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## Editor's comment

I've just got back from a road trip around some of the South Island. Although it is beautiful down there I can't help but smile when I come up and over the Kereta Hill and look north up the coast – back home. It is truly a beautiful part of the world we live in.

On my return at my first trip to the Coromandel Four Square I was greeted with paper bags for fruit and vegetables, which was great to see. Well done to Coromandel Four Square for making the move to remove single-use plastic bags from their store. I see more people bringing their own bags or using boxes in the store too. Some smaller, lighter weight paper bags when only picking up small amounts would be handy too.

And did you know it is Plastic Free July? See article for tips on page 5.

Have fun at Illume. Here's hoping the weather will be good for it. See details on page 4.

*Debbie*

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## CoroLocalLegend with Coromandel Four Square

Congratulations to Des of the Long Bay Camp Ground here in Coromandel, who is the recipient of a gift hamper from Coromandel Four Square. Des has been nominated by Lyn Williams, who wrote "Des is forever helping us boaties that get into trouble at the camp ground trying to get our boats in – or in our case using his tractor as well. He could see we were in trouble and he was out there in a flash. We are forever seeing Des out there helping people, and he asks nothing in return."

Thanks for your community spirit Des, you are a true CoroLocalLegend! And in true Des style, Des told us to gift the hamper to the Coromandel Food Bank to a deserving family who would really enjoy the goodies. We have done this Des and we thank you for your generosity.

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

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

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

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# Illume Festival



By Daniel Smith

This year's Illume Festival begins **Friday 13 July**. We are kicking off at 5.30pm with a night market, glow dancers, clowns, and the Twisty Twins performing at 6.30pm at Hauraki House. There will also be a procession of kids on lit-up bikes, with prizes from our generous Four Square team. Plus live music at Admirals Arms.

Then on the night of **Saturday 14 July** we will have the town parade, followed by Powerco Fireworks, and live music at Pepper Tree. The fireworks will be launched from the schoolgrounds, at around 6.30pm. There will be a leaflet drop in the area, to make sure everyone is aware and can take appropriate action with any animals or stock.

Over both nights there will be a number of food trucks and stalls, as well as our typical array of wonderful restaurants, cafes and bars.

For the duration of the festival, from 5.30-8.30pm the main street of Coromandel is closed from Assay House to the Library, for the festival, with a diversion through the Woollams Ave Carpark. What makes this event is community participation. We've got local artists putting up some wonderful

light sculptures, and Coro Sonic Lab DJ'ing in the Samuel James Reserve. Some Disney characters may be making an appearance at Hauraki House. So strap some LED's to your winter coat, and come on down for a great time. There are \$200 prizes for Best Dressed Family, Best Dressed Child, Best Float, and Best Boat.

Also a prize for best recycling, taking an object from The Goldmine, and illuminating it. Send us a before picture with Goldie The Goldmine mascot, and an illuminated after picture – to [illumine.coromandel@gmail.com](mailto:illumine.coromandel@gmail.com).

The weekend before, on **Sunday 8 July** at 3pm, we are doing a bike and scooter light-up workshop for the kids, at Hauraki House Scouts Den, so bring the kids and their ride along to get blinged.

Thanks very much to our generous sponsors which make Illume possible. Powerco are providing the fireworks in conjunction with Boom Boom Fireworks and help from John McCaughan. Thanks to Coromandel Scouts and the Hauraki House committee for making their space available for the kids area. Thanks to Trust Waikato for their generous grant. And to our local sponsors NIML, Greenhills, Coromandel Marine Farmers' Association, Richardson



Real Estate, The Spirit of Coromandel Trust, and Twentymans.

We still need volunteers to help with traffic management, and setup and tear-down. And the Illume lighting patrol, which will keep an eye on the installations overnight. So drop us a line at [illumine.coromandel@gmail.com](mailto:illumine.coromandel@gmail.com).

A big thanks to all of the community groups who are beaver away, and have helped us build things. And an especially big thank you to Bianca for sorting out the parade, and Deb and Janine and their team for all the work gone into the kids' zone. And a big thanks to James Drainage, whose traffic management assistance makes the whole festival possible.

Looking forward to seeing everyone out and about. Let's cross our fingers for a clear night. But hot-glue those lights onto your raincoat and umbrella, just in case.

## Post-Illume Soirée Party

To celebrate both Bastille Day and Illume Mr Richard Chrisp is holding an Illume afterparty at Faré Tahiti, Pagitt Street, Coromandel from 9pm until late on **Saturday 14 July**. Please bring a candle or lantern. Dogs and children welcome. Good music, BYO wine or beer. All welcome!

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### Positive Vibe

By Lisa Hamon

Hello everyone. My name is Lisa Hamon and the proud owner of Positive Vibe.

I was born and raised in South Auckland with my parents and four siblings. I started coming to Coromandel 36 years ago and have lived here full-time for just over 30 years. I met and married a tangata whenua, David Hamon, and we raised our four children here.

Having worked at a lot of varied places throughout the community, I was guided to use my gifts of healing for the next part of my journey. Although I have always done healing and massage for family members from young, I travelled back to Auckland to do my formal training eight years ago.

I opened Positive Vibe shop seven months ago and have loved the new adventure.

For those who have not been in, it is opposite Four Square and is two-thirds of the house that adjoins New Image Hair Salon. What was last the WINZ office is now Positive Vibe and is about Wellness, Crystals and Creativity. The business offers Reiki, Massage, Foot Reflexology, M R Therapy and Ear Candling. Treatment rates are \$40 ½ hour and \$70 for 1 hour. The Winter Special is book three 1-hour treatments and receive ½ hour free; runs from June to September. I also have a retail shop which has a selection of Salt Lamps, Crystal Lamps, Crystals, Jewellery, Books, Rei Hamon Art, Cards, Natural Smoked Salts, Incense, Vouchers and more. And look out for expansion into other areas.

Love and light to all.

The shop is open Wednesday-Sunday from 10am-5pm so pop in for a visit or a chat at 65 Wharf Rd or you can contact me on 021 170 7369

### What is Plastic Free July?

Every bit of plastic ever made still exists and half of plastic products now being made are only used once. Plastic Free July aims to raise awareness of the problems with these single-use disposable plastic products and challenges people to do something about it. Choose to refuse single-use plastic during July. You can make a difference.

#### Single-use plastic is a problem...

The plastic bottles, bags and containers that we use just for a few minutes are made from a material that is designed to last forever.

These plastics:

- Break up into tiny pieces but don't go away; they become permanent pollution.
- Are mostly not recycled – they end up in landfill.
- Escape from bins, trucks, events (etc) and become litter.
- End up in waterways and the ocean – where they kill hundreds of thousands of sea creatures and birds every year.
- Consume 6% of the world's fossil fuels.

#### But there are solutions...

Lots of us are already refusing plastic shopping bags and avoiding pre-packed fruit and vegetables. Choosing to be part of the solution, you can also act by:

- Avoiding as many products in plastic packaging as you can.
- Refusing single-use plastic items like straws, takeaway coffee cups, plastic cutlery, balloons, glitter, bottled water.
- Recycling what cannot be avoided (remember recycling needs to be washed clean and follow the instructions on your yellow wheelie bin lid for what can go in there).
- Picking up litter.

#### Are you up for the Plastic Free July challenge?

Join over two million people world-wide stepping in to Plastic Free July in 2018. Register for the challenge and get lots of advice and tips at: [www.plasticfreejuly.org](http://www.plasticfreejuly.org).

This information was adapted from the Plastic Free July website



### Plastic-Bag-Free Coromandel Town

By Kate James

We are really excited about supporting the global Plastic Free July campaign. This is a great opportunity to raise awareness about the issues single-use plastic is causing here and around the world. We also have a lot of cool things going on in Coromandel this month. We have more competitions, prizes and new events:

- Look out for our creative plastic-bag-free installation at Illume on **13 and 14 July**.
- Follow us on Facebook to see what local businesses are doing to reduce the use of plastic and enter to win some amazing plastic-free prizes.
- Come to our free movie screening at Hauraki House at 6pm on **Friday 20 July**. We are showing an amazing movie about the ocean called Blue. Snacks will be provided for free. All welcome.

Get involved and keep up with what we are doing at: [facebook.com/plasticbagfreecoromandeltown/](https://facebook.com/plasticbagfreecoromandeltown/) or email us anytime: [plasticbagfreecoromandel@gmail.com](mailto:plasticbagfreecoromandel@gmail.com)



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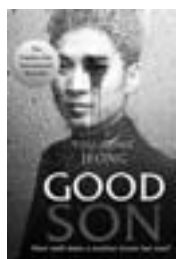
By Raewyn McKinney

Winter has truly arrived, and no doubt we are all feeling the cold. However, never fear, the library's heaters are working well. So, if you are looking for a warm haven on a cold day, pop in and see what's on offer. There is plenty to tempt every appetite, both new discoveries and old favourites to while away the time in this cold weather.

Popular authors with new works this month include Clive Cussler, Bear Grylls, Elizabeth George, Anthony Horowitz, Conn Iggulden, Peter James, Philip Kerr, Stuart MacBride, Sheila O'Flanagan, Nora Roberts, Danielle Steel and Alison Weir.

Other new books that caught my eye are:

### **The Good Son by You-Jeong Jeong**



You wake up covered in blood, there's a body downstairs, your mother's body, you didn't do it. Did you? How could you, you've always been the good son...

When Yu-jin wakes up covered in blood, and finds the body of his mother downstairs, he decides to hide the evidence and pursue the killer himself.

Then young women start disappearing in his South Korean town. Who is he hunting? And why does the answer take him back to his brother and father who lost their lives many years ago?

### **The Good Son is inspired by a true story. Many A Muddy Morning by Mark Warren**



The off-roading, hill-seeking and muddy-morning adventures of farming legend Mark Warren, a larger-than-life character of rural New Zealand. He grew up with an obsession with Landrovers, bulldozers, hill-country tractors

— basically anything with four wheels. Interwoven with his stories of working as a grease monkey, rescuing ski-bunnies off icy mountain roads, is his tale of being thrust into single-handedly managing a muddy Hawke's Bay farm in his twenties ... a funny, original and affecting read that will appeal to petrol-heads and farmers alike. Mark brings together the traits we love to celebrate in our rural heartland.

### **A Shout in the Ruins by Kevin Power**



Kevin Powers returns to the battlefield and its aftermath, this time in his native Virginia, just before and during the Civil War and ninety years later.

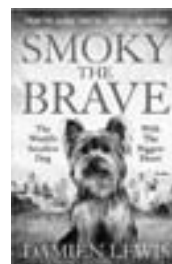
The novel pinpoints with unerring emotional depth the nature of random violence, the necessity

of love and compassion, and the fragility and preciousness of life. It will endure as a stunning novel about what we leave behind, what a life is worth, what is said and unsaid, and the fact that ultimately what will survive of us is love.

Written with emotional intensity, harrowing realism, and poetic precision.

### **Smoky The Brave by Damien Lewis**

The World's Smallest Dog with the World's Biggest Heart... the extraordinary, touching and true story of a heroic dog and her adoptive masters in the jungles of the Pacific War. In February 1944, four-pound Yorkshire



terrier was discovered hiding in a shell scrape amidst the thick jungles of Papua New Guinea .. she was adopted by Corporal William "Bill" Wynne. Living in Bill Wynne's tent, and sharing his rations, Smoky became the de facto mascot of the regiment. She went on to

fly numerous air-sea rescue missions, was awarded eight battle stars, surviving dozens of Japanese combat raids on Papua New Guinea. Perhaps her most heroic exploit of all, Smoky ran a cable through a seventy-foot pipe to enable telephone lines to be run across the recently occupied airbase of Luzon. Her efforts saved hundreds of ground-crew from injury and loss of life.

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

## Coromandel Garden Circle

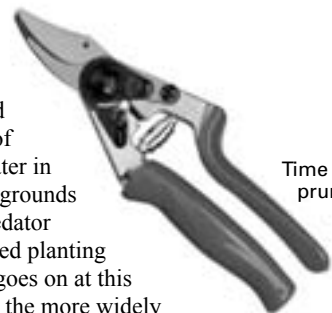
By Jenny Penman

The winter weather has conspired against us again and instead of meeting the Chronicle deadline with news of our June Garden Circle, it had to be postponed until later in the month. We are hoping to have our meeting on the grounds of Driving Creek Railway and take in a tour of the predator fenced wetland area they have developed and associated planting nursery. It will show us another side of the work that goes on at this popular tourist spot right in our own backyard beyond the more widely known train and pottery ventures.

Trisha, our Garden Circle "Tip of the Month" writer, has done her research again and for those that haven't just turned their vegetable gardens over to a winter sowing of nitrogen fixing green crops, now is the time to put in those brassica seedlings and replace those strawberries with new plants. Fruit trees that have finished fruiting can be pruned and sprayed against pests and diseases. If you are in a frost area keep an eye out and be prepared to cover those tender plants. It may be time to move those frangipani pots back under the eaves. A flowering shrub that does particularly well in our locale is the hydrangea. Now is the time to prune and thin out any spindly growth and take cuttings to multiply plantings. Add garden lime around your hydrangeas to improve pink colouring and aluminium sulphate to improve the blues.

