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Editor's comment

Shortly after you received the May issue The Bizarre announced it was closing down and there was much discussion and amazement at the decision – both online and on the street. The Bizarre is such an integral part of Coromandel Town – only a few years ago I published an article on The Bizarre celebrating its 50th anniversary. It has been here for ages and loved and used by many. Fortunately it now looks like it will be saved. What it illustrates to me is how hard it is to run a profitable business in Coromandel – even when it is a trust with donated goods and mainly volunteers.

Get involved in this town and help it thrive. See letter below about trying to restore public transport here and page 7 for a meeting about Steiner. Have a good month.

Debbie

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Letters

New subscriber

Dear Editor,

I have been coming to The Coromandel for many years to visit family and have always enjoyed reading the Coromandel Town Chronicle, and now much to my delight a close family member has given me a year's subscription. I enjoyed the first copy sent last week and must tell you that I really enjoyed it. Both grandsons did all of their schooling at the local school from kindy right through to high school, so love following the school activities.

I look forward to further copies and also further trips to your delightful town.

Regards,
Whangarei Grandma

We need public transport

Dear Debbie,

Since the valiant effort of Coromandel Adventures to continue a bus service to Thames failed, Coromandel residents have been without any reasonable way of getting to and from Thames or beyond except for private cars. Older people, youth, those without access to a vehicle or who simply don't want to drive on our roads or on city motorways are basically marooned here while the only public transport is geared towards visitors and tourists.

I understand that public transport can be subsidised by Environment Waikato but that we on the Coromandel don't have a levy from that included in our rates. How much extra would that be? How unprofitable would a bus service like the one we used to have be if it was properly advertised and able to be booked on the internet?

I have heard many stories of people frustrated because we cannot even get to our major city of Hamilton and upset because having friends and relatives visit involves a car trip to Rotorua, Hamilton or Auckland and back. I could tell more stories but the core problem is the same.

I want to try and change this situation and there seems no better time than local body election year. If you care too and are interested in getting together to discuss what could be done, please contact me, lora.mountjoy@gmail.com or phone me on (07) 866 7176.

Lora Mountjoy, Coromandel Town

The Bizarre

Dear Editor,

As a past but long-term resident of Coromandel it is with great sadness that I hear of the proposed closing of The Bizarre. Lots of stories, rumours and finger pointing, but no confirmed facts. The Bizarre is an integral part of the Coromandel, the glue that joins all residents. It's where all no longer needed household furniture and clothing is recycled. When grandies came for holidays it's where they loved to choose extra jerseys, etc., which were then washed and returned sometimes to be recognised, "Oh look there's my last holiday jersey".

The last Chronicle included a very positive piece with all of the bequests \$23,000 plus. Such big ones covering such a wide group and helping hands for others. How will Coromandel's groups fare when these no longer happen? You can not run a village with so many diverse interests on cake stalls and when so many of the goods are donated, it can not be a finance problem.

OSH (Health and Safety) and their ridiculous interference when it became involved 10-15 years ago have a huge lot to answer for: The Sunday markets where good bakers provided cakes and biscuits for those who couldn't or didn't bake. The jams, relishes, vegetable plants and flowers. We all met at The Bizarre and enjoyed the comradeship. Now all gone to bureaucracy it would seem.

On a really personal note, several years ago out of the blue an old phone came alive, played a tune and reminded me it was Dorothy James's birthday. Spooky or comforting! But I know that Dorothy, Margaret, Eva, Betty and all the ladies who saw a need so many years ago and acted on it would feel so sad that their vision, required even more today, may be no more.

Kate Jacobsen, former resident of Coromandel Town

Editor's comment: See The Bizarre advert on page 5 announcing The Bizarre being saved.

Letters continued over...

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Anzac Service Coromandel Town

I attended the 10am Anzac remembrance service in Coromandel Town, which was very poignant.

Before the concluding blessing, the Anglican minister inferred that the God of Muslims and Christians is the same God. This was my interpretation of what he said, and this was verified by others who attended.

Personally I do not agree with this belief.

Forty three years ago while on my O/E, I was seeking for "Truth" about the meaning of life in many places – Eastern religions, the writings of Nietzsche etc. Finally I thought I wonder if there is any truth in the Bible and got stuck in Genesis chapter one. I flicked to the back of the book and words came leaping out of the pages: love, peace, truth, righteousness, purity. I bought a book about Jesus Christ as I could see he was key reading the Bible. On the plane from Brisbane to the UK then to Munich to attend the World Cup in 1974, I was reading about how Jesus Christ died for the sin of the world an innocent man that brought tears to my eyes. I looked out the plane window in the middle of a blue sky was a rainbow that made the hairs on my neck stand on end and knew in my heart God had revealed to me that he is Jesus Christ.

This was the start of my Christian journey.

This truth for me was substantiated as a growing member of the Anglican Church "All Souls Langham Place" in London where the Rector John Stott in the 1970's, expounded what the Bible clearly states, that Jesus Christ is the only way to the Father. This is a core principle of the Christian faith and a foundational teaching of the Anglican church.

Christians believe Jesus Christ died on a cross for the sins of the world and was raised to life three days later.

The Quran is very clear in Surah 4:157-158 in that it denies Christ was crucified and died on a cross. The cross and resurrection is central to the Christian faith!

Regards,
Mike Mann, Coromandel Town

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Festival fun in the sun



Coromandel Town Seafood Fest 2019

Food glorious seafood, fun, sun and music can only mean another successful Coromandel Town Seafood Fest with close to 3,000 folk taking advantage of the beautiful weather and joining us at Coromandel Area School to pay homage to our locally grown world famous seafood delicacies. Sadly for some, the ferry from Auckland was cancelled due to fog, but we look forward to seeing you next year.

Festival goers were spoilt for choice with 36 stalls selling an amazing range of seafood – scrumptious seafood chowder, whitebait fritters, fresh fish, oysters, mussels, scallops, smoked fish, paella and sushi. If it was fishy it was there! And for those who prefer their food from the earth there were pizzas, Thai cuisine, Asian fusion, fried bread, homemade sausages



to name a few, and of course everyone's favourites – candy floss and ice cream.

The cooking demonstrations throughout the day were a great hit. Derek the Chef's grilled snapper and smashed spiced avocado ciabatta, Kim Brett's yummy smoked fish and kumara patties and from Pepper Tree Restaurant, Mike Huitema's divine oysters natural with red onion, light chilli and raspberry vinegar dressing and that was just for starters. These delicious recipes and more are available on www.coromandelseafoodfest.com or www.facebook.com/coromandeltownseafoodfestival.

Thanks so much to Linley, our compere and our three most talented chefs Mike, Kim and Derek.

Oysters shucked and fish filleted – all in the blink of an eye! The oyster shucking and fish filleting demonstrations were closely watched by those hoping to pick up

Coromandel Comment

By Tom Hollings

The Coromandel Mussel Farming Industry welcomes people to come and enjoy the good snapper fishing inside the Coromandel mussel farms. People do have a legal right to be there, within certain limits, eg, upholding safety, and our industry really welcomes fishers there.

However lately a few boaties have been spoiling the situation by endangering safety. We are talking about Health and Safety for both barge crews and also for the recreational boaties. In short, some people are getting far too close. Please see our advert in this edition for a code of good practice. However if all boaties cannot or will not uphold this code then further restrictions will be required.

We are now asking all mussel farm boaties to help with safety, by having a polite word with those disrespecting the code, to please play it fair and safe so as to keep clear of the mussel barges at all times.

Congratulations and thanks to the organisers and participants for a fun and delicious Coromandel Seafood Fest on Saturday 4 May.





tips. Thanks to Moana and the Coromandel and Whitianga Takeaways who made it look just so easy!

For those with more than food on their minds there were over 14 specialist stalls to ramble through, or as spied on the day, a quick tour of the stalls on "The Bug", loved by young and old.

These stalls offered a range of unique and beautiful art works and crafts, clothing and jewellery and general items for sale along with those raising funds for special projects. As always our local Fire Brigade display was



popular and we hope that those fundraising for special events had a successful day too.

MPI and the Coast Guard were there making sure we all know the rules on how to keep ourselves and our environment safe and well.

Live music supplied by our talented local musicians entertained the crowd throughout the day –

Bits & Pieces, Gemma Loudon and from just down the road a bit, The White Goat, who rocked the lunch time crowd.

Congratulations to thoroughly delightful Lammie Hutchison the lucky raffle winner from Whiritoa who, along with her husband, is "Coming Back to Coro" to enjoy their prize.

The committee would like to thank the following people and businesses – it is their support that helps bring this fabulous event to Coromandel Town for all to enjoy: Blen Dunn, Bush e Bikes, Coro Cowboy Fishing Charters, Coromandel Area School, Coromandel Cottages, Coromandel Fish + Dive, Coromandel Four Square, Coromandel Mussel Farmers' Association, Coromandel Unichem Pharmacy, Coromandel and Whitianga Takeaways, Derek the Chef, Driving Creek Railway, FacilityWorx Ltd, Fishing and Outdoors, Geoff Horton, Gold FM, Gold Ridge Farms, Hamish Macdonald, Jake Bartrom, Jan and Steve Walters, Jean Ashby's Crew, Kim Brett, Linley Rose, Lionel Parsloe, Liquor King, Liz Cameron,

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See you all on 2 May 2020!

Poetry SPOT

Autumn Leaves

By Beryl van Donk

They stood in gay splendour
sliding courageously to their branches.
Orange, gold and fiery red.
Autumn leaves teased and tossed them
floating to the forest floor,
watching leaves
falling
in
slanting golden rays.
From an overwhelming stillness
came gathered fragrances
now in the process of decline

Beryl would like to share this quote:
"Many people own cats and then go on to
lead normal lives!"



Coromandel 'Bizarre' Charitable Trust

The Coromandel Bizarre Shop will cease trading as a CBCT entity from 30 June 2019

**As from 1 July the Coromandel Independent Living Trust (CILT)
will take over the management and ownership of The Bizarre as a going concern.**

This decision has been made reluctantly by the Trust because it doesn't feel it can absorb rising costs.

We firmly believe that this decision has the best outcomes for the continuation of The Bizarre.
CILT has management and financial skills and resources that CBCT does not.

CBCT wishes to apologise to the Coromandel Community for the unavoidable delay in making this announcement and the consequent shock and dismay caused by rumours that filled the gap.

We wish CILT every success as it takes up this new challenge.



Ann's Good News, Naturally

By Ann Kerr-Bell

Preventing Colon Cancer

Repetitive statements in the media around the increase of colon cancer, and concern about the lack of funding and availability for pharmaceutical treatment, goes hand in hand with a massive deadly silence – a great big fat elephant in the room – how to keep your colon healthy.

Bottom line is, it's as easy as 1, 2, 3.

1. Eat a well-balanced diet each day and avoid toxic foods.
2. Have sufficient daily prebiotics.
3. Have sufficient daily probiotics.

Trouble is, I see daily that this is not happening. We are dumbed down to accept that there is nothing wrong with modern foods, and that drugs and surgery will fix us.

Did you know that healthy food choices, the way you prepare, ingest, digest and absorb your food, then pass a bowel motion, will prevent colon diseases?

Your bowel motions (poos) truly reflect the state of your health.

How sweet do your poos smell? A sweet, earthy tolerable odour is ideal. They should not be offensive to others. They should not be a struggle to pass. Is there mucous or blood in them?

Do you have impacted faecal matter caking the wall of your colon? Is the colon wall eroding, causing fermentation and putrefaction to occur, leading to a toxic buildup over time from this faecal matter, potentiating changes in the colon cells' structure, thus malfunction and disease?

Does your daily diet consist mostly of a very wide range of vegetables, or too much processed foods and meat?

By the time you present with even the smallest digestive health issue, things have already been going wrong within the cells of your digestive tract.

Cancer and other colon health issues develop over time. Constipation, haemorrhoids, bloating, irritable bowel, Crohn's, ulcerative colitis, diverticulitis, and cancer are all preventable.

What goes into your mouth, and how it is broken down in the upper digestive tract, results in a positive or negative outcome, not only in your colon but also within every cell of your body.

When your diet lacks real nutrients and bulk, and the volume of food residue in the colon is small, this promotes issues like diverticula, small herniations of the mucosa, through the colon walls, leading to diverticulosis, developing to become diverticulitis, where the diverticula become inflamed, becoming life threatening if they rupture.

Essential nutrients from the foods you eat are absorbed and feed you by your small intestine.

The essential fibre (prebiotics) from the wide variety of foods you eat, feed your vital good bugs (probiotics) in your colon.

So, what is finally delivered to the colon contains few nutrients, but it still has 12 to 24 hours to spend there. This is when your probiotics further break the digestive residue down for preparation in forcing the faecal matter towards the anus and then eliminate it from the body (defecation).

Did you know there are hundreds of strains and species of good bugs, all with different medicinal roles? Which ones do you need to optimise your colon's function?

