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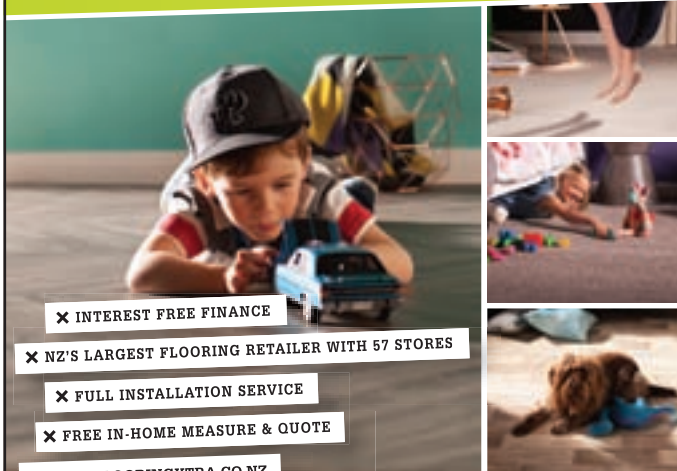
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Editor's comment

This is now the 12th issue I have been able to print with some pages in colour. When I started the colour in February 2017 issue I wasn't sure if I was going to be able to print colour every month, but thanks to advertisers getting on board it has been made possible. Thanks for all your encouragement.

Welcome to all visitors. I hope you enjoy reading the Chronicle and seeing all the things that are going on in our piece of paradise.

Check out the calendar of events on page 34 for what is happening in January.

Debbie

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Letters

Laughter

Dear Debbie,

Once again a big thank you for your superb magazine. Not only for it, but all the work that goes behind its production.

One of the items that interested me was the one on laughter and the effect it has on people and their health. It seems to me that to the group it is a new thing.

Thousands of years ago the prophets of the Holy Bible knew all about this and it has been kept for us all to know. It is to be found in the book of Proverbs Chapter 17 Verse 22. "A Merry Heart doeth good like a medicine... but a sad spirit dryeth the bones."

That about sums it all up, don't you think?

Sincerely,

Beryl van Donk, Coromandel Town

Coromandel Harbour Marina Berths - Expressions of Interest

Dear editor,

This is my response to TCDC's mishandling of the Coromandel Harbour Development.

To Jaqui Thorby – TCDC

cc Rob Williams, Sandra Goudie and Tony Brljevic – TCDC; Scott Simpson MP; Vaughan Payne and Suzanne O'Rourke – Waikato Regional Council; ; Keith Stephenson, Jan Autumn, John Walker, Peter Pritchard – Coromandel-Colville Community Board; Christine Petrie – Coromandel Business Association

I am dismayed at the approach TCDC are taking on this matter.

TCDC should not be involved in any way with development of any marina facilities in Coromandel Harbour, or anywhere else for that matter.

Council must stick to its core business – not wasting money on commercial developments that will be done by the private sector in the final analysis.

Your role is to get support from Central Government and WRC to provide funding for the Furey's Creek channel dredging and processing of any necessary consents, zoning, etc.

Please dedicate your time and budget to achieving the very first step that must happen – i.e., get the ferry channel into downtown Coromandel.

This is the catalyst that will kickstart further marina/marine facilities development.

No private developer will invest in a marina unless a 24-hour, all-tide ferry service that delivers passengers into downtown Coromandel is guaranteed as the starting point.

We all know that Hannafords Wharf is a disaster – a major health and safety issue that Council are complicit with.

The "Park and Ride" fiasco has been proved to be just that – now postponed (till when ?).

Sugarloaf commercial development is a mess. Charter Fishers group are up in arms over Hannafords parking/turnaround proposal. The two proposals for Jack's Point boat ramp upgrade are on hold. TCDC have been instructed by WRC to comply with various Resource Consent conditions that it has breached.

It is clear to everybody but the staff at TCDC, that Jack's Point/Furey's Creek/Patukirikiri reserve is the obvious location for the harbour development.

Please stop this waste of ratepayers' money – wake up and join the real world where the rest of us live and work!

Regards,

Paul Barlow, Coromandel Town

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Plastic-Bag-Free Coromandel Town

By Kate James

What a great couple of months we have had. Our group has grown as more awesome people join the effort to help inspire Coromandel Town businesses, locals and visitors to use fewer plastic shopping bags and to move towards reusable alternatives.

If you are wondering what all this fuss is about a few plastic bags, here is a bit of information to explain why we think it's a good idea to say "no" to plastic bags. Did you know that New Zealanders take home around 1.29 billion plastic shopping bags every year? That's five bags per week for every person in New Zealand! And we don't keep them; 40,000 plastic bags are dumped in landfills every hour in New Zealand. That's just a crazy amount of waste.

All the plastic bags that are thrown away, do not just disappear. Most commonly the bags break down into smaller and smaller pieces of plastic which can contaminate our environment for hundreds, if not thousands, of years. And because plastic bags are so easily blown around, including out of landfill sites, they often end up littering our land, clogging our waterways and entering the marine environment. This is where things get even worse. Plastic bags are lethal when they reach the ocean. Countless marine animals, including birds, whales, seals and turtles, have been killed or harmed by plastic bags because they mistake them for food, like jellyfish, and eat them.

But don't despair, take action. Plastic-bag-free Coromandel Town is here to help. We want to make it easier to say "no" to plastic bags. We have regular events where we get together and make reusable fabric bags. These are upcycled from donated fabric



to make the perfect, and very attractive, alternative to plastic shopping bags. We have been stamping our bags with our beautiful logo created for us by DipDesign. The logo stamp was very kindly funded by Bank of New Zealand.

At the Coromandel Community Market on 8 December we held our campaign launch where we sold over 120 fabric bags (for just a koha or donation). We had a brilliant day talking to people about what we are doing and sending the bags out into the community. If every bag we sold that day is used in place of a plastic shopping bag for one year, that could help stop up to 31,200 plastic bags from being used! And this is just the beginning.

We will continue making fabric bags as fast as we can. We are also working on more ways to help reduce our use of plastic bags in Coromandel Town. Thanks to the generosity of the people from Driving Creek Railway, we have funding to buy 100 fabric bags to provide to the community. So, keep an eye out for those.

If you like the sound of a plastic-bag-free Coromandel Town, we would love to

hear from you. Follow us on Facebook (search for Plastic-Bag-Free Coromandel Town), like, share, ask questions, make suggestions, and keep up with our progress and events. If you have any unwanted fabric, old curtains, duvet covers or the like, we can make it into bags. Donations of fabric can be left at Carolyn's Clothing and Haberdashery, 18 Kapanga Road. There are lots of ways you can help if you are keen to get involved. We would also love to hear from any businesses who may like our help to move away from using plastic bags or are interested in sponsoring fabric bags.

If you're not keen on Facebook please email info@jacarandalodge.co.nz for more information.

Thank you for your support, Coromandel Town!



Lions News

By Lion Lyn

Apologies for last month's article – I know it was sent – but don't know where it went! So here are some of those details.

Labour Weekend was a great weekend for our fundraising, selling out of mussel fritters, real sausages from our local butcher, our firewood raffle and raising over \$2,000 for Westpac Helicopter, all from donations. What a generous community we all are! Thank you very, very much.

After the fine weekend, we were back to rain and what do Lions do when they can't work? They go to Colville and "plant a seat" as the photo in last Chronicle showed. Thanks to Lion Rick and David – that's true dedication and won David the "Lion Rock" again!

Another firewood raffle has also been run and will endeavour to get names of winners for next time. If you wish to order firewood or want to know more about Lions – ring numbers at bottom of article or come and talk to us – we run a weekly raffle on Friday nights at the "Top Pub" around 5pm. Thanks again to Stan and Julianne for allowing us to do so – cheers.

The "Chillie Burger" challenge was on! Although Lions did not win, we did get the benefit of the donations! Thanks to all who were there to join in the fun. Remember that the donations made to Lions get put back into our local community, so we all benefit!

Looking ahead to next year – we will again be at the Keltic Fair with our fritters and local butchers sausages, then again at the Seafood Festival, then onto the festival at Matarangi. Dates and times will hopefully be in the next Chronicle. They will be our main fundraisers but you never know what else may come up in the near future. So for now – look out for each other over the holiday season, and be kind to strangers! They could become your next best friend!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from Coromandel Lions.

Contact President Jean 021 208 7576, firewood (07) 866 7722



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Coromandel Flying Club

By Karen McMillan

On 10 December, Neville Cameron, the President of the Coromandel Flying Club Society Limited (CFC), opened the 40th Annual General Meeting at the Clubrooms welcoming current, past and future members. It was a great turnout with a true Coromandel Pot Luck dinner of all delicacies with enough to feed an Airforce.

The Club was established 40 years ago, by a group of enthusiasts in Coromandel, with a vision to start up a flying club, thus in turn opening up many avenues benefitting the newly established club and the local community. Those people were the late Chas



Watters, Derek Barnsley, Jo McNeil, John Rabarts and Bob Bright.

Within a short time the small club began to grow. The first clubroom was built on Ian Ross's 309 property, recruiting more visionaries that made it possible to purchase the land from Kim Denize by offering shares to our club members and within the local community.

To establish and help grow the CFC with a future income, a hangar, then clubroom, was built. It was funded by members and the

Lotteries Foundation, proving to be successful through to today.

For many years now the Club has been able and continues to help many groups/organisations with the use of the clubrooms and airfield, such as the Coromandel Lions Club, Pastel Group, Skipper Licensing, NZ Police, Westpac Rescue, St John and sponsoring the Young Eagles.

The CFC is managed by an executive team of seven and are always happy to discuss options if you are considering learning to fly, thinking of joining our vibrant club as a social member, or needing a venue.

Contacts: Neville Cameron 027 494 1181 (President), Karen McMillan 027 290 8171 (Secretary)

Coromandel Contract Bridge Club

By Judy Bronlund

Happy holidays to all. We will be resuming play at the St John rooms at the end of the month.

Monday 29

January, the end of our long weekend, will see us back playing bridge. New members and visitors are welcome to join us.

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



Two of the founding members Derek Barnsley and Jo McNeil cutting the cake (John Rabarts not present)

Tai Chi in Coromandel

By Don Hughes

Ever thought of trying Tai Chi to improve your flexibility, balance and general wellbeing? A very small group of us has kept up the practice, being convinced of the benefits and ever hopeful of new members to enrich the social context of our meetings.

Now, however, we may be at the point of folding our tents and disappearing into the night! Before that happens, if you would like to learn more about Tai Chi, come along to the Waikato Events room above the swimming pool at 10am on **Thursday 25 January** or you can phone Don at (07) 866 8885.

Barry Brickell Dooday

HAURAKI HOUSE GROUNDS

Saturday 6th January 2018 · 10am to 4pm

A mini art festival to celebrate the memory of Barry Brickell the artist. The day will feature displays and pottery workshops where visitors can have a hands - on experience. Other artists will be demonstrating painting, book making, screen printing etc.

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Farewell to a friend

By Benjamin Rudolph

Dear Graham Steel,

Your untimely passing weighs heavy on all of our hearts. Getting to know you over these last twelve months or so was a wonderful experience and I'm pleased to have had the opportunity to call you a friend. Your capacity for giving without asking for anything in return was endless and your heart massive and wise. I always looked forward to seeing you at work and to know that I have already experienced this for the last time saddens me. I'm eternally grateful for having spent so much time with you and the wonderful stories of your life and adventures you shared. You truly are a beautiful soul and you will be sorely missed. Take care out there my friend.

Aroha nui.

Coromandel Garden Circle

By Jenny Penman

As I write this month's article, the Garden Circle is busy preparing for those last few social events before our minds and hands turn to Xmas celebrations and finally some much anticipated feet-up time. A few months ago we were thinking our ground would never dry out and now already we are eagerly awaiting some rain. It's not easy being a gardener!

Garden Circle members will be in full swing in the next couple of days preparing our float entry in this year's Santa Parade. The 70s theme has got some members' memories and enthusiasm into overdrive. A cheerful team will again work hard at producing basketfuls of tussie mussels to be handed out along the parade route. The delighted smiles from recipients is all the encouragement needed to keep this tradition alive.