Talking of the blues, the deluges of Queen's Birthday Weekend certainly brought to light those areas in the garden needing better or at least some drainage, didn't they! On a brighter note next month's article will be on the right side of the shortest day.

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



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## Coromandel Patchwork and Quilters

By Jenny Till

With the adverse weather a number of members have made use of the “inside” time to complete a project, often the result of many months of work.

During “show and tell” it is always interesting and often inspiring to see the creativity and imagination that members display, resulting in a work of art.

It is also interesting to see what pattern has been used or, in the case of some of the more experienced Patchworkers, a design created by them. Also their choice of colour and pattern of the fabrics as this can make such a difference to the end result.

Sharron Currie gave a most informative talk on sewing machine feet, many of us had a number of “feet” that we did not know what special purpose they were used for.

We also had a fabric buy or swap day when members had a chance to add to their stash or decrease it by bringing along fabrics they no longer wanted.

The above photo is an example of a number of different “balls” that various members have made. They consist of a fabric outer with a helium balloon inside.

Everyone has found that the children that they were given to, loved them. They are not only ideal for indoor play but also much safer and longer lasting than standard balloons.

The Coromandel Patchwork and Quilters club was founded 32 years ago.

During the year we were sad to learn of the passing of two of our founding members Betty Withey and June Brette.

Our meetings are held at the St John hall, 1st and 3rd (& 5th) Mondays of the month. 9.30am to 3.30pm. President – Raewyn Penrose (07) 866 8880, Secretary – Sharron Currie (07) 866 8762

## Mahamudra Centre for Universal Unity

By Sarah Brooks

### Open for Winter

In the past we’ve been closed for July, but we’re now staying open year-round to welcome visitors who might like to stay in our accommodation and experience the special, peaceful environment of our retreat centre and free meditation, or stop in our shop to find gifts or books. We’ll also be running a special Buddhist purification retreat on **14-17 July** called a Nyung Ney, which is a practice related to developing a heart of compassion. In August, we’re also adding lots of new services including massage, yoga, and free weekend tours, classes and demonstrations.

September brings an exciting opportunity to learn the special holy art of the Tibetan mandala in a hands-on drawing workshop. World-renowned teacher Andy Weber returns to New Zealand and will be at Mahamudra Centre **25-30 September** to lead a free public talk and the workshop. These complex geometric illustrations are a meditation in themselves to draw, but also filled with meaning related to compassion and wisdom. The mandala we’ll be learning is specific to the female Buddha Tara, who represents quick enlightened

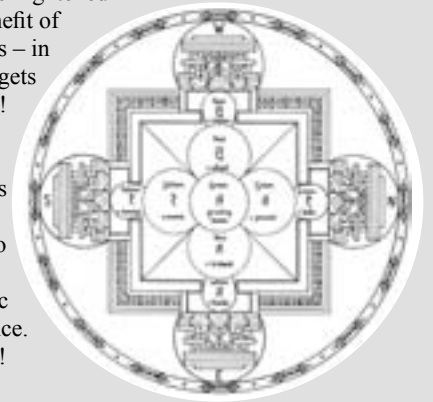
action for the benefit of all sentient beings – in other words, she gets good things done!

This is open to anyone who is curious and wants to learn this art, and the method to draw it requires no specific artistic talent or experience. So save the dates!

Our Thursday Coromandel meditation group is taking a break for July, but will start up again in August, meeting on Thursdays at 10:00am at the Elizabeth Park Community Centre. This is a drop-in group, with no experience necessary and on a koha basis.

We hope to welcome you to our centre sometime soon!

Contact Sarah Brooks [www.mahamudra.org.nz](http://www.mahamudra.org.nz)  
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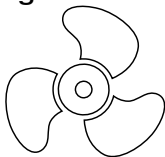


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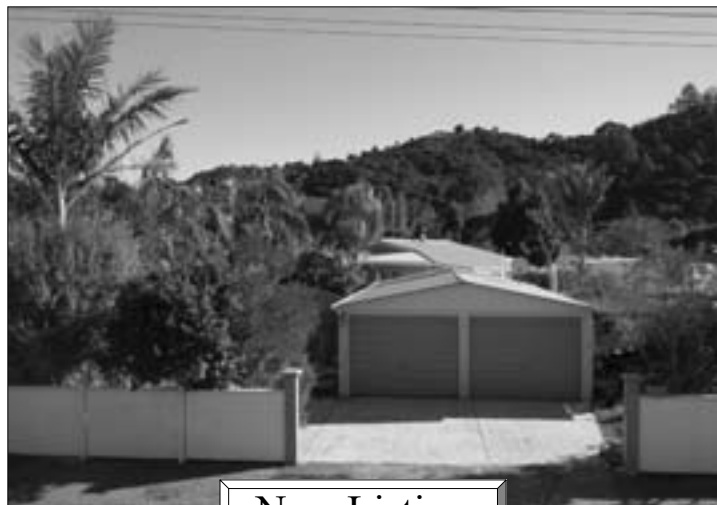
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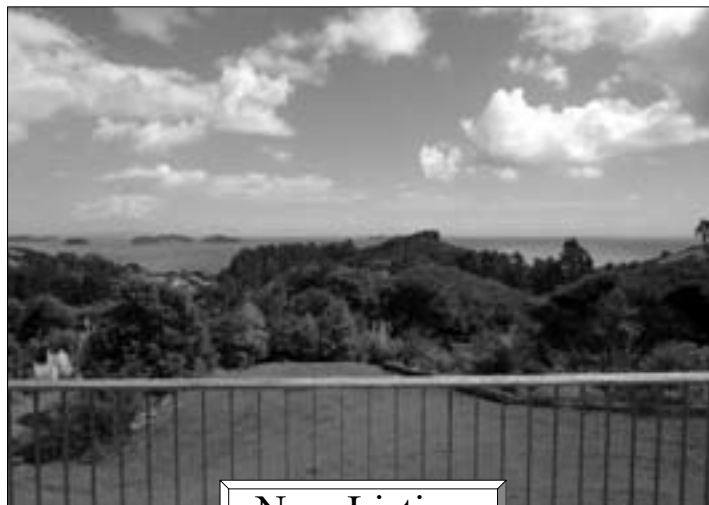
## Meet the team... Kim, Robyn, Melissa & Laurie-Ann



New Listing



Situated behind a double garage with a large rumpus/studio art room on the periphery of the Coromandel Town Centre, this lovely home is set amongst well established gardens that slope gently down towards the picturesque Whangarahi Stream. The 3 bedroom home is well heated via 2 heatpumps and a log fire, and features a large lounge and open-plan dining/kitchen. Decks on three sides will enable you to follow the sun during the day with the added luxury of Sail Blinds you can close to escape the wind on cooler days. **\$530,000**



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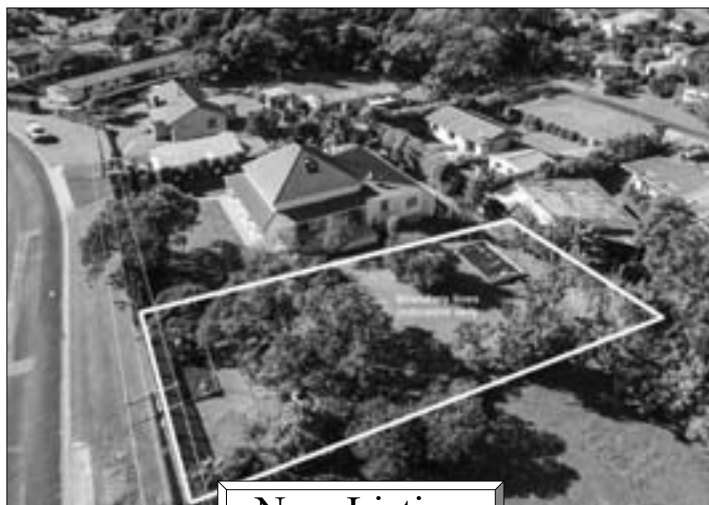
Captivating, Panoramic, Peaceful, Striking... whichever adjective you use, this private 6.49ha pasture & bush clad lifestyle property is absolutely enchanting. The modern design of the cottage affords an abundance of open-plan living which flows out to an extensive deck to absorb the utterly beautiful gulf, island (including Rangitoto) and countryside views. There is a sizeable garage for the boat and under house storage for a small tractor. Enjoy a leisurely walk or bike ride down to Waitete Bay, or head out fishing for the catch of the day. **\$689,000**



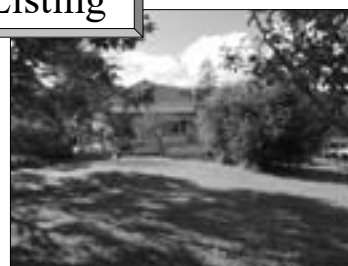
New Listing



Have you been searching for the quintessential fishing base? We may have just found the perfect location that will allow you to enjoy great weekend excursions. Set in the Driving Creek area near the world famous Railway, this 3,172m2 re-growth bush (including Kauri) clad property affords excellent privacy as well as offering plenty of vehicle/boat parking. The well-specified 'Ocean View Cabin' features an open-plan living/kitchen, 2 brms, bathroom, and 3 sets of French doors opening out to superb decking for summer BBQ's. **\$410,000**



New Listing



An outstanding opportunity to secure a wonderfully located vacant section within an easy stroll into town. The 591m2 property with a north/westerly aspect will easily allow you the option to 'glamp' until you decide on the home/holiday bach that best suits you and your family. The wonderful range of established fruit/citrus trees not only provide produce, but also make excellent shade canopies to relax under while enjoying summer beverages. The lack of covenants will appeal to those who do not wish to be too restricted. **\$245,000**



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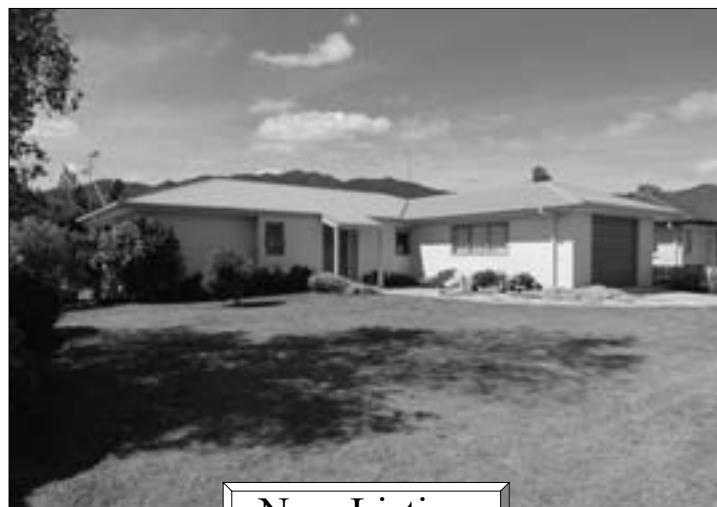
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New Listing



This purpose built caravan and permanent awning is ideally positioned 3 sites back from the beach front at the popular seaside Holiday Park Papa Aroha. The accommodation comprises 2 double brms with a sunny, modern open-plan kitchen/dining/lounge area allowing sought after views out to the Hauraki Gulf. The site also provides a sheltered entranceway, sunny courtyard and parking for a vehicle/boat. Held via a Licence to Use Agreement. This is an awesome opportunity to secure your family holidays at an affordable price. **\$195,000**



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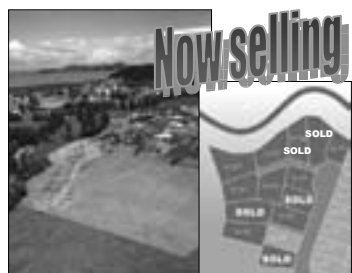


If the years of toil have lessened or stopped, now might be the time to relax and enjoy a quieter pace of life. This superbly positioned home within the Coromandel Senior Settlement village offers a restful setting without large grounds. The 'Focus' home has been designed to open out to an extremely private north-facing courtyard. The interior offers a light and airy open-plan lounge/dining/kitchen area (heatpump), 2 double brms (master en-suite), office, bathroom, and internal access garage. The local shops are within an easy stroll. **\$470,000**



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These are our sales for 2018 thus far...



## Coromandel Budget Advisory Service

By Caroline Dunn

### Budget Advice

Hi all, I hope everyone is doing well. The shortest day has been and gone and we can slowly head back towards longer days. We will still have a bit of cooler weather ahead of us so here are some handy hints around this topic:

A damp house is more expensive to heat so make sure you air your house out by regularly opening windows and doors, even on a cool day. This will remove the damp air from your house and replace it with cooler, drier air, which will be less expensive to heat. Cooking a slow cook roast or casserole is a great way to warm the house at the same time as making dinner and when slow cooking meat you can use cheaper cuts. Create "cosy zone" in your home and only heat the rooms you are using by keeping doors closed and using draft stoppers.

If the thought of increased bills has made you realise it is time to get budgeting advice, we strongly encourage you to take the plunge and call us. And yes, we know how daunting this step can be, so we commend those who find the courage to pick up the phone and call us for an appointment. Once that first step is made, your burden will feel lighter, so please, make that call, and let us help.

