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Editor's comment

I am fed up with the roadworks in Coromandel Town centre, and I know I'm not alone. By the time you read this it should be mainly over though, with only finishing touches to be done after Easter. I believe. Will be good to have the town centre without the dust and the delays again.

You may have heard that the Business Association is closing. I am buying the Chronicle title as I have been publishing it under the CBA for the last 11 years anyway – so don't worry – the Chronicle will continue as is.

So here we are – 2020! What a long way into the millenium we are. Date has a nice ring to it. Happy New Year to all my Chronicle readers. Thanks for all of your support. I love this town!

Debbie

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Letters and opinion

Clarification

Dear Debbie,

As Secretary of the Coromandel 'Bizarre' Charitable Trust (CBCT) incorrectly credited with it, and Deputy Chair of the now dissolved Coromandel Senior Settlement Trust (CSST) which was the real donor of the \$200,000 towards the refurbishment of the Citizens' Hall, I feel I must write to correct the wrong impression taken from the speeches in your excellent report of the reopening.

The speakers were, for the most part, clearly unaware that the CBCT was only the agent which had held in trust the pledge made by the CSST to support the refurbishment programme, on its dissolution some three years ago. For it to dissolve, the CSST's substantial capital (arising from the sale of Elizabeth Park sections and subsequent investment) had to be disbursed and all of its operations ceased. The Citizens' Hall project was not yet ready to accept the funds and prove their use so they were transferred to the newly formed CBCT to be held in trust until the time came when they could be paid out. It was not until the middle of 2019 that this could be done. The CBCT had been formed principally to continue running The Bizarre, for which no taker had been found, and thus remove it from the CSST. With The Bizarre now in CILT's hands and the CSST's donation paid out, the CBCT is now, itself, in the process of dissolution.

Regards, Rodney Denham, Coromandel Town

Thank You to the Coromandel Bizarre Trust for the Colville Hall Electrical Upgrade

Great news for the community – the electrical upgrade for the Colville Hall has been completed.

We now have an upgraded and "certified" new system that has everything clearly marked on the power box. We have improved the lighting and separated the lights into five different banks easily identifiable and easy to use. The kitchen has new lighting over the sink and over the preparation table along with sets of new plugs. There are inputs installed for the sound and lighting desks and also inputs on the western wall for the stage gear. We have also installed air conditioning.

Hip hip hooray and thank you again to the Bizarre Trust and especially to Zephany Moody of ZME and PerfectAir for taking care of business.

Regards,
The Colville Hall Committee

Bus desperately needed

Dear Debbie,

I wish to endorse the topical letter from Claire Dudley in your last issue. We desperately require a bus more than once weekly to Thames. It has been spoken of time and again to no avail.

Think of the people who are unable to drive due to many issues. Those who have appointments in Thames and obliged to alter them until a "bus" day. All the drivers are unpaid, cheerful and helpful in every way. Even three times per week would be gratefully accepted.

Go into any shop in Coromandel and you will be greeted with a smile and a willing helper to find your needed article. Meet any resident as you walk into town and you will always be greeted with a smile or a "Good Morning". Would you find this in Thames or Auckland?

Please may all of the capable people do what's nessessary to help those of us in need.

Sincerely,
Beryl van Donk

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more letters overleaf...

Letters/opinion continued

1080 and morepork

Dear Debbie,

With reference to a letter in the last issue, I read the 2007 ERMA Decision regarding 1080 specifically to see what it said about ruru and harrier. I investigated both the Decision document and Appendix F (specifics of monitoring operations). What I found in the ERMA documents completely disagrees with what your reader said.

The Decision says "ruru/morepork have been found dead" but that there "is no evidence of adverse effects on populations of these birds". The details in the Appendix cite five separate operations where ruru were monitored. In three operations, one dead bird was found attributed to 1080 poisoning; in the other two, none. In one operation, populations of ruru doubled after the operation compared to pre-operation.

Thank you,

Jeff Williams, Coromandel

Dear Debbie,

Your correspondent Diana Halstead (Dec 2019) has claimed that ERMA (now the EPA) published a risk evaluation on 1080 in 2007, in which "every morepork and every kahu in the zone perished" after a 1080 application. I have thoroughly searched the EPA/ERMA website and can find no such information. Indeed, 2007 was when ERMA reconsidered and reapproved the use of 1080 based on the scientific evidence. Every year they publish a review, the first dated in 2008 covering the 2007 calendar year. Here is the link: <https://www.epa.govt.nz/assets/RecordsAPI/36ea9fbc4b/EPA-annual-report-on-aerial-1080-operations-2007.pdf>. The reassessment also has a large number of associated documents. The most relevant seems to be this one on environmental effects: <https://www.epa.govt.nz/assets/FileAPI/hsno-ar/HRE05002/69e8a32233/HRE05002-024.pdf>. Refer to page 27 for effects on birds – which has no such information, indeed the opposite.

Such a shocking and extraordinary claim needs to be backed up with evidence, particularly when referencing an independent scientific government body such as ERMA/EPA, who routinely publish every criticism of 1080 applications gathered each year, and follows up with relevant investigations, as can be found in every one of their annual reports.

Sincerely,

Doug Parker, Kereta

A note from the Chronicle editor

Regarding the above two letters – I have asked Diana Halstead to supply a link to the exact report and page number she is referring to in her letter to the editor in the December 2019 issue. Due to computer issues and the time of year she has been unable to supply this to me by the deadline for this issue, so hopefully I will have it by the February issue.

Also

Regarding John Veysey's letter (December issue), a RNZ article (which came out after the December Chronicle went to print) said that "Tests were done on a small sample of the 680 rodents found a week-and-a-half ago, to see if they had been poisoned by a recent 1080 drop. Those tests came back today showing no traces of the toxin." See this news report: www.rnz.co.nz/news/national/403755/new-theories-emerge-to-explain-dead-rats-washed-up-in-westport.

However Flora & Fauna of Aotearoa (www.floraandfaunaofaotearoa.co.nz) and Clean Green New Zealand Trust have published independent test results that indicate that 1080 poison was the likely cause of death of the rats in Westport.

Search for both articles and make up your own mind.

Thanks to community

Dear Coromandel Town,

Once again my family and I would like to take the chance to pass on our thanks and gratitude to everyone involved in the November quiz night to raise funds to support us through Ava's leukemia care, which is ongoing for another two years. Enormous effort went into organising the night with a lot of people and businesses (far and wide) putting in their resources. There was an equally great number of people there on the night having fun, supporting a very brave, resilient little girl and her family through one of life's toughest challenges. To absolutely everyone who helped and supported the event in any way please know that we are extremely grateful and hope everyone involved is proud of what they achieved. There are very few communities who deserve to pat themselves on the back for looking after their own the way we do here. Well done and thank you everyone.

Ava, Ena, Dan and Carolin

Rural nurses

Dear Debbie,

I am concerned that the rural nurses base is moving to Whitianga. What will this mean for the people of Coromandel Town?

regards,

Jocelyn Strongman

Morepork

Diana Halstead reminded us in your last issue how one poison can eliminate certain species from an area. There are numerous references in official reports to the susceptibility of morepork, falcon and hawks to secondary poisoning after 1080 drops.

Diana has seen these bird disappearances from her home ... as I have.

Having lived here through the 1970's and 1980's I had grown accustomed to the vibrant wildlife so, when the first poisonings took place on neighbouring properties, the disappearance of these birds through poisoning was very obvious.

After a number of previous poisonings an area is no longer as full of life as it was back then and the by-kill effect of later poisoning operations is not so noticeable.

John Veysey, Coromandel Town

War on nature

Dear editor,

What is it with New Zealand and the war on nature? One day it's CO2, the next day it's battle against rats or possums, a week later it's goats and pigs. The latest I saw was a yellow flag iris. If we are not going to look differently at our nature, where are we going to end up?

How are we going to be come 100% green and clean if we keep using poisons? There are many ways of working with nature to reap the fruits. Without CO2 and nitrogen, nothing grows! Lucky both of these are ready available in nature for everyone to use free of charge.

On the other hand poison kills is not free of charge and won't grow you anything and often with chemicals left in nature for many years! So why not make Coromandel the first place in NZ poison free? Like the little town of Mals in Italy.

You can not poison nature back to health.

Thanks, Wilfred Smees, RD1 Coromandel

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5G conspiracies and dangers

In reply to letters from Warwick Mather and Michal Tal (December 2019 issue), I am not getting paid to inform people of what I know, but I am science-educated and have decades of experience and knowledge in the field.

The statement made that the technology and frequency that 5G is based on has not been with us since the 1930s is patently false. This is a fact that can be easily looked up and verified. In fact, the first microwave link went up in 1931 and transmitted phone calls between the UK and France.

5G technology can be used on very many frequencies, for example the same as 4G, which is in use now. And, for faster speed, 5G will be using the same spectrum on much lower power levels than your microwave, wi-fi, baby monitor, garage remote and car key-fob work on. You are indeed living with this technology already.

There have been many independent studies testing the safety of cell phones. My understanding is there has been one independent US study showing long term ill-effects of 2G-3G cellphone use in rodents. They were exposed to cellphone signals 4 x the maximum power level permitted for us, for nine hours a day for two years for each rat, the study taking ten years in total. Some of the male rats developed heart tumours, but the mice no tumours at all. The conclusion of that study is that there is some evidence of heart tumours in male rats caused by high exposure to 2G and 3G. Make of this study what you will.

I have never seen any study that proves that this technology causes chronic diseases, autism and Alzheimer's. There are, on the other hand, people that are making quite a bit of money making products that are supposed to protect people from these perceived dangers.

I personally would not like to go back to having a cable hanging from my laptop for the internet, nor going back to using a home-only corded landline phone.

Mats Söderlind, Coromandel Town



Flower identification

Regarding the picture of Sue Wright's lily picture in the December issue of the Chronicle (shown again above):

Natalie Blasco from Coromandel Town suggests:

The plant might be *Amorphophallus*, but I don't know the exact species.

Peta Hannan from Noosa, Australia says:

My sister, Louise Rust, sends me your monthly paper.

You have a picture of an interesting plant on page 4 of your December issue and you seek information about it.

I suggest either the Melbourne or Cairns botanical gardens will be able to assist.

Bits n Bobs from New Zealand's past 200 years

22 January 1840
- 1st shipload of settlers arrive in Wellington

1856 - Population reaches 100,000

1900 - Cook Islands becomes part of N.Z

1946 - Family Benefit becomes universal, 1 pound a week

1959 - Auckland Harbour Bridge opened

1989 - Wine can be sold in supermarkets (beer followed in 1999)

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Happy Birthday, Keltic Fair!

By Susan Ngamane, President, Culdian Trust

On 2 January 2020 the Keltic Fair will have been running for 30 years. Many have asked why Keltic with a "K" and not a "C". The answer lies in its originators, the Culdian Trust, whose heritage dates back to 1st century Britain when it is understood the word was spelt with a "K". Much later it was Romanised with a "C". Adopting the original spelling made the Fair unique on the "landscape", as there has only ever been one Keltic Fair.

The first Keltic Fair was held in the grounds of Firlawn House in Coromandel Town on Labour weekend in October 1990. There were a few stalls dotted around the beautiful grounds, providing Devonshire teas, raffles, sausage sizzles and a range of home-crafted products.

The Fair moved to the school grounds in 1992 and until 1993 was held on 28 December. We took a break in 1994 and came back with a vengeance on 2 January 1995. We continued with 2 January because it drew large crowds, thus enabling local volunteer community groups to raise funds from sources outside the town.



The Twisty Twinz performing at the Fair in 2010

As the Fair evolved we realised that we needed to offer entertainment dotted through the day. Some of the initial attractions were wood chopping competitions, skydivers and medieval mock battles. As time passed the entertainment changed and at different times we had stilt walkers and acrobatic performers who performed in the crowd and of course, music on the makeshift stage we had cobbled together. The element of surprise and delight each year was the catchphrase when organising the entertainment.

Initially, the Culdian Trust provided the food to sell at the Fair, which entailed beginning the day at 4.30am and buttering copious numbers of buns for filled rolls and transporting them from our purpose-built centre at the top of Rings Road to the school grounds. In the early days, the only food available at the Fair was the Coromandel Lion Club's mussel fritters and the Culdian Trust filled rolls.

The Culdian Trust is a small group whose core business is philosophical in nature. We produce and distribute philosophical and spiritual books. Suffice to say, organising Fairs was on the periphery of our sphere of operation. Over the



Photo from the Fair in 2013

years each of us suffered "Keltic Fair burn out". The Fair of 2002 was the first where we partnered with the Rudolph Steiner Kindergarten. This continued until 2010 which was the last fair that the Culdian Trust were involved in.

Coromandel Area School took full control of the Fair in 2011 under the umbrella of CEDACT (Coromandel Education Advancement Charitable Trust) and has followed a similar approach, allowing the fair to thrive each year. In the years since CEDACT has taken control, Lionel Parsloe has been the leader of the Fair. Now retired, he has handed over the reins to new management, and we wish to thank him for all of his efforts over the years.