Absorbed in the colon are: Biotin and Vitamin K, water, also minerals sodium, chloride, potassium. Do the questionnaire and know your mineral deficiencies and imbalances: www.activeelements.com, username: 259077, password: 579819.

Natural medicine is evidence based and proven to prevent, treat and heal safely the diseases of the colon, without side effects.

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Coromandel Garden Circle

By Jenny Penman

Oops ... we missed the May Chronicle deadline.

Our April meeting took place away from our regular venue with a trip over

the hills to the garden of a member at Tuatawa. Julie has a large and interesting garden which is further enhanced with her quirky handicraft artworks. And this year's visit didn't fail to deliver. There was so much to explore, enjoy and chuckle at, as our photo shows.

The May meeting took place again at The Combined Club and this time members were put through their paces with a plant knowledge quiz of what proved to be very hard but enlightening questions. Did you know that gnomes are banned from the Chelsea Flower Show gardens? One of our own Circle members then gave a fascinating talk and demonstration of some unusual (to us) vegetables and plants that she grows in her garden from her native Fiji and how she uses them in her cooking. Rada had many twisting their faces after sampling her bitter melon, despite her protestations that it is excellent for cleansing the blood, but her sugar cane had most smiling. It was interesting to see that Indian snow peas, taro, tamarind, turmeric and the curry leaf tree all do well here in Coromandel as long as a bit of protection in winter is provided. I think we will all be throwing in a handful of raw peanuts to try our luck, if only to amaze the grandchildren with these very unusual growing root nuts. Our monthly Special and Arrangement competition entries this month had an autumn theme and there were many beautiful baskets and trugs overflowing with a wide variety of tamarillos, feijoas, mandarins and other citrus making for a colourful display.

Next month we will meet at the earlier time of 12 noon to enjoy a soup luncheon together before our speaker's presentation.

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 at The Combined Club, Woollams Ave. For more information please contact Jeni Mudgway 021 0227 5341



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Let's keep Steiner Education and funds in Coromandel

Coromandel has had a long tradition of Steiner education. For around thirty years many children and families have benefitted from the holistic approach, creativity and local-spirit offered in Steiner education.

Currently a group of families and individuals are joining forces to revive Steiner community activities and education in Coromandel. Our vision is to start a weekly Steiner Playgroup and a monthly all-ages Steiner Community Group to learn crafts, music and celebrate festivals.

The Playgroup will cater for children up to 6 years and their parents, plus older children (eg home schoolers) are welcome. The Steiner Community Group activities will be open to the whole community: adults, grandparents, and children.

There will be a public meeting to gauge interest and develop these plans. If you're interested in participating, or contributing your skills and knowledge, please come along! (See details below.)

Help keep community-raised funds in Coromandel

A related (and pressing) issue is deciding the future of existing Steiner funds in Coromandel. As you may know Coromandel's Steiner Kindergarten closed several years ago. The Kindergarten Trust met recently and voted to close the Trust and to gift the funds to other

Steiner organizations around the country – on the grounds that there is no commitment to Steiner education in Coromandel.

We strongly opposed this move. The funds raised in our local community must stay in our community! As a small, under-resourced rural community it feels wrong to give this hard-earned money to groups in larger towns and cities. The money held by the Trust was raised in Coromandel through community fundraising, kindergarten fees, donations, and grant applications: the Steiner Federation provided guidance but no financial support. Many classroom resources were paid for or crafted by parents and the local community.

Help us keep this money in Coromandel for future Steiner education initiatives and sign our petition at change.org. "Keep community-raised Steiner funds in Coromandel" or sign the paper petition at Wharf Road cafe, CILT reception or The Goldmine. Please spread the word!

Steiner Public Meeting

Monday 10 June 4pm at Wharf Road. For anyone interested in participating in monthly Steiner community activities, crafts, music and festivals; establishing a new Steiner Playgroup; keeping community-raised Steiner funds in Coromandel Town.

What is Steiner Philosophy and Education?

For those of you who aren't familiar with Steiner, here's some brief background: Rudolf

Steiner was an Austrian philosopher who developed Anthroposophy. Anthroposophy is a holistic philosophy and way-of-life that recognises the many facets of a whole human being and their relationship to the universe. This philosophy has influenced many disciplines including education.

Steiner education gives equal importance to nurturing the physical, emotional, and intellectual aspects of the child. The focus is on helping children to develop a healthy sense of awareness, concern for other people, respect for the world and their own sense of meaning and purpose. Activities often focus on life-skills, creativity and collaboration. There are also beautiful celebrations of festivals and the seasons, which involve the wider community.

In New Zealand there is also an emphasis on Maori culture. Although Steiner education originated in Austria, the holistic approach, reverence for the natural world, and importance of whakawhanaungatanga (sustaining family-like relationships) complement Te Ao Maori – the traditional Maori world-view.

Come to the public meeting. And don't forget to sign the petition!

Contact: Steiner Community Group – Julene Wake (07) 866 8333; Steiner Playgroup – Angee McWatt 021 255 0399; Petition – Change.org, CILT Office, Wharf Road cafe

Coromandel Contract Bridge Club

By Judy Bronlund

In June we start off with a fun night on Queen's Birthday Monday, then we continue playing for the Tokatea Pairs before starting on the Individual Championships. We will have held our tournament in late May. Next month I will thank all of our sponsors as we do appreciate their support. We have had Lorraine and John join us while they are staying in Coromandel.

New members and visitors to our area are most welcome to join us. We play every Monday evening at the St John rooms.

Please contact Val (07) 866 8730 or Lyn (07) 866 8858

SeniorNet Coromandel

By Loes Beaver



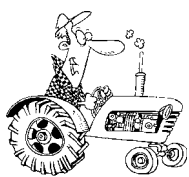
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SeniorNet Coromandel meet every Monday afternoon at 4pm. We are there to sit with people with any IT problems, and work on a one to one situation as we find this more appropriate for our small group. We will be holding our AGM and midwinter afternoon tea at Success Cafe on **20 June 1.30pm**. Where to from here and subscriptions will be discussed so do come along as your input is important. For apologies and numbers attending please contact me by **12 June**. Looking forward to seeing members and prospective members.

Contact Loes Beaver (07) 866 8053

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 - * Stunning landscaping, come and view!
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Coromandel Grey Power

By John Rabarts, President

Coromandel Grey Power Association Annual General Meeting is **6 June**, St John Rooms, Tiki Road, Coromandel (by Fire Station). We gather at 1pm and meeting starts at 1.30pm. Anyone welcome. Speakers will report on the Grey Power Federation AGM in Wellington in May. Agenda: President's and Financial reports, election of officers, afternoon tea.

This month we have been sent a really interesting pest campaign contribution by text. But it is in my cellphone, which I misplaced in Coromandel last night. I am going to find it but the Chronicle deadline will catch up with me I think. So something worthwhile to look forward to next month.

Knock Knock – Who's there? A scammer. Despite our living in a digital age, with a wide range of scams, there are still some old fashioned scams that come right to your door, posing a threat to you and to business. With this trick door-to-door salespeople use high pressure tactics to convince you to buy a product or sign up for a service you don't need or want. These aggressive – yet persuasive – solicitations are often for charitable donations, investment opportunities or for home services and maintenance of various appliances like water heaters and air conditioners. In many cases you will never receive the product or services are of poor quality, are not as represented or can be obtained locally at a much better price. Beware of those asking for a "deposit" and a promise to deliver the product or service "next week", or soon. Your deposit may be all the scammer was looking for and the person and the service or product may be gone forever – with your deposit!

Here are some tips. Don't feel pressured to make a quick decision. Take time, do some checking up on the person and named business they say they represent. Check up elsewhere for competing prices. For a charity ask for a breakdown of where and how the funds are allocated. This must be available in writing if the appeal is genuine. For investment "opportunities" don't sign anything until you have had a chance to discuss it with trusted and knowledgeable friends or family. If the offer is genuine, the seller will give you time to consider. Always read the documents they show you and read the "fine print" carefully. It may be "just normal business terms to protect you" – but it is your money it will be taking from you. Never share any personal information about your income or assets/investments you may have. Don't show copies of bills or financial statements. Only allow people into your home that you trust. If in doubt ask them to come back at a time that suits you when you can arrange to have someone else there to listen with you to what they have to offer. This was extracted, expanded and rearranged from a booklet, "The Little Black Book of Scams" by the Commission for Financial Capability (CFFC). Find online at cffc.org.nz or you may find copies in doctors' surgeries and information centres. I got one at Colville Social Services. Thanks Colville.

Coromandel Grey Power members get a newsletter and notice of our regular Grey Power meetings. Enquiries to join please contact Membership Secretary Carol Carson on (07) 866 7172. Or text John Rabarts on 022 611 5717. My cell phone doesn't receive voice calls where I live and I can't access left messages. But text messages do get through, although sometimes delayed



Coromandel Town Information Centre

By Sandra Wilson,
Manager



Good weather, school holidays, Easter and Anzac Day have certainly continued to keep town busy. Then to top it all off we had the Kauri Run and the Seafood Fest on 4 May, with more great weather making the events fabulous. We were spoilt for choice on food options at Seafood Fest and had great entertainment! It's wonderful to see this festival grow in size and popularity each year.

We've had lots of changes to the inside of the Centre. We have new flooring and the walls have been painted by two of our team members in their own time. Special thank you to Natalie and Lynne, and to CILT for supplying the paint. Also a big thank you to the Work Co-op who provided the muscle in clearing our office so the lino and painting could take place, and then moving everything back in.

We are now agents for Eventfinda. That's right, you can book all of your tickets to shows, concerts, etc., through us. Stop by and let us be your one-stop booking agent for Eventfinda, InterCity and 360 Discovery Ferry. We now also sell tickets to presentations by Coro Players. We know many of you got to enjoy their recent presentation, The Great Piratical Rumbustification, with a wonderful cast of local children having a great time!

As a fundraiser for the Centre we now have the new Entertainment Membership books for sale. There are two types available: a book and a digital version. The Waikato/Bay of Plenty book is \$65 and Auckland area \$70. You can also access them online whilst still supporting our centre: www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/9g60712. Anyone who orders via this link will help us fundraise, so be sure to share it with your friends and family as the digital version includes three other areas. This is a great way to receive discounted entertainment. You only need to use 3-4 vouchers for the book to pay for itself. The Entertainment Membership 2019/2020 contains valuable 2-for-1 offers, special rates and up to 50% off on activities, dining, shopping, travel and leisure. This could also be a special gift for you to give to friends or family members.

All community groups: As this is the time of many AGMs, please remember to advise us of your new contact person details. This way we can help support you and your group with getting your events out there. I am talking to all of the art, theatre, sport, preschools, environmental groups, RSA, markets and more. Let's work together to keep everyone informed as to what is happening in and around town.

A very special thank you to the Star & Garter and everyone who supported the Pizza Sundays through March. We were the designated charity and \$340 was raised from all of your support.

As we move into winter the InterCity bus does not operate on Saturdays. This is the bus that comes through town around 11.15am from Thames, to Whitianga, Thames and back to Whitianga. It operates Sunday through Friday.

360 Discovery Ferry only operates on Saturdays and Sundays now through winter with the exception of a service on **Monday 3 June**, Queen's birthday.

To our local business community, please advise us if your opening hours are changing over winter.

We are in need of a storeroom, so please contact the centre if you have a shed/garage in or near town that we could use.

Open: 10.00am-4.00pm. Phone: (07) 866 8598 or 027 521 5560. Email: coroinfo@xtra.co.nz. Website: www.coromandeltown.co.nz. Follow us on Facebook: Coromandel Town Information Centre

Salmonella Dub Album "tease" tour April-June

**1 June – Coroglen Tavern,
7pm-11.45pm**
Salmonella Dub Soundsystem,
Laughton Kora, DJ Mant.

The Salmonella Dub Soundsystem will showcase the first bundles of new Salmonella Dub album tunes, fresh from the band's Hapuku Creative Retreat Kaikoura.

Alongside the new album bundle, expect a sonic mashup of Salmonella Dub full back catalogue, including album tracks and remixes, delivered live complete with Andrew aka DJ Rudeboy mashing the mix live with the Sal Dub horn section and Mighty Asterix on the mic.



Ticketing link for the Coroglen show:
www.cosmicticketing.co.nz/event/show/5720
Salmonella Dub website: www.salmonelladub.com

OUR COROMANDEL



News from Thames-Coromandel District Council

June 2019

Coromandel Citizens Hall

At the recent Coromandel Citizens Hall project meeting members of the Coromandel Bizarre Trust and the Coromandel-Colville Community Board were thrilled with the progress to date. In the coming weeks insulation, reinstatement of the two original porches, and laying the new timber floor are expected to be completed. The original floor was a combination of kauri and tawa and the timber for the new floor is over 100-year-old matai which has been salvaged from rivers in the Hawkes Bay.

www.tcdc.govt.nz/corohallproject



Tony Brljevic – District Councillor, David Keeves – Chair of Senior Settlement Trust, Carlene Carmichael – Chair of Coromandel Bizarre Trust, Peter Pritchard – Chair of Coromandel-Colville Community Board.

