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## Editor's comments

It may be winter, but there is still plenty happening in town.

As well as Illume Festival, there is "A Jazzy Night at the Club", a MEG lecture on bird identification, an open day at Coromandel Community Preschool and all the regular meetings that continue through winter in our great community. See back cover calendar for dates. Also Pepper Tree have 15% off their new menu in July, and Driving Creek Railway have discounts for residents in July and August (see ads pg 15).

Enjoy July. I will be missing out in the fun (but also the cold) as I will be in England for the whole month. I will complete the August issue from there, so I would appreciate it if you could please use email if you have any queries for the August issue. If you don't have email then please ask a friend or local business to email on your behalf.

Thanks,

*Debbie*

No letters this month!

If you have a letter for next issue letters send it to the *Coromandel Town Chronicle*, PO Box 148, Coromandel 3543 or email to [corochronicle@gmail.com](mailto:corochronicle@gmail.com). Contributions should be kept short, and should not exceed 350 words. They must include name, address and telephone number. The editor reserves the right to reject letters or edit them for clarity and space.

### Seafood Recipes please

A group of parents are putting together a seafood cookbook as a fundraiser to benefit the children of Coromandel Area School.

To help make this a success we would like to include recipes from our community.

If you have a family favourite, tried and tested seafood recipe you would like to contribute, please email it to [corokaimoana@gmail.com](mailto:corokaimoana@gmail.com) or drop it in to Karen at the CAS office.

No recipe is too humble; often the simplest recipe can be the best, especially when it comes to seafood.

### Swansong for Coromandel Sea Rescue

By Malcolm Stone

As many of you will be aware, Coromandel Sea Rescue (CSR) has reluctantly closed up shop. However, we have left a legacy in the form of a "Wind Station" now situated on Ian James's land close to the entrance to Coromandel Harbour. This station is now sending real-time data regarding wind strength and direction to the Coastguard's "Nowcasting" system. This is available to all boat skippers through their VHF radios and should help to keep them safe on the water.

The station was erected by a bunch of stalwart CSR members who braved the wind and some rain to lug the pole and electronics up the hill, dig the hole and slide it into place. Surprisingly, it all went without a hitch! I would like to send a huge thank you to Ian James for allowing us to erect this mast on his land, especially as it is spectacularly scenic, and to all those volunteers who helped on the day. Thanks also go to Kevin O'Sullivan of Coastguard for organising the supply of the mast and all its associated electronics and to the crew of "Lion Foundation" Coastguard vessel for transporting it from Auckland.

The cost of the mast was \$12,650, a significant amount of money! Also significant, the remainder of CSR's assets, a sum of \$45,000-plus, that was gifted to Coromandel Swimming Club to help with their training programme and the upkeep of the pool, all extremely important for the safety of people in and on the water.

Although it is sad that CSR was unable to continue as we would have wished, at least the funds we had available have stayed in the area for the benefit of Coromandel Town.

Thanks, once again, to everyone who supported us.



# Illume – lighting up town this winter

By Christine Petrie, Secretary, Coromandel Business Association



Illume is coming back bigger and better than ever! Illume: Winter Festival of Light is now in its third year with all the displays and entertainment that you have come to love and a few new surprises thrown in.

The Coromandel Business Association is proud once again to host Illume which is rapidly becoming a feature on New Zealand's event calendar. The idea of Illume was conceived to support local businesses and their staff through the quieter winter months and to provide an opportunity for the community to

have fun together. It is also a great opportunity to show off the talents of local artists, to get visitors into town, and for community groups and businesses to have fun working together.

Illume would not be possible without the major sponsors and donors who have captured the vision of the event:

- Thames-Coromandel District Council – In allocating funding from the Major Events Sponsorship Fund, Thames-Coromandel District Mayor Glenn Leach says, "We are extremely proud to have been behind this event from the start through our Major Events Fund, and to see how it much it has grown over the past three years, with community support along with the outstanding commitment by the event organisers, who are all volunteers. We wish Illume the best of luck for the upcoming event."

- Powerco have come on board to sponsor the Powerco Fireworks which is one of the highlights of the Saturday night entertainment. Neil Holdom, Powerco's Corporate Affairs Manager says, "Coromandel is part of our electricity network and we believe it is our responsibility to support the communities we serve. This will be a fantastic event and we are excited to be part of it."

- Trust Waikato and the Creative Communities Scheme have also contributed with significant donations in recognition of the involvement of all sectors of the community in the event and the opportunity for experienced artists to share their skills with local youth.

We are grateful for the hard work of the dedicated team that have been working together for a year on the planning and organising of the event, and for the many local businesses who have contributed their skills for free or at a heavily discounted rate. Check these organisations out on the supporters' page of our website and be sure to thank them by supporting their businesses.

There are still plenty of opportunities to get involved. If you would like to host a stall, have a float in the street parade or just have an hour to help out then please contact Sandra at the Information Centre on (07) 866 8598 or [coroinfo@xtra.co.nz](mailto:coroinfo@xtra.co.nz). Don't forget to let your friends and family know what an awesome event this is too!

Keep an eye on our website [www.illumefest.co.nz](http://www.illumefest.co.nz) or our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/illumefest](http://www.facebook.com/illumefest) for the latest information.

Illume is on regardless of the weather so wrap up warm, light yourself and your umbrella up and make sure that you are in Kapanga Road to get the best of everything.

Please note that for safety reasons Kapanga Road will be closed from 5 Kapanga Road to the corner of Woollams Ave on both nights of the event.

Stock and pets might be frightened with the fireworks. Please make sure that they are safe and secure on **Saturday 16 July**, 6.30-7.30pm



## Coromandel town winter festival of light



**We are looking forward to seeing you on 15 and 16 July at the Illume: Winter Festival of Light.**

**Wrap up warm, light yourself up and get to Kapanga Road early with your family so that you can enjoy the wonders of this year's festival.**

**FRI 15 July**

- › Kapanga Road lit up with spectacular lanterns, light features and projections
- › From 5.30pm on there will be a night market with food, arts, crafts and lots of other goodies
- › Music by a selection of bands including Crimson Coast

**SAT 16 July**

- › Kapanga Road lit up with spectacular lanterns, light features and projections
- › The music starts at 5.30pm with Magenta on stage between 7 and 8.30pm
- › Get your dinner from one of the many food stalls
- › The Twisty Twins, Robotman, and lots of other entertainers
- › 6.00pm Street Parade
- › 6.30pm Powerco Fireworks
- › 7.00pm Twisty Twins

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## Coromandel Budget Advisory Service

John Gaffikin-Cowan

It's been slow to arrive but it really does seem as if winter is with us now. It can be a great time of year, and there is no reason why we should all not enjoy it. Of course we do concentrate a lot of our time on keeping warm. Some of the simplest and perhaps old-fashioned methods are still the best and often the cheapest. Closing the curtains before the sun goes down keeps warmth in the house, as does a simple draught-excluder at the doors. Preparing economical, hearty soups and stews will cheer up all the family. And don't forget that it's better to warm a bed than heat a bedroom, and how comforting is a good old hot-water bottle?

You'll all have read this sort of advice in this column before but I hope it bears repeating. After all, our job at Budget is to help people solve their problems themselves, not do the solving for them. Sure, we will advocate for our clients in areas that they are having difficulties and try to find solutions and ways for them to economise. But at the end of the day our plan is to get those clients into a position where they are able to balance their own books and live with their weekly, monthly and annual budgets.

One big problem we have is the suspension of the Work and Income Office here in Coromandel. Clients have to travel to Thames now for a face-to-face interview. However just recently the Work and Income people have asked us at Budget to effectively be agents for them with their Food Grants. So now beneficiaries can come to us if Work and Income have offered them a Food Grant and we are able to give them a pre-loaded card which will have been activated for that particular person. A slight improvement in the situation here.

If you have any financial problems or worries feel free to pop into the Budget Office for a chat. We're here to help.

The Budget Service is an incorporated society belonging to the New Zealand Federation of Family Budget Services. If you wish to make an appointment, the Budget phone number is (07) 866 8351 where you can talk to Anna, Caro, Leigh or John. The office at 950 Rings Road is open Monday to Friday 11am -2pm and other times by appointment. The Budget cell phone number is 022 018 0849 – we reply to texts and messages during office hours

## Adult Literacy

Literacy isn't just being able to read and write, its about understanding the meaning of what you write or say, and being able to communicate so that people understand you in the way you intended. There are times we all get that wrong!

If you have trouble getting the messages right, if others don't understand what you are writing, maybe you could use a little help from the Adult Literacy Trust. We can help you understand and write better, no matter what level of literacy you have. You may just need a little help, or a lot. It doesn't matter. We at Adult Literacy Trust can help you and it's free and anonymous.

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## Coromandel Surrounds Writers Group

By Jane Powell

This month we were a small group – Lora, Marni, Megan, Barbara and Jane – that braved the wind and rain to meet at Karuna Falls.

We started off with an exercise by famous NZ writer Emily Perkins, 10 sentences on completely different topics which we all agreed revved our brains up and we found the one minute time pressure for each sentence a good way to get writing. Poetry is an area some of us want to explore more in the future. We have been relying on Lora to provide. I look forward to dusting off the many books I have bought over the years and finding a poem that reflects what is important to me in this time.

Many good reads were shared in our "book club" so watch out Coromandel and Thames libraries, you will soon be inundated with requests. Popular themes at the moment are NZ historical fiction, and writing from other cultures and biblical history from unusual angles.

Our personal writing for the month was on space in one form or another and required that we do some research into some aspect we previously knew nothing about. This ranged from the linguistic "space" no longer "empty" thanks to scientific discoveries, to the allegorical – the space left by a death, and include a couple of children's stories, one very futuristic where travelling to Mars is common, another concerned with amoebas and their possible past lives.

This coming month's topic is 500 words max on "The Lonesome Traveller – a Crossing" which is very apt at this cold time of year. We will meet 10.30am on **14 July** at Barbara's.

Please ring Barbara (07) 866 8299 for any information

## Volunteer drivers

Volunteer drivers are needed for the Coromandel Community Van.

If you are available one Thursday a month and would like to help, I'd love to hear from you.

Please contact Sue Wright (07) 866 8039



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# Our Coromandel

## News from Thames-Coromandel District Council



JULY, 2016

## Jacks Point Boat Ramp

Jacks Point ramp beside the Patukirikiri Reserve has been closed temporarily due to health and safety concerns around deep mud at the end of the ramp.

The Community Board has approved further dredging of Fureys Creek to help improve the use and access around the ramp

Last month our staff assessed the site to seek options for the boat ramp, which the Community Board considered at its 14 June extraordinary meeting. The options considered were:

**Option 1: Minimal Renewal.** A minimal renewal approach will provide a safer and more usable ramp, without replacing the issue of the ramp being positioned too far from the creek channel. The engineers estimate for Option 1 is \$187,364 (Excluding GST and consenting costs).

**Option 2: Upgraded and Improved Renewal**  
The upgrade and improve approach includes:

- Filling over the existing boat ramp
- Constructing a new 12m wide concrete ramp closer to the creek channel
- A shorter and wider ramp basin reducing siltation issues
- Extension of the western embankment. The engineers estimate for option 2 is \$273,158 (Excluding GST and consenting costs).

**Option 3: Retire the boat ramp.** In retiring the asset, there would be a rehabilitation cost which to date has not been calculated.

As an interim measure before Council delivers its Coromandel Harbour Strategy, the Board's preferred option for further investigation was Option 2. More discussion is now required with Council regarding funding options and cost to the ratepayer.

## Long Bay Kauri Walk

As part of our on-going kauri protection measures, we have constructed a boardwalk through the 60m section of track that passes through the kauri rickers. This board walk will included the installation of a memorial seat and a small viewing platform at a point similar to where the existing seat is. Kauri Dieback Forum are extremely impressed by this boardwalk which was constructed by Walkway Solutions.



Coromandel  
-Colville  
Community  
Board  
UPDATE

### • Coromandel Colville Local Economic Development Grants

Locally based and recognised community organisations within the Coromandel-Colville Community Board area whose principle functions and or activities are of a charitable (not-for-profit) nature were invited to apply for financial assistance to undertake projects that will provide economic benefit to the community.

The following organisations were successful in their applications to the Local Economic Development Grants:

**Spirit of Coromandel Trust** – \$3,000 to meet the costs of consents required to progress the proposed bike park at Hauraki Road.

**Colville Social Service Collective** – \$2,000 to develop a website and a promotional DL to link visitors and tourists to the various attractions and destinations in and north of Colville.

**Coromandel Independent Living Trust** – \$6,000 to facilitate the maintenance and improvements of the Harray Track.

### • Local Body Elections are coming up

If you are thinking of representing your community either for the Coromandel-Colville Community Board or Council there will be a Candidate Information Forum on 16 July 1pm at the Coromandel Council meeting room. [www.tcdc.govt.nz/elections](http://www.tcdc.govt.nz/elections)



## WE'VE UPDATED OUR DOG CONTROL RULES

We've made changes to our dog control rules that take effect from 1 August 2016, until then the current rules apply.

