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Where are we If you can find the iconic Colville General Store you are almost there!! Walk next door to the Foragers Kitchen, through their outdoor seating area and we are nestled in the back room (hence our name), on the right.



Our 2018/2019 Season Our season runs from December 2018 through to April 2019. Our gallery is open from 10am- 4pm daily, everyday, with the exception of Christmas Day and Boxing Day. Contact us through our Facebook page @ Back Room Gallery, or email hann.white@gmail.com Located 2314 Colville Road, Coromandel



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Editor's comment

Celebrating colour for the new year!

Colour has filtered its way through all of this issue – meaning all photos are in colour. Hope you enjoy it. Thanks to all of the advertiser support to make this happen this issue. If you advertise and want to upgrade to colour, then please get in touch. Or if you have been thinking of advertising but find grey a bit boring, then now is the time to get an advert in.

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

Check out the calendar of events on page 38 for what is happening in January.

Happy New Year.

Debbie

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New Year Resolve

By Catherine Delahunty

How did this happen? We are nearly 20 years into this millenium. The very best bit for me is spending these years here in Hauraki and freaky as the future is looking for the low-lying coastal areas of the world I would not want to be anywhere else, let alone start a colony on Mars. After all, what did the Martians do to deserve us?

So this New Year I am making a few personal resolutions.

1. I will not shout at Gmail; it's not Gmails fault that I don't get it. I will be fair to Gmail.
2. I will wear glasses when washing the dishes. Humiliating as this is to admit, my daughter has a point.
3. I will not curse at the news, I will breathe through the news as if it were a yoga position I need to learn.
4. I will keep a supply of almonds in the car for those long waits on the Auckland motorway when you are so bored and hungry that you just want to stop at the garage and buy cheese scones with butter.
5. I will keep thanking my chickens for those two perfect brown eggs every morning. Thank you Ursula (Le Guin and named by me) and JK (Rowling and named by my grandson)
6. I will write something every day, be it a haiku on Twitter, a poem, a column, a blog or 500 words of my memoir. No more excuses.
7. I will not argue with racists on Facebook; life is too short.
8. I will go and visit Wainuiototo/New Chum beach as well as go to meetings about saving it.
9. I will ako Te Reo Maori kupu, and learn some grammar!
10. I will get up the coast to the foot of Te Moehau and give thanks to the maunga, for endurance, strength, ever changing beauty and all of the history the maunga holds.

I think these resolutions are more achievable than promising to think before I speak or giving up sugar, although I have my doubts about Number 3!

It would be marvellous if we could seriously cut fossil fuels and all of the mining companies left the Hauraki alone. It would be a miracle if we homed the homeless and redistributed wealth so everyone had a dignified life. Imagine if we honoured Te Tiriti instead of "settling" it! But setting aside magical thinking in the neo-liberal state, I am going to keep working for the best and being inspired by the people all around who look after the land and each other rather than just personal gain. Have a great summer on the best and only planet we have.

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Coromandel Gateway

By Gilbert James,
Pita Street Development Ltd

The proposal for the Coromandel Marine Gateway is hoped to be lodged for consent during 2019. The proposed development is a marine facility for all; it's not just a private marina. The proposed location is adjacent Furey's Creek opposite Patukirikiri Reserve.

The facility has been designed to cater for community needs and demand for an all-tide marine gateway in Coromandel Town and will provide berthage and floating pontoon for a purpose-built ferry based in Coromandel Town. The facility will allow for charter or tourist boats to berth and operate their businesses out of Coromandel Town as an alternative to Hannaford's Jetty.

The facility will also provide: Boat stack storage for up to 180 boats; a dry dock travel lift haul-out; and 10-12 marine-side apartments. The facility will be mostly privately funded although some central government funding will be sought for the dredging component to bring the ferry and charters into town.

Channel Dredging

Initial soil testing and sampling has been completed and we are working on the findings report. Once the full extent of contaminants is known the material will need to be removed and disposed of in a safe and sustainable manner. Further testing will also follow before construction.

We know in some areas the dredgings will contain slightly elevated levels of natural arsenic and mercury. Precious metals, if present, such as gold and silver, will not be extracted from the material – this is not about mining.

If successful, the dredged channel will

support the council initiative to upgrade the Jack's Point Boat ramp and provide all-tide access right into Coromandel Town for boats.

It is estimated 100,000m³ of dredged material will be removed from the creek to get access for charter and ferry users. Material excavated on the site itself will be self-balancing and will be re-used within the site where appropriate.

Consenting

We hope to lodge the consent during 2019.

The consent will be fully publically notified and everyone will have a chance to have their say. We have already initiated discussions with key stakeholders including TCDC, WRC, Iwi, DOC, Forest and Bird and the incumbent ferry provider, to name a few, and we have also had many discussions with directly affected and adjacent landowners.

Expert reports covering ecology, coastal processes, cultural impact, landscape effects, archaeology, geotech and construction effects will all be required as part of the consent application. Once effects are known we will work with our experts and stakeholders to avoid or mitigate any negative effects.

Construction

Construction will take at least 12 months and likely longer depending on the dredging requirements. All going well it is hoped the marine facility will be completed by March 2021 in time for the America's Cup Regatta.



About Pita Street Developments

Pita Street Development is a private company formed specifically to develop the Coromandel Gateway via Furey's Creek. Myself wife Anne and I are the founders of the company. Our shareholders include a group of like-minded, mostly local business people with an interest in the marine environment, aquaculture and growing the Coromandel.

We plan to have a static display on the wall outside the old post office from 19 December. On **Wednesday 9 January** come and drop in for a chat and we will try and answer any questions you may have.

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We're Talking Rubbish

By Kate James



Top tips for fast and easy weight loss that will also save you money

The silly season probably got your blue bags bulging. Those stinky bags are just a distant memory now. But, where did all that rubbish go? There is no "away" when rubbish is tossed out; it literally ends up filling our beautiful land.

500 kg! That's about how much rubbish every person on the Coromandel sends to landfill every year*. Yikes. This year we want to give you the low-down on how to easily lose kilos off your blue bag – and keep it off. Here are four top tips for fast and easy weight loss:

1) Recycle right

Don't put recyclables in the blue bag. Be sure to rinse out bottles and cans before recycling. If you're unsure of what can go in the recycling bin, check on the lid. For example, takeaway coffee cups are not recyclable.

2) Separate your soft plastics

Soft plastics do not go in your recycling bin. Put aside clean plastic that can easily scrunch up in your hand: bread bags, chip packets, pasta packets, etc. These can be dropped off at Countdown in Whitianga (someone you know is bound to be heading over that way). Soft plastic is used to make plastic fence posts near Auckland.

3) Put your food scraps to work, not waste

Almost half of our rubbish that goes to landfill is food waste and about half of this is good food!** One of the simplest ways to prevent food waste is to plan meals and only buy what's on the list (this will save you \$\$\$). Don't bin those dinner leftovers – eat them for lunch. Unavoidable food scraps can be composted (google "how to compost" and you'll be composting by tomorrow afternoon).

4) Stop rubbish at the source

Get yourself a reusable shopping bag, a reusable coffee cup (or use a jar), use beeswax wraps instead of cling film, take your own containers to the butcher or takeaway shop, put a "no junk mail" sign on your mailbox. You get the idea. Do what you can to avoid and refuse single-use products and other rubbish. As a wise woman once said – "If your sink is overflowing, it's smarter to turn off the tap than to just keep mopping up the water".

Don't be a tosser, help care for our beautiful land. See how much blue bag weight you can lose this year.

For more information please email questions to: plasticbagfreecoromandel@gmail.com. *Information from TCDC website. **Information from studies by Auckland Regional Council

The No-Waste Nomads bring The Rubbish Trip to Colville and Coromandel

By Beth Pearsall

Join Hannah and Liam, the Two No-Waste Nomads behind The Rubbish Trip, for an introduction to the practicalities and philosophy of waste reduction. Drawing on their own research and more than three years living a zero waste lifestyle, Hannah and Liam will guide us through the "whys" and "hows" of life without a rubbish bin.

Come and find out about the zero waste movement. Discover how zero waste principles can revolutionise perspectives on living and lifestyle, beyond the rubbish bin, and about innovative examples of waste minimisation practice from around the globe.

Reducing Our Household Rubbish: The Zero Waste Approach; **Sunday 13 January** 5-8pm at The Forager's Kitchen, Colville (co-hosted with Colville Harbour Care and Colville Social Service Collective). The Colville event includes a zero waste potluck! Rise to the challenge and make it rubbish free – this includes not using any disposable dishware, plastic wrap, etc.; and on **Tuesday 15 January** 4-6pm at Wharf Road Cafe, Coromandel Town (co-hosted with Moeau Environment Group).

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Coromandel Town Information Centre

By Sandra Wilson, Manager

Happy New Year everyone.

I can now confirm that we raised just under \$1,000 with our White Elephant Sale and raffles. A big thank you to Beady Eyes, Coromandel Super Saver & Lotto, Driving Creek Railway and The Waterworks for contributing to our prizes. And many thanks to those of you who made purchases and thus helped to support the Centre!

Winner of the basket full of goodies was Christine; Naomi won the vouchers, DVD's and biscuits; Jocelyn S, Jocelyn D and Sam N each won a necklace. The raffles were drawn by Liz Oliver, JP, and Margaret Harrison was the scrutineer.

Also check out our new Boom, Bust & Beyond pre-dinner tour. The tour starts at 5.30pm and will have you back in time for dinner, either at home or at one of our fine eateries.

Tours are available daily for \$10 per person, but must be booked the day before. Gift vouchers are available. There is a two-person minimum so if only one person is booked, they will pay \$20. Come join us and learn a bit more about our lovely town!

Remember to explore and rediscover our wonderful walks and beaches and our community swimming pool. How about a round of golf? Got no clubs? Then you can hire them! Anyone for tennis? Yes, there are courts here too. We have everything you need and if we don't have it, you can probably do without it.

See you soon!

Upcoming attractions

Sunday 16 December to Saturday 12 January – Christmas Art Exhibition, Hauraki House, 10.00am-4.00pm daily

Saturday 12 January – Coro Summer Fest at Matt's, Colville Road, 3.00pm – 12.30am

Saturday 19 January – Coromandel Music Society present Jenny B and the Band, \$25 Admirals Arms Hotel, doors open 6.00pm start 7.00pm tickets at the Information Centre. Tickets at the door will cost \$30.

Friday 25 January to Thursday 7 February – Coromandel Art Group exhibition

Sunday 27 January – Anniversary weekend fishing comp

Saturday 9 February – The Topp Twins will be at the school hall, 5-8pm, tickets at Eventfinda

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CoroLocalLegend with Coromandel Four Square

Congratulations to Joanna Platt of Coromandel, who is the recipient of a gift hamper from Coromandel Four Square.

Joanna has been nominated by Vivianne Flintoff, who wrote "Joanna is a member of our local community who goes about her days quietly. Every morning, if weather and tide permit, she can be found with her faithful dog companion, Bro, on Long Bay Beach

with a large bag in hand. Joanna doesn't just pick up the more obvious rubbish such as fishing-bait plastic bags, but she is bent over, picking up every little piece of rubbish she can see. She spends about an hour at this task most days. Why does she do this? Because she cares about our environment and enjoys the satisfaction of knowing she is making the sea safer for marine life. Joanna also cares about people. If she has something that she thinks might help you, and it's in her power to offer it, that too will come your way. As far as I know, she isn't a designated leader in any group, but she leads by example as she unobtrusively cares for people and the environment. Coromandel is a richer community for having such people as Joanna live here."

Thanks for your community spirit Joanna, you are a true CoroLocalLegend!

Do you know someone who deserves recognition for their amazing community spirit?