We will be holding a stall at the Illume Festival this year raising funds for the Foodbank and the Community Garden. We will post more information on our Facebook pages closer to the time.

Don't forget we offer free, confidential budgeting advice. We will work alongside you to create a plan to get you out of debt. We can talk to creditors on your behalf and help you regain control of your financial situation. We are here to help, so don't ever be too afraid, or too proud, to come on in and see how we can assist you.

To make an appointment come and see us at our office in Tiki House, located opposite the BP, or call us on (07) 866 8351.

Don't forget to give our Facebook page a like.

"A Budget is telling your Money where to go, instead of wondering where it went."

### Foodbank

Foodbank demand has increased hugely in the last month and while we are happy to support people through this time of need we

also need to make sure the Foodbank is run efficiently. If you require a food parcel please make sure Foodbank requests are with us before 12.30pm on a Tuesday, otherwise you will have to wait until the following week. Pickup time is at 2.30pm on a Wednesday. You will need to book in with a Budget Advisor if you are going to need assistance over a couple of weeks.

Again we would like to thank everyone who has dropped off donations for the Foodbank over the last month. It's greatly appreciated.

Foodbank continue to need small jars and containers (all containers and jars donated need to be clean and with secure fitting lids), egg cartons and any overflow of fruit, vegetables or other produce you may have. Please NO soft plastics or old fruit/vegetable containers. We are also keen for any donations of large, sealable storage containers to help us keep our bulk food items fresh and keep out unwanted pests. These items can be dropped off at Tiki House Monday – Thursday 9.30am-12.30pm or call us on (07) 866 8351 to arrange pickup.

### Community Garden

It has been rather wet at the garden of late. We have lots of produce growing well, which is wonderful. For the winter months we now hold the volunteers' drop-in on a Wednesday

morning between 9am and 11am. This is for anyone who would like to help out in the Community Garden and the new time seems to be working well. The community garden benefits numerous local families throughout the year by way of food parcels through the Foodbank, and volunteers are also welcome to share in the produce.

The community garden appreciates donations of seeds or excess seedlings to keep our plot producing. Any mulching material is also gratefully received. Just drop off to the garden, located next to Hauraki House, or send us a message to organise a pickup.

Pop on over and like our Facebook page to keep up to date with what is happening in the garden.

Our office is at 45 Tiki Road (Tiki House) down the hallway. Office hours – if you need to make an appointment or organise a food parcel the Budget phone numbers are (07) 866 8351 or 022 018 0849 where you can talk to one of our staff or leave a message. Phone messages are checked and replied to Mon-Fri. Foodbank – Pickup time is 2:30pm Wednesday. We close at 3pm so don't be late. Please make sure Foodbank requests are with us before 12.30pm on a Tuesday

## Wild things

By Karen Marshall

The kereru (NZ Pigeon) is seen frequently in this area and is easily recognisable by its size and its white "singlet" or "apron". This fine specimen was photographed by Pete Sephton. They live mostly in native forest and are the only birds that can swallow and spread the large seeds of trees such as miro, matai, tawa, taraire, puriri and karaka. Consequently these trees depend on the kereru for their survival. Unfortunately numbers of kereru are declining because of competition for food from rats and possums. As well, they care for only one egg at a time, and this egg or chick is often eaten by predators. The trapping of predators continues to be vital to ensure the survival of both the birds and the forests they live in.



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

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## Green Smoothies

By Deborah Hide-Bayne

At the moment, I am recipe-testing for my new cookbook, and have just reached smoothies. This week I was browsing old library books outside our Coromandel Library when I came across one called *Green for Life* by Victoria Boutenko. It had a load of smoothie recipes in it so I bought it and thought for \$2 I might get a recipe idea or two.

I started skimming the book (I'm so busy – I'll just skim it and jump to the recipe section, I thought); but Victoria's book is actually pretty interesting – it's about wild chimpanzees and what they eat, compared to the traditional Western diet. Chimpanzees (who share our genes by a staggering 99.4%) eat mostly greens, blossoms and fruits, compared to those of us who live in the First World, who tend to eat mostly cooked carbohydrates and animal proteins, according to Victoria. Her family, who suffered from multiple long-term health problems, made the jump to raw food and then to a mixture of raw foods and smoothies. Sounds radical, and yes, I thought so too. I do want to improve my health,

increase my energy levels, lose weight, sleep better and look fantastic, but am I going to give up steak and red wine to do it? Hell, no! I am a confirmed foodie and I love my traditional Western diet. But could I add one green smoothie a day and see a vast improvement in that list of benefits? Yes, I think I could manage that.

So I am going to give it a go for a month's trial... and I will keep you posted. The idea is that you add greens (rocket, broccoli, carrot tops, celery, lettuce, kale, mustard greens or spinach), edible weeds (chickweed, clover, lambs lettuce, plantain, nettle), herbs or sprouts to a nice tasting smoothie which you drink through the day, or use to replace a meal.

Here's one recipe:

- 1 cup frozen or fresh strawberries
- 2 bananas
- ½ cup frozen or fresh greens
- 2 cups water
- Blend well...

And if you see me around town, and you think I am looking great, please tell me! Not only will you have made my day, you'll be contributing to my not-so-scientific research.

## Coromandel Town Information Centre

By Sandra Wilson

When you read this we will have gone through the winter solstice and we will be looking forward to the gradual lengthening of daylight hours.

Our Boom, Bust & Beyond Guided Heritage Tours are up and running on Saturdays at 11.30am from the Info Centre. **Saturday 7 July** and **Saturday 28 July** we will have a special discount for locals: \$5.00 instead of \$10.00 per person. Get in early and book at the Centre. We have a lot of information to share with you about our town's history and you'll no doubt learn a thing or two!

There are great advertising opportunities to be had at the Centre for your business. You can be listed on the website in our business directory. You would be surprised what we get asked for: Need a chimney sweep; need to get some firewood in; broken window, I need a glazier; have guests and the power points aren't working, I need an electrician; family is here, pipes sprung a leak and we need a plumber urgently. People are then able to contact you directly via this up-to-date database of tradespeople at our finger tips. Give me a call on the number listed below to discuss your needs and our options.

See you all at Illume: **Friday 13 and Saturday 14 July**. It's going to be fabulous. And if you see any rain in the forecast on the day, be sure to light up your umbrella!

Take care until next time.

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## Coromandel Embroiderers' Guild

By Jenny Penman

At our June Guild meeting we welcomed back our members who had last month been stitching their way across the Pacific. Their cruise was a great success and we were all amazed at the variety of projects and how much they had achieved in the three onboard workshops. The accompanying photo shows a small selection of some of their work. One of the highlights from their trip was in fact a visit to the Art Gallery of NSW in Sydney to see "The Lady and the Unicorn" tapestry series which was being shown outside of France for only the third time in 500 years. These six large-scale artworks are often referred to as the "Mona Lisa of the Middle Ages". Unfortunately, if your interest is aroused, viewing closed on 24 June.

One of the commitments of each guild is to take their turn hosting a Regional Day where they can showcase their work and happenings to other local guilds. In May, eight of our members travelled to Cooper's Beach for the Doubtless Bay Regional Day where they joined in with 97 other embroiderers for a day focused on all things stitching and food! After the reports from each guild were presented the ladies sat amongst others they had not met and created daffodils for Copper's Beach September Cancer Day. It is great to see such an event aiding a local fundraiser and the pattern has made its way south for our use on the Peninsula.

Our "Test Flight" panels for judging at the upcoming July ANZEG Conference have been completed and mounted together and were unveiled to us at our meeting. Those who stitched the 12 individual panels were given largely free rein. The only stipulations were to use a particular colour palette and stick within the lines! It was amazing to see how cohesively they all came together. We're all hoping the other guild members from around the country cast their votes with more discernment than "Dancing With The Stars"! In next month's Chronicle, post conference, we will be able to show you our beautiful new Coromandel Guild banner.

The next Guild meeting will be on **Wednesday 4 July**. Interested new members are always welcome.

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

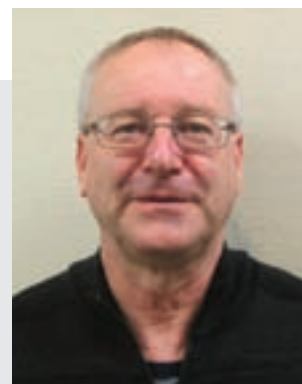


## MEG winter lecture series

**Sunday 1 July** "Living the Life Aquatic" with Paul Champion. 7pm – Free. Pepper Tree Restaurant. Warm fireplace, warm drinks. Koha welcome.

The state and use of New Zealand's freshwater resources is currently a frequently discussed and often polarizing topic. Paul will briefly discuss the state and trends of our freshwaters, but will then focus on things botanical. The aquatic environment is fundamentally very different to growing on land and poses major challenges to the plants that grow in this habitat. Paul will discuss the different strategies that plants have evolved to survive in water. Aquatic plants tend to be poorly studied compared to their terrestrial counterparts so Paul will give a quick overview of the native freshwater plants of New Zealand, highlighting some nationally threatened plants. Finally, look at the threats affecting these uniquely adapted plants and some potential ways to conserve them.

Paul Champion is Program Leader – Freshwater Biosecurity and Principal Scientist – Freshwater Ecology at NIWA, based in Hamilton. Paul has specialist expertise in biosecurity, plant ecology and conservation of endangered plant species, especially in freshwater and wetland habitats. Focus research areas include assessment of weed potential of introduced plants, management of aquatic weeds, assessment of environmental impacts of freshwater pest invasions, weed control strategies and restoration of habitats impacted by invasive weeds.



## Coromandel Pier Community Workshop

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News from Thames-Coromandel District Council

## Barry Brickell Memorial Stage takes shape

**Construction work is well underway on the Barry Brickell Memorial Stage in Coromandel Town.**

The memorial stage in Hauraki Reserve is a tribute to Barry Brickell, the Coromandel potter, railway builder, conservationist and author who passed away in 2016.

It will provide a new space to host events, and is a collaboration between the Coromandel-Colville Community Board and the community, with the community partner being the Driving Creek Railway Arts and Conservation Trust.

The Community Board funded the consultation, design and planning requirements to consenting stage and approved the final design and budget for the stage last month.

Now, the stage is fast taking shape. So far: The base framework for the 6m diameter stage has been set out and five shade poles have been erected – ready for the shade sail later in the



month. The final steps are for the concrete to be poured, and lighting.

The work is being led by Kuaotunu-based Sayers Construction.

### Local artists add their flair

Local artists John Madden, who came up with the original artistic concept (realised by Thames-Based Architect Rob Johnston), and Driving Creek Railway's Pete Sephton are involved with the project and will add their local artistic flair to the finishing concrete work.

Driving Creek Railway has donated 12 small gauge train wheels that will be incorporated into the stage design, complete with LED lighting, which is intended to be in place in time for the Illume festival on the weekend of July 14.

Coromandel Community Board Chairman Peter Pritchard says the memorial stage is an exciting project and it's great to see the stage being built so quickly.

"The Barry Brickell Memorial Stage will be a valuable asset to the community and heritage values of our town," Mr Pritchard says.

## Dog registration renewals are due

It's time for dog owners to renew their pooch's registration. Renew by 31 July to avoid a 50% late payment penalty. We've posted Dog Registration Renewal forms to all registered owners early this year. You can pay online through our payment portal [www.tcdc.govt.nz/renewdog](http://www.tcdc.govt.nz/renewdog) or pay by credit card or account-to-account transaction. You'll just need your dog's reference number as provided on the renewal form. Otherwise, bring your form to one of our offices to pay or send your signed form with a cheque to TCDC, Private Bag 1001, Thames 3540. For more information call us on 07 868 0200 or email [customer.services@tcdc.govt.nz](mailto:customer.services@tcdc.govt.nz)

## Gold Rush Rally returns

The Gold Rush Rally of the Coromandel will take place on 18

August this year. It's a round of the NZ Rally Championship.

Rally HQ is the Mercury Bay Multi-Sports Park in Whitianga and the driving takes place over a mix of forestry and Council roads, involving some closures.

A leg of the rally will take place on Port Charles Road, bringing drivers, crews and visitors to a part of the district that's been affected by weather events and road closures this year.

Community groups will have a chance to raise funds by providing food for drivers and crews, or by acting as marshalls for the event.

We're working with Rally NZ and the local communities along the proposed route to discuss the road closures and provide information to residents.

### PROPOSED ROAD CLOSURES:

**Port Charles Road, Waikawau Road, Tuatawa Road and Kennedy Bay Road.**

All of Port Charles Road from the intersection of Port Jackson and Colville roads including all of Waikawau Beach Rd, all of Tuatawa Rd, and all of Kennedy Bay Rd to number 1424. The period of the closure: 7:00am to 2:30pm. Cars will be travelling from Port Charles to Kennedy Bay.

### The 309 Road

From the Waterworks gate to house number 1715.

The period of the closure: 7:45am to 5:45pm. Cars will be travelling from the Waterworks to Whitianga.