Whangapoua Boat Ramp upgrade

Design consultation and consenting for work to rebuild the two-lane concrete boat ramp at Whangapoua and install a floating pontoon is happening this financial year.

Stage one re-construction of the concrete boat ramp is planned to start during 2019/2020, while stage two of the boat ramp upgrade installation of the pontoons is scheduled for 2022/2023.

The existing two-lane boat ramp is cracked and breaking up in parts. The two lanes were poured at different levels, causing safety issues for users.

The new ramp will eliminate these issues and the addition of a pontoon will make the boat ramp more user-friendly for boaties.

Dog registration renewal time

If you have a dog, it's time to renew its registration for 2019/20. If you have an unregistered dog living with you in our district which is older than three months, then you must register it.

We're sending out renewal forms to all registered dog owners in the district around the end of May.

Payment is due by 31 July. From 1 August a 50% late payment fine applies.

If you are registering your dog for the first time in Thames-Coromandel District, get in touch with us so we can talk you through the details and provide you with information about our dog exercise areas, the restrictions on beaches at certain times of the year and other useful tips. For more information call us on 07 868 0200 or email customer.services@tcdc.govt.nz

To renew your dog's registration online, go to the online payments portal on our website www.tcdc.govt.nz/renewdog and click on the "Renew my dog registration now" button. If you use our online pay system a receipt is produced on the spot and you dog's tags will be mailed to you.

More information on dog registration and fees: www.tcdc.govt.nz/dogregistration

GET READY FOR LOCAL ELECTIONS

VOTE 2019

LOCAL ELECTIONS

Every election matters and the choices you make at voting time make a difference. Voting packs are posted around mid-September and you have until noon on 12 October to vote. Make a difference by making sure you:

- Are registered to vote. Do you own a property in the Coromandel but usually live elsewhere? You can vote here too.
- Consider running as a candidate for mayor, councillor or community board.
- Vote.

All the information you need is on our website at www.tcdc.govt.nz/elections

Find out more about how our Council works at our next information session, covering how budgets and rates are set and how activities are funded. This is essential information for anyone considering standing as a candidate, but all are welcome. It begins at 5.15pm and runs for about two hours.

- **4 June** – Thames, Thames War Memorial Civic Centre, 200 Mary St.

Queen's Birthday Kerbside Collections

There will be no Kerbside rubbish and recycling collections on the Queen's Birthday public holiday (Monday 3 June) so collections across the district will be one day later that week. Kerbside schedules:



www.tcdc.govt.nz/kerbside

Please put your blue official pre-paid rubbish bags out on the kerbside with your recycling wheelie bin and glass recycling crate – if it's your week for recycling – on the morning of your collection day. It's Week 1 in our fortnightly recycling schedule.

Bags left hanging from trees or poles or left in cages will not be collected. If pests ripping bags open are a problem in your area, consider a gullinator, a sturdy mesh sack that sits over the rubbish bag. Available at our Council service centres for \$15.



Please do not put rubbish bags on top of recycling wheelie bins. This causes

delays to collections while drivers remove them. Instead, put rubbish bags on top of your glass recycling crate.

If you're leaving town before your collection day, take your blue rubbish bags and recycling to any of our seven Refuse Transfer Stations (RTSs) for no charge. The Matarangi, Tairua, Pauanui and Whangamata RTSs have 24/7 drop-off facilities for blue rubbish bags and recycling.

Our RTSs are all open on the public holiday until 5:30pm.

Locations and hours for all our RTS:

www.tcdc.govt.nz/rts



Coromandel
-Colville
Community Board
UPDATE

Next Meeting – The Coromandel-Colville Community Board will next meet at 9am on 11 June in the Coromandel Service Centre, 355 Kapanga Rd, Coromandel.



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CoroLocalLegend with Coromandel Four Square

Congratulations to Jean Smith of Coromandel, who is the recipient of a gift hamper from Coromandel Four Square. Jean has been nominated by Lou Alley who wrote “(affectionately known as “Grandma” to many) you will probably have seen Jean many times behind a BBQ raising money for our Lions or many other roles she has for our Colville/Coromandel communities. If she’s not relief school bus driver, she’s at home working on something or out helping someone in need. Along with her daughter Nicky, Jean is one of the humblest, thoughtful people I have known ever ... beautiful family the Smiths are, anyone who knows them well knows this of them. Please nominate our Grandma Jean ...she’s a Legend!”



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

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

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

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



Community Health

By Catherine Delahunty

Lately I have been visiting public hospitals as I have some friends with serious illnesses. It is a good reminder to value health and to work on daily well-being. I am very grateful to my yoga class for making me stretch and my dog for making walk every day. But I am even more grateful to the public health system for being there when we need it. People from the top end of the Peninsula and on both sides rely on the free hospitals, the relatively cheap doctor services and the dedicated emergency services. Unlike places like USA, the hospitals look at our health first and not our credit cards. This is something we must never take for granted and its why tax is a public good, not some kind of government theft. We need tax to pay for the public health system and we need to recognise when the system is under strain and needs more investment. The political and administrative debacle at Waikato hospital is no reflection on the doctors and nursing staff. They have been as worried as anyone else about the DHB chaos. The hospital is servicing a huge area and needs good management and more money. There are also things all of our hospitals could do to improve patient health. I find it odd that the food contractors are providing often inappropriate food for sick people. Imagine if there was funding for a couple of good gardeners to grow some greens on the roof or instead of flower beds, some kumara crops. Imagine if we supported our hospitals to buy bulk fruit and make juices and smoothies that restored patient strength. I know the public probably would rather have familiar food but when we are sick we have to try and do new things to get well.

The Peninsula is well served in terms of dedicated doctors and Public Health nurses. I can remember when Colville had no medical services at all, let alone Dr Kate and her team providing such great support. We can forget that we nearly lost Thames Hospital when the health “think big” approach was sweeping this country. The tangata whenua health services give whanau the option of a more culturally supportive environment and I note that these services are open to all.

Instead of whining about taxes while complaining about how our hospitals are not good enough, we need to embrace opportunities like the capital gains tax to add to the national resources to be spent on health and education. We need to defend and demand improvement to public health services. Health insurance is for the rich and is no solution to stressed public health. I wish the government had taken the advice of the Welfare Task Force to increase benefits and fix that punitive system because poverty, just like drug addiction, is a health issue and is not solved by punitive policy or low taxes. Take nothing for granted, including free health care; it’s a foundation for the fair society we need to create and maintain.

Coromandel Budget Advisory Service

By Caroline Dunn

Budget Advice

Welcome to June everyone, halfway into the year already and on our way to the shortest day for the year. I will be glad when we are back to warmer days, but in the meantime remember, 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 zones” 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.

Why would you need us?

- Do you have debts that need to be paid, perhaps they’re overdue?
- Find it hard to budget because you have seasonal work?
- Need help with creditors?
- Would you like to have more control of your financial situation?
- Want to save money?

What can we offer you

- Advocacy with WINZ, IRD and other government departments
- Advocacy with creditors such as power, phone companies, finance companies and other lending organisations

- We work with you to create a realistic budget
- Foodbank access whilst dealing with debts

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

Foodbank

We would like to say a massive thank you to the team at the Admirals Arms Hotel for the donation we received at their recent “Evening for Charities” event. It was a great community evening and we are so grateful to have been a part it.

Food parcel requests need to be in at the Budget Office by 12.30pm on Tuesday. Food parcels must be collected at 2.30pm on Wednesday.

Remember to bring your own bags/boxes if you are collecting a food parcel.

Please keep donating any food items and excess garden produce. All clean, resealable jars and containers and reusable bags are also gratefully accepted by us on our mission to become single-use plastic-free this year.

Community Garden

The garden is looking great. The cloth seems to be working well at keeping the rabbits from eating our seedlings. It’s been lovely to have some more volunteers popping in. All of the help is very much appreciated and makes such a difference to the productivity of the garden overall. If you would like to help out by joining our volunteers, please come down on a Wednesday morning between 9am-11am and have a chat with Brooke.

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

The garden is always in need of plants, seeds, lawn clippings and mulch. If you have any excess of these, you can drop off at the gardens or send us a message via our Facebook page to organise a pickup.



Plastic-Free Coromandel Town

By Kate James

What a brilliant day we had at the Coromandel Seafood Fest! Our plate station was an absolute hit, with the overwhelming majority of stallholders happy for festival goers to use a crockery plate and cutlery from our stall to collect their food. Some stall holders even offered a discount to customers who did this. It's great that people everywhere are increasingly aware of the negative impact on our environment that comes from single-use throwaway products. Let's all do our part to stop our planet drowning in rubbish.

We were saddened to see that all of the waste from Seafood Fest was sent to landfill and we hope to support recycling and composting options for next year. Some stallholders had their own recycling and composting facilities set up and we think this is also a great option.

Congratulations to our competition winners on the day and thank you to The Waterworks for supplying the family pass as a part of the prize packages.

We are still sewing up a storm every two weeks at the local council chambers to ensure there is a stock of Plastic-Free Coromandel Town bags available for local and visiting shoppers. Sewing times in June are 1-3pm **Wednesday 5 June** and **Tuesday 18 June**. Thanks goes out to Guthrie Bowron Whitianga for a fantastic fabric donation. Everyone is welcome to join in with sewing sessions (or anything else) as we continue to grow and expand our positive ideas and impacts in Coromandel Town.

Find our Plastic-Free Coromandel Town page on Facebook for more information and events.

A wonderful initiative to look out for soon is a workshop about reusable nappies and period options being hosted by Emily from Raising Ziggy and organised by an awesome local mum. A great way to help save the planet and save yourself some money too. Contact Emma Codlin for more information: e.m.codlin@gmail.com.



Sailing In The Coromandel

By Tony Burton

The last of the Star & Garter Summer Racing Series was held on Easter Saturday.

Only a small number turned out as a number of boats were away for the weekend. However the boats that did race had an enjoyable day in light winds.

We had the prize giving in the Thames Sailing Club Rooms on Friday 3 May. Have to say a big thank you to our sponsors, Mike and Karen, for their generous support.

A winter racing series started on Sunday 5 May and we will be racing every second weekend till about the middle of August. We race in the harbour and around the islands generally weekend about.

If you have a yacht and would like to join us, you would be most welcome.

We are looking at putting together a list of yachts and contacts for yachts needing crew so if you have had some experience or are keen to learn (and have some fun), give me a call.

Tony 021 337 484 or tonyburtoncoro@gmail.com

MEG winter lecture series



Our speaker is Dean Baigent-Mercer – Northland Forest Collapse, at Pepper Tree Restaurant. Warm fireplace, warm drinks, **Sunday 23 June** 7pm, free (koha welcome).

About Dean Baigent-Mercer

Dean has often invisibly been involved with the key environmental campaigns within Aotearoa over the past twenty years. Sometimes writer/researcher, sometimes activist, sometimes pest controller or mead maker, he has worked nationally and internationally with Greenpeace and across these islands with Forest & Bird and other NGOs. In 2015 he highlighted the collapse of Northland's native forests using drone footage.

Forest collapse links to climate change

Dean is coming to Coromandel to talk about the links between forest collapse and climate change, masting events, waves of bird extinction in these islands and what can be achieved to help nature thrive from the situation we have inherited.



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Join your local ambulance station and help provide ambulance cover in your community. Volunteering as an Ambulance and Events Officer is a rewarding role, with flexible hours available. Become a first responder and gain NZQA recognised training.

To find out how you can train to become a St John volunteer, contact **Coromandel Station on (07) 866 8279**. You'll never look back!

Hon Scott Simpson MP For Coromandel

Out and About in Coromandel

Communities like ours depend on the goodwill and dedicated service of emergency first responders more than people living in big cities. Our emergency first responders, such as St. John, Coastguard, Search and Rescue and volunteer firefighters, are there for us at times of our greatest need. Every year over one million volunteers contribute around 270 million hours to their communities, which is an incredible figure when you think about it. But it's not just the volunteers who are first responders. So many of our other community support comes thanks to the willingness of volunteers to give generously of their time, energy and experience. We depend very heavily on our volunteers to run all of the services and without them our communities simply could not function. They all do a terrific job, no matter the hour, or the day of the week, the weather conditions or the disruption to their own personal and working lives. So to everyone who volunteers, I say thank you. Thank you for the work you do and the positive difference you make in our day-to-day lives.

International Firefighters' Day

International Firefighters' Day was on 4 May and I had a chance to catch up with members of the Coromandel Town brigade on the day. These days the work of the brigade is not limited to just fires. Increasingly, road crashes make up a significant part of their job. I'm always impressed with the effort they invest to do the work we rely on. Being on call sometimes means disruption to family and work life. So for the support they provide, it's always good to remember the families and employers who enable firefighters to do the work they do. Thank you.

