

Those present looked at each large plan on the wall and made comments with Post-it notes about whether they agreed or not with the ideas and further suggestions to add. Areas focussed on included Hauraki House Reserve, Samuel James Reserve, Pottery Lane and the entrances to the town.

It was great to see this consultation with the public.

# Banners bring joy for summer

Fran Campbell, Pete Sephton and local businesses have teamed up to create and install the beautiful banners that are decorating the central business district of Coromandel Town over the summer holidays.

Pete designed the elongated pohutukawa motif that not only looks great, but is able to be produced locally on his screen printing equipment. Working with Fran and George, they not only produced the banners but obtained consent for their installation and raised them using an innovative safe pole system that serves to eliminate a costly part of the banner installation process.

Fran Campbell is enthusiastic about the project and says “the business community helped the artists with the Arts Tour; this is something we can give back to the business community – all working together is the key.”

The Coromandel Business Association coordinated the fundraising side of the project. Brenda Kelsey says “we loved the concept of having Fran and Pete make the flags here in Coromandel Town – we don’t believe another town in NZ has handmade banners”. The CBA is grateful to the following businesses who have generously donated money to cover the cost of the project. Together they have helped to make our town beautiful and unique for the summer holiday season.

Coromandel Quarry and Contracting, Davies Forest, Greenhills Subdivision, CoroTime, Harcourts Coromandel, Coromandel Top 10 Holiday Park, The Waterworks, MacRoss Enterprises, Success Café and Bar, Coromandel Apartments, James and Turner, Coromandel Supersaver Dairy, Coastway Cutters, Wyuna Studio, Umu Café, Richardsons Real Estate, Unichem Coromandel Pharmacy, Coromandel Meatkeeper and BNZ.

We are hoping to be able to hang more banners throughout the course of the year. If you would like to contribute please email Brenda Kelsey on [corobusiness@gmail.com](mailto:corobusiness@gmail.com).



Installing the banners

Hi Debbie,

Thank you for keeping the Coromandel Chronicle running! It’s always been useful to read and catch up on the news in town.

For the first time, I’ve submitted a few things myself. I wrote about one of my mum’s projects, supplying kumarahou for sale – we don’t know of anyone else who does this.

I also loved visiting Driving Creek Railway looking for some work, and finding out about their new Glow Worm BBQ Tour. Thanks Robynne and the team there, who so warmly welcomed me back and sent me up to the Eyefull Tower. I’m sure the night time trips will be excellent this summer.

I’m in town at least until the deadline for the February issue, so if any Coromandel Town groups or businesses would like to invite me along to see what they are up to, I’d love to write some more. I’m thinking about putting some of these stories online too just to show off my home town!

I can be contacted on [anthea.whittle@gmail.com](mailto:anthea.whittle@gmail.com), if readers have a story to tell but perhaps are stuck writing it.

Enjoy summer!

Anthea Whittle, Papa Aroha



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## Coromandel Town Christmas Parade

The CBA (Coromandel Business Association) would like to thank you so much for the fabulous turnout for the Christmas Parade. We really appreciate the efforts put into the floats and we believe it was a very large parade. There were 30 floats/groups/clusters. Awesome plus and the weather held off for us too.

The winners were by popular vote from six non-biased judges – (true as I stand here):

### Commercial Float

- 1st equal – Richardson's / Harcourts
- 2nd – CILT recyclers
- 3rd – Driving Creek Train

### Non-commercial

- 1st – Coromandel Garden Circle
- 2nd – Coromandel Pre-school
- 3rd equal – Coromandel Area School Junior and MEG/Aero Club

Special mention to the Marks family Chevy truck with angels – a personal family entry.

### Christmas Parade 2016 Sponsors and Donors

Thanks to: James Drainage; Shelly Beach TOP 10 Holiday Park; Admiral's Arms Hotel; Stargazers Astronomy Tours and B&B; Greenhills Subdivision; Richardson's Real Estate; Coromandel Refrigeration; Evolution Tattoo Studio NZ; Coromandel Café; Brian and Karen McMillan; Success Café and Bar; Driving Creek Railway; Coromandel Quarry & Contracting; CoroTime; Coro Cowboy Fishing Charters; Coromandel Top 10 Holiday Park; Facility Worx; Coromandel 4 Square (North Pole Ices); Keith Stephenson for the marquee; Nigel Strongman for the generator; St Nicholas for Santa.  
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## Coromandel Business Association

By Christine Petrie



There has been a lot of research in recent years on the benefits to businesses of charitable giving, even though this giving is not done with the expectation of a financial return. Some by-products of genuine generosity include increased respect in the marketplace, improved well-being in the community, and enhanced opportunities to make connections. When employees are involved in this giving, whether through choosing the charity or volunteering as a team businesses benefit from improved morale. In short, it has been proven that business generosity is good for the brand!

When we reflect on 2016 we realise just how generous many businesses in our region are. Collectively we staged four events: Illume, Seafood Fest, the November

fireworks and the Christmas Parade. We also decorated the town with banners for summer and raised funding to improve the security camera system in the central business district. For a small region that is an awesome amount of things to achieve in a year!

While we have attempted to publicly thank all who have given at the time, we would like to make special mention of a few that we left out:

- Art Tank Graphic Design, who improved our professionalism by designing our branding and advertisements at no charge
- Coromandel Accounting, who have gone above and beyond as we transitioned our accounts to Xero
- CILT, who provide an excellent facility for the Information Centre to welcome visitors in
- Coromandel Area School, who generously allow us to use their facilities for events
- The businesses of the executive committee, who free up the team to manage the work

of the CBA – Harcourts Coromandel, Coromandel Quarry and Contracting, Coromandel Top 10 Holiday Park, MacRoss Enterprises, Driving Creek Arts and Conservation Trust, CoroTime and Shifting Focus Business Consulting

You may have noticed some fabulous greeting cards featuring Coromandel Town on sale around town. These have been made possible through the generosity of artist Vivienne Cory-Wright of CoroTime. The Information Centre will use the profits made from the sale of these cards to promote the region as a great destination for tourists.

The first CBA meeting for 2017 will be on **13 February**. Mayor Sandra Goudie has agreed to meet with members to discuss business priorities for our region in March and a special general meeting will be held in February to prepare for this. Members will be advised by email of the dates.

We wish you all the best for a healthy and successful New Year.

## KSAR/ Search and Rescue News

By Daniel Kirsch

The local Search and Rescue Group responsible for our area was set up in Kuaotunu 10 years ago. Our official name is still Kuaotunu Search and Rescue or short "K-SAR", but we are now based in Whitianga. We have several members on the Coromandel side, too. They are Sarah Ford, Simon Stigner, Darrel Adshead, Dylan Curtain (Coromandel Police) and myself, forming a local first response team. KSAR's area of responsibility covers the entire northern peninsula. We work together with other land SAR groups on the peninsula as well as with Coastguard. All SAR operations come under the control of the Police SAR Squad based in Hamilton.

Last month we saw the official opening of our brand new base next to the rescue helicopter hangar at Whitianga airfield. It was made possible by endless hours of fundraising, a lotteries grant, and support from the community and local businesses. The base houses all the equipment needed to locate and retrieve lost persons. It is also a venue for training and has already been used as an incident control center for search operations.

We have been involved with several local, prominent searches recently that captivated the hearts and souls of our local communities. Most of you will remember the search for young Lucas Cochrane in Whitianga and for our friend Pete Buddle on

this side. Once a search becomes significant it can very quickly require massive resources, like with the search for teenager Lucas Cochrane in Whitianga. Assistance was required from Land SAR groups throughout the Waikato, the Police SAR Squad, the Police Dive Squad, the Police Eagle Helicopter, Whitianga Coastguard, Hot Water Beach Surf Life Saving, the Matarangi Volunteer Rural Fire Force, the Whitianga Fire Brigade, the Waikato Regional Council Harbour Master, Hopper Construction, Thames Coromandel District Council staff and contractors and included a massive volunteer effort from local residents to feed the volunteers over the four day search.

Search and Rescue is a volunteer organisation. We get together for local training once a month and members also attend regional trainings regularly. To be fully qualified many hours of training need to be attended. Like with all the other volunteer emergency agencies, it can't be stressed enough that Search and Rescue would not be able to operate without the huge support of the members' families who keep the ship running while we drop everything to get out there and find the lost person.

If you notice anyone missing, be aware that the help window of opportunity is closing very quickly, and it is best to call 111 at once to activate Search and Rescue to get help to them quickly.

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By Julie Morris, Station Manager, Coromandel

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A person who is unconscious from alcohol poisoning who reaches hospital alive has a high chance of survival. A person who is unconscious from alcohol poisoning who is left alone has a high chance of dying.

Shake their shoulder and shout at them – if they wake they are not unconscious. They need someone to stay with them and look after them.

If they do not respond to a shake and shout – they are unconscious. Lay them on their side, call an ambulance, stay with them and keep them on their side.

Keep their airway open. Remove vomit if it blocks the front of the mouth. Stay safe, keep well.

**Staff Profile – Abby Morgan**  
*Coromandel St John Volunteer  
of the Year 2016*

**Why did you join St John Ambulance service?**

It is something I have always wanted to do, I waited until my children were a bit older before joining.

**How long have you been a member of St John?**

Nearly three years.

**What do you enjoy most about being an ambulance officer?**

There's not really one thing. Lots of challenges, learning new skills, helping people, service to the community, meeting new people. Something that I like about St John is the vast opportunity for career development. It's not all about being a frontline ambulance officer. There's Clinical Development/Education, ICT, Logistics, Administration, Human Resources, etc., and working for an organisation that puts a lot of effort into looking after their people.

**Would you recommend joining St John to others, and why?**

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Abby Morgan



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- \* Approx 2.12ha, streams
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- \* Mostly bush, private
- \* Lawn/parking. \$339,000



- \* Beautiful Wyuna Bay
- \* 2 x adjacent sections
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- \* Direct coastline access
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- \* Idyllic Waitete Bay
- \* Prime 2,651m2 position
- \* 3 brms, extensive living
- \* Garaging, pool, privacy
- \* Gulf views. \$1,250,000



- \* Long Bay Road setting
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- \* Easy walk to beaches
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- \* Picturesque Port Charles
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- \* Oh so close to the water
- \* Immaculate presentation
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- \* A great lifestyle block
- \* About 10kms from town
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- \* Harbour views. \$610,000



- \* Tantalising Te Kouma
- \* Large 4 brm Lockwood
- \* 2 lounges, great decking
- \* Private 4,540m2 section
- \* Good location. \$789,000

- \* LOOK at those VIEWS!
- \* Magical at Te Kouma
- \* 3 brms, conservatory
- \* 3 grges, decking, stream
- \* Private setting. \$795,000



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- \* Double garage, 2,498m2
- \* Extensive list of features
- \* Don't wait. \$975,000



## Animal Rescue Thames

By Alice and John Parris and Nicnac  
– our Coro kitten

Firstly thank mews for the donations of bedding, garage sale items and cat and kitten food. This is truly appreciated and helps us help the cats in our care and those that come into our care. We also want to thank everyone who has supported us over the year and hope all had a wonderful Christmas and Happier Mew Year.

Fundraising trilogy we did was awesome and thank everyone who supported us. This raised the money we so needed to go into the new kitten season. Our apologies for absence with last month's report – the joys of "thinking" it was done.

Homed – absolutely nothing – although many enquiries wanting "kittens", when explained that we have last season's, the season before that and the season before that season, people are not thrilled and didn't want "old" or "big" cats. Which is really sad as they grow up here and live here until rehomed.

People have asked when we will get in kittens – my response was simply – "we are not a department store" – we can not just place orders in and get new stock" – one lady who was wanting a kitten got horribly upset with me that I couldn't magically get one fluffy itty bitty kitten immediately for her. I did explain costs of which again she did not wish to pay for either but wanted everything done for the animal before they got it, so yes rescue has its frustrations, limitations and also very set rules on how we do things. Legal age for rehoming a kitten is eight weeks. They are, at that stage, eating, drinking and can be away from their mum.