### Tapu-Coroglen Road

From house number 436 Tapu-Coroglen Road to the intersection with SH25 at Coroglen. The period of the closure: 9:00am to 4:45pm. Cars will be travelling from Coroglen to Tapu.

### Joan Gaskell Drive

From the intersection of SH25 to the intersection with Kupe Drive. The period of the closure: 2:45pm to 7:00pm.

### Blacksmith Lane

From the intersection of Albert Street to The Esplanade. The period of the closure: 3:00pm to 7:30pm.

More information:

[www.tcdc.govt.nz/goldrushrally2018](http://www.tcdc.govt.nz/goldrushrally2018)

## ONLINE BUILDING CONSENTS ARE HERE

Our new, online building consents system is live and all building consent applications will now be lodged and processed online.

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**UPDATE**

• **Community Board grants** – If you are part of an organisation that provides a community service, activity or event that is not-for-profit, you could be eligible for one of our Community Board grants. Applications to the fund close on July 31. For more information visit: [www.tcdc.govt.nz/cbgrants2018](http://www.tcdc.govt.nz/cbgrants2018)

• **Next meeting** – The Coromandel Colville Community Board will next meet at 9am on Tuesday July 3 in the Coromandel Service Centre, 355 Kapanga Rd, Coromandel.



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**Ann's Good News, Naturally****Gut Health and Immunity**

Does it seem like everyone you know is getting sick? Viruses, coughs, colds, cold sores, sore throats, aches and pains, sweats, dizziness, sinusitis, brain fog, skin infections, sore joints, lowered energy, shingles, polyps or chronic allergies (leading to chronic autoimmune diseases)?

Before you rush to get a vaccine, there's one easy change you can make in your diet to heal your gut and strengthen your immunity. Ingesting prebiotics and probiotics to create an environment in the whole digestive tract for the beneficial bacteria to live and function has been proven scientifically to be the solution. Need to know more? I can help.

There is no long-term solution found in a flu vaccine or antibiotic, to a robust, balanced immune system. The secret to skipping sickness has little to do with taking the right medicine and everything to do with nurturing your gut health.

Keeping the gut healthy and strong, supported by beneficial bacteria and nutrient dense foods, helps to prevent any illness, from the flu to chronic autoimmune illnesses.

I'm proud to have been working with my "Gut Health For Your Total Health" programme for many years – and getting positive results. Digestive health is directly linked to your immunity.

Good News – Your gut contains 70 percent of your body's immune system. Strong immunity starts with healthy preconception, vaginal birth and breast feeding. Then, continue to strengthen your gut immunity with:

- 1) Pre and probiotics: Avoid getting sick with a strong, protected digestive tract, where your immune white blood cells are exposed to incoming bad bacteria and viruses. Here, the immune defence system works efficiently and effectively. Take fermented foods including sauerkraut, kefir, kombucha and fibre-rich unprocessed foods. (Use tripe as a pre/probiotic for dogs and cats.)
- 2) Whole foods: To provide you with the essential immune boosting nutrients e.g., zinc, magnesium, vitamins D, E, K, A, omega 3 fish oils, B vitamins, iron, selenium, etc.

NB. 80% of the essential nutrients are lost in the processing of foods.

- 3) Herbal medicine: The natural chemicals in plants have been used successfully for thousands of years. Where necessary, they will medicinally suppress, stimulate or modulate the immune system's white blood cells for a safe and lasting outcome. No side effects. Their antimicrobial properties will kill bad bacteria and can regenerate and repair liver and gut cells. Microscopic holes in the gut wall (leaky gut) are repaired, candida and parasites killed, spasms and cramps dealt with, and any compromised health issue in the gut can be addressed which calms and strengthens the immune system. Tried and proven herbs – Ayurvedic Indian, Chinese, Maori and Western are all in my Herbal Dispensary.
- 4) Vegetables, protein, herbs and spices – Chicken soup helps boost immunity. Include mushrooms, garlic, turmeric, ginger, coriander, and more.

Enjoy plant-based meals, with vegetables as the meal's hero, adding a small amount of protein. I have recipes and menus and can help you simplify preparation and meal times. Let food be your fast medicine, not your slow poison.

Mild ear ache? Baked onion centre carefully placed into the affected ear. It works!

- 5) Minerals: Mineral from foods have a medicinal role. The gut immunity requires specific minerals to kill infection, to dampen inflammatory pathways, (potassium chloride works well with iron phosphate), so they can function well. To strengthen the structure of your cells, silica works well with calcium (fluoride). Other minerals are essential to boost gut immunity and potentiate production of enzymes and hydrochloric acid. Mineral Questionnaire  
www.activeelements.com, username: 259077 Password: 579819.

Contact Ann on 021 046 1647



## Combined Clubs Of Coromandel **THE CLUB**

**Coromandel Bowling Club**

By Linda Wright

Midwinter and no play on the Coromandel greens, but members have been enjoying playing on our neighboring club's artificial greens.

The first round of the winter cup played against Mercury Bay in brilliant sunshine, with a win to Coromandel 12 games to and 8 against. The second round in a few weeks.

Wednesday night quiz and film evenings are running over the winter in the clubhouse. Both start at 7pm.

The Clubs' social nights are from 3.30pm till 7pm on Fridays, and 2.30pm till 7pm on Saturdays.

President Linda Wright 027 651 3477

**Coromandel RSA**

By Pat Williams

Well another month has evaporated and here I am scratching my head as to what to write!

In spite of it being winter, we still have our stalwarts turning up on Saturdays. This last Saturday 16 June we had members from the Howick RSA Fishing Club as our guests. A lively and happy crew who have been visiting our RSA for some years now. They all caught their quota so they were happy. We had a BBQ meal which went down well. Nobody went home hungry, I'm sure. Thanks again to our members for making this happen, from purchasing the meat, manning the BBQ, making salads, peeling spuds, putting out and washing the dishes, etc. Top marks to all.

Two of our lady members are unwell. One member during post op time had a very distressing call to make. She had to have her beloved cat put to sleep. Most of us know how something like this can be very traumatic. We all send love and best wishes. Get well soon.

Looking over back copies of the Chronicle I see we have now had colour in our great little paper since February 2017. The first cover pictured the new re-use centre in Hauraki Road. Shamed to admit it but I have never visited, I do hope it is turning out to be a successful venture. Am looking forward to the Illume Festival, just love it.

Quote for the month "Even a clock that does not work is right twice a day."

Till next time.

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## Heart Beat – St John Ambulance Coromandel/Colville

By Julie Scampton, Station Manager, Coromandel



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## Coromandel Contract Bridge Club

By Judy Bronlund

Our tournament in May was well attended. Thanks to Estelle Cashmore for being our Director for the day and thanks also to all of the players who came from other clubs. The overall winners for the day were Susan Swan and Tadek Gawor. Afternoon tea was served while the scoring was happening and the raffles were drawn and all winners collected their prizes. Thanks to all of our sponsors, we had a bountiful selection.

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Our raffle table



Susan and Tadek

In June we will be playing for the Individual Championships; good luck to all players.

We welcome Peter to our club, and invite other players to join us. We play each Monday evening in the St John rooms. Contact either Val or Susan.

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## Animal Rescue Thames

By Alice & John Parris

Firstly thank mews for the donations of bedding, cat food, biscuits and garage sale items. These are truly appreciated by the rescue felines. We have had some wonderful news that has seen some kittens homed. Firstly our ginger delight Cupcake who landed one of the most purrfect homes – a house with underfloor heating, a bed to call his own, a smaller kitten to play with and older cats to tease, and he settled in so quickly and has become a delightful addition to their household. Next out were two of our fostered kittens, the blue tabby and ginger white bunter. The guy had a huge property, house and wanted bloke's cats. I was a bit lost on that one, but since he lived in the bush we quizzed him about his lifestyle, accommodation and all other things. He was so up front and answered each and every question and when he arrived the two boys stood quietly watching him, neither backing away or hiding. This sealed the deal and both left rescue to their forever home. The third in that group is up in our house with our other misfits, getting more one-to-one handling. She has totally flourished and is such a dear wee girl. She had been the wallflower of the trio, the smallest and the one who got shoved out by the boys. Now it's all about her, just her, and she knows it. She has become a bunter, purrs and chatters nonstop, and very amicable. Still unsure of the pickup and holds but is allowing this more and more each day. The joys of modern technology – as we well know when the laptop completely crashed, and murdered its hard drive, killing all documents and photos, some stuff I do not mind losing but the photographs, yep, that really hurt. Losing the computer hurt too, so we are on the hunt for a not so modern piece of totally reliable technology, laptop or desktop running Windows 8 or higher in good working condition. Purrlease call us.

We have just been informed that the wonderful people who have printed our newsletter for the last 13 years and our flyers and papers we have needed can no longer support us, no longer print for u. Their donation has been massive, we have truly appreciated the team doing this for us. We also appreciate times are tougher and some things have to be cut back or cut out. Sadly we now have to try to find solution to double-sided colour x80 copies for next to nothing or cheaper. We are working on this one.

Wanted homes for a trio of 6-month-old black kittens, desexed, and also our older tabbies, blacks, black-'n'-whites all from 12 months to three years. The olders would suit farm, rural, quiet properties to call their own. The trio of six months: call them for food and they are just about anyone's. They are gorgeous and enjoying running around outside each day even in the rain, of which they hold no fear of being wet for some odd reason. Suki, the girl, sat in the rain in a puddle watching drops of water fall off grass. For the love and life of me I do not get what is with this trio and rain and damp grass. They don't get phased by it at all.

Wanted – winter bedding for our kitties, tinned/sachet biscuits for the kittens and cats and homes for our beloved babies. Meow furr now.

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## Daffodil Day 2018

By Robyn Dudson and Marie Mead

**Friday 31 August** is just around the corner. Seems no time at all since our last one!

We already have a couple of raffles underway which we will be drawing on Daffodil Day. Our first raffle is hanging in the Coromandel Community Library and is a single-bed size quilt which would also be an ideal size to snuggle up in on the couch while watching TV or reading a book (from the library...of course). This quilt was donated to us by Evelyn Green, and Evelyn was Coromandel's original Daffodil Day organiser, a position she held for many years and a charity she is still very passionate about.

Our second raffle is on display in the counter of Coromandel Family Health and is another delightful framed pastel drawing by Annette Bishop.

So folks please mark **Friday 31 August** on your calendar. Thank you.



Quilt raffle

## Coromandel Writers

By Lora Mountjoy

There was a good turnout for our June meeting at Lora's house, including a new writer, Larisa. With members well-fortified with coffee and tea we sat down to a spontaneous writing exercise, choosing a part of our body and seeing where that focus took us. Parts chosen included a hip, left thumb, heart, buttocks, belly and brain and the stories ranged from personal to philosophical.

We then had a short business meeting, and one new idea to come from that is to use this space to publish some of our writing. Starting next month!

As usual we shared poems, including a delightful one by NZ writer Fiona Farrell, and discussed the books we are reading. This is a great way to discover new authors and Susan talked about W.G. Sebald, unknown to many of us. As Megan said, reading successful authors helps us understand how to use words well and we would agree that Roald Dahl's words are especially true for writers: "If you are going to get anywhere in life you have to read a lot of books."

After a relaxed lunch on the deck in the sun, we shared the homework, inspired by our astrological sign. The varied approaches to the topic ranged from a creative science fiction story to a serious opinion piece. Finally, Lora set the topic for next month's writing, which includes description, dialogue and a challenge to bring out feelings which lie behind what people are saying.

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## Guide to Free Property Information on Hazards

By Denis Tegg

Coastal hazards have been in the news lately. On 5 January we had the almost-record storm surge and coastal flooding in Thames and along the western side of the Peninsula. Now TCDC has budgeted \$2.6m over the next three years to begin identifying high risk areas for coastal hazards around our 400km coast. While this is great progress it will be many years before we have accurate maps of potential coastal flooding hazard areas.

In the meantime, if you are an existing property owner, are thinking about buying or renting a property, or are a real estate agent, how do you access the best available hazard information? Unfortunately, there is no "one-stop shop" where you can obtain all hazard information about a specific Thames-Coromandel property. Some information is held by the Regional Council, and some by the District Council. This can be confusing and frustrating if you want to check out a particular property.

I thought it might be useful to write a simple guide to help readers find the best free information available on natural hazards.

### Waikato Regional Council Hazard Assessment

The easiest and quickest way to get hazard information on a specific property is to make an online request for a hazard assessment from the Regional Council. It's free and you usually get a reply within 48 hours. Just type "flood hazard information waikato regional council" into Google, or use this link: <https://bps.waikatoregion.govt.nz/online-services/new/RequestForService/step/1?Subject=Floodingandhazards>.

Or, you can just phone through your request to 0800 800 401 or (07) 859 0999.

You supply the street address of the property (and preferably the lot number) you are enquiring about, and your name and



House at Tararu Thames - 5 January event

email. The Regional Council will reply in about 48 hours by email, attaching a comprehensive hazard assessment for that property, including any hazard maps they hold. The service is free, and the types of hazard and information covered in the assessment include:

- river flooding,
- river bank erosion,
- indicative coastal flooding (inundation), and
- coastal erosion.