Coromandel Seafood Fest

This year's Coromandel Seafood Fest was a terrific day. Big crowds and lots of Coromandel's finest tasty seafood on offer. There seemed to be good numbers of visitors enjoying the day too. Events like this are a wonderful opportunity to showcase all that our local aquaculture sector does. New products mingle with the old favourites and it was impressive to see some interesting and innovative creations this year.

ANZAC Day

Around our region no ANZAC services were cancelled this year. I try to attend as many as I can and this year was in Waihi at dawn then travelled to Coromandel Town for the joint civic and RSA ceremony later in the morning. Marking one hundred years since the end of WW1, the theme was on "what happened next", with speakers highlighting the adjustments those returning from far-flung battlefields made on their return home. As was the case in other parts of the country, attendance numbers were up this year. That's been a trend over recent years and it's an indication of the respect New Zealanders have for our military history and for the sacrifices made for the lives we live today. Lest we forget.



Debra Dickson
performing at the
Colville Easter
Festival

Colville Easter Festival



The organisers – Colville Social Service Collective – of the annual Colville

Easter Festival held in the Colville Hall would like to thank the following people who helped make the event such a success.

All of you who made the trip north, to attend the various nights – this includes the northern Coromandel residents, plus the local musos who sang and played as part of "Colville Sings".

Our sponsors and providers of services: Trust Waikato, Lotteries, TCDC Creative Communities, Resene, Matt Sephton - Sound, Ezy Kemp - Lights, Richardsons - ticket sales, Coro Theatre Group.

Our food sponsors: Coromandel Four Square, Colville General Store, Hereford 'n' a Pickle, The Forager's Kitchen, Lothlorien.

Thank you to Driving Creek for the supply of clay, and all of our wonderful volunteers.

A big thank you to the Coromandel Town Chronicle who generously published our articles informing all of our festival.

Thank you – see you next Easter.

Scott Simpson

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 A photograph showing a white truck with a blue canopy that says 'DYNAMIC TREE CARE' parked next to a green wood chipper. The background shows some trees and a fence.

Library News

By Raewyn McKinney

I am pleased to be able to report that the new computer is now in place in the library. We thank Barbara and Kay, who have been busy over the past couple of weeks double-checking that the catalogue is accurate and up-to-date, and we thank them for their commitment. For those unfamiliar with digital catalogues, there are step-by-step instructions, so we trust everyone will be able to access a full and accurate list of all library books.

We also thank Jim for renewing the top of the counter. After so many years, it is certainly refreshing to have a clean new counter top.

At the recent committee meeting it was decided to continue with the new library hours. Feedback from subscribers is most welcome, and at this stage it is clear most people favour the morning hours.

We thank the Community Board for allowing us to hold our library meetings in their meeting room. It is certainly a help to us to have the extra space, and it is a bonus to have no stairs to climb.

This month we are sorry to accept the resignation of Brian Webb from our team. Brian has been the face of the library on a Thursday for some ten years and will be missed. Thank you from us all, Brian.

This month's new additions include the latest from Catherine Alliott, David Baldacci, Harlan Coben, Joanne Harris, Ian McEwan, and Frances Mayes.

We have also purchased:



***The Language of Birds* by Jill Dawson**

In the summer of 1974, Mandy River arrives in London to make a fresh start and begins working as nanny to the children of one Lady Morven. She quickly finds herself in the midst of a bitter custody battle ... Lord Morven is having his wife watched. According to Lady Morven, her estranged husband also has a violent streak, yet she doesn't seem the most reliable witness. Should Mandy believe her?



***Sixty Summers* by Amanda Hampson**

When Maggie, Fran and Rose met in their youth, they had dreams and ambitions. Forty years later, the three friends are turning sixty, each of them restless and disenchanted with their lives.

In an attempt to recapture the sense of freedom and purpose they once possessed, they decide to retrace their 1978 backpacking trip through Europe and set off on an odyssey.



***The Island* by Ragnar Jonasson**

Four friends visit the island. But only three return. Detective Inspector Hulda Hermannsdottir is sent to the isolated island of Ellidaey to investigate and soon finds haunting similarities with a previous case ... Is there a patient killer stalking these barren outposts?



***Necessary Secrets* by Greg McGee**

Spanning the four seasons of a year, this is the story of Dennis (Den) Sparks and his three adult children. Starting with Den contemplating his mortality on the day of his 70th birthday, the year ahead is told from four different points of view. A searing picture of NZ society today.

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

Patchwork & Quilters

By Bev Mayhead

My.....hasn't the year flown by so quickly already! Winter is upon us and it is such a nice time of year to stay indoors and stitch quilts by the fire, along with the aroma of home cooking.

Our small projects at the beginning of the month are just so enjoyable and very popular. This month was ideas for a Christmas table setting. Even though we create the same item they are all completely different because of the fabrics we choose to use.

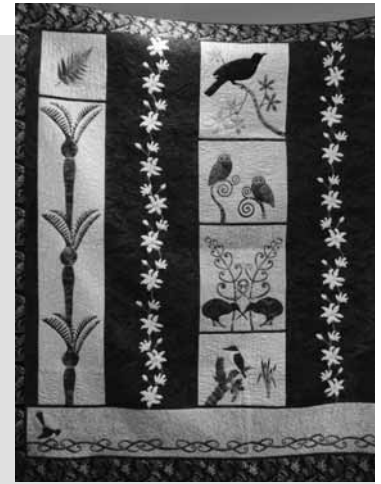
We get a lot of laughs and smiles when they are all put together at the end of the day for a photo. What a super collection!

We have a fabulous two-day workshop coming up in August with an outstanding tutor, so more on that later.

Our "Christmas Theme" for this year is continuing very nicely and many excellent decorations are being created. Embellishments are just the icing on the cake that add the WOW factor.

Each year our president sets us a challenge. Participation is optional and we are very secretive about this project. Our challenge this year is to make something that can be worn (wearable art) and we have to model it at our midwinter Christmas dinner. Time is running short now.

Our group meets on the first and third Mondays of each month. New members most welcome



Part of a New Zealand themed quilt made by Bev Mayhead for her daughter



Driving Creek

Coromandel - New Zealand

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Hot Spot – News from the Coromandel Volunteer Fire Brigade

By Rob Chappell

How coincidental was last week's Seafood Fest, the same day, 4 May, as "National Day of the Volunteer". Your local brigade were at the Seafood Fest fundraising, as others were, but for a cause outside of the Fire Brigade. As we have done for a number of years now, we have a team entered into the Sky Tower Challenge. The challenge – to climb the Sky Tower internal staircase (1103 steps) in Auckland wearing the full firefighting kit weighing in at 32 kgs! Oh and as fast as possible – the record is currently a little over eight minutes. While our team of 12 will attempt to go as fast as they can, they are also seeking to get to the top alive. This is all in the name of the Leukaemia and Blood Cancer Foundation. Every year nationally Fire and Emergency attempt to raise around one million dollars for this so worthy of causes and all through this one day Sky Tower challenge.

I would like to make a huge thanks to all who donated both over these past weeks and to those on Saturday. For those of us fortunate not to have endured serious issues with our kids it is so amazing to see supporters and others placing money in the tin – much of which was notes – and every cent goes to the cause. As entertainment for the cause, several of your local brigade members, who are entered in this challenge, kindly and in a rather hot environment, gave a demonstration, dressed in full kit climbing on a staircase treadmill very kindly donated by Max and Peg McLean of the Coromandel Gym. Added to this local MP Scott Simpson paid the festival and the brigade members on site a visit offering support for volunteers and congratulations on such a worthy cause.

Once again our siren regretfully has not been silent and the range of incidents wide and varied from a local cartage truck overturned off the Kereta Hill to a bach burnt to the ground across Manaia harbour, hence the skills get constantly challenged and are always being honed, upgraded and revised and the team of volunteers never knowing what skill is required next.

It's coming winter – check your chimney and remember to keep clothes well away from heaters.

Coromandel RSA

By Pat Williams

Well another Anzac Day is over. There were a couple of hiccups, I think, due to communication breakdown: no Honour Guard and nobody on Flag Duty. Sad.

Our vice president brought up at our last committee meeting just what a huge amount of planning is involved with Anzac Day. Starts with Poppy Day, tables to be set up, etc. On 18 April some of the ladies went to The Club and put rosemary and a poppy on the crosses. These are now delivered to Colville, Manaia, Buffalo Cemetery and one lone one goes to Papa Aroha. Setting up for the big day starts the day before with putting up the marquee and I think the chairs go out as well. On the day microphone, music, etc., is readied. Thank goodness we had a fine day. Wet weather venue would have had to be The Club. Would all have fit?

Food on the day – only three ladies doing it all this year. I remember years ago when we were still at the old RSA venue we had a team of six or seven; same ones each year. Preparations start beforehand with the ordering of the bread, filling for same, etc., and on the day an 8am-ish start, with savouries to heat. Armistice Day is almost as busy. We would ask any Club members who are able to please volunteer a little of your time on either of these days.

We would like to thank The Coro Fire Brigade, St John, Police, clubs, etc., who helped in any way, laid wreathes, etc. Thanks very much for being there on the day. Donations for our Poppy Trust Fund this year totalled \$1,888.29.

I attended the Dawn Service in Colville, a very lovely experience. There were approx. 100 present including two policemen. In the Fire Station next door after the service some of the locals had arranged a breakfast. The local St John girls were on the BBQ (not literally!). Money made from this local self-help venture was being donated to the Colville Health Trust Building Fund. Well done Colville.

On 18 September 2015, 39 totara trees were planted in Hauraki Road, one for each local serviceman who had lost his life in World War One. I well remember this day. I attended with our late president Ian Franklyn and a host of school children. It was really wet. Pleased to report they are doing well.

Bye till next time.

Quote for the month: "Life is a series of interruptions interrupted by interruptions."

Coromandel Bowling Club

By Linda Wright

We had a great turnout for our closing day Thursday 2 May, with two games of bowls and a shared lunch, followed by prize giving.

Our club day winners were Linda Freeman and Jim Dicks, and runners up were Mike Martin and Bob Sherer. The junior most improved player went to Ann Smith.

Congratulations to Colin Gawith for winning Thames Valley Senior Men's title of the year, and Jason Dickinson for winning the Thames Valley Under 8 Yrs Men's title of the year.

Well done guys, a great result from our little Coromandel Club.

Our AGM will be held at the clubrooms on **Saturday 8 June**, at 10am.

Our greens have been closed for the winter, and renovations are well underway.

Looking forward to a great playing surface next spring.

Our winter Wednesday Quiz Nights have started up again fortnightly, with a great turnout the first evening on Wednesday 1 May.

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Museum News

By Raewyn McKinney

On Sunday 12 May the 25th AGM of the Coromandel School of Mines & Historical Society Inc was held at the Elizabeth Park Village Hall. Looking back through the records, I am delighted to report that David Phillip and Fran Wyllie were present at this year's meeting, and were also present at the very first AGM, held on 18 June 1995. Kelvin Hynes and Sue Wright were also members of the Society in 1995, and both are now Life Members of the Society.

At this year's AGM we were sorry to accept the resignations of Denise Campbell, Frank Mead and Alison Rowe. These three have been wonderful assets to the Society over the past few years. Denise has been the main fundraiser for the museum and has been extremely successful in her applications for grants. Thanks to her efforts, the museum now has many new assets, an internet connection and the very fine World War 1 display. Frank has been our resident "handyman" and has been invaluable in keeping everything looking spic and span. It seems that as soon as a problem is identified Frank is on the job with paintbrush, hammer or whatever tool is necessary to sort things out. Frank has also been in charge of the "shed" area of the museum, and it is thanks to him that it is now neat and tidy, and full of interesting artefacts. Alison has been the Family Tree expert for the Society, and thanks to her we now have a full folder of the histories of many local families. This has already proved invaluable and will no doubt become even more precious as the years roll on. The Society thanks Denise, Frank and Alison for their efforts for the museum, plus their many hours at the front desk. They will all surely be missed, but we hope to see them visit from time to time.

In recent weeks we have been running our "Name the Penguins" competition. We had a lovely lot of entries and thank the local children for their wonderful ideas. Unfortunately, we have only two penguins, so there can be only two winners. These winners are Blake Olliff and Hazel Mallinson. Congratulations to you both and thank you for the winning names: "Waddles" and "Flippers".

A couple of items this month on the hazardous nature of life in early Coromandel are good examples of the types of articles once printed in the paper. In days gone by, local news really did mean "local".

From the "New Zealand Herald" of 4 June 1900

"There were in the lockup last evening, three women and two men, on charges of drunkenness; and Thos. Finnegan, on a charge of wounding Sydney Anderson and Harry Cranley. All the parties appear to have been on Saturday night having supper in the Coromandel Oyster Saloon, when a disturbance arose about midnight, and it is alleged Finnegan took a knife and wounded Cranley in the ear, and Anderson in the neck. The injured men were taken to the residence of Dr King, where their injuries were attended to. In the case of Cranley, some stitches had to be put in.

