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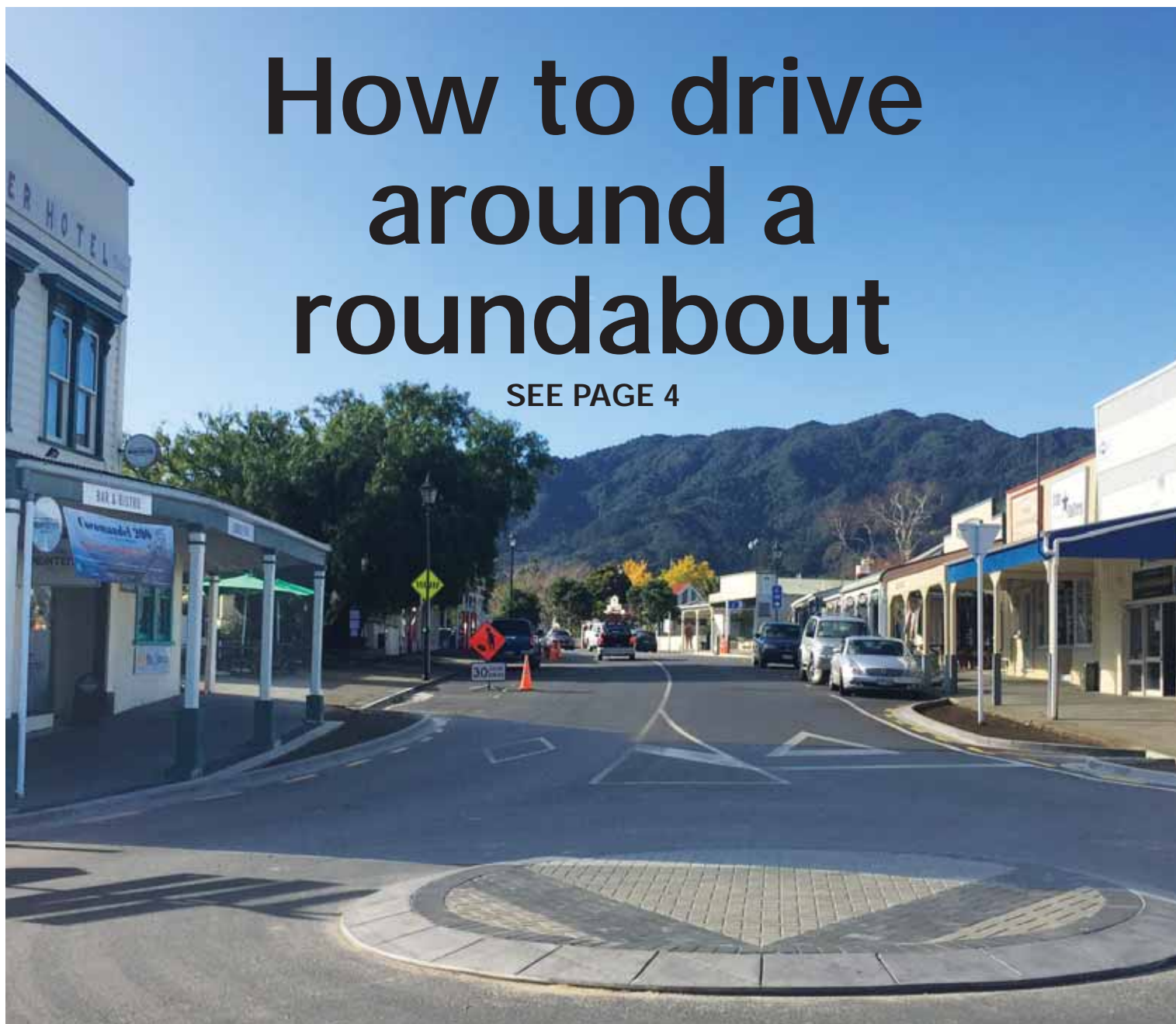
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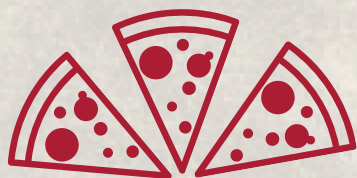
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Editor's comment