Newbies – we had six 4-week-olds come in from Maramarua – the same mother as Squirt, our white grey kitten – this being two litters as they kept two kittens which they were told that the cats need to be desexed or the situation would quickly escalate to totally out of



control and beyond where we can help. The kittens are all being bottle fed – one passed away and the other five have flourished on the milk formula. Gorgeous bunch of tabbies and torbies.

Coromandel – we gained one malnourished, severely dehydrated black kitten – he came in whilst I was at my volie work and was named Nicnac – he had intense fluid rehydration and a balanced diet. He has a delightful nature and is doing very well. Other kittens had been sighted and were caught; two tabbies came in and went onto the bottle. Named Brica and Brac. We are truly grateful to the lady who cared to stop by the busy highway to get these kittens. Busy roads for them to try to go across is hazardous to their health, to say the least. We did learn that the black kitten got the lady into a spot of bother! She had returned home, spoke about the kitten, then took her car and went back to where the kitten was and stopped. She was tooted and abused by another motorist as she stopped, got out with a sheet to go into the bushes to catch the kitten. Kitten caught, she returned home, kitten into bathroom. The arrival of the local constabulary to ask in regard to a complaint made about her "dodgy, suspicious behaviour with a sheet and the bushes" – to which the new-in-town officer was told she had gone after a feral kitten, which if he wanted to see the evidence it was in the bathroom. The poor lady was in tears – so yes we have vigilant people on all counts and for rescue this is not the first time that suspicious, dodgy behaviour has resulted in police asking questions. Something that has happened to me a few times. Yes we all laugh about those times, they are funny and we do ask that over the holidays if you see little kittens by the side of road – in a box, on a beach, please stop, and if you can catch them and ring us, get help for these little ones. They don't ask to be born and left to try to fend for themselves in sweltering heat. In that 30 seconds it takes to make that decision it can mean life or death for those animals.

Travelling these holidays? Please do not leave any animal in your car for any length of time, not even with windows down slightly. Cars heat up far too quickly and can quickly kill any animal left locked up in a car

Wanted – donations of cat and kitten food – sachets, tinned, biscuits, pet milk. Also old towels, sheets, flannels, linen, bedding for the cats and kittens. Donations of scratch poles, kitty litter, kitty toys for the cats to play with over the holiday period and make their days brighter are also needed for them.

Happy Mew Year to you all.

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## Grey Power Coromandel

By John Rabarts, President

Thank you to all who came and helped and those who just came to enjoy the Christmas Concert and present-giving on 2 December. We had a great time and hope you all did too. Santa Claus doesn't know what he missed!

The season for thieving: While thieves are active any time of the year, the holiday period brings many visitors to our end of the Coromandel Peninsula and with them inevitably come a number of opportunistic thieves and some downright crooks. This article, adapted from a recent Rotorua Grey Power magazine, is written for the older age group. But I am putting it in the Chronicle as I believe it is useful advice for all of us.

Coming from an era and a country life style when we were safely able to leave doors unlocked and garden tools and other rural equipment in unlocked sheds, garages and haybarns, we have sadly come to realise that those times are now long gone. It doesn't matter how much we complain about the situation, we need to keep in mind at all times our personal security and that of our property.

Make sure doors, windows and other entry or exit points from your house have good quality effective catches and locks – deadlocks are a bit more expensive but much more effective than our old time, simple door locks. Get into the habit of always using your locks when you are way from the house for a walk - or even out in the garden if you are

on a big section. Always lock up at night and in the daytime – for instance if you have an afternoon snooze. It is no fun waking up to find you have been burgled while sleeping – or worse.

Don't leave a door key hidden outside. Experienced burglars know all of the places you can think of to "hide" your key - false "rocks" and plaster frogs included. They check the mailbox first, so that's the most unsafe spot for a key. Keep garden sheds and garages secure and lock away tools and ladders at the end of the day, or whenever they are not in use.

If possible install a "peephole" in your front door – so you can see who has come knocking. Ask unannounced visitors (whom you don't recognise through your "peephole" if you have one) who they are and what they want. If you are not satisfied with

their answer, don't let them in. If you do let unknown or barely known visitors into your house, don't let them wander around unsupervised. They may just be checking your house out for a later visit sometime when you are away – or asleep!

If you have an answer-phone don't leave a message on it that says you are away, or that you are alone. If you are going to be away, even for a day or two, arrange for someone to clear your mail box – including newspapers and junk mail. Read more in the next issue of the Chronicle.

Next Grey Power meeting – for members and anyone over 50 who is interested in what Grey Power can do for you. We will welcome you – 1pm, **Thursday 16 February**.

Membership enquiries. Dolly Welch, (07) 866 8852

## Barry Brickell Memorial Day – Street Art – 28 January

There will be a special Barry B Day (he liked a laugh) on **Saturday 28 January**.

A number of local artists with Driving Creek association will be invited to set up a trestle table outside CBA members' stores for two hours between 11am-1pm approximately and co-construct a piece of art with the passers-by. How exciting – living street art.

It is low key and there will be opportunity for the remembering of Barry's generosity to the town to be expanded in future years on or around 28 January each year.

More details will follow – watch the Chronicle as well as local shop windows.



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### Departs Auckland: Pier 4, Quay Street

	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
31 Oct - 18 Dec	-	8.45 am	-	8.45 am	6.40 pm	8.45 am	8.45 am
19 Dec - 25 Dec	-	8.45 am	-	8.45 am	6.40 pm	8.45 am	-
26 Dec - 8 Jan	8.45 am	8.45 am	8.45 am	8.45 am	8.45 am	8.45 am	8.45 am
9 Jan - 5 Feb	8.45 am	8.45 am	8.45 am	8.45 am	6.40 pm	8.45 am	8.45 am
6 Feb - 12 Feb	8.45 am	8.45 am	-	8.45 am	6.40 pm	8.45 am	8.45 am

### Departs Orapiu to Coromandel: (approximate times)

	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
31 Oct - 18 Dec	-	9.50 am	-	9.50 am	7.45 pm	9.50 am	9.50 am
19 Dec - 25 Dec	-	9.50 am	-	9.50 am	7.45 pm	9.50 am	-
26 Dec - 8 Jan	9.50 am	9.50 am	9.50 am	9.50 am	9.50 am	9.50 am	9.50 am
9 Jan - 5 Feb	9.50 am	9.50 am	9.50 am	9.50 am	7.45 pm	9.50 am	9.50 am
6 Feb - 12 Feb	9.50 am	9.50 am	-	9.50 am	7.45 pm	9.50 am	9.50 am

### Departs Coromandel: Hannaford's Wharf

	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
31 Oct - 18 Dec	-	3.00 pm	-	3.00 pm	8.45 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm
19 Dec - 25 Dec	-	3.00 pm	-	3.00 pm	8.45 pm	4.30 pm	-
26 Dec - 8 Jan	4.30 pm	4.30 pm	3.00 pm	3.00 pm	3.00 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm
9 Jan - 29 Jan	3.00 pm	3.00 pm	3.00 pm	3.00 pm	8.45 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm
30 Jan - 5 Feb	4.30 pm	3.00 pm	3.00 pm	3.00 pm	8.45 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm
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	ADULT	CHILD	FAMILY
ONE WAY	\$55.00	\$35.00	\$145.00
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	ADULT	CHILD	FAMILY
ONE WAY	\$35.00	\$22.00	\$92.00
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**CoroMFA Comment**

By Gilbert James,  
Chair, CoroMFA



We hope you are lucky enough to be looking forward to some summer fun; on and along and near-to and even under our beautiful Hauraki Gulf.

We hope you are also looking forward to some excellent farmed Hauraki shellfish. That is greenshell mussels and our Pacific oysters. These are available in all the best food stores and restaurants around the Coromandel. Both species are in tip-top condition now and into summer. The Aquaculture New Zealand website has numerous recipes and here is a link to get you started: [www.aquaculture.org.nz/category/recipes/greenshell-mussel-recipes/](http://www.aquaculture.org.nz/category/recipes/greenshell-mussel-recipes/).

They have greenshell mussel recipes for paella, chowder, cakes, numerous ½ shell mussel recipes plus multiple oyster recipes and more.

We trust also you will be careful out on the water. Our advert in this edition reminds about safety in and around the Coromandel mussel farms where with any luck at all you should find some of the better fishing to be had. Also our website [www.coromfa.co.nz](http://www.coromfa.co.nz) tells you in more detail about good safe boating practice in the mussel farms and also some key facts and information about our Coromandel mussel and oyster aquaculture industries.

If you find a float or floats, whether at sea or on the beach or onshore, please hold them and contact a representative of the Coromandel Marine Farmers Association. The contact is by email, [CBarr@niml.co.nz](mailto:CBarr@niml.co.nz), or at phone (07) 866 8853. The Association will collect the float/s and make a \$15 per float donation on your behalf to your charity of choice. (We currently pay to schools, fire brigades, and more.)

Importantly the law does not provide for “finders keepers” but rather this adrift float does remain the property of the farmer. All floats are marked with the identity code of each farmer although these codes are too numerous and varied to describe here. Thank you for your support for the Association’s float recovery system.

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**News From Coromandel Volunteer Fire Brigade**

By Rob Chappell

It's been a while since I last wrote but the earthquakes of last evening have woken me to the fact that people forget very quickly – the siren went off at midnight and it wailed continuous for 10 minutes. That is the tsunami siren – it cannot be turned off at the station. It is continuous to wake you up, get you out of bed, and if you live in the lower end of town – get mobilized to higher ground ASAP. We at the brigade do have to get up to move our fire engine to the end of Whangapoua Road to be safe also.

Speaking of appliances – our old appliance – the Coromandel Fire Brigade are extremely fortunate that some years ago we purchased one of our old appliances, a 1932 Leyland cub, back again from TCDC, who had it on loan to MoTat. So for the princely sum of \$1 we re-acquired it, then spent quite some time restoring it to its former glory. It had an outing at the Xmas parade.

CVFB thanks the following organisations for their support: Abbey Court Motel; Adventure Racing Coromandel Keith Stephenson; Anchor Lodge Motel; Ann Turner; Burley Up Fishing Supplies; Coromandel Fish & Dive; Coromandel Fishing Charters/ Tom & Lorraine; Coromandel Court Motel; Coromandel Fishing Club; Coromandel Gym; Coromandel Hotel/Stan; Coromandel Mussel Kitchen; Coromandel Refrigeration; Coromandel Top 10 Holiday Park; Driving Creek Café; Driving Creek Railway; Fish n Tits Charters; Four Square; Harbour Master; Harbour View Motel; Harcourt's; Hunting & Fishing; Goldiggers; James & Turner; James Drainage; Lions Club; Mick & Kaye Walker; Ministry of Fisheries Officer; Moana NZ (PMF); New Image Hair Salon; Ohana Farms; Paddy Bull Ltd; Paul & Deryn Tucker partnership; Richardson's Real Estate; Salty Towers; Simon Debenham; Snapper Safaris Fishing Charters; Star & Garter/Pepper Tree; Success Café; The Waterworks; Tui Lodge; Umu Cafe.

The list you see above is mostly a list of all those amazing Coromandel Town businesses who generously gave, in some form or another, from accommodation, to food, to fun day activities or charter fishing, that all became prizes in our recent annual NZ Fire Service Fishing Tournament. This is open to any NZ Fire Service member or past member, so this year some 230 persons entered in what was another successful competition won incidentally by the town's own Kim Brett with the heaviest snapper 600mm or less. Kim, one of our generous sponsors for a number of years, coincidentally won as a part of her prize package, her own prize (for the heaviest snapper caught by a woman) and very generously then gave it back to be auctioned off. Thank you Kim. The wonderful thing about this tournament and the prizes is that the same fishermen who visit the town to fish and who have won prizes will return with their families to enjoy our town again and spend their dollars and their prizes. A huge thank you to all who have contributed to this annual event.