Our last meeting for the year is our Xmas Lunch get together. This year we will be high on a hill property overlooking our beautiful Coromandel, indulging in much fine food and chatter. Our challenges for this meeting are a "Jingle Bells" inspired flower arrangement and a display of red vegetables and fruits from our gardens. At this meeting, though, everyone will be a winner with Xmas gifts for all.

Our programme begins again in 2018 (one week later than usual to allow for members to recover from visiting family) on **17 January**. We will start the year with a trip down the coast taking in Rapaura Water Gardens and then onto Peppertree Gardens for a picnic lunch.

Our programme for the year includes talks, demonstrations and day trips to places of interest and events. We meet the second Wednesday of the month, usually at 1:00pm. For more information please contact Jane Warren (07) 866 8927 or 021 232 2905

Animal Rescue Thames

By Alice & John Parris & Neeva

Firstly thank mews to everyone who has donated cat and kitten food, biscuits, tinned sachets, bedding and items for our garage sale. We are truly grateful to everyone. Also to a lovely "Secret Santa" who sent a gorgeous card with a tabby and a ginger white kitten with a financial

blessing in it. Thank mew from the rescue cats; certainly a lovely surprise.

Fundraising – Update for the garage sale will be in February's report.

Christmas for the cats – roast chicken all 'round. We always fund this from our Xmas garage sale to ensure for the cats it is not simply another day – funds permitting there will be Jimbo's meat. Christmas toys: we will make some pompoms for the cats to harass and attack. The toys for cats help them while away the hours whilst waiting for that somewhat elusive furrever home they so desire.

Currently the unit is still running as is with the older felines only – we have had no kittens this season which in 17-plus years is actually a first. Seems totally odd but we no longer have the farm, there are no cats out there anymore I was told, and kittens we have previously had from Maramarua, which were gorgeous, we never heard back from the lady in March 2016 of two litters so we go into a first for rescue to go into Christmas with no kittens; strange, totally strange. There are kittens around and other rescue groups have them in care, so we just carry on as we are with what we have for now. No one can predict the seasons of what we get or colours so we just go with it all and accept what is – we have a dozen of the finest older felines still seeking forever rural homes, quietly loving homes that will allow these felines all over the 12-month age to settle in and adjust to a new lifestyle. They will settle in and adjust given time to do so and become amazing furrever friends and an asset in your home. Mouse patrollers, loveable lappies, potential purrluss with these cats!

Mew Year – we wish everyone the very best for 2018. For rescue, the second week sees rescue go onto hold due to her indoors going into Waikato hospital for surgery. We do not know how the ablation therapy will go and the body's reaction to this, but it is the only option at this point for the renal carcinoma (catsinoma the cats are calling it). For those who don't know what this is – it is kidney cancer, thankfully not huge and more grateful it's stable – so the unit will continue for January will be held as is where is – and the rescue unit will continue on from there as we always do. Our mission of compassion for the felines will remain totally unchanged!

Wanted – donations of items for the garage sale, tinned/sachets/biscuits for the rescue felines (one can help the rescue felines – and can be dropped into our bin at Pak'n Save Thames). Christmas gifties/toys for their Kittyxmas also appreciated by them.

Happy Mew Year to all.


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Illume

By Daniel Smith

Thanks to everyone that came by our illumination workshop. We have some wonderful new lanterns thanks to contributions from the community. We had a great cross section of Coromandel come through, from preschoolers to senior citizens. And we even had a couple of French tourists drop by to build a lantern!

There will be more regular workshops beginning again in February, so stay tuned for news about those. We also have a range of art grants available to those talented artists among the community who would like to build something for Illume, so please contact us if interested.

We also are looking for people interested in building a cardboard castle for the kiddies. And people to help with the setup/teardown of the lighting. Looking forward to brightening up the winter with you.

illume.coromandel@gmail.com



Grey Power Coromandel

By John Rabarts, President

The following information about the Sensible Sentencing Trust is provided from a newsletter provided by the Trust. Although the SST provides speakers to Grey Power meetings around the country, please note that Grey Power New Zealand is not linked, associated or aligned to the Trust in any way. We provide this article for public information and enlightenment. Anyone wishing to further investigate the Trust and its role in the community needs to contact the Trust directly, via the contacts listed at the bottom.

The work of the Sensible Sentencing Trust (SST). The Trust was formed in 2002 by Garth McVicar, a Hawkes Bay farmer who was outraged at the prosecution of Mark Middleton, for threatening the brutal killer of his stepdaughter. That first issue struck a chord with the public, with hundreds turning out to protest at courthouses across the country about a justice system that had (appeared to have) "lost its way" and become more about the criminal than the victim. Since 2001 SST has "grown like topsy" and has become (one of) the most successful political lobby groups since the "Save Manapouri" campaign of the early 1970's. SST now has branches throughout the country, with a spinoff organisation chiefly focussed on advocating and caring for the victims of violent crimes. The Trust and its subsidiaries have become the pre-eminent voice for victims, and an organisation which (successive) governments feel compelled to consult on law-and-order issues and victims' rights. The Trust has achieved so much in its 16-year existence that it has become difficult to imagine what our justice system would be like without its influence. Perhaps the most significant of the early victories was gaining legislative recognition for victims (of crime): prior to the Victims Rights Act 2002, victims had no status in court proceedings – the only "victim" acknowledged was the Queen. The Victims Rights Act, into which SST had considerable input, now puts a human face to crime, and elevates the victim above the mere status of a mere witness. SST has continued to be the most strident advocate of victims and further achievements in this area are almost too numerous to mention. Notwithstanding the many achievements of the last 16 years, SST sees its role as far from over. Opposing forces on the liberal left are constantly advocating for more lenient prison sentences, and for the justice system to be more focussed on the "criminogenic needs" of the offender rather than the victim. SST will always remain the advocate of victims and their needs rather than the needs of the criminal. Our position is quite simple: criminals choose to be criminals; no-one chooses to be a victim.

SST contacts: Head Office, P.O. Box 701, Napier, 4140; phone (06) 835 5521; Email [sscoord@sst.org.nz](mailto:ssscoord@sst.org.nz); Internet www.sst.org.nz or www.facebook.com/sensiblesentencingtrust. To make a donation 0900 72 33 69
Grey Power Coromandel contacts: P.O. Box 91, Coromandel, 3543. Dolly Welch, Vice President (07) 866 8852, John Rabarts, President (07) 866 8068 or (text only) 022 611 5717



Monday Walkers

By Irene Dunn

What a wonderful year we have had exploring and walking around our part of paradise! The views from the ranges were just awesome, the bush so lush and interesting and of course the beaches superb.

Walker of the year acknowledgement must go to Natalie Blasco who each walk would find something interesting – like a different bug or shell or fish or plant – and then would always pick up any rubbish along the way. Good on you Natalie – such a tidy Kiwi!

We will be taking a break over the holidays and our next organised walk is **12 February**.

Happy walking everyone and enjoy the best New Year.

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Escape to the tranquillity of picturesque Coromandel. This superb harbour-front setting features fantastic landscaping, an in-ground swimming pool & spa pool, brilliant entertaining areas and is close to town, beaches & boat ramps. The extremely spacious home offers an intimate formal dining/lounge (open fireplace), a large family-sized lounge/rumpus/games room, and an informal dining area & gourmet-style kitchen. Master bedroom/parents retreat features a stunning en-suite through to walk-in robe & private balcony. 3 additional bedrooms plus 2 bathrooms. Concrete (cobblestone-styled) driveway leads to a massive 3-bay garage with attached office wing - perfect for working from home. **LOCATION! \$1,200,000**

New
Listing



Near new brick home with 3 double bedrooms (master with en-suite and walk-in wardrobe) in the stylish Greenhills subdivision. Great living space for a family or holiday home; the entranceway leads into the large dining/living, shared with a wonderful kitchen offering plenty of bench space, storage and cupboards. The second bathroom is well-appointed with good quality fittings and tiles. The laundry is located in a nook in the double garage. The master bedroom and dining open onto a very large deck at the rear of the home where you can relax and gaze out over to cows grazing in the adjoining lifestyle block. Fully fenced 672m2 section with fantastic landscaping options. Only a short stroll of town. **\$619,000**

New
Listing



Imagine feeling as if you're on permanent holiday! Set within the well-established Greenhills subdivision in an elevated position, this 702m2 corner section offers a great sunny aspect. The very well presented 'Intalok' home features 5 sets of ranch-sliders for fantastic indoor/outdoor living, and the 'blonded' timber throughout offers a great light & airy vibe. The semi-separate lounge opens into the spacious kitchen/dining area, with a central hallway giving access to 3 double bedrooms (master en-suite & walk-in robe), guest bathroom and laundry. There is a brilliant 52m2 garage/workshop with bathroom. The section allows abundant parking, and the property is within a relatively easy walk of town. **\$620,000**

New
Listing



Many people know this beautifully positioned property as that of the now closed Coromandel Rudolf Steiner Kindergarten. The wonderfully established gardens of approximately 2,403m2 create a sublime setting, while maintaining a great sense of privacy within the communal living environment of the surrounding 'Lindisfarne' property. The main 'house' features a very large open plan kitchen/dining/lounge area with fireplace, a brilliant covered deck for summer/winter alfresco living, an office and bathroom. The smaller unit offers an open-plan living area with 2 brms and bathroom. Separate art studio. The property is secured via a Licence to Occupy agreement through an Incorporated Trust. **\$415,000**

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New
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Calling all those who have been looking for the PERFECT holiday/fishing base! An easy stroll of only 830 metres will have you in town for the morning paper/coffee. The flat 660m2 section affords expansive concrete areas for vehicle parking and ample lawn space for the summer BBQs. The huge garage of approx 73m2 with 2.5m door height will house a reasonable sized boat. The home features a separate lounge, kitchen/dining area, 4 brms, bathroom and small conservatory. **\$415,000**



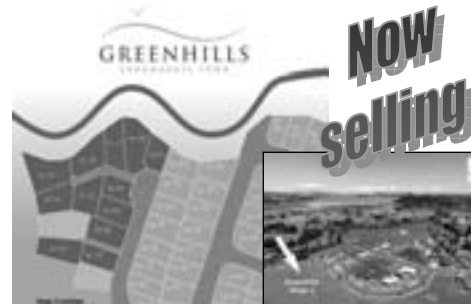
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Stage 3 of the brilliant Greenhills development has now been released. Choose from 14 sections (**3 already sold and interest in others**) ranging in size from approximately 635m2 to 1,200m2. A number of the new lots feature a higher elevation for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



* Home & Land package due for completion in May/June 2018 * 761m2 section * Brick construction * Spacious living areas * 3 bedrooms (master en-suite) * Office * Large garage * Choose your colour schemes. **\$590,000**



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CoroMFA Comment

By Gilbert James, Chair,
CoroMFA

The Coromandel Marine Farmers Association is pleased to highlight the excellent recreational fishing found in and among Coromandel mussel farms. In a recent November weekend one charter/fishing bait supply business, "Salty Towers", filleted for fishers over 1,300 pan-size snapper alone. There must have been many larger snapper and other species also, not to mention other charter fishing and individuals' catches. Almost all this catch, we understand, was taken among the mussel farms. Interestingly many of the snapper were full of Blue Mussels which the snapper select off the growing ropes because they have relatively thin shells. This is good news for the Greenshell Mussels, as it leaves more room and food for them, and good for the farmer as the Greenshells are more valuable and presumably the snapper like it that way too.

Anyway, please operate safely while having fun on the Coromandel's waters this summer.

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

The Coromandel takes "green" to the next level

In early December The Coromandel celebrated the opening of a scenic touring loop for electric vehicles, consisting of five fast-charge stations, that link up the whole peninsula.

The chargers, which can charge an electric vehicle in 20 minutes, have been installed at Thames, Tairua, Whitianga, Coromandel Town and Whangamata, thanks to a collaboration of Thames-Coromandel District Council, Powerco, ChargeNet NZ and the Energy Efficiency Conservation Authority.