Hot Spot News from Coromandel Fire and Emergency

By Rob Chappell

We all need to get used to the changes in our lives and the new name of our brigade is no different. Powers that be decided some months or probably a year or more ago that we needed a change in name, hence logos changed, our station became emblazoned with new logos and signage and we have new terminology. While this is good in the eyes of the powers that be, more importantly for us on the ground, the new system brings on board our local Rural Fire Teams Manaia, Colville, Kennedy Bay and Port Charles to be managed under one national system where before they were under the local councils. The advantage – training. These teams are now being trained to a much higher level and being incorporated monthly with the Coromandel team to gain greater knowledge and when the siren goes all crews will have a greater knowledge of their work mates, who they are and what skills to expect. A wonderful move forward.

It's summer coming or at 27 degrees it's already here and BBQ time – these days you don't even need to check your cylinder with swap a bottle but remember your BBQ has probably been sitting under a cover for months since you last used it. While it may still look ok, check the lead – it's rubber and rubber will perish over time. Easier to check and be safe than light with a leak.

Drive safe, remember the FIRE BAN – it's total and from 20 December until February or when advised.

MICHAEL BREWERTON ARCHITECT.

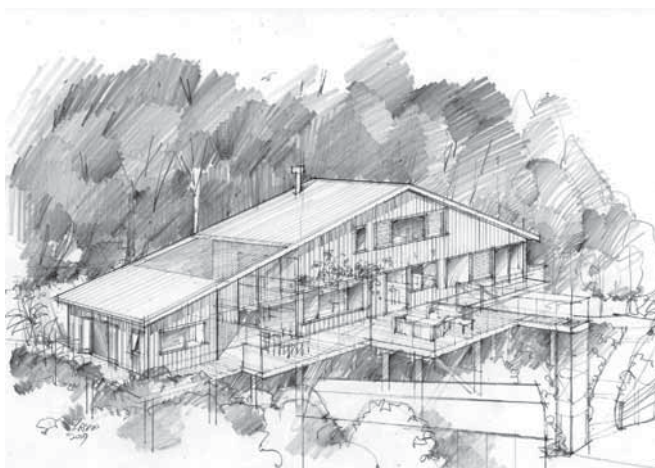
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Santa Parade 2019



Santa Parade started at the Top Pub and ended at Coromandel Area School – past road cones and on dusty road – because of the roadworks. But it didn't stop the crowds coming out and waving the parade past. The parade was followed by iceblocks for the children from Santa and music



Museum News

By Raewyn McKinney

Things are going well in the museum, and the committee looks forward to another busy year with work continuing to enhance displays, and maintenance of the museum an ongoing task.

This year I am starting a new approach to the "Museum News" by each month profiling one of the town's notable residents.

Lena Darling

Lena Park was born at her parent's home in Driving Creek on 27 September 1921. Times were tough in those days of depression between the two World Wars. Dad, Fred, worked mainly as a goldminer in the Tokatea mines. When there was no work in the mines, he was able to make money by digging for gum. Later, in 1930, he leased land at Oamaru Bay and the family moved. Mum, Ivy, worked in the home. With seven children in the family,

there were always plenty of chores to be done, so everyone did their share. Cooking was done on the coal range, which required a constant supply of firewood. Water was collected from the roof and stored in a tank. However, with no indoor plumbing, it had to be carried into the house when required for cooking, laundry or bathing purposes. Clothes were washed in the copper, rinsed in a tub and wrung out by hand before being pegged on the line. Most clothing items required ironing; the irons were heated on the coal range. The family had a large garden with plenty of fruit trees, and some hens. In order to make the most from the garden and fruit trees, as much fresh produce as possible was preserved. Any surplus was shared with neighbours. Grocery items not supplied by the garden were purchased at Mr French's Top Town shop.

By the time Lena was born the Driving Creek School had closed, so Lena started school in Coromandel, which meant a long walk each day for Lena, her siblings, and friends. When the family moved to Oamaru Bay there

was no school nearby, so her father, along with other community members built the school at Koputauaki, and the children then walked to the school each day. Lena recalls a busy but happy life, with no time for anyone to be bored. Money was not plentiful, but everyone was in the same situation, and families helped each other whenever the need arose. As Lena says: you just got on with things and did what had to be done.

Lena has spent nearly all her life in the Coromandel area; the only exception was a period of several months when she worked in Auckland. Her family has a long connection with the area. Both of her parents grew up in the area; her maternal great-grandfather came to Coromandel from Cornwall to work as a mine manager. Now, with the recent birth of her first great-grandchild, a new generation is carrying on the story.

During January the museum is open from 1pm to 4pm every day and from 9.30am to 1pm on Thursdays



Official opening of Koputauaki School, 1933

Presentation of Book

The museum has now published their book *HMS Coromandel*. This is a truly local publication, researched and written by Val Macdonald, with illustrations by Barbara Peddie. Based, in part, on the ship's logs, the book has been published at this time to coincide with the upcoming 200th anniversary of the arrival of HMS Coromandel in Coromandel Harbour in June 1820.

Copies of the book are on sale at the museum at \$10 each. The museum is open every day throughout the summer.

A copy of the book has been presented to the Coromandel Community Library.



Judy Bronlund, president of the School of Mines & Historical Society presenting the *HMS Coromandel* book to Coromandel Community Librarian, Robynne Jones

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Calendars Project

By Dr Paul Schneider

“Calendars” studies how different groups of people and organisations on the Coromandel organise their activities over the year according to ideas of “normal” seasons. Considering the social and natural changes we face, the project looks at changes to the way people are thinking about and experiencing seasons. The key question is whether people’s seasonal representations are in sync with the seasons they actually experience now, and therefore, whether these representations are useful for guiding people’s yearly activities?

Over the course of 2020 local Calendars researchers Dr Paul Schneider and Kerstie van Zandvoort will be pairing with key organisations and groups to together study their ideas of seasons. Calendars intends to work with locals to review their seasonal practices and devise updated Coromandel-specific and relevant calendars. This means working alongside them to reflect on their seasonal rhythms and if or how they could possibly be adjusted. We intend to foster creative spaces for scientists, people in organisations, and artists such as carvers, musicians, painters or film makers to rethink the local seasons.

Ultimately, Calendars wants to advance understanding of how seasonal ideas steer the way we live, and how they can become part of adapting to seasonal change. Calendars guiding principle is to nurture research collaboration in order to “co-produce” the research. For doing so, engaging a tight-knit group of interested people will be key.

Sound of interest to you? Are you a keen observer of the natural and social world? If you farm, teach, fish, garden, think, hunt, gather, keep people safe, conserve, protect or feel that in any way you have something to say when it comes to seasons and natural rhythms, then please drop Paul an email at p.p.schneider@massey.ac.nz.

For more information go to:
www.uib.no/en/calendars-project

Animal Rescue Thames

By Alice and John Parris
and our long term Wiki

Happy Mew Year to you all. Hope the holiday season for you all is going safe and all enjoying the summer break.

Huge thank mews to everyone who supported us with our fundraisers and everyone who has donated cat food, garage sale items and lent a paw to help us with fundraising. Without this support we certainly wouldn’t be here doing what we do and have done for over 19 years now. Our fundraising was awesome and we raised good money. This has to last until Easter so it’s another year of a budget that is tight for us, but we respect we are a small group doing great things. The cats appreciate what we do for them (until we deign to change bedding and scrub and mop floors; those activities by human slaves are not appreciated nor seen as something that should be done).

Christmas menu was loved and adored by the cats, with roast chicken and some tinned salmon on menu. Just a little luxury for them and some Jimbo’s raw meat as well, so well catered for.

Nothing rehomed but we are really holding the olders of our unit up in the 12-month to 3-year age group and these are farm cats, those who will be totally aloof for some time until they settle in and adjust to a new lifestyle and new home. These homes take a while to come but when they do these people are truly awesome. None of those waiting will be lap cats initially but could well make liars of us as we always explain that these shy furbabies take time to settle in and may not be lap cats or bed warmers but like Foff and Nomoreaye not only did they take over laps, but bed and children too. We have seen this before with our deeply shy felines who hate strangers yet get adopted and go out and flourish, becoming incredibly loving amazing cats just as we have known them, which for us is truly awesome.

Please be mindful when out and about or travelling, as this time of year is not just hot, it is a time of year that people sadly dump animals, and we just ask people to contact appropriate help ASAP and get them into a safe place as quickly as one can. Give them some water and food until help arrives – the 30 seconds it takes to make a decision can mean life or death for the animals. Kittens are predominantly what is found in boxes and on sides of roads which is just so cruel and sad.

Wanted – cat and kitten food, tinned, sachets, pet milk, tinned salmon/sardines/tuna, towels, pillows.

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Any enquiries purrlease contact Animal Rescue Thames, 532 Thames Coast Road RD5 Tethles 3575. Ph (07) 868 2907 (afternoons best time)



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Coromandel Town Information Centre

By Sandra Wilson, Manager

Welcome to 2020!

At the time of writing this month's article we have had 21,937 people through the centre to the end of November 2019. Another busy year and looking forward to what 2020 brings.

More accommodation and tour providers have come onboard with advertising as have some of our local retail outlets. We can also help advertise our tradespeople. Just give us a call or pop in.

Last year saw many changes at the centre. We had a facelift inside, new lino and the office painted. It now looks tidier and more professional.

We lost Marie Ball, one of our colourful, respected volunteers who embraced the volunteering role with enthusiasm and willingness to learn. Marie passed away suddenly and we were shocked and saddened. We truly miss her vibrant personality.

Ray Morley, at the age of 82, has decided to retire. Ray has worked here as a volunteer since 2013, every Monday morning, entertaining and informing all those he spoke to with his great stories, engaging personality, and enthusiasm for the town and area. My Mondays are not the same without him. When Ray would leave each Monday I would thank him and he would say, "My pleasure, Sandra", but I have to say it was our pleasure to have such a personality on our team.

Our Boom, Bust & Beyond tours are available every day. During the summer months tours are available 10.30am, 11.30am and 5pm. All tours depart from the Information Centre. Bookings are required. It is a 90-minute guided walking tour through the heart of town, delivered by some of our local experts. Vouchers are available for Christmas gifts for that person who has everything. Just pop in and see us. Tours are \$20 per person, with a minimum of two adults. Solo bookings require paying for two people.

We are open from 10.00am-4.30pm every day (we are only closed on Christmas Day).

Get busy planting veges and flowers, making jams and chutneys for the Vegetable, Flower and Produce Show at the Citizens' Hall on **Saturday 15 February**. This is a fundraiser for the Information Centre and we are very lucky to have people like Robin Münch in our community who see the benefit the centre is to our local community. Thank you Robin.

If you would like to go on our quarterly email newsletter contact us on the number or email below.

Open: 10.00am-4.30pm. Phone: (07) 866 8598 or 027 521 5560. Email: coroinfo@xtra.co.nz. Web: www.coromandeltown.co.nz. Follow us on Facebook: Coromandel Town Information Centre



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Te Korowai Hauora o Hauraki Coromandel Whānau Health Centre

Measles is a highly contagious disease that can kill. Te Korowai Hauora o Hauraki has the Measles vaccine in stock now. If you haven't had your Measles vaccination, or if you are unsure if you have had it, please see your Nurse or GP now.

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65 + years - \$12.00	65 + years - \$12.00
FREE*	NURSE
Under-25s sexual health checks	Under 18s - FREE
	18 + years - \$12.00

*clinic fees for enrolled patients

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New Year Holiday Hours 2020

*Te Korowai Hauora o Hauraki
is closed on the following
statutory holidays:*

New Year's Day
Wednesday, January 1
Day after New Year's Day
Thursday, January 2

Rongoā Clinics
with Jo Shelford
Jan 23, Feb 6

Foot Clinics
with Ruth Wells
Jan 16, Feb 6



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Lion News

By Lion Lyn

Greetings from the Coromandel Club, My apologies, it has been a while, as hospitals do not supply computers for patients to use!

Other members also have been in hospital, and our thoughts and prayers are with them for a speedy recovery.

October saw us with a visit from our district governor Judy, who is an amazing and giving advocate for our Lions Club. So much so that she drove from Kamo to join us for dinner, but decided it would be too far to go home the same day (about 5-6 hours each way)! Lovely to meet such an inspirational Lion. The same evening, Peter and Pam passed the Lion Rock to yours truly, and I passed the following month to Lion Larry and Joan for their unending service as proud Lions; we as a club are very fortunate to have you. You have to polish the rock now till we have our first dinner in the new year which will be **5 February**. Before then we have the Keltic Fair on **2 January** at the school grounds – see you all there!

We have almost a month off, but firewood is always ongoing, and we are only a phone call away if help is needed for the community. We are always looking for new members and community-spirited, like-minded people are always welcome – come talk to us. See you next year and take care of each other.

PS – sold out of cakes before end of November, so order early for next year. I don't like being growled at!