The changes may affect where you can take your dog and where and when you need to use a leash or can have your dog off leash (but still under control).

You can find the current and new rules here [www.tcdc.govt.nz/dogs](http://www.tcdc.govt.nz/dogs)

## Community Grants open now

**Does your organisation have a community project that could do with financial assistance from a Community Grants fund?**

Coromandel-Colville Community Board is now inviting applications for the 2016/2017 grants or events grants below.

Financial assistance will only be available for a specific project or for the maintenance of a facility which is of benefit to the community. (Not for wages.)

Contestable community grants are for community services, activities and events. They also support not-for-profit community organisations which have a positive impact on the community and recognise, support and enhance volunteer efforts.

The grant values available for Coromandel-Colville are:

- Coromandel/Colville Community Grants \$13,500

Applications close at 4:00pm on Friday, 29 July 2016.

See [www.tcdc.govt.nz/communitygrants](http://www.tcdc.govt.nz/communitygrants) for more information.



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## The Bizarre has a problem

By Rodney Denham, Deputy Chair, The Bizarre

Overall the Bizarre is well supported by the Community, and we do thank everybody for that support and long may it continue. Our staff are wonderful caring people, and work very hard on behalf of the community, but we have a problem...

It is an ongoing situation that a few people seem to choose the weekends or evenings when the shop is closed to dump on us goods that never can be sold because of their condition. Handling the items, especially the larger ones, is difficult for the staff, especially if the items are wet, or are a health hazard.

Delivery of these items usually involves unacceptable behaviour including coming onto private property to put these items around the back, which is actually trespassing, though the front of the shop is used as well which breaches TCDC bylaws. The Bizarre has to dispose of all unsaleable items at its own cost. This in turn, uses money that would otherwise be donated back to the community through the Donations Programme.

Our policy is that all items to be donated for sale in The Bizarre must be brought in when the shop is open so that our staff can check that they are in saleable condition and things that we are permitted to sell. (Some items cannot be sold through The Bizarre, such as electrical goods for which we cannot guarantee the legally required safety certification.)

We are aware that the use of charity shops as refuse dumps is a nationwide problem, especially in the cities, but we have hoped that in our tightknit small community we and our volunteer staff could expect better of our fellow Coromandel residents and visitors. Please stop dumping on us!

## Coromandel Embroiderers Guild

By Diann Cade

Last month the Junior Programme got off to a great start. The young embroiderers went home the first day with a hand stitched name badge. Back stitch, split stitch, running stitch, chain stitch plain, wrapped and laced, lazy daisy stitch and ladder stitch have since been accomplished. With a doddle cloth to practice on and to use as reference, along with the notebook containing diagrams of the stitches and the appropriate needles the next project was to create a pumpkin pin cushion. This was embroidered with a design created by the young embroiderer with their choice of coloured threads and stitches. There was lots of concentration needed to thread and stitch, followed by excitement at the completion of the project.

For Guild members there is the ANZEG Conference to attend in Auckland this month where members of guilds from all over New Zealand will gather for the formalities of remits and elections before embarking on a week of workshops.

For further information about the Coromandel Embroiderers' Guild and related activities contact our President Jill Wilson (07) 866 7484



## Monday Walkers

By Irene Dunn

Walking those extra km's on a Monday with an enthusiastic group of walkers is great fun! We enjoy lots of interesting places – beaches, bush and forests around Coromandel and beyond. We are always up for some new and different tracks – any suggestions welcome.

If you would like to join us on Mondays meet us at the northern end of Woollams Ave car park at 9am or ring the phone numbers below for details of our next walk.

Happy walking everyone.

Irene 07 2119 758 (landline), Ruth (07) 866 7246



At Opera Point

## Coromandel Walking Group

By Irene Dunn

There's something special about our Walking Group – we always (well almost always) manage to get a walk in before a shower or the rain pelts down and we are very snugly sipping our coffees in the warmth of Success Cafe. So recently we have been able to walk each Tuesday and Thursday around Coromandel Town and have done the Long Bay track – love the new boardwalk by the kauri trees and that the whole track is so well maintained.

Tie up those shoelaces and come walking with us each Tuesday and Thursday – we meet outside the Lotto Dairy at 9am – you are most welcome!

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## Museum News

By Raewyn McKinney

The Annual General Meeting of the Coromandel School of Mines & Historical Society Inc was held on Sunday 12 June at the Elizabeth Park Village Hall. We thank the people at Elizabeth Park Village very much for allowing us to use their hall for this meeting, and we thank all those who attended the meeting.

The existing committee were willing and able to continue for another year, but there was one vacancy on the committee, as there has been one resignation since the last AGM. We are pleased to welcome Denise Campbell on to the committee, and thank her for taking on the vacant role.

The new committee is:

President – Sue Wright; Vice President – Frank Mead; Secretary/Treasurer – Raewyn McKinney.

Committee Members: Judy Bronlund, Denise Campbell, Ian Franklyn, Jennie James, Val Macdonald, David Phillip, Alison Rowe, Jim Sharp.

In her report, our President, Sue Wright, reviewed the past year, in particular thanking the efforts of all volunteers in manning the museum over the busy summer months. Our annual accounts show there is an increase of some \$500 in entry fees this year over last year, so that is a credit to everyone who helped on the roster. Sue also made mention of the hard work that has taken place behind

the scenes, in ensuring the space available for displays is used in the most efficient manner possible, in maximising the storage areas, and in upgrading our archives and transferring all records onto our computer. This work is continuing and is progressing well. Work is also continuing in improving and relocating displays to ensure the museum remains fresh and interesting to visitors.

We look forward to another busy and successful year in the museum.

It is easy to get the idea that things were easier or better back in the “good old days” when everyone was helpful, honest and kind to strangers. Well, the following article shows that life was not actually always easy, and people were not actually always honest. In fact, it shows that people are not really much different today than they were in times gone by. It also illustrates that the Coromandel area has been known for its excellent seafood for well over 100 years.

From “The Auckland Star” of 27 July, 1906:

### Expensive Oysters.

“William Tanner, the owner of a fishing boat, who pleaded guilty this morning before Mr. R. W. Dyer, S.M., to having contravened the Sea Fisheries Act by taking 17 bags of oysters from a closed area, has good reason to regret his indiscretion, which, according to Mr. J. R. Reed, his solicitor, will cost him £40. Mr. Mays, who prosecuted on behalf of the Crown solicitor (instructed by the Collector of Customs), stated that Tanner



Oyster farming

took oysters from the Coromandel coast. He brought them to Auckland, where they were seized. He had gone to the trouble of picking seventeen bags of oysters, which, when sold, realised £10 or £12 for the benefit of the Consolidated Fund. Tanner's boat had been in the hands of the Customs since June 18th. Mr. Reed asked the magistrate to deal leniently with his client, who was not well to do, and through the seizure of his boat had been deprived temporarily of the means of livelihood. Allowing for this, a fine of £5 would mean a loss of £40. The magistrate imposed a fine of £5 with costs, making a total of £15. A charge of taking oysters had also been, made against Archibald Rykers, a member of Tanner's crew, but this was withdrawn.”

The museum is now closed for the winter, and will reopen at Labour Weekend



Success Café and Bar is up and running under new management!!

### EVENING SERVICE

COME IN AND ENJOY OUR EVENING MENU  
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THURSDAY – Roast and dessert night, \$18. Starts at 5pm

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## New Listing



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## New Listing



## A home for your family

This property offers plenty of room to stretch and grow! The open-plan living area with fireplace opens out to a full-length north/west facing verandah. The 4 bedrooms will accommodate a large family and the bathroom features a bath and shower. The 698m2 section is completely fenced for the safety of younger children or the family pet dog. Ideal first home, rental or holiday base. **\$345,000**

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## For Families



## Come on home!

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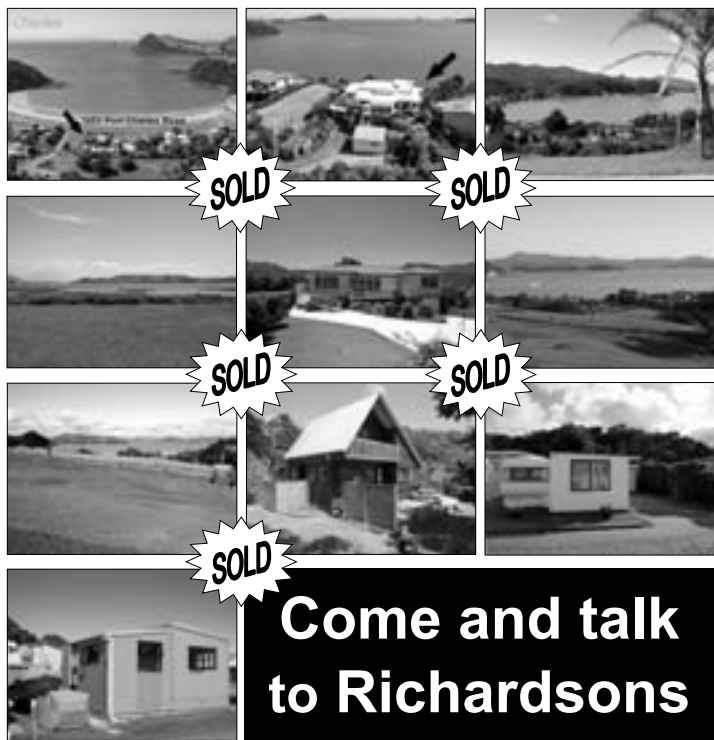
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Dylan with the brewing facilities at Hot Water Brewing Co.

## Craft Brewery

By Deborah Hide-Bayne

Fancy a day out? This month I am making a suggestion that is food-related rather than a recipe... try a craft brewery tour, right here on the Coromandel Peninsula!

Start by driving to Whenuakite and slowly make your way back to Coromandel Town on SH25, visiting one or more of the following:

- Hot Water Brewing Company, Whenuakite. Open Thursday and Sunday from 11am. Serving "beer food", burgers, and a range of craft beers made on the premises. You can get a great tasting "paddle" or tray with five different beers to try.
- The Coromandel Brewing Company at The Pour House, Hahei. Winter hours are Thurs/Fri from 4pm and Sat/Sun from 12 midday. Delicious serving platters, wood-fired pizzas and a range of craft beers made on the premises (which are only available on the Peninsula). Enjoy the ambience of this very stylish eatery where you can look into the brewing room or sit in a lovely garden/terrace area.
- Luke's Kitchen, Kuaotunu. Pizza oven Fri/Sat/Sun, 11am-8.30pm, café open every day 8am-3pm. Eat wood-fired pizza and listen to live music on the weekends. Beach shack décor, relaxed atmosphere and a good craft beer menu.
- The Coromandel Mussel Kitchen, Coromandel Town. Closed over winter. Watch their website for re-opening times. Locally-produced mussels form the basis of most of the menu and the mussels in the half-shell with toppings are without doubt my favourite. They also make a couple of lighter style beers.

Please don't drink and drive! You can buy beers to sample at home... or order online or buy from a local stockist.

## Ann's Good News, Naturally

By Ann Kerr-Bell

### Autoimmune Conditions – Bringing Back The Balance

Perhaps you or a friend have been diagnosed with an autoimmune condition.

But what does this really mean? "Auto" is latin for "self" and autoimmune essentially means that your body mounts an immune response against itself. This is characterized by inflammation and destruction of body tissues by the body's own immune system – commonly experienced as pain, swelling and a wide variety of symptoms depending on what areas of the body are affected. Some common autoimmune conditions include: \*Rheumatoid arthritis, \*Lupus (SLE), \*Psoriasis (and some other skin conditions), \*Crohn's Disease, \*Ulcerative colitis, and \*Hashimoto's thyroiditis.

### Why does the body attack itself?

Autoimmune conditions are thought to be the result of an unregulated, therefore unbalanced, immune system (white blood cells). The role of your immune system is to protect you from potentially harmful invaders such as bacteria, viruses, toxins and allergens. In response to such invaders, your immune system sends out T cells (your main infection fighting cells) to help destroy the invading cells. T-regulatory cells are special cells that act like traffic controllers – they oversee how many and what type of T cells are released and keep your immune system in check. When there is a lack of correctly functioning T-regulatory cells, your immune system cannot tell the difference between invading cells and healthy body tissue – and hence destroys

it – causing inflammation and leading to the common symptoms of pain and fatigue. In addition, inflammation results in further local tissue damage, which can affect the functioning of specific organs. e.g., in ulcerative colitis the gut lining is attacked and

damaged, resulting in poor digestive function and abdominal pain.



Bacteria for balance – Since the majority of the immune system is housed in the gut, a healthy balance of beneficial microbiota (bacteria) in your digestive system is essential for a well regulated immune system.

Poor diet, stress and some medications can lead to imbalances in gut bacteria, a common feature in people with autoimmune conditions. Beneficial bacteria, in the form of probiotic, can help re-educate the immune system by restoring the balance of microbes that influence the immune response.