Please don't forget – when that siren runs continuously for ten minutes – get out of bed – it's the tsunami warning.

**My Pohutukawa**

By Kaye R Anderson

My pohutukawa is giving birth  
To spiky red flowers, emerging from intricate embroidery  
Whorls and curls of the finest red fibre  
They announce our antipodean Christmas  
Our southern hemisphere summer  
Days that begin with warm green fragrance  
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## Coromandel Independent Living Trust

**Coromandel Independent Living Trust**

At this time of year it is good to review the year that's been and look to what can be improved in the year to come. CILT's successful programs depend on our excellent staff and those in the community who volunteer. There are too many to name everyone but among the good citizens who have helped out on a regular basis we would like to mention Jo McNeil, who opens her home twice a week where she supports the Work Co-Op members to make handicrafts.

We would also like to thank two young women who have volunteered in the CILT office this year, Sonia Waara and Guri Kaur. We were delighted to see Guri become Dux of the Area School at the prize giving.

We would like to give a good citizen award to Kellie Walton who, entirely off her own bat, evacuated the tenants of our Kapanga Flats during the tsunami warning. CILT now has an evacuation policy underway. A very big thanks goes to Chris Ogilvie, who gave CILT two months' free rent so that we could continue when funding for a project was cut. It's great news that Chris, the original innovative creator of the Waterworks on the 309, is volunteering to put in some time as a mentor at our new up-cycling centre.

Another heartfelt thank you to our longest serving volunteers, our CILT trustees whose professional knowledge and planning is invaluable. They are the chairperson Airini Tukirangi, Andy Reid, Vicki Sephton and Margaret Harrison.

Big thanks also to the Senior Settlement Trust for providing the funding for the new carport at the Kapanga Flats, which houses the Community Services Van. Thanks

also to the Bizarre Trust who gave CILT \$2,000 for Kiwi Can and equipment for the Work Co-Op.

We will run a list of CILT's major programs for 2017 in the next Chronicle but in the meantime we would like to give an update on our new up-cycling centre, "The Goldmine". (Congratulations to Julia Biermann for submitting the winning name, which was selected from 48 entries.)

The building is nearly completed and the fit-out of the retail shop and workshop will be underway by mid-January. We will open the doors as soon as the car parking area is completed. You will notice extensive site works have taken place over recent months in conjunction with Council. These will create new traffic flows, with all public vehicles required to have their loads assessed on arrival, prior to being directed to the payment and disposal area. Please note new directional signage and bear with us during this phase of development. The goal is that less goes into the landfill.

Again a thank you to the team of volunteers who are already lining up to help with the interior finishing work, assisting to run the shop and to help with repair skills and training once the Goldmine is open. If you would like to help, please phone or text Carol Sutherland on 0274 864 043. Thank you also to everyone who has begun dropping off good quality reusable items. Please keep it coming!

You may have noticed CILT's advertisement for Learner Licences in this Chronicle. Don't let a lack of money stop you trying for your licence. We are developing a work program where you can pay with "sweat equity"!

Just a reminder, CILT's Tiki Road office re-opens on **Wednesday 11 January**. If you need a volunteer driver before then, your GP will have the information needed. The Work Co-Op and Artists in the Making will re-open **3 February**.

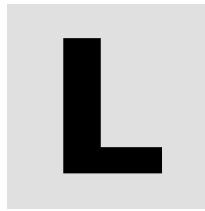
**Coromandel Contract Bridge Club**

By Judy Bronlund

We wish everyone a happy and healthy 2017. Our club competitions will be starting in February. Anyone wishing to learn the game and join our club, please contact Val. We have many competitions throughout the year. We play each Monday evening at the St John rooms; new members and visitors are most welcome.

Contact Val (07) 866 8730 or Lyn (07) 866 8858

## Coromandel Independent Living Trust

**Want to get your Learner Licence?****LEARNER DRIVER LICENCE – FREE WORKSHOP**

Coromandel independent Living Trust (CILT) is running a drivers workshop to help people obtain their Learner plates and take the first step towards getting a full driver's licence.

Driver's licences are important for independence and a requirement for many employers.

CILT is planning to run an afternoon workshop to help people undertake this first stage.

CILT will assist by providing guidance and help with the licencing requirements.

The workshop environment will provide support and encouragement among new drivers.

CILT is calling for interest for three 1½ hour workshops Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> February 3:45pm for youth (16-24 years) and 5:30pm for those 25 years and over who wish to obtain their drivers licence. The workshops are free.

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## Ann's Good News, Naturally

By Ann Kerr-Bell

### Achieving And Maintaining Wellness, Naturally.

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- Digestive issues - bad breathe, coated tongue, indigestion, reflux, Crohn's, irritable bowel, piles, itchy bottom, diverticulitis, leaky gut, candida, food intolerances, ulcers etc.
- Fat loss/rebound fat gain
- Female, male and kid health
- Fertility/preconception
- Cardiovascular and metabolic health
- Cholesterol/gallbladder/blood pressure
- Fatigue/brain fog
- Dementia/alzheimer's
- Inflammation/pain
- Cancer
- Diabetes
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- Immunity/auto immunity
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• **Gut Health/Immunity** - This has been my speciality for 20 years. The gut is the gateway to the body and is where 80% of your immune system is, via the white blood cells in your saliva and mucous membranes.

If you can't absorb the essential nutrients from the foods you are ingesting, or if you are eating too many toxic or processed foods, your immune system will become overburdened and over reactive, or you will be malnourished at a cellular level, leading to only half-health later in life.

• **Food** - This should be your only medicine. However, what we chose to eat can be our fast medicine, or our slow poison.

So get it right. Know how to choose your foods wisely. Keep them tasty and nutritious. Prevent all of the above ailments and health issues mentioned above. I can help.

#### More Good News:

• **Sciatica, back pain:** This 68-year-old lady is again enjoying taking her rabbit for a walk, after two months of acute pain. My osteopathic and deep tissue body work was her Christmas present, she tells me. Great news!

• **Fat loss/fungal toe nails:** This 53-year-old woman has been running, exercising and dieting for years, only to experience rebound fat gain. After doing tests to identify her individual cellular status, and adhering to an easy to follow programme she has achieved her goal weight and kept it for 11 months.

• **Plantar fasciitis:** Pain under his foot was unbearable, so this 39-year-old man reluctantly, as a "last resort", agreed to follow a treatment plan, combined with foot and leg massage, over six weeks. Success - he has no more pain.



### Bands coming to Coroglen this summer

Katchafire, Sons Of Zion and Aaradhna hit the road this summer. They will be at the Coroglen Tavern on **Wednesday 28 December**.

For all show and ticketing info go to [www.aaaticketing.co.nz](http://www.aaaticketing.co.nz).

Fly My Pretties will be taking their new album on tour throughout January 2017 across New Zealand. Each show will feature the same 14 cast on the String Theory album, and will be a chance to catch these tracks live, along with the classics. They will be at the Coroglen Tavern on **Saturday 7 January**. For all the info, head to <http://civicevents.co.nz/events/fly-my-pretties/>.



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**Snapper soup**

By Deborah Hide-Bayne

If you are out there catching snapper this summer, why not keep your fish frames and use them to make delicious stock or soup?

To make stock, add 3-4 fish frames and any other fish offcuts to a big pot. Add a roughly chopped onion, a roughly chopped carrot, some parsley stalks, a bay leaf and about 4 litres of cold water and bring to the boil. Skim any impurities off that come to the surface once it has come to the boil, then simmer gently for 20 minutes or so. Cool, strain and keep in the fridge for 2-3 days or freeze. Use for soup, chowder or risotto that features fish or seafood.

To make soup:

*Ingredients*

pinch of saffron (optional)

½ onion

2 carrots

1 leek

1 zucchini, finely chopped

splash olive oil

1 tin chopped tomatoes

2 cloves garlic, crushed

1 bay leaf

½ tsp fennel seeds

few parsley sprigs

zest of a lemon

salt and pepper

1 litre fish stock

any cooked fish that came off the frames if you made your own stock (or a fillet of snapper, chopped into bite-sized pieces, if you didn't)

juice of a lemon

*Method*

Put the pinch of saffron in a little boiling water to soak for 15 minutes or so.

Finely chop the onion, carrot



and leek and sweat it in the olive oil in a big soup pot.

When the onion is soft and a little bit transparent, add the saffron strands and liquid, tomatoes, garlic, bay leaf, fennel seeds, parsley, lemon zest, seasoning, fish stock and chopped zucchini.

Bring to the boil, and then simmer gently for 15-20 minutes until the vegetables are cooked.

Add the fish (uncooked will take a few minutes more than cooked), heat through, and taste. Season, add lemon juice to taste and serve with fresh bread.

**Love Song**

By Beryl van Donk

I would bring you roses  
but they fade and no more.  
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Instead I'll bring you laughter  
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I'll fill your home with happiness  
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*This poem was recently  
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**Poetry  
SPOT****Coromandel Budget Advisory Service**

By John Gaffikin-Cowan

What a wonderful holiday we've had. You may be tired of reading this, but I will never tire of saying what a splendid community we live in. Thanks to the generosity of local businesses, groups and many, many individuals, here at the Foodbank we have been able to offer food hampers to families and single people alike, in the hope that everyone was able to celebrate over the Festive Season. Our heartfelt thanks go out to all in the community who have made this possible by donating goods or money, and equally as important those who have given freely of their valuable time to help us in other ways.

Of course wise budgeting should be carried on all year-round, but the start of the New Year is a good time to have a sit-back and take a good look at how the household finances are. There will doubtless be extra bills coming in throughout January so it's an important time to take advantage of the warmer weather and long bright days, and cut back on unnecessary power usage. The thermostat on water heaters can be turned down: who really wants roasting showers in the summer? Every home is different, so why not make a family challenge of who can come up with the best idea to economise? Most young people are aware of the extravagances of many aspects of our present way of living, so why not encourage them to help reduce them? You can always drop into the Budget Office and ask for some of our useful tools which can aid you in this process.

Please note that the Budget Service and the Coromandel Foodbank will be closed until **Monday 16 January**.

From us all – Happy New Year!

If you wish to make an appointment, the Budget phone number is (07) 866 8351 where you can talk to Anna, Caro, or John (and soon Terry). The office at 950 Rings Road is open Monday to Friday 11.00am - 2.00 pm. The Budget cell phone number is 022 018 0849 – we reply to texts and messages during office hours

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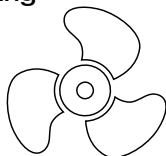
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## A Coromandel Native to Aid Chest Ailments

By Anthea Whittle

New Zealand is a treasure trove of unique plants and wildlife, and there's a native growing in the north of Coromandel and areas of the far north of New Zealand which has been aiding in chest complaints for generations.

Kumarahou (Pomederris kumarahou) trees are small shrubby trees which grow about 2 to 3 meters in height. Their flowers are bursts of yellow which bees adore and would signal to the Māori people that it was time to plant kumara – “Kumara Hou” literally meaning new kumara.

Traditionally the leaves are brewed in boiling water to create an amber tonic which is drunk to aid with coughing; asthma; bronchitis; chest congestion, and as a general health tonic, blood purifier and liver cleanser. It is also said to help with bladder issues and arthritis.

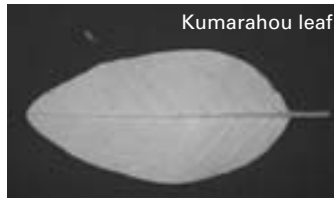
In our family we brew and store it in the fridge, adding the concentrated cold brew to boiling water or just drinking it cold at the sign of any cough, to send it packing. It tastes bitter to the uninitiated so sweetening it with manuka honey is popular.