As always the numbers to ring are president Lyn (07) 866 7722 (may go to answer phone; I leave clear phone number and short message please); secretary Gordon (07) 866 2433; firewood Sue 07 219 774 (landline)

**Library News**

By Robynne Jones, Librarian

We have been lucky to receive two donations this month from local authors. The Coromandel Coromandel School of Mines Museum & Historical Society have donated their latest publication, *H.M.S. Coromandel*. It is a well-researched book written by Val MacDonald on the voyages and lives of those connected to the HMS Coromandel and has some delightful illustrations by local artist Barbara Peddie. Deborah Hide-Bayne also donated her latest book *Coastal* – a mix of anecdotes on life on the Coromandel and sharing food, with many recipes and great photographs. Come in and have a look at them, it may entice you to buy your own copies.

The new additions to the library this month include some sequels we have all been waiting for including: Nora Roberts's book three *The Rise of Magicks*, James Patterson's *Criss Cross*, Lynda La Plante's *She's Out* and Lucinda Riley's *The Sun Sister*.

We also have introduced a couple of new authors, like Caroline Scott and her latest *The Poppy Wife* and another by Suzanne Hayes and Loretta Nyhan, *Home Front Girls*. And something a little different, *The Starless Sea*, by Erin Morganstern.

The Poppy Wife

This unforgettable debut novel is a sweeping tale of forbidden love, profound loss, and the startling truth of the broken families left behind in the wake of World War I. It's 1921 and survivors of the Great War are desperately trying to piece together the fragments of their broken lives. While many have been reunited with their loved ones, Edie's husband Francis has not come home.

Home Front Girls

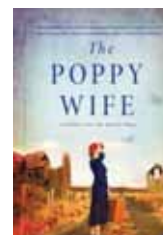
It's January 1943 when Rita Vincenzo receives her first letter from Glory Whitehall. Glory is an effervescent young mother from New England, impulsive and free as a bird. Rita is a Midwestern professor's wife with a love of gardening and a generous, old soul. These two women have nothing in common except one powerful bond: the men they love are fighting in a war a world away from home. Brought together by an unlikely twist of fate, Glory and Rita begin a remarkable correspondence.

The Starless Sea

When Zachary Rawlins stumbles across a strange book hidden in his university library it leads him on a quest unlike any other. Its pages entrance him with their tales of lovelorn prisoners, lost cities and nameless acolytes, but they also contain something impossible: a recollection from his own childhood.

All of them should make great reading if you have a little extra time to relax over Christmas/New Year. On behalf of all of us at the Library we hope you have a great break and an enjoyable Christmas/New Year with family and friends.

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



Barry Brickell Play With Clay Day HAURAKI HOUSE GROUNDS

Saturday 25th January 2020 • 10am to 3pm

Come along and have fun with local clay with help from top local clay artists and keep alive the memory of Barry Brickell and his contribution to our town.

Try your hand on a potters wheel, use moulds or free form your ideas.

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

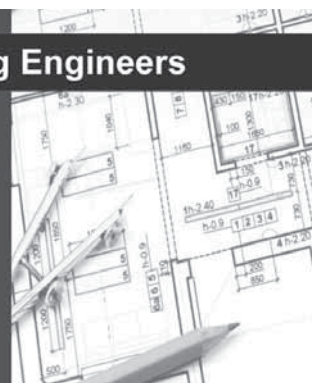
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Happy New Year

from Thames-Coromandel District Council



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happy new year 2020

Happy New Year – from TCDC

Warm wishes for 2020 from Mayor Sandra, Council and the Coromandel-Colville Community Board. Stay safe and have a great summer.



Mayor
Sandra Goudie



John
Morrissey
Councillor



Peter
Pritchard
CB Chairman



Jan Autumn
CB Deputy
Chairman



Jean Ashby



Kim Brett

tcdc.govt.nz/electedmembers

Our holiday hours

- Our Council service centres will be closed 1-3 January 2020.
- Normal hours for all service centres resume on Monday 6 January.
- For general enquiries over this time email: customer.services@tcdc.govt.nz
- For urgent enquiries call our 24-hour service line: 07 868 0200



For all you need to know about fire permits, dogs on beaches, alcohol bans and other Council services check out

tcdc.govt.nz/summertips



DOGS

Most of our beaches have summer restrictions for dogs, which may be banned completely or only allowed on the beach before 9am and after 6pm. This is not only to keep dogs off beaches when they're crowded with people, but to protect important bird habitats during their summer breeding time.

Check tcdc.govt.nz/dogs or call us on 07 868 0200 for information.

ALCOHOL IN PUBLIC PLACES

Our town centres have year-round 24/7 alcohol bans in force and many of our beaches and seaside reserves have bans in place over Christmas/New Year and holiday long weekends. You must not consume or take alcohol into any public place where an alcohol ban is in force. tcdc.govt.nz/alcoholcontrol

FIRE BAN

Fire and Emergency New Zealand (FENZ) declares a Prohibited Fire Season from mid-December, which means a total fire ban in urban and rural areas. If you see an out-of-control fire phone 111. checkitsalright.nz

HAVE YOUR SAY

on proposed new earthworks rules for managing kauri dieback in urban zones

CLOSES

24 JANUARY 2020

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Kerbside Summer Collection

Coromandel Rural North

Tuesday



Friday



Coromandel Town & Te Kouma

Wednesday



Our summer schedule with extra collections runs from 26 December 2019 to 8 February 2020. Schedules are at

tcdc.govt.nz/kerbside

If you leave town before your collection day, you can drop off your rubbish in blue Council bags at your nearest Refuse Transfer Stations (RTS). Hours and locations:

tcdc.govt.nz/rtss

Summer water use

As dry weather combines with high visitor numbers, water supplies are put under pressure and restrictions have to be put into place. These are shared daily on local radio stations, our Council's Facebook page and the home page of our website. Please use water responsibly. tcdc.govt.nz/water

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**Ann's Good News,
Naturally****Are you Toxic?**

Some symptoms linked to toxic elements exposure and imbalances:

Arsenic: Fatigue, headaches, skin rash, increased salivation, liver damage, anorexia, central nervous system disorders, muscle weakness, hair loss, anaemia.

Aluminium: Bone and muscle pain, kidney infection, ataxia (loss of full control of body movements), dementia, alzheimer's and Parkinson's disease. Alters zinc, copper and iron metabolism.

Cadmium: Loss of sense of smell and taste, dry scaly skin, hair loss, hypertension, kidney and liver damage, osteoporosis, lower back pain, pulmonary emphysema.

Lead: In children – delayed mental development, hyperactivity, behavioural problems. Children and adults – tremors, fatigue, anaemia, metallic taste, loss of appetite, weight loss and headaches, insomnia, nervousness, decreased nerve conduction.

Mercury: Tremors, irritability, excitability, psychoses, mania, incoordination, increased risk for anaemia, metallic taste, fatigue, cardiovascular disease, hypertension, renal dysfunction/disease, anorexia, reduced sensory abilities – taste, touch, vision, hearing.

*Toxic elements, in fact all toxins, lock into your fat cells. You don't want them there. It's your liver's job to convert them to be water soluble, for safe excretion through your kidneys or bowel.

How efficient is your liver and other detox



and elimination organs?

Remember, these toxins can block the absorption of the essential nutrients from the healthy foods you eat.

Are You Malnourished?

Some symptoms linked to some common mineral deficiencies/imbalances:

Low zinc: Poor immunity and wound healing, depressed libido, hair loss, impotence, lung cancer. Children – Poor immunity and growth, reduced appetite, anorexia.

Low selenium: Poor immunity and red blood cell quality, poor thyroid function, high cholesterol, premature ageing, male sterility, arthritis.

Low potassium: Poor immunity, poor cognition, weak bones, acne, high cholesterol, dry skin.

Iron: Poor immunity, blue sclera (whites of eyes), depressed growth, palpitations, inflamed sore tongue.

Calcium: Poor immunity, stunted growth, arthritis, menstrual /menopausal issues, limb numbness, bone pain, high blood pressure, eczema, brittle nails, muscle cramps.

Silica: Poor immunity, all arthritic conditions, muscle, joint disorders, atherosclerosis, osteoporosis, ageing.

Low magnesium: Increased cardiovascular risk, depression, anxiety, hypoglycaemia, schizophrenia

Low copper: Poor immunity, frequent infections, bleeding gums, baldness, strokes, joint pain, elevated cholesterol, anaemia, varicose veins.

Manganese: Back and joint problems, low blood sugar, allergies, violent behaviour (it is linked with dopamine and serotonin depletion).

Low boron: Arthritis, increase calcium loss,

low vitamin D, inhibits bone growth

These essential minerals are absorbed in your small intestine – how efficient is yours?

These essential minerals can only be supplied by unprocessed foods. How processed, or nutrient dense are your foods?

My Good News

Get to the root cause of your half health. Identify your deficiencies and imbalances

I can test your toxic elements and nutrient mineral status.

More Good News

Bladder tumours: This 56-yr-old man's urologist found no reason for his reoccurring bladder tumours, which had to be surgically removed. His bladder discomfort, pain on urination, fatigue and rapid hair loss caused him stress and anxiety. My tests revealed very high arsenic levels. My treatment programme healed all of his symptoms and the tumours stopped growing. A second test revealed the arsenic levels had dropped. A happy man.

Tremor, mood swings, nightmares, sweats: This 78-yr-old farmer was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease, due to low dopamine levels, and he should take the medication to replace it. My tests showed levels of his neurotransmitter dopamine, were normal, but his mercury and lead were very high. He is happy to be detoxing and is feeling so much better already. No pharmaceutical medications necessary.

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Members of the Coromandel Arts Council with artist Dan Tippet pose with the newly finished mural

New Mural For Coromandel

Last year at a meeting of the Coromandel Arts Council it was noted that the committee has a commitment to encouraging public art in our town and the decision was made to replace the old mural on the wall of the dairy. It was looking a bit tired and we felt the town could do with something bright and cheerful instead.

We were very fortunate to secure the services of well known spray can artist Dan Tippet who is responsible for many large, beautiful mural works in Auckland. Although he lives with his family in Grey Lynn his heart belongs to Coromandel having spent his younger days in Colville and Koputauaki and attending Coromandel Area School. So it was appropriate that he was able to complete such a colourfully vibrant artwork for locals and visitors to share. He spent a week designing the Coromandel specific work and another week to paint it.

The Arts Council is very grateful to Sunny, the owner of Coromandel Supersaver, for giving us permission to put the mural on his wall and to Ngaire Burgess for allowing Dan to access her property to work his magic with the spray cans.

Plant Based Eating Group

By Nalan Kirsch

In my previous article, I talked about how eating more plant-based food can support our health and our precious planet Earth. There is another important issue around this topic that we can't afford to ignore anymore. Sadly, the majority of our food is sprayed with many pesticides and herbicides. Many of these are very hard to get rid of – often washing or cooking won't remove them. (Pesticides are chemicals used for poisoning bugs, herbicides for killing weeds.)

There is the so-called "Dirty Dozen" list, identifying the most contaminated fruits and vegetables, published by the Environmental Working Group. They continuously update the list. I was very upset to see fruits and veggies on that list which I put into my daughter's lunch box almost every day – apples, nectarines, pears, strawberries, capsicums, cucumbers, etc.

Check out the Dirty Dozen list here: bepure.co.nz/blogs/news/clean-15-dirty-dozen, also go to www.safefood.org.nz then click on pesticides. For more info on the subject visit Soil and Health's Organic NZ website.

I don't think our bodies can deal with such a high amount of poisons in our food. It is further a big concern for the health of the soil, and other life on this Earth. Everything is affected by the use of poisons, not just us.

Organic and spray free food is the solution to this dilemma. You'll probably say: "Organic food is too expensive!" And I fully agree with you! But it is still possible to find solutions and strategies that will work for each one of us in our own particular circumstances. For example: we can start by getting just a few food items as organic (choose what to replace most urgently from the Dirty Dozen list). It is possible to source cheaper organic and spray-free food from local markets and growers, from bulk food shops and co-ops, and so on. Starting a veggie garden or joining the community garden are other ideas.

Not every solution works for everyone, but there is a solution to everything. So start small, find your own way, and feel good about it. I believe that even a small change in our individual habits can make a big difference – for ourselves and overall.

Have a wonderful New Year!



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Fire and Emergency New Zealand declares a prohibited fire season, from 20 December 2019 in the following area(s):

- Thames Coromandel (Urban and Rural)

See www.checkitsalright.nz for types of fire which have been authorised as not being fires in open air and do not need a permit.

Any fire permits issued during a restricted fire season in the area(s) are suspended from the start of the prohibited fire season.

Paul Shaw

Principal Rural Fire Officer

Waikato / Thames

Mark Tinworth

Area Manager

Eastern Waikato

To check the season status for your location please visit www.checkitsalright.nz or call 0800 658 628.

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Wild things

By Carol Sutherland

Kereru is a forest bird, favouring lowland forest dominated by podocarps, tawa, taraire and puriri.

It is important to protect mature lowland remnants for kereru as they play a key ecological role in the regeneration of native forest by dispersing seeds too large to be dispersed by other birds.

They lay one egg. Both adults brood the egg during the 28 day incubation period. The hen sits through the night and morning with the cock taking over from midday until the evening.

They are vegetarians that feed their chicks crop-milk, a protein rich, cottage cheese like secretion from the crop wall. At first crop milk is the only food but, as chicks grow, regurgitated foods form an increasingly large share of the diet.