An official opening took place at the Coromandel Town charger in the Woollams Avenue car park followed by some electric vehicles (EVs) taking part in the Coromandel Town Christmas Parade.

Powerco Chief Executive Nigel Barbour says, with The Coromandel being a popular holiday destination for both New Zealanders and overseas visitors, the loop will provide an

important network.

"EVs are undoubtedly the future of domestic transport in New Zealand – they are cheaper, cleaner and quieter to run. We hope the loop will give locals and visitors alike the confidence to travel around the region by EV," he said.

Thames-Coromandel District Mayor Sandra Goudie says the loop is "fantastic" for the region.

ChargeNet NZ CEO Steve West says the Coromandel loop will open up the region to entry-level electric vehicle travel.

"We're delighted to have worked alongside Thames-Coromandel District Council, Powerco, and local EV enthusiast John Leenman to be able to get the Coromandel EV Scenic Touring Route available for carefree electric vehicle travel for the summer ahead."

The first charger in the Coromandel loop was opened in Thames in September 2016, by New Zealand's oldest EV driver Roald Barthow, who was 89 at the time.

The additional four chargers were made possible with funding from the government's Low Emission Vehicles Contestable Fund, administered by the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority, which provided \$175,000 – half the cost.

The user-pays fast DC charger units provide an 80% charge in 10 to 25 minutes and are able to be accessed via an RFID card, which drivers tap against the charging unit to activate, or via a smart phone app.



A Tesla "EV" taking part in the Coromandel Town Christmas Parade



Left to right: Powerco Customer Works Manager Mike Hay, Thames-Coromandel Mayor Sandra Goudie, ChargeNet NZ CEO Steve West and ChargeNet NZ Chief Operating Officer Nick Smith

International Women's Day Breakfast

By Robyn Dudson

Hello Ladies, just a reminder that our International Women's Day Charity Breakfast is fast approaching, and will be on **Friday 2 March 2018**. This year it will be at Umu Restaurant, so tickets will be limited and go on sale at Richardson's Real Estate on **Monday 5 February**.

Hopefully see you all there. Happy New Year.

Himalaya shop : Colville

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Library News

By Raewyn McKinney

As I write this, the sun is shining and we are all looking forward to a wonderful summer, and the start of another great year.

I am sure there is no more relaxing way to enjoy the long days of summer than to unwind with a good book.

Luckily, we have received a good supply of new books, and we are confident that among them there is something for everyone. New purchases for the smaller members of the library include *Moo and Moo and the Little Calf Too, Moo. Moo and Can You Guess Who?* and *Bad Dad*.

As ever, at this time of year, we have new releases from many popular authors, such as Isabel Allende, Jeffrey Archer, David Baldacci, Lee Child, Clive Cussler, Katie Fforde, Alice Hoffman, Stuart MacBride, Di Morrissey, Danielle Steel and Peter Watt.

We have also purchased:

The Travelling Cat Chronicles by Hiro Arikawa



Anyone who has ever unashamedly loved an animal will read this book with gratitude, for its understanding of an emotion that ennobles us as human beings, whether we value it or not... It's not the journey that counts, but who's at your side. Nana is on a road trip, but he is not sure where he is going. All that matters is that he can sit beside his beloved owner Satoru in the front seat of his silver van. Satoru is keen to visit three old friends from his youth, though Nana doesn't know why and Satoru won't say... Nana's story

explores the wonder and thrill of life's unexpected detours. It is about the value of friendship and solitude, and knowing when to give and when to take... with a message of kindness and truth. It shows, above all, how acts of love, both great and small, can transform our lives.

Tinkering by John Clarke



John Clarke was born in New Zealand in 1948... A comedian, writer and actor, he died in April 2017. This book tells the story of John Clarke's writing life, including the fan letter he sent to All Black Terry Lineen when he was ten, a golf instruction manual unlike any other, Anna Karenina in forty-three words, and the moving essays he wrote after the deaths of his parents... In these pages you will find Fred Dagg dispensing advice on everything from dentistry to dreaming, the complete history of the lost sport

of farnakeling, the famous "Quiz Answers", and "Saint Paul's Letter to the Electorates" – a brilliant account of the Rudd-Gillard years that was first inscribed onto stone tablets.

Manhattan Beach by Jennifer Egan



Anna Kerrigan, nearly twelve years old, accompanies her father to the house of a man who, she gleans, is crucial to the survival of her father and her family. Anna observes the uniformed servants, the lavishing of toys on the children, and some secret pact between her father and Dexter Styles. Years later, her father has disappeared and the country is at war... At a night club, she chances to meet Styles... and she begins to understand the complexity of her father's life,

the reasons he might have been murdered. Mesmerizing, hauntingly beautiful, with the pace and atmosphere of a noir thriller and a wealth of detail about organized crime, the merchant marine and the clash of classes in New York... a masterpiece, a deft, startling, intimate exploration of a transformative moment in the lives of women and men, America and the world.

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

Coromandel Town Information Centre

The info centre is open from 10.00am-5.00pm everyday in January.

Phone (07) 866 8598. www.coromandeltown.co.nz

Coro Summer Fest

By Matt Sephton

On **13 January**, Caitlin and I are hosting the 4th Coro Summer Fest in our garden at 23 Colville Rd. This fantastic community event is a highlight of summer for many people! Great music, BYO picnic, games to play in the sun, delicious food on offer and wonderful company. This is a wonderful time for our local community to come together to catch up after Christmas and New Year celebrations.

If you live in the top part of town, you will have heard it last year as it does get pretty loud when it's in full swing and, depending on the wind direction, the sound may travel quite far. With that in mind this column is part promotional, and part public service announcement.

We love putting this event on, and hope to keep doing it. We appreciate the tolerance of the neighbourhood, so thank you to all who allow this event to take place.

The music begins at about 1pm (with a few sound checks beforehand) and it will finish at 12.30am. I'm quite strict on this finish time. I appreciate your tolerance and acceptance, and just remember that it'll be all over and quiet at 12.30am.

I am offering complimentary tickets to those who live really close, and am open to discussion if you have any queries.

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Christmas Parade

By Murray McDonald

The Santa Christmas Parade was awesome – 35 floats and groups as well as 8-12 individuals participating

What a wonderful event.... many positive comments from spectators as well as participants. Common theme of community, family, team, whanau, fun and just like I remember seems to be in most comments.

The overall winners (seven impartial judges):

Best Commercial effort: 1st Driving Creek Railway; 2nd Richardson's Real Estate.

Best non-Commercial: 1st Coromandel Garden Circle; 2nd MEG.

Best "school age" effort: 1st Coromandel pre-school; 2nd Coromandel Area School.

Best "different" entry: 1st Coromandel Scouts and Cubs; 2nd Decorated mobility scooter (with deer-dog).

Many, many thanks to those who helped and participated.

We had a number of sponsors for the parade and I will publicly thank them all in the next Chronicle in case I omit anyone as the finances are managed by CILT and we have not had opportunity to get together to confirm final sponsorship.





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Coromandel Independent Living Trust

Happy New Year. Nga mihi o te Tau Hou.

The Resource Centre re-opens on **Wednesday 17 January**.

The first community van trip to Thames for 2018 will run on **Thursday 25 January**. This year the van to Whitianga will run on the first Friday of each month, starting on **3 February**.

The Work Co-op will open on **Wednesday 7 February**.

Travel assistance to hospital appointments during the holiday period

If you are a Community Services Card holder and need a volunteer driver to a hospital appointment in Thames or Waikato, please contact your GP who will help you access our team of volunteer drivers.

If you are using your own vehicle, we are unable to provide financial assistance until we return on **17 January**. So please make sure you get the hospital to stamp your appointment letters and bring them in when the Resource Centre re-opens.

The Goldmine

The Coromandel Refuse Station and The Goldmine are open seven days a week during

the summer peak period, which started on **18 December** and runs until **25 February**.

There is a slight change in hours:

Monday to Friday 11am-4.30pm

Saturday 10.30am-5.30pm

Sunday 10.30am-6.30pm

Public Holidays 10.30am-6.30pm

For any changes to these dates and times, please keep an eye on the council website:

www.tcdc.govt.nz/Our-Services/Rubbish-and-Recycling/Refuse-Transfer-Stations/

The Incredible Years

Early in December we completed a 14-week Incredible Years Parent Programme in Whitianga. Once again, all the parents said that they really benefited from the tools that this programme provides and that they now feel far more confident in their parenting. Everyone gains so much from meeting with other parents weekly, learning new stuff and practising the skills.

The Incredible Years programme is offered through CILT with funding from the Ministry of Education. Next year a programme will be offered in Coromandel starting at the end of February. Often parents say that it's great doing the programme a second time. Having other whanau members enrol as well, for example aunts and grandparents, makes the programme even more worthwhile.

For further information or to



Goldie, The Goldmine mascot

enrol, please leave your name and contact details at the CILT office at Tiki House or phone (07) 866 8358, leave your details and we'll get back to you. Naumai Haere Mai.

CILT Resource Centre, Coordinators: Rochelle Still and Kaye Anderson. From 17 January, hours are 9am-3pm Monday-Thursday. Ph/Fax: (07) 866 8358, email: cilt@cilt.org.nz or website: www.cilt.org.nz



This is a brown Tui that is very rare. John Westray took this photo at Long Bay Coromandel where this bird has now marked out his boundary

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- Colville's flooding tendency
- The rising high tides in Colville Bay
- Future proofing

✓ We've already completed the Feasibility Process, which concluded:

*The Colville Project "is **a feasible solution** to the identified demographic and isolation needs in the area"*

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THANK YOU!

Coromandel Budget Advisory Service

By Caroline Dunn

Welcome to 2018, we hope you had a safe and happy Christmas and New Years. We are reopening on **15 January** and will be available to help with all of your budgeting needs Monday to Wednesday 9.30am-12.30pm.

New Faces 2018

2018 brings a lot of new faces at the Budget Service, Food Bank and the Community Garden.

Caro and Anna are moving on from Coromandel Budget Advisory this year to pursue new adventures. Caro has dedicated nearly 20 years to the service and is the well-known face of both Budget and the Food Bank. She has helped many people during this time and put on some very memorable fundraisers. She will be sorely missed by many. Anna has been the coordinator for the last few years and involved with Budget and Food Bank for six. Both Caro and Anna are committed to the continuation of the service as they know the need for it in the community and will be staying on for a while to transition the new staff into their jobs.

So now to introduce the new team for 2018 – my name is Caroline Dunn and I have been appointed the position of Manager of the Budget Service. I have a lot to learn, but am excited to jump in boots and all and carry on the great work the previous team has been doing. We also have Erana Masters joining us in an Administration position. And last but not least, Brooke Redman will be looking after the Food Bank and the Community Garden.

Both Erana and myself will be travelling to Whangamata over the first couple of months of this year to do our Budget

Advisor training. This is something we are both looking forward to, and will allow the Service to provide more days that advisors are available to meet with clients.

Budget Advice

New Zealand is a great place to live, but it's not always an easy place to live. More than ever before, families are struggling to gain control of their finances.

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If you need some guidance learning how to balance it all, our Budget service offers free, confidential budgeting advice. With a Budget adviser, you can create a plan to get out of debt, save money and start building a future for you and your family.

Food Bank

Food Bank demand is increasing. While we are happy to support people through this time of need, we also need to make sure the Food Bank is run efficiently. Please make sure Food Bank requests are with us before 12.30pm on a Wednesday, otherwise you will have to wait until the following week.

Pickup time is at 11.45am Thursday.

Food Bank would appreciate donations of small clean jars, and any overflow of fruit, vegetables or other produce you may have. These items can be dropped off at Tiki House Monday – Thursday 9.30am-12.30pm or call us on (07) 866 8351 to arrange pickup.