There are hundreds of different strains and species of probiotics. Only a couple work together to more effectively encourage the growth of other beneficial bacteria in the gut and increase the numbers of T-regulatory cells that encourage a healthy immune response, leading to an improvement of symptoms.

Nutritional immune balancers – Never overlook nutrients to help restore immune balance. \*Vitamin D, a fundamental nutrient, is required for the production of healthy T-regulatory cells.

Omega-3 essential fatty acids EPA and DHA – found in fish oils, these act as an off switch to help resolve inflammation. Choose only quality produced supplements to ensure high amounts of EPA, DHA to be adequately medicinal and stop inflammation.

Prevention is the key – Diet is key in keeping your white blood cells (immune system) strong and functional. Eat plenty of whole, unprocessed foods including – 3 cups vegetables a day to provide enough fuel for energy and repair and to prevent cravings for processed sugary foods, which deplete the immune cells. Enjoy nuts and seeds, a small amount of fruit, and good quality protein daily.

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**Naturopath  
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## Heart Beat – St John Ambulance Coromandel/Colville

By Felix O'Carroll Station Manager, Coromandel

A challenging month with several call-outs to very sick or injured people over the period. Although the number of call-outs is slightly down, the severity of the call outs is up, with back up from the Thames ambulance and/or Westpac Helicopter required on a number of occasions to help our team with these patients.

This time of the year we get called out to many people who we find are very sick when we arrive, some of whom have been ill for a number of days prior to an ambulance being called. If you feel ill and you have a history of sickness, see your doctor or call for an ambulance early. Waiting until you become seriously sick can cause complications hence early intervention is recommended.

Current service cover is running below 50% and could have been worse had it not been for Coromandel staff doing extra rosters to help with this issue. Thanks go to Thames and Whitianga stations who have helped cover the service when Coromandel has been uncovered.

Our new members are currently on the learning pathway and will complete all requirements to gain their New Zealand certificate in Emergency Care-First Responder. The certificate is a new qualification which sits at Level 3 on the New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA) framework.

From start to finish new members can gain

a Level 3 qualification within three to four months. This equates to approximately 400 hours of nominal learning.

With the challenges facing us requiring more volunteers, gaining a qualification by putting in the time and effort early in the journey may be suited to your needs, so give us a call for more information.

I'm off on leave and Julia Te Huia will be acting Station Manager in my absence. Any enquiries should be directed to her or the senior officer on station.

Stay well, keep safe.

### Staff profile

**Name:** Dana Berrington

**Position:** St John Ambulance Volunteer (Coromandel Station)

### Why did you join St John Ambulance service as a volunteer?

When I started my paramedic degree in 2012 I first volunteered with a friend at Te Kauwhata Station. In 2013 we shifted our time to Hauraki/Coromandel District, volunteering in Coromandel Town, while I also spent time at Thames, Whitianga and Waihi. The time I spent volunteering gave me the chance to apply the academic knowledge to



the unpredictable clinical environment.

### How long have you been a member of St. John?

A total of three years. I spent last year working for the London Ambulance Service and returned to Coromandel again this summer and continued to work out of the station.

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

The second family I made at Coromandel Station! It feels like home here and I miss the team while I'm away.

Otherwise the variety and challenges of the work keeps you on your toes and you're always learning.

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

Absolutely! It's a great way to make new friends while helping out your community. The training and support you receive are amazing and every day brings something different.

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

### Daffodil Day

Just a reminder folks that Daffodil Day is fast approaching. We will be around the town again this year with two stalls, plus the BNZ is setting up the sausage sizzle out the front so please mark **Friday 26 August** on your calendar and hope to see you on the day. Best wishes Robyn, Marie and the crew.

# COROMANDEL & AUCKLAND FERRY

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#### Departs Auckland: Pier 4, Quay Street

	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
6 Jun - 12 Jun	8.45 am	-	-	-	-	8.45 am	8.45 am
13 Jun - 9 Oct	-	-	-	-	-	8.45 am	8.45 am
10 Oct - 23 Oct	-	8.45 am	-	8.45 am	6.00 pm	8.45 am	8.45 am
24 Oct - 30 Oct	8.45 am	8.45 am	-	8.45 am	6.00 pm	8.45 am	8.45 am

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

	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
6 Jun - 12 Jun	9.50 am	-	-	-	-	9.50 am	9.50 am
13 Jun - 9 Oct	-	-	-	-	-	9.50 am	9.50 am
10 Oct - 23 Oct	-	9.50 am	-	9.50 am	7.05 pm	9.50 am	9.50 am
24 Oct - 30 Oct	9.50 am	9.50 am	-	9.50 am	7.05 pm	9.50 am	9.50 am

#### Departs Coromandel: Hannafords Wharf

	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
6 Jun - 12 Jun	4.30 pm	-	-	-	-	4.30 pm	4.30 pm
13 Jun - 9 Oct	-	-	-	-	-	4.30 pm	4.30 pm
10 Oct - 23 Oct	-	3.00 pm	-	3.00 pm	8.15 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm
24 Oct - 30 Oct	4.30 pm	3.00 pm	-	3.00 pm	8.15 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm

#### Auckland - Coromandel

	ADULT	CHILD	FAMILY
ONE WAY	\$55.00	\$35.00	\$145.00
OPEN RETURN	\$90.00	\$55.00	\$235.00

#### Waiheke Island (Orapiu) - Coromandel

	ADULT	CHILD	FAMILY
ONE WAY	\$35.00	\$22.00	\$92.00
OPEN RETURN	\$60.00	\$35.00	\$155.00

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#### Please note:

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In the event of cancellations 360 Discovery may arrange alternative transport arrangements.

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## Resource Centre

CILT are pleased to announce the babies have arrived!

Rebecca and Ben welcomed the arrival of baby Amira on the 26 May, followed by the birth of Vanessa and Mike's baby Tommy on the 29 May. Both babies and parents are doing well. Congratulations!

The Work Co-op and Artists in The Making (ATM) are very excited to be holding their first exhibition in Hauraki House during the Illume Festival. There will be so many goodies on display. The Work Co-op have been busy making quilts and cushions to add to a variety of other handmade craft. Artists in The Making will be displaying mosaics and china painting that will really surprise you. The Work Co-op will also be raffling off a gorgeous quilt, and ATM, a funky mirror mosaiced in old blue china. Also on display during the exhibition will be information about all the other CILT projects.

The exhibition will run from **Friday 15 July to Sunday 17 July**, with an opening at 6pm on **Thursday 14 July**. All welcome.

We have had great response to our Recycling Centre article in the June Chronicle with name suggestions, volunteers and people interested in running work-skills training workshops.

Likewise with the article on Career Navigator; we have had a number of offers for mentoring which is very positive. The start date for this programme has been set for **Thursday 1 September** and will run every Thursday and Friday from 9.30am - 3.00pm each day over a period of four weeks. If you would like to register your interest to attend this programme, please contact the Resource Centre on (07) 866 8358 or pop in to Tiki House.

IRD will be at CILT on **20 July**. If you need to see them please make an

appointment through the Resource Centre. Their June visit was booked out so get in quick.

In addition, Coromandel Independent Living Trust provides the following services in the upper Coromandel Peninsula:

- Artists in The Making, providing support, work and art for people with a disability or life challenges in Whitianga;
- The Work Co-op, providing support, work and art for people with a disability or life challenges in Coromandel Town;
- Kiwi Can life-skills and values programme at the Coromandel Area School, Colville School and Thames South School;
- Strengthening Families;
- Supporting Children/Tautoko Tamariki;
- Incredible Years Parenting Programme (currently in Manaia and Whitianga);
- Registered Community Housing Provider currently providing 14 pensioner flats in Coromandel Town for people aged over 60 on low incomes;
- Electronic waste recycling project;
- Management of the Coromandel Transfer Station;
- Site development of a Community Reuse Centre at the Coromandel Transfer Station;
- Harray Track; and
- Samuel James Reserve building.

You can read more about these projects in our 2015 annual report, which is now available to view on the CILT website [www.cilt.org.nz](http://www.cilt.org.nz) or you can contact us to have it sent to you electronically.

We extend our condolences to the Harray family on the passing of Matt. It was through Matt's generosity that we were able to extend the Harray Track through his land.

Contact: Anna or Rochelle at the Resource Centre. Tiki House, 45 Tiki Road. Hours: 9am-3pm Monday-Thursday Ph/Fax: (07) 866 8358. Email: [cilt@cilt.org.nz](mailto:cilt@cilt.org.nz), website: [www.cilt.org.nz](http://www.cilt.org.nz)

## Coromandel Town Information Centre

By Sandra Wilson, Manager

Winter has certainly arrived although we are still lucky enough to have the odd mild day, which is a great opportunity to make the most of our great walks. The Long Bay walk is open again and looking fabulous with the new boardwalks. Also the Kauri Grove walk is another favourite even when it is a little drizzly.

Things have certainly quietened down on the tourist front, which is to be expected during this time of the year.

The number of people through our centre in May is down by 2% on the same time last year.

I would like to make a special mention to Jean and the Work Co-op team who have helped us with moving our gear to our new storage facility. Also thanks to Ross for providing the facility.

Have you got a business in Coromandel Town? Have you thought of advertising your business in the Information Centre? We have advertising packages to suit all budgets. Our contracts are available now. Contact details are listed below.

Just a reminder that the Illume Festival is **Friday 15 and Saturday 16 July**, 5.30-8.30pm. Kapanga Road, from the corner of Tiki Road to the corner of Woollams Ave, will be closed from 5pm on both evenings. There will be two-way traffic access from Woollams Ave to Tiki Road through the car park and service lane.

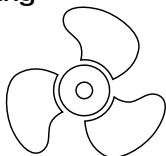
Also, all pet and stock owners please ensure that your domestic animals are inside and that stock is in a safe place on **Saturday 16 July** during the fireworks display from 6.30-7.30pm

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# Combined Clubs Of Coromandel

# THE CLUB

## THE CLUB NEWS

The CCC had a new Executive Committee elected at the AGM. The past few months have been very exciting and rewarding with the amalgamation of the Bowling Club and the RSA, and our thanks go to those members of both clubs who worked tirelessly to ensure a smooth transition between the two clubs and the formation of the Combined Clubs of Coromandel Inc. The elected executive committee is as follows: President – Kevin Stone, Vice-President – John Gaffikin-Cowan, Secretary – Maureen Kimber, Bar Manager – Graeme Goss, Club Manager – Vi King, Bowling Club Reps – Eamonn Walsh and Linda Wright and RSA Reps – Steve Walters and Ian Franklyn.

The Club activities are proving to be very popular, with the Quiz and Film nights on alternate Wednesdays setting new attendance records and the 500 Cards session on Tuesday afternoons is gaining momentum. Both Friday and Saturday evenings are open to members and their guests for end of week drinks and chat with friends. There are some lovely concerts coming up through the winter months, the first of these on Friday 8 July. Something for everyone at the Club – do come and celebrate friendship with us.

## BOWLING CLUB NEWS

The Bowling Club also held its Annual General Meeting and a new executive committee was elected as follows: President – Linda Wright, Vice-President – Sue McNeil, Secretary – Maureen Kimber, Treasurer – Graeme Goss, Match Committee Chairperson – Dianne Burton. Green Superintendent – Eamonn Walsh, Committee members – John Fowler, John Gaffikin-Cowan, Irene Goss, Peter Herbert, Vi King, Miha Matthews, Jim Muir, Kerrin Muir and Dolly Welch.

Our thanks go to the retiring committee members and welcome the newcomers. It is always very rewarding to have the luxury of members willing to give their time and energy to a committee and promote our enjoyable game.



The photo above shows the lone male with the "girl power" executive!  
Left to right, Maureen Kimber, Linda Wright, Graeme Goss, Sue McNeil and Dianne Burton.  
The men did of course get their revenge with a predominantly male CCC Executive!

## RSA NEWS

This month's AGM of Combined Clubs of Coromandel reminded us again of how successful the amalgamation of the RSA and the Bowling Club has been. A lot of people have worked hard to ensure its success and we thank you all.

Veterans Affairs has closed the Hamilton Office and centralised to Wellington.

Telephone is 08004838372. You will probably be assigned a new Case Officer when you do so.

We have had several requests from non members regarding lost medals. Medals are not reissued but replicas are available from most medal mounting professionals. To obtain copies of a relative's service file or to enquire about possible medal entitlements email [nzdfpam@nzdf.mil.nz](mailto:nzdfpam@nzdf.mil.nz)

We welcome the Governments white paper on defence. It seems to us to be totally in keeping with the scale of our commitments and the size of our Defence Forces into the future.

**Contacts: Maureen Kimber 866 8282 (Bowls) or Ian Franklyn 866 7138 (RSA)**



**CAPS Hauraki**

By Rachel Harrison

Recently the CAPS Hauraki Right2BSafe team and award winning photographer Mike Hill took to the streets of Thames to capture local people's strategies to protect children in their town. Locals filled in speech bubbles with the ways they protect and cherish children so as to celebrate the role adults play in keeping children safe.