Kumarahou's been known to be used as a bath soak also to soothe skin complaints, or the brewed tonic used as a tincture, though we haven't experimented with it this way in our household.

My mother, Sharon, has managed to grow enough plants locally to be able to dry and supply kumarahou leaves for sale, with customers finding her online from all over NZ and the world who haven't been able to source it anywhere else. Locals to Coromandel Town can save on postage and buy it directly from the New Image Hair Salon, from Sharon, or enquire online at maku.co.nz.

Sharon will be offering free kumarahou tasting and information at her art exhibition in Papa Aroha's Fire Shed over Waitangi weekend.

More information about kumarahou, including preparation, use and storage, is on maku.co.nz.



## Rural Trust tackles adult literacy problem

Surviving the school holidays with sanity intact can be a major achievement for parents and caregivers when there are daily downpours. Yet devising wet weather family fun is challenging when words cannot be part of an activity. Think such standard favourites as Monopoly, Cluedo, Scrabble, Boggle or Logo, wordfinds, crossword puzzles and reading: there's little enjoyment in any of these if literacy is a problem.

And for many adults in our community and country, reading, writing and numeracy are problems. There are all manner of reasons why. More importantly, how might their situation be changed?

The Adult Literacy Rural Trust, a not-for-profit charitable initiative founded in August 2011 and based in Port Waikato, has already transformed the lives and self-confidence of many adults whose rural location or isolation makes it impossible to access help from an urban literacy centre. Volunteer tutors provide free one-on-one coaching three or four times a week; contact is via Skype or phone; equipment and support are made available; there are no hidden costs or fishhooks.

Whatever each adult's goal – be it that elusive truck driver licence, an ability to read packet labels in the supermarket aisles, or the chance to improve numeracy or writing skills – the Trust's dedicated staff and volunteers are committed to help. Ring us on 0800 891 339; check out the Trust's website at [www.adultliteracy.ac.nz](http://www.adultliteracy.ac.nz) or listen to the “Literacy Lessons” interview on RNZ National [www.radionz.co.nz/national/programmes/countrylife/20160415#audio-201797234](http://www.radionz.co.nz/national/programmes/countrylife/20160415#audio-201797234). Word of mouth publicity – to family, friends, neighbours, acquaintances and colleagues – is vital to the Trust's outreach. Please help us to start a transformation in someone's life.

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**Glow Worm BBQ Tours Come to DCR**

By Anthea Whittle

The team at Driving Creek Railway are ready to share the magic of early evenings with guests, launching their new Glow Worm Barbecue Tours from Boxing Day.

Journey through the bush and reach the summit at the Eyefull Tower in time to watch the sun set over the Hauraki Gulf, enjoy a BBQ among the native bush surrounds and prepare to experience the bush by night. On the way back to base, you'll have the chance to see glow worms twinkling along the railway in their favourite spots.

A trial of the new tour was run in September with members of the Moehau Environment Group (MEG) and other environmental volunteers and supporters in recognition of their work for the environment and with Driving Creek Railway.

Two trains of passengers went up to the Eyefull Tower for dinner and all the guests enjoyed good weather and great company, a starry night and glow worm sightings at the evening's close. The "testers" loved the concept. It was said "Barry would have approved", and DCR are excited to share the experience with the public.

The Glow Worm BBQ Tour will depart at 7pm from the DCR station, bound for the Eyefull Tower. DCR will provide the BBQ, tools, tables and chairs. Passengers should bring their own food and beverages, plates and utensils. Don't forget a torch and warm jacket!

The Glow Worm BBQ Tours are the first of several new tours coming to Driving Creek Railway, and are suitable for all ages, groups, families and can accommodate celebrations. Wheelchair or walking aid users are welcome; please advise when booking. There is ramp access to the BBQ area at the Eyefull Tower.

The 2-hour Glow Worm BBQ Tour is available for bookings until **28 February**. Call Driving Creek Railway on (07) 866 8703 or visit [drivingcreekrailway.co.nz](http://drivingcreekrailway.co.nz) for more information.



Glen Beattie and Neville Cameron enjoying the view at dusk from the Eyefull Tower. Photo: Katharina Hecht

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**Taizé Singing**

By Sue Gilmer

A few of us meet each Monday evening to sing and learn Taizé songs. This is an invite for you to join us.

The origins of Taizé go back to Roger Schutz, now known as Brother Roger, who lived in Taizé, a small French village near the Swiss border. During very dangerous times at the start of WW2, Brother Roger opened up his home as a safe house.

From this small start, a community has developed. Today, Taizé has evolved far beyond anybody's expectations. People are still being welcomed to Taizé. The difference being that now each week they come in the thousands to share in the experience of singing three times a day, the sacred songs which form an integral part of the Taizé experience.

The songs are deceptively simple. They are sung in four-part a cappella, using many different languages. The harmonies and dischords are strong, playing with each other, weaving in and around unexpected harmonies, creating "wow" moments when we truly get it right. And now, Taizé music is sung all over the world, including here in Coromandel.

To join us you don't have to be able to read music and you don't have to have a "perfect voice". What you do need to be able to do is to listen to each other and with the support of others, hold a tune. If you are interested in coming along, you are more than welcome. We meet at 7.30pm, usually in the Anglican Church Hall, but it is best to phone first as we occasionally meet elsewhere.

We are also holding a weekend of Taizé singing at the end of February. As the culmination of this, a non-secular service is taking place in The Sanctuary, a purpose built stone building set high in the hills of the Mana property. The acoustics are such that to sing there is a deeply moving experience. The music of Taizé, along with wisdom readings and a time of silence will be shared. Anybody wanting to join us for the Sunday gathering, to either take part in the singing or to come and listen, is more than welcome. We ask you to be seated 10 minutes before the bells start their peal at 10am.

To know more about either joining us on Monday evenings or about the Sanctuary Service on Sunday 26 February please phone Sue on (07) 866 8833



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## Museum News

By Raewyn McKinney

This month, sadly, we acknowledge the passing of Ian Franklyn, who died suddenly on 18 November.

Ian joined our committee at the 2011 AGM. He was a valuable member of the committee as well as recently serving as Vice President. He was the main force behind the new Masonic Lodge exhibition, serving as the liaison between the museum committee and the Lodge members, as well as planning and overseeing the transfer of Lodge artefacts. We will always remember Ian for this valuable contribution to the museum.

I am sure other members of the Society will join me in also having happy memories of an afternoon tea hosted by Ian at his home, Karamana. Ian will be missed by us all.

In memory of Ian, here is part of the "Museum News" printed in the Coromandel Town Chronicle of January 2012:

"Our last field trip was held at the end of November, and was a visit to Karamana Homestead in Whangapoua Road. It was a perfect day for the visit and we had a good turnout of members for the trip, who all had a lovely day, rounded off with afternoon tea. We thank Ian Franklyn very much for allowing us all to come and visit his property, and we give a huge vote of thanks to Angela for all her hard work organising the afternoon tea. We also greatly appreciate Ian's hard work in looking up new information about



Ian Franklyn at Karamana in 2011

the house and the Cadman family, and passing this on to us all. Karamana is a Category 2 Historic Building, and is one of the oldest buildings in Coromandel. It was built by the Cadman family back in 1872. Sir Alfred Jerome Cadman was Member of Parliament for Coromandel in 1881, and was re-elected in 1884, 1887 and 1890. Ian told us that he was never unsuccessful in an election, winning every seat he ever stood for. During his time in Parliament he was Minister of Mines, and Minister of Railways, as well as Commissioner of Stamp Duties and was involved with the Departments of Native Affairs and Justice. He was elected Speaker of the Council in 1904, and his funeral in 1905 was extremely well attended. He was obviously an extremely capable and well respected man. Arn Piesse calls him "Coromandel's outstanding settler" in his article in the book *In Search of the Rainbow*."

From time to time we have members of the public call in for help with researching family trees, or seeking information on their

family homesteads. Two such requests were received recently, and the applicants can call in to the museum during opening hours and collect the results.

Unfortunately, we have had to make a change to our advertised opening hours this year. The museum will be closed for Christmas on 24, 25 and 26 December, and will open for the summer on Tuesday 27 December from 1pm to 4pm. The museum will then be open daily from 1pm to 4pm through to Easter

## Coromandel Community Homegrown Market

Every Friday 8.30am-1pm.

Hi everyone. Our new venue beside the BNZ bank is a blessing. The first market was held there on 2 December and the turnout was wonderful. We are all so grateful for the ongoing support from all of our lovely locals, and we hope to see you all regularly, even if it's just to pop in for a chat. With the coming seasonal harvest we will soon have an abundance of fresh fruit, vegetables and organic produce, also free range eggs, preserves, baking, art and craft, herbal remedies and lots more.

We would like to give a huge thank you to Julie for helping us to keep our wonderful market going. See you all there soon.

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## Solar power

Does solar stack up for you? A new calculator developed by New Zealand experts will give people interested in solar electricity a useful estimate about whether solar will be cost-effective for their household.

The University of Canterbury's EPECentre developed the calculator in response to increasing public interest in solar electricity systems. The Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority (EECA) is hosting the tool on its energywise website.

EPECentre director Dr Allan Miller says the calculator gives a personalised result by taking into account factors such as your region, whether your house faces north, the slope of your roof and your current electricity use. People with a strong interest in solar can add additional data, Dr Miller says.

EECA spokesperson Allen Davison says EECA's role as an authority is to give independent advice about emerging technologies like solar which have created considerable public interest and debate.

Dr Miller says the calculator is designed for a typical New Zealand home – it's not applicable for commercial

buildings or for off-grid application.

EECA will encourage people to use the calculator as the first step in making any decision about investing in solar panels for your home.

To view the calculator go to [www.energywise.govt.nz/tools/solar-calculator/](http://www.energywise.govt.nz/tools/solar-calculator/)



Dr Alan Wood (Senior Lecturer in Electrical Engineering) and Dr Allan Miller (EPECentre Director) who co-invented the EECA energywise™ PV Solar Calculator

**Himalaya shop : Colville**

Hi Everyone. The Himalaya shop will be open 7 days a week from 1st December. We will not be open Christmas day or Boxing day. Before Christmas our hours will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. After Christmas 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Come and visit: we have a big selection for Christmas prezzies

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## Coromandel Writers

By Lora Mountjoy

Our December meeting celebrated a year of writing and of positive changes, including new members welcomed. Long-term group member Wailin now has more time for writing and we are happy to have her with us on a regular basis.

As usual at this time of year we broke with our routine and began with word games, facilitated by Sue and causing a great deal of laughter. We then moved on to sharing poetry and books. Kaye had written a great seasonal poem the night before and we encouraged her to send it to the Chronicle. Books recommended included young adult novel *Julius and the Watchmaker* by Tom Hehir, a recommendation to revisit Fay Weldon's novels, *Devisadero* by Michael Ondaatje, Paul Theroaux's *Iron Rooster* and *The First Light*, a book about connecting with Maori taonga by Carol Obiso.

After a sumptuous lunch and sharing of "secret Santa" presents, we heard some very moving writing on our last homework topic "negotiating with the dead." It is always a pleasure to hear the variety of work produced in response to a single topic.

We currently have no room for new members, but if you are interested in the group and what we do contact (07) 866 7176

## Coromandel Walking Group

By Irene Dunn

It's that time of year again when we all get busy but don't forget to exercise – come walking with us each Tuesday and Thursday for an hour, meeting outside the Lotto dairy at 9am. (In the hotter months we walk earlier at 8.30am – ring the contact below if you are not sure when we change this.) The only day we don't walk is Christmas day. We have had a great year walking the pavements in Coromandel Town, some tracks and Whangapoua beach – what a great way to see our area and then of course there's always the coffee afterwards! We have had two luncheons – thanks to Ruth for organising these and all the walks throughout the year.