### Waikato Regional Council Coastal Flooding Simulator

If the property you are inquiring about is on the coast you will likely receive a map and information on coastal flooding potential in the Regional Council's Hazard Assessment.

You can further investigate yourself whether the property may be subject to coastal flooding (inundation) by using the Regional Council's coastal flooding simulator: <http://coastalinundation.waikatoregion.govt.nz/>. The simulator allows you to investigate a range of scenarios of storm tide surges and possible sea-level rise up to 2m. The simulator will produce indicative maps showing the extent and depth of potential coastal flooding. It is important to use the pre-defined water levels for a location because the height of the tides is different around the Coromandel Peninsula.

This video tutorial <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I4rcEfWCOfl&t> will help you correctly navigate and use the coastal flooding simulator.

### Thames-Coromandel District Council Maps Portal

The Thames-Coromandel District Council has hazard maps and District Plan maps showing river flooding and coastal erosion setback lines at <https://www.tcdc.govt.nz/Our-Services/SMART-Maps/SMART-Maps-Portal/>. But note that coastal flooding hazard areas are not included in these maps.

### LIM Report

A LIM Report from the Thames Coromandel District Council will provide some information on natural hazards, along with a lot of other additional information about the property. If you are purchasing a property, talk to your lawyer who will advise you about whether you should obtain a LIM report and how much they cost.

If you need to obtain a more detailed risk assessment than these sources provide, you should seek advice from suitably qualified professionals.



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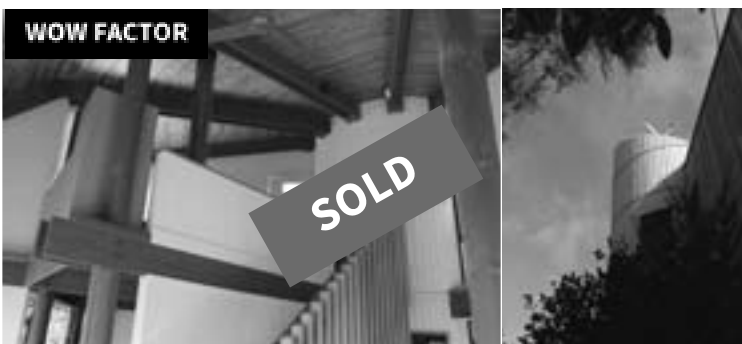
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## Driving Creek Railway

By Alison Mackinnon-Carter

### In Safe Hands

Maintaining safety on a steep grade mountain railway presents challenges at the best of times. Add to that weather bombs, cyclones, and torrential rain that lasts for days and you have some idea of the responsibility that John Gurney takes in his role as General Manager of Driving Creek Railway.

"Safety is my paramount concern", John says, "for our passengers, our staff, and any contractors who may work on the Driving Creek Railway site." John has just returned from a conference in Wellington of the Federation of Rail Organisations in New Zealand. Its members met to hear and discuss the new safety guidelines from the New Zealand Transport Agency, which regulates railways in the country including heritage and tourism railways.

It is three years in July since John arrived from the South Island to manage the Railway at Driving Creek. He had previously managed The Denniston Experience, an underground hands-on coal mining experience, which was a five star tourist attraction.

John has a background in plant and machinery servicing and civil engineering contracting, involved in construction and maintenance of pipelines, bridges and of course railways. His lifelong love of rail began in childhood at the age of eight when an aunt started taking him as her companion while she travelled all over New Zealand by train. So coming to Driving Creek was a natural fit for him. Since Barry's death just over two years ago, John has been working at upgrading the Driving Creek Railway experience and ensuring the continuance of Barry's vision.

"As our visitors pour in the gate it never ceases to amaze me. I think who are they and where do they come from. I watch the look on their faces and their amazement at the quirky nature of Driving Creek, the uniqueness of it, of the buildings; their delight in the higgledy piggledy feeling created by the odd pieces pottery and vintage industrial machines left around. I can see them thinking 'what is this place'. It's this unique nature that continues all the way up the line.

Driving Creek Railway is the



Peninsula's largest single commercial tourist experience. John wants to build on this in the future by giving visitors a more hands-on experience, through the restoration of the potteries and more events taking place (in conjunction with the Moehau Environment Group) in the predator proof Sanctuary that Barry created and Ceramics NZ.

He is also committed to his staff of 22 receiving high quality professional training, whether it is in customer services, use of hand tools, operating a small tractor, tour guiding or working in conservation. John wants to see his staff gain the appropriate trade and tourism qualifications. It is all part of the plan to make Driving Creek - Railway, Potteries, Conservation Park and Museum, the best experience for tourists, supported by well informed professional staff, that it can be.

In the meanwhile over the winter John will be continuing to keep the railway safe whatever the weather. That means the 2600 metres of mountainous track are walked twice a month to visually check the line, and after a weather event. Every three months there is a comprehensive inspection of the line that sometimes takes a full two days, checking the track widths, the sleepers, track screws, points and so on. The responsibility for safety stops with him.

There is the old saying that you often don't see what's right under your nose, and John hopes to have organised open days for the local community later in the year so they can become more familiar with what's happening at Driving Creek. He also wants to remind the community that Driving Creek Railway will be looking for local staff for customer service and driving roles in September.

## Lions News

By Lion Lyn



Hello again from your friendly Lions team. We are at present gearing up for our annual "change of officers" dinner, although this time around there won't be much of a change – just a good excuse to eat way too much and have a good night out! We are still looking for a secretary and a treasurer; many thanks to Gayle for acting as treasurer for the last year. Your input has been invaluable to the club and hope you can continue until we find someone willing to take on the job full time, preferably within the club.

Many thanks to all who assisted with fundraising endeavours of Queen's Birthday weekend, be it food prep, setting up, raffles, cooking, cleaning up, firewood, organising, or eating; it takes a lot of time and effort to get everything to run smoothly. The only thing that upset the day was the inclement weather, which unfortunately stalled what started as a good day and left us with mussel fritter mix to donate to Phoenix House – still a good outcome!

The firewood raffle was won by L. Wallace of Coromandel, and the painting raffle has yet to be drawn, but should be done by next month. Thanks again to everyone for your ongoing support.

Our last dinner meeting saw a small gathering with under twenty present but a lovely evening none the less. An inspirational talk from Ali Smith about the junior rugby and the progress since her presentation to us in April, made us feel really proud as Lions, as this is what these fundraising efforts are all about – helping the community! After the tail twisting and raffle draw the evening came to a close after Lion Rick passed the Lion rock on to Jocelyn Strongman for being available for so many projects over the last few months – helping out at mussel fritter stalls, raffles, and making morning tea for those on bigger firewood projects. Greatly appreciated by us all. Makes me wonder if some put their hands up to help just for the home baking! Thanks again Jocelyn.

That's it for this month. Remember, if there is a community project that the Lions can assist with, please contact us on numbers below or check us out on the webpage! Fire wood is still ongoing but wood will take about six weeks to dry properly. Also, if you have a couple of hours to spare a month and would like to help in the community, then give us a call. I am sure we can find something for you to do! Cheers.

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## Museum News

By Raewyn McKinney

The Coromandel School of Mines & Historical Society Inc AGM was held on Sunday 3 June at 2pm at the Elizabeth Park Village Hall. We thank the small, but hardy, group who came out to the meeting in atrocious weather conditions, and also those who took the trouble to tender their apologies for non-attendance at the meeting. Thanks also go to those committee members, and their wives, who supplied the delicious afternoon tea.

At the AGM the committee was re-appointed, unopposed, and is as follows: President: Judy Bronlund, Vice-President: Frank Mead, Secretary/Treasurer: Raewyn McKinney. Committee: Denise Campbell, Jennie James, Val Macdonald, Karen Marshall, David Phillip, Alison Rowe, Jim Sharp.

Membership subs remain at \$15 per person, per year, and are now due. These can be posted to the museum at 841 Rings Road, Coromandel 3506, or paid direct to the BNZ bank account: 020304 0311211 00.

Most visitors to the Coromandel Museum are fascinated by the models of gold nuggets found on the Australian goldfields. These models certainly draw the eye and help explain why so many people succumbed to "gold fever". As most people have heard of "panning" for gold, visitors then think all gold discovered was either picked up in a

large nugget or found quite easily in the river. However, almost all of the ore extracted from Coromandel mines consisted of hard quartz, so it had to be crushed and amalgamated with mercury to recover the gold and silver. There were not a lot of batteries in the area, but those that did exist generated a lot of co-operation among the various mining companies.

The Government Battery was constructed in 1900, which helped to relieve the pressure on other batteries. The building is still standing on Buffalo Road and is of great interest to visitors to the area.

Here is an article from the "Thames Star" of 22 July 1898, presenting early plans for the construction of the battery:

**"Proposed Public Battery For Coromandel"**  
The Coromandel News has the following:  
We are pleased to see that the proposal to erect a public battery in Coromandel is being taken up in a practical manner by the County Council and School of Mines, members of which bodies will meet on Monday next. The want of a public battery has long been felt in Coromandel, and never so keenly as at present. Local companies are at the mercy of a combination of circumstances most discouraging. Want of capital, in the first place, has the effect of hampering the development of what are known to be payable properties. For the same reason it is impossible for the owner to fulfil to the letter the provisions of the mining regulations which render compulsory the employment of a certain number of men.



Finally, when by dint of sheer hard work and great personal sacrifice on the part of the owners, a payable reef has been unearthed, there is no battery available, in proximity to the mine, to crush the ore. Only recently the tributers in a local mine were compelled to cart their ore over the range to a battery in Kennedy Bay. The people interested in a Tiki mine are even now deliberating whether it would be cheaper to pay the freight, per scow, on ore forwarded to Thames, than to cart it over the range. The consequence is that only ore of high grade class – i.e., ore that will pay for the crushing and contingent expenses – is set aside for treatment."

The museum will be closed during the winter and will re-open at Labour Weekend



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## CILT

### Community Working Together

CILT would like to thank the community for contributing to the feasibility study for the proposed new Community Hub to be built in Pound Street. There was a lot of positive reinforcement of the need for a community building. We are now on to the important step of funding such a project, so watch this space for new developments.

The community does a huge amount to support CILT and we really appreciate it. Recently Belinda at New Image Hair Salon kindly spent a day giving new hair styles and beauty treatments to the ladies at the Work Co-Op. She has offered a repeat visit in three months. Thank you Belinda, we all know how good a new haircut makes you feel. The Work Co-Op also enjoyed their annual holiday in Rotorua, seeing the sights and eating good food.

Thanks also to Pete Sephton who had Artists in the Making, our Arts program for people with a disability, over from Whitianga to visit his studio where he demonstrated print making techniques and helped them do their own screen prints to take home.

We also need to thank our housing committee which interviews tenants for the Kaumatua Flats and who all volunteer their time. They are: Tara Homan, John Carr, Jan Autumn and Rose Turner.

CILT volunteers contribute in so many areas and this month they are part of a community collaboration to construct an installation for our Illume Festival. People

in the community are chipping in to make an illuminated boardwalk from recycled wood and electronics. The end result will be an installation that hopefully will not only be fun and informative but will also reflect something that is going on in our very own community.

This project brings together both CILT and McGregor Bay Wetland volunteers. Also thanks to Suzy Taylor and Stu Johnston who stripped down the beams into planks, and Neville Cameron at the Aero Club for allowing a space for construction.

Construction is still continuing and there are ideas to be built on, so if you are interested in reusing and upcycling projects "in the community for the community", you would be most welcome to join in.

CILT is starting a computer refurbishing and redistribution system to help families that don't have a computer in their homes. We want to hear from people who have laptop or desktop computers that they no longer use. If you donate it to CILT, we will clear all data and give it a bit of a spruce up and then pass it on to a family who needs it.

We are also recycling harddrives from old computers brought into The Goldmine and converting them into useable external storage drives. If you would like one of these then come and see us at CILT. There will a small cost, but it will be far cheaper than a new one.

CILT also wants to welcome its new staff. Abby, a social worker from Illinois who has moved to Coromandel with her partner, is working with Jean Ashby at the Work Co-Op and giving social work support to



Graeme Hadfield and Brian Cowley

disabled and disadvantaged members of our community.

Also to Sarah who is coming over from Whitianga on Thursdays. She is working in social support, helping Jean and Mike Mann with their work with families in the area.

The Resource Centre would like to remind everyone that IRD will make its last visit to Tiki House for the year on **12 July**. Get in early because their last visit booked up very rapidly.

CILT Resource Centre Co-ordinators:  
 Rochelle Still and Erina Marsters.  
 Hours: 9am-3pm Monday-Thursday  
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 website: www.cilt.org.nz

## Poetry SPOT

### Melancholy

By John Irvine

Torrential rain  
 polishes my melancholy  
 I kiss my hound  
 hold him  
 speak to him without voice  
 weep over him  
 and hope he understands  
 my need to be  
 nowhere

## SeniorNet

By Loes Beaver

We at SeniorNet are pleased to read in the Grey Power Magazine an article by our Foundation executive officer.

It would appear that we have more than 70 locations throughout NZ.