"A nine-year-old daughter of Mr. George Lindsay, met with an accident at Coromandel when riding a horse home from a paddock. The horse became restive through a dog jumping up at it, and threw the girl, who received a fracture of the right arm and dislocated her elbow. Her injuries were attended to at the hospital."

The museum is open from 1pm to 4pm on Queen's Birthday Weekend, then closed until Labour Weekend



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Christ Church, the Anglican Parish Church of Coromandel

Coromandel's history is all around us and no less so than in the cemetery adjacent to the Anglican Church in Tiki Road. It continues to be used as a burial ground some 130 years since its first interment. Well known local families can be traced back from here to the earliest times of the town. The ashes of many are also deposited here.

The Anglican Parish has launched an appeal to fund the building of a wooden picket fence around the cemetery in keeping with its historic nature. This is to replace the current wire fencing and make it more attractive as part of the town character. Attempts to obtain grant money for this have been unsuccessful to date, so a general appeal has now been initiated. Donations towards this work will be most sincerely appreciated.

To assist this effort, a gala sale in the Parish Hall is planned for **Saturday 1 June**, Queen's Birthday Weekend. Commencing at 9.30am until 12.30pm, a variety of items will be on sale, together with the option to purchase a BBQ sausage snack, or a cup of tea or coffee with scones while browsing.

Donations of clothing or other goods, books, toys, etc., are most welcome.

Gala Sale in aid of the Cemetery Fence – Christ Church, Tiki Road, Coromandel. **Saturday 1 June** 9.30am-12.30pm.



The Caspian tern is the largest of the terns in New Zealand and distinctive from all of the other terns due to its size and red bill. It is found throughout the world and here in Coromandel it breeds on shell banks and sand spits. Like so many shorebirds, they can be easily disturbed by human interference and introduced predators. The adult has black legs and a red beak, whereas the juveniles have lighter legs and an orange beak with a smaller and lighter cape. Juveniles stay with the parent for several months after fledging so this picture is of a begging teenager. The adult has lost the solid black cape of breeding and it is now speckled, looking like grey hairs. There are an estimated 1300-1400 breeding pairs in New Zealand so they are considered uncommon nationally.

If you have a picture of wildlife that you would like to share, email mcgregorbaywetland@hotmail.com

Coromandel Writers

Story by Joan Donaldson

As The Glass Shattered Into a Myriad Pieces

It was just another Saturday morning, Lucy's cleaning morning, and she'd taken time out from the tedium to dance around the kitchen floor partnered by her fine feather duster, to the Beatles' song "All You Need Is Love". When suddenly out of the blue, a scream that sounded like pain being pushed through a hollow reed, resounded from the floor above.

For a moment Lucy stood still, then as the scream subsided she walked out into her courtyard and shouted in the direction of the apartment above. "Are you ok up there?" But apart from the quiet chatter of children passing by her back fence, the world had returned to its sleepy Saturday self.

Lucy had never met any of the people who lived above her but often she'd lie in bed at night and imagine the layers, five floors in total, of bedrooms filled with strangers stacked up on top of each other. A vertical dormitory of beds. She'd imagine beds of different designs, from sexy French boudoir draped in red velvet to the simplicity and coolness of a Zen futon ... urban fantasies. Sometimes, she'd hear a door slam or the gurgle of water as it ran down the rusty old pipes which led her to thinking about the layers of toilets atop each other, and what a good cartoon that would make.

However, back to the matter at hand, on this particular occasion, Lucy's mind was captured by the scream, like a bell it kept ringing in her brain until she could bear it no longer and decided the only way to clear her head was to visit the apartment above.

As she climbed the old concrete steps that curled around the building, she was reminded of the speckled snake she'd seen last year, with its top layer of brown, speckled with green on its underbelly. On reaching level one, she had to wiggle her way around dried up pots of impatiens, and the faded scraps of paper that had blown in on the wind and sat huddled together like trapped white mice in the corner of the porch.

Lucy stepped forward and knocked on the glass front door, but no one answered. So she called, tentatively at first, "Is everything alright in there?" Once again, no reply. On turning to leave, Lucy glanced back and could have sworn she saw the lace curtain that covered the front door stir, reminding her of the slow Tai Chi movement she'd recently perfected, the one called "Parting The Wild Horse's Mane".

It was at the very moment Lucy decided to turn her back on the whole messy business, that she heard it again. That same thin hollow scream, this time coming from behind the glass front door. She turned, just as the glass shattered into a myriad pieces, pale green glass, as pale as the scared eyes that emerged from the jagged glass opening. Eyes that sat like stagnant green pools on an old face, that looked at Lucy pleadingly and uttered the words ... "I don't know who I am anymore".

The above short story was one of six submitted for this month's Chronicle on the subject of glass shattering. Yet again it is so interesting to hear how each writer interpreted the topic; sci fi glass blowing, childhood misdemeanours, coping with the loss of precious heirlooms, and more. Our free writing was about our feelings towards insects which were mostly benign with a reluctance to kill any except for psychological reasons. However a closer look at the borer-ridden pole threatening to bring the verandah roof down on our heads modified that view dramatically. We meet again on the second Thursday of the month as always – **13 June**.

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Animal Rescue Thames

By Alice and John Parris and furrbabies

First thank mews to everyone who sent items to us for our garage sale – the donations of cat and kitten food, bedding, this is truly appreciated as our food cupboard is very sparse at this time. We thank a lovely lady who donated some gorgeous knitted dolls, bears and topsyturvy dolls for us to sell. We will continue to sell these on the internet to raise funds for the cats. Also a huge thank you to the awesome gentleman who rang us and donated half dozen boxes of sachets for our cats – a luxury blessing that the cats have enjoyed thoroughly and kept them fed for almost a week.

Also thank mews to our amazing volunteers who helped load up vehicles, helped with hall setup, to Kath for her amazing carrot cake and knitted booties n hats, and all who helped on the day and with drop down. To everyone who came and purchased items this was an epic day and will help fund the unit until about August, if we can remain on the extremely tight budget we are on. We have a vet bill to pay for some desexing and have two neuters and a spay coming up. Our main funding is earmarked to buy food. Currently tinned is expensive and the cats are enjoying Butch rolls which go a decent way to feed everyone in our care. Some of the hot sellers on the day were jigsaw puzzles, children's toys, Crown Lynn, books, clothes and shoes. The kitchen was very well supported and sold out just after midday, which meant some very happy people having a very affordable, tasty morning tea. We have the kitchen set up with one set menu which has never failed us yet.

Newbie – We have home one of our babies. Well he is now 11 years old but



in 2008 we rescued some kittens from Cambridge and were able to bottle feed them all – they all were beautiful kittens, and this gorgeous boy came home to us for holidays and when life threw a curve ball and everything in the family's world changed dramatically he came home to stay whilst the wonderful lady bought a new home. But this proved to be a home that would not be one that would take cat as well. For cat's safety and wellbeing, the incredibly difficult decision was made that he return to us for adoption to a special home. We have a lady who is most keen to adopt our dear boy so that will be awesome. For the owner it was a deeply stressful decision and rescue truly admire her for such deep consideration to his welfare and wellbeing. We thanked her for being so caring and compassionate.

Fundraising – We have had an opportunity to have a table in the Grahamstown Hall

on **Saturday 1 June** (Queen's Birthday Weekend). We had muted and murmured about having a full garage sale but this was just too much for everyone and when we were rung by a friend who had booked the hall for that day and she asked would we like a table we said yes, so we actually will have three tables in the

hall and have a mini fundraiser, which will help feed the cats for a wee bit longer. We have lots of stuff we can put on three tables. This will be great way to raise funds for the cats without the huge effort necessary to do a garage sale. No huge stress on us and easier for all, so do come down and have a look as there are five others selling items and the hall will have loads of bargains and morning tea as well

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Coromandel Yesterday

By Meghan Hawkes

News from 1893

Mr Jeffcott of Cabbage Bay (Colville) complained that he lost annually 20% of his sheep from the ravages of mangy, half-starved dogs. Unless something could be done to put a stop to the destruction of settler's flocks, they would have to give up the lands they rented from the government and seek some other livelihood.

The cutter Start at Kennedy's Bay while loading firewood for Auckland during a gale was driven ashore on the rocks and wrecked. There were three men and two women aboard at the time but they managed to reach the shore safely. They were unable to save anything but what they stood up in. One of the men trudged over to Coromandel bringing tidings of the catastrophe.

A Coromandel lad arrested on several charges of shoplifting was brought up before L Von Rotter, JP. He had stolen a miscellany of articles including Christmas cards, English and foreign postage stamps, smoking paraphernalia and artist's equipment. He had also purloined a large variety of three penny novels – including Buckskin Sam, Apollo Bill, Cloven Hoof, The Black Giant, the Border Ruffian and Deadwood Dick's Doom. He appeared to have wanted to imitate the wonderful deeds they described. Also found were keys; one being a filed skeleton key. Much sympathy was expressed for his parents as they appeared to have done their utmost for the boy and had even gone to the expense of sending him to Thames in order that he might attend the high school there.

Coromandel Cancer Society Quilt Raffle Winner

By Robyn Dudson

The winner of the quilt raffle, which was made and donated to us by Christine Lunn, was Jan Visser. Ticket number 13B yellow spade.

Thank you to everyone who supported the raffle with special thanks to Harcourts for displaying the quilt in their shop and also selling tickets in the raffle for us.

Money raised from this raffle and several late donations from our Charity Breakfast will go towards our big fundraiser of the year ... Daffodil Day on **Friday 30 August**.

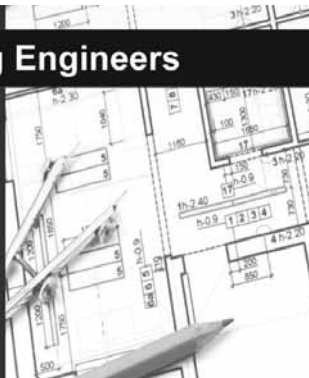


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Mana

Written by Jade Ferrière and Donna Idol

Winter is here, and with it comes a welcomed change of pace. Let's be honest, life has been busy and for the most part it could keep on being busy. Now is a good time to ponder "what do we need to sustain this ever evolving state of busyness?"

When we look to nature we can see a rhythmic ebb and flow, times when energy is put towards being active, and times when it is reserved and replenished. The change of seasons is an opportunity for us to tune into a cyclic pattern that can bring more balance and sustainability.

Duality teaches us that every aspect of life is created from a balanced interaction of opposing forces; work and rest, day and night, winter and summer, the list goes on. Yet these forces are not just opposites; they are complementary. They do not cancel each other out, they merely balance each other like the wings of a bird.

With the concept of duality it is said that you can't fully understand one side without comparing and understanding the opposing side. Most of us are well versed at being busy. We live active lives moving from one task to the next seamlessly, and often celebrating moments where we successfully juggle multiple tasks at once. In order to grasp a complete understanding of how our busyness is impacting our lives, we must be able to pause and take a moment to experience the other side of the coin, resting.

With nature's guidance we can lean into the coming winter months as a time of rest and renewal. We can make the most of the longer nights by getting more sleep. We can return to some of the creative projects that we may have been too busy for in the summer and we can curl up with a good book in front of the fire. We can create space on the calendar to simply "be", and enjoy some heart-warming sustenance, like this recipe for Creamy Layered Vegetable Bake.

Creamy Layered Vegetable Bake

Gather your favourite root veggies; maybe a couple of parsnips, carrots, kumaras, onions and potatoes and slice them into rounds. Put them in a pot on the stove with $\frac{3}{4}$ cup cream, $\frac{1}{4}$ cup milk, 2tsp veg stock and 2 cloves crushed garlic. Simmer on a low heat until partially cooked (about 10mins). Layer $\frac{1}{3}$ of the veggies into a baking tray and sprinkle 1 tbsp Parmesan and 1 tbsp of dried or fresh thyme. Repeat this process three times. Once layers are complete sprinkle the top with $\frac{1}{3}$ cup grated Tasty cheese, more Parmesan and thyme. Bake in 180°C oven for 25-30 minutes until cheese has browned and veggies are cooked.

A Chance to Tell Your Story

By Melanie Veze

If you have lived a life you have a story, and that story deserves to be told. Each of us has gifts and talents, opinions and experiences. Sometimes it takes a little nudge for us to realise them, and a further nudge to speak them out. Who are you? What are you passionate about? What do you have to share with the world?

Unless you are a published writer and widely read, this information must come from your spoken words! There is nothing better than a good story told out loud. It engages our senses, unleashes our imagination, keeps us rapt.