Right2BSafe is a child sexual abuse prevention campaign which has been working with local communities across the Hauraki and Coromandel regions for the past four years. Right2BSafe project leader Rachel Harrison says, "Vulnerable groups like children, elderly and people with disabilities experience abuse at a higher rate than the general population. This photo project is all about inspiring our local communities to act to protect children so they are less likely to experience abuse and are more supported if they disclose."

Adults can do much to protect children from sexual abuse and the Right2BSafe team have provided a range of tip sheets which are freely available on the CAPS website [www.capshauraki.co.nz/keeping-kids-safer.html](http://www.capshauraki.co.nz/keeping-kids-safer.html).

Harrison says, "Simple strategies around setting up safer babysitting, encouraging safe sleep-overs and having touching rules on your fridge can all help make a safer environment for children." The campaign also has a Facebook page (search for "Safe Kids, Thriving Families") where people can find out about simple effective parenting strategies to help protect children.

**Tips For Keeping Kids Safe**

- Use correct names for body parts (not "willy" or "fanny")
- Have touching rules (what is and isn't appropriate touch)
- Teach kids about feelings and take theirs seriously
- Ask kids who they feel safe to talk with
- Give kids the right to say what happens to their bodies
- Encourage kids to tell if someone tries to make them keep a secret
- Be calm and approachable (it helps them tell)
- Trust your instinct – act to protect kids



For more information contact the CAPS Sexual Abuse Support Service helpline on 0800 88 33 00. If you are dialling from a landline select 2 to access this service; if you are dialling from a cell phone select 3 for the Waikato region and then 2 for this service. During business hours you can also contact us through our email, [helpline@capshauraki.co.nz](mailto:helpline@capshauraki.co.nz) and our txt support number 027 732 7000

**Garden Circle**

By Jane Warren

Our June meeting was held at The Club on a damp grey afternoon but despite the weather there was a great turnout of members.

After the meeting formalities there was a robust discussion of weather related plant problems (frost etc.) with good tips on gardening in winter given by our more knowledgeable members.

This was followed by a demonstration on floral arrangements presented by our own Kate Jacobsen and Penny Trubshaw. The beautiful arrangements were raffled off at the end of the show.

The competition winners were: Arrangement – Irene Dunn, Single Bloom – Glenise Robertson, Multi Bloom – Glenise Robertson, Miniature Bloom – Freda Housley, Corsage – Jenny Mudgway.

Our July meeting will be held at 1pm on Wednesday 13 July. Venue still to be confirmed so for more information contact Jane on 021 230 5995



L to r: Eva Carey (representing Elizabeth Park Village), Sue Wright, John Bell (representing The Source), Kaye Rabarts, and Ian Franklyn (representing Combined Clubs of Coromandel), with one of the new trees.

**Community Tree Planting**

By Sue Wright

To complete the avenue of Maori Princess pohutukawa trees on Rings Road, four trees were planted on 8 June by Kevin of Smart Environmental. The trees have been sponsored by local organisations: The Source, Elizabeth Park Village, Combined Clubs of Coromandel and two members of the community. These well-grown trees should flower by Christmas as have those planted in 2014 and 2015.

This will enhance our town and be appreciated by locals and visitors who associate the Coromandel with the "Christmas Tree".

**We now have a solicitor in Coromandel town every Tuesday**



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## Animal Rescue Thames

By Alice & John Parris

Thank mews to everyone who has donated cat and kitten food, tinned, biscuits and bedding. We are truly grateful for these donations that help us help the rescue felines in our care. Our numbers have remained as is where is – nothing in, nothing out. We are running to capacity, which made the last month much harder for us, more for my dear husband John who had the entire unit to care for and clean while I have been away.

For three weekends Sunday to Friday I have been at Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Rotorua which is for those with long-term illness and rheumatoid arthritis. They teach people how to cope with day-to-day activities and rheumatoid arthritis. Each Friday I returned I was greeted with great glee from our bottle-fed boy Horrace and Miscarie. The others turned noses up and spat at me. Cattery babies were a load more polite with me – their faces said it all when on the Sunday I said farewell yet again. They were



really, really long weeks without my furrbabies!

My husband is totally awesome, has learnt an incredible amount over the 16 years and I know I can fully trust in him to take over the unit.

Once I was home I was unprepared to see how much our bottle-fed boy had grown. I'm sure he gained three inches in his legs and five inches from front legs to back legs. He certainly has become a long, lanky little lad who now prefers to rough it up with the other older kittens.

The cats have almost totally forgiven me for packing my bags and leaving home; something we would rather see the rescue kitties do than us humans. One thing that does change here is that things will be slowed down – as in pacing myself – working with what I have and what I have the ability to do. What we have in care now is what we can both cope with – the numbers still need to come down to a comfortable level that one person can easily cope with, which in reality

means to drop the unit down from 30 to 20 – so that is the goal, to rehome at least 10.

We have two of the Coromandel kittens due to be

desexed; the other two were homed a month ago, which was brilliant for us. They are the most lovable, affectionate kittens; the tabby has the busiest feet I have ever known and he needles dough on you flat out, as well as purring and pushing nose up into your face. Totally endearing boy, who has to be in the middle of anything and everything you do. His sibling is quieter but still has to climb onto your lap and curl up under your chin.

Right now we have felines 12-18 months who really need new forever rural or farm homes for them. Then we come into the younger ones at 5-8 months of age. They are all desexed and too many are siblings and need to remain that way, but for rescue we need to find those somewhat elusive homes for them and run the oldest at a cattery special to get them into forever homes before we go fully into winter.

Wanted – donations of cat biscuits and tinned foods. Winter bedding, pillows, towels, blankets.

Homes for our precious furrbabies who have been here far too long but all desexed, wormed and deflead, house trained. They don't know about small toddlers, babies or kids, but they would tolerate quiet well-behaved older children on a quiet rural property.

Meow furr now.

Any enquiries purrlease contact Thames Animal Rescue, 532 Thames Coast Road, RD5, Thames 3575, (07) 868 2907

## Coromandel Lions

By Lion Lyn

Hello for midwinter! A great time to hibernate, but unfortunately that is something Lions don't do. Our last dinner meeting saw the Lion Rock passed to a very surprised Cyril Strongman, for helping out with club projects, often at very short notice! As a friend of the club Cyril, you are very much appreciated, many thanks!

Thanks also to our many mussel fritter munchers as you are helping us to grow funds for other community projects. We will next see you at the Illume Festival on **16 July**. May the weather be kind for that weekend. Our next meeting will see a change of officers, and we also say farewell to Lion Trish as she is stepping down (for now) because of family commitments. We will truly miss you.

Finally, thanks again to Coromandel Four Square for ongoing support, allowing us to clutter up your footpath! Till next month. Keep warm and safe.



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## Mana Update

By Penelope Carroll

We give thanks for the blessing of winter:  
season to cherish the heart  
to make warmth and quiet for the heart  
to make soups and broth for the heart  
to cook for the heart and read for the heart  
to curl up softly and nestle with the heart  
to sleep deeply and gently at one with the heart  
to dream with the heart  
to spend time with the heart  
a long, long time of peace with the heart...

– Michael Leunig

After a very busy first half of the year and a wonderful Winter Solstice Working Bee, Mana Retreat is closed through the month of July, allowing time “to cherish the heart” and to lavish extra care on our centre buildings and grounds. Last year we refurbished all of our bathrooms; this July the focus is on the kitchen and dining areas, doing minor repairs, painting shelves and refinishing kitchen bench tops and dining tables. Outside, work upgrading paths and creating a staff recreation area carried out at the solstice working bee, will continue. As usual we got heaps of work done at the working bee (a big Thank You to everyone who came and helped) while basking in the beauty that is Mana – and having a lot of fun!

### Many hands make light work

The solstice ritual facilitated by Mana manager Donna, provided a sacred space to turn inwards: “At this time of greatest darkness we help the light return by seeking a seed within that wants to grow into the light – what gifts do I have that will help give life to this?” This is a question for the heart as well as the mind; a question for each of us to reflect on through these dark winter months as the days imperceptibly lengthen, bringing more light.

As Leunig notes, winter is also the season to “make soups and broth for the heart”. Soup is always part of the dinner menu at Mana, but it is in winter that the comforting warmth of steaming bowls of soup is perhaps most appreciated. Below is the recipe for one of Donna’s favourite winter “soups for the heart” (serves 4).

**Comforting Green Soup:** Gently saute 2 chopped onions, several cloves of crushed garlic and 2 cups of chopped vegetables (kumara, pumpkin, potatoes) in 25 g of butter. Stir in 2 tsp of nutmeg, add 1 cup of water and simmer until all vegetables are soft. Add a large bunch of roughly shredded silver beet (no stalks) or spinach and cook a further few minutes until tender. Remove from heat, add 1 cup of cream (or milk, stock or water), then blend with a stick blender. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Heat through and serve with garlic bread.



Winter Solstice  
Working Bee

## Coromandel Patchwork and Quilters

By Sharon Currie

For our second meeting in June we are holding a Midwinter Christmas Dinner and have also invited our husbands and partners to attend. Robyn has planned a yummy menu to which we all contribute. We meet twice a month and it is a good time to catch up with friends and also work on projects without too many interruptions. It is always interesting to see quilts in the making. We also have a library with books, magazines and DVDs for inspiration.

This year in August we celebrate our 30th anniversary and we are combining this with Peninsula Day, which is a day for the groups around the Coromandel to get together to share ideas and quilts, meet up with old friends and make new ones.

Our meetings are held on 1st and 3rd (& 5th) Monday of the month 9.30am-4pm, St John Rooms, Tiki Rd, Coromandel. President Margaret Sinclair (07)866 7104, Secretary Barb Excell Ph (07) 866 7493



Quilt by Mary Hickman

## Coromandel Homegrown Community Market

By Michelle Shanks

Just a quick thank you to all who have supported us at the Coromandel Homegrown Community Market over the summer; from all the stallholders. We look forward to seeing you again when we reopen on **14 October** with new hours from 8am-1pm. It's such a fun and friendly environment; please come and check it out if you haven't already. And a big thank you to Pepper Tree Restaurant for providing us with the space and the best meals when we have our meetings. Have a wonderful winter from all the ladies at the Coromandel Homegrown Community Market.

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## Library News

By Raewyn McKinney

On behalf of the committee, I remind readers that the Coromandel Community Library is an independent library run by volunteers for the local community. We are always interested in feedback, whether it is from our subscribers or members of the community. "Tell all your friends if you are happy; tell us if you are not."

As with any organisation, we do have to work within a budget, and we are very careful when spending our money. When purchasing new books for the library, we have a pretty good idea of the sort of books most people wish to read, and which authors are popular. Of course, we do also have to take a chance on some new authors, and are particularly interested in readers' opinions on them. There is a book on the counter for suggestions of authors or titles of books for the library, and we do our best to satisfy these requests.

This month we have the latest works by favourite authors including M J Arlidge, Mark Billingham, Charles Cumming, Anne Holt, Tony Parsons, and Karen Swan, and we have more titles by Ann Cleeves. Other new acquisitions include:



### ***The Missing* by C. L. Taylor**

When fifteen-year-old Billy Wilkinson goes missing in the middle of the night, his mother, Claire, blames herself. There isn't a single member of Billy's family that doesn't feel guilty. But it isn't until six months later ... that the truth begins to surface.

### ***A Country Road, A Tree* by Jo Baker**

The pavement rumbles with the footfall of Nazi soldiers marching along the Champs Elysees. A young



writer, recently arrived from Ireland to make his mark, smokes one last cigarette with his lover before the city they know is torn apart. Soon, he will put his own life and those of his loved ones in mortal danger by joining the Resistance.

### ***The Course of Love* by Alain de Botton**

What does it mean to live happily ever after? Rabi and Kirsten's friends always ask them the same question: how did you meet? The answer comes easily – it's a happy story, one they both love to tell. But there is a second part to this story, the answer to a question their friends never ask: What happened next? .. This is the story of a marriage.

### ***Five Rivers Met On A Wooded Plain* by Barney Norris**

One quiet evening in Salisbury, the peace is shattered by a serious car crash. At that moment, five lives collide – a flower seller, a schoolboy, an army wife, a security guard, a widower – all facing their own personal disasters. The stories of all five unwind, drawn together by connection and coincidence into a web of love, grief, disenchantment and hope.



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

## Coromandel Contract Bridge Club

By Judy Bronlund

July is the month that we play for the Individual Championships. We are halfway through our calendar for the year, and these cold wintry evenings are making it hard to leave the warmth of our warm homes to play cards. Oops, last month I omitted to mention that Coastway Cutters was one of our tournament sponsors, sorry about that. New members and visitors are welcome to join us on a Monday evening at the St John rooms.

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

## Scott Simpson MP for Coromandel

I've been working hard around the electorate and busy recently touching base with community groups and local businesses.