The office is at 45 Tiki Road (Tiki House), down the hallway. If you wish to make an appointment or arrange a food parcel, you can talk to Caroline, Erana, Anna and Luana. The Budget phone number is (07) 866 8351 or 022 018 0849. Opening hours for January and February 2018 Budget Advice: Monday to Wednesday 9.30am-12.30pm. Office Hours – if you need to make an appointment or organise a food parcel, phone message and texts will be checked and replied to Mon-Fri. Food Bank – Pickup time from 11.45am Thursday. Please make sure Food Bank requests are with us before 12.30pm on a Wednesday

Easy Plum Tart

By Deborah Hide-Bayne

Serves 4-5

1 sheet of ready-rolled flaky crust pastry
butter for greasing the baking tray
350g ripe plums
½ tsp ground cinnamon
60ml maple syrup
100g semolina
milk to glaze the pastry

Preheat the oven to 220°C.

Rub a little butter over a baking tray and place the sheet of flaky pastry on the greased tray.

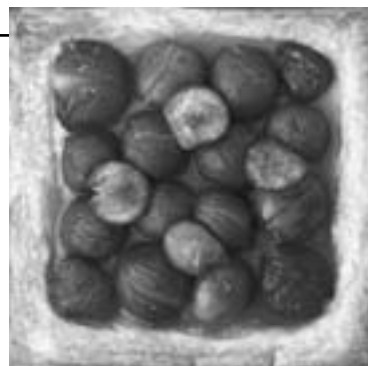
Halve and stone the plums and then mix them with the cinnamon and maple syrup in a bowl.

Using a sharp knife, partially cut through the pastry to form a border around the edge of the pastry and sprinkle the semolina inside the border.

Place the plums, cut side down, on the semolina and drizzle a little of the maple syrup over the top – it doesn't matter if you have some maple syrup left as you can use it as a sauce to serve with the tart once it is cooked.

Glaze the border pastry with milk to get a nice brown colour and bake in the oven for 15 minutes or so until the fruit is soft and the pastry is well browned. Whilst the tart is still warm, brush more maple syrup over the border.

Serve warm or cold with whipped cream or ice cream.



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Museum News

By Raewyn McKinney

Another year rolls around and we all look forward to a good summer.

A visit to the museum is often looked upon as a good "wet weather" activity, however, many people find a few hours strolling in the museum proves to be a welcome break from the hot summer sun. So, regardless of the weather, a visit to the museum is a good idea for young or old, and everyone is sure to find something of interest.

As we all know, the town of Coromandel would probably not exist if not for the early gold miners. This fact is reflected in the name of our museum, the "Coromandel School of Mines & Historical Society Museum".

There are other exhibits in the museum apart from mining, of course, but this month I feature a newspaper article about the early miners.

From the "Thames Star" 27 January, 1896:

"Coromandel Mining Fraternity."

In the course of the proceedings at the meeting of the Miners' Union on Saturday evening, the President (Mr W. H. Potts) said that an effort had been made to get the miners of Coromandel into the Union. A remnant of a union existed there, a few miners having held together through good weather and bad, and it had been proposed that the Coromandel people should throw in their lot with the Thames Union. He

(the President) accordingly went to Coromandel last Wednesday week, and was fairly successful. There were 30 members there now and the work of organisation was proceeding. He (Mr Potts) knew a lot of the people now at Coromandel, many being old Thamesites, and everywhere he went he was greeted with the remark that the Union was badly wanted and that it would be "a good job." He predicted that in three months Coromandel would be a strong portion of the Union, The Coromandelites had everything to gain, and nothing to lose, by joining. They would exchange visits on Demonstration Day with Thames, and their end would probably become the strongest portion of the district. He would have intelligence next week of the progress being made. For the present he had deemed it advisable not to interfere with the existing state of affairs at Coromandel, leaving it to the Steward and Committee, but any new arrangements would be submitted to the local Committee for approval. At present there were 1100 men receiving wages at Coromandel, and the English companies – 14 or 15 in number – were paying out a large amount of money. He thought that the delegate's expenses in matters of this kind were amply repaid by the acquisition of new districts, like Waitekauri and

Coromandel. The speaker went on to say that no word had been received from Kuaotunu yet, and explained that the Kuaotunu people would have to send word if they wished to join, as the Union's executive were not going to push themselves in. At Tapu the same wish had been preferred as at Coromandel. The Tapuites seemed ready to join the Union, and the necessary steps to effect the amalgamation would be taken when wanted. The President's remarks were greeted with applause.

In a subsequent discussion it was stated that in chartering a steamer to go to Coromandel on Demonstration Day, families containing a large number of children would be accommodated as per agreement, in order that the cost might not press too heavily on parents."

The committee plans to repeat the hugely popular "Open Day" on Waitangi Day, so keep your eyes open next month.

The museum is open from 1pm to 4pm daily throughout January



Summer fishing in the Gulf. An Auckland yachtsman with a fine hapuku caught off Coromandel during a holiday cruise. New Zealand Herald 23 January 1932

SeniorNet Coromandel

By Loes Beaver

Summer has at last arrived. It is not long now till Christmas, and all those new IT presents

If you need assistance with changing programs, updating information, or just learn how to use your new gift, we can help.

Our last learning afternoon for this year has passed, but we will be starting again on **18 January** in the Coromandel Area School Music Room, then every Tuesday after that at 4pm. We would welcome our Colville members who meet on Wednesday morning every second week; first date for the year still to be set.

We send Christmas wishes to all and wish you a prosperous new year.

Contact Loes for information (07) 866 8053



The Colville Project

The Colville Project is a unique partnership between Colville Community Health Trust and Colville Social Service Collective that will benefit the communities of the northern Coromandel Peninsula.

The Project Team has launched its campaign to raise \$800K (est) by **30 April 2018** to purchase the land for this four-staged initiative: the Wellbeing and Education Centre – providing medical, social, and educational services and resources; staff and student housing; community-assisted housing; and youth recreation facilities.

Project Team members Dr Kate Armstrong, Bronwyn Blair, Michael James and Janet Palmer are encouraged by the progress to date. "We're at an exciting stage in this process with the completion of a positive Feasibility Study. We are delighted with the strong community support we have received," said Bronwyn.

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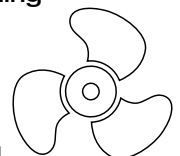


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Ann's Good News, Naturally

By Ann Kerr-Bell

Keeping healthy in the holidays, The return of the silly season

Each year the seasonal festivities pose a challenge to sustain your health. You may give in to cravings for refined carbohydrates, sugary "treats" and alcohol – waking up in the New Year with a metabolic "hangover" of weight gain and fatigue caused by erratic blood glucose (sugar) and insulin levels.

Blood glucose vs insulin

Following each meal your body releases the hormone insulin in response to rising blood glucose levels. Insulin is like a key that opens up the locks on your body's cells so that glucose can get inside and be used for energy. However for some people, ongoing exposure to sugary foods and starchy carbohydrates can have a negative effect on this mechanism leading to an inefficient uptake of glucose into the cell. At this point you may be experiencing "insulin resistance" with the accompanying fatigue, weight gain, and worsening of your cravings as your cells keep seeking energy even though you are eating regularly. And too much glucose remaining in the bloodstream is undesirable as it leads to complications over time.

Curb those cravings

I can help you curb your cravings and improve your cells' sensitivity to insulin.

There are natural compounds in certain foods and herbs to assist your body to burning its "fuel" more efficiently. You will switch from burning carbohydrates to burn more efficient fats for fuel. Not only does that create much needed energy, it can help you lose those extra kilos in the process.

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In a nutshell, you can easily control your cravings, burn fat and increase your energy levels as your cells receive the fuel they require.

"The microbes made me eat it"

Did you know cravings may also be caused by microbial imbalance in your gut?

Your gut microbes (microbiota) play an essential role in good digestion, however they need to be kept in balance by supporting the beneficial types or "strains" of bacteria living there. Foods high in dietary fibre are considered "prebiotic" and feed the beneficial bacteria population, therefore should be consumed regularly. If you are craving processed or sugary foods, which specific probiotic will you need to help optimise or maintain the beneficial strains necessary living within your gut?

Don't ditch the exercise

Exercise is a rapid and effective means of regulating blood glucose levels. Maintaining a healthy muscle mass helps you burn fats more efficiently. Exercise also benefits your gut microbiota by promoting diversity amongst the beneficial strains which is associated with improved insulin resistance.

Party hacks

Choose a chicken drumstick instead of a starchy party pie; crudites with avocado or hummus dips instead of breadsticks. Stay fuller for longer and reduce cravings.

Drink a mineral water for every alcoholic drink. Remain hydrated and reduce the poor food choices that can accompany overindulging with alcohol; and choose clean spirits such as vodka with soda water over sparkling wines and beers, avoid sugary mixers in spirits or on their own.

Have your cake and eat it

The advent of the silly season doesn't mean you have to "fall off the wagon" when it comes to your health. To rein in cravings and balance blood sugars, aim for plant-based meals supplemented with a protein.

Need guilt free cake? Follow me on Facebook.

**Two years of Open Floor training almost done!**

By Lisa Corston (and Jacqui Chan)

Thank you to every single person who has joined Jacqui and me on the Open Floor in Coromandel, both at our cosy community Anglican Church Hall in Coro Town and up at the beautiful Mana Retreat Centre. This February Jacqui and I complete our two years of Open Floor teacher training and we feel immense gratitude for the willingness, support and trust shown by each and everybody that chose to come play, explore and dance. It is a privilege to be able to share our love of dancing and conscious movement, exploring the inquiry of what it means to feel fully alive and at home our bodies. To take something that one loves, and lives, learning in turn how to articulate and share that love with others has been, and will always continue to be, a huge learning curve that deepens the strength of our own practice along the way.

Due to the final training module occurring in February we decided to take a small break from the fortnightly Thursday classes (during February only) and come back fresh and fully charged to begin offering classes again from March onwards!

As always you are extended a warm and open invitation to come join us, just as you are. Every body welcome. No experience necessary, newcomers and visitors welcome.

Fortnightly Thursday classes at the Anglican Church Hall, 7*-8:30pm, **11, 25 January**, no classes in February.

Tuesday morning classes at Mana Retreat Centre 9:30*-11:30am, **16 January**.

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Heart Beat – St John Ambulance Coromandel/Colville

By Julie Morris, Station Manager, Coromandel

Colville First Response Group

Just imagine being at the top of the peninsula at Port Jackson and you need an ambulance.

The nearest hospital and maybe ambulance, is up to three hours away at Thames. So who do you call..... yes 111.

Since 2007 the wonderful St John Colville First Response Group of volunteers have a 24/7 roster to cover this remote northern area. They will be responded along with a PRIME doctor or nurse, to attend to the incident. Depending on the patient's condition a responding road ambulance or air ambulance will transport the patient to hospital.

The Colville First response group have just celebrated their 10 year anniversary! What an awesome achievement for this volunteer group. I am forever grateful and a huge thanks to this group for their dedication to the job with the unknown challenges encountered in remote areas.

Staff Profile – Wendy Newman, Station Manager Colville Why did you join St John Ambulance service?

Back in 1989 when my dad was Team Leader at Coromandel Ambulance, I wanted to join up and see what it was all about. I wanted to be able to help out where I could.

How long have you been a member of St John?

I did six years in Coromandel, had a break, then on moving to Colville in 2007 the inaugural group was formed, so now 17 years.

What do you enjoy most about being an ambulance officer?

The challenges of being remote and learning with PRIME. To be able to assist the people of our rural community by providing 24/7 cover.

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

Yes, wonderful camaraderie in a remote area, personal satisfaction helping the community. We meet different people and the responding crews whether ambos or air ambulance. To be able to provide a service to Colville and the far north of the peninsula.

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



Colville First Response Group from left: Emma Dillon, Sharmayne Novis, Diane Morreel, Wendy Newman, Jan Autumn (Absent: Kate Armstrong, Aimee Bearda, Debbie Brighthouse, Katrin Laser and Ally Davey-Diesterbeck)

Coromandel Patchwork and Quilters

by Sharon Currie

We have finished the year with a very delicious Christmas lunch and are planning the program for the 2018 year. By the time this Chronicle goes to print we will have had our annual Quilt Show which is held in the Citizens's Hall. This has been a chance to showcase quilts made during the year. We look forward to seeing everyone back for our first meeting on 5 February followed by our AGM on **19 February**.