Over the years I have worked with men and women who want to improve their public speaking and oral communication skills. They have come with goals to improve leadership communication, their online video marketing or their confidence to speak up. But recently a new trend has appeared: the need to tell our story. The truth, the facts, the heart and soul. Authenticity is the new black! Transparency is trending! Unbidden, stories have emerged to the surprise and delight of their owners.

I am in the Coromandel for the month of June and delighted to offer a workshop that focuses on the story of YOU. While public speaking is a big fear of the masses, story is the white steed galloping through the mist, bravely disregarding fears and insecurities. Your story will carry you, uplift you and release you.

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Lions news

By Lion Lyn

What a busy Easter it turned out to be, and not just the weekend!

Holiday makers and tourists everywhere

– we soon ran out of sausages and mussel fritters; all good for us and our student helpers who benefit from their work with proceeds going to their trip to India. The Lions raffle of a truck full of firewood was won by Ann and Carey, from Tapu. They are very happy with their prize which was delivered to them the next day. A great job well done; thanks to everyone who helped on the day and behind the scenes prior.

Even a small event such as this requires a lot of prep time and planning. This was all carried out again for the Seafood Fest at the school on 5 May. We did not sell out as there were so many others selling fritters as well, however, Phoenix House residents benefited from the fritter mix later that evening. Between these two events we held our annual "wild and home grown foods" dinner meeting. Another delightful dinner, thoroughly enjoyed by all attendees, and yes, we had mussel fritters on the table! The Lion Rock was passed to our newest member, Lion Gordon, for accepting the position of secretary. Your ability and expertise in this area can only bring good things to the overall running of our club. Welcome and congrats – you get to polish a rock for a month!

Our next dinner meeting will be **Wednesday 5 June**, when if all goes to plan, we will be inducting two new members, which I shall report on next time. Till then it is club stuff as normal (whatever that is) meetings and firewood ongoing, although I need to point out that our wood has been the same price now for 10 years, so there will be a small increase as of 1 June. All orders I have before then will be at the old price. I have been advised that a truckload of wood is 1.8 cubic metres, as I get asked this question so often. As usual, if there is a project that Lions can help with, please give us a call.

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Monday Walkers

By Irene Dunn

Don't let the odd shower or two dampen your spirits to go walking in nature's best – come with us to enjoy the beaches and bush walks around our part of paradise on the Peninsula.

Many thanks to Natalie, who stepped into my boots and organised the walks while I have been away. They did lots of interesting walks and also had the Echo Festival join our group for one walk.

It's great to explore and find new tracks – two are planned for this month. You are welcome to join us. We walk each Monday and meet at the north end of Woollams Ave car park at 9am for carpooling.

Phone the number below for more info.

Happy walking everyone.

Contact Irene 021 157 8408

ECHO Walking Festival walk at Opito Bay; the two walkers are Jeni and Renae

Heart Beat – St John Ambulance Coromandel/ Colville



By Julie Scampton,
Station Manager, Coromandel

Time to say Haere Ra.

Sadly I need to announce that due to St John Double Crewing Project being introduced to Thames I have accepted a transfer back to Thames station. Moving away from Coromandel has not been an easy

decision after having a rapport in the community since 1996, initially with BNZ and then St John since 2005, the last three years fulltime. I'm leaving a very dedicated team who are committed to helping the Coromandel/Colville community. The staff and area committee will always be part of me and it has been a privilege to work with them and achieve several goals. Thank you all for your friendship and professionalism.

My association with medical centres, Coromandel Family Health, Te Korowai and Colville Community Health Centre has been very good and professional and I am thankful for the support they have given me and all the team. Coromandel Fire Service and Police have been a huge support and on many occasions we have met on the road to assist people in need. Some great friendships formed and for this I am grateful and thank you.

I leave Coromandel St John in the very capable hands of our new VTM (Volunteer Team Manager) Kathy Garden. A new relief operations officer is due to be appointed to the roster for a 12-month fixed term contract, so nothing will change in the ambulance service in your community.

We have new recruits and other longer serving members gaining more experience in St John. Perhaps you could join them to enable the Coromandel/Colville ambulance cover to be 24/7 as a local service.

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

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Arts



WTS Coromandel – Shared Studios 2019

By Sally Tennent-Brown

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By Uli and Richard

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We are still local but maybe not for much longer. We both are exhibiting in major galleries overseas and in New Zealand. We have won considerable art awards. Please come along. Hope to see you soon.

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Coromandel Arts Tour

By Kaye Anderson

Three artists talk about their work, their passion and the challenges they set themselves.

Growing through diversity. That's what Carolyn Bayliss does. "Each time I pull out a canvas I do something new so I can learn something more."

To date there are landscapes, seascapes, flowers, vegetables and people. And Carolyn expects there is more to come, with much to explore, especially in capturing the human form. She doesn't believe she'll ever focus on one subject or one style.

The painting in the photo is her musical note, the note of "C", and stylistically it's a precursor to her current project, a series of three panels depicting native flowers. They will be painted black in a stylised manner on an earthy-toned background. "Instead of throwing paint around, I will have to focus on balance, on getting uniformity, straight lines and symmetrical curves."

Although she's been dabbling with a paintbrush for 20 years, it's only in the last two or three that she's become serious about being an artist.

You can see Carolyn's work in her garden studio when her flag is out or by phoning her on (07) 866 8137 to make an appointment.

For Julie Pijfers, also known as Julie the jeweller, gemstones arrayed on her workbench make her "feel like a kid in a candy store". Last year her focus was on texture and form, but this year it's all about the gemstones and their colour. Sometimes their brightness and boldness attract her, but more often it's the subtlety of hue. There are delicate pinks, watery greens, smoky greys and bright turquoises.

The stone dictates first what the form will be – a ring, a pendant or earrings – and then the metal to be used. Gold, rose gold, white gold, silver or a combination. This is Julie's

other focus: looking for unusual colour combinations.

Her strong technical background in manufacturing jewellery enables her to execute her creative ideas. Julie is a fully qualified jeweller, but unlike some others who focus on doing repair work, Julie has sought out the freedom of crafting her own imaginative designs.

With more than two years operating out her home studio on the corner of Rings Road and Driving Creek Road, at the end of next month Julie will open her own retail space, plus working studio, in what used to be Weta. By delightful coincidence, Weta was one of her first stockists many years ago.

Gardening, yoga and swimming are things Linda Sampson loves to do. Another passion is painting. And there are connections.

"I like balance," Linda says. In the garden this means arranging trees and shrubs in a particular way, in the house it means placing cherished objects so they are pleasing to the



Ring by Julie Pijfers

eye. Yoga focuses on balancing body, mind and soul. In her paintings,

it means a strong sense of composition and meticulous attention to detail to ensure that it looks right. At the end of a day's painting she takes a photograph of her work and studies it carefully so that the next day she can fix any problems. It's a time-consuming process.

Linda is also passionate about colour – juxtaposing colours to focus the viewer's eye. For the Arts Tour she's doing some small paintings of old-fashioned lollies, capturing the vivid colours of licorice all-sorts and orange jaffas.

"Painting makes me feel good and easy about myself," she says.

You can see Linda's work at Soul Gallery, Hamilton and Heritage Gallery in Cambridge. Her studio at Te Kouma will be open during the Arts Tour in October.



Artwork by Linda Sampson



Artwork by Carolyn Bayliss

Hauraki House Art Gallery

By Annette Kaye

The rush of summer is over for another year and our bookings for the winter are less hectic. Our latest booking was for a themed exhibition called "Ask where I'm local" which started on the 10 May and ran through to the 26th. It contained work by 14 Coromandel artists and was curated by Sally Tennent-Brown and John Eaglen and was, I am sure, be as stimulating and fresh as their past exhibitions.

It is over 40 years now since Hauraki House was established as a community building. The school that used to occupy the building moved out in 1977 and the Spinners and Weavers moved into the back room. The building was in poor condition and needed a lot of work to bring it up to standard so a group of people got together and were successful in winning a lottery grant. Using volunteer labour they began re-piling, re-roofing and re-organizing the two classrooms into the useable spaces we have now.

In 1988 the Arts Council was formed to find space for a gallery to show off the work of our local artists and craftspeople. The gallery opened in 1989 and by 2002 the two rooms were joined together by the sliding doors to give a larger exhibition area.

Many locals have contributed time, money and effort towards ensuring that we continue to enjoy this space. We work very closely with TCDC, the owners of the building, and rely to a large extent on grants to keep the building safe and up to date. Our income from events and exhibitions held in the gallery allow us to meet the more specific needs of users. To this end we have recently purchased new trestle tables and chairs and have also installed some new lights and power outlets. The generosity of people in the community continues with Lyndsay Garmson donating our new signs this summer. Having a dedicated space like this is a real privilege and one that many small towns can only dream of.

Loes Beaver is the booking officer for the gallery. If you wish to rent either one room or two please contact her and she will take your booking. She is away on holiday currently but is still available via email: alaoesbv@gmail.com.

Coromandel Music Society

By Robin Münch



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The Great Piratical Rumbustification

By Don Hughes

Ahoy me hearties! Weren't that the grandest Rumbustification one could wish to see, after those pirates dropped anchor and came ashore at Colville and Coromandel. We landlubbers were invited to join those buccaneers at the Hauraki House Theatre and well worth the dubloon or two entry it was too.

The plot in a nutshell – Mr and Mrs Terrapin and son Oliver (a would-be pirate) move from their tiny house to a more palatial one, much against the wishes of Mr T, who is fearful of financial ruin. The pirates' search team spot the new house and see it as perfect for their Rumbustification. Meanwhile Mr and Mrs go off to a finance seminar/ dinner leaving Oliver in the care of a very odd babysitter. They return from a fruitless dinner with no wealth-making tips to find the Rumbustification party in full swing. But all ends well when the pirate chief, who in his life ashore is the wealth tipster, showers gold and silver on the Terrapins and the whole family join the pirate crew. Hurrah!

How did the cast handle this tale? Brilliantly. All the cast from youngest to oldest contributed, with obvious enjoyment, to fine overall performance. The ship sailed more like a fast clipper than a dumpy square rigger.

From the minor speaking parts of Annie Ireland, as Roving Tomasina and Ariana Wake and Mika Smith, as Pirate Chesters, making up for few lines with displays of great energy. Piri Pearsall as Mrs Terrapin and John Hunter as son Oliver Terrapin kicked off the important opening scenes, delivering their lines with great confidence in their portrayals of mum and son.

Saffron Wake, as Orphelia Clinker, was full of pirate swagger and obviously relishing the part. She was not even thrown out of character by losing her hook/hand personal prop. This is the kind of thing that can put you off key but Saffron was not perturbed.

Ezra Hunter was, like the other leads, confident with his lines and showed the contrast between his Sir John role (the financial tipster) and the pirate chief Terrible Crabmeat, where he really made his wealth. His servant, played by Kokowai Uamairangi,

certainly knew how to deal with Sir John.

Riley Novis, as the zany Mother Goose, was excellent (what a costume) and she and Grace Smith, as Mr T, had what is a really tricky piece

of dialogue to handle on stage, where two characters are talking at crossed purposes. They handled this beautifully.

Grace Smith did great as she brought that little bit extra to the role of the poor dad in fear of financial ruin. The hang dog expression, the slumped stance and the beautifully done increasing note of despair in those words, "Money ... loans ... mortgage ... interest ..." and the crumple into a collapse (and turning green!). Even the dinner scene gave the impression the whole world was against her. Then she perked up when gold and silver was bestowed. Well done Grace.

Congratulations to Barry Ross and Bronnie Kenchington for helming this production and bringing together a whole crew backstage who are largely new to the Players. The scene changes became, quite rightly, part of the entertainment and the audience particularly like the Stop/Go road workers Natalia King and Lirina Osnat, directing the stage hands and Sir John on his scooter around the stage for the second big scene change.

Warwick Mather, the pianist/choirmaster, really got the kids to let rip and move in the last song and Ezy Kemp, yet again, brought the right light to the stage.

Which brings me to the Sound Engineer – Jack Hide-Bayne was driving the sound effects via his laptop – another skillful youngster.

Give the command, I think Bazza, to "Splice the Mainbrace" ... in orange juice of course. Aaarrrrrgghh shipmates!

Coromandel Art Group

By Barbara Peddie

Now the chilly mornings are here, we will be meeting inside every Thursday morning, and getting down to some serious painting. To that end, we have three full-day workshops booked for this year. First is Barbara von Seida in June, then Bernadette Parsons in August, and Vaughan Udall in October. These will demonstrate for us a very wide range of painting techniques in watercolour and acrylics.

We have just had our AGM, and the following are the elected officers: President Ross Dixon, Vice President Wendy Moore, Treasurer Ross Dixon, Assistant Treasurer Trish Croft, Secretary Barbara Peddie, Librarian Linda Webb, and Assistant Librarian Wendy Moore. That is a great group of people to lead us into the future, and it is great to see fairly new members like Wendy willing to step up and get more involved.