Drop us a line telling us and they will receive acknowledgement in the Coromandel Town Chronicle as well as receiving a \$50 gift hamper from Coromandel Four Square.

Send your nominations to: Coromandel.foursquare@foodstuffs.co.nz (subject line: CoroLocalLegend) or post to: CoroLocalLegend, PO Box 5, Coromandel 3506. Kindly refrain from nominating family members



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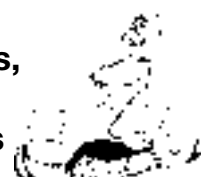
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Coromandel Budget Advisory Service

By Caroline Dunn

Budget Advice

Hi all, we are hoping everyone had a lovely Christmas and a Happy New Year. It's the time of year where we all tend to eat a little too much, spend a little too much and then slowly get back into our day-to-day routine.

The start of a new year is always a good time to sit down and make yourself up a budget. Some things, like next Christmas, can seem a long time away, but we all know it approaches again quickly and a little saved each week can make a huge difference when the money is needed. Here at Budget we have several tools which will help even the most careful manager to keep an eye on where the household money is going. A Budget Worksheet helps to add up the weekly spending while a Cashflow allows us to look at the whole year and spot crisis points like rates payments, insurance instalments or Warrant of Fitness.

So let's start the New Year as we intend to go on by being Budget-wise. And don't forget, if you'd like a bit of friendly, expert and non-judgemental advice, pop in to our office at Tiki House – we're here to help.

Our office will be opening on **Monday 14 January**. To make an appointment come and see us at our office in Tiki House, located opposite the BP, or call us on (07) 866 8351.

Foodbank

Welcome to 2019. Firstly we would like to say a massive thanks to the community for rallying round to support our Foodbank. We had a fabulous response from local individuals and businesses to our Christmas hamper appeal, and we were able to supply 30 Festive Hampers of food and gifts to clients over the Christmas period. Thanks to all concerned.

Our first food parcels for the year will be **Wednesday 16 January**. If you require a food parcel please make sure Foodbank requests are with us before 12.30pm on a Tuesday otherwise you will have to wait until the following week. Pick up time is at 2.30pm on a Wednesday. You will need to book in with a Budget Advisor if you are going to need assistance over a couple of weeks.

Our resolution at Foodbank this year is to attempt to eliminate all single-use plastic from our parcels. Plastic-Free Coromandel Town gave us a massive head start with a huge donation of their awesome reusable bags which we distributed to the community through our Christmas Hampers.

To support us in our mission, all food parcel recipients will now be required to bring their own bags/boxes to put their food in.

We also need the community to please keep dropping off those clean, sealable containers and jars to us, as well as any newspapers and reusable bags that you may have lying around.

Community Garden

As any avid gardener would know, gardens do not take a Christmas break. They keep on growing and continue to need watering and weeding done. With the Foodbank having been closed over the Christmas break, the Community sharing shelf has been kept well stocked and we hope that you have got yourself some fresh produce from there. The garden is looking fabulous and producing so much produce at present.

If you would like to help out, please come on down on a Wednesday between 9am-11am and have a chat with Brooke.

If you are dropping produce off at the sharing shelf don't forget to pop it up on our Facebook page.

Happy New Year.

SeniorNet Coromandel

By Loes Beaver



We send Christmas wishes to all of our members. We will be having a break over Christmas and starting again early February, so have all those new IT gifts ready and if you require our assistance, let us know. We all enjoyed our Christmas get together at Pepper Tree Restaurant. Thanks to the staff for a lovely afternoon. All the best for the new year from the executive and members of SeniorNet.

Contact Loes (07) 866 8053

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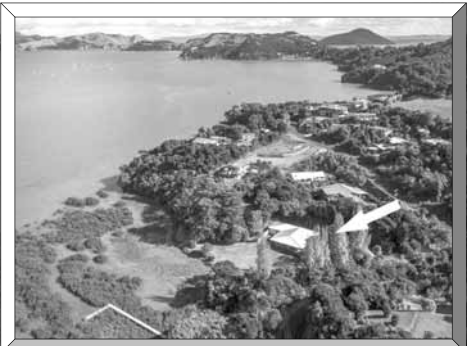
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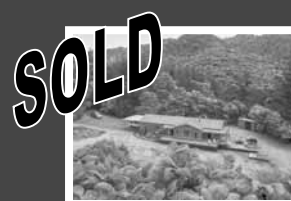


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Museum News

By Raewyn McKinney

By the time this edition of the Chronicle is on the streets, we trust everyone will be enjoying brilliant summer weather, and having a great January; busy for the shopkeepers and tour operators, and relaxing for the holidaymakers. The museum will be open every day, and we encourage all visitors to take time out to come in and check out the new, and old, displays.

Work slows down somewhat on displays and general tasks in the museum when we are open every day, but plans are still being made and ideas constantly thought up on how to enhance the museum experience for all of our visitors.

This month I have an article about a camping trip to the Coromandel Peninsula from the "Auckland Star" of 12 January 1937. Though times have changed, particularly with the range and types of camping equipment, hopefully all of our visitors will look back on their holidays with the same enjoyment and positive feelings about the area.

"Summer Holiday. Trip In Caravan. Touring With The Y.W.C.A."

(By a camper)

A caravan tour along the coast of the Hauraki Gulf and Firth of Thames, conducted by the Auckland Y.W.C.A. under the supervision of Miss Beryl Knight, with Miss Edna Ericson as able assistant, came to a happy ending on January 3.



From New Zealand Herald 14 November 1936 – Caravanning in company: Members of the thriving Cambridge Caravan Company on a tour to the Thames Coast

We all enjoyed the trip thoroughly, and met many delightful people, also on pleasure bent. The route followed was from Auckland through Ellerslie, Panmure, and Clevedon, to Orere Point. All along the highway people smiled to see so many happy girls seated on top of our luggage, in the piled up van! We struck our first camp near the seashore, under a huge crimson pohutukawa tree, with a large fresh-water stream nearby. The camp arrangements were excellent – everyone had some little duty to perform, and yet no one seemed to be "working." It was a great idea dividing into groups, named after our native trees: "Kauri," "rimu," "kahikatea", etc. The changeover to new duties relieved any monotony.

On the Monday morning following, we started off again, and bowled along the pretty fern-clad roads. The weather was fine, and we were able to follow the clay road, which is more picturesque than the main thorough-

fare to Coromandel. A stop of one hour was made at Thames, where one and all were glad to walk about

a bit to get rid of that "cramped" feeling after travelling so far. The road along the coastline from Thames to Tapu was exceedingly pretty, as the tide was in and the pohutukawa trees were in full bloom. Then our way wended up the mountains, and along hairpin bends, until a glorious view showed us Manaia Valley and its bay, studded with treeclad islands. Instead of taking the Kapanga Road, we continued on along to Tiki Road, through Coromandel township, thence along the shore until we reached Papa Aroha. There we made our permanent camp, until the floods came, and even then had only to move our belongings into the schoolhouse. Days passed in sunshine, rain, and sunshine again, with various picnics, tramps, and bonfires in succession. One day was spent at Colville, where we all got nicely sunburnt, and collected pipis to cook at our campfire. On Sunday the run back to Auckland, though long, was enjoyable."

Admission to the museum is \$5 per adult; children are free if accompanied by an adult. As the museum does not have EFTPOS, we urge all visitors to bring enough cash. The museum will be open between 1pm and 4pm every day during January

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Grey Power Coromandel

By John Rabarts. President

Thank you Irene Dunn and her Christmas Party Committee, John Gaffikin-Cowan who was such an able MC again, all of those who helped, all of the performers, including a host of school children and all of those who came to the Grey Power Senior Citizens' Christmas Party on 7 December. We had a great time, so if you missed out – see you next year.



You know you are ancient when you can remember a time when errors were blamed on human error rather than on computers. You can remember a time when you could fix the TV with a good thump on the side. You became aware that the print size in books and magazines is steadily getting smaller. You don't have too much trouble bending down – it's getting up again that's the problem.

Jim Davies, farmer, forester, contractor, father and friend of so many Coromandel people over many years, passed away in November. He was farewelled by Coralie, his wife, who nursed at Coromandel Hospital so long ago, and his large family and many friends, at St Andrews Church. Fortunately it was a fine day and those standing outside were able to do so in the sun rather than the rain that has blessed our gardens, lawn and weeds for so much of our long spring. Jim was a pioneer in private forest development and at one point had the largest private pine forest in the country, in the foothills of the Tokatea range. Driving towards Colville you will still see the well maintained forest, high in the valleys behind Coromandel. Farewell Jim, you were a legend in your time.

"Anyone can get old. All you have to do is live long enough." – Groucho Marx

Community Van – We received this advice from Coromandel Independent Living Trust (CILT): The community van is available for community hire except Thursdays when the van goes to Thames. The van can be booked at CILT. There is a form to fill in, drivers need to be over 25 and have a current clean licence and for insurance purposes make a declaration if they have any past offences. The office will take a copy of licence and ask for a contact number. They operate on a koha basis with the round town suggestion of \$13 for 15km and \$23 for 25km. The Community van is also trialing Friday outings for pensioners and those with limited mobility. Enquiries to CILT, who have an article elsewhere in this issue of the Chronicle.

As a follow-up to this information I recently was talking with an older lady who had been on a trip in the van (to Port Charles, I think it was), and was ecstatic about the wonderful day she had. Well done CILT. May you have many more outings for the older folk in our town.

Life as a senior is for the old to enjoy and the young to look forward to.

Ants again. After my previous advice on clearing ants, more remedies were brought to my attention. Some organic ant repellents – Scatter talcum powder, cream of tartar, powdered sulphur, lemon juice or peel, charcoal dust, eucalyptus oil, oil of cloves or borax (note: this is poisonous so keep away from children) at ant entry points. Plant mint around the house foundations (but take care as this can run wild and become a pest of its own). Sprinkle crumbled bay leaves or cloves on window sills and other ant entry places. Put bay leaves in the sugar bowl, change monthly. Good luck – goodbye ants.

To join Coromandel Grey Power Association phone Membership Secretary Carol Carson (07) 866 7172. Or Vice President Irene Dunn, 021 157 8408



Wild things

By Karen Marshall

The banded rail, or moho pereru, has a high profile in Coromandel Town thanks to the McGregor Bay Wetland Society. This bird is found only in the northern part of the North Island and is endangered. It lives and nests in saltmarsh and mangroves and is not often seen. However, our photographer (a visitor to town) sat quietly for an hour on the shore at McGregor Bay and was rewarded with sightings of two birds. One was shy and disappeared when it saw the camera, but the one photographed was very comfortable amongst the mangroves! This has been celebrated, as another bird had been killed by a car earlier this year and we were unsure how many remained. The banded rail can fly but usually doesn't bother in order to feed on shellfish, crabs, spiders, insects and worms. Because there is no safe water passage from the sea to the McGregor Bay wetland the birds have to cross the road. Please slow down if you are driving along Long Bay Road!

Anyone who has a picture of Coromandel wildlife they would like to contribute to this column is welcome to email the McGregor Bay Wetland Society: mcmgregorbaywetland@hotmail.com



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Best wishes to all of our visitors and local residents as we make our way into 2019. I hope you are still enjoying the delights of a Coromandel summer even if you are working while doing so.

January is a busy time on the Peninsula and all of the summertime holiday events make sure there is plenty to do, see and experience. It's that time of year when there are so many opportunities to enjoy what's so fantastic about the Coromandel.

Of course so many of those wonderful experiences are based on our magnificent and very beautiful natural environment.

We are all blessed in New Zealand as a country with great people and a sense of social cohesiveness not always prevalent in some other countries, even those we would compare ourselves with. May it stay that way.

Climate Change

One of the big issues of our time is how we confront the challenges of climate change. As you would expect National is supporting a steady approach to climate change policy based on broad science, technology and a clear understanding of what other countries are doing.