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

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

Coromandel Embroiderers' Guild

By Jenny Penman

There were two visitors and one member who came away from our Annual Exhibition with more than just a viewing of a large and varied array of embroidered articles. They were the lucky winners of our raffle prizes. Congratulations go to our own Marion Frechtling from Whitianga on winning one of the grocery hampers, with the other going to Glen Engebretsen also of Whitianga. Margaret Cannegieter, an enthusiastic stitcher from Tauranga, was delighted to win the embroidery pack.

The month of January is a time when our thoughts and actions are probably centred around celebrations with friends and family and a time for summer activities. A time for books, boats and barbecues, you'd think, not buttons, bobbins and blanket stitch. While the guild takes a month off from its busy programme I can't see many of our enthusiastic members being separated for long from their "fix of needle and thread" though. For the less committed or productive stitchers amongst us, perhaps the time out from the yearly schedule will be just the atmosphere we need to inspire us to finish those discarded or problem projects and start the year afresh. Sounds like the beginnings of a good New Year Resolution here maybe? If not then we can always rely on the collective wealth of knowledge and encouragement that this guild of members is known for to get us back on track. Oops, I mean track.

The first Guild meeting for 2018 will be on the first Wednesday of February. February's workshop, held later in the month will be taken by Heather Constantine, one of our members, on Buttons, Toggles, Cords and Tassels.

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

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Mana Update

By Jade Ferrière

The New Year brings with it a fresh start and a sense of rejuvenation and rebirth. It is an opportunity to set our intentions for the year ahead and consider ways that we can improve ourselves and the lives of those around us.

Moving beyond the traditional resolutions of get fit, lose weight and make more money, we at Mana are leaning towards an inspired and simple list of loving, giving and living.

Start and end each day with a grateful heart.

Find opportunities to practice kindness.

Live everyday with intention.

There is a lot to be said about keeping it simple, especially considering more than 92% of people's New Year's resolutions don't make it further than two weeks into the year. It is a good time to make changes, and it is also a great time to acknowledge the things you are already doing well and perhaps give them a little more energy and time.

Just as important as setting an intention is having gratitude and the transition of one year to another presents an opportunity to appreciate all the learning and experience that the year past has offered.

We encourage you to take a moment, right now, to think about this past year; what was the greatest lesson you learnt? What are you most thankful for?

And right now what is working in your life? What qualities would you like to welcome more of? Joy, happiness, clarity, calm, freedom, creativity, relaxation, balance, just to name a few...

Is there something that you are holding onto – an old behaviour, way of thinking, fear, or doubt that is blocking you? Now is the time to let go. Where you've been has been important, it has helped shape who you are. But as you welcome in new energy into your life you can let go and trust that where you're going is important and wonderful, too.

Let go, be free to step forward with new-found awareness and grow.

May the New Year see you loving, giving and living!

Holiday Hiccups

The holiday season is here, for those of us with pets, there are a few extra considerations to take into account during the holiday season. Check out Anexa Vets's helpful tips to keep your pet happy and safe this summer.

Overheating - Never leave pets in hot vehicles

With summer comes the peril of hot cars and abandoned animals. All animals are prone to heat stress if left unattended in hot cars. This also applies to dogs tied to the back of utes. Please be considerate of their needs at this hot time of year and never leave your dog or cat in the car.

Dogs suffering from hyperthermia (overheating) due to being left in a car without adequate ventilation on a hot day generally show signs of hyperventilation ("panting" excessively), with bright pink colouration to the gums and increased rectal temperature. Most will respond to cooling techniques, such as draping with wet towels or running under a cool hose, but some may require other treatment. Care must be taken not to overcool these animals.

Embedded or Swallowed Fish Hooks

Sometimes dogs (or cats) will pick up old hooks when exploring the beach or wharf areas, particularly at low tide. If the hook is in the mouth or skin check to see whether it is buried deeper than the barb. If not, the hook should pull out easily, but if the barb is embedded then generally a trip to the local vet is required.

If your dog swallows a fish hook and there is a length of trace leading from your dog's mouth, do not try to pull the hook out. You will only increase the likelihood of further damage. Cut the trace and tie the end loosely onto the dog's collar.

Bee or Jellyfish Stings

Dogs can fall victim to bee or jellyfish stings. This tends to result in a sudden onset of lameness without any visible lesions on the foot. Traditionally topical vinegar has been advocated for jellyfish stings, but the current recommendation for treating people is just to run hot (but not scalding!) water over the affected area. Occasionally, the vet will give anti-inflammatory medication.

Bee and wasp stings tend to occur mainly around the muzzle or face of dogs and can result in severe swelling of the soft tissues. Sometimes the swelling will begin as discrete, circular lumps or areas of raised hair, which get larger and eventually coalesce into a generalized swelling. Anti-inflammatories and anti-histamines will help in these cases, especially if given early.

Your pet can get sun burnt too!

The sun in New Zealand is particularly harsh, which can be problematic for lighter coloured animals. Over summer ensure your pet has access to a cool, shady area, out of direct sunlight. If your pet has a thin coat and is affected by the sun or has pink/white areas on their body, you may like to consider using a pet sunblock powder.



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Coromandel Bowling Club

By Linda Wright

We have had a lot of action on the greens. Finishing the first session of Twilight Bowls with the most colourful teams, The Tulips from the Garden Circle and the Star Peppers from the Star & Garter, were First Equal. The final winners – The Twilights – Owen, Lynn, Shirley and Margaret, 2nd place – Richardsons Real Estate – Kim, Robyn, Melissa and Laurie-Ann, 3rd place – Trinity Real Estate – John, Rob, Annette and Sally. They all received vouchers from the sponsor, Mike from The Star & Garter, who kindly sponsored the Twilight Event and it was so good to see the community enjoying the four evenings of social bowls, with the next session starting on **Tuesday 30 January**.

The U/8 Champ Pairs winners are: Men – David and Pete, Women – Linda L and Philippa. The U/8 Women's Singles Champ. was Linda W, with some closely contested games. The Champ Fours winners: Men – Graeme, Reg, David and Pete, Women – Shirley, Maureen, Di and Philippa. The Champ Triples winners: Men – Colin, Erine & Jason, Women – Sue, Irene and Linda. Coromandel Cup Won by Sue & Willem, 2nd Colin and Vi, 3rd Jack and Bob. Well done everyone.

We had 16 teams playing in our Open Ham Tournament, kindly sponsored by Pak'n Save, Thames. A good day in the summer sun, the winners were: Colin, Lindsay and Jason, 2nd – Graeme, Sue and Irene, 3rd – Reg, David and Linda.

Our next open tournament is Optional Triples sponsored by Twentymans, Thames on **Wednesday 10 January**.

Good bowling for all of our champions going to Thames Valley Centre Champ of Champ events.

Happy New Year to everyone.

Linda Wright. 027 651 3477



Joint team winners of the Twilight Bowls competition: The Tulips from the Garden Circle (above) and The Star Peppers from the Star and Garter (above left)

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CELEBRATING OUR CHILDREN

Te Rerenga School

Learning, it's what we do...

By Anna Yates



The end of a school year is always a busy and excitement-filled time where it can often be a little tricky to find a moment to stop, to reflect and to celebrate the completion of a great year of learning and opportunities. When we look back on 2017 at Te Rerenga School we have much to be proud of, lots of learning to celebrate and lots of people to acknowledge from throughout the year that made our year fantastic for our children. There is so much in a school that happens behind the scenes to keep a focus on learning and this year was certainly no exception.

We have an incredible parent community who support us in delivering every opportunity possible for our children to learn and succeed. Assisting us with transport, attending as cheerleaders to our school events, helping with reading programmes, organising readers, attending camps and trips, taking teams to Thames Valley competitions, fundraising... These are all ways our families

help us and we are so grateful for the time and energy they give to us. We wouldn't be able to offer such a wide range of opportunities without this amazing support. Our Board of Trustees also form part of this group, committing hours to meetings and events to ensure we are on track to meeting the needs of our children and community. Our BOT are now serving their second term of governance and this commitment to learning opportunities for all of our children is immeasurable.

Our experienced and energetic teaching and support staff also play an enormous role in making our school a great place to be. Our teachers care about all of our children, not just about their learning but about them as people. Cheryl is always in our office working tirelessly despite the requests for plasters, new pencils, phone calls, etc. In 2018 we welcome Odette to our team of teachers and look forward to her joining our teaching team of Shelley, Darrell and Kristin. We farewell our teacher aide Laura who takes on a full-time teaching role at Tairua school and they are super lucky to have her.

This year we have been so fortunate to have many people coming into our school and supporting it in a range of ways. Geoff has been working with our Room 4 class in an array of sporting codes in his Kiwisport role. Our children love his weekly visits and we've been blown away by their skill development. Anita and Helen continue their BOT-funded weekly music sessions with all of our classes and our children in private lessons have also thrived under their guidance. Miho, our Japanese tutor, has worked with Room 4 on a weekly basis as part of second

language learning for our senior class. They have begun Skype sessions with a class in Japan and are currently growing rice which they can harvest mid-2018. Noeleen has been reading with our junior children one-to-one almost daily to help them with their reading. Margaret and Janet have collected so many mussel buoys, generating almost \$1500 in donations for our school! Ange has visited us fortnightly as part of a school chaplaincy role. Ernslaw One kindly donated a number of bluegum logs for us to fundraise with in 2018. Parents have coached football and netball teams so all of our children can participate... and there are so many more people who have helped to make it a great year.

Lastly, we are also so proud of our children. This year we graduate five year 8 boys to MBAS where we know they will maximise every opportunity offered to them. Jac, Marco, Zyon, Ike and Donald are five amazing people and MBAS are one fortunate school to be gaining such talented, clever and special people. We are fortunate to have a school of children who love learning, who are curious and who are fun. We look forward to seeing you all back in 2018 for another awesome year of learning at Te Rerenga. Have a safe and happy holiday and we will see you back on **Thursday 1 February**.



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"Kia Ora Tatou Katoa"

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Colville School: Seniors – Cameron, Juniors – Lirina.

Coromandel Area School: Room

8 – Kalani, Room 7 – Katie, Room

5 – Layke, Room 4 – Alyssa, Room 3 – Syriah, Room 2 – Rylan, Room 1 – Toby

Thames South School: Rooms 9 & 11 – Oakley, Adventure 2 – Weter, Room 8 – Brooklyn, Te Haapai Oo – Kairah, Te Kawenga – Jayda-Rose.

Our Kiwi Can leaders are enjoying their valued and well-earned time off over the Christmas break.

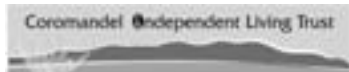
At the end of January our team will head off to Kiwi Can National Training, where all the Kiwi Can teams in New Zealand come together for three days of intense training before we kick off the new year in our individual schools. This is always a big few days for us as there are now over 100 Kiwi Can leaders throughout the country, from the very far north right down to Stewart Island.

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

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

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

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



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Coromandel Area School

See you all in the new year! Have a safe and happy holiday. Below are the term dates for 2018.

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Arts

Coromandel Art Group

By Barbara Peddie

In December there was a flurry of activity preparing for our exhibition in January and February. Paintings were completed, and we had a session matting and framing. Val, who organises the exhibition, galvanised us into action asking for lists of members' paintings, and prices. The latter is always difficult, how to price a painting? If we charge for our hours of work, will it be too dear for anyone to buy? There is no easy answer. At least Ross Dixon did not have that dilemma for this picture, as it is going to friends. See you all at the Coromandel Art Group Exhibition, **19 January to 6 February**, at Hauraki House from 10am to 4pm daily. Entry is free.

Ross Dixon's painting



Pastel Artists Coromandel

By Christine Lunn

Our latest workshop took place over the two days of 25 and 26 November with 14 attendees.

Maxine Thompson, our tutor for the

workshop, led us through landscapes and seascapes, but to get us started she used portraits of dogs and some still life to get us started on using and understanding light and shade.