Kereru breed very slowly. Studies have found that fewer than 15 per cent of chicks survive long enough to become independent.

They are faithful to their mates, defenceless, gentle, clumsy and occasionally drunk.

This photo of a baby kereru was submitted by Luke McCauley. It was taken by using a camera on a stick – getting this close to nesting birds in person can disrupt wildlife.

McGregor Bay Wetland Society welcomes photos of wildlife in our area. mcgregorbaywetland@hotmail.com



Coromandel Business Association – a retrospective

By Pamela Grealey
with special thanks to Jan Autumn and Karen McMillan



With the recent closure of the association this seemed a good time to reflect on how it helped support the town growth and why it needed to change.

Incorporated in 1996, with the first meeting held at the Fire Station, the Coromandel Business Association (CBA) has supported and instigated many events and features ongoing today.

The Coromandel Town Chronicle itself was first published in December 1996, under the umbrella of the Association, which has continued to own the masthead until now.

Around 2012 the Information Centre, now run by the Thrive Trust, was incorporated into a revised association. Working together the Information Centre was able to regroup and became a stand-alone trust in 2018.

Similarly Illume, first held in 2013, and the Seafood Fest, started in 2015, were set up under the umbrella of the CBA.

Additionally the Business Association has been instrumental in starting the Streetscape; successfully opposed the re-designation of Coromandel Town as a settlement that would have curtailed future development; and organised the purchase and installation of the CCTV. And let's not forget our red phone box has been maintained by the association after taking over the ownership from the Coromandel-Colville Community Board (CCCB).

As the initiatives became more successful and the membership of the association started to decrease the decision was made to formally close the Incorporated Society. In line with the constitution the assets will be dispersed as follows:

- CCTV (including CCCB grant) – transfer to CILT
- The Coromandel Town Chronicle – sale to Debbie Morgan of Jude Publishing Ltd
- Illume assets – transfer to CILT
- Illume funds – transfer to Coro 200 for Illume 2020
- Remaining funds after closure – transfer to Thrive (as voted by the CBA members as charity of choice)

Networking events will continue and there will be an informal Coromandel Business Network Facebook group so that businesses can still connect.

The association has been fortunate to have a number of talented and committed members over the years and their mahi has been priceless. Thank you to everyone who has contributed; you have made significant changes that we all still benefit from today.

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

- ↔ **Keep 30 meters** from working mussel barges at all times
- 🌀 **Don't tie-up** to a line being worked on
- 🪝 **Never cast your line** towards a mussel barge – farmers have been injured from flying hooks and sinkers
- ⚓ **No Anchors.** Tie-on to a longline buoy or use approved mooring hooks
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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's.

At the end of last year, we said farewell to Erana. She and her family are moving back to Australia. We wish them all well on their new adventures.

The start of a new year is always a good time to sit down and make yourself a budget. Some things, like 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 **Tuesday 14 January**.

Office hours for 2020 will be Tuesday 9.30am-3pm, Wednesday 9.30am-3pm,

Thursday 12pm-3pm.

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 2020. Firstly we would like to say a massive thanks to the community for rallying around 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 20 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 15 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. Pickup 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.

Please remember to bring your own bags/

boxes if you are collecting a food parcel.

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

Well 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's from us all.

Coromandel Contract Bridge Club

By Judy Bronlund

After a month off the bridge club will be meeting on the Auckland Anniversary Monday and our club competitions will start the following week. It would be nice to have a few more folk join us. Happy holiday season to all.

Contacts Lyn (07) 866 8858, Val (07) 866 8730



What's been happening these past few months at the Colville General Store?

We have now launched our opening of our Zero Waste room. Stock includes both organic and non-organic products, also on display are our fruit and veges.

We have an excellent variety of self-service bins for our bulk foods ie sugar, flour, rice, lentils, oats and lots more. Fill up your pantry with your cooking needs sultanas, nuts, dates etc. You are encouraged to bring your bottles to refill for oil and liquid soaps but we do have some to purchase. Bags are available.

Every three months we run a Food Club offering stock at a better buying price for bulk, join up with a friend to get a good deal. Give the store a call for details to find out when our next Food Club is due. Don't miss out!

Coromandel Yesterday – 1945

By Meghan Hawkes

- The demand for oysters this year was far greater than the supply available. By the time the season was over about 6,600 oysters had been eaten by Aucklanders, supplied from a total of 5,500 sacks from Coromandel and the Hauraki Gulf. The abundance of oysters was down on former years though - previously 9,000 sacks could easily be picked and just as easily sold.
- An old converted scow owned by Winstone Ltd sank in 27 fathoms of water near Kennedy Bay while being towed to Auckland from Mercury Bay with a cargo of logs. There was no one on board the vessel at the time. It was presumed that a knot in one of the logs caused a leak.
- A decision to fix the price of a Coromandel house and 12 ½ acres of land at a figure considered excessive was appealed at the Land Sales Court. Coromandel was in a unique position. There had been no improvement in the values since 1936. The latest census showed a population drop of 370. Recent sales had been based on prices below government valuation. A kauri house with over quarter of an acre of land had been sold this year for £450. There was no housing shortage nor had there been any new houses built there recently. There were many buyers from outside who wanted to live in Coromandel because of its quietness.

Coromandel Independent Living Trust

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has supported our activities in 2019. Our many and varied programmes are aimed at addressing needs in the community to improve people's lives. This year we delivered over 17 programmes across the northern Peninsula and reached thousands of people.

CILT currently employs 32 people, and with over 50 volunteers involved in our programmes we have a fantastic team and a real family-oriented work culture. The generous time and energy that the volunteers give to the community allows us to make meaningful and lasting impact on the lives of people throughout the Coromandel community. It's often the small things that make a huge difference to people, so thank you to those who contribute their time to make these things happen!

A major project we took on this year was The Bizarre – Coromandel's Op Shop. The Bizarre trustees generously handed the management of the enterprise over to us in July, and thanks to the excellent team already in place at The Bizarre this has been a smooth changeover. The Bizarre has been a valued community institution for many years, and we feel it is an excellent fit in our organisation. There is a lot of scope for cooperation between the Goldmine Re-Use Centre (which we also operate) and The Bizarre in terms of achieving reduced waste going to landfill, upcycling/recycling quality goods and making good quality household items available to people for an affordable price.

We also started to roll out a free public wi-fi network in May this year. This has expanded and now we have 10 hotspots throughout the town centre. This has been a great success and we will continue to extend the coverage with more hotspots.

On 5 December we had a really lovely dinner at the beach to celebrate International Volunteers Day. It was so nice to see some of the volunteers and for the staff to mix and mingle at the beach.

Donation of Mobility Scooter

"The Children of the late Mac Williams – Melody Jean and Bodine – would like to donate to CILT their father's mobility scooter which he hadn't had for very long before he passed. They would like to thank whanau support worker Julie Douglas for her support in looking out for their dad. And a big thank you to Mike Noonan and his staff at CILT for being there in their time of need." – Arohanui, The Williams Whanau

Thank you so much Melody Jean and Bodine! What a generous gift, and one that will be really valued by our participants that have mobility issues.

Travel assistance through the summer break

Our office will be closed from **18 December**, and reopening on **15 January**. Travel assistance will continue through this time however, so please hold onto your signed forms and bring them in to us after the summer break. If you require a driver to take you to an appointment in Hamilton or Thames, your local GP can help to arrange this.

From next year our wonderful receptionist Rochelle not be on the front desk any more as she's moving into other roles within CILT and looking at studying. You'll see some new faces in the office, so please introduce yourself next time you are in.

From all of us at CILT, we hope you have a wonderful summer, and thank you for the continued support!

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Best wishes to all of our visitors and local residents as we cruise through the beginning of the year. I hope you are enjoying the delights of a Coromandel summer.



I hope you've had a chance to take some time with friends and family during Coromandel's busiest time of year when we become New Zealand's summertime capital. I always like the feeling of promise that comes with the start of a new year. It's a time to reflect on the one just gone and to make plans for the year ahead. I'm certainly ready for what this year and this new decade will bring.

There are so many events on over the summer period in our electorate and January is a busy time. I know I'll be attending some pretty special events, so make sure you do too. There is plenty to do, see and experience on our wonderful Peninsula. It's that time of year when there are so many opportunities to enjoy what's so fantastic about the Coromandel.

Climate change is a topic that is becoming increasingly a part of the political discourse both here and abroad. As the National Party's Spokesperson for Climate Change I was part of the New Zealand delegation to the 2019 COP Conference in Madrid, Spain at the end of last year. The COP Conference was hosted by the United Nations and was a broad meeting of business people, non-governmental organisations, politicians and a whole range of other people, all meeting to discuss the implications of Climate Change and the progress being made by countries to deal with it.

The COP Conference followed on from the Paris agreement which the previous National government signed up to. As is National's position on the Zero Carbon Act we want to see all countries pulling their weight and allow our local targets to be adjusted in line with international practice. New Zealand is a small, open economy and we believe fervently that most of the new solutions to transition to a low emissions economy will come from our investment in innovation and research.

Pick It Up Now

By Jo Sanderson.

Pick It Up Now is a sustainable project in The Coromandel.

It is about influencing a culture change to get people to pick up rubbish rather than walk past it ... It is about inspiring ways of reducing waste by making better and more informed choices when we consume, and by promoting re-using what can be re-used, and refusing what can't be.

Pick It Up Now began in Thames in February 2018 with a wee dog called Fupi.

While walking along the beaches in Thames where we lived then, I would see a bit of plastic so I would pick it up and put it into one of Fupi's doggy doo doo bags. I then picked up another, and then another and soon the bag was full.

Oyster catchers congregated along this beach, so Fupi and I were very careful not to disturb them but would hear them calling "chur, chur, chur".

They were trying to tell us something and so I stopped and listened.

I have often been referred to as "The crazy bird lady" and people didn't believe me when I told them that the birds were saying "chur", they said they were saying "chirp", but I know it was "chur".

These birds were thanking me for picking up the rubbish on the beach that is destroying so much wildlife everyday, and polluting our waterways and earth.

Fupi and I went back to that beach as many days a week as we could to pick up rubbish, and the oyster catchers always said "chur" to us as we went along.

The oyster catcher now appears on our flag banner, and will play a considerable part of our Pick It Up Now campaign. We are also using the hashtag #chur with posts on social media in case any of you have been wondering.

I have moved to Coromandel Town recently and am keen to get Pick It Up Now cracking up here. Destination Coromandel is behind us and some exciting plans are underway for the Peninsula. Just remember: If everyone picked up five pieces of litter every day it would make a difference.

If you are keen to get involved picking up litter, please email me on piuncoro@gmail.com. Please like our Facebook page to keep up to date with any happenings www.facebook.com/Pickitupnownz



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Coro Summer Fest

By Matt Sephton

On **11 January**, Caitlin and I are hosting the 6th Coro Summer Fest. This event has grown from a small community gathering into a truly special event – one that people travel to from all around NZ. It is safe, great for families, fun, relaxed and of course a really great party!

We focus on bringing musicians to town that have a unique and original sound. A lot of the acts we book are people who I come across in my work as a travelling sound engineer. It feels great to be able to host these talented performers in Coromandel, to look after them well and offer a platform for them to perform their own music to an energetic and appreciative audience. The music is always exceptional, original and different to what you would normally hear at a pub or bar. This is something we really believe in - bringing talented and original performers to Coromandel and creating a special experience for everyone involved.

We've had a big task this year securing a resource consent to keep running this event for another five years – so we wish to say thank you to those in the community that have supported us on this. We are passionate about this small festival and acknowledge that it has grown into something we didn't expect or strive for, and we are very aware of keeping it manageable and limited to one day. What it is now is a unique event that we can be proud of. We hope it can remain as a regular part of the summer scene.

In a place as small as Coromandel, it is vital for events like this to happen. The arts are important for creating and maintaining connections with each other. It is our hope that for just one day a year we can continue to celebrate together as a community that is fuelled and revitalised by the Coro Summer Fest. It is a labour of love, a heartfelt passion project and as a family we feel honoured to be a part of its creation.

Thanks so much! And we hope to see you on **11 January** out on our front lawn.

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Coromandel Patchwork and Quilters

By Sharon Currie

We wound up our patchwork year with a Christmas lunch at The Forager's Kitchen at Colville, attended by 21 of our members. This was a lovely gathering and lots of fun, especially our gift exchange which is always fun as some gifts change hands several times.

We would like to give a special thanks to the Bizarre Trust for their generous donation to our group.

This time of year we need to look after each other and stay safe over the busy holiday period and we will start again on **3 February**.

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

President Raewyn Penrose Ph (07) 866 8880, Secretary Sharon Currie (07) 866 8762



"Eye spy" quilt made by Jenny Penman

Plastic-Free Coromandel Town

By Kate James

Thanks to all of our local community supporters for helping us to reduce single-use plastic in Coromandel Town in 2019. It's encouraging to see people looking after the planet by using their reusable Plastic-Free Coromandel Town bags in place of disposable bags and making and using beeswax wraps in place of plastic wrap.