I really enjoyed the opportunity to spend an evening at Hauraki House to see the Coromandel Players production of "Bothered and Bewildered". As always this group of very talented local amateur thespians put on a thoroughly professional performance in what was a witty, but also sad and challenging play about a family coping with dementia. The issues raised were very real and I'm sure struck a chord with all who attended. Providing for our aging population is a significant issue for government and I was very pleased that this year's Budget provided a huge increase in funding for health. This has been and will continue to be a key focus for the government.

### **Saving our native wildlife**

I support the aspirational goal for a "predator-free New Zealand". I'm hopeful there will be an even greater government focus on steps towards achieving this sooner rather than later. Introduced predators such as possums, stoats and rats are the single biggest threat to our native wildlife. While trapping and poisoning are effective they are not the complete answer and so I was pleased to see that a facility, built by the DOC-backed initiative Zero Invasive Predators (ZIP), to research new methods of pest control focussing on introduced predators has opened at Lincoln University. See MEG article on page 24 for more on this facility.



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## Kiwi Can

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

Nearly at the end of Term Two already and I am sure you are all looking forward to the holidays.

Over the last few weeks our Kiwi Can students have been learning the importance of taking care of our environment and the different ways that we can all contribute. When we take care of our environment we are ensuring that, not only ourselves but others are able to enjoy the surroundings. We also put these ideas into action when our Kiwi Can students did a rubbish pick up around our school and community.

Over the holidays our Kiwi Can leaders will be hard at work for the first week designing our lesson plans for Term Three. We hope you all have a meke holiday and we will see you all next term.

Nga mihi nui from Marlene, Jamie, Gemma, Emma and Natalie. [kiwican@cilt.org.nz](mailto:kiwican@cilt.org.nz)

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



## Coromandel Area School

### Pound Street Clean-Up

Thanks to Keith Stephenson and his helpers for tidying Pound Street stream area. We will be planting this out in shelter trees to protect our future orchard being organised by the green-fingered Rose Turner. Thanks to all who have helped so far.

### Sounds like Sounds! 20-25

**June at Hauraki House**  
Matt Sephton is transforming Hauraki House into a sound studio – the community is invited along to make music, create sounds and generally contribute to a CD track which will be expanded, made deeper, shorter, warped and all very, very exciting. We will be taking part. You are invited too.

### MEG

We have our Year Six students working with Viv Cory-Wright and MEG (Moehau Environ-

**COROMANDEL AREA SCHOOL**



mental Group) building stoat/rat/weasel traps every Friday afternoon. Students are highly engaged in the trap construction project. Viv met the three group co-ordinators – Natalie, Raine and Terry – and together they planned

a series of lessons about our unique environment and sustainability of this environment through proactive participation in a project to rid our area of imported kiwi-slayers. When completed, the individual traps will be placed by MEG with the students assisting. Well done, Year Six and Viv.

### What Happened to our Totara Tree?

On Monday morning, 23 May, the totara tree in front of the school was wearing a wide, beige bandage. Alasdair had propped it back up. It had been smashed by a car; we know that because there were skid marks by the tree.

This tree is special to us because Mr Beech planted it, and he was a wonderful man. He was our caretaker, and he did all the stuff at school that no one wanted to do.

Leading to this incident ... a break in at our Music Room. They smashed the door. They



Building stoat/rat/weasel traps



Damaged totara tree

stole the white Apple computer we used to find music videos which helped us with singing and playing. The thieves stole two bass and two electric guitars. They left two of the guitars behind in a school tree because they were the ones with problems.

The thieves still have our blue Washburn bass guitar, and a white and black Samick electric guitar, as well as the Apple computer. We always used them, everyone from ten years old to the big seniors. We are disappointed, annoyed, and would like to get them back. We are dependent on these instruments for concerts; we play at prizegivings and we played at the talent quest last year.

The band hasn't been as fluent since the incident. Hopefully our totara will recover.

Shame on you, the people who did this – Deveshh (guitar player), Charlotte and Maia.

## Coromandel Playcentre

By Jenna James

At Playcentre we take advantage of the opportunity to do the messy crafts we tend to avoid at home. We've had a few very successful activities, such as the "foam marbling" activity set up by one of our most crafty mums!

As well as making our Playcentre smell like it had just taken a shower, this activity also presented lots of learning opportunities for the children. It began with a white canvas of foam which initially may have looked a little intimidating! However, the children were able to follow the instructions to add colours of their choice and mix these into the shaving foam. Doing this alongside their peers gave them even more confidence to trial the activity. Their hesitation quickly cast aside as foam flew

and verbose chatter about what was happening on each of their trays filled the room! The children happily shared and took turns with the colours and navigated tricky foam "scraping" manoeuvres to reveal their final artworks. Watching their little faces excited by what they had produced is a priceless experience and one we welcome other mothers and their children to experience! Come and view our artwork and watch your child unleash their creative abilities too.

As I write we are preparing activities based around Matariki and as always invite you and your preschoolers to drop in on a Tuesday or a Friday session to join in on the fun.

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



Eli, Stella and Phoebe get their hands dirty in shaving foam!

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## Coromandel Community Preschool

By Debra Attwood



Well we are now into the second half of the year. Where has the time gone.

In June we participated in the Jump Rope for Heart campaign where our children were involved with activities to promote their spatial awareness, memory, mental alertness, balance and co-ordination, and learn more about healthy eating. Some of our parents and extended whānau came along to join in with some skipping and jump to music fun. As well as being good for our minds and bodies we were raising funds for the New Zealand Heart Foundation and we were pleased to raise around \$160 during the week. Thank you to all the children and families who went out and got some sponsorship for this very worthwhile cause.

By the time this goes to print we should have had our annual Matariki celebrations with kauri tree planting, harakeke weaving, our annual whānau hangi, and many more activities.

In July we will be having a float in the Illume Festival celebrations and we will once again be selling our colourful light batons. Come and see us in the main street outside Coastway Cutters.

During July we will also be celebrating a very special birthday. The Coromandel Community Preschool is turning 10 years old! Yes, we have been here serving our community and teaching your children for ten years. We will be holding an open day on **Friday 15 July** from 10am and we would like to invite all past, present and future members of the centre to come along and celebrate with us.

Since our last report we have celebrated birthdays in May and June for Hoani, Hannah, Carter-Jay, Kyron W, Zianna, Mary-Mei, George, Te Onetu, Reid, and Juan-Kaito and we wish them a very happy birthday. We said farewell to Ruby, Jayden R and Jayden W, who begin their learning journey at school. Welcome to Conner, Lily, Cassidy, Carter-Jay, Ava, Violet, Maia, George, Emelia, Lucy, Promise, Khymani, Harley and Punehu. We look forward to learning more about you and your whānau.

At present we have spaces available in our under 2's area so if you have a child this age and are looking at preschool options come along for a visit. We are full on the over 2 years side but if you are looking for a quality early childhood centre come along 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/Early-Childhood-School-Reports/Early-Childhood-Reports/Coromandel-Community-Preschool-18-11-2013>.

The centre operates Monday to Friday 8.30am-4pm. We are situated at 155 Pottery Lane. If you are interested call in for a visit or phone us on (07) 866 7570

## Coromandel Youth Group

By Nadine Smith

### School Holiday Programme July 2016

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The opening times for both weeks of the holidays: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 11.00am-4.00pm; \*Friday Night Social 6-9pm; Sunday 1-4pm.

There will be a variety of activities to choose from each day. All you need to do is fill in a membership form. Children can bring a packed lunch or money for a pie, hot chips or noodles. Entry fee is \$2 for Monday to Thursday sessions. Come in to browse our fundraising table for a bargain. For holiday programmes or for more information call in at the Youth Rooms, Hauraki House or telephone us on (07) 866 7061.

\* Friday night social is for students aged 11 to 14 years; all students must come inside to sign in upon arrival.

This programme is made possible by donations received for our fundraising table and grants from: Lottery Waikato, COGS, Trust Waikato, Coromandel Senior Settlement Trust & Coromandel Community Board. Thank You!

## Te Rerenga School

By Anna Yates



### Learning, it's what we do...

Term 2 is flying by with lots of exciting things happening in our school.

ElGregoe's annual visit blew everyone away with his never-ending magical illusions and important messages regarding how our behaviour at school affects those around us. As one of our students, Ellie Mikkelsen, stated during the show, we need to always "treat other people the way that we want to be treated". ElGregoe always reinforces this important message whilst he pulls parrots, birds and rabbits from boxes. This year he amazed us all by levitating above a table... something we are all still wondering about!

Our Room 4 class participated in their annual tree planting at Rings Beach and planted 66 native trees to help regenerate this important local taonga. Our students are always keen for opportunities to get their hands dirty and maximise opportunities provided by our local environment.

Our Room 4 class travelled to Auckland for the National Young Leaders Day, spending the day at the Vodafone Events Centre with 2000 other students. We have 18 Year 6-8 students in our senior class with only three leaving at the end of the year. We attended NYLD to build the leadership capacity of this core group we have stepping into leadership positions in 2017. We expect our senior students to lead by example in our playground, always looking out for and caring for our junior students. We also expect our seniors to run our school sharing assembly, help organise events and help us to make decisions that make our school an amazing place to be. Our students listened to a range of inspirational speakers and took away some important messages for life as well as leadership. Messages that stood out for our students were "You don't need a badge to be a leader, anyone can be a leader", "Always listen to your mother", "Do the right thing even if you want to do the left thing", and "Never let people judge you on what you look like".

Our Board of Trustees election has occurred and we have Paula Williams, Richard White, Shane Simpson and Shelley Corles returning to our BOT for a second term. It is

fantastic for our school to have this proactive, committed and enthusiastic Board of Trustees governing our school, helping to ensure we continue to meet the needs of all of our learners and their families.



Some of our Room 4 learners at the photobooth at National Young Leaders Day



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# Arts

## Coromandel Players

By Don Hughes

Thank you Coromandel theatre goers. Three performances "house full" and one nearly so, showed you are appreciative of plays with a serious tone as well as laughter.

Thanks too, to all the people who have helped in many small but important ways. From lending props and costume, to giving encouragement.

Finally of course, my thanks to the cast and all the supporting crew, for bringing to life so well a difficult but rewarding play. You won't forget this one!



Consultant (Jim Davis) listens to sisters Beth (Liz Cameron) and Louise (Debbie Morgan)



Barbara Cartland (Anne Zeeland) offers her opinion as Irene (Barbara O'Reilly) talks to daughter Beth (Liz Cameron)



Above: James (Kim Radick) says goodbye to young Irene (Taylor Port)



Left: Beth (Liz Cameron) watches as her mum (Barbara O'Reilly) asks to be arrested by policeman (Tim Fuller)

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## Coromandel Music Society

By Robin Münch



### A Jazzy Night at the Club

Join us at the Club for an evening of smooth jazz with Jani Dennis and Paul Lee of Soul Sax Plus and flautist Helen Lee from the Mercury Bay Big Band.

Jani and Paul have been performing around Coromandel and the Auckland Area for over 20 years, have completed two successful South Island tours and been regular performers at the Bay of Islands Jazz and Blues Festival.

They have five original albums inspired by living in the beautiful Coromandel and one covers album, "take 5 with Soul Sax Plus". Paul plays tenor and soprano sax, alto flute, clarinet, keyboard and vocal. Jani plays keyboard, tenor recorder and vocal.

Helen has vast experience as a flautist and has played in a number of bands performing jazz, rock, soul, classical, reggae and more.

To warm up the evening, we'll be serving soup and rolls for just \$5 and the bar will be open.

Date: **Friday 8 July** at 7.00pm (doors open at 6.00pm for soup and bar).

Venue: The Club, Woollams Ave, Coromandel.

Tickets: Coromandel Information Centre ph (07) 866 8598 and door sales. Full price \$20, gold card holders \$15.

## Secrets Gifts and Memories

Comments from the exhibition Secrets Gifts and Memories opening night on 10 June:

"A delight... art which is so living and so gentle." – a visitor from Hawkes Bay.

"So releasing to produce work which is not stuck in preconceptions of what will sell." – Memories artist.

"Hugely pleasurable, fun to create an inner space that felt so freeing. No constraints – straight from the heart." – Memories artist.

"To be able to come to your little home town, take your kids to the playground and wander in to the art gallery. To find work of a calibre equal to anything you could find in galleries in Auckland or Wellington. And it's really important, we artists have to do this." – Coromandel artist.

"Having this here has added another dimension for our theatre audience."

"Enjoyed seeing something new and something different."

"How exciting – Coromandel!" – Art teacher, Thames

"Along with the individual artworks is a table where each of the participating artists have been invited to bring a selection of objects and items from their individual memory banks... their withdrawals are as moving and thought provoking as their individual artworks." – John Perry (art writer)

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Every Friday 4.30-6.30pm at Art Room, Hauraki House. Open invitation to artists. Share thoughts and inspiration or just socialise. Open to all Coromandel artists.