National is part of cross party negotiations trying to reach a consensus on the Zero Carbon Bill to be introduced to Parliament this year.

An interim climate change committee was set up in April last year to examine the Emissions Trading Scheme, and plans on increasing renewable energy generation from 85 per cent to 100 per cent by 2035.

We agree that it's a sensible decision to

have a climate commission making recommendations to future Parliaments in terms of how to "wrestle" emissions down over the next 20-30 years. We want to avoid the divisive approach to climate change politics that has played such a role in some other countries.

National holds strong views around the principles it expected to see in the Bill.

We want to ensure deliberations are informed by broad science, and available technology is recognised when sectors transition away from current activity, as well as having a clear line of sight on what the rest of the world is doing, particularly New Zealand's trading partners.

New Zealand is one of the world's most efficient food producers and we need to maintain and enhance that position. We believe reducing cow numbers to try and reduce 45 per cent of agricultural emissions in New Zealand isn't the correct approach when every other sector in the world is subsidised and is not considering agricultural emissions for time frames of 30-40 years into the future. While New Zealand is a very small player it is never too small to play a role and I'm confident we will.

Medicinal cannabis

National has supported the second reading of the Medicinal Cannabis Bill with future support requiring the government to accept a number of changes proposed by us. In its current form the bill is loose and unworkable and has been widely criticised by the medical community and the wider public. Ridiculously, the bill would make it legal for people with a terminal illness to possess and use cannabis but illegal for people to supply it to them.

My colleagues want to work with the government to fix this bill to ensure that medicinal cannabis products are made available to New Zealanders who need them for their pain and get the law passed in a timely manner but we don't support using the guise "Medicinal Cannabis" as a way of decriminalising the use of loose leaf marijuana.



Barry Brickell Play With Clay Day 2019

By Pete Sephton

Last year's clay day, to remember and celebrate Barry Brickell's contribution to the arts in Coromandel, was a big success despite restricted access to the town due to the 4 January storm. More than 150 adults and children took advantage of the chance to work with top craftspeople to explore their creative side with local clay.

This year will be bigger with more craftspeople involved and live music from the new Barry Brickell Memorial Performance Stage. It all takes place under the marquee in Hauraki House grounds **Saturday 26 January** 10am to 3pm. Generous support from Creative Communities and Harcourts Real Estate Coromandel means that this is a free event open to anyone interested in having fun with clay and participants have the opportunity to take home the art work created.



Photos are from the Play With Clay Day in January 2018

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Mahamudra Centre for Universal Unity

By Roy

Meditation and the Monkey Mind

Our regular morning guided meditations, lead by Kate, Carey, Khongor and Roy on different days, have been well attended recently. Since 26 December Venerable Palyon, a senior Australian Nun, has been leading the morning meditations and giving a half-hour, introductory level Dharma talk between 8.30 and 9.30am daily. This program will continue until **30 January** and is open to anyone interested.

The purpose of meditation is to investigate the way one's own mind works and through that understanding, to gain some control of the wild monkey mind. Like all activities, to be successful one needs to develop a regular practice; even just 10 or 15 minutes daily will produce results. The key is being regular. The morning meditations offered at Mahamudra Centre are to provide interested people with some tools to use to develop a personal meditation practice.

We are having some changes for the beginning of the new year. Many of you will know Sarah Brooks, who has been the Spiritual Program Coordinator for the last four years. Sarah has left the Centre and is exploring other opportunities. A big thank you to Sarah for all she has done for Mahamudra Centre in that time!

Regretfully we have been informed Venerable Nangsal will not be returning as Director. After some time in retreat she is now spending time with family and focusing on improving her health. There is no thank you big enough for Venerable Nangsal which could encompass what she has offered Mahamudra Centre over her 10 years as Director. Incredible!

Even though Sarah has left the Coromandel area, the Thursday morning guided meditation group is continuing to meditate in the beautiful healing space of the Havalona Pyramid in Coromandel. Anyone is welcome to join in, and no experience is necessary. The group meets from 10-11am and then anyone who has time goes out for a social cup of coffee at a local café.

Our first Community Lunch scheduled for 2019 will be on **18 January** at 12pm. All welcome for some of Carey's delicious vegetarian food!

From all staff and members of Mahamudra Centre, the very best for 2019. May it be a year in which loving kindness and compassion flourish in the hearts of all beings.

Animal Rescue Thames

By Alice and John Parris and Moby

Happy Mew Year to everyone – hopefully everyone has had a truly wonderful festive season with friends and family and looking forward to a wonderful New Year. Thank you to everyone who supported us with our trilogy of fundraisers – the raffle week was brilliant and helped the cats account – we were within \$400 of the target of \$2000 and with the loss of one day we were happy with what we raised. Grateful to everyone who donated prizes, volunteered time and bought tickets; some very happy winners. Our budget is very tight this year and we are running on \$100 a week to feed and care for what we have in care with a wee bit behind us to care for emergency situations as in kittens found dumped or abandoned. Something we judge case by case to ensure we don't end up with too many in and no funds to care for them, so we just work with what we have.

Cattery mews – very much a stable position of “nothing” – nothing in or homed. We had an enquiry on one of the blacks but they have been together for all of their 12 months of their furry lives so now its a loving forever home for the trio, or they end up living here with us. They are delights and enjoy time outside each and every day – selective hearing comes around about 4pm when it's time for dinner. Some days we are lucky and they come in, other days they are far too busy doing kitty capers to bother answering our calls. Tummies rumble and get hungry and they come in eventually. Missy, the ginger girl, is now at the point she can be let out with the blacks. She has just flourished and gained incredible confidence, demanding pats and cuddles whilst out and playing, although she has become an incredibly bossy cat with Minime and Mascara, our older two cats, and that is not



good in any way, shape, or form for a multicat household as everyone has to get along with each other. She really needs a home with possibly one other kitty and quiet rural kind of home with no toddlers or kids. Older ones that are quiet and not boisterous and rowdy would be okay for her.

Rescue had a year of up and down like most – surgery that went pearshaped, things that went awfully wrong, yet we continued on, kept the unit running. Things did get left behind, piles of bedding and things as only so much either of us could cope with and do. We ended up getting a 9-cubic-metre bin from Coastal Bins Ltd. We attempted to get some kids to help us to give them Christmas dollars – money was wanted – just kids not wanting to work to get it – how things have so changed – but between husband and myself we dragged, we binned and sorted the overload. The four days of doing this certainly took its toll on both of us but something that had to be done. The cats are thrilled with our efforts.

Wanted – homes for our older kitties 12 months to 2 years – most suited to rural/farm homes, great mousers, all very lovable once they get to know you and your routine. Also tinned cat food/ sachets, pet milk and bedding. Garage sale items that are clean, tidy and saleable also welcomed.

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Library News

By Raewyn McKinney

Regular readers of the Chronicle may recall that in November we ran a promotion whereby all new members of the library went into a draw to win a free book. The winner of the draw was Dorothy Arden, who has won a copy of *Nine Perfect Strangers* by Liane Moriarty, kindly donated by Carson's Bookshop. Well done, Dorothy, and we hope you enjoy your new book.

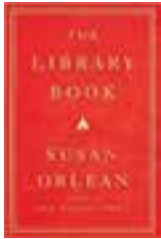
This month we are running a similar promotion. All new members to the library in January will go into the draw to win a copy of *Dark Sacred Night* by Michael Connelly.

Even though we are hoping for a good long, hot summer, we know there is still time to read. In fact, there are few better pleasures than a shady spot with a cool drink and a good book.

With that in mind, we have new releases from popular authors coming to the library this month, including: David Baldacci, Clive Cussler, Andrew Gross, Karly Lane, Tony Park, James Patterson, Lucinda Riley, Simon Scarrow, Danielle Steel, and Peter Watt.

Other new purchases include:

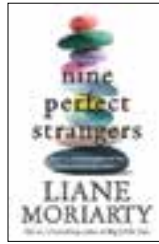
The Library Book by Susan Orlean



After moving to Los Angeles, Susan Orlean became fascinated by a mysterious local crime that has gone unsolved since it was carried out on the morning of 29 April 1986: who set fire to the Los Angeles Public Library, ultimately destroying more than 400,000 books, and perhaps even more perplexing, why?

With her characteristic humour, insight and compassion, Orlean uses this terrible event as a lens through which to tell the story of all libraries – their

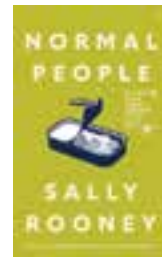
history, their meaning and their uncertain future as they adapt and



redefine themselves in a digital world.

Filled with heart, passion and extraordinary characters, *The Library Book* discusses the larger, crucial role that libraries play in our lives.

Normal People by Sally Rooney

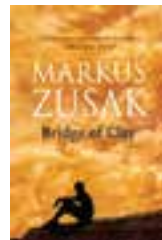


Connell and Marianne grow up in the same small town in rural Ireland. The similarities end there; they are from very different worlds. When they both earn places at Trinity College in Dublin, a connection that has grown between them lasts long into the following years.

This is an exquisite love story about how a person can change another person's life – a simple yet profound realisation that unfolds beautifully over the course of the novel. It tells us how difficult it is

to talk about how we feel and it tells us – blazingly – about cycles of domination, legitimacy and privilege.

Bridge of Clay by Markus Zusak



Five Dunbar brothers are living – fighting, loving, grieving – in the perfect chaos of a house without grown-ups. Today, the father who left them has just walked right back in.

He has a surprising request: Who will build a bridge with him? It is Clay, a boy tormented by a long-buried secret, who accepts. But why is Clay so broken? And why must he fulfil this extraordinary challenge?

This story is about a boy intent on destroying everything he has in order to become everything he needs to be. Ahead of him lies the bridge, the vision that will save both his family and himself.

At once an existential riddle and a search for redemption, this tale brims with energy, joy and pathos. Written in Markus Zusak's distinctive style, it is a tour de force from a master storyteller of the heart.

The library is open from 10am to 1pm on Monday to Friday; and 10am to 12 noon on Saturday

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24 Dec - 30 Dec	8.45 am	-	8.45 am	8.45 am	8.45 am	8.45 am	8.45 am
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Coromandel Independent Living Trust

By John Gaffikin-Cowan

Time to look for Treasures at the Goldmine

Just to remind everyone that the CILT office is closed over the summer holidays and will re-open on **Wednesday 16 January**. However the holiday season means that CILT's community re-use centre on Hauraki Road, the Goldmine, is in full swing open 7 days a week alongside the Refuse Transfer Station.

The Goldmine aims to redistribute reusable, recyclable and landfill reducible items donated from the community back into the community at affordable prices. Here you can find plates and cups for 50c each, pots for as low as \$1. If you need a new second-hand toaster, kettle or electric fry pan, then it will only cost you \$5. We aim to keep the prices of everyday necessity items as low as possible to ensure that people don't have to go out and buy them new. Some of our bigger and more interesting items may have a higher price tag but that doesn't mean you can't haggle; we'd always prefer that the items on our shop floor find new homes.

We have recently taken ownership of a new blue container, thanks to the Community

Board, in which we are planning to house all of our tools, taps, light bulbs, nuts and bolts. This will allow us to free up some space and keep things of a similar nature in the same area. It's a work in progress, so bear with us while we do this. By the end of it though we reckon it will look pretty awesome.

Summer also normally means people need to clean up their baches and homes. So if you or anyone you know has stuff they need to get rid of, why not drop it off to us and help us get it back out to the community.

All of the funds raised help CILT continue the good work in the surrounding community doing things like Kiwi Can, The Kapanga Kaumatua flats, Artists in the Making (Whitianga) and maintaining the Hurray Track.

Our summer hours are **Monday 17 December to Sunday 24 February**: Monday to Friday 11am-4.30pm, Saturday 10.30am-5.30pm, Sunday 10.30am-6.30pm.