If you are new to town or maybe on holiday and would like to join us, you are most welcome. Walking is a great way to burn off that roast lamb or pav – so tie up your laces and come walking.

Have a great New Year everyone and happy walking.

Contact Ruth (07) 866 7246

## SeniorNet Coromandel

By Loes Beaver



Over the past year SeniorNet have assisted our members with their concerns and use of modern technology.

With Xmas nearly here I would think that many people will be updating or receiving new IT equipment. If you need assistance, we are here to help.

We hold our classes at the CAS Music Room on Thursday afternoons, 2.15-4pm. You are welcome to come along and discuss your requirement with us.

Wishing all our members a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Our classes will commence again on **19 January** after a short break over Christmas.

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**Library News**

By Raewyn McKinney

This month in the library, we have some excellent new fiction; just the thing for the lazy summer days ahead.

We have new works from favourite authors, including Ann Cleeves, Andy McNab, Ian Rankin, Karen Rose, and Peter Watt.

New authors to our library include:

***Beneath A Burning Sky* by Jenny Ashcroft**

"When twenty-two-year-old Olivia is coerced into marriage by the cruel Alistair Sheldon she leaves England for Egypt, his home and the land of her own childhood.

Reluctant as she is to go

with Alistair, it's in her new home that she finds happiness in surprising places: she is reunited with her long-estranged sister, Clara, and falls .. in love .. Then Clara is abducted from one of the busiest streets in the city. Olivia .... sets out to discover what's happened to the sister she's only just begun to know .. putting her own life ... at risk. Determined as Olivia is to find Clara, there are others who will stop at nothing to conceal what's become of her... Set against the heat and intrigue of colonial Alexandria, this beautiful and heart-wrenching story will take your breath away."

***Kill the Next One* by Federico Axat**

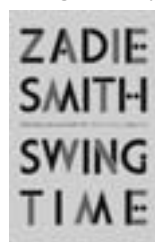
Ted has it all: a beautiful wife, two daughters, a high-paying job. But after he is diagnosed with a terminal brain tumour he finds himself with a gun to his temple, ready to pull the trigger. That's when

the doorbell rings. A stranger makes him a proposition: kill two deserving men before dying. The first is a criminal, and the second is, like Ted, terminally ill, and wants to die. If Ted kills these men he will then become a target himself in a kind of suicidal daisy chain-and won't it be easier for his family if he's a murder victim?

***Daintree* by Annie Seaton**

The Daintree breeds survivors, those who can weather the storms, heat and floods that come hand-in-hand with its beauty. Doctor Emma Porter is one such survivor, dedicated to her patients

and to preserving this precious land where she has made a home. Emma's quiet life is disrupted when Doctor Jeremy Langford starts working at the hospital, bringing back painful memories as he was her first love.

***Swing Time* by Zadie Smith**

An ambitious, exuberant new novel moving from northwest London to West Africa... Two brown girls dream of being dancers - but only one has talent. The other has ideas: about rhythm and time, about black bodies and black

music, what constitutes a tribe, or makes a person truly free. It's a close but complicated childhood friendship that ends abruptly in their early twenties, never to be revisited, but never quite forgotten, either...Dazzlingly energetic and deeply human... a story about friendship and music and stubborn roots, about how we are shaped by these things and how we can survive them. Moving from northwest London to West Africa, it is an exuberant dance to the music of time.

The library will close for the public holidays, and between Christmas and New Year. Normal hours resume from Wednesday 4 January: 10am to 1pm on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday; 10am to 4pm on Wednesday and Friday; and 10am to 12 noon on Saturday

**Monday Walkers**

By Irene Dunn

It's been a good year walking in and around our area with a great group of walkers – a lot of fun and laughter along the way!

As we approach the New Year and hot summer sun we will be taking a break and resume group walking early next February. Those walkers on our email list will receive details of our next walk nearer the time. If you would like to walk with us phone the contact below for more info.

Best wishes for a great New Year and more walks.

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## A Warm-Hearted Summer Mahamudra Centre for Universal Unity

By Sarah Brooks

As we head into summer and our vacations to rest our bodies on boats and at the beach, Mahamudra Centre offers the opportunity to also get some positive tools to go back and better deal with stress and busy schedules of everyday life. We have two weekend courses in particular during January, Compassion for Self and Others from the **20th-22nd**, and Working with Anger on the **27th-29th**. These courses use the Buddhist psychology of the mind to develop patience and a good heart to help transform problems and live a happier life. They are presented by an expert on the topics, Ven. Lozang Yönten, a Buddhist nun originally from America who has trained around the world and presents the classes with humour, warmth, and a very engaging style. Anyone is welcome to come and you do not need to be a Buddhist to participate and get a lot of useful tools. Please pre-register with our office at least a few days before the weekend starts.

On Tuesdays, we have a special course that is part of the Discovering Buddhism series called Presenting the Path that gives a comprehensive overview of the basic points of Buddhism and how they are practised step by step until enlightenment. It's a great opportunity for anyone curious about Buddhist philosophy. No experience is necessary to come to the class, and drop-ins are welcome, but to get the complete picture plan to come to the whole series. This is offered on a donation basis and runs from **10 January – 14 February**.

The staff has enjoyed a friendly group of regular locals who come to the weekly Thursday Guided Meditation, and everyone is welcoming and happy to meet new people who drop in to give it a try. Anyone can join – we meet at Havalona Pyramid on Driving Creek Rd. (behind the Café) every Thursday from 10:00-11:00am followed by socializing over coffee and tea at a local café with anyone who has time. No experience necessary, and it's on a donation basis.

The centre will have two residential retreats happening in the early part of January, so will be closed off and on to visitors until the 15th. Please check our calendar online to see if we are available for accommodation and offering daily morning meditation.

More exciting events continue in February, including courses on how to meditate, mindful photography, and how things exist. We will also have another 10-day vipassana meditation course in April. Join our email list to stay up-to-date, or find more information on our website.

We hope to see you soon at one of our events!

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**Mana Update**

By Penelope Carroll

**In Gratitude**

January, the "door"

to the New Year, takes its name from Janus, the Roman god of doors and entrances. Janus, with his two faces, could look back to the past and forwards to the future simultaneously. As we look back we feel gratitude for all the many years of sharing the vision of Mana Retreat and the beauty of this land; for the inspiration and nourishment we, and the thousands who have come to Mana on courses and retreats, have gained. We also feel immense gratitude for the many volunteers who have contributed their time and energy in so many ways; and for all of the friendliness, service and kindness we continue to receive from the local community and businesses. As we look forward, again we feel blessed and grateful to be the kaitiaki, the guardians of Mana, and inspired by the range of courses and retreats on offer for 2017.

The New Year is when we are most likely to make those resolutions about having a healthier lifestyle – taking better care of mind, body and soul. Mana, with its range of "taking better care of mind, body and soul" courses on offer throughout the year, its nutritious vegetarian food and the natural beauty and tranquility of its environment, is just the place to help put those resolutions into practice. January begins and ends with two such opportunities: Peter Grunwald's annual retreat – the Art of Seeing, Thinking and Moving (1-7 January); and our Summer Relaxation Weekend (27-29 January).

Quotes about "gratitude" abound. With such summer abundance in the garden to feel grateful for, I have chosen part of Michael Leunig's prayer In Praise of Tomatoes to share with you:

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

Here is a delicious, health-filled iced gazpacho soup recipe "in praise of tomatoes". This version requires no cooking, takes only minutes to prepare, and is perfect for a picnic lunch or as a refreshing start to a leisurely summer evening dinner.

**Iced gazpacho soup**

All you need is a liquidiser; 1 litre of tomato juice; 6 medium tomatoes and 1 capsicum (any colour), roughly chopped; 1 small cucumber, 1 medium red onion and 3 cloves of garlic, all peeled and chopped; 3tbsp of olive oil; juice of one lemon; pepper and salt to taste. Whizz everything around in the liquidiser, and chill. Enjoy!

Blessings on your New Year from the Mana trustees and staff.

**Scott Simpson – MP For Coromandel**

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

January is always a busy month here on the Peninsula. 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 best about the Coromandel. Many of those wonderful experiences are centred on our precious and very beautiful natural environment.

**New Leadership Team**

I'm really pleased Bill English is our new Prime Minister and I'm looking forward to working as closely with him as I did with John Key. Very few people have become Prime Minister with so much preparation and familiarity of the role and what it entails. Bill's been a regular visitor to the electorate and he'll be back again. He's got a down-to-earth Southern style mixed with a fierce intellect and a terrific sense of humour.

As Deputy Prime Minister, Paula Bennett represents the broad spectrum that is the modern National Party. She has handled the big positive changes to social welfare which have been so successful in reducing the number of people dependent on the social welfare treadmill and she has held big portfolios like Social Housing and Climate Change Issues. Needless to say she's got a wonderful bubbly personality combined with a determination to get things done.

**Thank you John Key**

Mr Key has been a good friend to our region and I hosted him on many occasions here over the years. It's been an absolute privilege to work with him and to serve in the National Party caucus he has led. I believe John Key is one of New Zealand's greatest leaders

**Improving Civil Defence**

The devastating earthquakes that hit central New Zealand late last year demonstrate that there were inconsistencies in the way warning messages and siren warnings were applied throughout the country, including in our own patch. I believe technology solutions can play a key role in protecting New Zealanders in times of national emergency and the government is considering all options. Like most things in life, there's no single magic bullet, because no technology is 100% failsafe and it's important to have a range of warning channels (e.g. TV/radio, social media, apps, sirens).

There was already work being done on a new public alerting system where cell phones could ring with a distinct sound, even if on silent mode. People wouldn't need to subscribe to the service to receive alerts; like an app, alerts would be automatically received in a local area. I like this concept and the sooner it is implemented, the better.



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## Coromandel Harbour Facilities Project Update

The proposal to expand the Sugarloaf Wharf by the Coromandel Marine Farmers Association (CoroMFA) is now progressing following conclusion of the zoning appeal by Waipapa Bay residents. Council is working collaboratively with the mussel industry on operational and compliance improvements to address health and safety issues and congestion at the Sugar Loaf Wharf. The signage has been replaced to provide clearer differentiation of user areas.

In late November, the Coromandel-Colville Community Board was updated on the revised design and Annual Plan submission

for the proposed new ramp and pontoon at an estimated cost of \$700K+.

The resource consent application by the Mussel Kitchen for a park and ride facility for Hannaford's Wharf has been approved subject to appeals.

The Expression of interest (EOI) for potential partners on the Inner Harbour concept closed on 31/10/16. We are now evaluating the 12 proposals and will update Council and stakeholders in February.

The wider Marine and Harbour Strategy is nearing completion and will be further informed by the outcomes of the EOI process.  
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## EASTER TRADING POLICY

The Bylaw is open for consultation from 16 December 2016 to 27 January 2017. To read the proposed changes and make a submission head to our website

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## New Year's Message from Mayor Sandra Goudie

Summer is a time for family, and whether you are at the bach or in a tent, waiting for the fishermen to bring home the fish or reading a book under a pohutukawa; this is definitely a great time to catch up with your loved ones.

Playing host to visitors wanting to share in our bounty, Coromandel Town and the northern beaches provide everything needed for the quintessential kiwi summer. Fairs and festivals and ratepayer meetings held in the area over this time provide a great opportunity for me to catch up with many of you here for the Christmas holidays.

Take the time to explore the scenic walks and hidden fishing spots the northern Coromandel has to offer, there is always something new to discover. That's the beauty of Coromandel-Colville and why we choose to celebrate this special time of year here – because we know it IS good for your soul!