Let's step up our local achievements in 2020. It's a really simple message. All it requires is for each of us to take our own cups for takeaway coffee, our own refillable drink bottles and our own containers for takeaways, meat from the butcher, fish from the fish shop, and anything else that normally comes in a throwaway container. The Keltic Fair is the first major event of 2020 in Coromandel Town. What a great New Year's resolution – take your own cups, bottles and containers and ask stall holders to use them instead of one-off throwaway materials that clog up the landfill and the oceans.

Our team was inspired by a recent visit to Raglan to see how they're reducing waste. We came away with lots of fresh ideas that we hope to introduce locally in 2020. We want to start by breaking the habit of using single-use coffee cups and we welcome any thoughts you have about this to add to our ideas. Let's lead the way for a clean green Coromandel.



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Coromandel Flower and Produce Show

By Robin Münch

Generous locals have stepped up to volunteer their help with the show and it promises to be a fun-filled event with outdoor entertainment, tasty refreshments and great competition between exhibitors.

Hopefully the plants in your garden are thriving in the current conditions and you'll have plenty of choice for your entries on Saturday 15 February. Some fruits and vegetables will be ready well ahead of time and they'll be perfect for jams, preserves, pickles, chutneys and sauces. Others will



peak just in time for the show. If you're not much of a gardener or a bottler, you can always enter the baking section. There should be a category to suit everyone.

Entry forms and detailed rules for exhibits will be available online from **Monday 6 January, 2020**. Email coroproduceshow@gmail.com for your copy or if you have any questions. Hard copies of the forms and rules will be available at the Coromandel Town Information Centre from **Monday 20 January**. If you are a Facebook user, follow our regular updates on www.facebook.com/Coromandel-Flower-and-Produce-Show

In the meantime, the category headings are vegetables, fruits, processed fruits and vegetables, baking, flowers.

Here are most of the classes we'll be judging. The entry forms will have more specific details. If you can think of any other classes you'd like us to add, please email us.

Vegetables

Tomatoes (strictly speaking a fruit!),

beans, peas, onions, spring onions, garlic, potatoes, cucumbers, courgettes, capsicums and chillies, eggplants, sweetcorn, carrots, beetroot, lettuce, herbs, pumpkins.

Fruits

Apples, grapes, pears, peaches, nectarines, plums, rhubarb (probably a vegetable), melons, passionfruit, figs, apricots, berries.

Processed fruits and vegetables

Jams, marmalade, curd, sauces, relish, chutney, pesto, pickles, bottled fruit.

Baking

Cupcakes, muffins, savoury scones, fruit scones, plain scones, sponge cakes, assorted large cakes.

Flowers

Single rose, other single bloom, multiple bloom, sunflower, flower arrangements.

This is a fundraiser for the Information Centre so it's all for a great cause. Each entry will cost \$1 and there are no limits to the number of entries an exhibitor can enter.

The Coromandel Flower and Produce Show will be on **Saturday 15 February**, Citizens' Hall, Kapanga Rd, Coromandel Town.

Check the February Chronicle for the latest information about specific times for different activities on the day and any last minute details for the event.

Follow us on Facebook www.facebook.com/Coromandel-Flower-and-Produce-Show and contact us with any queries on coroproduceshow@gmail.com

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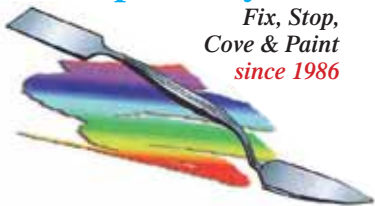


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NEW BUSINESS

Therapeutic Glimmer

Haere Mai, Haere Mai, Haere Mai ... to the newest business in town, which, in the words of owner Kelly Harrison, is "a Maori holistic gallery which encompasses the well-being of everyone".

Her main focus is to showcase authentic Maori tradition and culture as it is practised in Coromandel, but also to include works by non-Maori artists which fit with her philosophy of "Therapeutic Glimmer", art which is healing and brings light to the viewer. "We want to preserve our authenticity and at the same time be part of the existing high quality artistic community here."

The collection of work is multi-faceted. First and foremost it's a platform for her whanau in Harataunga (Kennedy Bay) to bring their work to the public. Her mother, Hinemoa Harrison, is the creator of the stunningly beautiful korowai pictured, a cloak made entirely from natural fibres and natural dyes. In the background are koruru, masks carved from native timber by Kelly's father, Paki Harrison.

These two works set the theme for art inspired by and sourced from our local earth, bush, sea and creatures of the sky. There are kete made from local harakeke, taniko and flax fibre works, pottery made from clay harvested in Harataunga, carvings and mosaics, paintings and hand-knitted garments made from home-spun wool.

Kelly is keen to promote Maori youth and has for sale the paintings and mosaics of Hinemoa Harrison-Cribb, Tiana Dobbs and Santana Henare.

You will also find a range natural therapeutic products based around traditional Maori medicine as well as other natural medicine practices.

In the front window, a powerful portrait of a weeping woman, "Maria Etu", celebrates cultural diversity. She is at once the Madonna and a Maori princess who stands tall. Kelly clearly has a talent for discovering the unusual. In the opposite window is a whimsical painting of two ruru, our native morepork fluffed up with pink feathers. It's anonymous, she tells me.

If you haven't discovered this gallery yet, it's opposite the old Post Office and on your way up Kapanga Road to exhibitions at Hauraki House. Make sure you drop in! And check out the calendar of events for December, January and February posted on the front window and the TV screen at the back of the gallery. These include workshops, wananga and opportunities to see artists at work.



Coromandel Bus Matters

By Lora Mountjoy



When my frustration at the lack of a suitable bus link between Coromandel, Thames and beyond drove me to start taking action, I had an idea that it might take a long time to get a service up and running. I was right about that but what I didn't know was how much support there would be, both amongst locals and in institutions such as councils and government.

After the first article appeared in the Chronicle, I heard from people who wanted the service and from those who had found their lives and options badly affected when our bus stopped. CILT and the Information Centre both had first-hand knowledge of how this affected people and when we got to talk to the Community Board, their support was a huge step on our journey.

While I can't report that a bus will depart for Thames this week, or even in the next few months, I have been encouraged recently by several meetings and events. Most immediately heartening was meeting with Councillor John Morrissey, along with two members of the Community Board and TCDC's District Manager North. We had a good discussion and while there are no promises, possibilities and logistics are being investigated.

I was also very fortunate to attend the first Community Transport Symposium in Hamilton. There I learned a lot about community (not public) transport in the Waikato and also realised that if we had a bus to Thames people with hospital appointments further afield could take advantage of St. John's shuttle service. Julie Anne Genter, Associate Minister of Transport, attended the Symposium and in answer to a question in which I explained our situation she affirmed her support for rural transport.

However, we still have to go through the "proper channels", which means the TCDC and the regional council, in order to get the funding which would make a bus service viable. I was encouraged when Denis Tegg, our representative on the regional council, told me that in the Local Government Act, public transport is named as a core business of local councils.

The Act also names "Four Wellbeings" which councils need to consider. These are Social, Environmental, Cultural and Economic. I believe a suitable bus service ticks all four boxes and am encouraged to keep working towards a connected Coromandel Town in 2020.



Open for the 2019/2020 Season

The Back Room Gallery is open from the 14th December until Easter 2020, and with a new makeover, the Gallery continues to be a great showcase for the North Coromandel Artists and their unique array of high quality work.

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Coromandel Bowls

By Cherrie Rokela

Our club champs continued through the month with the Men's Pairs won by Colin Gawith and Danny Goodall. The Ladies' was won by Lindsay Nicholls and Dolly Welch. The Men's Champ Fours were won by Graeme Goss, David Weatherley, Peter Herbert, Surinder Singh. The Ladies' Champ Fours were won by Sue McNeil, Irene Goss, Anne Smith, Vi King. The Men's Champ Singles was won by Reg Wright and the Ladies' by Dolly Welch. The Under 8 Yrs Men's Singles was won by David Weatherley, and the Ladies' by Anne Smith. The Under 8 Yrs Men's Pairs were won by David Weatherley and Peter Herbert. The Ladies' won by Anne Smith and Cherrie Rokela.



"Hot Property" Richardsons Real Estate were Twilight Bowls 5pm session, Overall Winner



"Three & A Half Women" CAS were Twilight Bowls 6pm session, Overall Winner

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Congratulations to you all !

Good luck to our bowlers who are travelling to Christchurch for the Nationals in the New Year.

Twilight Bowls were a huge success with 112 bowlers every Tuesday night for four weeks, with lots of friendly rivalry and banter, and some fierce competition on the final night.

The overall winners for the 5pm session were Hot Property (Richardsons Real Estate) and the 6pm session was won by 3½ Women (a team of local schoolteachers). Well done – social bowlers!

A big thank you to Mike from Star & Garter for his continued support of this very popular tournament, and also all of our other amazing sponsors, who enabled us to present some wonderful prizes.

We are all looking forward to the next Twilight Comp, commencing **4 February**. Team names in to Linda Wright on 027 651 3477 or email reg.linda@xtra.co.nz

Our annual Christmas Ham Triples saw a full complement of 16 teams; a hot sunny day, thoroughly enjoyed by all, and won by our club team of Colin, Lyndsay and Jason. Runners up were a team skipped by the legendary Peter Sheehan, in his mid nineties, from our "sister" club at Mercury Bay. These winners will all enjoy their Christmas hams for sure.

Come on down and have a drink, chat and raffles with us any Friday from 4pm onwards. Join our club for \$20 sub for a social member, or \$100 as a playing member.

Have a great summer break, take care on the roads, and see you in the New Year.

RSA News

By Pat Williams

I read in the December Chronicle that the Coromandel Business Association is winding up. I sincerely hope that our much loved Chronicle won't be a casualty of this, it being a part of that association!

Our President and his wife Margaret attended a Gunners Reunion recently in Taupo. From all accounts a good time was had by all. My late husband and I attended his 12th Seaman Boys reunions for many years. Sadly they stopped a few years back as people had popped off or were too old to travel! Recently my brother pointed out to me that he, and our other brother and I were probably some of a very few who can say we are children of a First World War Veteran!

On the 7 December quite a number of our RSA Members and many others gathered at The Anglican Church for Fred Stewart's Internment Service. Well done Stewart Family. RIP Fred.

On Sunday 8 December, 30 or so of our members travelled to the Whitianga RSA Christmas Do. Two van loads and private cars made up the convoy. Think we nearly outnumbered the locals. A good time was had by all. Mother T was present at the Club on Saturday night and also came to Whitianga. She is still lucky with the raffles. She won one at the Club on Saturday evening and won three in Whitianga, one of which was a huge, yummy looking ham. Many in our group came home with raffle prizes.

No entry in the Santa Parade from the RSA this year. Sadly I missed even seeing it. Running Mr and Mrs Santas plus children ran past the RSA several times; boy they must have been hot. Congrats to the winner/winners, whoever or whatever it was all about.

The RSA will be open over the holidays on our usual Saturdays 3.30pm to 7pm. A courtesy van is available. Visitors welcome.

Quote of the Month: "What we see depends mainly on what we look for." (This is the last "Quote of the Month" from me, as these have come from little cards in a little wooden holder given to me by Errol and Jo McNeil for my 80th birthday and I have used them all up! Sometime back I found a page from school days at Port Charles with lots of proverbs, so will put some of these in.

Take care out there. Hope you all enjoyed your Christmas and by the time you read this all will be back to normal in your household.

WELCOME TO COROMANDEL

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If you've brought your 'fur-baby' on holiday with you please keep them on a leash. All dogs, no matter the size, can kill our precious birds.

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Mana Update

By Jade Ferrière

The New Year is a time of transition, and for many it is also a time for setting goals, making resolutions and implementing change. As we bring to mind the big picture and the direction we want to move towards, it can naturally draw our energy outward, but when it comes to making changes that really matter, the key is looking within.

Self-reflection is defined as careful thought about our own behaviour and beliefs. It helps us to develop self-awareness and self-regulation. Self-awareness gives us the ability to understand our emotions, strengths, weaknesses, drives, values and goals, and recognise their impact on others. Self-regulation allows us to adapt and adjust our disruptive emotions and impulses so that we can find more wholesome ways to respond to challenges.

So often New Year's resolutions fall flat within the first few weeks of the year, and in most cases this is because the goals we set are created around an outward projection, rather than an inward appraisal. Successful goal setting is about questioning, in a positive way, what we do and why we do it and then deciding whether there is a better, or more efficient, way of doing it in the future.

Self-reflection helps us to develop our skills and review their effectiveness, rather than just carry on doing things as we have always done them. In any role, whether at home or at work, reflection is an important part of learning.

The following self-reflective practice can help guide us to sustainable New Year resolutions and identify changes we might need to make to improve our lives.