Volunteers

One again it's a big thank you to our volunteers. Thanks to them the Work Co-op has a new wheelchair ramp. This is also due to the generosity of the Rehabilitation Welfare Trust which provided the funding for the material. The volunteers put their hands up to build the ramp with Brian Cowley and Paul Appleby leading the charge. Wally Gilmer helped measure up and Neville Cameron and Mike Mann helped with construction. Annette Clarke provided



Volunteers building the ramp

smoko and lunch.

It was a fast and fantastic effort and life will be easier for people with mobility difficulties attending the Work Co-Op.

Brian and Stella Cowley are leaving Coromandel in January to join family across the ditch. They have only been in Coromandel for a little over a year but what a positive impact on our community. Stella has been a much appreciated member of CILT's finance staff, where her experience has been invaluable. Brian has been a whirlwind volunteering for so many things including working with his fellow volunteer Paul Appleby installing new bathroom units and carrying out repairs where needed. Brian is a hospital driver as well.

Hopefully the Cowleys will come back and visit... with or without tools.

The Resource Centre re-opens on **Wednesday 16 January**, and operates Monday to Thursday from 9am-3pm.

Outward Bound "ka mahi" scholarships available now!

Don't miss the opportunity to attend a 21-day Classic course at Outward Bound as part of the Ka Mahi scholarship programme.

Ka Mahi, or "great work", provides up to 75% funding for young people who are volunteering in their communities or doing something great in their personal lives. This funding has been generously provided by Outward Bound donors.

Applicants need to be between 18-26yrs and be ready for a personal challenge. Scholarships are available for Classic courses between May and September 2019.

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This is a free event open to everyone and includes live music on the Barry Brickell stage.

Supported by Creative Communities and Harcourts Real Estate



Coromandel Patchwork and Quilters

By Jenny Till

By the time the Chronicle is published we will have celebrated the end of the year with a Christmas lunch at Forager's Café in Colville.

There is not a lot to report this month as members have been heads down trying to get their projects completed before the end of the year.

A number of us have been working on Christmas themed projects such as table runners, placemats and wall hangings.

Some members have made these items for themselves and a number have done them to give to family and friends.

There are also a few lucky grandchildren who will be receiving lovingly made special gifts. I've even spotted a fabulous quilt.

We now take a Christmas break and will start again **4 February**.

Our meetings are held in the St John hall, Tiki Road, on the 1st, 3rd (& 5th) Monday of the month 9.30am until 3.30pm.

We would love to welcome some new members next year so if you are interested you could give either Raewyn or Sharron a call.

On behalf of our members we wish you the best for 2019.



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Coromandel Bowls Club

By Linda Wright

The overall winners of Star & Garter Hotel sponsored Twilight Bowl was "Wayne's World", and a close 2nd was "Bowling Stones", with "Hot Property" taking out the prize for Best Dressed on finals night.

A big thanks to all of the sponsors, Star & Garter Hotel, Richardsons Real Estate,



Overall winners of Twilight Bowls, Wayne 's World with Mike sponsor from Star & Garter Hotel



Action on the greens at twilight bowls

James & Turner, Coromandel Pharmacy and John at Trinity Real Estate. It was a great four evenings at tThe Club.

We are looking at running two divisions for our next four week of Twilight Bowls, which starts on **Tuesday 29 January**, so if we have more that 16 teams entered, 1st division will play at 5pm, and 2nd division at 6.05pm.

So please come down to The Club and enter your team on the board, or ring me. You need four players for four weeks starting **29 January**.

Our next open tournament is on **Wednesday 9 January** "Open Optional Triples" sponsored by Twentymans Funeral Services. Visitors welcome, \$10 entry fee, ring me to get in a team or enter a team.

We had 16 teams competing in our Open Optional Triples, kindly sponsored by Thames Pak 'n Save. The winners were Dick Williams, Miha Mathews, and Dianne Burton; 2nd was Colin Gawith, Lindsay

Women's winners are Lindsay Nicholls and Dolly Welch, r/up Sue McNeil and Linda Wright. The men's singles champ is Colin Gawith r/up Graeme Goss.

Women's winner is Lindsay Nicholls, r/up Sue McNeil. U/8 men's pairs champ winners are Pete Herbert and David Weatherly, r/up Bob Sherer and Rex Peters. Women's winners are Linda Wright and Linda Lindsay, r/up Anne Smith and Cherrie Rokela. U/8 women's singles winner is Linda Lindsay and ru/up Anne Smith.

Club day Thursday Bowls will continue on through January. Visitors welcome, names in by 9.30am when teams are drawn, \$3.00 entry fee Club Social Friday and Saturday nights are open from 3.30pm till 7pm.

Happy New Year everyone.

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Our Championship Bowls have come to an end. Men's champ pairs winners are Colin Gawith and Jason Dickison, r/up Graeme Goss and Pete Herbert.



The winners of the Pak 'n Save Ham Triples are Miha Mathews, Dianne Burton and Dick Williams



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RSA News

By Pat Williams

Hope everyone had a very Happy Christmas and 2019 will be a good year. Myself, with help from Peter Thompson, did a float for the Coro. Christmas Parade and last minute finishing off by Kevin and wife Margaret, Ash Franklyn perhaps others! Everything was in place with borrowed trailer and quad bike to tow same. Late Friday I tripped (did anyone see the Air Turn Blue?) and ended up in Thames Hospital 12.15am.

Doctor said I should stay in hospital but I wanted to get home to see the parade. My granddaughter got me back to Coromandel just in time. Only found out on Friday 7 December there was a theme Science Fiction! Our float being Snoopy and The Red Barron, not science fiction but fiction all the same; never heard of a dog flying a plane! Was a bit sad that there weren't more entries. Our thanks go to Anne Turner, Wayne Robertson and Tom Look. Anne for the trailer Wayne for the Quad and Tom Look for printing the Maltese Crosses to stick on The Red Barron's Wings.

The Christmas outing to the Mercury Bay RSA went off well. Our crew as usual won lots of raffles. Thanks to Ash for driving the Club van and Kevin for taking some in his car.

We are putting on a Christmas Concert and BBQ on 15 December. Will let you know how that went.

On 17 November we had the Howick RSA Fishing Club visit. They are a great crew. Also that night we had member Raewyn singing for us. A great time was had by all. Thanks Raewyn.

Quote for the month. "Everything is simpler than you think and at the same time more complex than you imagine."

Women's Section RSA

By Loes Beaver

Our ladies enjoying our Christmas get together after a busy year assisting the RSA. We are being spoilt and enjoying it. A lovely time at the Success Cafe. We are now looking forward to a new year. And send Christmas greetings to all of our RSA members.



RSA in Santa Parade

Hot Spot – News from the Coromandel Volunteer Fire Brigade

By Rob Chappell

Annual Fishing Contest

The Coromandel Brigade holds what is called the National Fire Brigade's Annual Fishing Contest open to firemen past and present throughout the country. 2018 was year 9 of this event and once again, while a lot of work for the local brigade and partners, was a great success. We had members and past members from as far south as Christchurch participating along with a good number of locals. As in the past local support from businesses and individuals was incredible and as such would wish to pass our sincere thanks to the following contributors and supporters who provided a wide range of support from prizes and marquees to fish filleting. These are the people/businesses that support our town and make it the great place it is: Admirals Arms; Adventure Racing Coromandel Keith Stephenson; Anchor Lodge Motel; Ann Turner; Burley Up Fishing Supplies; Copper Workx; Coromandel Fish & Dive; Coromandel Fishing Charters/Tom & Lorraine; Coromandel Four Square; Coromandel Butchers; Coromandel Court Motel; Coromandel Electrical; Coromandel Takeaways; Coromandel Fishing Club; Coromandel Garage Ltd; Coromandel Hotel/Stan; Coromandel Liquor Centre; Coromandel Mussel Kitchen; Coromandel Refrigeration; Coromandel Top 10 Holiday Park; Driving Creek Railway; Fish n Tits Charters; Gib & Fran Bull; Greg Williams; Harbour Master; Harbour View Motel; Harcourt's; Hunting and Fishing; James & Turner; Jim Davis; Kelvin Gibson; Kim Young & Sons Ltd; Lion Breweries; Liquor King; Mark Attwood; Matarangi Store; Max McLean; Mick & Kaye Walker; Ministry of Fisheries; Moana NZ (PMF); Mussel Barge Snapper Safaris Fishing Charters; New Image Hair Salon; Ohana farms; Paddy Bull Ltd; Pin TeHuia; Richardson's Real Estate; Roly Moses; SEA Products Ltd; Star & Garter/Pepper Tree; Success Café; Tara Horman; Umu Cafe.

The weather: Last month some wise advisor said extreme heat, no rain and drought for the next few months. Well we know that hasn't happened and now the latest version is for a normal summer. Whichever eventuates, there will be a closed fire season starting later in December and going through to February. This means no fires and will be policed by your local FENZ reps (Fire & Emergency NZ). Please be aware of this as your local brigade will be called out to extinguish your fire unless you have a permit which will identify the fire type, location and conditions.

Once the weather changes, this is also the silly season – more alcohol, nice nights at the beach and lots more tourists – vehicles on our roads. Please be patient and safe and if you need our help, 111 will get the emergency help you may need.

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A-Z Coromandel Therapies

By Tina Hoffman, Treetop Sanctuary,
Coromandel Town

When it comes to a mindful and holistic approach on healing you will be in good hands at Tina's Treetop Sanctuary for KaHuna massage and bodywork, Environmental Health Solutions, Pain Management, Indian Baby Massage, Pregnancy Massage, Partner-, Kids- and Self Care Workshops, Body Balance and Yoga: open classes and private tutoring. Water Therapy: Exercise Sessions, Water Dance and Watsu Massage.

What is a KaHuna Massage?

This is what clients expressed: Vanessa – A surprise that goes way beyond a common massage! Steve – An eye opening experience! Karin – Each time I find out more about myself! Briar – The missing link! Jeff – Bliss! Tina – My best maintenance! Carolyn – It's an experience like swimming with dolphins! David – The greatest way to spend money on my health and well-being.

A 90-min whole body KaHuna Massage and Bodywork is a wonderful combination of Soft- Deep- & Connective Tissue Massage, releasing joints from pressure, stretching, activating the lymphatic system as well as working on the meridians to restore the energy flow of body, mind and soul. It originated in Hawaii and is also known as "Temple Style Massage" or Lomi Lomi.

Some of the many benefits are: Releases



deep-seated neuromuscular tension and re-balances the connective tissue.; faster and more complete healing of injuries; instills a calming sense of peace and deep relaxation; treats the lymphatic, immune, circulatory and digestive systems to promote improved health, fitness and flexibility; brings clarity and confidence and may help managing personal life problems faster and better; highly beneficial during Rites of Passage.

Who can receive KaHuna Bodywork?

Everybody, regardless of body shape, age or stage of health! The treatments can also be shaped to personal needs and mobility allowance, such as hands, feet, back-neck-shoulders for the elderly person. Tina does home visits for people with limited mobility.

Who is Tina?

Tina is an internationally trained health practitioner, certified therapist and bodywork instructor. Formerly trained in radiology, she worked at hospitals, rehab clinics and their

family run medical- and health centres in Switzerland and Australia. Tina moved to Coromandel Town almost three years

ago and is very happy to be part of this lovely community. She has 30-odd years of experience in her fields. Her main focus in the last few years is studying more about environmental hazards and the impacts of the modern technology on society, health and behaviour.

What's happening at Treetop Sanctuary in 2019?


This summer two amazing new options are on the menu. One is a most blissful three hours "Beauty & Massage" Spa Package in association with Krystle from "Allure" Beauty & Spa Boutique in Coromandel Town. The package includes complementary, yummy refreshments, relaxing sound and possibly some good laughs. This journey of the senses is available Thursday – Saturday. Enquiries at Allure or Treetop Sanctuary.