So please look after your special place and what it has to offer – and in turn the Coromandel will look after you. When it comes to being looked after, please also take some time to think about the committed, professional people in paid or volunteers roles, working to keep you safe over summer. Along with the police and fire services, there are



organisations like St John, Surf Lifesaving NZ, Coastguard, our rural fire volunteers and our search and rescue teams are all on standby for those times when things go wrong.

Enjoy your time with us on the Coromandel, however long or short your visit may be. Smile, be happy and don't litter!

Have a Happy New Year,

Mayor Sandra

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UPDATE

### Coromandel Citizen Hall update

A project manager has been appointed to price the next stage of the works on the Hall and physical works are expected to start late February early March. These works are to include a refit of the kitchen and the interior of the main hall.



Hauraki Kaumatua Olympics being hosted in Coromandel at the Coromandel Citizens Hall.

### Coromandel Town Centre Design Project

A large number turned out for the public forum session last week. The informal public forum session was consulting on the Coromandel Town Centre Design Guidelines (Streetscape).

It is intended that the guidelines document will positively inform and influence Council, community organisations, businesses and private property owner decisions in relation to the town centre precinct development. The guidelines will be a useful resource for both existing community and potential developers intending to invest in the area.

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### Coromandel Area School

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First day back for students is **2 February**, 2017. Looking forward to an exciting year.



Thank you so much to all involved with the parade on Saturday. There were 30 groups/floats and some withdrew as the weather would have affected them. As it happens, we only just made it, weather wise!

#### Top Honours

#### Gurwinder Kaur – Top Student 2016

Not only did Gurwinder gain the Dux Honour at our school for her amazing academic record, she was also Dux of the online school we use for our students. There are students from all over New Zealand in this learning system. And ... but wait ... Gurwinder was also offered scholarships by Waikato and Otago Universities. We are delighted with Gurwinder's success and the kudos it brings back to Coromandel Area School.

#### Fundraisers

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#### Office 2017

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## Coromandel Youth Group

By Nadine Smith

Christmas Holiday programme for January at Hauraki House.

We will be open from **Wednesday 4**

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Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 11am-4pm.

Friday Night Social for 11 to 14 year olds 6-9pm.

Sunday 1pm-4pm.

**Monday 30 January** (Auckland Anniversary) 1pm-4pm.

Coromandel Youth Group is for children 5 years and over. For further enquires please pop in at Hauraki House or phone us (07) 866 7061.

A big thank you for funding from Lottery Waikato, Trust Waikato and The Bizarre Trust.

## Kiwi Can

"Kia Ora Tatou Katoa"

I hope you have all had a wonderful Christmas and an awesome New Year.

Our Kiwi Can team have been enjoying our break over the holidays and are now preparing to head to our Kiwi Can National training in Auckland. This is where all the Kiwi Can leaders and coordinators

from around the country come together for an intense four days of training. Nga mihi nui from the Kiwi Can team Marlene, Gemma, Jasmine, Emma, Jamie and Natalie.

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

The Coromandel Kiwi Can programme is managed by the Coromandel Independent Living Trust, officially sponsored by Sanford Ltd and supported by The Lion Foundation, Thames Community Board and Driving Creek Railway Ltd, CSSC (Colville Social Service Collective), DV Bryant Trust



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# Arts

## Coromandel Music Society – 1950's Rock 'n Roll and 1960's Pop

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The Rocking Roller-Coasters are a five piece band who are passionate about music from before their parents' era and who have the youthful energy and enthusiasm to make that music rock. The result is a vibrant dancing opportunity that spans every generation in the audience.

The Coromandel Music Society and the Mussel Kitchen have established a fine tradition with their outdoor summer concerts. The Rocking Roller-Coasters will take us back to the golden age of 1950's rock 'n roll and 1960's pop for yet another memorable event.

And this time, we're bringing even more to the mix. Gemma Loudon, a local singer, and a jazz trio from Whitianga will entertain you before the main act so there'll be something for everyone.

Call up your friends and make up a table or come by yourself and be welcomed by the regulars. Either way, make this one a night to remember.

Date: **Saturday 21 January 2017**. Gates open at 5pm. Music from 6pm. Venue: The Mussel Kitchen, corner SH25 and the 309 Rd, Coromandel

Tickets: Coromandel Information Centre ph (07) 866 8598, Eventfinda and gate sales. \$20 at the Information Centre until closing time on 13 January, or \$25 on Eventfinda, at the Information Centre from 14 January and at the gate. 12 years and under free.

## Coromandel Art Group

By Lindsay Nicholls

Best wishes to Val who is at home recovering from her recent operation. The club wishes you a speedy recovery.

Another great arty year 'twas had and a hearty Xmas party has been. We ate, laughed and was merry on our party day with lots of little pressies and food. We had several questions in a quiz form to keep us on our toes and heaps of crazy answers trying to get extra points. Thanks to Ross and Val for organizing that and to Tianna for being the Santa who checks up on everyone by asking if they have been good all year! I was worried for a few moments there Tianna, I hadn't been good enough for one of your presents. But you did give me one..Whew!

We are having our last few art days, Then we go into recess until we meet again in January, just before our annual exhibition which opens to the public on **20 January** at Hauraki House.

Free entry to all and open 10am-4pm daily until **5 February**.

Most paintings are for sale and there is also a club raffle to help run our club during the year.

Enjoy the colours of Xmas with your loved ones and friends. Stay safe and Merry Xmas to you all.

Our group project is finally ready for public viewing



## Pastel Artists Coromandel

By Christine Lunn

Our final meeting of the year was in the form of a pot luck lunch at Annette's place where we took the opportunity to reflect on how far we have moved in just eight months. After a very lazy few hours enjoying the company of members and partners, our thoughts turned to planning for next year. As well as the annual PANZ convention we will be holding several workshops where we will be inviting some of the leading pastel artists of New Zealand to come to Coromandel to demonstrate their techniques to us.

We are now in recess until early February. This will give all members the opportunity to catch up with family and friends over the holiday period and to re-charge their batteries for next year's full programme. From all pastel artists just the time to wish everyone a happy new year and successful 2017.

Pastel Artists of Coromandel meet Tuesday mornings 9am to 2pm at the Coromandel Aero Club rooms on Tiki Road.

Initial contact with Allan Beaver (07) 866 8053 or Christine Lunn on (07) 866 7220



Pastel Artists Coromandel at their Christmas Lunch. (several members could not make it on the day)

## Coromandel Artisans Exhibition...2017

Hauraki House, Coromandel Town. **9 January until 17 January**.

The Artisans Exhibition will show the work of some of the best known artists in New Zealand. Artists Michael Smither, Gian McGregor, Lindsay Garmson, Rod Macleod and Rebekah Pearson will be exhibiting with Ian Webster, Kim and Kevin Brett, Mary Lee, Bronwynne Cornish, Bev Thatcher, Mike Cogswell, Fiona Tunnicliffe, Mike Barton, Mike O'Donnell, Michelle Blake, Stuart Fyfe, Kay Ogilvie, Jan Koshian, Erica Lyons, Caitlin Moloney, Petra Meyboden, Ray Morley, Iain Crighton, Wailin Elliott, Paul Armstrong, and Doug Stewart.

There will be a mix and mingle on **Monday 9 January** from 5pm, with an opening at 6pm. Everyone is welcome, bring a friend.

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# Environmental

## CLAIM

By Lora Mountjoy

CLAIM is a local group committed to keeping the northern Coromandel safe from exploitation by the mining industry. During the past year we have seen both companies, which had set sights on our area withdraw their permits. But while there are currently no active permits for mining, prospecting or mineral exploration in our area, the toxic residue of historical mining has recently become an area of concern.

After Furey's Creek was dredged to provide boat access to the ramp, the material removed was tested for arsenic, which is a residue of gold mining. Before the results were available, the dredgings were deposited in a cleanfill site above our water supply intake. Because we were made aware of this by vigilant citizens, working with other environmental groups and individuals the TCDC has been held to account. Due to this pressure our water supply is now tested regularly and we are happy to say the arsenic levels are nowhere near the danger level. However it is important that this testing continues and especially important that in future, similar material is handled in a safe manner.

It is a long time since the last gold mine shut down here, but this incident is a reminder of the toxic nature of this unnecessary extractive industry. Over 80,000 hectares of our peninsula is currently covered by mining activity permits, including some within Schedule 4 areas. Karangahake, Whangamata and Mercury Bay communities are currently on the frontline. If you want to know more, or to join Coromandel Watchdog, the organisation which supports our local groups, go to [www.watchdog.org.nz](http://www.watchdog.org.nz) or check out their Facebook page.

We wish locals and visitors alike a happy and peaceful summer, enjoying our beautiful mountains, beaches and waters.

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## Moehau Environment Group

By Natalie Collicott



Just want to say a big thank you to all of our members, donors and volunteers who supported us in 2016. With your help we have achieved a lot for conservation. The MEG team wish you a merry Christmas and a relaxing summer.

### 2017 Summer Programme

Our 2017 Summer Programme is out now, with nature activities for the whole family. It runs throughout January, with events at Waikawau Bay, Coromandel Town, Port Charles, and everywhere in between. To find out what's on, visit [www.meg.org.nz/projects/summer-programme](http://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?

**Discover Great Mercury Island – 20 January** – Boat departs from Whitianga

A rare chance to enjoy this predator free paradise, home to white sandy beaches, refreshing waterfalls and friendly wildlife. Spot kaka, kakariki, gecko and other rare native species. Numbers are limited, so book quick.

**Meet A Gecko – 4 & 18 Jan – Driving Creek Railway**

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

**Up-Close Kiwi Encounter – 10 & 11 January – Port Charles**

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

**Ginger-Fest – 13 January Coromandel Town and 21 January Port Charles**

Join us on a ginger hunt to tackle this nasty invasive weed and learn about the threat it poses to native plants.

**Bounty Hunters 6 & 11 January – Driving Creek Railway**

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

**Junior Rangers – 5 January Waikawau Bay, 6 January Papa Aroha, 9 January Long Bay**

Become a bush detective and learn what lives at your local campground. Great fun for the kids.

**Nocturnal Walk – 6, 7, 13, 14 & 29 January – Waikawau Bay**  
 Engage all your senses with this after dark tour of nature.

**Kiwi Night Adventure – 4, 12, 17 & 29 January – Port Charles**

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

**Starlight Cinema – 3 and 9 January – 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 January – Little Bay**

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

**Rocky Shore Ramble – 13 January – Waikawau Bay**

Find out who's hiding in rockpools, holding onto boulders or sunbathing in the sand dunes.

**Teach Your Dog To Avoid Kiwi**

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. **7 January**, Te Mata, call (07) 867 9080 to book. **8 January**, Kuaotunu, call 021 716 514 to book. **12 January**, Waikawau Bay, call (07) 867 9080 to book. **14 January**, Tairua, call (07) 868 9912 to book.

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 contact Natalie Collicott, MEG Coordinator (07) 866 5337. Email: [natalie@meg.org.nz](mailto:natalie@meg.org.nz) or go to [www.meg.org.nz](http://www.meg.org.nz)

### Bush Bites

"The cicada are beginning to chirp and the bees are busy in the pohutukawa and rewarewa. Sounds of summer."

## When Aerial 1080 Comes to the Coromandel in 1994

Chronicled by John Veysey

### Part 1

In the autumn of 1994 we knew very little about 1080. One day two people, who said they were employees of DOC, came to our doorstep. They had come to inform us that DOC was intending to use 1080 up the road to kill possums. Did we have any objections?

Possums had devastated the orchard, eating every leaf from the youngest apricot trees, breaking branches and depriving us of any citrus the previous year. Why on earth would we object to you killing possums?

"Oh well," was the reply. "Some people say that 1080 will kill birds and it has killed birds in the past, but we are using much more modern techniques nowadays. Some people are even afraid that the water will become contaminated."

"Really?" Our ears pricked up. This stuff kills birds and it might contaminate the water. "Test samples show that the water is quite safe. 1080 dissolves easily in water and breaks down into fluoride and carbon dioxide."