1. Pick a subject to reflect on – career, personal life, finances, health etc.
2. Carve out time when you can be alone, quiet and not interrupted.
3. List all of the questions you would like to explore – for example: What is important to me about (my career, health, etc.)? How do I feel about this area of my life? Is this current situation nurturing what is important to me? How is my career, health etc. supporting my personal growth and development? What behaviours or beliefs are hindering my ability to experience joy in this area of my life? What am I yearning for?
4. Jot down your answers to each question.
5. Be honest – this is for your own growth and does not need to be shared with anyone.
6. Identify action steps you will take to start, stop or continue doing something. These can include how to be more grateful, more open, more supportive, more collaborative, etc., or they can be very tactical things like sending fewer emails and having more one-on-one conversations.
7. Celebrate your strengths and successes – congratulate yourself on all of the great things you have already achieved and created in your life.

When we make space for self-reflection the process of decision-making and goal-setting becomes easier. Most importantly there is a greater chance of moving in a direction that resonates and feels good. From all of the team at Mana, we are wishing you an empowering start to 2020!

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Mana Retreat Centre, Coromandel New Zealand		
Book Online - manaretreat.com		
4-10 JAN	Eyebody w/ Peter Grunwald	
17-19 JAN	January Relax Weekend w/ the Mana Team	
20-24 JAN	Warrior Monk w/ Dan McKee	
24-30 JAN	Dances of Universal Peace - The Healing Dance of Music and Nature w/ Gayan Gregory Long	
1-15 FEB	Brightpath Retreat w/ Jaya and Manyu Ishaya	
16-26 FEB	An Introduction to the Alchemy of Transformation	

Coromandel Comment

By Tom Hollings

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! Aquaculture New Zealand's recipe collections are now available as eBooks. You will find the Greenshell™ mussel, oyster and salmon recipes available at www.aquaculture.org.nz.

The fishing continues to be good around the mussel farms. When out there and enjoying the good fishing, please be a good skipper and respect the on-farm safety code as per our advert in this magazine.

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

For more information on our industry, please see our website at coromfa.co.nz.

Wishing you all a Happy Christmas and a successful 2020.

St John Heartbeat

By Teri & Neil



Congratulations to all staff from the Coromandel Station who achieved awards in 2019:

Dr Kate Armstrong – Office of the Order

Wendy Newman – Member of the Order

Maurice Conway – 27-Year Medal

Sue Swan – 27-Year Medal

Teri Gibson – 17-Year Medal

Abby Morgan – 6-Year Medal

Millica Thompson – ATP First Responder

Outstanding commitment and devotion from all.

First Aid Courses for 2020

The St John First Aid Course for workplace First Aid Certificates will be held at the station again next year. Please call or email your interests. When we have at least 10 people wanting to do the course we can book a tutor to run it. The cost is \$95 and needs to be paid when confirming your booking please. Phone or email the station to register your interest.

New Recruits

If you are interested in volunteering for St John, we would love to hear from you.

Not only are we looking for frontline staff, we are also looking for suitable people to join and enhance our Area Committee.

We have an Assessment Day coming up in Thames on **21 February**.

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Grey Power, Coromandel

By John Rabarts – President

Summer is coming – so are mosquitoes. For fast, chemical-free relief from mosquito bites rub the inside of a banana peel against the inflamed area. The peel is full of polysaccharides, which will seep into skin cells to halt swelling and inflammation in minutes. Notice insect damage in your garden? Cut up two or three banana skins, dig a one inch trench for the peels near your plants. Aphids and ants find the high potassium concentration in banana peel unappealing and go off to someone else's garden. Banana peels also fertilise plants – especially roses.

Who do you call?

Constable Bobby Smith was guest speaker at the Grey Power November meeting. We heard that Police have introduced a non-emergency number, in addition to the emergency number 111, that improves the services to the public so that everyone in New Zealand can access policing services – anywhere, anytime. The easy-to-remember number – 105 – is for reporting non-emergencies such as situations that don't require immediate police attendance. 111 remains the number to call to report an emergency to Police, Fire and Emergency, or ambulance, services.

Call 111 when you require immediate response from Police, Ambulance or Fire, for something happening NOW: • There is a fire of any sort • You need an ambulance because someone is seriously hurt • Someone is breaking into your house right now • There is a car accident where people might be hurt, or cars are blocking the road • Someone has been or is being assaulted and the offender is still there • A crime is occurring or you believe is about to occur • You are afraid for your safety and or for those around you • You need an emergency Police response.

Call 105 when there is no immediate danger: your car has been stolen and you don't know how long ago it happened; you suspect a scam; you suspect drug dealing; your shop has been broken into; you return home and find that your house has been burgled (if you think



the burglar may still be in your home, do not go inside – contact Police immediately by calling 111); your bike has been stolen from the park; someone has graffitied your wall or damaged your fence or letter box; you've lost your wallet or phone; your handbag was stolen at the library; someone broke your car window; someone has done a petrol drive off; you want to add information to your existing Police report.

Police also have a *555 number for mobiles if you wish to report non-life threatening traffic matters such as: urgent but not life-threatening traffic matters that don't need an emergency Police response; continuous poor driving; traffic congestion, breakdowns and obstructions on the highway.

In your local area report crimes to the Police first on 105 (or 111) and then to your Neighbourhood Support Group. If you are not a member of a Neighbourhood Support Group, join one, or start one by contacting your local Police station. There tends to be less crime in Neighbourhood Support Group areas.

Coromandel Grey Power Membership is \$15 single member, \$28 for two in same household. Phone Carol Carson, (07) 866 7172 to join

Faith

By Beryl van Donk

"I have no faith" he cried
"there is no after life"
And kept on planting as he spoke,
His days were filled with
cares and strife

The girl bent down and watched
as all the seeds and bulbs
were put in place. 'Where and
when and how?' she asked
looking at his much loved face.

These little bulbs and seeds will
grow and with the sun and rain
will one day will be flowers sublime'
her constant questions and
remarks were almost a game.

Then suddenly she stood and
"You plant both seeds and bulbs
and from them comes perfume
and flowers sublime.

Why Grandad, though you never knew
your faith's as strong as mine"

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CELEBRATING OUR CHILDREN

Colville School

By Ra-Tane Edelsten

Wow, so far this term has been one to remember! It started with the culmination of Tuia 250. After months of preparation, and a few dramas along the way, we took



Kahu Class in full dab following a thrilling tour through the Karapiro Dam

part in an incredible powhiri at Wharekaho. Tamariki from across the Coromandel Peninsula performed haka and waiata; it was awesome to be part of this historic occasion. A huge thanks must go to Ngati Hei, Tamati Bryers and all of those who endeavoured to focus positive attention on Maori and pakeha having a "shared future". You have been an inspiration to us all.

Next came our school adventure, which included staying at a thermal pools resort, op-shopping, bush trekking, space exploration, an inside-and-out tour of Karapiro Dam as well as competing in this year's edition of the Amazing Race. Unfortunately, due to a spell of rough weather, just hours before it was due to commence, the Amazing Race was postponed. This meant we had to make the hard call on whether or not to extend our school adventure an extra day. Luckily students, parents and teachers banded together and found a way to make it possible. The kids were "amazing" and competed in the race with true grit, determination and outstanding

teamwork. We're super proud to report that team Colville Canons, comprising of Riley, Isla, Levi, Wyatt, Meadow, James, Zoe and Piri WON the Year 7 & 8 category, beating entries from 35 other schools from around the Waikato! This win is a credit to not only the students, but parents and teachers who continually provide lessons and challenges that explore and encourage the positive potential when working together for a common goal. Ka mau te wehi kids!

Lastly, a big thanks to Kelvin and the team at Coromandel Area School for hosting athletics day. Well done to Meadow, Levi, Leila and Kiahui who will be competing in Paeroa at the Thames Valley Athletics Competition. They will be up against the very best athletes of our region.



Coromandel Area School

By Jamie Rose Leckie

Welcome to all of our new staff, students and whanau who will be joining Coromandel Area School in 2020. We hope you had 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 2020.

Term 1, 2020 (11 Weeks): **Friday 31 January to Thursday 9 April**

Waitangi Day – **6 February**

Good Friday – **10 April**

Coromandel Area School Family Fun Day Friday 31 January

This is our first official day of school for 2020.

Come and spend some time meeting the teachers and having a bit of fun with your kids! All current and new family members are welcome on the day.

9-10am – Full School Powhiri and presentation to whanau by our school principal

10-11am – Classroom visits/tour of our kura/question and answer time

11-11.20am – Light morning tea provided

11.20-1.20pm – Family fun activities and BBQ lunch provided

1.20-2pm – Student lunchtime (students can leave with whanau if they are signed out).

2-3pm – Students back in homeroom and mentor classes.

Bring a picnic blanket and shade (umbrella) as we will be on the fields if the weather is fine. This is a great chance to meet all of the staff and get to know your child(ren)'s teacher outside of the classroom. Let's cross fingers for a fine day (weather dependent).

We look forward to an EPIC 2020.

COROMANDEL AREA SCHOOL



FESTINA LENTE



Kahu students travelling through space using VR headsets, while at Taumarunui Space Centre



Tim, Taylor, Ahleiyana, Zoe, Levi and Riley at Wharekaho (Endeavour in background)

Christmas Holidays Coromandel Youth Group at Hauraki House

Youth Group is for 5- to 15-year-olds. Choose from a variety of activities and hang out with friends. Just fill in a membership form for each child attending. Please ensure your children are signed in at the office for every session they are attending.

For school holidays bring your child along with a packed lunch or money for snacks, pies, hot chips, etc. Bring togs for water activities!

Holiday entry is \$2.

January School Holiday Times

The first Youth Group session for 2020 is **Sunday 5 January**.

Open: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 11am -4pm; Sunday 1pm – 4pm. Closed: Mondays, Fridays and Saturdays.

* NO Friday night in January during the holidays until **31 January**.

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

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KiwiCan

Kia ora koutou te whanau.

Our parents and tamariki had a fabulous time at The Great NZ Santa Run in December. What a fun day we had.

As we head into the start of the 2020 school year our leaders have just returned from the Kiwi Can national training. This is always a great refresh for us and we are all excited to start the school year.

We have some exciting events planned for this year so keep an eye out for these. And check out our Facebook page at Kiwi Can - Coromandel.

Ka kite koe i a koe katoa

Kiwi Can team



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



Coromandel Community Preschool

By Debra Attwood



Ngaa mihi nui o te Kirihimete me Te Tau Hou. Welcome to 2020. Last year flew by so fast, we hope you all had a great Christmas and spent time with your families enjoying the 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 2019 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.

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 13 January**.

We have recently celebrated birthdays for Lizzy, Honour, Talia, Marley, Cam, James, Olivia, and Carter. We wish them a very happy birthday. We said farewell to Tegan, Gypsy, Lizzy, Douglas, and Hawaiki, who are either starting at school in the new term or moving out of the district. We welcomed Cambell Eli, Steele and Fletcher.

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 and 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: <http://www.ero.govt.nz/review-reports/coromandel-community-preschool-25-05-2018/>

The centre operates Monday to Friday 8.00am-4.00pm. We are situated at 155 Pottery Lane. If you are interested call in for a visit or phone us on (07) 866 7570

Annual Exhibition

Coromandel Art Group

24 January - 9 February
2020

Hauraki House Gallery
10am - 4pm
Free Entry



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Hi Everyone, we hope you all had a good Christmas!
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Arts



Joint painting of Coromandel Harbour from the Tokatea summit

Coromandel Art Group

By Barbara Peddie

We are getting prepared for our 2020 annual exhibition, and the last few weeks of the year saw us matting and framing our masterpieces. This process can "make or break" a painting.

Our joint painting is all done, and is on view at Harcourts. It consists of 14 separate panels, painted by 14 different artists, mounted to a backing board. The subject is a panorama of Coromandel Harbour taken from the Tokatea Hill. This painting, especially, shows how no two artists will interpret a scene the same way.

This will be on display at our exhibition, if not sold prior, and measures 38cm x 144cm. If you think this would look great on your wall, go and check it out now at Harcourts!

And talking of the exhibition, this will be at Hauraki House Gallery, and runs daily from **24 January to 9 February**, 10am-4pm. We hope to see you all there!

Happy New Year!

Pastel Artists Coromandel

By Rosemarie Murphy

Pastel Artists Coromandel have finished for the year and will start up again on **4 February**.

We held our Christmas Party on Tuesday 10 December at Annette's house. Santa arrived with a small gift for everyone and then we shared a delicious lunch.

One last hurrah before the end of the year was that Rosemarie Murphy was awarded a 2nd for her entry in the PANZ bi-monthly magazine challenge.

The judge, Julie Grieg, said of Rosemarie's painting "Moulin Rouge" that she was repeatedly drawn back to the chaotic vibrancy of this one. She could hear the horns tooting, the excitement of the inner city, and bustling traffic. It is delightfully skewed and abstractly wonky, a fun painting.

In February we will be hosting a workshop on Pastel Portraits tutored by Maxine Thompson, Master Pastelist.

If you would like to see what we do please do call in to the Aero Club rooms on Tiki Road on Tuesday mornings 9.00am to 12 noon, starting from 4 February



Tattletale Saints

Award-winning duo Tattletale Saints are returning to Coromandel Town.

The duo, who is now based in Nashville, performed here in December 2018 to a full house. Come back to hear songs from their new album along with some old favourites.