The second new opportunity is coming along with Mischa Lisa Jordi, a young KaHuna Practitioner who is joining forces with Tina during February and March. It is the ultimate mother and daughter 4-hands KaHuna Massage & Bodywork Treatment. This is certainly something extraordinary, so book your session as soon as possible. Spaces will be limited and this offer is only available in February and March! Don't miss out on that!


We hope this makes you a bit curious. Allow yourself a very special treat, or maybe you'd like to pamper a friend or a member of your whanau. We will always only be as good as our last treatment. We give you our fullest attention for the most affordable treatment prices you will find in town.

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An Ambulance Officer's Letter to Santa



Dear Santa,
It's been a while... My last letter to you was a child's request for toys and gadgets, things of transient value and usefulness and of selfish desires. That was as it should be for an 8-year-old boy.

My letter many years later to you is for wishes of a very different kind and not of material things. My wishes cost little in monetary terms but of immense value not just to me, but to all of us who dwell in New Zealand this festive season.

Please Santa, can you give the gift of company to those who are lonely? Let there be a phone call from an estranged relative, a visit from a neighbour or simply a nod, a smile and a kind word from a stranger.

For those who are despondent, let someone climb down into that dark pit of despair beside them and guide them upwards and out of the darkness. May they return to the light of hope and to let them know their lives are precious to all of us.

To those who have addictions, present them with an open palm of friendship and support and not the slap of judgement and condemnation.

Gather up all of the hatred, malice, envy and spite and return these emotions to the darkness from whence they came forever, for they serve no good purpose.

Generous Santa, spread to us all acceptances to those who are different and diverse from ourselves. Let us celebrate that we are all not the same and that our unique qualities define us as people, not our race, religion, gender, sexual preference or political leanings.

Give all men the courage to stand up, speak out and act to prevent violence towards women and children.

For those who are driving themselves and their families on our roads this season, remind them to wear restraints and not to be behind the wheel intoxicated by alcohol or drugs. Remind them to put away distractions until journey's end and to drive at a safe speed for the conditions. Respect those who are with you on the roads. In granting this wisdom families may not have to gather together to mourn and what is supposed to be a festive season will not always be remembered as an anniversary of tragedy and loss of a loved one.

Can you find in your Santa sack the gift of respite for those in chronic pain who are often misdiagnosed, misunderstood and miserable? Allow that they may for a while be free of their pain by educating the medical profession and caregivers that pain

is unique to the person and their condition and that treatment should be tailored to an individual and not to a generic intervention.

Please Santa, guide our country's leaders so that they serve the people of our nation and not international finance. There are agreements to help other nations in times of need which is commendable, but can we limit some of these funds and redirect them in order to help our own in need? Let our leaders and community unite and march together to wage war to eliminate hunger, poverty, homelessness and hopelessness within our great nation.

If you can find it in your heart to grant these requests you will give the greatest gift ambulance crews, police, fire and emergency and our friends and colleagues in the medical centres and hospitals want... a peaceful, quiet and joyous holiday season. The only tears we want to see are tears of joy, the only cries we want to hear are those of delight and the only raised voices that ring out are those of celebration.

Until next time. Stay safe, stay well and stay true to yourself.
Kindest regards,
Dave the Ambo

Editors comment: A bit late for Santa this year, but maybe he'll pick it up for next Christmas!

Topp Twins coming to Coromandel Town

Dames Lynda and Jools are heading to Coromandel Town in the next leg of their Heading for the Hills Tour.

New Zealand's well-loved national treasures will bring their original style of merriment, mayhem and mirth to Coromandel Area School on **9 February** 5pm with a family-friendly show.

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Poetry SPOT

Discovery (for Bill Robertson)

By John Irvine

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Haiku for Faye

By John Irvine

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Coromandel Comment

By Tom Hollings,
Exec. Officer, CoroMFA



The Coromandel Industry has had a busy year cultivating our supreme Hauraki mussels and oysters to be ready for your summertime enjoyment. Hopefully you will enjoy some of our fine products and in the case of our goodies, surely the more you eat, the better for you!

We also have had a busy year working on;

- Sugar Loaf wharf optimisation. Health and Safety is a key focus. Ultimately more space is needed but this will take some time to resolve.
- Spat survival study to quantify mortality and its possible causes.
- Studying the Mediterranean fanworm *Sabella spallanzanii* to determine farm-management issues and options such as its pattern of breeding and survival after harvesting
- Beach litter and float recovery. It is good to see now that this program has been underway for a period of years that the component of marine farm litter is trending well down, as a component of total beach litter.
- Environmental monitoring, eg seabed ecology, biosecurity, Hauraki mussel spat settlement, and more.
- We have updated our website so please check it out at coromfa.co.nz.

Snapper and trevally are more of an issue than ever on some farms lately, as they consume big volumes of our young mussels, so hopefully many of you will get out there and enjoy the good fishing.

On behalf of all our Coromandel marine farmers, thanks very much to the Coromandel community for your support and keeping Coromandel so beautiful.

Wishing you all a successful 2019.

Coromandel Lions

By Lion Lyn



Happy New Year from all of your local Lions. We are not just a club, but a family! Preparations are currently underway for our major fundraiser of the coming year, the Keltic Fair. We will be in our usual spot with mussel fritters and our local butcher's sausages on offer again this year. See you all there!

As usual, if Lion's assistance is required, numbers to call are pres Jean (07) 866 6670 or 021 208 7576; for firewood and cakes (07) 866 7722 – please leave a message and I will get back to you

Amazing benefits of locally made kombucha hair care

By Mara Hermann

Known as the "Immortal Health Elixir" in China and with its first use recorded back in 221 BC during the Qin Dynasty, kombucha is much more than a healthy drink made from tea. As a beverage it's gaining popularity, but I found out that this magical brew also has great benefits when applied to your skin and hair.

Creating kombucha involves a fermentation process, which gives black or green tea a boost of healthy bacteria known as probiotics. These bacteria line your digestive tract and support your immune system, as they help to absorb nutrients and fight infection and illness. It's even said to slow down the aging process.

One day, a friend gave me a book about all of the many remarkable uses and benefits of kombucha and that's how I learned that a shampoo made with fermented tea can produce incredible results. It inspired me to make my own.

The human body is capable of absorbing healing substances via the skin. That's why kombucha has become a major ingredient in our shampoos and conditioner.

I've always had a keen interest in herbs and plants, and love making products from raw materials. As I already had a passion for brewing kombucha, it was the perfect combination for creating a product range that is completely plant based as well as highly efficient. Another important ingredient is the kumerahou flower. This native herb is becoming popular in the beauty industry, and it boosts the skin healing properties of the shampoo.

Even the more natural hair care products often have chemicals added, but I wanted a shampoo that was free from any chemical preservatives. It also had to have the right pH level to be healthy for skin and hair.

After a few different versions, the try-out team said it was perfect and our Kuaotunu hairdresser also helped by evaluating the different formulations during the trial and error period. The end result was a high performing, ultra-mild wash which, according to feedback from users, prevents a dry, itchy and flaky scalp, promotes new hair growth, reduces hair loss and softens coarse hair. And children love it, because you can wash with your eyes open without any discomfort.

You can find more information about kombucha for hair care and many other uses in the journal at the Mara Botanical website and you can contact me via the website if you have any questions about kombucha.

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-  **Minimise** your speed and wake
-  **Never drive** across the lines



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Happy New Year

from Thames-Coromandel District Council



JANUARY, 2019

Coromandel Town gears up for 200th anniversary of namesake ship's visit

Commemorations are being prepared in Coromandel Town for the 200th anniversary of the visit of the Royal Navy ship for which the town, and our peninsula, are named.

It was in 1820 when the HMSS Coromandel dropped anchor in what is now called Coromandel Harbour to collect timber for spars and to survey the coast.

A model of the HMSS Coromandel can be seen at the Coromandel School of Mines & Museum at 841 Rings Road, Coromandel Town.

In recognition of the upcoming bicentenary of the ship's visit, a small working group of enthusiastic community members have joined together to ensure this significant date is commemorated in an appropriate manner.

To get things started, Coromandel 200 would like to commission a commemorative piece, such as an artwork, to be located at Whangarahi Reserve to acknowledge the bi-centennial of the arrival of the HMSS Coromandel to these waters in 1820.

Coromandel 200

(200 Years of Coromandel)



Coromandel 200 is calling for expressions of interest to do this. The closing date is 28 February 2019.

For the criteria requirements please visit our project page www.tcdc.govt.nz/coro200



The new edition of our popular Coromandel Food Trail Guide is out now, ready to guide foodie visitors to the freshest flavours around the Coromandel.

You can find the guide around our information centres, i-SITES, libraries and Council offices. It's also available to download on the Council's website at www.tcdc.govt.nz/foodtrail

"The Coromandel is an increasingly popular destination for food lovers and food is becoming more and more important for tourism across our district," says our Council's communications and economic development group manager Lorna White.

"As food lovers learn about the great, home-grown, fresh, artisan products produced right here, it's becoming another reason for people to visit us," Mrs White says.

Targeted at visitors and locals, the guide showcases the Coromandel's appeal as a destination for lovers of homegrown seafood, tantalising condiments, artisan beer and specialty food.

The guide was launched in Coromandel Town, when members of the local food industry gathered at the Pepper Tree Restaurant for the annual Coromandel Food Forum in December.

For everything you need to know about summer on the Coromandel
www.tcdc.govt.nz/summerinfo

Camping

Our complete guide to camping on the Coromandel has also been updated with places to stay, the rules and handy tips for visitors. Grab a copy from one of our Council offices, libraries or i-sites. You can also download it online www.tcdc.govt.nz/camping



Kerbside Summer Collection

Coromandel Rural North

Tuesday



Friday



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Wednesday



Our summer Kerbside schedule begins 26 December and runs until 9 February 2019, with extra collections across much of the Coromandel.

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events

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Jenny B and the Band

7pm - 9:30pm at Admirals Arms,
146 Wharf Rd, Coromandel Town.
www.eventfinda.co.nz/2019/jenny-and-the-band/coromandel

19 Jan
Sat

The Topp Twins Heading for The Hills

Coromandel Area School,
Woollams Ave, Coromandel
Town. 5pm - 8pm.
www.eventfinda.co.nz/2019/topp-twins/coromandel

9 Feb
Sat



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Tai Chi in Coromandel

By Don Hughes

The increase in numbers following a note I wrote for the Chronicle in February 2018 has not, sadly, held up.

If you have ever thought of trying Tai Chi for its well documented physical and mental benefits, come along and join us at the Waikato Events room above the swimming pool in Coromandel.

We meet at 10am on Thursday each week when I can introduce you to the "basics". For refinement of the basics and a deeper appreciation of Tai Chi we visit Sol Petersen at Mana every 4 or 5 weeks. Sol is, quite rightly, regarded as one of New Zealand's top teachers and we are lucky to have him living locally.

Our first meeting in Coromandel after holiday break will be on **Thursday 17 January** at 10am. Look forward to seeing you there

Ann's Good News, Naturally

By Ann Kerr-Bell

Toxins and your health - know the facts.

Toxins cause disease. They weaken your cells and immune system, making you more vulnerable to Western diseases, and subtle or extreme dis-ease and illness through life.

What are Western diseases?

They are what most people you know are trying to cope with, such as reflux, arthritis, recurring viruses, erectile dysfunction, gallstones, irritable bowel, pain, food intolerances, centripetal obesity, itchy skin, fatigue, no energy, aching muscles, cardiovascular diseases, bowel and other cancers, auto immune diseases, mental health issues.

Children are also now less healthy due to a diet of toxic, over-processed items from the supermarket.