We are coming into winter, it's cooling down but I am enjoying all of the sun. As I write this I am sitting in the sun having my lunch and contemplating what to write for the Editor's comment this issue. A butterfly has fluttered down and is sitting on a flower less than a metre from me, showing off it's beautiful wings. It seems quite unaware of me. See photo below.

I am again grateful for those of you who took the time to send material in to make this issue. A shout out to all of the amazing businesses in this town who keep going and make our community strong, especially to those businesses who support the Chronicle by advertising every month.

The calendar on page 30 is a little light on events, but I have decided to include it so you have the tide times and recycling days. Most groups are still pending making decisions on when meetings will resume while they wait for restrictions to ease a bit more. It will hopefully be fully next issue. Regarding the recycling, TCDC are going to only take plastic marked 1 and 2 – so check the labels. This is because the market for recyclables has changed in recent times, not anything to do with Covid-19. However, I noticed that the TCDC advert on page 13 has different info on recycling than on their website – so to clarify – from 1 June TCDC only want plastics 1 and 2, but if people put other plastics in their wheelie bins it'll still be emptied. From 15 June, if a wheelie bin contains plastics other than 1 and 2 it won't be emptied.

Have a good month in our "slightly more normal" normal!

Debbie



The Man

By Jessi Walden

I see him every morning,
that man in his chair.
Grey wisps fall
beside lace covered bone.
He sits with tight lips
and eyes glazed with sea water.
He doesn't speak often.
He hardly makes a sound.
He's off in his own world
– solving mysteries
and falling in love.
He devours every book he comes across
as though it were his last gasp of air.
Though, I'm not sure he notices
the wind fluttering past his window
or the warm caress of summer's kiss
right before it turns to snow.
I fear he's trapped within a world
that I could never find.
But, I do as I have always done,
and set his coffee beside his chair,
where it will stay,
growing steadily colder,
until the last words float before his eyes,
and the real world fades back in,
as bleak as it was the day before.

**Poetry
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Letters and opinion

Dear Debbie,
To the person(s) who stole my CD collection from my studio – I'm sure you don't appreciate classical opera music, so please return them to me... you can keep Elton John, etc.
Regards,
Richard Chrisp,
Coromandel Town

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Stop Press

Waikato Regional Council has taken action to provide short-term financial support to Waikato ratepayers by effectively reducing net rates rises to zero.

A decrease in rates revenue from current ratepayers of 0.1 per cent compared to the 2019/20 financial year has been confirmed.

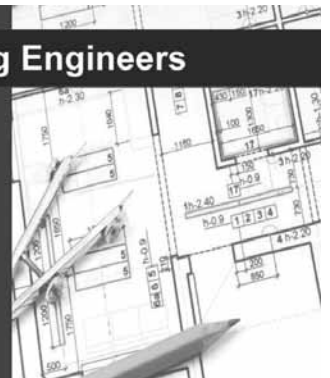
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How to drive around a roundabout

By Debbie Morgan

I thought it was time to have a bit of instruction on roundabouts – given my experience of the number of people who seem to not be able to give way or indicate correctly at the new roundabout in Coromandel Town.

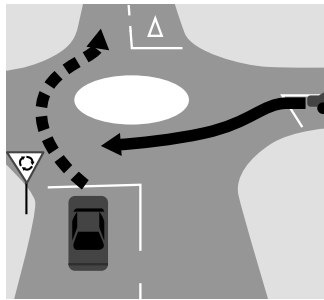
Giving way at roundabouts

A roundabout is a central island in the middle of an intersection, where all vehicles must travel to the left of the island. Roundabouts can be small, large, single-laned or multi-laned. The number of roads that come into a roundabout can range from three to five or even more.