Cy Winstanley is a skilled songwriter/storyteller, penning slice-of-life songs about the light and dark shades of love and heartbreak; folk tales of murder and atonement; and musings on aging rock stars. He plays more electric guitar this time round, drawing a line of evolution between the acoustic-based How Red is the Blood and the band's new material. Meanwhile, Vanessa McGowan's upright bass helps root the band in the Americana tradition, holding down a foundation for Tattletale Saints' ever-evolving sound.

Tickets will go on sale in the last week of January. Make sure you buy your tickets promptly – we sold out last time and there were no door sales available.

One Show Only – **Thursday 20 February 7.30pm** (bar and snacks from 6.45pm) at Hauraki House Theatre, Kapanga Rd, Coromandel Town. Tickets (\$25) are available from Richardsons Real Estate, 151 Kapanga Rd, Coromandel Town or online from robinmunch24@gmail.com.

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The 31st Coromandel Christmas Art Exhibition 2019-2020

Hauraki House, Coromandel Town **15 December until 11 January**.

The exhibition will be open from 10am until 4pm daily until **11 January** – closed on Christmas Day.

Come along and experience some of New Zealand's leading artists.

Review – Robin Hood – Coromandel Players' panto

By Debbie Morgan

My children and I had a fun evening in December at the Coromandel Players' latest performance – Robin Hood. The cast, which included children, all did their bits with great gusto. The villain – the Sheriff, played by Heather Long, was superb. She made up a password from asking the audience questions. My children were asked to contribute and some people thought we were stooges planted in the audience, but I can assure you we weren't and it was the brilliance of Heather Long to ad lib based on their answers.

A great performance and a nice length for the little ones to sit through. Well done to Bronnie as director, and to all of the cast.

Know where to find the best takeaways in Coromandel this Summer? - challenge yourself by enrolling in one of our exciting holiday classes



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Raewyn Penrose - Fibre Artist/Feltmaker

Raewyn is a well known fibre artist who has travelled extensively tutoring and exhibiting her work. Merino wool, silks are her base mats.
(1) 20 Jan Making a fashion hat or a bag \$100
(2) 21 Jan Making a scarf, table runner etc - techniques \$100
Email: raewynpenrose@gmail.com or 07 866 8880

Contact tutors directly to enrol (classes limited to 1st & paid regns) Fees include all mats required. More detail: www.coromandelcreativeclasses.com

All classes will be held 9.30am - 4.00pm at Hauraki House, located at the north end of the town's main street, behind the reserve.

In conjunction with the classes we will also be holding an exhibition of our work at Hauraki House from 15th - 21st January 2020. All welcome.

Arts continued

2020 Open Studios Coromandel Arts Tour registrations

By Kaye Anderson

Calling all artists from Coromandel Town, Wilson Bay to Whangapoua, Colville and beyond, it's time to register for the October 2020 Open Studios Coromandel Arts Tour event. Registration forms can be forwarded to you by contacting Diann Cade on ed-diann@xtra.co.nz or calling her on 027 286 5146. Registrations close **28 February**.

E-bike summer tour

Visitors to Coromandel Town, check this out! It could be fun. Collect an Artist Guide and hire an e-bike from Bush-e-Bikes to do a tour of artists' studios open over summer.



Their studio locations and styles range from exhibition galleries to workspaces with wonderful sea and bush views. It's a great way to explore the area and at the same time see the work our artists do.

If you find yourself wanting to purchase works and it seems impossible to carry them on your e-bike, the artist is certain to be happy to deliver them to your Coromandel Town accommodation.

This month's Arts Tour artists:

Fran Campbell

by Jan Linklater

Fran, a person of wide talents, started by working with textiles: she carefully made all her dolls' clothes at age 7.



Always drawing and interested in all crafts, it wasn't until the kids left home that she embarked on a Wellington-based Learning Connection Diploma. Fully immersed in the Arts and Creativity course, she absorbed every technique they offered.

Moving to Coromandel nine years ago, she rented a shed as a studio and undeterred by the wetas

crawling out of her sketchbooks she developed her love of experimentation creating canvases of local scenes and woodlands. These involved the use of collage, rubbed-in natural clays, textiles and latterly, encaustic (wax) overlays. While temporarily living in Seattle she even mastered lead work for stained glass and successfully inspired the local school children to do likewise.

Fran has collected a catalogue of techniques and samples so this year she is concentrating on using a mixture of these on one big canvas to achieve depth and textural variety. As a follow-up to the workshop she participated in on making paper from a variety of plant fibres, she intends to investigate how to extract and use plant dyes for printing. Alongside all of this she has rejoined the Embroidery Group, so going back to her roots in textiles.

A truly remarkable lady.

Hayley Marchant

by Kaye Anderson

As a child Hayley was always drawing, and fascinated by horses like many young girls, she wanted to draw them perfectly. With many pencil strokes and careful attention to detail she achieved her goal and never lost her early interest in realistic art.

These days she works with watercolour paper, small brushes and Indian ink. "I like the look, and unlike pencil it doesn't smudge. Although there's no room for mistakes," Hayley adds. To get shades of dark to light greys she mixes the ink with water.

She takes lots of photos herself and also uses the internet to find photos of what she wants to paint. Still influenced by a love of animals, for the piece pictured she put together three different images – a lion, an African tribesman, whose headgear is formed by the lion's fangs and mane, and a snake which is wound around his neck. Both composition and execution are strikingly effective.

Currently Hayley is working on two pieces – one, a large work on thick watercolour paper of a rhino, and the other, in sharp contrast in terms of size and subject, a commission to paint her friend's newborn baby.

To see more of Hayley's work go to her website www.hayleymarchantartist.com or phone her on 022 043 1472.



Hauraki House Gallery

By Kim Brett

Christmas has come and gone and now we are in 2020. Summertime in the Gallery is in full swing with the past few months being very busy and the next few even busier. The Christmas Exhibition is on until **11 January**. Following is the Coromandel Creative Classes and Exhibition from **14-21 January**. This is four local artists, Tim Fuller, Annette Kaye, Vaughan Udall and Raewyn Penrose, each offering classes in acrylic painting techniques, felt making, creation of art and/or useful objects from found and used materials and making your own flies for trout fishing. If you would like to try these great art techniques please contact Raewyn on (07) 866 8880 or visit www.corocreativeclasses.com.

From **23 January to 9 February** the Coromandel Art Group has their exhibition. Then Diann Cade and Jan Linklater have a painting exhibition – "Double Vision" – that's ten titles, twenty paintings on **13-23 February**.

Wow, with all of these great local artists putting their work on display over the next couple of months, go along and enjoy.



One of the paintings that Diann Cade will have at her and Jan's exhibition in February



The 70's Dames

Opening night: 4th January 2020 from 5pm

Closes: 31st Jan 10:00am - 4:00pm daily

An exhibition of works celebrating 50 years of friendship between **Pamela Annsouth**, **Anneke Borren** and **Jenny Shearer**, in homage to Helen Masons time at Driving Creek.

The Driving Creek Exhibition Hall,
Coromandel Town.

Environment

Where There is Smoke....

By Catherine Delahunty

The sunsets have been quite brilliant lately but the sky has a strange cloudy filter. It is a layer of smoke blowing from the west as Australia burns. Of course Australia has burnt before but not so early in the season or in such huge conflagrations. The other day I was driving from Auckland back toward the Peninsula and the whole area was covered in a thick haze. The landmarks that normally stand out were dim and the light was a smokey yellow. It's disturbing to look around in early summer and see these sights which are also highly visible on Google maps. Climate predictions stated there would be more fire and flood and it's happening right now.

The state of the environment reflects the state of the society but it feels like we are all caught up in a giant fog of denial. It is very hard to face the reality of our utter dependency on oil. The shift to clean energy will not match the consumption we are used to. No government has drawn a line that rations air travel or imposes carless days and yet these actions could help. Far more seriously no government has forced the group of polluting corporations to stop their dangerous destruction of the natural world.

The media is full of weird stories about the opinions of celebrities and the imaginary lives of the Royals. Social media is a mix of trivia and tragedy. Most of it does nothing to help us grow up as a species and face the consequences of our actions.

I participate in various groups trying to improve the world and I feel sympathy for people who have withdrawn into a personal focus and cannot face the terrifying information overload. World leaders acting like clowns or faking change are a deterrent to engagement. We are jaded and tired by the end of the year. Christmas shopping is a stress, not a pleasure, and most of us do not need any more stuff. Some people need more money to live a decent life while others are choked by luxury.

At such times we are called to re-imagine our world and although it's tempting to just give up and eat too much chocolate, our hunger for something real is a healthy one.

The climate chaos and the inequalities are caused by systems and systems can be changed. Planting a billion pine trees for profit is not the answer but finding our collective voices in 2020 and demanding that we reduce consumption and stop pollution is vital. I am all for slowing down and enjoying the paradise we inhabit but also for recognising who is underfed and underpaid. Change is better than charity and the voices of marginalised people bring answers. The stories of state ward survivors are worth hearing. I would rather hear their heartbreaking testimony than hear or see anything from the Kardashians ever again.

I look forward to real conversations about what we need to do to see through the smoke and to clear the air. The next decade is the crucial window for action. It's not the time to sit back and smell the roses while our neighbours burn.

Moehau Environment Group

By Nat Munns



Happy New Year!

Summer Holiday Programme

Our Summer Holiday Programme will kick off at the Keltic Fair on **2 January**, with visitors getting their photos taken with Koru the kiwi. We will also have traps and MEG merchandise for sale. We have over 20 family-friendly activities planned this summer, taking place in Coromandel Town, Waikawau Bay and Port Charles. There will be the old classics, like the Starlight Cinema at the Woolshed in Waikawau, or Meet a Gecko in Coro Town, and some new additions, including: making weeds into paper, tee-shirt printing, clay critters and building tracking tunnels.

Check out our website or Facebook page for further details and make sure to grab yourself one of our gorgeous programmes from the Coromandel Info Centre, Colville Store, Tangiaro Kiwi Retreat, Driving Creek Railway or at numerous businesses in the area.

Hope to see you at one, or more, of our activities!

MEG AGM

After our recent AGM we're delighted to have three new committee members. All of our previous committee chose to stay onboard as well. So with a mix of old and new talents, after nearly 20 years of working to protect and enhance the natural environment of the Northern Coromandel Peninsula, it's good to know that MEG is in good hands and looking as strong as ever!

Tree Release with Colville School

Another fun morning was spent with Colville School before the end of the term. We headed up to the Children's Forest at Waikawau to release the trees that the children planted there earlier in 2019. Such a hard-working bunch of kids that the weeds were dealt to in record time, which meant we had time for a swim at Little Bay afterwards.

MEG has been holding an annual planting day at the forest with the Colville School kids for well over 10 years and the area is starting to look pretty special with natives of varying ages taking over from the kikuyu grass and weeds that had been growing rampant there.

All dogs can kill kiwi

We will be holding another Kiwi Aversion Training Session on **Wednesday 8 January** at Papa Aroha.

This training is free and essential for anyone with a dog that lives, holidays, or visits in areas with a kiwi population. All dogs, no matter how small, can kill kiwi!

For bookings please phone DOC's Kauaeranga Valley Visitor Centre at (07) 867 9080.

Have a great month everyone.

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Sport

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

By Debra Attwood

Ngaa mihi nui o te Meri Kirihimete me Te Tau Hou. I hope everyone has had a nice, relaxing time over Christmas spending time with Whaanau and enjoying some down time. Now it is time for those New Year's resolutions and if getting fit, or losing weight is one of them, then consider coming along to the Community Swimming Pool as either swimming or walking in the pool is a great place to start the day and get you ready for the day, or if mornings are not your thing then come along later in the day if you like. Both of our pools are heated. The main 25m pool is solar heated (so let the sun shine over the holidays) and our toddler pool has a heat pump.

Extended hours for January:

During the holiday period we are extending our hours. From Friday 27 December and through January we will be open daily from 11am-6.30pm. For our morning swimmers we are also adding an extra hour, being open from 6-9am Monday to Saturday.

Keltic Fair Day 2 January

Bring your togs and make the pool your base for the day. Come and grab your spot early, set up your gazebo, then come and go back to the fair or just enjoy the day with us. The pool will be open from 6am-7pm on the day. Ice creams and refreshments available.

Pool Hours during school holiday break

27 December – 30 January

Mornings Monday to Saturday 6-9am

Daily 11am-6.30pm

Keltic Fair Day (2 January) 6am-7pm

Entry Costs: Adults \$4, Students & Seniors \$3,

Preschoolers 1-5yrs \$1, Spectators \$1.

Hot metered showers available for holiday-makers, campers, etc. Entrance fee (showers only) \$2. Showers take \$1 coins for hot water.

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

Coromandel Golf Club

By Lynne

Our golf season closed on Saturday 7 December with the AGM and our last competition, the Eagles Slaver, which was won by Elanie Everitt, Bruce Wallace and Kevin O'Keeffe.

What a year 2019 has been for all of our members and the many visitors that have played our course.

This year we took time to celebrate our winners at a Prize Giving event on 30 November, with a round of golf, a lovely meal and the handing out of cups and trophies to all of the winners for our 2019 season. This was followed by a social night with music provided by the local ukulele group lead by Peg McLean. Great music, dancing and lots of great banter in the club house.