One paragraph reads one of the greatest benefits technology delivers to older people is to reduce social isolation through learning how to use networks like Facebook to stay in touch with family and friends.

We have our own magazine which is distributed by email to members – the latest has an article on scams – how to identify and respond.

When it comes to technology, the pace of life continues rapidly changing. New versions of computers, smartphones and digital cameras are commonplace, and keeping up with changing technology and the world of Internet is a regular challenge. That is where we can assist.

We meet on Monday afternoons 4pm at the Area School. so come along if you have any queries, and bring along your preferred smartphone, iPad, etc.

Subscriptions are now due. This will be discussed at the AGM in June.

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## Monday Walkers

By Irene Dunn

Let's get walking folks – what's a little rain and mud between boots? We've enjoyed some good walks of late and there's more to come.

We have tried to walk each Monday despite the lousy weather even if it means taking a different track and maybe a shorter walk. Many thanks to the men's Hiking Group for their invitation to join them on Whanganui Island – always a wonderful walk and scenery to boot!

Many thanks to Natalie for stepping in my boots while I was away – and as always she finds the most interesting things on our walks – take a look at our photo this month. That's got to be "mouth of the month"!

Do you feel like getting outdoors to blow the cobwebs away? Come join us! We walk each Monday, meeting at Woollams Ave car park at 9am.

Happy walking everyone.

Contact Irene 021 157 8408



Mouth of the month: ray in decay at Long Bay

## Hon Scott Simpson MP For Coromandel

### Climate Change Initiative from National

When Simon Bridges became the Leader of the National Party he promised to focus more on the environment. Last month Simon outlined how National plans to take the politics out of climate change and work with other parties to establish an independent Climate Change Commission. It builds on the National Party's promise to work with the government when we believe it's acting in the best interests of New Zealand, and hold it to account when it's not.

We want to find sensible and practical solutions to climate change that are science-based and won't harm our economy or drive up the cost of living for New Zealanders. The previous National government signed New Zealand up to the Paris agreement with the challenge of reducing emissions to 30 per cent less than 2005 levels by 2030. National has always been the party of practical environmentalists and we've made good progress on climate change recently – but we need to do more.

That is why Simon wrote to the Prime Minister and Minister for Climate Change, offering to work with them to establish a non-political Climate Change Commission. Long-lasting change requires broad and enduring support, and we want to work with the government to make meaningful bi-partisan progress on climate change.

Getting cross-party agreement will be challenging and require compromises on both sides. But we're not doing anyone any favours if we can't have a robust conversation about the steps we need to take to meet climate change objectives.

### Fieldays 50 Years On

I always enjoy attending Fieldays at Mystery Creek. This year was just as interesting and exciting as previous years. It's a terrific celebration of all that is great about the New Zealand agricultural sector. This year was the 50th anniversary of the first Fieldays set up at the Te Rapa racecourse in Hamilton back in 1968.

The original idea was to create an event where farmers could meet and view products, services and innovations in farm machinery. Since then Fieldays has become the hallmark for all that represents innovation, hard work and world leading agricultural technology, both local and international.



## Mana Update

By Sarah Ford

Winter is a deeply nourishing time if you can surrender to the change of pace and the invitation to curl inwards. Some of the challenges that people face, like the shorter days, not having as much time in the sun, feeling cold and lazy, are all qualities of winter that, if you can open to them, present great opportunities for self-care.

Mana closes and rests during July, using the month for maintenance of our land and buildings, as well as ourselves.

We have just passed the shortest day of the year, which means many people are leaving home in the dark and arriving home in the dark after a day at work or school. This can be challenging when it comes to fitting in some activity and exercise, both of which are essential to stimulating those "feel good" endorphins. Exercise can play a crucial role in helping you fend off winter blues.

The key to adjusting to winter is surrendering to the change of pace, with quiet, earlier nights and, brighter, more active mornings. Finding a wholesome morning routine will be a key element to a thriving winter experience. Starting your morning with a warm breakfast and good physical exercise will definitely get the ball rolling for a great day.

Focusing your energy on exercise in the morning can help warm you up and get a pep-in-your-step for the day ahead. Sun Salutations are a great way to feel that connection to the sun (without needing to brave the cold outdoor temperatures) and offer many health benefits. And in the evening, leaning into the essence of winter with a sense of ease and restfulness, a short guided relaxation practice may be just what you need to wind down after work, while a calm evening yoga practice may be just the answer to your physical needs.

Despite the busy-ness of your world, if your energy is low, then find ways to support it. It is important to remember to tune in to how you are feeling and honour that.

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# Arts

## Coromandel Players

By Don Hughes

A hearty thank you to all of the people who came to our recent production of "Social Climbers" by Roger Hall. You were warm and receptive audiences, picking up on the humour, and attentive to the tensions (I watch reactions from the side of the theatre!). You were good audiences in terms of numbers too and the Players' bank balance is looking – for the moment – quite healthy.

There is still some misunderstanding, or a belief, on the part of some folk that the Coromandel Players is one of the better off organisations in terms of finances in town. "Now for the big party!" was one of the comments after our final full house performance! Let me run through the figures in round numbers for "Social Climbers".

The total takings, including the bar, were \$5165. The costs were – Scripts and Royalties \$613, Advertising \$291, Set materials \$547, Props \$25, Beer and wine \$405 = Net Profit \$3284.

From this we have to pay: Rent to TCDC \$2100, Insurance \$788, and general maintenance – in other words we would be broke but for the generosity of the Bizarre Trust, Lotteries Commission, Community Board and Creative NZ.

As an Incorporated Society we are required to lodge our annual accounts with the Registrar at the Companies Office and have unfailingly done so for forty years. These accounts are available to anyone who cares to use a computer to access these public records.

Back to what the Players is really about – performance. The other question that arises on final nights is, "What's next?" Well we have a play lined up for next year that could well go into rehearsal in February (we normally rehearse a full length play for three months, by the way). Long time away? Yes. However there are "mutterings" about a pantomime and if at all possible these "mutterings" will turn into something concrete.

Thanks again to all our supporters and remember if you want to get involved ring or text Liz at 027 494 1188, or ring me at (07) 866 8508

## Visiting Theatre Performance

Poignant, funny, authentic and raunchy, Random Shagger tells five real-life LGBT+ New Zealand stories spanning WWI to today.

From a time when desire between two women was repressed and denied, to the decades when closeted gay men married women they didn't love, Random Shagger celebrates how far we have come.

Written and performed by Andrea Kelland, and directed by Deb Filler, this uplifting one-woman show draws on the lives of Andrea's bent biological family, and her own experiences as a single parent coming out in Auckland in the 80s.

Stumbling into a world of lipstick lesbians and stone dykes, back when the presence of "boy children" at womyn-loving-womyn events was hotly debated, Andrea wasn't always welcomed with open arms (but, as she hilariously reveals in Random Shagger, still saw plenty of action).

Sharing tales and characters from her remarkable life, Andrea explores everything from sexual identity to addiction and motherhood, accompanied by community identity and musician Hilz King of Red Beryl fame.

Drawing on physical training from Le Cocque in Paris and decades of theatre experience Andrea also delves into family history, telling the story of her parents, who met in a small NZ town in the 50s.

And then there was Andrea's great-aunt, who embarked on a joyous relationship with a lonely widow during World War I.

The director of Random Shagger, comedian Deb Filler (Punch Me in the Stomach and Filler Up), says Andrea has a unique New Zealand story to tell. "It's a memoir, shared whole-heartedly, generously. And it's a great, brave, funny, simple, important story."

One Show Only – **Saturday 28 July 7.30pm** Hauraki House Theatre, Kapanga Rd, Coromandel Town.

Tickets available from Richardsons Real Estate, 151 Kapanga Rd, Coromandel Town or order online from robinmunch24@gmail.com



## Open Studios Feature Artists

### Mike Cogswell – painter and ceramicist

From a young age, I had a vision of living on a block of land with a tree-lined drive. In my mid-twenties I bought a 10-acre block of land in Coromandel and bulldozed a tree-lined road through the regenerating bush to a beautiful site where I built my house.

I began painting in the mid 60's and took part in group exhibitions through the 70's. My first solo exhibition was in the early 80's and I continued to paint and sell until the stock market crash of '87. It was never my intention to delve into ceramics but with my market lost in the crash there was a need to create a new way of making a living. I began experimenting with lustres on the top of tiles and quickly graduated to painting abstract images on vases. Fortunately galleries wanted my work and I managed to earn a living and enjoy the development of this new art. My university



education was in science so ceramics is a perfect amalgamation of that and my art.

30 years on and I'm still experimenting, still loving producing my small precious pieces. In fact over 30,000 pieces of work have been produced with the occasional larger sculptural work; they seem to be the perfect adjunct for the delicate daily pieces.

### Lucy Kuchlein – painter

I have lived in Whangapoua for 18 years now. Nearly everyday I find something here that inspires me to paint, be it a view of the harbour, clouds over the sea or even weeds and moss in the lawn! While writing this I look up to see the morning sun catch a single blade of grass and I just love the bright green that stands out so intensely against the dark moss behind. For the past few years I have been enjoying this small part of the botanical world – in amongst the weeds and flowers, leaves and grasses. I try to recreate, in my own simple way, some of the lines and colours that attract my attention. Although these things are small in real life, I find myself choosing larger and larger canvasses to paint on – which is both exciting and daunting at the same time.

We have many fantastic artists here in the Coromandel and I am very much looking forward to exhibiting alongside them in the Open Studio Artstour.







The hidden Te Kouma Harbour

## Coromandel Art Group

By Barbara Peddie

We are now looking forward to two workshops, one of which will have taken place by the time this goes to print. It will be run by our local artist Vaughan Udall. (Have you checked out his “A Painting A Day”

on the Coromandel Buy and Sell Anything Facebook page?) In fact some of us are anticipating this with some trepidation, as Vaughan has promised us two things: it will be challenging, and our paintings cannot be done with paintbrushes! Yeah, right. But I am sure we can all rise to the occasion. More about this next time.

It is hard to believe, as we gather in the warmth of St Andrew’s Hall on these wintry mornings, that only a few weeks ago we had some beautiful days painting and sketching at Te Kouma. No doubt this location will provide us with inspiration for the landscapes we will refine in our workshops.



Eager painters at Te Kouma

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## CELEBRATING OUR CHILDREN

### Coromandel Community Preschool

By Debra Attwood



Into the second half of the year already, we are still working on getting our beautiful mural completed. It is taking shape and will be a fantastic addition to our centre and for the community. We really appreciate the time and effort that Genevieve is putting in to complete this.

We recently had the Education Review Office come and assess our Preschool and the teaching and learning that the children are receiving here and we are pleased to report that the Preschool was rated "Very Well Placed", which is the highest rating, and that our next review will be in four years. Below are a few of their findings:

- *Knowledgeable teachers consistently demonstrate a strong understanding of current early childhood practice.*
- *Effective learning interactions with children are underpinned by high levels of respect and the use of a wide range of teaching strategies.*
- *The environment invites children's engagement and exploration. Children are able to initiate and lead their own learning.*
- *Children experience a rich and emergent programme that encompasses a strong emphasis on building their sense of well-being and belonging.*
- *Very young children experience close attachments to key teachers. They experience a calm and nurturing environment which is a safe place for them to explore.*
- *The preschool programme and environment encourages children to become confident and competent learners, aware of who they are and where they come from.*
- *There is a strong commitment by leaders and staff to continue to build culturally responsive practice that affirms both Maaori and children of Pacific origin.*
- *Leadership effectively builds capacity and promotes consistently high quality outcomes for children.*

For a full copy of the report either see the notice board at the Preschool or go online at <http://www.ero.govt.nz>.

Thanks to a generous grant from The Coromandel "Bizarre" Charitable Trust we have been able to purchase some fantastic wet weather gear which enables our children to venture into the great outdoors in comfort, even in wet weather.

We have recently celebrated birthdays for Te Onetu, Reid, Rome, Juan-Kaito, Zoe, Logan, Amira and Tariki and we wish them a very happy birthday.

We have limited spaces available in both our under 2's and over 2's so if you have a child this age and 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>.

The centre operates Monday to Friday 8.30am-4.00pm. We are situated at 155 Pottery Lane. If you are interested call in for a visit or phone us on (07) 866 7570

### Coromandel Youth Group at Hauraki House

#### School Holiday Hours

Monday to Thursday – 11am-4pm, \$2 – socialise, craft and sport activities.

Friday – 6pm-9pm evening social for students yrs 7-9.

Sunday – 1pm-4pm drop in and social.

#### School Term Time Hours

Tuesday and Thursday – 3pm-5pm.

Friday Afternoon – 2pm-4pm.

Friday Night Social – 6pm-9pm for students years 7-9.

Sunday – 1pm-4pm drop in social.

Coromandel Youth Group is for all children aged 5-15yrs; just fill out a membership form for each child attending.

Please make a gold coin donation for after-school sessions.

Parents please feel free to phone with child's expected time of arrival and departure as we can not take responsibility for children who are not signed in or for those who have signed out early.

For more information call in or phone (07) 866 7061.