What are toxins?

- Flavourings such as sour cream and chives, salt and vinegar, or onion flavourings on your rice crackers or chips, or in your Maggi instant soups or your Bistro instant gravy.
- Preservatives – chemicals that prevent your cornflakes and Nutri-grain from going mouldy. These sugared cardboard delights used to be nutritious corn on the cob, or real wholegrains with lots of nourishing B vitamins. As a cereal, they give you a little energy, but no nutrients. Or chemicals in your favourite hummus or commercial dip. Do you know what the numbers mean on the ingredients label? They are subtly toxic to your cells.
- Pesticides, fungicides, herbicide residues in your meat and vegetables are toxic to your cells.
- Alcohol is ethanol. Your liver neglects to do its natural work when bombarded with alcohol.
- Petrol is a toxin, yet we use petroleum-based ointments which get absorbed into our cells via our skin.
- Toxins in skin care and make up. Absorbed through skin pores, gets into circulation and slowly poisons you.
- Processed foods high in the above and sugar and bad fats. Devoid of nutrients.
- Drugs: a) Pharmaceutical drugs. Or, b) Recreational. Let me help you identify your physiological imbalances causing your need for the use of toxic drugs.

How does your body cope?

Toxins are fat soluble. They lock into your fat cells. A healthy functioning liver is required to convert toxins to be water soluble for safe excretion through the kidneys or bowel.

But if your liver is not functioning well, the consequences of toxins is that they recycle through your body and settle again in your fat cells, causing cellular damage. Slowly through your life, the accumulative effect is disease. How's your liver?

Hormone imbalances: Toxins are hormone mimickers. They create imbalances in the reproductive system causing more cases of hormonal acne, PMS, variations of menopausal symptoms, andropause (grumpy men) and the masculinisation of growing girls and feminisation of growing boys. Toxic hormonal mimickers are contributors to the hormonal cancers such as breast, uterine, ovarian, testicular, and prostate.

Now for good news – I can help

Is it time for you to detox and renew your life? Is it time to reduce your toxic load?

Detoxification is a process that your body undertakes every day, via the gut, liver and kidneys, to help eliminate toxins and restore a healthy balance. Problem is, the world's toxins are evolving faster than humans.

When detoxing you must reduce your daily toxic load. I can recommend for you a detox diet to encourage clean eating and reduce your exposure to dietary toxins. You will lose toxic body fat, maintain muscle quality and by the end of your detoxification programme you will be looking and feeling great!

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HOT SUNNY DAY FOR SANTA PARADE



Coromandel Contract Bridge Club

By Judy Bronlund

Our members would like to wish all of your readers season's greetings and a very happy new year. After our summer break we are all looking forward to coming back to play bridge. Our first night back will be on **Monday 28 January** and our club competitions will begin on **4 February**. We play many competitions during the year at the Coromandel St John rooms. New members are most welcome as are visitors to Coromandel. Lessons will be given to anyone wanting to learn the game and join our club. We play each Monday evening at 7pm.

Contacts are; Val (07) 866 8739 or Lyn (07) 866 8858

Poetry SPOT

Summer

By Beryl van Donk

The glories of the garden
Have always pleased me.
The opening buds of spring,
a blossom covered lilac tree.
Sweet fragrances of roses,
ferns that thrust toward the sky.
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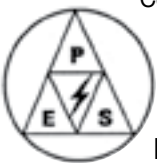
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Mana Update

By Penelope Carroll

The month of January is named after Janus, the ancient Roman god of doors and entrances. January is the “door” to a New Year and two-faced Janus, with his ability to look back to the past and forwards to the future at the same time, became the symbol for resolutions and new beginnings. So we’ve been making New Year’s resolutions, with their promise of being able to leave old, unwanted behaviours behind in the Old Year and begin anew, since Roman times.

Top of New Year’s resolution lists these days tend to be resolutions to live a healthier lifestyle – to exercise more, eat less, to take better care of body, mind and soul; to find inner peace; to live in the Now, with gratitude for this gift of life, however it unfolds...

Mana provides the perfect support to help put healthier lifestyle resolutions into practice and take better care of body, mind, and soul, with the many courses and retreats on offer throughout the year, nutritious vegetarian food and the natural beauty and tranquillity of its environment. There’s plenty of scope for body-and-soul-nourishing exercise too, exploring the many bush paths, climbing the mountain and walking up to Tara Sanctuary. Allow the land and the Mana experience to work its magic on you...

Happy New Year to you all!

Below is a heartfelt New Year’s message to all those who have supported Mana through the “Old Year” from Mana’s Management Team, Sarah, Jade and Simon:



Mana’s Management Team,
Sarah, Jade and Simon

“We want to extend our deepest gratitude to all who have helped us throughout 2018, particularly the many locals who support us behind the scenes, including local suppliers, couriers, gardeners, fruit and vegetable growers, bakers, window cleaners and environmental helpers. It is through the caring hands and hearts of many that we are able to be in service to others. As we welcome in the New Year we take a moment to pause, breathe, and feel gratitude for all that we have and all that we receive – we lean into gratitude as a celebration of life.”

New Mobil brings 24-hour fuel to Whitianga

On 29 November Mobil Whitianga opened.

The service station is set to become a vital hub for the Whitianga community, with its handy location in close proximity to State Highway 25, and 24-hour Pay at Pump fuelling that will appeal to many consumers.

The new Mobil-branded service station features the Mobil Synergy™ family of fuels, a brand new convenience store that will offer a range of tasty treats, such as barista-made coffee and Oxford Pies, as well as salt ice and bait for fishing enthusiasts.

The service station will also accept Mobilcard, and customers will be able to earn fuel discounts and rewards through the Mobil Smiles Driver Rewards™ programme.

The service station, located at the Whitianga Waterways development on Joan Gaskell Drive, is owned by Allied Petroleum Limited, and operated by dealer Ravi Tikau.

Ravi says he’s immensely excited to be operating the new Mobil-branded service station, and thinks local and passing motorists alike will be delighted with all it has to offer. He has already seen an increasing number of customers fuelling after hours.



As a former CEO of the well-known children’s charity Make-A-Wish, Coromandel MP Scott Simpson abseiled down a 17-story building on Auckland’s Queen Street to raise money for their wish-granting programme. Scott was told the first metre would be the scariest and it was!



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CELEBRATING OUR CHILDREN

Coromandel Area School

By Jamie Rose Leckie

Welcome to all of our new staff, students and families who will be joining Coromandel Area School in 2019. We hope you have a wonderful Christmas with your families. See you all in the new year! Have a safe and happy holiday. Below are the term dates for 2019.

Thursday 31 January – Day One: New student's induction, enrolments and Y11-13 course confirmation only.

Friday 1 February – Day Two: All Y1 to Y13 students. Full-school powhiri and assembly at 9am

Term 1 (11 weeks) – **Thursday 31 January to Friday 12 April**

Term 2 (10 weeks) – **Monday 29 April to Friday 5 July**

Term 3 (10 weeks) – **Monday 22 July to Friday 27 September**

Term 4 (9 weeks) – **Monday 14 October to Friday 13 December**

Please note there will also be one teacher only day per term.

We look forward to an enjoyable 2019.

Student led expedition

We are a team of seven students who are fundraising towards a World Challenge expedition of India (Himalaya and Rajasthan) next year. As a student-led expedition, we are expected to design our own itinerary, fundraise towards the trip and once we arrive research accommodation and travel arrangements. We are going for three weeks in June/July 2019 and have been steadily chipping away at our fundraising goal.

We have been overwhelmed by the support given to us by the community. Our latest sponsor is the Star and Garter who run a pizza special on Sundays. Delicious pizzas and a great atmosphere to be had by all. Thank you so much!

We will be manning the gates at the Keltic Fair on **2 January** and selling ice-blocks. Hopefully it is hot!

As always, if you have a job you would like done, please do not hesitate to contact us. We have been known to do beach cleanups, fill planter boxes and even the odd bit of catering. We can be reached via email: worldchallengeindiahimalays@gmail.com or by phoning the school on (07) 866 8893.

COROMANDEL
AREA SCHOOL

Kiwi kids reconnecting with nature in a TREEmendous way

Coromandel Area School will become a TREEmendous school in 2019 with a \$10,000 grant towards restoring the stream that runs through their grounds. They plan to help aquatic animals such as inanga (whitebait) to thrive again. Extensive planting of natives and wetland plants will enable them to use the area as a natural learning space.

Koren Hopoi, Principal of Coromandel Area School, says environmental literacy is a key focus of learning at the school.

"The outdoor area we're creating is all part of our active transition into regenerative education that weaves environmental, cultural, and socially responsible skills and practises through our curriculum."

Coromandel Area School is one of five winning schools around the country.

TREEmendous is a joint initiative between the Mazda Foundation and Project Crimson

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Youth Group is for 5-year-olds and over. There are a variety of activities to choose from. Just fill in a membership form and bring your child along with a packed lunch or money for snacks, pies or hot chips.

Parents/Caregivers – please ensure that your children are signed in, on arrival, with a staff member and please check in with us from time to time as this helps us to keep track of who should be at Youth Group and not wandering the streets! We can not take responsibility for children who do not sign in or for those who sign out early.

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

Parents are welcome to browse our fundraising table for Nu 2 U bargains.

This programme is made possible by the kind donations received and grants from: Lottery Waikato, COGS, Trust Waikato, Coromandel "Bizarre" Charitable Trust. Thank you

Colville School

By Matua Ra

That's a wrap on 2018 and what a year! Colville School were blessed with a number of exciting fundraising opportunities that added a sweet taste leading into the Christmas break.

In the first week of December Xander and Kath Ward hosted the motorcycle group KTM Adventure Racing on their property in Port Jackson. One hundred and fifty bikers took part. Generously they offered the catering side of the event to Colville School. Our parents then donated food items and staff and students prepared and served them morning tea and lunch. Colville School raised



\$2000 from the catering and an additional \$900 from KTM Adventure Racing members to show their appreciation!

Also, Colville School applied for a grant from the Coromandel Lion's Club, which was successful! This money enabled the school to purchase new Colville School hats and t-shirts for all students. Feedback from the community is that "the kids look really sharp!"

Finally, Colville School's entry into this year's Resene Mural Masterpiece competition was successful. We won first place for the Best



Community Mural 2018 (mural pictured in last month's Chronicle). The prize is \$1000 worth of Resene vouchers, which we intend to use to further enhance our learning spaces with our tamariki's creativity!

Colville School wishes everyone safe and happy holidays.

Coromandel Community Preschool

By Debra Attwood

Welcome to 2019. Last year flew by so fast, we hope you all had a great Christmas and spent time with your families enjoying our beautiful Coromandel beaches and bush, kicking back and relaxing. But now it is time to settle back into preschool ready for a new year.

To finish off 2018 we had our Preschool Christmas Party at Tucks Bay and we were very fortunate that it was a beautiful day. The children swam in the warm waters, built sandcastles and parents relaxed and enjoyed time with their children, then along came Santa to top off the evening with presents for the children.

Before the party though our tamariki went along to the Grey Power Senior Citizens Christmas Party where we entertained the crowds with our songs and spread Christmas cheer to all.

The Centre is currently closed for the Christmas break and a well earned rest for both the children and the teachers. We will reopen on **Monday 14 January**.

We have recently celebrated birthdays for Rosie, Marley, Olivia, and Carter. We wish them a very happy birthday. We said farewell to Rosie who will be starting at school in the new term.

Our rolls are currently full, but you are welcome to come along if you have a child this age and are looking for a quality early childhood centre, to see if this is the right place for you and your child to begin their lifelong journey of learning. You can put your child's name on the waiting list if required. Check out our latest Education review on the website: www.ero.govt.nz/review-reports/coromandel-community-preschool-25-05-2018/.