"Oh?" We were wide awake by this time. Dogs can die from eating dead possums. There

is no antidote. No dogs in the poisoned area for half a year or more afterwards. The stream of information continued for more than an hour and all of it sounded frightening. Why were these women telling us this stuff? By the time they left we were thoroughly apprehensive and wondering what we were in for.

During the following weeks we tried to find out all we could about 1080. DOC held meetings informing local residents that a 1080 drop was proposed for the head of our valley, the Waiau valley. At the second of those meetings the regional conservator for DOC stated, "If residents were against the trial, then it would not go ahead."

When we heard this announcement we breathed a sigh of relief, as we now believed our destiny was in our own hands. By this time we had found out a lot more about 1080. Information had come from many different sources and most of it had been alarming. We listened to days of talkback radio. Callers who had lost dogs and farm animals talked about their horrendous experiences living near to poisoned areas and we learned of the inhumane death 1080 causes.

DOC pamphlets told us "naturally occurring 1080 found in Perth Australia was quite safe". The man-made 1080 chemical reacted very

differently to the "naturally occurring" 1080 and we could perceive that any comparison between the two was completely erroneous. The more DOC publications we read the easier it became to notice such misinformation. The sentences were carefully constructed, the words carefully chosen and the misleading seemed intentional. (10b)

A petition was signed by 24 of the 26 residents of the Waiau valley saying "No" to the 1080 trial and sent to the regional conservator. We assumed that would be the end of our worries only to learn some weeks later, to our mortification, the poison drop was going ahead despite Stella Penny's promise.

We had been lied to. The Environment Commissioner in her report on 1080 mentions the psychological effect upon a person unable to say "No" to a bulldozing government department. Now we understood what she was talking about. No matter to whom we wrote or spoke, nor how far up the chain of command they were, we could not make anyone see sense. There was no one to whom we could turn to for help. We could think of nothing else but the poison drop. Would we dare eat the watercress again, or the blackberries next summer?

*To be continued...*

## Upper Coromandel Branch of Forest and Bird

By Rex Croucher



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It was with great sadness that the Upper Coromandel Branch of Forest and Bird learnt of the death of their valued Committee Member, Pete Buddle. Pete had been a member for many years and was a very passionate conservationist, always willing to go beyond the call of duty to protect the special areas of the peninsula from pests destroying our flora and fauna.

Our Branch has been involved with pest eradication within Long Bay, Wyuna Bay and north to Papa Aroha. Pete Buddle was the man who worked, with others, in the Papa Aroha area. Our Branch owns a number of "Good Nature" self-loading traps which are available for use on private property. We invite interested landowners to contact Sue Wright at (07) 866 8039 if they wish to be part of our pest control programme.

The Branch has also been involved in efforts to contain kauri dieback on the peninsula. In particular, the Long Bay kauri track now has a boardwalk to protect the roots of the trees and a footpath at either end. We ask local people and their visitors to use these facilities as something they can do to preserve the fine stand of kauri rickers so close to the town.

Forest and Bird is a member of the harbour stakeholders group working to ensure that the integrity of the harbour ecosystem is paramount in any harbour development.

Another thing the Upper Coromandel Branch is doing is endeavouring to restore the salt marsh/wetland at McGregor Bay as it is an important habitat for marine species which contribute to the food chain for humans.

With these commitments the Branch is in need of support from existing and new members. We are in need of more members to join the management Committee and would appreciate expressions of interest from people who have conservation ideals at heart. Anyone who would like to help please contact Sue Wright at (07) 866 8039.

The branch wishes everyone a Happy New Year and a pest free 2017.

### Finding out about 1080

Recently a book called *Protecting Paradise* by Dave Hansford was published which analyses scientific claims about 1080.

To read a review of the book go to the following web pages:

[http://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c\\_id=1&objectid=11734355](http://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=11734355)

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# Sport

## Coromandel Golf Club

By Peter Gray

The AGM was held on Saturday 3 December with 26 members in attendance. The current committee was re-elected except for the ladies' Club Captain, with Glenise Robertson taking over from Sue Davies. Sue decided to step down after three valuable years in the role.

The club committee is: President – Ed Buckett, Treasurer – David Lunn, Secretary – Peter Gray, Men's Club Captain – Jim Davis, Ladies' Club Captain – Glenise Robertson, Ladies' Secretary – Philippa Medlock. The meeting passed a motion to increase annual fees to \$425 (full list of membership available on website) and an increase in green fees to \$25. The Eagles Salver – combined mixed stableford – played on the AGM day was won by the pairing of Glenise Robertson and Kevin O'Keefe in a count-back from Marilyn McKenzie and Allan Beaver, followed by Sue Davies and Peter Gray.

The Tom Daniels Shoot Out had Ross Mudgway as "last man standing" winning from Ed Buckett and Les O'Leary.

The Laurie Olliff Trophy – decide on the best six stableford scores on the monthly meat pack day, was won by Mark Burcombe. The final meat pack day saw Ron "Cecil" Brooking take home the Big BBQ Tray with 44pts from Kevin O'Keefe 41, and Robin Attwood 40.

Wednesday 7 December Scramble had some "Burglars" with seven players recording 40+ points. Bruce Fitzpatrick was greeted with the usual rousing reception from the Club Room floor (not) when he posted up his score of 46 pts, followed by Ed Buckett 43, Wayne Robertson and Ron Evans 42, Allan Beaver and Malcolm Stone 41. Robin Attwood must be wondering what he has to do to win a ball with his 40 pts not warranting a ball. It must have been Bruce's new hair cut – at least he has some hair to cut!

Reminder to all members and golfers – The Coromandel Hotel (Top Pub) Mixed Open will held on **Saturday 7 January**, 11.00 tee. Great day, heaps of prizes, catered event.

NB – If you are considering joining the Golf Club, now is the time as you will get a full year with your membership as it runs for the period AGM to AGM. Remember if you are seriously considering joining, the Club will give you five free rounds while you are considering. If you have not been a NZ Golf Club member previously it is only \$210 for a first time member.

### Reminder

**Saturday 7 January** – Coromandel Hotel (Top Pub) – Mixed Open 11.00am start (c)

**Saturday 4 February** – Maori Tournament

## Coromandel Croquet Club

By Kaye Anderson

The cake worked! Our numbers have increased so we look forward to new challenges over the summer.

One of our members recently broke her leg and is in hospital at the time of writing. We wish her a speedy recovery and a return to croquet in the near future.

If you would like to join us, phone Kaye on (07) 866 8968, or just come along on a Tuesday or Saturday at 9.45am for a 10am start. The Croquet Club is in Woollams Avenue next to the Bowling Club

## 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 of our visitors to 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), sit back and enjoy the company at pool complex. Our morning swimming is going well with many taking up the challenge of swimming the equivalent distance to Waiheke Island or Great Barrier and back. A couple have made it to Waiheke (23km) and are well on their way home. 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

Our learn to swim classes which start on **6 January** are currently full, but you can register your name for a cancellation spot. These classes will run over a 2-week period for four lessons per week and will be held in the mornings between the hours of 9am and 12pm; cost \$60 for 8 lessons. You can also register for the February lessons, but get in fast as spaces will be limited again and are in high demand.

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 phone (07) 866 7660 or Debra mobile 027 348 2400; Michelle mobile 027 919 5129.

### Lifeguards and learn to swim instructors required

We are looking to increase our pool of lifeguards and learn to swim instructors so if you are interested in either call in and talk to Debra.

### Pool Hours until 2 February 2017

Mornings: Monday to Saturday 6-8am

Daily: 12-5pm

Keltic Fair day opening hours 10am-7pm

Entry Costs: Adults \$4, students and seniors \$3, preschoolers 0-5yrs \$1, spectators \$1.

Concession cards are available as well. Call in to 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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## BOWLING CLUB NEWS

The Twilight Bowls competition again was a huge success with teams representing The Four Square, James and Turner, Richardsons Real Estate, the RSA, Roses and Violets, Maddie's team, the Star and Garter, the Budget Service, Village NDY and the No Hoppers. We thank all those people who made the event so enjoyable and which introduced new players to the game of bowls. The winning competition team was the RSA entrant, and the best dressed team on finals night was the Star and Garter – get your teams ready for a four week Twilight competition in February, when I am sure all corners will come out fighting!

The more serious club championships are almost completed, culminating in some amazing games between our under 8 years men and women's teams. Christine Lunn is the women's under 8 years champ in her first year of bowls. The men's champ triples team are Graeme Goss, David Weatherley and Peter Herbert (who is also the men's under 8 years champ). The women's champ triples team was skipped by Lindsay Nicholls (who is also the women's singles champion), Dolly Welch and Dianne Burton. All winners now go through to represent our Club at Thames Valley Bowls level, so good luck and more great bowling.

President Linda Wright and myself recently attended the NZ Bowls Conference in Christchurch, which was very successful and was a great opportunity to meet bowlers from all over the country. We heard speeches from the Australian and British Bowls federations as to the state of the game in their countries and we were delighted by the confidence shown in the future of bowls throughout the world. Over 30 countries took part in the World Bowls competition which began a couple of days after the Conference and many of the competitors were under the age of 30. The main theme of the Conference was the importance of social bowls and community involvement, so I guess Coromandel is right up there in that regard.

We hope that everyone had a happy Christmas, and we look forward to welcoming our members and visitors to the Club over the summer. Let's hope that 2017 is a happy and positive year for everyone.



The best dressed team winner on Twilight Bowls final night from the Star and Garter

## RSA NEWS



### Ian Ashley Franklyn

Sadly the RSA has lost our popular President Ian Ashley Franklyn who passed away on 18 November 2016.

Ian was President of the RSA for eight years, and we will miss his knowledge and advice on Protocols, and RSA Matters.

Ian Served with the NZ Navy during the Malaysian Conflict and the Indonesian Confrontation.

After Ian's service with the Navy he joined the Police Force where he rose to the rank of Senior Constable.

Ian helped with the amalgamation of RSA and Bowling Club to form The Combined Clubs of Coromandel of which he was Vice President and Committee Member.

He will be greatly missed by both Clubs, and others. He will be remembered by many of us as a friend and adviser.

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.

**Contacts: Maureen Kimber 866 8282 (Bowls) or Kevin Stone (Stoney) 866 7576 (RSA)**

# Sport continued

## Coromandel Rugby Club

By Justin Kerrison (Hummer), club president

Summer is here, meaning the end to winter and a successful rugby season for Coromandel Rugby Club as the boys walked away from finals day as senior A reserve champions and all of our junior grades, which all made semi-finals and finals for all grades resulting in the under-13 becoming champions for their grade. I'd like to take the chance to thank everyone who has supported the club, both senior and junior grades, and to our sponsors which helps keep our club going. As many of you are aware, there is a touch module running through summer and with great success. Big thanks to princess and her team for the work that is involved in running the competition. The club's AGM will be held on **12 February** and all are welcome.

Last thing: Kelvin and his family, as many of you know, will be leaving our town to chase some new ventures. It's a big loss and we thank him for what he has done and the time he has put into the club and the town. So have a good Christmas and new year and see you all next year.