Along with the kind donations that we receive, we would like to thank those that make this programme possible: Lottery Waikato, COGS, Trust Waikato, "Bizarre" Charitable Trust and The Tindal Foundation

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## Coromandel Area School

By Jamie-Rose Leckie

Where has this term gone? The tail end of Term Two has been an exciting one, with many events happening throughout the school.

### Cross Country 2017

The Cross Country was a successful day with Colville School and Coromandel Community Preschool joining us for the day. A big thanks goes to the Coromandel Golf Club for the use of their facilities for the day. Many thanks to all of the wonderful parents and whanau who came along as helpers for the day and even ran with the children. Also, a huge thank you to our Sports Coordinator and our Physical Education Teacher Kelly for organising the day. Many hours of planning went towards making this day successful. It was very muddy and very wet! A real Coromandel Cross Country, that's for sure.

Here is some writing about Cross Country by Mackenzie in Room 4:

Last Friday I had cross country. It was pouring down with rain, it was like a shower. We ran under a tent and huddled up. Luckily the rain stopped. It was my race. I was nervous! Two of my friends slipped over in the mud. We were almost at the starting line. Toot! Let's go! I sprinted as fast as I could. It was only a 1.6 km run and walk. I kept falling in the mud. I was almost there. I looked at my bag, it was soggy. Finally, I was finished.



## Health and Safety at Coromandel Area School

Kia ora Coromandel Area School Whanau and Community. At Coromandel Area School we work hard to provide a safe physical and emotional environment for our students, our staff and our community. We are in the process of updating our documents and systems at school.

You will now be able to report a risk or hazard if you see something on the school grounds that is unsafe. To do this you can email the risk/hazard to [healthandsafety@coroarea.school.nz](mailto:healthandsafety@coroarea.school.nz). We will need basic information of where it is, when you saw the risk/hazard and what the risk/hazard is.

### Room 7 Writing

Room 7 have been learning to use descriptive language to create images in their minds.

### King of the jungle

By Teia-Marie

He sprints with determination in his run. His golden fur blends like yellow on yellow. He prays and leaps with power. His rugged mane demanding respect. He rips and tears flesh of the unlucky pray. He is the most silent killer. He eats his pray in the dense heat of the day under the leafless tree. He runs like the wind dancing in the fresh air of the evening. He is the king of the jungle.

### From our Principal

We are very proud of our latest ERO (Education Review Office) Report, which has been made official this past week. We have received a 3-year review cycle, which means that ERO are very happy with our progress

Cross Country



over the past year, and with our plans and vision for the future.

The recommendation we have been given is to build "leadership for learning" throughout our kura, and develop leadership capacity in both our staff and students. There are exciting times ahead for Coromandel Area School!

Make sure you check out our fabulous ERO report on our website, click on news and you will find the report: <http://coroarea.school.nz/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/Confirmed-ERO-Report-2018-1.pdf>.

### Relief Teachers Wanted

Coromandel Area School urgently require primary and secondary relief teachers. Must be registered and flexible with working hours. For more information ring (07) 866 8893 or email [principal@coroarea.school.nz](mailto:principal@coroarea.school.nz) or drop your CV into the school office.



Cross Country

## Coromandel Playcentre

By Jenna James

We've had some great sessions at Playcentre even with the cold weather rolling in. In fact, we've managed to combat the cold, somewhat, with the great new canvas we've installed on the deck. Thank you to all those who supported our centre and helped achieve this. We invite you to bring your preschool kidlets and come and check them out! Every Tuesday and Friday during the term.

We'd also like to say a big thank you to Raewyn Potae who was the winner of our Winter Getaway Raffle. We hope you have a fabulous break away!



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# Rangatahi

## CELEBRATING OUR CHILDREN continued

### Te Rerenga School

Learning, it's what we do...

By Mary Kedzlie and students

#### Pink Shirt Day

On Friday 18 May people, all over New Zealand wore pink to promote awareness around anti-bullying and to tell kids and adults that bullying can really harm one another.

Bullying is saying mean things about you, trying to make you feel bad about who you are and it happens again and again, not a one-off incident. Anti-bullying day is when schools around New Zealand wear pink to show that they want to stop bullying.

Te Rerenga School was visited by a magician, El Grego told the children about two different things, anti-bullying and caring for others and how it can really make a difference if you treat people how you would want to be treated.

New Zealand children do have quite a lot of bullying happening in schools, so that's why we wear the pink shirts to show that we want to stop bullying and we want people to respect each other. When we get bullied we feel sad, hurt, mad, left out and lonely. If you see bullying, don't stand and watch or walk away, tell an adult and stand up for the person being bullied. Say something to make the bully stop!

Pink Shirt Day is about trying to make everywhere a bully-free zone.

— By Lila White and Isobel Airey, Room Three

Room 4 have been writing poems using a model text by JK Baxter called "The Town". They are learning about memoirs and their importance, using forms that are more challenging than just writing down "what we did when ...".

Each poem had to give the reader a visual image or feeling without using too many adjectives. There was a focus on using strong verbs and specific nouns.

Check these great poems!



#### The House

By Quinn Gibson – Year 8

The house was usual enough; it had  
Tall trees, a garden, a sandpit, a fence and  
Changing weather above, even a mandarin tree  
I never picked fruit off. Seth and I did whatever we wanted to. We skated  
Down the driveway smacking into the house. We banged random nails  
Into wood, annoying every neighbour. Climbing onto the roof and up the trees  
Around the back. We were either putting each other in danger or  
Giving each other a hand.  
Doing nothing important.

#### The Beach

By Albey Forsyth – Year 8

The beach was usual enough; it had  
A blue sky, clouds, squeaky sand, seaweed, waves, and the shiny sea  
that I loved. My brothers, dad and I  
did what surfers do, cutbacks, ride the barrel and get Pitted.  
Yell your head off if you can't catch the wave.  
Doing nothing important.

#### Nana's House

By Grace Allen - Year 6

The old house was usual enough; it had  
A pool, a hot fire, a tv, a water hole  
And old, creaky trees  
That I barely ever climbed. My sister, my nana and poppa, and I  
Did what normal people do - run with  
The dogs, sit by the hot fire,  
Dare each other to sit in the cold pool  
For two minutes.  
Hugging each other, watching tv, catching eels  
From the water hole  
Snuggling in bed,  
Doing nothing important.



Pink Shirt Day at Te Rerenga School

### Kiwi Can

Kia Ora Koutou.

We are now at the end of term two. Our tamariki have been learning about Positive Relationships during the term. This has included learning a range of strategies to use when faced with conflict. They now understand the concept of fair play and recognise the importance of good sportsmanship. We have laid out what qualities we look for in a leader and have shown how each of us can demonstrate good leadership.

Over these holidays our Kiwi Can leaders will be super busy creating our lesson plans for Term Three.

We hope all our tamariki and their whanau have a meke holiday. Please be safe.

Heads up: In term three will we be holding our first ever Kiwi Can Jam. This is a stage show challenge to celebrate our amazing tamariki and to encourage our students to have the confidence to perform in front of an audience. Details to come!

Until next time Ka kite ano from the Kiwi Can team

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



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# Environment



## McGregor Bay Wetland Society

By Vanessa Woods and Carol Sutherland

### Hands in the air for the wetland

On Thursday 14 June, 13 students from Coromandel Area School's Room 5 enjoyed the sunshine and explored their backyard of Coromandel Town. The students ventured out over the Kauri Block walk, looking at the young kauris planted by Kauri 2000 and predator traps set up by Moehau Environment Group. They then joined Vanessa, wetland co-ordinator, at McGregor Bay Wetland.

The children looked at what makes a wetland and how it operates. What were the hydrology issues in the town's wetland scenic reserve? Then it was time for bird spotting and listening. What could be observed when we sit quietly? Not always an easy task for children but a 5-minute bird count turned into 10 minutes when they didn't want to stop! Hush did come and birds were seen, heard and identified. The day finished with a call for a competition to design a bird hide. Now that they knew that observing wildlife without disturbing them is more productive, some creative designs can be formed from that basis.

The McGregor Bay Wetland Society is asking children for their ideas of what a bird hide should look like. One of the design criteria for the bird hide is to engage children, so who better to ask?

The design of the "Buddle Huddle" bird hide will be open to all over the coming months but let's see what the kids come up with.

Also look out for the boardwalk coming to the Illume festival. Hopefully the kids will like this one as well.

In the meantime, the Society is investigating avenues for boardwalk designs and possible geotechnical work in order to fulfil consent requirements. The Coromandel-Colville Community Board have given their support for planning to go ahead for stage one of the boardwalk.

## Forest and Bird

By Karen Marshall



**Forest & Bird**  
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Our recent AGM had a great turnout and we learned lots from Mike Donoghue's discussion on environmental happenings in the Pacific area. Our committee has changed: Sue Wright has stood down from the Chair but remains on the committee; Judy Janice is leaving us after several years input, and Rex Croucher "retires" after 20 years' involvement, which is an outstanding achievement! The branch will now be chaired by Kate Donoghue, with Carol Sutherland as Secretary, myself as Treasurer, and Sue, Alison Carter, Kate James and Jane Foreman making up the rest of the committee. Anyone interested in our work is welcome to join us and attend meetings, which are held on the first Friday of each month.

Attaining a predator-free Coromandel is a primary focus for our branch. We have possum traps available for loan but also realise that there are people in the community who may not, for many reasons, be physically able to set or clear traps on their property. If you, or someone you know, have a "possum problem" and would like help, please contact me at ph (07) 866 7867 or 027 728 2098 and one of us will happily provide, set up and (hopefully) clear a trap for you.



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# Environment continued

## Moehau Environment Group

By Natalie Munns

### Sad News For Our Port Charles Kiwi

Have you heard the unanswered calls of female kiwi calling from the bush-clad ridge behind Little Sandy recently? As you may already be aware, we had three kiwi killed by dogs there recently, the most recent found just after Queens' Birthday weekend. The first two birds were from successful breeding pairs and were fitted with transmitters. Due to these transmitters, the meagre remains of both birds were found after the Easter break and recent DNA test results have confirmed how they died. We now wonder how many unmonitored kiwi, including the most recent victim, have met with the same demise in that densely populated piece of bush? Port Charles has been described as the epicentre of the Coromandel Brown Kiwi population. Is this the beginning of the end? We must do something to stop this from happening again! If you have any information regarding this tragedy, please contact us at [info@meg.org.nz](mailto:info@meg.org.nz).

### Winter Lecture Series

The next MEG Winter Lecture, "Living the Life Aquatic" with Paul Champion, will be held at Pepper Tree Restaurant on **Sunday 1 July** from 7pm. See separate article on page 12.

### MEG Kiwi Sanctuary May 2018

Predator and pest catch data from our Kiwi Sanctuary for May 2018.

Species	May 2018	Total to Date
Feral Cat	1	35
Hedgehog	1	251
Mouse	-	16
Possum	-	8
Rabbit	-	66
Rat	134	11,764
Stoat	10	1,604
Weasel	9	769

So, if a female rat can breed up to five times per year and produce up to 14 pups in each litter... No, let's not even think about it!

Have a great month everyone.

From the team at Moehau Environment Group  
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## Birds of a Feather

By Catherine Delahunty

This week two heads of states met in Singapore for reasons of their own, which may be of benefit to their people or not. I personally gained more inspiration from a news story about the kuaka/godwits who fly from Siberia to Tikapa Moana and other places every year. The story was about the North Korean stopover the birds make and the collaboration between Kiwi scientists and North Korean scientists studying these remarkable birds. Keith Woodley from the Pukorokoro/Miranda Shorebird Centre was one of the Kiwi team. The two countries have little formal connection via diplomatic ties, let alone shared understanding of culture and politics, but bird people get bird people. The common fascination with a tiny shorebird capable of planet-wide migration was ground enough for a productive exchange. The kuaka have been struggling as the stopovers get "developed". Industrialisation has ruined the former rest site on the South Korean border, but a vast undeveloped wetland on the North Korean side has become their safe haven on the route to Aotearoa. The fact that they annually achieve this extraordinary journey is evidence that miracles are natural and more than possible and that they break all boundaries.

It was clear from the documentary that there was no hostility between the two groups of bird people, only a desire to understand how to support the migratory pathway of the kuaka.

It is so easy to demonise other cultures. The media are often better at stereotypes than true story telling but there something stronger than suspicion which can bind us together when it's allowed to happen. The kuaka story is an example of a genuine connection based on something more inspiring than the manipulations which make us judge people we have no knowledge of. The political world needs to find a new courage and respect which is so often lacking in the power plays. I am not suggesting some kind of false collusion in the name of world peace. We do need to call out Israel over the oppression of Palestine and Indonesia over the occupation of West Papua. We should never collude with the gun runners who feed conflict who are actually from powerful Western countries. But in standing up we need to remember that the cultures of every place on earth are rich and remarkable. One way that cultures grow is in relationship to the natural world. We need to think of the kuaka when we talk about the Hauraki Gulf. This exquisite food basket for birds and people is horribly contaminated by sediment and dairy farm leachate from the Plains and from the vast impact of Auckland City on the adjacent ocean. If the kuaka are to continue to flourish here as well as in North Korea and Siberia, we all have work to do. The bird people work very hard to protect habitat but it's not going to work if we do not face up to the catchment degradation flowing from pine forest mismanagement and other land-uses which treat rivers as drains.