We welcome new members, so pop on down to St Andrews Hall on Rings Road if you want to see what we are about. We meet Thursdays from 9am to 12 midday. If you want a cuppa, catch us about 10am! Or ring Ross on (07) 866 8310, or Barbara on (07) 866 7728



All rugged up while painting at the beach on a chilly May morning – guess who?

Dancing on the Sea

By Elspeth Campbell

Three black silhouettes, dancing on the sea
No-one there to see them, just my love and me

Three children in black wetsuits swam and waded out to sea
They found a sandbank just awash and long enough for three
With water washing round their feet they formed into a line
And all at once began to dance, their movements all in time

The morning sun blazed down on them, the sea was sparkling bright
Their bodies showed up black as night against that brilliant light
Three figures all in unison, they stepped and turned and swung
The magic moments lengthened, and still they danced as one

And when the dance was ended, they scattered far and wide,
Searching as they always did for treasures in the tide
While they'd danced we'd sat entranced, the memory's still with me
Of three dark figures dancing, dancing on the shining sea

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Te Rerenga School Learning, it's what we do...

By Anna Yates

Term 2 has started with an ERO review at Te Rerenga and we are really happy with the draft report and such a positive, affirming visit. We can't wait to share the report, once finalised, with our school and community later this term. Our school is continuing to grow and thrive and our happy, enthusiastic, confident children make it a great place to be!

This term we have our year 8 children heading to Hamilton for the National Young Leaders Day. This is an opportunity for them to hear inspirational stories of leadership and about how people have overcome challenges in their lives. Our year 6 learners are starting the Travellers programme with Constable Sell and Pauline Dickinson, which is all about resilience and coping with challenges that life can throw at us. Both of these are



fantastic opportunities for our children to think about things from other people's perspectives and learn some new strategies for life.

All of our classrooms are running their learning programmes and it's always great to see the traction children make with their learning goals in terms 2 and 3. These are the terms where we see children really make lots of progress. Our inquiry learning for the term continues to focus on Tuia Matauranga with an emphasis on "first encounters". Our children are really enjoying learning about life in NZ 250 years ago.

Our whole school is looking forward to a fun week in week 5 of term. This is organised around a range of dress up themes by our year 8's and our children always love an excuse to come to school in a dress-up. We are looking forward to seeing what our creative children come up with this year!

Captain James Cook

By Cooper Mullins Year 4

Did you know Captain James Cook travelled to New Zealand first then Australia in his ship the Endeavour? Captain James Cook ran his ship by sails powered by the wind. He travelled to New Zealand three times.

He went to Tahiti in 1768 and then sailed on to New Zealand in 1769. Captain James Cook returned to England in 1771 after mapping the east coast of Australia.

Captain James Cook was born on 27 October, 1728 in Marton, which is in England. He was a British navigator and explorer.

Captain James Cook is best known for exploring the South Pacific.

Captain James Cook used cat o' nine tails to keep the crew in order, which was a specially made whip.

Captain James Cook was a famous explorer. He sadly died, shot by a Navy sailor in the Hawaiian Islands in 1779.

Kiwi Can

We're back into Term 2 and another theme in Kiwi Can. This Term our theme is Resilience/Taikaha, and our Catchphrase is "Don't shout and stomp about ... take a deep breath ... hold it in ... now let it out".

During this term, our tamariki will be learning about understanding emotions, dealing with challenges and self control/self discipline.

As the school starts winter sports and more learning in the classroom, resilience is an important tool to use to be able to concentrate against distractions and overcome emotions when something doesn't go to plan.

We would like to say a big thank you to Brent Parker and the team at Sanford for their generous Mussel Fritter stall at the Coromandel Seafood Festival, with all proceeds going to our Kiwi Can – Coromandel programme. Thank you to Adam Ross for helping us set up the stall and providing the fritter mix that had people coming back for seconds and thirds!

Dale and Shaun from Sanfords worked hard on the BBQ and with Jasmine and Brianna serving, we raised over \$1,000!

An incredible donation from Sanford that Kiwi Can will put towards new resources for in the class and prizes for Prizegiving at the end of each term.

Thanks again, Sanford!

Until next time, nga mihi from the KC Crew.



Coromandel Youth Group at Hauraki House

Term Two opening hours: Sunday 1-4pm, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 3-5pm, Friday Night Social (for years 6-9) 6-9pm.

For the winter Friday nights are Movie Nights – see Facebook, "what's happening coromandel" page for the week's movie.

All children must be signed in with a staff member on arrival.

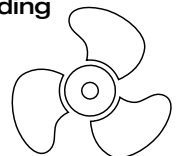
Coromandel Youth Group is for all children aged 5-15yrs. Just fill out a membership form for each child attending. To help with running costs please make a gold coin donation. Every little bit helps us to stay open! For more information call in at the Youth Rooms, Hauraki House or telephone us on (07) 866 7061.

Along with the kind donations received, thank you to those who make Youth Group possible: Lottery Waikato, COGS, Trust Waikato, "Bizarre" Charitable Trust, The Tindal Foundation and The Warehouse Thames "Customer Choice" programme



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Coromandel Area School

By Jamie Leckie

Here is a beautiful collection of writing by some of the senior students in Year 9 for you to enjoy.

Full Moon Me

By Angel Beere

If I was a colour,
I would be my favourite colour;
Blue like the ocean.

If I was a shape,
I would be a star;
They are always twinkling bright
in the night sky.

If I was a sound,
I would be laughter;
I'm always laughing, it's my
favourite thing to do!

If I was an animal,
I would be a Panda;
They are so cute and chubby.

If I was a number,
I would be 10;
It is my birth date number.

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If I was a car,
I would be a Lamborghini;
They are fast and look amazing.

If I was a piece of furniture,
I would be a couch;
They are the best thing to sit on
and are relaxing and comfortable.

If I was food,
I would be butter chicken;
It's the best thing ever... so good.

If I was an instrument,
I would be a piano;
They can be soft and slow, or fast
and loud.

If I was a place,
I would be Rotorua;
It's my favourite place and it's
where I'm from.

If I was an element in nature,
I would be a waterfall;
They are nice and cool.

If I was a flower,
I would be a rose;
They are my favourite flowers and
Rose is my middle name.

I am afraid of death,
Very frightened;
Not just for me but also for others.

If I was a movie,
I would be Texas Chainsaw
Massacre;

It's an action, thriller and horror
movie.

If I was an extreme sport,
I would be basketball;
It's one of my favourite sports and
is pretty hard out...

If I was a pair of shoes,
I would be Nike scuffs;
They are the most comfortable
shoes ever!

My Place

By Ryan Crow

Yahoo!
Yeah!
I love this place.

Vroom!
Giant swells
Flinging the biscuit
Into icy water

Boom!
Bang!
Cows rumble down the rutted hill,
Through the gate
And into the yards.

Tweet!
Birds chirp and sing,
Along with the squeaky chimneys,
Pondered by the grumpy winds.

Baa!
Skipping lambs,
Sheep rumbling,
Trying to find their lambs.

Swark!
Magpies swooping down
On their prey

Bing!
Cold, rusty latches,
That meet gates,
Playing a beautiful tone.

Love My Mum

By Ella Hallam Doyle-
Inspired by Walter Dean Myers

Love my mum,
Like a dog loves its pups.
I said I love my mum,
Like a dog loves its pups.
Love to eat her food,
Love to call out,
"Mum I'm home!"

She works like her brothers,
Laughs like her mother.
I said she works like her brothers,
Laughs like her mother.
Works at the shop,
When she's at home she works
again.

Her husband likes to cuddle her,
And likes to cook her food.
I said her husband likes to cuddle
her,
And likes to cook her food.
She can go to sleep now,
She kisses us, then says goodnight.

She has more and more hours to go,
Before the week is done,
I said she has more and more hours
to go,
Before the week is done.
She will be done soon,
And then we can have lots and lots
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Environment

World Oceans Day in Colville

By Beth Pearsall

It's World Oceans Day on **8 June** so what better time to celebrate our oceans and give something back. We are so lucky here in the Coromandel to be surrounded by the largest ocean on the planet, the Pacific. The Pacific Ocean covers about a third of the Earth's surface and contains half of all the Earth's ocean water. More than 60% of the fish consumed by people are caught in the Pacific Ocean.

The impact of humanity on our oceans is becoming increasingly apparent. In Colville, we are very aware that our bay connects us to Tikapakapa Moana (Hauraki Gulf), Moana Nui a Kiwa (Pacific Ocean), and the rest of the world.

Tikapakapa Moana has 25 species (nearly a third) of the world's marine mammals living or visiting here. It is also a very important area for seabirds in New Zealand and the world. Over 70 (approximately 20%) of the world's seabird species have been seen here.

Colville Harbour Care is working towards a healthy and thriving Hauraki Gulf by partnering with landowners to fence and plant river edges and wetlands in the Colville Harbour catchment. What we do on the land has a remarkable effect on the ocean. Planting trees on river edges helps to stabilise the banks, capture nutrients, and reduce erosion and the subsequent washing of soil into our coastal environment. Planting trees slows water flow over the landscape and catches soil washed from hillslopes to prevent it reaching the ocean. Planting trees round wetlands enhances the way they filter out nutrients, catches soil and provides a home for native species.

In celebration of how incredible our oceans are, Colville Harbour Care, in association with Colville Social Service Collective, is hosting



two fun events in Colville this June.

Saturday 8 June 5.30pm: World Oceans Day Quiz Night with special guest Mike Donoghue, Pacific Whale Researcher. Mike will present on the fascinating marine life in Tikapakapa Moana. Foragers Kitchen (Colville Café) – Wood fired Pizza from 5pm.

Quiz prizes include: 2x Adult passes for 1 hour Hahei Explorer Cathedral Cove Boat Tour (\$190 RRP), eco-sourced native plants and more...

Saturday 15 June 9am-1pm: Tree Planting Day – bring a spade! Be involved in the future wellbeing of the Hauraki Gulf. Lunch provided. Follow us on Facebook and keep an eye out for posters to get details on the location.



Forest & Bird Upper Coromandel Branch

Climate Change

– Why is it so hard?

Guest Speaker at our AGM – Jeannette Fitzsimons.

Our own champion of green politics, Jeanette is an influential speaker on climate change and sustainable development. Her keynote address will draw on national and global issues associated with climate change and the implications for us on the Coromandel Peninsula.

Come and be informed and inspired!

Forest and Bird Upper Coromandel Branch AGM, **Sunday 2 June**, St John Ambulance Rooms, Coromandel Town. 11.30am – Chair's report and election of office holders, 12pm-1pm – pot-luck lunch (please bring something to share), 1pm – keynote address – Jeannette Fitzsimons.



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Environment continued

McGregor Bay Wetland

By Carol Sutherland

Prickly predators

The Wetland Society is presently preparing to set up a trapping network in the wetland. The area has been marked out for trap placement and traps brought. The Society has approached the council for permission to trap in the reserve. We now have been given the conditions. We must supply methodology, maps, specs, training of the trappers and a Health and Safety Plan. This we hope will be completed to TCDC's satisfaction. The area is flat, just over 3ha, and within cell phone range, so trapping the area is not high risk.

We can only trap the public part of the wetland. We understand that it is more efficient to trap the whole of the wetland but we will try and help the birds and other native critters battle the odds where we can.

Tracking cards were put out during the baseline study and the biggest predator out there is the hedgehog. People might think of Beatrix Potter's Mrs Tiggy-winkle and regard them as cute garden snail munchers, but in the New Zealand environment they munch on kauri snails, frogs, skinks, weta and many varieties of native insects. Their invertebrate food source has a crossover with the diet of kiwi. They are literally stealing kiwi tucker. They are proven to be a major predator on eggs and have been known to kill and eat chicks of a variety of ground-nesting birds. Hedgehogs can prey on birds as large as pullets, seizing them and holding on grimly until the bird dies. They are a serious threat to dotterels. What Mrs Tiggy-winkle does under the cover of darkness belies her cute appearance. However, just because an animal looks cute, doesn't mean they are environmentally benign. Nature doesn't have aesthetic or moral sensibilities. Although beloved in the UK where they truly belong, they are extremely detrimental here in New Zealand and it's the New Zealand environment that needs protecting, not the colonial sensitivities that brought them here in the first place.

So the Society plans to put in five stoat traps that also target hedgehogs as well as 30 rat traps once we get final approval from the TCDC. We are also awaiting the TCDC's report on investigations as to the ownership of the wetland as it has the potential to influence the community's scenic reserve wetland into the future. In the meantime we can work towards a future with fewer predators in the wetland.

Moehau Environment Group

By Nat Munns



June MEG Winter Lecture

Our June lecture will be a little later in the month than normal, **23 June**, so don't forget to mark it in your diaries. Our speaker will be conservation advocate Dean Baigent-Mercer; see page 13 for more details and see you at Pepper Tree!