These are instructions for single-laned roundabouts – as this is what we now have in Coromandel Town.

When you come up to the roundabout:

- slow down as you come up to the roundabout and be prepared to give way
- give way to all vehicles that will cross your path from your right as



you enter the roundabout.

If you are turning left at the first exit of a roundabout:

- signal left as you come up to the roundabout.

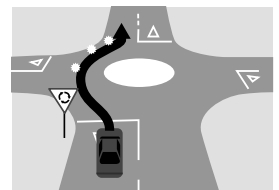
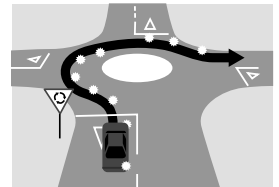
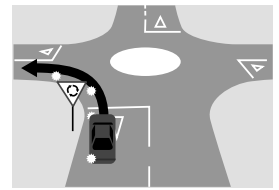
If you are travelling more than halfway around a roundabout:

- signal right as you come up to the roundabout
- signal left as you pass the exit before the one you wish to take.

If you are going “straight” through a roundabout:

- don’t signal as you come up to the roundabout
- signal left as you pass the exit before the one you wish to take. It may not be possible to give three seconds warning, but it is courteous to give as much indication as you can.

Info taken from www.nzta.govt.nz



Plastic Free Coromandel Town

By Robin Münch

We haven’t been able to carry on with our usual plastic-free initiatives in recent times but we’d like to celebrate some positive things that came out of our local lockdown and helped the environment:

- More people cooking and baking at home;
- Gardens being developed and sustained, allowing families and individuals to enjoy their own fresh, local produce;
- Using what we have rather than shopping for things we can do without;
- Walking and cycling rather than using the car and polluting the air;
- Giving the natural environment a break from some of the damage that humans do.

It would be nice to preserve some of these positive activities as we go back to “normal”. Even if it’s on a smaller scale, think about:

- Baking a loaf of bread rather than buying one packaged in plastic;
- Growing your own vegetables;
- Walking or cycling to the shops or market.

And please, remember to take your own produce and shopping bags to the supermarket and containers when you go to the butcher or fish shop. Aim to buy as few plastic-packaged products as you can. Support local businesses that use home-compostable packaging and give them positive feedback.

Keep up the good work.



Hot Spot

News from Coromandel Volunteer Fire Brigade

By Rob Chappell

Level 2 is upon us after the patience of the last eight weeks. Thank you to all the community for your patience and care during this time. As I said in last month’s notes, we have had few calls which has highlighted the care and responsibility you all have contributed to.

Yes the fire ban is off but fires can still only be lit provided you have a permit which can be obtained online from www.fireandemergency.nz. Please be careful. While the ban may be lifted, we are still very dry and currently still in the throes of possibly the worst drought in the recorded history of our district. Tanks are not being filled, mature trees are still dying, and the scrub undergrowth is tinder dry. If you need to burn please check the conditions of your permit before lighting. The recent fire on the Coromandel harbour foreshore highlighted how quickly, in current conditions, with a little wind, a fire can go from control to out of control.

While we are trained in fire management and rescue as are our primary roles, this is often greatly expanded to a case of “where do I go or who can I turn to?” We regularly promote the idea that if you have an emergency we will respond and endeavour to help. The range of calls can be extremely varied as was highlighted recently when an elderly caller’s dog had chased a rat into the bathroom and the caller did not know who to turn to – 111. In this case the real solution to the problem was in the yellow pages but not always, and we are happy to help, all a part of looking after our community.

A reminder again – it’s winter shortly – check your chimney. Keep your distance, wash your hands, be safe.