Indigenous cultures name their children for the birds and the trees, they have developed identity based on relationships with the natural world because they know they are part of that world. Only Western industrial culture has taught itself that we humans are separate, above, all important. The price of this separation could well be catastrophic in our lifetime. So there is a need to follow the birds who travel across borders. They will have different names in different places but they need the same thing from every place: peace, clean waters, good food, the freedom to be themselves. That is what everyone from North Korea to Hauraki needs. We are birds of a feather lost in a failed system which will not fly. But they are still with us suggesting another way.

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# Sport

## Coromandel Golf Club

By Peter Gray

Saturday 16 June finally had the rescheduled Club Championship Stroke Play Tournament get underway. The Senior Div. (Verner Family Trophy), played over 36 holes produced an exciting finish. After 36 holes Mark Burcombe, Chris Fielding, and Bruce Wallace were all tied up on equal gross scores. The three players proceeded to the first tee for a play-off. Unfortunately for Mark he was eliminated on the first play-off hole, however Chris and Bruce needed five playoff holes before the result was decided. Bruce Wallace finally produced a birdie on the first to record a win over Chris Fielding having a par.

The results of the other two divisions were more cut and dried with Max McLean winning the Intermediate Div. (Dudson Family Trophy), played over 27 holes and new member Paul Delaney taking out the Junior Div. (O'Keefe Family Trophy), played over 18 holes.

The President's Cup, played on Saturday 10 June, was won by Chris Fielding. Chris was a little fortunate as the person with the best score, President Ed Buckett being disqualified – (can't win his own Trophy – "what a day to have one of his rare outstanding rounds").

The Beaver Cup Handicap Match Play final was played off with Mark Burcombe defeating Ron Evans 5/4.

Malcolm Stone took out the Meat Pack/Laurie Olliff Trophy for May with a score of 44pts.

On Monday 18 June the Coromandel Ladies played Tairua in a playoff for 3d and 4th spots in the Thames Valley Match Play Competition, however, lost the match 2/1 to finish overall 4th.

The Course has taken a bit of hammering from the weather for the third year in a row. However, it is a credit to Ed and his Merry Workers to keep the course in its current prestige playable condition. A number of members have travelled and played country courses in both the North and South Islands and stated it is a pleasure to come back and play on their home course.

The Club and members would like to pay tribute and extend their appreciation to Keith Stephenson who has tended to course over the last 16 years. He has finally hung his multi-coloured longjohns in the tractor shed for the last time. We would also like wish him a speedy recovery from his recent injury ansresulting complications.

Welcome and all the best to member Bill Howard who has taken on this part-time role.

### Upcoming Calendar

**Wednesday 25 July** – Meat Pack/Laurie Olliff Trophy

**Saturday 28 July** – Captains Trophy



## Coromandel sailing

By Tony Burton

A lot of people in Coromandel are probably unaware that the Thames Sailing Club cruising division have been racing in the Coromandel Harbour and beyond for many years. I personally started crewing on boats back in the early 80s, got the bug and have been sailing ever since. We run two racing programmes, summer series which finished end of April. The winter series is underway having started 6 May, and will run till mid-August. We race every two weeks, one race in the harbour the next is out around the islands. I have run the last two summer series and have to say a big thank you to Mike and Karen from the Star & Garter Hotel for coming on board and helping out with sponsorship. It's now to be called the Star & Garter summer series. The summer racing is on Saturdays 2pm, giving people who work Saturday mornings time to get out there. It's all about getting families out there and having a bit of fun.

## Coromandel Recreational Fishing Club

By Allison Brown and CRFC Committee

As I write this edition on 18 June the weather is a bit cloudy with the promise of rain.

I was fortunate enough to take a train trip across the Alps from Christchurch to Greymouth at the end of May. It was very cold but we struck fine weather and even snow at Arthurs' Pass.

To date it hasn't been too bad for winter and very mild during the day. I have been told that the snapper are still out there and the charters have been getting their limit no trouble and good sizes. There have been only a few days that have been not very good weather-wise.

I can't believe that no one from our Club weighed in any snapper for May.

Fish for Club members in July is blue cod so hope the weather is not too bad and someone can bring one in as they are getting up in numbers in the Gulf and even in the Harbour.

It's that time of year for our AGM for the Club. Anyone wishing to attend is most welcome.

Date: **13 July** (middle of school holidays), 2pm Admirals Arms Hotel. Refreshments and nibbles supplied.

If you would like to join the Club for the year 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019 please drop us an email: [coromandefishingclub@gmail.com](mailto:coromandefishingclub@gmail.com) or call Chris on 021 100 8653 and we will send a sub form to you.

As always here's to tight lines and good fishing.

P.S.: Made a mistake last month in thanking Debbie for kindly donating ice creams to all of the kids taking part in the Take a Kid Fishing Comp. It was Mishel from the Ice Cream Parlour.

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

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

**COROMANDEL RSA AGM** Special Meeting. To be held on 28 July 2018 at 1.30pm. The Club Rooms, Woollams Ave.

**LORRAINE HAMMERSLEY,** nee Goodlass, living in the Coromandel region and formerly of Bachcare... please contact Lynn, 09 446 1269 or email [Lynn.bip@xtra.co.nz](mailto:Lynn.bip@xtra.co.nz)



## Poetry SPOT

### Ode to a Squamous Cell Carcinoma

By John Irvine

So many people love the sun,  
say it makes them feel so jolly,  
but me, I love the rain and snow  
'cos it makes me melancholy.

See, I never feel delighted  
when my skin fries in the sun,  
it causes me to suffer lots  
and it stops me having fun.

Both arms are dry and crusty  
with squamous cell carcinomas,  
so a further session of surgery -  
I wish I was in Barcelona

with someone else's arms,  
perhaps in some nursing home  
with cheap wine for us all  
and no scammers on the phone.

But here I'm stuck until I die  
I'm sad to say, by golly.  
Only one thing keeps me sane -  
it's my blessed melancholy!



Pink Shirt Day at Te Rerenga School – see article on page 28

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## Coromandel Town weekly and monthly meetings

### Every Monday

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

### Every Tuesday

Mahamudra Centre, Free Guided Meditation ..... 8.30-9am  
Pastel Artists Coromandel, Coromandel Aero Club Rooms  
(07) 866 7220 ..... 9am-midday  
Coro Walking Group, Ruth (07) 866 7246 ..... 9am  
Open Floor Dance at Mana Retreat Centre, (no classes during July) 9.30-11.30am  
Croquet, Woollams Ave, Kaye (07) 866 8968 ..... 9.45am  
Yoga for everyone, Colville Hall, Kate 022 071 8470 ..... 10am  
Playcentre, Woollams Ave ..... 10.30am-1pm  
Beginner Yoga with Becks, at the Anglican Church Hall,  
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Coro Motorcycle Club, Star & Garter, John 027 234 1013 ..... 7-9pm

### Every Wednesday

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

### Every Thursday

Mahamudra Centre, Free Guided Meditation (suspended for July) ..... 8.30-9am  
Coro Walking Group, Ruth (07) 866 7246 ..... 9am  
Coro Bowls club day ..... 9.30am  
Coro Art Group, St Andrew's Church Hall, Val (07) 866 8911 ..... 9am-12pm  
Guided Meditation, Elizabeth Park Community Hall ..... 10-11am  
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Candlelit Yoga, Colville War Memorial Hall. School term only.  
Contact Vanessa 021 124 7267 ..... 5.30-6.45pm  
Open Floor Dance, Anglican Church Hall (no classes during July) ..... 7-8.30pm

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Mahamudra Centre, Free Guided Meditation ..... 8.30-9am  
Yoga for everyone, Anglican Hall, Kate 022 071 8470 ..... 9am  
Playcentre, Woollams Ave ..... 9.45am-12.15pm  
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Croquet, Woollams Ave, Kaye (07) 866 8968 ..... 9.45am

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**1st Wed** – Lions Dinner meeting, Ambulance rRooms.  
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**2nd Wed** – Garden Circle. Contact Jane Warren 021 232 2905 ..... 1pm

**3rd Wed** – Lions Business Meeting, Ambulance rooms.  
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**1st & 3rd Sun** – Church Service at St Andrew's Church  
Rings Road ..... 10am

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Calendar of events  
Coromandel Town  
July 2018

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11am-4.30pm  
Saturday, Sunday & public  
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MEG lecture -  
Living the Life Aquatic with Paul  
Champion (see pg 12)

High tide 9.07am (2.6m), 9.32pm (2.7m)  
Low tide 2.53am (0.7m), 3.07pm (0.3m)

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Low tide 3.38am (0.7m), 3.45pm (0.6m)

High tide 10.25am (2.5m), 10.57pm (2.7m)  
Low tide 4.15am (0.7m), 4.24pm (0.6m)

High tide 11.05am (2.5m), 11.33pm (2.6m)  
Low tide 4.57am (0.7m), 5.15pm (0.7m)

High tide 11.47am (2.5m)  
Low tide 5.41am (0.7m), 5.49pm (0.7m)

High tide 12.16am (2.6m), 12.32pm (2.4m)  
Low tide 6.26am (0.7m), 6.38pm (0.6m)

High tide 1.03am (2.6m), 1.23pm (2.4m)  
Low tide 7.15am (0.7m), 7.33pm (0.8m)

High tide 1.53am (2.6m), 2.19pm (2.5m)  
Low tide 8.07am (0.7m), 8.32pm (0.8m)

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Bike and scooter light up  
workshop for the kids, at Hauraki  
House Scouts Den (see pg 4)

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High tide 2.46am (2.6m), 3.20pm (2.5m)  
Low tide 9.03am (0.6m), 9.47pm (0.7m)

High tide 3.43am (2.6m), 4.21pm (2.7m)  
Low tide 10.01am (0.5m), 10.15pm (0.6m)

High tide 4.42am (2.7m), 5.21pm (2.8m)  
Low tide 10.59am (0.4m), 11.28pm (0.5m)



High tide 5.42am (2.8m), 6.15pm (3.0m)  
Low tide 11.55am (0.2m)

High tide 6.40am (2.9m), 7.12pm (3.1m)  
Low tide 12.23am (0.4m), 12.55pm (0.1m)

High tide 7.37am (3.0m), 8.05pm (3.2m)  
Low tide 1.18am (0.6m), 1.43pm (0.0m)

High tide 8.32am (3.1m), 8.58pm (3.3m)  
Low tide 2.13am (0.2m), 2.23pm (0.0m)

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High tide 9.26am (3.1m), 9.51pm (3.2m)  
Low tide 3.08am (0.2m), 3.27pm (0.0m)

High tide 10.19am (3.1m), 10.43pm (3.2m)  
Low tide 4.03am (0.2m), 4.19pm (0.1m)

High tide 11.12am (3.0m), 11.36pm (3.0m)  
Low tide 4.56am (0.2m), 5.12pm (0.3m)



High tide 12.05pm (2.9m)  
Low tide 5.50am (0.3m), 6.07pm (0.2m)

High tide 12.30am (2.9m), 1.00pm (2.7m)  
Low tide 6.44am (0.4m), 7.05pm (0.6m)

High tide 1.23am (2.8m), 1.57pm (2.6m)  
Low tide 7.39am (0.5m), 8.04pm (0.7m)

High tide 2.17am (2.6m), 2.55pm (2.6m)  
Low tide 8.35am (0.6m), 9.03pm (0.7m)

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Boom, Bust & Beyond  
Guided Heritage Tours (see pg 11)  
Captains Trophy at Coromandel  
Golf Club (see pg 31)  
Visiting theatre performance at  
Hauraki House (see pg 24)

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High tide 3.12am (2.6m), 3.53pm (2.5m)  
Low tide 9.31am (0.7m), 9.58pm (0.8m)

High tide 4.06am (2.5m), 4.48pm (2.5m)  
Low tide 10.25am (0.7m), 10.51pm (0.8m)

High tide 4.59am (2.5m), 5.38pm (2.6m)  
Low tide 11.16am (0.6m), 11.39pm (0.7m)



High tide 5.49am (2.5m), 6.25pm (2.6m)  
Low tide 12.03pm (0.6m)

High tide 6.37am (2.5m), 7.08pm (2.7m)  
Low tide 12.24am (0.7m), 12.46pm (0.6m)

High tide 7.21am (2.5m), 7.48pm (2.7m)  
Low tide 1.07am (0.7m), 1.27pm (0.5m)

High tide 8.02am (2.6m), 8.27pm (2.7m)  
Low tide 1.48am (0.6m), 2.05pm (0.5m)

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KEY

New moon

Full moon

Tide times and heights from Land Information NZ and are for Coromandel Harbour.

For Thames times -15min High and -18min Low.

 Blue bin bags out

 Put recycling out

RN = Rural North

CT = Coromandel Town & Te Kouma

TC = Thames Coast & Waianaia

UPCOMING MONTH

AUGUST

Friday 31 - Daifodil Day (see pg 16)

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