Working from photographs supplied by Maxine, we each proceeded to produce our final paintings. All attendees commented on how pleased they were with the versatility and what you can achieve with pastels. Maxine also showed us a number of portraits she had produced over the years.

At the end of each day Maxine produced a small portrait of a dog, which she auctioned off. The proceeds from the auctions went to Maxine's chosen charity.

The group were so happy with the workshop that we were asked to re-book Maxine for another workshop next year and we managed to get her only open slot in her calendar for October.

We held our last meeting of the year on 5 December, a huge morning tea and gift exchange.

It is now holiday season until **13 February**.



Some of the group at the end of the workshop



Maxine and Shirley with the dog portrait Shirley won in the auction

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The 29th Coromandel Christmas Art Exhibition

The 29th Coromandel Christmas Art Exhibition is on at Hauraki House, Coromandel Town until **13 January**.

Artists exhibiting include: Bronwynne Cornish; Michael Smither; Gian McGregor; Fatu Feu'u; Wailin Elliott; Lindsay Garmson; Erica Lyons; Cindy Alger; Fiona Tunnicliffe; Bev Thatcher; Rod MacLeod; Barbara Von Seida; Jenny Curry; Mike O'Donnell; Allan Beaver; Tom Folwell; Peter Sephton; Caitlin Moloney; Kim and Kevin Brett; Christy Benton; Ian Dalzell; Sue Pidgeon; Kay Ogilvie; Tracey Johnson; Ian Webster; Stuart Fyfe; Mike Barton; Ray Morley; Jan Koshian; Mike Cogswell; Marian Cogswell; Jenny Shearer; Deborah Hyde-Bayne; Michelle Blake; Iain Crighton; Petra Meyboden; Diane Cade; Jan Linklatter; Mary Lee; Casey Marshall.

The exhibition will be open from 10am until 4pm daily – closed on Christmas Day.

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Coromandel Harbour Marina Berths Interested?

Over the past few weeks we've been gauging whether there is interest in marina berths in the Coromandel Harbour.

The type, location and size of a potential marina have not yet been finalised.

Our role is primarily a facilitation role which involves working with potential marina developers, to establish if there is any real interest in a marina. If there is demand for a marina we will look to assist where we can.

There are three different parties on a short-list with interest in building a marina and other ancillary facilities in and around the harbour. Two proposals involve an unknown quantity of harbour dredging at this early stage, while one proposal includes a floating marina on the end of a long pier which will involve a much lesser degree of seabed disturbance.

Our Council staff and the Coromandel-Colville Community Board have developed a set of

evaluation criteria for the proposals received and will continue to work with the various parties until a realistic concept has been determined. Criteria include provision of docking for a ferry and charter boats, boat haul out, recreational boat ramp facilities, and ancillary activities. Other considerations will include impact on the environment, operational sustainability and what degree of Council funding and support could be required.

There is a long way to go in this process including a full consideration of alternatives and a RMA process which we expect will involve full public notification and consultation.

To date we have received more than 150 expressions of interest in purchasing a marina berth, if a marina is to be built within the Coromandel Harbour, with over 80% positive feedback from potential purchasers and the community.

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

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

Kerbside Summer Collection

Coromandel
Rural North

Coromandel Town
& Te Kouma

Tuesday



Friday



Wednesday



Our summer Kerbside rubbish and recycling collection schedule runs until the week ending 10 February 2018. For the full schedule for your area go to

www.tcdc.govt.nz/kerbside

Glass recycling will only be collected in Council crates.

Our seven Refuse Transfer Stations are open extended hours until 25 February 2018. The Coromandel RTS is open:

Monday to Friday 11am to 4:30pm
Saturday 10:30am to 5:30pm
Sunday 10:30am to 6:30pm
Public Holidays 10:30am to 6:30pm

For locations and hours of all our transfer stations, go to

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UPDATE

Citizens' Hall upgrade

We're working with an architect and Heritage NZ on the design of the upgrade to this historic building so that construction work can start in April 2018. Although the Citizens' Hall is not a listed heritage building, we're working closely with Heritage NZ back to its original late 19th century form.

We'll be using a local builder and we expect the work to be finished by around June 2018. The Board has provided a grant of \$260,000 and the Bizarre Trust has granted \$200,000 for the upgrade.

Mangrove Management Bill

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

The Thames-Coromandel District Council and Hauraki District Council Mangrove Management Bill, is a local bill in the name of our local Coromandel MP Hon Scott Simpson, which would allow both our Councils to develop management plans, to manage the proliferation of mangroves, within our coastal boundaries.

The bill would provide for a community-based process to allow each council to implement a plan that reduces mangrove growth to acceptable levels to improve any access, recreation, amenity, or ecosystem values.

Parliament's Governance and Administration Committee will be considering the bill. Make a submission to the committee by midnight 23 February 2018 via the Parliamentary website www.parliament.nz in the "Make a submission" section.

Read the bill at www.legislation.govt.nz/bill/local/2017/0278/latest/d56e2.html

BE SMART WITH WATER, FIRE AND ALCOHOL

We could be in for a long, hot, dry summer so we're asking people to conserve water.

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

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

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

Many of our communities have alcohol bans over the summer, and some have permanent bans. This year the temporary bans run until Monday 8 January and then over Anniversary Weekend. www.tcdc.govt.nz/liquorbans



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Environmental

Moehau Environment Group

By Ally Davey



It has been a busy year for us all, with over 1213 rats, 225 stoats and 40 weasels caught in the last 12 months by our volunteers and field team. Without the help of our volunteers we wouldn't be able to make such a difference to our environment. Thank you for your tireless efforts.

We are excited to bring "create your own kiwi" to the Keltic Fair. Inspired by local artists MEG will be hosting the opportunity to create your own kiwiana masterpiece. This beautiful design was crafted from local volunteer Rebekah Pearson. Come join us at one of our summer programs – we'd love to see you.

Calendar Dates for Summer Programme

29 December – Teach your dog new tricks with K9 Cadets, Little Bay
2 January – Keltic Fair, Coromandel, Create Your Own Kiwi
3 January – Family Fun Run, Little Bay
4 January – Kiwi Night Adventure, Port Charles

5 January – Junior Rangers, Waikawau Bay
6 January – Teach Your Dog to Avoid Kiwi, Sailors Grave, Whenuakite; Create Your Own Kiwi, Little Bay
7 January – Teach Your Dog to Avoid Kiwi, Colville and Te Mata; Starlight Cinema, Waikawau Bay
8 January – Nocturnal Walk, Waikawau Campground
10 January – Bounty Hunters, Coromandel Town; Up Close Kiwi Encounter, Port Charles
11 January – Up close Kiwi Encounter, Port Charles; Dune Weeding, Cooks Beach
12 January – Starlight Cinema, Waikawau Bay
13 January – Traditional Medicinal and Edible Plants, Te Rongoa Maori, Coromandel Town; Kiwi Night Adventure, Port Charles; Teach Your Dog to Avoid Kiwi, Kuaotunu; Dune Weeding, Taputaputea Spit
15 January – Nocturnal Walk, Waikawau Campground; Weta

Hotel Building, Hahei Campground

16 January – Meet a Gecko, Coromandel Town

18 January – Waikawau Nature Trail Track Build, Waikawau Campground

19 January – Kiwi Night Adventure, Port Charles; Ahuahu Great Mercury Island, Sanctuary Walking Tour, Whitianga

20 January – Kiwi Night Adventure, Port Charles; Walk and Weed, Opera Point Whangapoua

24 January – Dune Weeding, Cathedral Cove

26 January – Dune Weeding, Hot Water Beach

For more info and to book phone Terry Whitehouse (07) 866 6903 or 021 186 2876

Weather or not?

By Catherine Delahunty

Before Christmas I returned from two weeks in Wellington where it was so hot that the grass was turning brown and the sea was disturbingly warm. The pohutukawa were as glorious as the Coromandel coast, covering the capital with splashes of brilliant red. It was both gorgeous and worrying. Equally worrying was the public meeting I went to in Thames where James Renwick talked about climate change. Local environmentalist Denis Tegg brought some maps to the meeting showing the impact on the township of Thames when sea level rise kicks in. It's not going to be business as usual on the Thames flats. I cannot help but wonder about the coast road. The impact of storm surges and sea level rise is one matter. Of equal concern are the changes in ocean acidity and temperature. The marine food chain is a delicate network which is losing stability. This actually means potential loss of fish species. I watch the huge recreational fishing community launching their boats into Tikapa Moana/Hauraki Gulf and wonder when they will join the dots. The huge challenge is waking people up to the urgency when it's a sunny day and the surface of our world is still looking calm. For other people the weather is not so great and the effects of climate change are already forcing them away from the coast. We could learn from their experience or keep on dancing on the deck of our very own Titanic. The icebergs are melting but the shipwreck is still going to happen. A good first step would be protecting our coastline by protecting coastal wetlands and mangroves and protecting Coromandel Harbour food production by leaving the mine tailings under the mud. Common sense is needed more than ever. It's not smart to try and dig up a toxic sub-layer in the harbour and truck this contaminated mud to dump it at Tirohia, creating a new waste dump in someone else's backyard.

2017 was quite a year. The political weather has also been unstable and it is a relief to me at least that the election is over and the endless commute to Wellington is finished. I loved working on the issues but Parliament, not so much. To detox from the last eight years I wrote and performed a show called "Question Time Blues", a dark comedy which has a second season in Wellington in February. The point of the show was to challenge the outdated way things happen in Parliament and the need for positive change. We are a Te Tiriti o Waitangi based country with growing cultural diversity and the Westminster system is an English adversarial system with colonial overtones. We need to have a new conversation about our constitutional arrangements. Too many people and our environment are not well served by a majoritarianism that ignores the voices of the poor and the voices of tangata whenua. I would love to see 2018 become the year where we face up to those issues. In the meantime have a rest over Christmas if you can. Slowing down is valuing life, in any kind of weather.



Kiwi coming to the Keltic Fair

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Upper Coromandel Landcare Association Summer Report

By Reihana Robinson

Two environmental items just to hand:

1. Landcare Research December newsletter, Kararehe Kino, highlights an article on 1080's effects on large arboreal insects: "A common phenomenon in vertebrate pest control is an increase in the number of one pest species when another competing pest species is controlled. A good example of this in New Zealand is the increase in the abundance of rats following the poisoning of possums: in some forests, rat populations recover quickly over several months following poisoning, while possum populations are much slower and take several years to recover." Peter Sweetapple and Mandy Barron discover "negative consequences for tree-dwelling invertebrates." Admittedly this reports references only the raw data which I have not seen but those who kaitiaki

Papatuanuku understand that an insecticide dropped from the air (1080 was originally developed as an insecticide) will affect invertebrates, especially tree weta and stick insects.

2. DOC has just advertised on the government tender site a contract to carry out "Ground Based possum control on Stewart Island using bait bags and raised traps. Possums will be controlled to less than 5% RTC over 6621ha. Two Blocks are available Block One: 2017 ha, comprising R4a and F1d. Block Two, 4604ha, comprising R3b, R4b,c and L3a."

So if wild animal control of thousands of hectares of Rakiura can be approved, why the push to poison the Coromandel? DOC on the Coromandel and in Whitianga needs to answer this question. UCLA looks forward to fruitful korero with DOC officials.

Tourism on the top of the Coromandel

Poison 1080 signs, courtesy of Moehau Environment Group (MEG), grace the slope as one

enters Port Charles. This is a new low for community relations. The Tangiaro Retreat and MEG's Letticia Williams land are currently poisoned by MEG with 1080 poison. Any local walking their dog will need a muzzle for their pet. And on the DOC tracks around Moehau parents will have to take special care their infants do not pick up any disintegrating baits or touch dead birds or insects.

The first Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment, Helen Hughes, investigated possums and poison 1080 with two reports, supported hunting as the preferred strategy over accessible terrain, declared long-term use of a single toxin was "not advisable", and said "the inability to prevent the imposition of unwanted pesticides may affect mental if not physical health, certification for organic growers, and the ability of tangata whenua to exercise kaitiakitanga..."