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Grey Power Coromandel

By John Rabarts, President

Grey Power Coromandel AGM will be scheduled and notified, by newsletter, to all members as soon as we can plan meetings for 50 older people. For the time being we are living in a virus-dominated world stacked in Levels 1 to 4. To keep ourselves safe and well we will go with the rules put in place by our government and the WHO (World Health Organisation) and have our AGM when the time is best and safest for us.

Scam Alert

This month warnings are about online scam risks. This is for everyone – not just Grey Power members. You get an email informing you that a distant relative (whom you can be sure you never heard of) in some other country, probably in Africa, has left you money in their will. Tens of thousands to a million dollars – even more. Or perhaps another distant relative (again whom you never knew you were related to – because you aren't) is stuck in a foreign country, needing funds urgently to get home, or pay some unexpected fees or medical costs that have arisen. Such emails appear very genuine – they are written by professional crooks – and the instructions on the email will involve you replying urgently to the information. DON'T DO IT. By replying they have started the process of hooking you into a process that can only turn out badly and cost you a lot of money. Older people (and some not so old) in the past have lost thousands of dollars. Some have lost all of their retirement savings. Another scam is an email advising that your account with some firm, your phone line, the power company,



membership fees of some club or association you belong to, the local or regional council (for dog fees or rates for instance) is overdue. The email will usually have an attachment which they ask you to click on. DON'T DO IT. These attachments usually contain viruses or other malware which can wreck your smartphone or your whole computer – operating system, hard drive and memory. You probably don't want to buy a new replacement computer just now, but chances are that you will have to if you click that attachment. IRD (Inland Revenue Department) is often used in scams with an email that arrives stating that you are due to get a refund. An attachment will be there for you to click on. DON'T DO IT. Banks: Watch for emails with very professional looking "warnings" or "advisories" from banks you don't have accounts with (or even the bank you do have an account with) advising you there is some small adjustment or improvement available and to click on a link they give you. DON'T DO IT. Long ago my bank suggested that I forward to them any suspicious "bank" emails (from any bank), and they would follow up. Within a few months the fake "bank" emails stopped! NOTE: Banks will never ask you for your PIN (Personal Identification Number) so if you have someone asking online, on the phone or even at the door, you are talking with a crook. Do not give your PIN to anyone! Like your nose – it is yours and yours alone.

Another pest report in next month's Chronicle.

Coromandel Grey Power membership is \$15 single member, \$28 for two at same address. Phone Carol Carson, (07) 866 7172 to join. Current members – renewal of subscription was due by end of March. See how to pay in our March newsletter. We cannot accept Kiwibank cheques – all others are still OK

Coromandel Independent Living Trust

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Kia ora koutou.

Now that we have entered Level 2 we are slowly returning to normal. The Resource Centre is now open and most of our services are back up and running, with a few small changes to help protect the health of visitors and staff. We are reducing the number of staff present in the building at any one time, with many of us continuing to do some of our work from home.

Please be patient and kind to each other.

Contact Tracing

All visitors to the Resource Centre are required to provide their details to a contact tracing register. Everybody will be required to use the hand sanitiser when entering the building.

Travel Subsidies

We are again processing Travel Subsidies, and now we're also set up to process these remotely – over the phone or by email.

Public Computers

We have two computers available for use by Coromandel residents. We have implemented a booking system with 30 minute blocks

available (you can book up to 1.5 hours). You can book in person, phone or by email. These computers are for Coromandel residents, and are primarily to be used for study, work, job applications, finding information or communicating with family and friends.

Physical Distancing

You can help keep the number of people in the foyer down: we ask you to turn up to your appointments no earlier than 10 minutes beforehand; use the computers for essential purposes only, such as job applications, study, or communicating with family and friends; request your travel subsidy over the phone or by email.

During Level 2 the Community Van will unfortunately not be operating its weekly trips to Thames due to not being able to meet the required social distancing recommendation.

The Bizarre

We are happy to announce that The Bizarre is now open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10am-4pm. Thanks to Ali and the awesome volunteers who worked hard to get the shop clean, tidy and ready for opening.