Kiwi Listening Survey

We conducted our Kiwi Listening training session at Port Charles with some of our volunteers from Coromandel Town, Papa Aroha and Little Bay recently. We were excited to hear a couple of pairs and a couple of single males calling. It was a nice still evening with lots of ruru (morepork) calling too. Our annual kiwi listening survey is well underway and will run over the next couple of months. Our listening sites will be monitored by a mix of volunteers and acoustic recorders. When the data has been collected and analysed we will report our findings, so watch this space!

Weed of the Month

Our weed of the month this month is cotoneaster. Originally hailing from China and the Himalayas, cotoneaster is a spreading and evergreen shrub that can grow 2-5 metres

in height. Currently covered by scarlet or orange berries (February to August), giving its common name Bright Bead Cotoneaster, it is tolerant to most sites and conditions, is easily spread and enjoys infesting hedges, roadsides, quarries and exotic plantations. These plants re-sprout, often even after treating with herbicide, so re-planting of bare areas with a dense groundcover is recommended. Check out our window display at Liquor King Coromandel or www.weedbusters.org.nz for more information on how to eradicate this plant from your property.

Wild Ginger Bash!

We've been organising regular weeding bees, or as we like to call them "Ginger Bashes", on the Kauri Block/Harray Track over the last few months. Perhaps you've walked over the track and noticed the change? A lot of the bigger ginger plantations have been discovered on the harbour side and a little off the track. The plants are cut at the base, just above the rhizome, and pasted with a glyphosate gel. We normally meet at 9am and head out as a group for 2-3 hours' work. Our next bash will be on **Saturday 25 May**. If you would like to be included in a future "Ginger Bash" then drop us a line at info@meg.org.nz to go on the contact list.

Have a great month everyone.

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

-  **Keep 30 meters** from working mussel barges at all times
-  **Don't tie-up** to a line being worked on
-  **Never cast your line** towards a mussel barge – farmers have been injured from flying hooks and sinkers
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Sport



Our Men's Pennant Team after winning Handicap Pennants Stoke Play Finals: Chris Fielding, Bruce Wallace, Kevin Verner, Craig Dudson, Peter Richardson, Mark Burcombe and Richie Blake

Coromandel Golf Club

By Lynne Fenwick

The stunning autumn weather we have been experiencing in Coromandel has made for wonderful playing conditions for our members. The logging has finished and after much hard work from members, the course is back in top playing condition and we have a fresh new outlook from the greens and fairways around the course now that the pine trees have been removed.

The Ladies have also been successful with a third-place finish in our recent Pennants Competition.

The annual King Trophy was won by Joan and Ron Evans; partners were drawn after the round.

If you are interested in playing golf, Ladies Day is Tuesday, start time 10am; phone Elaine, our Ladies' Captain on 021 256 3490.

Men's Mid-Week, Wednesdays at 12.30pm and Club Day Saturday at 12.30pm; phone Peter, Men's Captain, on 027 488 0546.



Coromandel Croquet Club

By Kaye Anderson

Winter is almost upon us, but that won't stop our members from playing. We go right through the winter and only cancel for thunderstorms and cyclones.

We meet at 9.15am to begin play at 9.30am, both Tuesdays and Fridays. If you are keen to join us and need more information, call Kaye on (07) 866 8968. Otherwise just come along on a Friday. The club is situated in Woollams Ave next to the Bowling Club.



Coromandel Recreational Fishing Club

By Allison Brown & CRFC Committee

Hi to all,

Well here we are in June, I won't say the obvious but the months are really ticking away.

Fortunately the weather has been quite pleasant. Not looking forward to the cold weather coming in as the South Island has been having already.

I believe the fishing has been steady with good catches still being caught. Hope you have been able to enjoy getting out on the water.

Take a Kid Fishing Competition: By all accounts a great time was had by all. Sorry Chris and I missed it. A very big thanks to Nikki and Shevana for doing the weigh in and prize giving.

Results – Juniors

Snapper: 1st Layke McNeil 3.250kg; 2nd Jade Hobern 3.150kg; 3rd Chelsey McNeil 3.030kg.

Trevally: Fergus Knox 1.285kg.

Kahawai: 1st Ciara Newton 2.275kg; 2nd Kharm Dowdell 2.185kg.

Unusual: George Mogridge – Shrimp.

Sprat: Maree Wing 0.150g.

Parore: Fergus Knox 1.595kg.

Results – Seniors: (snapper only)

1st Rob Davies (5.995kg), 2nd Nikki Stephenson (4.005kg), 3rd Corey Moore (3.715kg).

The Club's AGM is on **Saturday 13 July** at The Admiral Arms. If you are interested please feel welcome to join us. Please put this on your calendar as we need support taking the Club forward. We have a few ideas to discuss and need input. Will be great to see you there.

No gurnard were weighed in for the \$100 Fish of the Month prize for April.

Fish of the Month for June for members is John Dory. (I believe quite a few of this species are being caught.)

As always – here's to tight lines.

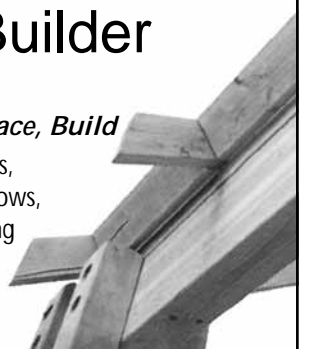
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Ode to a Squamous Cell Carcinoma

By John Irvine

Poetry
SPOT

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!

END NOTE

Soft Plastic collections return to Auckland

The Soft Plastic Recycling Scheme will restart collections at selected retail stores in Auckland from 20 May. Bins will be available for use at a number of Countdown, The Warehouse, and Huckleberry stores.

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Coromandel Town weekly and monthly meetings

Every Monday

Step Aerobics at Coro Gym	8am
Coromandel Hikers' Group, Hauraki House, Colin & Elspeth (07) 866 7137	9am
Monday Walkers, Woollams Ave car park north end, Irene 021 157 8408	9am
Sit n Be Fit at Coro Gym	9.30am
SeniorNet Coromandel contact Loes (07) 866 8053	4pm
Bridge	7pm
Four-part harmony singing, Sue (07) 866 8833	7.30pm

Every Tuesday

Pastel Artists Coromandel, Coromandel Aero Club Rooms (07) 866 7220	9am-12pm
Coro Walking Group, Lotto Dairy, Ruth (07) 866 7246	9am
Croquet, Woollams Ave, Kaye (07) 866 8968	9.15am
Yoga for everyone, Colville Hall, Kate 021 125 3152	10am
Playcentre, Woollams Ave	10.30am-1pm
Beginner Yoga with Becks, at the Anglican Church Hall, 170 Tiki Rd, \$10.	
Contact 027 407 0079	5.30- 6.45pm
Coro Motorcycle Club, Star & Garter, John 027 234 1013	7-9pm

Every Wednesday

Step Aerobics at Coro Gym	8am
Coromandel Community Organic Garden volunteers drop in time	9-11am
Sit n Be Fit at Coro Gym	9.30am

Every Thursday

Coro Walking Group, Lotto Dairy, Ruth (07) 866 7246	9am
Coro Bowls club day	9.30am
Coro Art Group, St Andrew's Church Hall, Val (07) 866 8911	9am-12pm
Free Guided Meditation, Havalona Pyramid	10-11am
Badminton - student session in school gym term time only, Lorraine 027 441 7017	3.30pm
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Every Friday

Step Aerobics at Coro Gym	8am
Yoga for everyone, Anglican Hall, Kate 021 125 3152	9am
Croquet, Woollams Ave, Kaye (07) 866 8968	9.15am
Playcentre, Woollams Ave	9.45am-12.15pm
Coromandel Home-school Group, Julene (07) 866 8333	10am
Coromandel Tennis Club "club day"	4pm

Every Saturday

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Every Sunday

Anglican Church Service	10am
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1st Wed – Lions Dinner meeting, St John rooms. President Jean Smith 021 208 7576	6pm
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3rd Wed – Lions Business Meeting, St John rooms. President Jean Smith 021 208 7576	7pm
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Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
Uli and Richard Queen's Birthday
Art Sale (see pg 24)





High tide 6.43am (2.7m), 7.13pm (2.8m)
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High tide 7.30am (2.8m), 7.58pm (2.9m)
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High tide 11.53am (2.5m)
Low tide 5.46am (0.8m), 5.54pm (0.8m)

High tide 12.23am (2.6m), 12.37pm (2.4m)
Low tide 6.32am (0.8m), 6.43pm (0.9m)

  TC

Plastic-Free Coromandel Town
bags sewing session (see pg 13)

High tide 8.19am (2.8m), 8.45pm (3.0m)
Low tide 2.01am (0.5m), 2.24pm (0.3m)




12
Quiz Night at The Club 7pm

High tide 2.07am (2.9m), 2.41pm (2.7m)
Low tide 8.23am (0.5m), 8.48pm (0.6m)



High tide 8.20am (2.7m), 8.48pm (2.9m)
Low tide 2.04am (0.5m), 2.24pm (0.4m)

High tide 9.04am (2.7m), 9.31pm (2.8m)
Low tide 2.49am (0.6m), 3.06pm (0.5m)



Quiz Night at The Club 7pm

High tide 1.10am (2.5m), 1.26pm (2.4m)
Low tide 7.20am (0.8m), 7.36pm (0.9m)

  CT

Coromandel Grey Power
Association AGM (see pg 10)

High tide 9.08am (2.9m), 9.33pm (3.0m)
Low tide 2.50am (0.5m), 3.11pm (0.2m)

High tide 9.59am (2.9m), 10.23pm (3.0m)
Low tide 3.40am (0.5m), 4.00pm (0.3m)

7

Winter Relaxation Weekend
starts at Mana (see ad pg 22)

High tide 3.05am (2.8m), 3.43pm (2.7m)
Low tide 9.22am (0.5m), 9.49pm (0.6m)

High tide 4.02am (2.8m), 4.42pm (2.8m)
Low tide 10.19am (0.5m), 10.46pm (0.6m)

High tide 9.47am (2.6m), 10.13pm (2.8m)
Low tide 3.33am (0.6m), 3.46pm (0.5m)

High tide 10.29am (2.6m), 10.55pm (2.7m)
Low tide 4.17am (0.7m), 4.27pm (0.6m)

High tide 11.10am (2.5m), 11.39pm (2.6m)
Low tide 5.01am (0.7m), 5.09pm (0.7m)

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Winter Working Bee starts at
Mana (see ad pg 22)

High tide 9.47am (2.6m), 10.13pm (2.8m)
Low tide 3.33am (0.6m), 3.46pm (0.5m)

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High tide 2.46am (2.5m), 3.14pm (2.4m)
Low tide 9am (0.8m), 9.27pm (0.9m)

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Coromandel Bowling Club AGM
(see pg 16)
World Oceans Day Quiz night,
Colville (see pg 29)

High tide 10.50am (2.9m), 11.16pm (3.0m)
Low tide 4.33am (0.5m), 4.51pm (0.3m)

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High tide 11.44am (2.8m)
Low tide 5.28am (0.5m), 5.45pm (0.4m)

1 Colville Market Day
at Colville Hall 9am-1pm

Uli and Richard Queen's Birthday
Art Sale starts (see pg 24)

Gala sale to raise funds to build of
a new fence around the Anjdican
Church cemetery (see pg 20)
High tide 5.10am (2.6m), 5.42pm (2.6m)
Low tide 11.22am (0.7m), 11.45pm (0.8m)

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Forest and Bird Upper
Coromandel Branch AGM
(see pg 29)

Uli and Richard Queen's Birthday
Art Sale (see pg 24)

High tide 5.56am (2.6m), 6.28pm (2.7m)
Low tide 12.07pm (0.5m)

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Tree Planting Day (see pg 29)

High tide 4.58am (2.8m), 5.38pm (2.8m)
Low tide 11.14am (0.4m), 11.39pm (0.5m)

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High tide 5.51am (2.8m), 6.29pm (2.9m)
Low tide 12.06pm (0.4m)

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High tide 10.29am (2.6m), 10.55pm (2.7m)
Low tide 4.17am (0.7m), 4.27pm (0.6m)

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June MEG Winter Lecture
- Dean Baigent-Mercer
(see pg 13)

High tide 11.10am (2.5m), 11.39pm (2.6m)
Low tide 5.01am (0.7m), 5.09pm (0.7m)

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High tide 3.56am (2.5m), 4.10pm (2.4m)
Low tide 9.52am (0.7m), 10.19pm (0.9m)

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High tide 4.28am (2.5m), 5.04pm
Low tide 10.43am (0.6m), 11.10pm



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Heating 5.0 (0.6-9.0)kW
Cooling 3.5 (0.6-5.3)kW
5.5 Star Energy Rating
Input 0.68kW
COP 5.15

\$3905

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9.4 kW_{max}

Heating 6.3 (0.6-9.4)kW
Cooling 5.0 (0.6-5.8)kW
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