Are you an artist or intending artist who would like to know more? Drop us a line at [info@wtscoromandel.org](mailto:info@wtscoromandel.org)

## Coromandel Art Group

By Lindsay Nicholls

Last week we had a great tutorial day with Paul Deacon, from the Auckland area, an established artist well known for his marine art.

We worked as a group on landscapes and Paul instructed us on his techniques and methods. We all had a fabulous day and really enjoyed Paul's approach to the art world.

Everyone learnt something and many a painting was well under construction by the time the day drew to a close. Well done Linda for painting of the day as chosen by Paul!

I'm sure there will now be a few more converted oil painters amongst us after this. Of course we stopped to have another amazing lunch with a great variety.

Paul loves the Coromandel so I'm sure we'll see more of him. Our next workshop will be in watercolour with Val Tubman from Waihi.

It's great to see our membership now to full capacity again. Welcome aboard the new members, we hope you'll get lots out of the club and bring in some new ideas of your own to share with us.



Tutor for the day: Paul Deacon, a well known marine artist



One of Paul's lovely paintings

## Pastel Artists Coromandel

By Christine Lunn

Our group continues to expand and our new members are bringing and sharing their different skills with the group. Tuesday mornings are a mixture of fun and dedicated work with lots of sharing and learning from both pastel and pencil artists.

Our upcoming exhibition provisionally called "Mainly Pastels" is to be held at Hauraki House in Coromandel Town over Labour Weekend 2016. The exhibition will be open to the public from **20 October** from midday to 4pm, **21-24 October** from 10am to 4pm, and on **25 October** from 10am to midday. This exhibition will show the visitors how versatile pastel painting is.

Pastel Artists of Coromandel meet Tuesday mornings 9am to midday at the Coromandel Aero Club rooms on Tiki Road. Visitors are welcome to call in and meet members of the group.

Current members have considerable experience and still work in other media but they dedicate Tuesday mornings to pastel, charcoal and coloured pencil work.

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



Allan Beaver's Teddy Bears in Pastel



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# Environmental

## Driving Creek Wildlife Sanctuary

### Release of the Rare Coromandel Striped Gecko

Coromandel  
Striped  
Gecko



An adult male and female Coromandel Striped Gecko (Toropuku "Coromandel") were recently released into the Driving Creek Wildlife Sanctuary in Coromandel. Prior to release DOC staff Rob Chappell and Les Moran fitted each

gecko with a tiny 0.7 gram radio transmitter and for the following 10 days their movements were tracked 3 to 4 times a day over a 24-hour period. Before their release, herpetologist Doug Ashby had held these two geckos in captivity for the past six years so that observations could be made of these secretive animals. Over that time DOC learned much about their breeding and growth rates as prior to the release of the two radio-tagged geckos very little was known about their habits in the wild. The release and subsequent observations of these geckos is the first attempt by DOC to better understand their natural habits.

The first recorded sighting of this rare Coromandel Striped Gecko was in 1998 and since then only 32 discovered animals have been found. Fifteen of these have been released into the Driving Creek Wildlife Sanctuary as a safe environment for them.



Tom and Wailin Elliott, Trustees of the Driving Creek Wildlife Sanctuary releasing the two Coromandel Striped Geckos. Photo by Lesley McKay

DOC would welcome any reports of sightings and any photos of Coromandel Striped Geckos. Please contact Rob Chappell, DOC, Coromandel, 027 475 0982 or [rchappell@doc.govt.nz](mailto:rchappell@doc.govt.nz)

## Apology to Waikato Regional Council

Dear Chair, Paula Southgate,

You have determined that I must apologise to Waikato Regional Council, and that the complainant Cr L Livingston requires the apology to be made public. You have determined that I must acknowledge that I will visit Democracy Services for guidance, which I acknowledge.

You have also stated that I was acting in a personal capacity when requesting information from district councils and councillors – of which I disagree.

Here is my apology.

I am sorry for sending an email to all district mayors and councillors – with regard to the pending 35-year 1080 poison resource consent application jointly submitted by the Department of Conservation, TBFree, and Waikato Regional Council – and identifying that the district councils hadn't been consulted when the applicants stated in their application that they had.

I am sorry that when consultation is undertaken by the contractors and poisoning agencies with landowners, prior to every aerial 1080 poison drop, that it is inaccurate and misleading.

I am sorry that 1080 poison, one of the most deadly poisons on Earth, and without antidote, is dropped directly into most, if not all waterways when aerial operations are undertaken in the Waikato Region.

I am sorry that there is enough poison dropped across every acre of land and water to kill over 40 small children. Tens of thousands of acres are poisoned every year.

I am sorry that our Council voted against notifying our communities appropriately, when 1080 poison is dropped directly into the water they draw for their personal, and their animals' needs.

I am sorry that the Council-commissioned Draft Mitchell Report, and the eight recommendations – including the one that stated 1080 poison should be kept out of waterways – was passed by ICM staff, back to the agencies the Report was critiquing, so that the eight recommendations could be diluted and reduced, without the councillors on the working group knowing the Draft Report existed.

I am sorry that poisoned animals are left in the forests where they can poison other wildlife, and that poisoned carcasses are also left in waterways to decompose, and in some cases cause large spikes in E. coli residues in the month following the aerial discharges.

I am sorry that our Council permits the distribution from air, of a very cruel and inhumane poison, which kills 1000's of animals and birds every year, and I am sorry that families every year have their pets poisoned as a result of the 1080 poison drops.

I am sorry that the majority of research that is referenced to justify the aerial drops is of such poor scientific quality that independent, international peer review is avoided.

However, my apology is not to Waikato Regional Council, but to the people of the Waikato Region. It is our Council that issues the resource consents that permit these atrocities to take place on a weekly basis. For that I am sorry.

Clyde Graf – Councillor

*Disclaimer – These are my personal comments, not necessarily those of Council.*



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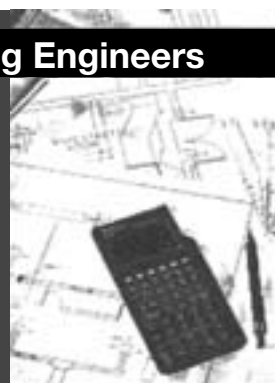
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## Animal Poison Science

By John Veysey

Jeremy Kerr, the blackmailer who terrorised the country with his threat to put 1080 poison into baby formula, has been convicted, not only of blackmail but of outstanding drugs charges. Sentencing comes up in July.

Kerr had long been involved with a company called Connovation. Connovation is a company formed by a group of "scientists" working for the government to furnish scientific evidence of any benefit which might be accrued from the use of their wild animal poisons.

In the nineties aerial 1080 met increasing opposition and despite more and more scientific man-hours going into researching 1080, the questions were not getting satisfactorily answered. As public outcry against the use of 1080 reached Wellington it became clear that a substitute product might eventually be needed to replace 1080 and the researchers began experimenting with new poison formulations. A winning formula could bring a fortune to the maker. Connovation could be that "maker".

In 1994 Jeremy Kerr thought he had found the golden egg with his encapsulated cyanide. He soon had a trial plot going on the Coromandel. After releasing it into the wild, Feratox killed only the target possum. Secondary poisoning literally did not happen with Feratox. Too good to be true. As a humane and safe poison Feratox has no equal – but it didn't kill rats. It was too safe.

DOC keeps finding new "predators" which 1080 can kill and any replacement poison will have to be able to kill rats. Bad luck Feratox. For twenty years Kerr was stewing, seemingly unrewarded.

And how do we know a new product will kill rats?

They feed poison to rats till they die.

And what about the other animals who eat the dead rats?

Research into the effects of poison means feeding various animals with poisons and watching them die. Lethal dose = such and such - tick the box. The researchers whose job it is to research these poison products must become immune to the cruelty they are watching.

Connovation has published their opinions on the mode of death from the top four poisons of the day: "21 days to die, 7 days bleeding, distress, pain, lameness. 20 hours-retching/vomiting crouched. 10 hours retching vomiting and seizures. 4 days pain, lameness, paralysis of hind limbs, bleeding." Not everyone is suited to animal poison research.

In order for a new animal poison product to be allowed on the market it must be approved by the Environment Protection Agency.

Connovation produces many different animal poison products using a dozen different poisons. Two of their products, Cholecalciferol and Diphacinone are being tested right now on plots at the top end of Waikawau North. Coromandel has been the testing ground for both these poisons for nearly twenty years now. Cholecalciferol is marketed with the promise that your dog probably won't die from secondary poisoning because Connovation fed poisoned rats and poisoned possums to dogs and the dogs didn't die so no worries - except that, when their Cholecalciferol was distributed in the Coromandel hills, local dogs did get poisoned and some of them did die. Local dogs continue to die from licking possums poisoned by DOC's Cholecalciferol but the safe marketing slogan persists.

Those who spread the poison must be hardened in a similar way as the researchers. Or are they unaware? Can it be that some poisoners enthusiastically filling bait-stations with bait have never seen the results of their work? There are helicopter pilots who have spread poison over hundreds of thousands of hectares and have never once seen an animal die from their poisoning. There is a lack of responsibility in all poisoning operations. The poison is spread and left. The poisoner, unlike the trapper, never faces his victim. Deliberate poisoning is disrespectful to all other forms of life, to your neighbour and to all those who, over the last 20 generations, have taken a large part of their diet in wild pork.

All of this poisoning in our area is because possums are not trapped. Why not? Some members of enviro-groups such as at Moehau and Whenuakite, can diligently trap rats and stoats, even cats, walking monthly around trap-lines and keeping tallies but, for some reason, they cannot trap possums. When it's time to knock a few possums on the head DOC, Regional Council and these funded private groups all resort to poison. It makes no sense.

Unless you work for DOC or Connovation.

## Coromandel Kiwi Project

By Jeff Williams

Recently, I attended the Conservation Inc 2 conference. This was a three-day event for people involved with citizen-led conservation efforts across New Zealand. The time spent there was inspirational, to say the least.

The conference brought individuals from conservation groups into close contact with leadership representatives of government, iwi, Department of Conservation, funding organizations, scientists, and more. We all heard their perspectives on conservation efforts – what their challenges are, where they see opportunities, and how they perceive collaborative efforts moving forward.

Of particular significance to me were presentations on a few highly successful community conservation projects. Reconnecting Northland ([reconnectingnorthland.org.nz](http://reconnectingnorthland.org.nz)) is successfully integrating groups and projects across Northland's diverse communities to establish conservation awareness as a priority for all. Crofton Downs – Predator Free has turned the Wellington suburb of Crofton Downs into the first pest-free community in New Zealand. And students from three Dunedin high schools spoke about their personal efforts and excitement for conservation.

It was inspirational to hear the specifics of projects like these (and others) – specifics that we might consider for the benefit of our own community.

The Coromandel Kiwi Project is a community-led conservation group that enhances biodiversity around Coromandel Township by removing human-introduced pests from the area. Join us. Support us. Contact [coromandelkiwiproject@meg.org.nz](mailto:coromandelkiwiproject@meg.org.nz)

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# Environmental continued

## Zero-ing In On Predators

By Natalie Collicott

This month I am on secondment with Zero Invasive Predators (ZIP), a research and development organisation tasked with finding innovative solutions to help New Zealand become predator free. Noone would deny it is a BHAG (Big Hairly Audacious Goal). But ZIP are confident that large swathes of mainland New Zealand could be kept predator free.

The ZIP team of whiz-kids are developing a "remove and defend" strategy which entails eradicating rats, stoats and possums from areas and then preventing them from ever coming back. To do this, they are enlarging the bag of tricks conservationists have to work with, developing better tools and techniques to allow pest control and biosecurity monitoring to be scaled up.

I will be working alongside their field team to monitor the assortment of traps and monitoring devices stationed in the hills. The trap-lines are much more intensive than those used on the Coromandel, with traps on virtually every tree as far as the eye can see; 3-4 tools every 10m on the front defence lines, and every 20m on the lines within the larger protected zone. A deadly mix of traps, baitstations and detection tools are alternated to prevent animals slipping through



undetected.

Because eradication is the goal, ZIP are putting a lot of effort into developing better monitoring tools which will automatically alert managers to when an incursion has taken place.

This will be critical to the long-term success of mainland eradication, where terrain and scale will make intensive monitoring uneconomic. At Bottle Rock, small electronic nodes on a trap send a text message when they have been triggered, notifying the field team the trap has been sprung. Another concept in development is a trail camera that can detect and identify predators, and also interact with them by playing sound or footage as a lure. Imagine a possum drawn to a camera because he sees and hears footage of a lady possum.

ZIP are working on loads of exciting projects, and seem to have the licence to explore any zany idea that promises conservation benefits. They are very open to sharing their ideas, and their research evolves rapidly, meaning they test ideas quick-fire and change tack if something isn't showing promise. It has been very inspiring to rub shoulders with a bunch of mad scientists, and gives me hope that a Predator Free New Zealand may not be as far off as I thought.