The centre operates Monday – Friday 8.00am-4pm. We are situated at 155 Pottery Lane. If you are interested call in for a visit or phone us on (07) 866 7570



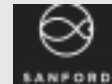
Kiwi Can

Our Kiwi Can leaders are enjoying their break over the holidays and are preparing to head to Auckland on 15 January for our annual Kiwi Can National Training.

This is where all of our Kiwi Can leaders and managers from around the country come together for a week of learning new skills and swapping awesome ideas.

This is generally a great few days and we always come back to school all refreshed with great ideas for our lesson plans.

We hope you all enjoy the rest of your break, be safe and see you all in term one.



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Get in contact for 2019.

**HOPE YOU HAD A MERRY XMAS AND
HAVE A SAFE FESTIVE SEASON.
Mike, Karen and Team**

Himalaya shop : Colville

Hi Everyone. The Himalaya shop will be open 7 days during January month. We still have a great selection of summer clothes in stock as well as home decor items. The shop finally has a land line number 07 8667 224

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Arts



Pastel Artists Coromandel

By Rosemarie Murphy

Pastel Artists Coromandel held a one day workshop with Jacquie Ellis as tutor. We learnt about painting rocks and reflections and breaking waves. It was a lot to take in in one day but we all enjoyed ourselves immensely and learnt a lot. Jacquie is an excellent tutor and we are all keen for her to come again.

Thank you to Coromandel Bizarre Charitable Trust Inc for their generous donation towards this workshop.

We held our Christmas morning tea at the end of November to mark our final meeting for the year. Next year we will meet again in the Aero Club rooms on Tiki Road on **12 February** from 9.00am to 12.00 noon. You are most welcome to join us for a cuppa and see what we are working on.

Contact Christine Lunn (07) 866 7220

Coromandel Community Arts Council – Hauraki House Gallery

By Chris Stark

The 2018 Coromandel Community Arts Council Management Committee AGM was held this year in November. We have two new committee members, Lindsay Garmson and Raewyn Penrose. Our new Chairperson is Kim Brett and Raewyn has taken on the role of secretary.

I have resigned as secretary but will stay on the committee for a while. I have also resigned from Creative Coromandel and Warwick Mather is the new representative for the Coromandel Ward.

Lindsay Garmson and the Christmas Exhibition artists have donated another beautiful sign to the town. Both signs fit in very well with our heritage theme and we are very lucky to have them. The Christmas Exhibition is always a wonderful display of local art so make sure you pop along and support them if you can.

The gallery has just been repainted so is looking very spic 'n span. We have new chairs and bright new banner on its way.

Remember that we have updated our evacuation procedures so if you are using the gallery please make sure that you are up to date with the new procedures.

Upcoming exhibitions for the summer are as follows. As you can see there are still a few spaces if you are thinking of displaying your own work. Christmas Exhibition – **16 December to 12 January**; Coromandel Art Group – **25 January to 7 February**; Dianne Cade and Jane Linklater – **8-16 February**; Easter Exhibition – in April; Watch This Space, Autumn Exhibition – **10-26 May**.

To keep up to date with events in the Gallery check out our Facebook page: Hauraki House Gallery or the Creative Coromandel website for events across the Peninsula



Coromandel Art Group

by Barbara Peddie

Happy New Year to all!

Our art group is now taking a short break before our exhibition starts on **25 January**. December was spent getting prepared for this, and on one day we spent time mounting and framing some members' paintings (see photo). This is a critical part of the painting process, unless one is painting on stretched canvas. Val Gray is our local expert who oversees this exercise, as the wrong colour or badly cut mount can ruin a perfectly good painting.

Prior to that, Val also spent some time tutoring us in painting backgrounds, that often vague or "fuzzy" backdrop to an object in a painting. Not as easy as it may look, but there are techniques for laying a background to enhance a painting, for example the suggestion of shadowy bush behind a brightly coloured bird. We are so lucky to have an accomplished painter like Val in our midst.

Meanwhile, we hope to see you all, and your visitors, at our annual exhibition, opening from **Friday 25 January to Thursday 7 February**. We will again be in Hauraki House, open from 10am to 4pm. See you all there!



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Coromandel Music Society



By Maureen Kimber

Our **Saturday 19 January** annual outdoor concert features Jenny B and the Band. Jenny Bersola hails from Italy, has won prestigious music awards over the years, and has done many television shows plus studio work. Since arriving in New Zealand Jenny has been delighting audiences with her repertoire, ranging from jazz to ballads and classical numbers.

She is accompanied on stage by five of New Zealand's leading musicians – James Langabeer and Markus Fritsch on sax, Ben Fernandez piano and keyboard, Stu Johnstone bass plus drummer/percussionist Trevor Thwaites. With this line-up you can be sure of an exciting musical evening.

This year our venue is in the garden of the Admirals Arms. Garden bar and restaurant meals plus drinks are available all evening and if the weather is inclement the marquee will be in place, but we hope for a lovely summer evening of great musical enjoyment to kick off our concert year.

The Music Society is looking forward to presenting many varied concerts during 2019, hopefully catering for most tastes. Please be on our mailing list and also follow us on our Facebook page. We look forward to seeing you at the concerts and the committee take this opportunity to wish all of our loyal audiences a very Merry Christmas and a great 2019.



The cast and crew of Aladdin

Coromandel Players

By Don Hughes

Thank you, yet again, Coromandel theatre-goers, for your wonderful support of our production of the pantomime "Aladdin". Thanks as well to all the mums, dads and caregivers who gave of their time and energy in transporting their children to rehearsals and performances and supporting them in their first stage appearances. All of the adults both on stage and back stage found the atmosphere lifted a whole notch by the kids' enthusiasm and the obvious fun they were having. Well done!

Who knows... maybe "Cinderella" or "Jack and the Beanstalk" next November/December? Meanwhile watch out for notices or emails from Bronnie who would like to run some theatre events for children during the holidays.

As soon as plans are firmed for our next production we will let you know.

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Environment

Moehau Environment Group

By Nat Munns

MEG Summer Holiday Programme 2019

Come and join us for one (or all) of our awesome activities this January. Keep an eye out for our printed Summer Holiday Programme for more details.

Key dates – January

Wednesday 2 – Get your pic with a kiwi, Keltic Fair, Coromandel

Thursday 3 – Up Close Kiwi Encounter, Port Charles

Friday 4 – Kiwi by night, Port Charles; Build a rat trap, Waikawau Bay

Saturday 5 – Build a rat trap, Stony Bay; Teach your dog to avoid kiwi, Kuaotunu and Whenuakite

Sunday 6 – Wind ginger bash, Coromandel Town; Build a rat trap, Fletcher Bay; Holidaying with less waste, Waikawau Bay; Nocturnal walk, Waikawau Bay

Monday 7 – Build a weta hotel for your backyard, Coromandel Town; Build a rat trap, Port Jackson; Holidaying with less waste, Waikawau Bay

Tuesday 8 – Holidaying with less waste, Stony Bay

Wednesday 9 – Traditional medical and edible plants, Rangoa Maori, Coromandel Town; Starlight cinema, Waikawau Bay

Thursday 10 – Teach your dog to avoid kiwi, TBC; Holidaying with less waste, Port Jackson

Friday 11 – Bounty hunters, Coromandel Town; Holidaying with less waste, Fletcher Bay

Saturday 12 – Nocturnal walk, Waikawau Bay; Ahuahu Great Mercury Island sanctuary walking tour, Whitianga

Sunday 13 – Junior rangers, Waikawau Bay

Monday 14 – Kiwi by night, Port Charles

Tuesday 15 – Meet a gecko, Coromandel Town; Reducing our household rubbish, the zero waste approach, Coromandel Town

Wednesday 16 – Kareto Puoro, Maori puppetry, Coromandel Town

Thursday 17 – Kiwi by night, Port Charles

Friday 18 – Traditional medicinal and edible plants, Rangoa Maori, Waikawau Bay

Saturday 19 – Starlight cinema, Waikawau Bay

Sunday 20 – Kiwi by night, Port Charles

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



McGregor Bay Wetland Society

2019 and beyond

A New Year is upon us and the McGregor Bay Wetland Society would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year.



Preschool planting a wee kauri for Petey at Papa Aroha

May the environment around you see an improvement, may the new generations enjoy experiencing wildlife in our shared natural spaces and may we gain increased appreciation of life beyond ourselves.

When we see kids planting a tree that we will never see in maturity, let us remember the reasons for doing so: to add, not subtract. So dive into 2019 with mud on your hands for a better future.

If you are a visitor to the area or a local please stroll down to the wetland. If you want to join or contribute to the Society's efforts in protecting this wetland, please contact us at: mcgregorbaywetland@hotmail.com

Forest & Bird

By Kate Donoghue



Forest & Bird Upper Coromandel

Branch welcomes the summer visitors who spend time in our unique and special landscapes. Our natural spaces, which make Coromandel such an attractive destination, are being increasingly squeezed by human development. Protecting our vulnerable native animals and wild spaces from invasive species and those who seek to exploit the environment rather than seek to live in harmony with it is an endless task.

Nevertheless, we have notched up many successes in recent years, working with other conservation groups – most notably the prohibition on mining on public lands – and we continue to promote a vision of sustainable development in harmony with nature. Our current projects include:

- Working with the McGregor Bay Wetland Society to restore a neglected remnant of coastal wetland between Coromandel Wharf and Long Bay. Look out for the Banded Rail crossing sign if you are down that way.

- Forest & Bird is also monitoring the Coromandel Marine Gateway proposal, which would involve digging out 100,000 cubic metres of harbour margins and dredging a 1.8 km channel. We are deeply concerned about the likely release of mercury and arsenic from the Harbour's contaminated sediments, and the impact this would have on marine life – for further details, see coromarin gateway.nz

- We have been approached by a representative of the owners of eleven islands between Coromandel and Colville to collaborate in a pest eradication campaign to restore the native biodiversity of the islands. Over the next few months, a management plan will be prepared, trained DOC dogs will search for signs of rats and stoats, and a baseline study will be undertaken. This work will complement the outstanding efforts of the Moehau Environment Group (M.E.G.) and other landowners who have taken responsibility for their own trapping programmes;

- Plastics pollution – we are proud to be associated with Plastic-Free Coromandel, and we support recent beach clean-ups. Please make sure that you dispose of plastic waste safely and pick up any beach litter – it ends up in our oceans.

Safe and happy holiday season, everyone.

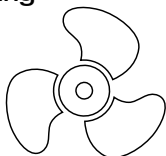
P.S. We lend out Timms traps and are planning a special fundraising event for late February. Details soon.

Forest & Bird encourages new members, and we meet on the first Thursday of every month. For further information, please contact Kate Donoghue 027 692 6494



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Sport

Coromandel Recreational Fishing Club

By Allison Brown

We had our annual Xmas Dinner and Prize Giving at the Admiral Arms which was a very enjoyable evening.

The Club presented Raewyn Morland with chocolates as she was one of the founding members in 2000 and has been with the Club every year since. Thank you, Raewyn and Tim, for your support over the years.

Trophies: 2016-2017 Seniors

Heaviest Snapper: Nikki Stephenson 5.92kg; Heaviest Kingfish: Troy Evans 10.67kg

Heaviest John Dory: Nikki Stephenson 2.585kg; Heaviest Trevally: Nikki Stephenson 1.275kg

Heaviest Kahawai: Nikki Stephenson 2.865kg; Heaviest Gurnard: Grant Masters .647

Juniors:

Heaviest Snapper: Layke McNeil 7.196kg; Heaviest Kahawai: Layke McNeil 2.137

Heaviest Paraore: Tyler Dudson 1.490kg; Heaviest Trevally: Khiana-Fay Masters 1.303kg

After all of the rain and storms we had over December let's hope January is going to be the start of a long hot summer and we can all get some fishing done. The fish catches have been consistently good so all pointing to a bumper season.