Kia kaha and season's greetings to all who support humane wild animal control.

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30 Oct - 24 Dec	-	8.45am	-	8.45am	6.40pm	8.45am	8.45am
25 Dec - 31 Dec	XMAS	8.45am	8.45am	8.45am	8.45am	8.45am	8.45am
1 Jan - 7 Jan	8.45am	8.45am	8.45am	8.45am	8.45am	8.45am	8.45am
8 Jan - 4 Feb	8.45am	8.45am	8.45am	8.45am	6.40pm	8.45am	8.45am
5 Feb - 11 Feb	8.45am	8.45am	-	8.45am	6.40pm	8.45am	8.45am

Departs Orapiu to Coromandel: (approximate times)

	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
30 Oct - 24 Dec	-	9.50am	-	9.50am	7.45pm	9.50am	9.50am
25 Dec - 31 Dec	XMAS	9.50am	9.50am	9.50am	9.50am	9.50am	9.50am
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Departs Coromandel: Hannafords Wharf

	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
30 Oct - 24 Dec	-	3.00pm	-	3.00pm	8.45pm	4.30pm	4.30pm
25 Dec - 31 Dec	XMAS	4.30pm	3.00pm	3.00pm	3.00pm	4.30pm	4.30pm
1 Jan - 7 Jan	4.30pm	4.30pm	3.00pm	3.00pm	3.00pm	4.30pm	4.30pm
8 Jan - 28 Jan	3.00pm	3.00pm	3.00pm	3.00pm	8.45pm	4.30pm	4.30pm
29 Jan - 4 Feb	4.30pm	3.00pm	3.00pm	3.00pm	8.45pm	4.30pm	4.30pm

Auckland - Coromandel

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

Waiheke Island (Orapiu) - Coromandel

	ADULT	CHILD	FAMILY
ONE WAY	\$40.00	\$25.00	\$105.00
OPEN RETURN	\$65.00	\$40.00	\$170.00

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

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Sport

Coromandel Recreational Fishing Club

By Allison Brown & CRFC Committee

Hi to all,

Wishing you all a very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

We had our Xmas dinner and Prize Giving on 2 December at the Admirals Arms Hotel.

A very big thank you to Kelvin from Admirals Arms who was Santa and his helper Sharvana.

We went out fishing at the first mussel farm south from the Coromandel Harbour the last weekend of November and got our limit within 1hr of the tide turning to come in, all very nice pannies around 40-45cm but just as we were leaving our 6-year-old nephew hooked and caught a very nice 6kg snapper. Prior to that our nephew and his eldest son had been diving for scallops. They were lovely and in very good condition. For a number of people I like to make a roux sauce with onion and garlic fried in butter. Just put the raw scallops in the bottom of a dish and pour the hot sauce over them, then cover with grated cheese and breadcrumbs and put into the oven until the top is nicely browned – this cooks the scallops just through (more flavour the next day reheated).

May the fishing continue with good catches but as from end December through January the fish seem to take a holiday so can only hope it will not be the case. I'm convinced a lot of it depends on the moon and the tides as we have observed over the years. The calendar that TCDC have done has very good fishing days, tides and moon times for each day.

Our trophies and pins for 2016-2017 year are as follows:

Seniors trophies

Heaviest Snapper: Troy Evans on 8kg line

was 9.949kg

Heaviest Kingfish: Max Larsen on 8kg line

was 17kg

Heaviest John Dory: Rob Davies on 8kg line

was 1.585kg

Heaviest Trevally: Nikki Stephenson on 10kg

line was 4.675kg

Heaviest Fish caught by a Male: Max Larsen

17kg Kingfish

Heaviest Fish caught by a Female: Margaret-

Anne Burnie 10.767kg Kingfish

Most Meritorious Snapper: Troy Evans 9.949

on 8kg line

Most Meritorious Kingfish: Max Larsen 17kg

on 8kg line

Heaviest Marlin: Steve Burgess

Junior trophies

Heaviest Snapper: Jake Woodcocks on 10kg

line was 5.177kg

Heaviest Fish: Jake Woodcocks on 10kg line

was 5.177kg

Pins – First Caught - Seniors

Snapper: on 6kg line Allison Brown

on 8kg line Antonette Woodcocks

on 10kg line Yvette Storey

on 15kg line Geoff Burnie

Kingfish: on 8kg line Max Larsen

on 10kg line Troy Evans

on 15kg line Troy Evans

John Dory: on 8kg line Rob Davies

Trevally: on 8kg line Allen McNeill

on 10kg line Grant Masters

Kahawai: on 6kg line Kim Brett

on 8kg line Max Larsen

on 10kg line Ester Burnie

on 15kg line Margaret-Anne Burnie



Santa with our youngest member

Pins – First Caught – Juniors

First Caught: Jake Woodcocks on 10kg line

10kg snapper

Heaviest: Jake Woodcocks on 10kg line

5.177kg snapper

Pins – Heaviest – Seniors

Snapper: on 6kg line Kevin Brett

on 8kg line Troy Evans

on 10kg line Yvette Storey

on 15kg line Geoff Burnie

Kingfish: on 8kg line Max Larsen

on 10kg line Troy Evans

on 20kg line Troy Evans

John Dory: on 8kg line Rob Davies

Trevally: on 8kg line Allen McNeill

on 10kg line Nikki Stephenson

Kahawai: on 6kg line Kim Brett

on 8kg line Troy Evans

on 10kg line Clay Short

on 15kg line Margaret-Anne Burnie

Fishing Comps coming up **Anniversary Weekend** and **Classy Chicks 24 February** – everyone welcome to enter.

Here's to tight lines as always.

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

By Debra Attwood

I hope everyone has had a nice relaxing time over Christmas spending time with whānau and enjoying some down time. Now it is time for those New Year resolutions and if getting fit, or losing weight, is one of them, then consider coming along to the Community Swimming Pool as either swimming or walking in the pool is a great place to start the day and get you ready for the day, or if mornings are not your thing then come along later in the day if you like. Both of our pools are heated, the main 25m pool is solar heated

(so let the sun shine over the holidays) and our toddler pool has a heat pump.

Qualified Pool Lifeguards Required

We still require more qualified pool lifeguards for this season for shift work over the summer; fixed term casual employment. If you qualify give me a call or call in to the pool.

Keltic Fair Day **2 January**: Bring your togs, make the pool your base for the day, come and grab your spot early, set up your gazebo, then come and go back to the fair or just enjoy the day with us. The pool will be open from 6.00am-7.00pm on the day. Ice creams and refreshments available.

Pool Hours during school holiday break until 31 January 2018

Mornings Monday – Saturday 6.00am-8.00am

Daily 12-5pm

(Except Christmas Day: Closed)

Keltic Fair Day **2 January** 6am-7pm

Entry Costs: Adults \$4, Students and Seniors \$3, Preschoolers 1-5yrs \$1, Spectators \$1.

Hot metered showers available for holiday makers, campers etc. Entrance fee (showers only) \$1. Showers take \$1 coins for hot water.

Learn to Swim Classes are filling up rapidly for the January Block course starting **3 January**. The Swimming Club will be holding more swim lessons starting in February. Be in quick if you want to secure a spot. Call in to the pool for a registration form.

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



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See meeting list for class times

Coromandel Golf Club

By Peter Gray

The AGM was held on Saturday 2 December with 24 members in attendance. The current Committee was re-elected except for the Men's Club Captain, with Peter Richardson taking over from Jim Davis. Jim has done an outstanding job over the last couple of years and will be on hand to help Peter "ease" into his role. Craig Dudson also took on the Vice President's role with an indication that he will look at the President's role in 2019.

The Club Committee is: President – Ed Buckett, Vice President – Craig Dudson, Treasurer – David Lunn, Secretary – Peter Gray, Club Captain – Peter Richardson, Ladies' Club Captain – Glenise Robertson, Ladies' Secretary – Philippa Medlock. The meeting passed a motion to increase annual fees by \$5.00 across the board (to cover increases for those fees subject to Association and NZ Golf Levies). Full Membership now \$430.00 (full list of membership options available on website). The Eagles Salver – combined mixed Stableford – played on the AGM day was won by the pairing of Sue Davies and Peter Gray on a countback from Bryan McLeod and Eugene Weimer.

The Annual Xmas Tournament was held on Saturday 9 December and produced one of the busiest days at the Club for a number of years, with visiting golfers swelling the tee-off numbers to 75 and approx. 85 catered for the afternoon meal. Credit must go to the Ladies Committee and lady members for organising the day and promoting the tournament with visits to the Clubs in the district. Thanks must go to Lyn Whitcombe and her band of helpers in catering for such large numbers (no one went hungry). Peter Richardson had a tough initiation into his new role in organising the Tee off for such a large field, thanks also to his "sidekick" Jim Davis and also to Ed and his band of volunteers in presenting the course in prestige condition.

Prize winners on the day: Senior – Ron Evans Net, Bruce Wallace Gross, Allan Rose Stableford, Junior – David Sampson Net, Tony Edgar Gross, Ron Brooking Stableford, Ladies – Jenny Coatsworth Nett, Judy Fullerton Gross, Joan Evans Stableford.

The Friday night Twilight Golf again proved a popular event leading up to Xmas attracting good numbers of members and more importantly local nonregular golfers. Big thank you to Philippa Medlock for her efforts in organising the event and also Carol and Wayne Carson for their efforts. It was a big weekend for Philippa as she was one of the first to front up next day to help with the bar, etc., for the Xmas Tournament.

The rain delayed Club Champs were finally decided with Peter Richardson the Senior Club Champ winning on the last hole over Jim Davis who fought back after being four down. Peter paid tribute to Jim's competitive spirit and having reversed the result from their match 15 years ago. The Intermediate final was won by Tom Folwell over Ron Evans, again coming down to the last hole. Bill Howard won over Robin Attwood in the Juniors. In the Junior B there was no "across the road neighbourly love" when Bruce Fitzpatrick defeated Malcolm Stone.

The Tom Daniels Shoot Out had Bruce Fitzpatrick as "last man standing" winning from Jim Davis on the 7th Hole with Peter Richardson 3rd.

The Laurie Olliff Trophy – decided on the best six Stableford scores on the monthly Meat Pack Day, saw Tom Folwell a clear winner from Peter Richardson. The final meat pack day had visitor Pete Mara taking home the "bacon" from our local "shining light" Ron Brooking.

Reminder

To all members and golfers – The Coromandel Hotel (Top Pub) Mixed Open will held on **Saturday 6 January** 11.00am Tee. Great day, heaps of prizes. This is a catered event. **Saturday 3 February** – Seafood Tournament – (Formerly Maori Tournament) (C)



REMEMBER
Coromandel Hotel
(Top Pub) - Mixed
Open Saturday
6 January

Coromandel Croquet Club

By Kaye Anderson

Our new members bring a lively buzz to the Club on Tuesdays, especially during the tea break, with many questions about the rules and strategies of the game. They are making rapid progress and by early next year they will certainly be challenging the old hands.

We have switched to summer time, meeting at 9.15am on Tuesdays and Saturdays for a 9.30am start. We play all through the holidays with the exclusion of the statutory holidays.