## Winter Lecture Series

Thanks to everyone who came along to one of our free Winter Lecture Series. This month we'll be learning about bird identification. These public talks are hosted at Moon Hair Salon, behind the Chai Tea House, and kick off at 7pm. All welcome. Come get cosy beside the fire with a warming drink. The series will continue through August with a scheduled talk each month.

**4 July:** Bird identification through song and flight. Kathi Parr and Wayne Todd will discuss how to identify birds by their song, flight patterns and other behaviours.

August (date TBC): Native frogs – what's happening? Professor Ben Bell from Victoria University will talk about the local Hochstetter's and Archey's frog populations.

Moehau Environment Group is a non-profit volunteer organisation dedicated to the protection and enhancement of the natural environment of the Northern Coromandel. Please get in touch with Natalie Collicott, MEG Coordinator (07) 866 5337. Email: [natalie@meg.org.nz](mailto:natalie@meg.org.nz) or go to [www.meg.org.nz](http://www.meg.org.nz)

## Harbour saved from mining

By Lora Mountjoy

The gold prospecting permit over the Schedule Four waters of the Coromandel Harbour is gone. This is a huge win for all the passionate and committed people who came out and opposed Sea Group Holdings on the water, on the mud flats, in the streets of our town and across the internet.

To all the creative minds that made beautiful art in the name of the harbour, to all the generous souls that helped us fundraise towards Sir Geoffrey Palmer's damning report, and to all those who had our backs, thank you. This win proves we can protect that which we love and which sustains us.

Throughout the time we were dealing with this threat, we had the support of our talented and hard-working president Ruby Powell. Inevitably, Ruby's talents attracted notice further afield. After fulfilling some short term contracts with Greenpeace in New Zealand, Ruby will now travel to South America to further her experience as a defender of our at-risk planet. It is with mixed feelings that we accept her resignation, wish her well in this venture and look forward to her safe return.

CLAIM is a grassroots group dedicated to protecting the northern Coromandel from mining. If you want to know more contact us at [claimcoromandel@gmail.com](mailto:claimcoromandel@gmail.com) or check out the Facebook page Coromandel Watchdog of Hauraki



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# Sport

## Spirit of Coromandel Trust Update

By Debra Attwood



For those of you who are new to the area or are unaware of our organisation and our vision, we are a community organisation and we organise sporting events under the ARC Adventure Racing Coromandel banner. These events include the Flight Centre K2 Cycle Race, the ARC Adventure Race and the Cranleigh Kauri Run. The net proceeds from these races go into the Spirit of Coromandel Trust which has been established to encourage and support local people, particularly youngsters, into sporting and outdoor activities and to put something back into the land that we use for the enjoyment of future generations.

### Outdoor Education Centre

Our long-term goal is to establish an Outdoor Education Centre around northern Coromandel. The centre would be designed to have a combination of marine and outdoor activities such as adventure racing, trekking, mountain biking, abseiling, coasteering, bush craft, sailing, kayaking, snorkeling, diving, and many more activities.

We have a vision that a centre like this would be sustainable, focused on youth and the environment and run under the principles of protection – partnership – participation.

Since 2001 we have been sending local youth from around the Peninsula on outdoor education courses to Outward Bound, Turangi Hillary Outdoor Pursuits Centre, and Spirit of Adventure. To date there have been over 100 youth go on these courses to promote personal growth. We now want to be able to offer more by opening our own centre.

If you feel that you can help us in these endeavours contact Rita Stephenson on ph: (07) 866 8613.

### Kauri Tree Planting

Every year after the Cranleigh Kauri Run we plant a kauri tree for each and every person who competed in the event, we will be planting these trees on **Sunday 17 July** and we would like to invite any past competitors or community members who would like to join us in this great, environmentally friendly event. We will be gathering at Keith and Rita Stephenson's house at 8am to go up to Colville to plant the trees.

### Flight Centre K2 Cycle Race

The Flight Centre K2 is possibly the toughest one-day cycle challenge in the Southern Hemisphere. It is also one of the most scenic and varied with the route travelling through subtropical forest, Pacific coastlines, rural farmland and the pohutukawa coastline of the Hauraki Gulf.

The event is named after Kuaotunu, an enchanting community on the wild eastern coastline of the Coromandel Peninsula. In Maori, the name Kuaotunu means "to inspire fear in young animals". The 2 represents the almost 200km that the ride will cover. By coincidence K2 is the 2nd highest, and probably the most difficult to climb, mountain in the world.

This next race marks the 15th anniversary of the Flight Centre K2 and the race will start in Tairua and travel in an anticlockwise direction through Whitianga, Coromandel, Thames and back to Tairua.

There is an event distance for you, from the 43 km Nicholas Browne Challenge, the 106km Cervelo K1, or the main event, the 192km Flight Centre K2.

Stage 1 Tairua-Whitianga 43km; Stage 2 Whitianga-Coromandel 43km; Stage 3 Coromandel-Thames 53km; Stage 4 Thames-Tairua 53km; Total 192km.

So take up the challenge, get into some riding and give one of these distances a go. For further information check out our website, Facebook page "The Flight Centre K2 Cycle Race" or contact us.

For entry details and more information check our website [www.arcevents.co.nz](http://www.arcevents.co.nz)

## Coromandel Croquet Club

By Judy Bronlund

We are still playing croquet over winter. We meet on a Tuesday and Saturday morning, weather permitting, as well as on a Thursday afternoon. An extra layer of clothing helps to keep the chill away. Please feel free to join us if you would like to play a game of croquet.

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# Sport

## Coromandel Golf Club

By Peter Gray



Allan Beaver has continued on his merry winning ways, by taking out the Beaver Cup (handicap match play). Allan Beaver prevailed over Allan Rose in the semi, while Bruce Fitzpatrick defeated Colin McNeil, to set up the final between Allan Beaver and Bruce Fitzpatrick, with Allan winning on the day.

Although the Cup is not named after Allan Beaver – as the day is “relived”, the naming rights have been questioned.

The Coromandel Ladies organised and sponsored their now annual Coromandel mixed open on Saturday 4 June. 34 players teed off with the pairing of Joan Evans and Les O’Leary taking out the event. The talk of the day was Joan’s near miss hole-in-one leaving the ball only 25mm from the hole and finished off with the only two for the day. Ron had a sigh of relief – a big field for a “hole-in-one shout”. The day conclude with a meal of hearty soups and prize giving.

The Presidents Cup was played on Saturday 11 June with Robin Attwood 41pts, taking out the Cup from Ross Mudgway 39pts.

It seems that Darryl O’Keeffe saves himself for the last Wednesday of the month, taking out another meat pack winning May’s with 41pts from Ed Buckett 38 and Kevin Verner 37.

The Club has made another major machinery acquisition, purchasing a sand spreader, to assist with the maintenance of the greens, and reducing the workload of our “ageing” volunteers. The purchase would not have been possible without a grant of 50% towards the purchase price from the NZCT. Delivery will be mid-June.

Diary Entry – The popular and worthy fundraiser – Daffodil Day for the Cancer Society is scheduled on **Saturday 20 August**.

### Calendar – July

**Saturday 2 July** – Neilsen Cup Rd2

**Saturday 16 July** – Neilsen Cup Rd3

**Wednesday 27 July** – Meat Pack /

Laurie Olliff Trophy

**Saturday 30 July** – Captains Trophy

## Coromandel Gymnastics Club

By Teresa Brownbridge

The gymnastics year is now in full swing with a very busy junior class. This class also now has an extension group that is undergoing some extra instruction in order to prepare them for the senior class to come. These are gymnasts that will soon transition through and they are receiving the boost that they need now in order to compete at a higher level.

Hamilton City Gymnastics: Gym for All competition:

The senior competition group have just participated in their first major recreational competition and they were amazing. Even though we are a small club without even all the equipment that many others take for granted, our students placed in every division.

This was an extremely well run day with over 200 gymnasts competing in different levels and groups and a real test for our students.

The coaches are very proud of these gymnasts and all that they have achieved so far: Stacey Lang – 3rd Beam, 5th Overall; Meadow Brighthouse – 4th Overall; Emma Scott – 5th Overall; Charlotte Kite – 1st Beam, 3rd Overall; Beth Simpson – 1st Vault, 4th Overall; Katie Walker – 3rd Floor, 3rd Beam, 2nd overall; Kalia Dziwulska – 3rd Beam, 5th Overall.

We are looking forward to competing again soon; watch this space.

### Equipment in the Gym

We hoping this year to continue with our purchasing plan in order for the club to grow alongside the strengths and expertise of its gymnasts. There are now some larger items such as uneven bars that we need in order to be able to continue to compete and train effectively.

### Uniforms and Leotards

The club is also actively looking into this now for the senior girls especially, but we hope to have a range of gym wear available including leotards, gym shorts and tops for boys and girls in any of our classes.

See you in class...



Beth, Kalia, Katie, Charlotte with their awards and medals

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

By Debra Attwood

With winter upon us and the pool currently closed for the season we would like to take this time to take a breather and send out some well deserved thanks to everyone who has supported the Community Swimming Pool throughout our last season and over the years that we have been open from our first beginnings way back in the year 2000. We would like to thank all the funding agencies that have supported us this last year. They include Internal Affairs through the Community Organisation Grants Scheme, Trust Waikato, Thames Coromandel District Council, The Coromandel Sea Rescue Group, Coromandel Senior Settlement Trust and the Coromandel Swimming Club. Your support has been invaluable and has allowed us to provide our community with a valuable asset allowing thousands of people to enjoy our outdoors by using the swimming pool for many different activities, from learn to swim programmes, schools water safety, swimming and outdoor education, swimming for fitness, injury rehabilitation, walking and general all-round fun for the whole family. We would like to thank all the people who came along to support the pool throughout the year. A huge thank you to all our volunteers who assisted in keeping the morning swimming times open; it is a big undertaking to get up at around 5.00am six days a week for six months to voluntarily open the pool. We hope to see you all again next year.

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



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## Coromandel Recreational Fishing Club

By Allison Brown

I have heard that the fishing is still going great with lots of good catches being caught in and around Coromandel islands and reefs.

We were all prepared to go out on Queen's Birthday weekend but piked out and thought it was too cold. Wished we had made the effort now as I believe it was very good. It's anyone's guess what the winter months are going to bring so it's just a matter of getting out there.

Our next Club meeting will be the AGM which will be on **24 July** at the Admirals Arms Hotel at 1.30pm. If you can come along please feel most welcome as we need support and input into the running of the Club and new members joining up.

Fish of the Month for July is blue cod for club members.

Fish for the Month of May was snapper and won by Club member Nikki Stephenson with a 7.670kg snapper. Congratulations Nikki.

Here's to tight lines and good fishing over the winter months. With the way the time is flying by it will be spring before we know it.

## Coromandel Swimming Club

By Debra Attwood

Another season has now been completed with the holding of our AGM and Prize Giving. This is a time for us to celebrate the successes of all our swimmers, from the littlies in our learn to swim classes who have all improved immensely, right up to our club juniors, club members and competitive squad members. You have all put in an enormous amount of effort; I hope you have had fun along the way.

### Results from our Prize Giving:

8-Year-Old Boys: First – Te Mauri Renata; Second – Caleb Grice; Third – Alexander Stone.

8-Year-Old Girls: First – Kokowai Uamairangi; Second – Stella Barr; Third – Rangitahua Keelan.

9-Year-Old Boys: First – Ngakau Cameron; Second – Abhijit Jassowal.

9-Year-Old Girls: First – Hineariki Lewis; Second – Kalia Dziwulska; Third – Katie Walker

10-Year-Old Boys: First – Deveshh Bali; Second – Zane McNeil; Third – Tane Williams

10-Year-Old Girls: First – Charlotte Kite; Second – Casey Hooper.

11-Year-Old Boys: First – Marco Baylis.

11-Year-Old Girls: First – Kaiya Kerrison; Second – Jongrak Crawley.

12-Year-Old Boys: First – Daniel Stone

12-Year-Old Girls: First – Sheridan O'Keefe; Second – Anna Stevenson; Third – Emily James

13-Year-Old Girls: First – Taleisha Dawson

14-Year-Old Boys: First – Jovial Jassowal; Second – Tangaroa Lewis; Third – Ethan Taylor-Evans

Junior Boys Swimmer of the Year: Deveshh Bali

Junior Girls Swimmer of the Year: Hineariki Lewis

Senior Boys Swimmer of the Year: Jovial Jassowal

Senior Girls Swimmer of the Year: Taleisha Dawson

Most Improved Swimmer of the Year: Charlotte Kite

Overall Points Winner for Swimmer of the Year: Deveshh Bali

Congratulations to all our winners. We would also like to thank all the volunteers who have helped out throughout the season especially the instructors in our learn to swim programme: Debra, Michelle, Felicity, Sarah, Ron, Karena, and Latisha and our swimming club coaches Debra, Michelle and Simon. We look forward to seeing you all back next season.