Anniversary Weekend Competition is on **Sunday 27 January**.

"The Classy Chicks" Competition is on **Saturday 23 February**. Dress up theme starting with the letter "W". This will be the 15th "Classy Chicks" Competition held by the Club.

Posters and entry forms are out now for both of these competitions, available from Wyuna Studios or Fish & Dive in Kapanga Road, Coromandel Town or email coromandelfishingclub@gmail.com.

The Club Fish of the Month for November was John Dory, won by Allen McNeil weighing 2.475kg.

January Fish of the Month is snapper – traditionally a good month for recreational fishers to catch those good size snapper.

Wishing every one a very happy and prosperous new year.

From the Committee and Club members.

Coro Gym

Summer is here! How is your summer body coming along?

Nevertheless, enjoy what the beautiful season brings!

A small reflection of the year never goes a miss. So here is a wee insert of The Coro Gym 2018.

Firstly, we would like to take the time to remember Del Holman as she passed away this year. She was a regular 16-year member who attended our Sit 'n Be Fit class and always came with a smile and a conversation. She is dearly missed but greatly remembered by fellow gym users. Rest in Peace Del.

The 3.W.F. (Three Weeks of Fitness) was a success. Starting with four people and finishing with 12 committed ladies. I am looking forward to resuming the classes in 2019.

Thirdly, this year we have seen a significant growth in gym members and users. Due to the growth we are trialing different systems to see which ones suit the gym the best, so bear with us while we trial these systems. And although some would call Peg a SuperHero, she cannot be in ten places at once!

So, until **31 January 2019** we are introducing Summer Hours!

Monday-Friday – 6-10am and 4-8pm

Saturday – 8-11.30am and 5-9pm

Sunday – closed

Lastly, we would like to thank all of our Coro Gym users, from the 6.00am Hour of Power, the 8.00am Aerobic Ladies, The Sit 'n Be Fit Class, to the Physios Rodney and Crystal and their clients, The 3.W.F. ladies and to our monthly gym users. We thank you for using Coro Gym this year. We wish you all a Happy New Year.

Coro Gym prices: Casual \$10, Step Aerobics \$7, Sit 'n Be Fit \$5, shower \$5, monthly \$60 + \$10 joining fee (first time gym members).

Thinking of joining? Come on in and speak with either Peg or Princess. We are on-site Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 8.00am- 3.00pm. Otherwise, you can check out our Facebook page - Coro Gym

Coromandel Community Recreational Society Coromandel Community Swimming Pool

By Debra Attwood

The Coromandel Community pool has started the season with a successful working bee attended by keen volunteers to ensure the pool was ready for opening.

The pool operates as a non-profit community group with a small number of trustees who have oversight of decision making and pool operations. It operates to support the community and the school to provide opportunities for learning to swim and recreational purposes. We are partially funded through organisations such as Thames Coromandel District Council, Internal Affairs Community Organisation Grants Scheme and Trust Waikato.

We also provide learn to swim lessons alongside the Coromandel Swimming Club. The November – December lessons were well attended even if the weather was a little cool at times. The next round of lessons is in January and then again in February. If you are interested please call into the pool or contact Debra.

We are looking for people who would like to become lifeguards or swimming instructors and/or to help with the Swim Club programme on Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons from 5pm. Volunteers are also needed to help out in the office, signing people in and manning the shop.

The pool hours for the school holiday period are as follows:

Mornings: Monday – Saturday 6.00am-8.00am.

Daily: 12.00pm-5.00pm

(except Christmas Day we will be closed).

For further information about anything in this report contact Debra Phone (07) 866 7660 or 027 348 2400. Email debmark62@hotmail.com



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Coromandel Town weekly and monthly meetings

Every Monday

Step Aerobics at Coro Gym.....	8am
Free Guided Meditation and Dharma Talk, Mahamudra Centre	8.30-9.30am
Coromandel Hikers' Group, Hauraki House, Colin & Elspeth (07) 866 7137	9am
Monday Walkers, Irene 021 157 8408.....	9am
Sit n Be Fit at Coro Gym.....	9.30am
SeniorNet Coromandel contact Loes (07) 866 8053.....	4pm
Four-part harmony singing, Sue (07) 866 8833.....	7.30pm

Every Tuesday

Free Guided Meditation and Dharma Talk, Mahamudra Centre	8.30-9.30am
Pastel Artists Coromandel, Coromandel Aero Club Rooms (07) 866 7220	9am-midday
Coro Walking Group, Lotto Dairy, Ruth (07) 866 7246	9am
Croquet, Woollams Ave, Kaye (07) 866 8968	9.15am
Yoga for everyone, Colville Hall, Kate 021 125 3152	10am
Playcentre, Woollams Ave.....	10.30am-1pm
Coro Motorcycle Club, Star & Garter, John 027 234 1013	7-9pm

Every Wednesday

Free Guided Meditation and Dharma Talk, Mahamudra Centre	8.30-9.30am
Step Aerobics at Coro Gym.....	8am
Coromandel Community Organic Garden volunteers drop in time	9-11am
Sit n Be Fit at Coro Gym.....	9.30am

Every Thursday

Free Guided Meditation and Dharma Talk, Mahamudra Centre	8.30-9.30am
Coro Walking Group, Lotto Dairy, 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
Free Guided Meditation, Havalona Pyramid	10-11am
Body Balance & Yoga Classes at Trust Waikato Events Centre (upstairs Swimming Pool) contact Tina 021 201 9750	5.15-6.25pm

Every Friday

Step Aerobics at Coro Gym.....	8am
Free Guided Meditation and Dharma Talk, Mahamudra Centre	8.30-9.30am
Yoga for everyone, Anglican Hall, Kate 021 125 3152	10am
Croquet, Woollams Ave, Kaye (07) 866 8968	9.15am
Playcentre, Woollams Ave.....	9.45am-12.15pm
Coromandel Home-school Group, Julene (07) 866 8333	10am
Coromandel Tennis Club "club day"	4pm

Every Saturday

Free Guided Meditation and Dharma Talk, Mahamudra Centre	8.30-9.30am
RSA Coromandel, RSA Club Rooms Woollams Ave. Courtesy van available.	
Contact president Kevin Stone (07) 866 7576	3.30-7pm

Every Sunday



































Free Guided Meditation and Dharma Talk, Mahamudra Centre	8.30-9.30am
Anglican Church Service	10am
Coromandel Tennis Club "club day"	1pm

Monthly

1st Mon – Coro Patchwork & Quilters, St John rooms, Jill (07) 866 7484.....	9.30am-3.30pm
3rd Mon – Coro Patchwork & Quilters, St John 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, St John rooms. Contact President Jean Smith 021 208 7576	6pm
2nd Wed – Garden Circle. Contact Jane Warren 021 232 2905	1pm
3rd Wed – Lions Business Meeting, St John 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>7</div> <div>MEG Build a weta hotel for your backyard: Build a rat trap: Holidaying with less waste (see Pg 34)</div>	<div>8</div> <div></div> <div>MEG Holidaying with less waste, Stony Bay (see Pg 34)</div>	<div>9</div> <div></div> <div>Open Optional Triples at Bowls Club (see Pg 18) MEG Traditional medical and edible plants: Starlight cinema (see Pg 34) Coromandel Gateway drop-in (see Pg 4)</div>	<div>10</div> <div>Chris Charteris sculpture exhibition starts at Waitaia Nursery (see ad Pg 6) MEG Teach your dog to avoid kiwi: Holidaying with less waste (see Pg 34)</div>	<div>11</div> <div></div> <div>MEG Bounty hunters: Holidaying with less waste (see Pg 34)</div>	<div>12</div> <div>Core Summer Fest (see Pg 6) Christmas Art Exhibition at Hauraki House ends (see Pg 32) MEG Nocturnal walk: Ahuahu Great Mercury Island sanctuary walking tour (see Pg 34)</div>	<div>13</div> <div>MEG Junior rangers (see Pg 34) Reducing Our Household Rubbish: The Zero Waste Approach at The Forager's Kitchen, Colville (see Pg 5)</div>	<div>14</div> <div></div> <div>CHRONICLE DEADLINE – 4pm – February issue content MEG Kiwi by night, Port Charles (see Pg 34)</div>	<div>15</div> <div></div> <div>MEG Meet a gecko: Reducing our household rubbish, the zero waste approach (see Pg 34)</div>	<div>16</div> <div></div> <div>MEG Karetoot Puoro, Maori puppetry (see Pg 34)</div>	<div>17</div> <div>MEG Kiwi by night, Port Charles (see Pg 34)</div>	<div>18</div> <div></div> <div>Free Community lunch, Mahamudra Centre (see Pg 14) MEG Traditional medical and edible plants, Rangoo Maori (see Pg 34)</div>	<div>19</div> <div>Coromandel Music Society concert – Jenny B and the Band (see ad Pg 10) MEG Starlight cinema, Waikawau Bay (see Pg 34)</div>	<div>20</div> <div>MEG Kiwi by night, Port Charles (see Pg 34)</div>
<div>21</div> <div></div> <div>High tide 1.12am (2.4m), 1.41pm (2.5m) Low tide 7.17am (0.8m), 7.52pm (0.7m)</div>	<div>22</div> <div></div> <div>High tide 1.59am (2.4m), 2.28pm (2.5m) Low tide 8.07am (0.8m), 8.41pm (0.7m)</div>	<div>23</div> <div></div> <div>High tide 2.52am (2.4m), 3.20pm (2.5m) Low tide 9.04am (0.9m), 9.36pm (0.7m)</div>	<div>24</div> <div>High tide 3.51am (2.4m), 4.15pm (2.5m) Low tide 10.04am (0.8m), 10.34pm (0.6m)</div>	<div>25</div> <div></div> <div>High tide 4.54am (2.5m), 5.15pm (2.6m) Low tide 11.04am (0.8m), 11.33pm (0.5m)</div>	<div>26</div> <div>Barry Brickell Play With Clay Day (see ad Pg 16)</div> <div>High tide 12.08m (3.1m) Low tide 5.45am (0.1m), 6.21pm (0.2m)</div>	<div>27</div> <div>Anniversary Weekend Fishing Competition (see Pg 35)</div> <div>High tide 12.36am (3.0m), 1.01pm (3.0m) Low tide 6.38am (0.3m), 7.14pm (0.3m)</div>	<div>28</div> <div>Auckland Anniversary Day public holiday</div> <div>High tide 1.30am (2.8m), 1.54pm (2.9m) Low tide 7.34am (0.5m), 8.08pm (0.4m)</div>	<div>29</div> <div>Next Twilight Bowls starts (see Pg 18)</div> <div>High tide 2.26am (2.7m), 2.48pm (2.7m) Low tide 8.33am (0.6m), 9.04pm (0.6m)</div>	<div>30</div> <div></div> <div>High tide 3.25am (2.6m), 3.44pm (2.6m) Low tide 9.33am (0.7m), 10.02pm (0.6m)</div>	<div>31</div> <div></div> <div>High tide 4.26am (2.5m), 4.41pm (2.5m) Low tide 10.33am (0.8m), 11.01pm (0.7m)</div>			
<div>KEY</div> <div></div> <div>Tide times and heights from Land Information NZ and are for Coromandel Harbour. For Thames times -15min High and -18min Low.</div> <div></div> <div>RN = Rural North CT = Coromandel Town & Te Koura TC = Thames Coast & Mairata</div>													
<div>UPCOMING MONTH</div> <div>FEBRUARY</div> <div>Friday 1 – Free Community lunch, Mahamudra Centre (see Pg 14) Saturday 9 – The Topp Twins (see ad Pg 7) Saturday 23 – “Classy Chicks” Competition (see Pg 35)</div>													



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