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



Players (mostly new) watch as the expert demonstrates a split shot



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PARAHEKA BLOCK GOLDFIELDS ROAD, MANAIA NOTICE OF MEETING

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

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

Date: Saturday, 24 February 2018

Time: 10.00am

Agenda

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

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

L E Wilson, Māori Land Court
DX Box GX 10101, Hamilton, (07) 957 7880
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Coromandel Town weekly and monthly meetings

Every Monday

Mahamudra Centre, Free Guided Meditation 8.30-9am
Coromandel Hikers' Group, Hauraki House, Colin & Elspeth (07) 866 7137 9am
Monday Walkers, Irene 021 157 8408 9am
Laughter and deep relaxation. Upstairs Coromandel Swimming Pool, Marine 028 408 7027. (No classes on 25 Dec and 1 Jan) 1.30-2.15pm
Four-part harmony singing, Sue (07) 866 8833 7pm

Every Tuesday

Mahamudra Centre, Free Guided Meditation 8.30-9am
Pastel Artists Coromandel, Coromandel Aero Club Rooms (07) 866 7220 9am-midday
Coro Walking Group, Ruth (07) 866 7246 9am
Open Floor at Mana Retreat Centre – 16 January, 20 February ... 9.30-11.30am
Croquet, Woollams Ave, Kaye (07) 866 8968 9.45am
Yoga for everyone, Colville Hall, Kate 022 071 8470 10am
Playcentre, Woollams Ave 10.30am-1pm
SeniorNet Coromandel contact Loes (07) 866 8053 4pm
Beginner Yoga with Becks, at the Anglican Church Hall, 170 Tiki Rd, \$10. Contact 027 407 0079 5.30-6.45pm
Coro Motorcycle Club, Star & Garter, John 027 234 1013 7-9pm

Every Wednesday

Mahamudra Centre, Free Guided Meditation 8.30-9am
Laughter and deep relaxation. Upstairs Coromandel Swimming Pool, Marine 028 408 7027. (10 Jan to 14 Feb) 1.30-2.15pm
Zumba. Coro Gym (10 Jan to 14 Feb), Marine 028 408 7027 5.30-6.30pm

Every Thursday

Mahamudra Centre, Free Guided Meditation 8.30-9am
Coro Walking Group, Ruth (07) 866 7246 9am
Coro Bowls club day 9.30am
Coro Art Group, St Andrew's Church Hall, Val (07) 866 8911 9am-12pm
Guided Meditation, Havalona Pyramid 10-11am
Body Balance & Yoga Classes from 18 January at Waikato Trust Events Centre (upstairs Swimming Pool) contact Tina 021 201 97505.10-6.20pm

Fortnightly Thursday

Open Floor Dance Classes (11, 25 January, no classes in February), Anglican Church Hall, \$10. Jacqui 022 392 8588 or Lisa 021 175 47417-8.30pm

Every Friday

Mahamudra Centre, Free Guided Meditation 8.30-9am
Yoga for everyone, Anglican Hall, Kate 022 071 8470 9am
Playcentre, Woollams Ave 9.45am-12.15pm

Every Saturday

Croquet, Woollams Ave, Kaye (07) 866 8968 9.45am

Every Sunday

Mahamudra Centre, Free Guided Meditation 8.30-9am
Anglican Church Service 10am

Monthly

1st Mon – Coro Patchwork & Quilters, Ambulance rooms, Jill (07) 866 7484 9.30am-3.30pm

3rd Mon – Coro Patchwork & Quilters, Ambulance rooms, Jill (07) 866 7484 9.30am-3.30pm

1st Wed – Coro Embroiderers Guild, St John Rooms, Margaret Burgess (07) 866 5769 10am-3pm

1st Wed – Lions Dinner meeting, Ambulance Rooms. Contact President Jean Smith 021 208 7576 6pm

2nd Wed – Garden Circle. Contact Jane Warren 021 232 2905





















3rd Wed – Lions Business Meeting, Ambulance Rooms. Contact President Jean Smith 021 208 7576 7pm

1st & 3rd Sun – Church Service at St Andrew's Church Rings Road 10am

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<div>1</div> <div>The 29th Coromandel Christmas Art Exhibition continues (see Pg 26)</div>	<div>2</div> <div> RN+TC  RN+TC</div> <div>Ketic Fair</div>	<div>3</div> <div> RN+CT</div> <div>MEG Family Fun Run, Little Bay (see Pg 28)</div>	<div>4</div> <div> RN+CT</div> <div>MEG Kiwi Night Adventure, Port Charles (see Pg 28)</div>	<div>5</div> <div> RN+glass RN</div> <div>MEG Junior Rangers, Waikawau Bay (see Pg 28) Lamrim Retreat starts (see www.mahamudra.orgnz)</div>	<div>6</div> <div>Barry Brickell Dooday (see ad Pg 5) Coromandel Hotel (Top Pub) Mixed Open at Coromandel Golf Club (see Pg 31) MEG Create Your Own Kiwi, Little Bay (see Pg 28)</div>	<div>7</div> <div>MEG Teach Your Dog to Avoid Kiwi, Colville & Te Mata, Starlight Cinema, Waikawau Bay (see Pg 28)</div>	
<div>8</div> <div>MEG Nocturnal Walk, Waikawau Campground (see Pg 28)</div>	<div>9</div> <div> RN+TC  RN</div>	<div>10</div> <div> RN+CT</div> <div>MEG Bounty Hunters: Up Close Kiwi Encounter (see Pg 28) Optional Triples at Coromandel Bowling Club (see Pg 23)</div>	<div>11</div> <div>MEG Up close Kiwi Encounter, Port Charles (see Pg 28)</div>	<div>12</div> <div> RN+glass RN</div> <div>MEG Starlight Cinema, Waikawau Bay (see Pg 28)</div>	<div>13</div> <div>Coro Summer Fest (see ad Pg 13) Tapas with live music at Coromandel Mussel Kitchen (see ad Pg 11) MEG Traditional Medicinal & Edible Plants, Te Rongoa Maori, Kiwi Night Adventure (see Pg 28) High tide 5.17am (2.5m), 5.28pm (2.4m) Low tide 11.20am (0.8m), 11.47pm (0.7m)</div>	<div>14</div> <div>High tide 6.10am (2.5m), 6.20pm (2.4m) Low tide 12.11pm (0.8m)</div>	
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<div>29</div> <div>Auckland Anniversary Day</div>	<div>30</div> <div> RN+TC  RN+TC</div> <div>Twilight Bowls starts (see Pg 23)</div>	<div>31</div> <div> RN+CT</div> <div>Blessings at the Beach Waiteke Bay 10am-3pm. (see www.mahamudra.orgnz)</div>	<div>UPCOMING MONTHS</div> <div>FEBRUARY</div> <div>1 - Term 1 starts 9-19 - Gold Mine art auction fundraiser (see ad Pg 26) 24 - Classy Chicks Fishing Competition (see Pg 30)</div> <div>MARCH</div> <div>2 - International Women's Day Breakfast (see Pg 10)</div>			<div>COROMANDEL RUBBISH & RECYCLE TRANSFER STATION & E-CYCLE SUMMER HOURS</div> <div>Mon-Fri 11am-4.30pm Saturday 10.30am-5.30pm Sunday & public holidays 10.30am-6.30pm</div>	
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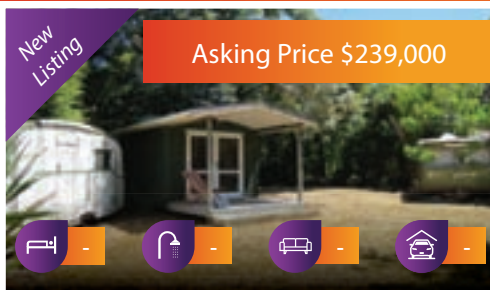


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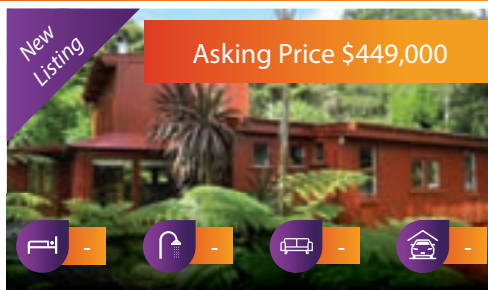


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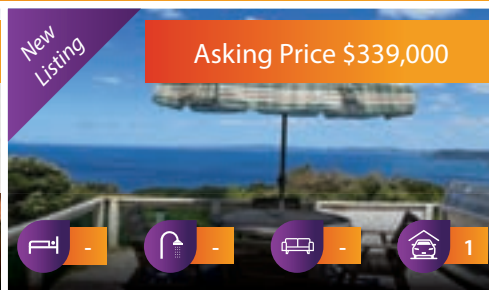
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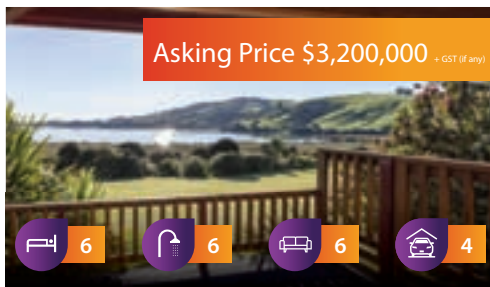
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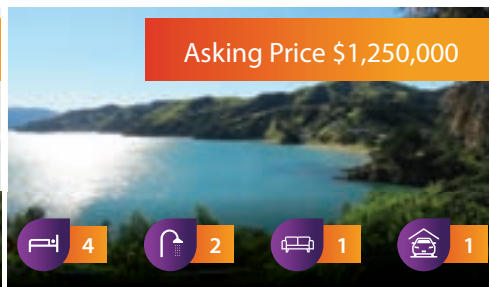
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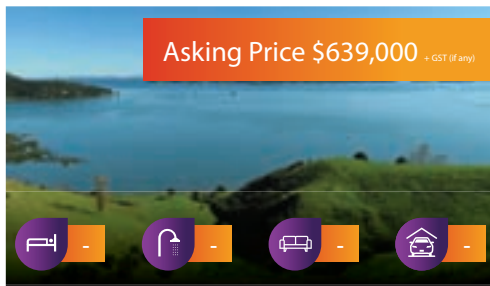
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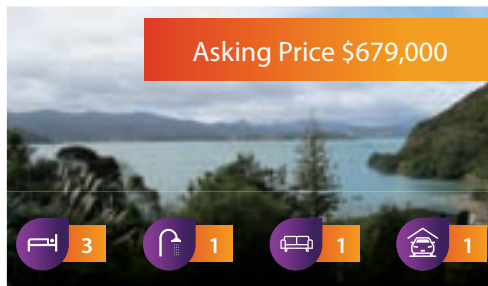
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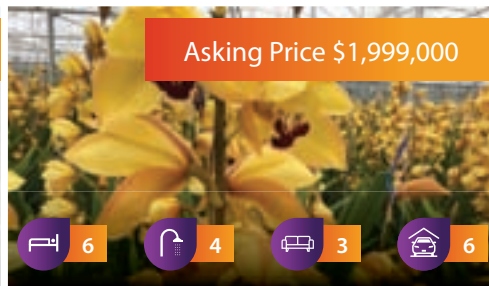
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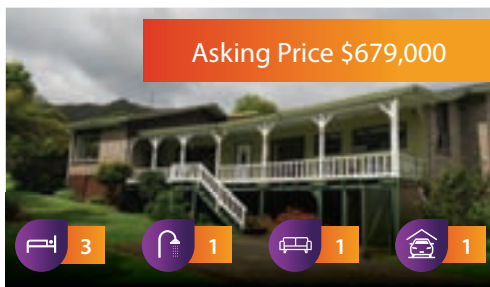
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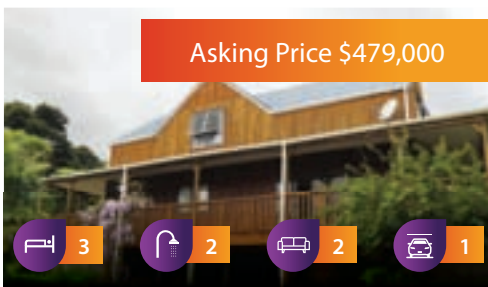
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Heating 3.2 (1.1-4.2) kW
\$1697
MSZ-EF50VE2 – Living Room
Cooling 5.0 (1.4-5.4) kW
Heating 5.8 (1.6-7.5) kW
\$2527

*Prices exclude installation



DAIKIN
Daikin L Series Air Conditioners
FTXS25LVMA – Bed Room
Cooling 2.5 (1.3-3.2) kW
Heating 3.4 (1.3-4.7) kW
\$1390
FTXS71LVMA – Large Living Room
Cooling 7.1 (2.3-8.5) kW
Heating 8.0 (2.3-10.0) kW
\$2730

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Fisher & Paykel



Washing Machine
5.5Kg
\$737

Fridge Freezer
372L
\$1349



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