A week earlier we celebrated our volunteers, again with a round of golf, afternoon tea and a chance to just say thank you to everyone.

We have a new cart shed built by a small group of members with timber, doors, etc., also generously donated by our members, to house the two new carts we were able to purchase this year from a successful grant application.

We have team of dedicated members who mow the fairways and greens, as we have no paid greenkeeper this year, and the cleanup to the course after the pine planation was harvested and bad weather events, the ladies that do the catering and clean the clubhouse. The list is too long to mention all that is done.

It is best just to say Coromandel Golf Club is fantastic, due to all the hard work and the time members give back to the club.

If you have friends and family staying over the summer, we have clubs and carts to hire out and we would welcome them to come along and play our course.

Twilight Golf finished on 13 December and will start again in the new year.

The ladies' closing day on 5 November was lots of fun. We played cross-country golf, had our AGM and then we all enjoyed a great lunch out. We are continuing to play golf on Tuesdays at 9.30am: all are welcome to come along and join us.

For all booking please phone Lynne on 021 079 9349



Coromandel Croquet Club

By Kaye Anderson

Over the Christmas-New Year period enthusiastic members of the club will continue to play on Tuesdays and Fridays on a casual basis. If you are keen to have a game, phone John on 027 605 6989 to confirm a time.

After 4 January we'll be back to normal and if you would like to play a game of croquet and need more information, call Kaye on (07) 866 8968. Otherwise just come along on a Friday at 9.15am. The club is situated in Woollams Ave, next to the Bowling Club.



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Coromandel Recreational Fishing Club – 2019 Prize Giving

By Allison Brown

Trophies – Seniors

Snapper: Margaret-Anne Visser – 9.91kg on 15kg
 Kahawai: Margaret-Anne Visser – 0.845kg on 15kg
 Kingfish: Allen McNeil – 10.96kg on 24kg
 John Dory: Allen McNeil – 2.475kg on 10kg
 Trevally: Raewyn Moreland – 3.18kg on 9kg
 Winner of the Ladies Tournament: Kim Brett – Snapper – 7.546kg
 Heaviest Male Fish: Allen McNeil – Kingfish – 10.96kg
 Heaviest Female Fish: Margaret-Anne Visser – Snapper – 9.91kg
 Meritorious Kingfish: Allen McNeil – 10.96 on 24kg
 Meritorious Snapper: Kim Brett – 7.546kg on 6kg

Trophies – Juniors

Snapper: Layke McNeil – 7.335kg on 8kg
 Kahawai: Layke McNeil – 2.635kg on 10kg
 John Dory: Chelsey McNeil – 1.61kg on 10kg
 Trevally: Layke McNeil – 0.450kg on 15kg
 Gurnard: Layke McNeil – 0.420kg on 10kg
 Piper: Indi-Lee Moore – 0.19kg on 3kg
 Yellow Tail: Layke McNeil – 0.24kg on 10kg
 Heaviest Junior Fish Overall – Layke McNeil – 0.7335kg

Dates for your diary

Saturday 25 January – Anniversary Weekend Fishing Competition

Saturday 7 March – Classy Chicks Fishing Competition



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30 Dec - 5 Jan	8:45 am	8:45 am	8:45 am	8:45 am	8:45 am	8:45 am	8:45 am
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30 Dec - 5 Jan	3:00 pm	3:00 pm	4:30 pm	4:30 pm	3:00 pm	4:30 pm	4:30 pm
6 Jan - 26 Jan	3:00 pm	3:00 pm	3:00 pm	3:00 pm	8:45 pm	4:30 pm	4:30 pm
27 Jan - 2 Feb ¹	4:30 pm ¹	3:00 pm	3:00 pm	3:00 pm	8:45 pm	4:30 pm	4:30 pm
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Coromandel Town weekly and monthly meetings

Every Monday

Step Aerobics at Coro Gym	8am
Coromandel Hikers' Group, Hauraki House, Colin & Elspeth (07) 866 7137	9am
Monday Walkers, Woollams Ave car park north end, Irene 021 157 8408	9am
Sit n Be Fit at Coro Gym	9.30am
Coromandel Playgroup, St Andrews Church Hall, Rings Road.	
Contact Angee 021 255 0399	10am-1pm
SeniorNet Coromandel contact Loes (07) 866 8053	4pm
Bridge, St John rooms	7pm
Four-part harmony singing, Sue (07) 866 8833	7.30pm

Every Tuesday

Pastel Artists Coromandel, Coromandel Aero Club Rooms (07) 866 7220	9am-12pm
Coro Walking Group, Lotto Dairy, Ruth (07) 866 7246	9am
Open Floor Dance, Mana Retreat Octagon.	
October dates: 1st, 15th, 22nd, 29th. Price \$15.	9.30-11.30am
Croquet, Woollams Ave, Kaye (07) 866 8968	9.45am
Yoga for everyone, Colville Hall, Kate 021 125 3152	10am
Playcentre, Woollams Ave	10.30am-1pm
Beginner Yoga with Becks, at the Anglican Church Hall, 170 Tiki Rd, \$10.	
Contact 027 407 0079	5.30-6.45pm
Coro Motorcycle Club, Star & Garter, John 027 234 1013	7-9pm

Every Wednesday

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

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
Yoga, Move & Relax at Trust Waikato Events Centre (upstairs Swimming Pool) contact Tina 021 201 9750	5.10-6.20pm

Every Friday

Step Aerobics at Coro Gym	8am
Yoga for everyone, Anglican Hall, Kate 021 125 3152	9am
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

RSA Coromandel, RSA Club Rooms Woollams Ave. Courtesy van available.	
President Kevin Stone (07) 866 7576	3.30-7pm

Every Sunday

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
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3rd Mon – Coro Patchwork & Quilters, St John rooms, Jill (07) 866 7484	9.30am-3.30pm
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1st Wed – Coro Embroiderers' Guild, St John rooms, Margaret Burgess (07) 866 5769	10am-3pm
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1st Wed – Lions Dinner meeting, St John rooms. President Jean Smith 021 208 7576	6pm
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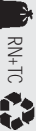







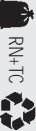





2nd Wed – Garden Circle. Jeni Mudgway 021 0227 5341	1pm
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3rd Wed – Lions Business Meeting, St John rooms. President Jean Smith 021 208 7576	7pm
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Last Thurs – Green Drinks at Star & Garter	5pm
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1st & 3rd Sun – Church Service at St Andrew's Church Rings Road	10am
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<p>8</p> <p> CT</p> <p>Kiwi Aversion Training Session at Papa Aroha (see pg 33)</p> <p>High tide 5.49am (2.4m), 6.03pm (2.4m) Low tide 11.54am (0.8m)</p>	<p>9</p> <p> +glass RN</p> <p>High tide 7.29am (2.7m), 7.47pm (2.6m) Low tide 1.08am (0.5m), 1.33pm (0.6m)</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Coro Summer Fest (see pg 22)</p> <p>Coromandel Christmas Art Exhibition finishes (see pg 31)</p> <p>High tide 8.17am (2.8m), 8.38pm (2.8m) Low tide 1.56am (0.3m), 2.21pm (0.5m)</p>	<p>12</p> <p>High tide 9.04am (3.0m), 9.28pm (2.9m) Low tide 2.44am (0.2m), 3.11pm (0.4m)</p>	<p>13</p> <p>High tide 9.52am (3.1m), 9.18pm (2.9m) Low tide 3.31am (0.1m), 4.01pm (0.3m)</p>	<p>14</p> <p> RN+TC</p> <p>High tide 10.41am (3.1m), 11.08pm (2.9m) Low tide 4.19am (0.1m), 4.51pm (0.3m)</p>	<p>15</p> <p> CT</p> <p>Coromandel Creative Classes and Exhibition starts (see ad pg 31)</p> <p>High tide 11.31am (3.1m), 11.58pm (2.9m) Low tide 5.08am (0.1m), 5.43pm (0.3m)</p>
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<p>23</p> <p>High tide 6.46am (2.7m), 7.01pm (2.6m) Low tide 12.22am (0.5m), 12.48pm (0.6m)</p>	<p>24</p> <p> +glass RN</p> <p>Coromandel Art Group exhibition, at Hauraki House Gallery (see pg 31 and ad pg 30)</p> <p>High tide 7.37am (2.8m), 7.54pm (2.6m) Low tide 1.15am (0.5m), 1.39pm (0.6m)</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Anniversary Weekend Fishing Competition (see pg 35)</p> <p>Play with Clay Day (see ad pg 12)</p> <p>High tide 8.25am (2.8m), 8.43pm (2.7m) Low tide 2.03am (0.4m), 2.27pm (0.6m)</p>	<p>26</p> <p>High tide 9.09am (2.8m), 9.28pm (2.7m) Low tide 2.48am (0.4m), 3.12pm (0.6m)</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Auckland Anniversary Day</p> <p>High tide 9.52am (2.8m), 10.09pm (2.7m) Low tide 3.29am (0.4m), 3.55pm (0.5m)</p>	<p>28</p> <p>High tide 10.32am (2.8m), 10.49pm (2.6m) Low tide 4.08am (0.5m), 4.36pm (0.6m)</p>	<p>29</p> <p> RN+TC</p> <p>High tide 11.12am (2.8m), 11.26pm (2.6m) Low tide 4.46am (0.5m), 5.16pm (0.6m)</p>
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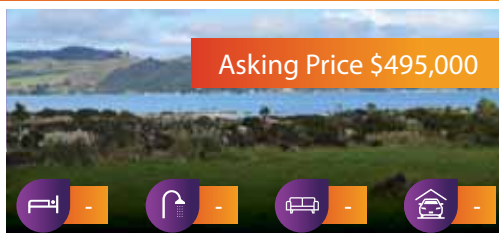


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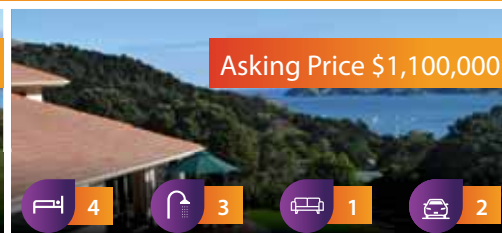
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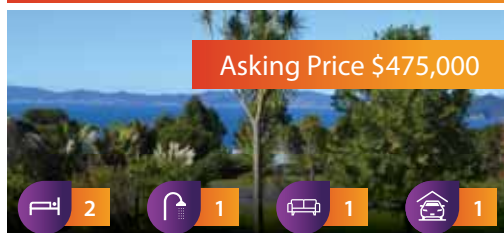
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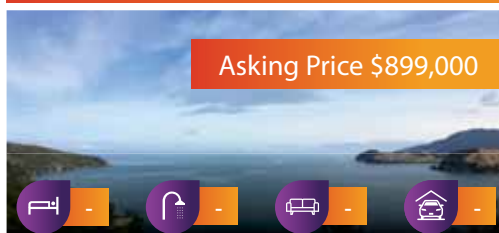
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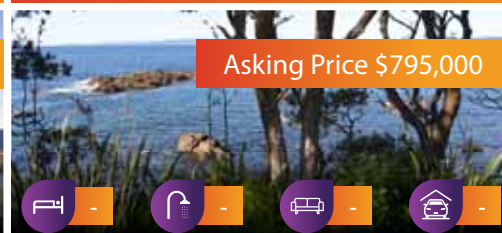
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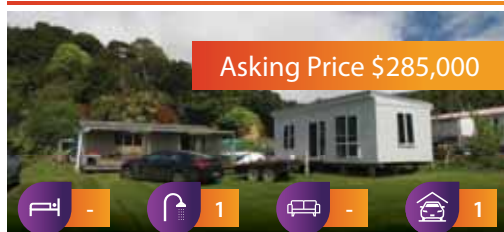
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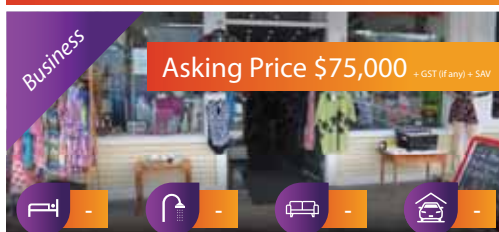
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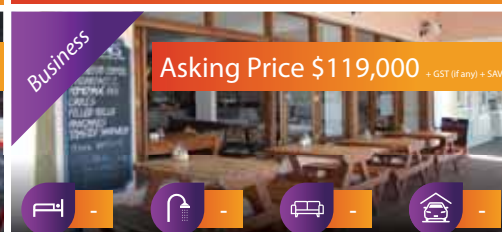
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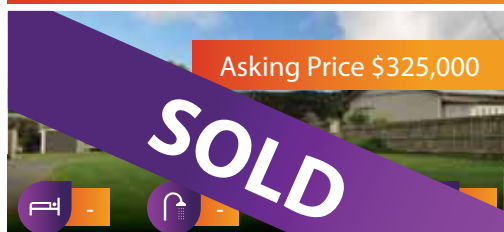
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