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

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**COROMANDEL AREA SCHOOL** Board of Trustees' Election Results Parent representative votes: Garland, Steve 15; Hide-Bayne, Deborah 28; Kirsch, Daniel 26; Morgan, Abby 28; Wirihana, Sonia 33; Invalid Votes 1. I hereby declare the following duly elected: Deborah Hide-Bayne, Daniel Kirsch, Abby Morgan, Sonia Wirihana. Staff Representative: As there was only one nomination received, I hereby declare Yvette Storey duly elected. Signed Joan Bridge, Returning Officer.

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## Every Monday

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

## Every Tuesday

Homeschoolers' gathering, Julene (07) 866 8005.....8.30-9am  
 Mahamudra Centre, guided meditation in gomp.....8.30-9am  
 Colville Bay Pre-School, rear Colville School, cr  
 (07) 866 8319.....9am-3pm  
 Coro Walking Group, Ruth (07) 866 7246.....9am  
 Colville Social Services Collective, Colville Hall,  
 (07) 866 6920.....9am-3pm  
 Kohanga Reo o Kapanga, (07) 866 8417.....9am-3pm  
 Music and Dance, Elim Church- Preschoolers Dance Group, Dawn  
 (07) 866 8150.....9.30-11am  
 Coro Ladies Golf, Peter (07) 866 7633.....tee off 10am  
 Yoga, Colville Hall, (07) 866 6612.....10am  
 Croquet, Woollams Ave, Kaye (07) 866 8968.....9.45am  
 Coromandel Playcentre, Woollams Ave.....10.30am-1pm  
 Narcotics Anonymous meeting, 021 314 467.....12 noon  
 500 card session at the Bowling Club, (07) 866 8886.....1pm  
 Coro Gym – Fitness and Fun, Judy (07) 866 8637.....1pm  
 Coro Cub Scouts, Scout Hall, Hauraki House,  
 Abby Morgan (07) 211 9790.....4-6pm  
 Ambulance training, Felix (07) 866 8279.....7-9pm  
 Coro Motorcycle Club, Star & Garter,  
 John (07) 866 6776.....7-9pm  
 Badminton, school gymnasium, racquets available bring non-marking  
 sports shoes contact Lorraine (07) 866 7606.....6.30pm

## Every Wednesday

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

## Every Thursday

Mahamudra Centre, guided meditation in gomp.....8.30-9am  
 Coro Walking Group, Ruth (07) 866 7246.....9am  
 Coro Art Group, St Andrew's Church,  
 Val (07) 866 8911.....9am-12pm  
 Colville Bay Pre-School, rear Colville School,  
 (07) 866 8319.....9am-3pm  
 Kohanga Reo o Kapanga, (07) 866 8417.....9am-3pm  
 Tai Ji, Top Floor, Waikato Events Centre,  
 Sol (07) 866 8971.....10-11am  
 Coro Gym – Fitness & Fun, Judy (07) 866 8637.....10.30am

Coro Gym – Ukulele group practice for beginners,  
 Peg (07) 866 8635.....12.30pm  
 Croquet, Woollams Ave, Kaye (07) 866 8968.....12.30pm  
 Bowling Club Housie, Sharan (07) 866 7760.....from 1pm  
 Coro Community Garden, Glover St,  
 Louis (07) 866 8866.....2-4pm  
 Coro Gym – Kick fit with Christajo, 021 033 9329.....5.30-6.30pm

## Every Friday

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

## Every Saturday

Mahamudra Centre, guided meditation in gomp.....8.30-9am  
 Croquet, Woollams Ave, Kaye (07) 866 8968.....9.45am  
 Coromandel Golf Club-club play, Hauraki Rd,  
 Peter (07) 866 7633.....tee off 12.30pm  
 Coromandel RSA, Ian (07) 866 7138  
 (winter 1st, 3rd & 5th Sat only).....4-10pm  
 St Colman's Catholic Church-mass,  
 Rings Rd, Frieda (07) 866 7872.....5pm  
 Prayers for dead and healing,  
 Mahamudra Centre, (07) 866 6851.....5-6pm

## Every Sunday

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

## Monthly

**1st Mon** – Coro Patchwork & Quilters, Ambulance rooms,  
 Jill (07) 866 7484.....9.30am-3.30pm  
**2nd Mon** – Friendship Group, Jocelyn (07) 866 7101  
**3rd Mon** – Coro Patchwork & Quilters, Ambulance rooms,  
 Jill (07) 866 7484.....9.30am-3.30pm  
**3rd Mon** – Alzheimer's Carers' Group, Retirement Village Hall, bring  
 plate & koha, (07) 282 0453.....10.30am  
**1st Tue** – Coro Motorcycle Club general business  
 John (07) 866 6776.....7.30pm  
**2nd Tue** – Coromandel/Colville Cmty Board, Council Chambers,  
 (07) 866 1001.....9am  
**2nd Tue** – RSA, club rooms, Ian Franklyn (07) 866 7138.....9am  
**2nd Tue** – Public Trust, Harcourts, 0800 368 620.....by appt  
**1st Wed** – Coro Embroiderers' Guild, Ambulance Station, Jill  
 Wilson (07) 866 7484.....10am-3pm  
**1st Wed** – Lions Dinner Meeting, Ambulance Rooms;  
 Pres. John Rabarts (07) 866 8068.....6pm  
**2nd Wed** – Garden Circle, ph Julie Jensen for venue,  
 (07) 866 7546.....1pm  
**3rd Wed** – Lions Business Meeting, Ambulance Rooms;  
 Pres. John Rabarts (07) 866 8068.....7pm  
**4th Wed** – RSA Women's Section, Club rooms,  
 Loes Beaver (07) 866 8053.....1.30pm  
**2nd Thu** – Coromandel Writers' Group,  
 Barbara (07) 866 8299.....10.30am-2.30pm  
**4th Thu** – Coro SeniorNet, school music room,  
 Loes (07) 866 8053.....1.30pm  
**3rd Sat** – Luncheon Ladies, Lorraine (07) 866 8144.....12pm  
**1st Sun** – Coro School of Mines & Historical Sty/Museum,  
 (07) 866 8711.....4pm  
**1st Sun** – St Andrew's Union church service, Rings Rd,  
 (07) 866 8633.....10am  
**2nd Sun** – Christ Church service, Tiki Rd,  
 Barbara O'Reilly (07) 866 8299.....10am  
**2nd Sun** – Young Eagles, Tiki Rd, Lisa (07) 866 2055.....9am  
**3rd Sun** – St Andrew's Union church service, Rings Rd,  
 Hilda (07) 866 8633.....10am  
**4th Sun** – Christ Church service, Tiki Rd,  
 Barbara O'Reilly (07) 866 8299.....10am  
**5th Sun** – Christ Church/St Andrew's share.....10am

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Tuesday and Thursday  
1.30pm-5.30pm


Saturday 10.30am-5.30pm  
Sunday 11.30am-7.30pm

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High tide 3.27am (2.8m), 4.04pm (2.8m)  
Low tide 9.41am (0.4m), 10.13pm (0.5m)  
 Best bite 9am/pm

2

Neilsen Cup Rd2 at Coromandel  
Golf Club (see pg 28)



High tide 4.27am (2.8m), 5.06pm (2.9m)  
Low tide 10.41am (0.3m), 11.12pm (0.4m)  
 Best bite 9.30am/pm

3

High tide 5.27am (2.9m), 6.02pm (3.0m)  
Low tide 11.38am (0.2m)  
  Best bite 10am/pm

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MEG lecture: Bird Identification  
through song and flight  
(see pg 26)

High tide 6.25am (2.9m), 6.56pm (3.1m)  
Low tide 12.08am (0.4m), 12.33pm (0.2m)  
  Best bite 11am/pm


5

High tide 7.20am (2.9m), 7.48pm (3.1m)  
Low tide 1.02am (0.3m), 1.23pm (0.1m)  
  Best bite 12am/pm

6


High tide 8.13am (3.0m), 8.37pm (3.1m)  
Low tide 1.54am (0.3m), 2.14pm (0.1m)  
  Best bite 1am/pm

7


High tide 9.03am (2.9m), 9.25pm (3.0m)  
Low tide 2.45am (0.3m), 3.02pm (0.2m)  
 Best bite 2am/pm

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A Jazzy Night at the Club  
(see pg 22 and ad pg 27)

High tide 9.51am (2.9m), 10.12pm (3.0m)  
Low tide 3.34am (0.4m), 3.48pm (0.3m)  
 Best bite 2.30am/pm



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High tide 10.38am (2.8m), 10.58pm (2.8m)  
Low tide 4.22am (0.4m), 4.34pm (0.4m)  
 Best bite 3am/pm



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High tide 11.24am (2.7m), 11.44pm (2.7m)  
Low tide 5.09am (0.5m), 5.20pm (0.5m)  
 Best bite 4am/pm


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High tide 12.10pm (2.6m)  
Low tide 5.35am (0.6m), 6.06pm (0.7m)  
  Best bite 5am/pm

12



High tide 12.30am (2.6m), 12.57pm (2.5m)  
Low tide 6.42am (0.7m), 6.59pm (0.8m)  
  Best bite 5.30am/pm

13

High tide 1.16am (2.5m), 1.48pm (2.4m)  
Low tide 7.31am (0.7m), 7.53pm (0.9m)  
 Best bite 6am/pm


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Work Co-op and Artists in The  
Making Exhibition opening night  
(see pg 12)

High tide 2.05am (2.5m), 2.43pm (2.4m)  
Low tide 8.22am (0.8m), 8.48pm (0.9m)  
  Best bite 7am/pm


15

Illume Festival  
(see pg 3)  
Open day at Coromandel  
Community Preschool (see pg 21)

High tide 2.54am (2.4m), 3.38pm (2.4m)  
Low tide 9.14am (0.8m), 9.41pm (0.9m)  
 Best bite 8am/pm


16

Neilsen Cup Rd3  
at Coromandel Golf Club  
(see pg 28)

High tide 3.46am (2.4m), 4.32pm (2.4m)  
Low tide 10.07am (0.8m), 10.32pm (0.8m)  
 Best bite 8.30am/pm


17

Kauri Tree Planting (see pg 27)  
Work Co-op and Artists in The  
Making Exhibition closes  
(see pg 12)

High tide 4.37am (2.4m), 5.21pm (2.5m)  
Low tide 10.57am (0.7m), 1.12pm (0.8m)  
 Best bite 9am/pm

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High tide 5.28am (2.5m), 6.08pm (2.6m)  
Low tide 11.44am (0.6m)  
 Best bite 10am/pm

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High tide 6.16am (2.5m), 6.52am (2.7m)  
Low tide 12.06am (0.7m), 12.29pm (0.5m)  
  Best bite 11am/pm


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High tide 7.04am (2.6m), 7.35pm (2.8m)  
Low tide 12.31am (0.6m), 1.12pm (0.4m)  
  Best bite 12am/pm


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High tide 7.50am (2.7m), 8.18pm (2.9m)  
Low tide 1.36am (0.5m), 1.55pm (0.3m)  
  Best bite 1am/pm

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High tide 8.35am (2.8m), 9.02pm (3.0m)  
Low tide 2.27am (0.4m), 2.38pm (0.3m)  
 Best bite 1.30am/pm

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High tide 9.21am (2.8m), 9.48pm (3.0m)  
Low tide 3.07am (0.4m), 3.23pm (0.3m)  
 Best bite 2am/pm

24



Coromandel Recreational Fishing  
Club AGM (see pg 29)

High tide 10.07am (2.9m), 10.35pm (3.0m)  
Low tide 3.54am (0.3m), 4.09pm (0.3m)  
 Best bite 3am/pm

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High tide 10.55am (2.8m), 11.24pm (2.9m)  
Low tide 4.42am (0.3m), 4.58pm (0.3m)  
 Best bite 4am/pm

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High tide 11.46am (2.8m)  
Low tide 5.32am (0.3m), 5.51pm (0.4m)  
  Best bite 5am/pm



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Meat Pack / Laurie Olliff Trophy  
at Coromandel Golf Club  
(see pg 28)

High tide 12.16am (2.9m), 12.40pm (2.8m)  
Low tide 6.23am (0.3m), 6.48pm (0.5m)  
  Best bite 6am/pm


28

Liz's Kitchen  
(see ad pg 19)

High tide 1.11am (2.8m), 1.40pm (2.7m)  
Low tide 7.21am (0.4m), 7.50pm (0.6m)  
  Best bite 6.30am/pm


29

Community Grants close  
(see ad pg 5)

High tide 2.09am (2.8m), 2.43pm (2.7m)  
Low tide 8.21am (0.4m), 8.54pm (0.6m)  
 Best bite 7am/pm


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Captain's Trophy  
at Coromandel Golf Club  
(see pg 28)

High tide 3.09am (2.7m), 3.47pm (2.7m)  
Low tide 9.23am (0.4m), 9.57pm (0.6m)  
 Best bite 8am/pm

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Crystal Essence Workshop  
(see ad pg 30)

High tide 4.11am (2.7m), 4.48pm (2.8m)  
Low tide 10.24am (0.4m), 10.57pm (0.5m)  
 Best bite 9am/pm

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