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**Coromandel Town weekly and monthly meetings****Every Monday**

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  
Scouts and Cubs, Scout Den, Hauraki House,  
Abby Morgan (07) 211 9790 ..... 3.30pm  
Coro Gym – Kick fit with Christajo, 155 Pottery Lane,  
021 033 9329 ..... 5.30-6.30pm  
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  
Pastel Artists Coromandel,  
Coromandel Aero Club Rooms (07) 866 7220 ..... 9am-mid day  
Colville Bay Pre-School, rear Colville School, cr  
(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, Kaye (07) 866 8968 ..... 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  
Ambulance training, Felix (07) 866 8279 ..... 7-9pm  
Coro Motorcycle Club, Star & Garter,  
John (07) 866 6776 ..... 7-9pm

**Every Wednesday**

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  
Colville Bay Pre-School, rear Colville School,  
(07) 866 8319 ..... 9am-3pm  
Colville Social Services Collective, Colville Hall,  
(07) 866 6920 ..... 9am-3pm  
Kohanga Reo o Kapanga, (07) 866 8417 ..... 9am-3pm  
Coro Gym – Sit and be fit, Peg (07) 866 8635 ..... 9.30am  
Coro Gym – Fitness & Fun, Judy (07) 866 8637 ..... 10.30am  
Coromandel Golf Club – men's, Hauraki Rd,  
Peter (07) 866 7633 ..... tee off 12.30pm  
Scrabble Club, Joan for venue on (07) 866 7580 ..... 1pm  
Coro Tennis Club – club night, Gayle (07) 866 8063 ..... 4pm  
Wing Chun Kung Fu- Hong Kong Style,  
Chi Sau Club 027 283 0773 ..... 4.30-8.30pm  
Running Group, meet at rugby club grounds.  
Mark 027 338 6697 or (07) 866 7660 ..... 5-6.15pm  
Coro Gym – Pump with Betty, (07) 866 8635 ..... 5.30-6.30pm  
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 Andrew's Church,  
Val (07) 866 8911 ..... 9am-12pm  
Colville Bay Pre-School, rear Colville School,  
(07) 866 8319 ..... 9am-3pm  
Kohanga Reo o Kapanga, (07) 866 8417 ..... 9am-3pm  
Guided Meditation at Havalona Pyramid ..... 10am  
Tai Ji, Top Floor, Waikato Events Centre,  
Sol (07) 866 8971 ..... 10-11am  
Guided meditations at the Havalona Pyramid ..... 10-11am  
Coro Gym – Fitness & Fun, Judy (07) 866 8637 ..... 10.30am  
Coro Gym – Ukulele group practice for beginners,  
Peg (07) 866 8635 .....  
Croquet, Woollams Ave, Kaye (07) 866 8968 ..... 12.30pm

Coro Community Garden, Glover St,  
Tai 022 601 7081 ..... 2-4pm  
Coro Gym – Kick fit with Christajo, 021 033 9329 ..... 5.30-6.30pm

**Every Friday**

Coro Gym – step/aerobics, Peg (07) 866 8635 ..... 8-9am  
Colville Bay Pre-School, rear Colville School,  
(07) 866 8319 ..... 9am-3pm  
Mahamudra Centre, guided meditation in gompas ..... 8.30-9am  
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  
Coromandel RSA, Woollams Ave, Ian (07) 866 7138 ..... 3.30pm  
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, Kaye (07) 866 8968 ..... 9.45am  
Coromandel Golf Club-club play, Hauraki Rd,  
Peter (07) 866 7633 ..... tee off 12.30pm  
Coromandel RSA, Woollams Ave, Ian (07) 866 7138 ..... 2pm  
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 ..... 8.30-9am  
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**

RSA Women's Section Coromandel, Loes (07) 866 8053 .....

**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** – 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;  
Pres. Nigel Strongman (07) 866 8045 ..... 6pm

**2nd Wed** – Garden Circle, ph Julie Jensen for venue,  
(07) 866 7546 ..... 1pm

**3rd Wed** – Herb Federation NZ.  
Contact Ann Kerr-Bell 021 046 1647 ..... 9.30 to 11am

**3rd Wed** – Lions Business Meeting, Ambulance Rooms;  
Pres. Nigel Strongman (07) 866 8045 ..... 7pm

**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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## Calendar of events

### Coromandel Town

# January 2017

MON	TUE
2 Public Holiday  Keltic Fair at Coromandel Area School Grounds  Live music from midday at Admirals Arms (see ad pg 7)	3 Public Holiday  MEG Family Fun Run at Little Bay and Starlight Cinema at Waikawau Bay (see pg 30)
High tide 10.51am (2.8m), 11.07pm (2.7m) Low tide 4.28am (0.4m), 4.55pm (0.5m)	High tide 11.33am (2.8m), 11.50pm (2.7m) Low tide 5.07am (0.4m), 5.40pm (0.4m)
9 Coromandel Artisans Exhibition starts at Hauraki House (see pg 29)  MEG Junior Rangers at Long Bay and MEG Starlight Cinema at Waikawau Bay (see pg 30)	10 Up-Close Kiwi Encounter with MEG at Port Charles (see pg 30)  Discovering Buddhism every Tuesday till 14 Feb at Anglican Church Hall (see pg 25)
High tide 4.28am (2.7m), 4.54pm (2.7m) Low tide 10.39am (0.6m), 11.09pm (0.3m)	High tide 5.33am (2.8m), 5.56pm (2.8m) Low tide 11.41am (0.5m)
16  CHRONICLE DEADLINE - 4pm - February issue content	17 Coromandel Artisans Exhibition ends at Hauraki House (see pg 29)  MEG Kiwi Night Adventure in Port Charles (see pg 30)
High tide 10.53am (3.1m), 11.19pm (2.9m) Low tide 4.30am (0.1m), 5.03pm (0.3m)	High tide 11.40am (3.0m) Low tide 5.16am (0.3m), 5.51pm (0.4m)
23	24
High tide 4.20am (2.4m), 4.29pm (2.4m) Low tide 10.24am (0.9m), 10.50pm (0.8m)	High tide 5.16am (2.4m), 5.23pm (2.4m) Low tide 11.18am (0.9m), 11.43pm (0.8m)
30  Auckland Anniversary Day Australia V Black Caps on TV at Admirals Arms (see ad pg 7)	31  High tide 10.28am (2.9m), 10.46pm (2.8m) Low tide 4.04am (0.3m), 4.33pm (0.4m)

WED
4  MEG Meet A Gecko at Driving Creek and Kiwi Night Adventure in Port Charles (see pg 30)
High tide 12.18pm (2.8m) Low tide 5.51am (0.4m), 6.26pm (0.4m)
5  MEG Junior Rangers at Waikawau Bay (see pg 30)
High tide 12.36am (2.6m), 1.06pm (2.8m) Low tide 6.38am (0.5m), 7.15pm (0.4m)
6 Coro Homegrown Community Market 8.30am-1pm MEG Bounty Hunters at Driving Creek, Junior Rangers at Papa Aroha and Nocturnal Walk at Waikawau Bay (see pg 30) Karaoke at Admirals Arms (see ad pg 7)
High tide 1.26am (2.6m), 1.57pm (2.7m) Low tide 7.32am (0.5m), 8.08pm (0.4m)
7 The Coromandel Hotel (Top Pub) Mixed Open at Coromandel Golf Club (see pg 32)  MEG Nocturnal Walk at Waikawau Bay and Teach Your Dog To Avoid Kiwi at Te Mata (see pg 30)
High tide 2.21am (2.6m), 2.53pm (2.7m) Low tide 8.31am (0.6m), 9.06pm (0.4m)
8  Teach Your Dog To Avoid Kiwi at Kuaotunu (see pg 30)
High tide 3.23am (2.6m), 3.52pm (2.7m) Low tide 9.35am (0.6m), 10.07pm (0.4m)
11  MEG - Up-Close Kiwi Encounter at Port Charles and Bounty Hunters at Driving Creek (see pg 30)
High tide 6.34am (2.9m), 6.57pm (2.9m) Low tide 12.09am (0.2m), 12.40pm (0.4m)
12  MEG Kiwi Night Adventure in Port Charles and Teach Your Dog To Avoid Kiwi at Waikawau Bay (see pg 30)
High tide 7.31am (3.0m), 7.55pm (2.9m) Low tide 1.07am (0.2m), 1.37pm (0.3m)
13 Coro Homegrown Community Market 8.30am-1pm MEG Ginger-Fest in Coromandel Town, Nocturnal Walk at Waikawau Bay and Rocky Shore Ramble at Waikawau Bay (see pg 30)
High tide 8.24am (3.1m), 8.50pm (3.0m) Low tide 2.02am (0.1m), 2.31pm (0.2m)
14  MEG Nocturnal Walk at Waikawau Bay (see pg 30)
High tide 9.16am (3.1m), 9.42pm (3.0m) Low tide 2.53am (0.1m), 3.24pm (0.2m)
15  High tide 10.05am (3.1m), 10.31pm (3.0m) Low tide 3.42am (0.1m), 4.14pm (0.2m)
17 Coromandel Artisans Exhibition ends at Hauraki House (see pg 29)  MEG Kiwi Night Adventure in Port Charles (see pg 30)
High tide 11.40am (3.0m) Low tide 5.16am (0.3m), 5.51pm (0.4m)
18  Meet A Gecko with MEG at Driving Creek (see pg 30)
High tide 12.05am (2.8m), 12.26pm (2.8m) Low tide 6.03am (0.4m), 6.37pm (0.5m)
19  High tide 12.51am (2.7m), 1.12pm (2.7m) Low tide 6.50am (0.6m), 7.23pm (0.6m)
20 Compassion for Self and Others starts at Mahamudra Centre (see pg 25) Community Market 8.30am-1pm Coromandel Art Group annual exhibition starts (see pg 29) Discover Great Mercury Island with MEG (see pg 30)
High tide 1.39am (2.5m), 1.58pm (2.6m) Low tide 7.38am (0.7m), 8.11pm (0.7m)
21 Ginger-Fest with MEG at Port Charles (see pg 30)  Coromandel Music Society - Rocking Roller-Coasters (see pg 29)
High tide 2.29am (2.4m), 2.46pm (2.5m) Low tide 8.32am (0.8m), 9.02pm (0.7m)
22  High tide 3.23am (2.4m), 3.37pm (2.4m) Low tide 9.28am (0.9m), 9.55pm (0.8m)
23  High tide 4.20am (2.4m), 4.29pm (2.4m) Low tide 10.24am (0.9m), 10.50pm (0.8m)
24  High tide 5.16am (2.4m), 5.23pm (2.4m) Low tide 11.18am (0.9m), 11.43pm (0.8m)
25  High tide 6.09am (2.4m), 6.16pm (2.4m) Low tide 12.09pm (0.8m)
26  High tide 6.57am (2.5m), 7.06pm (2.4m) Low tide 12.33am (0.7m), 12.55pm (0.8m)
27 Homegrown Community Market 8.30am-1pm Summer Relaxation Weekend starts at Mana (see pg 26) Working with Anger starts at Mahamudra Centre (see pg 25) Karaoke at Admirals Arms (pg 7)
High tide 7.41am (2.6m), 7.52pm (2.5m) Low tide 1.18am (0.6m), 1.39pm (0.7m)
28  Barry Brickell Memorial Day (see pg 11)
High tide 8.23am (2.7m), 8.37pm (2.6m) Low tide 2.01am (0.5m), 2.23pm (0.6m)
29  MEG Nocturnal Walk at Waikawau Bay and Kiwi Night Adventure in Port Charles (see pg 30)
High tide 9.04am (2.8m), 9.20pm (2.7m) Low tide 2.42am (0.4m), 3.06pm (0.5m)

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FEBRUARY

Wednesday 1 - Te Rerenga School term 1 starts  
Thursday 2 - Coromandel Area School term 1 starts  
Sat 4 - Waitangi Workshops, Colville  
Sun 5 - Last Day Coromandel Art Group Exhibition (see pg 29)  
Sat 4-Mon 6 - Sharon Whittle art exhibition (see ad pg 17)

UPCOMING MONTHS

KEY

New moon

Full moon

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

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New Year's Day  
Art of Seeing, Thinking and Moving starts at Mana (see pg 26)  
Watch the Eilersie Racecat Admirals Arms (see ad pg 7)

High tide 10.10am (2.8m), 10.25pm (2.6m)  
Low tide 3.47am (0.4m), 4.13pm (0.5m)