There will be a limit of 5-6 people in the shop at one time, so please if possible shop alone. Entry to The Bizarre will be via the far

right hand door and upon entering you are required to sanitise your hands and give your details for our contact tracing register.

For the safety of our staff, volunteers and customers, if you are sick or showing symptoms of sickness please stay home; you will not be allowed into the shop.

Donations will be accepted on Tuesdays and Thursdays only, between 10am-4pm, as we are unable to touch donations for 72 hours. We don't have huge storage space so will be limiting donations to one bag/box per person. If you have donations please knock on the door and Ali will let you in.

We are well aware that everybody has been having big cleanouts during lockdown and hope that you can drip-feed donations to us, rather than bringing in large loads at once. We are truly grateful for good, clean, sellable goods.

The Goldmine Re-Use Centre

The Goldmine will open again on **Thursday 28 May**.

Nga mihi nui. Thank you from the team at CILT Coromandel Independent Living Trust.

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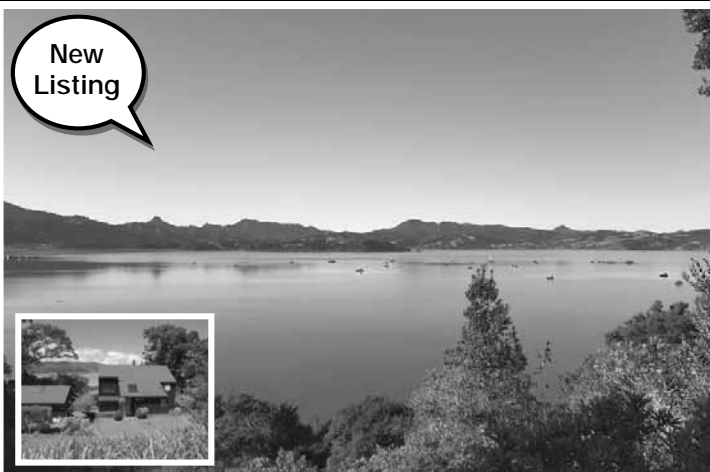
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Bowling Club

By Cherrie Rokela

Here we are at Level 2, and looking forward to being able to meet up with fellow bowlers and friends for a drink and a chat soon on a Friday night.

Currently the greens are undergoing the usual winter maintenance, in preparation for the coming season.

Both the Bowling Club and Combined Clubs will be setting their AGM dates shortly.

Members will be advised of dates and times.

There are no Winter Quiz Nights at present, but watch this space for a further update in the late winter. Maybe a "one off" "big quiz night!"

Anyone new to Coromandel, and wishing to bowl this coming season, please watch this column in future editions. We would love to have you in our club.

We hope everyone is keeping well, and are looking forward to catching up soon.

RSA News

By Pat Williams

The Story of the RSA Poppy

Originally Armistice Day, 11 November, was intended to be Poppy Day. The first consignment of 350,000 poppies arrived too late for the deadline. These poppies carrying a 1921 date went on sale on 25 April 1922, so that has been the date ever since. The idea of selling poppies as a fundraiser for disabled veterans and their families came from a University of Georgia Professor, Moina Michael. She taught disabled veterans from World War 1, and won fame and admiration for her signature wearing of a red silk poppy in remembrance of those who had served in that conflict.

Last month I mentioned The NZ Remembrance Army. I saw on Facebook a grave which had been restored in a Lower Hutt Cemetery. The Airmans War Time Service was on there for all to read, plus before and after pics of the headstone. I say again, what a great cause.

My Anzac Day 2020

For the past three years I attended the Colville Dawn Service, not so this year. At 6am I was at the Coromandel Cenotaph wearing my late dad's and my late husband's medals, with my transistor radio, a wreath representing Coromandel RSA, an arrangement representing Thames Branch of KEV and a poem about The Somme for my dad. The full service was on the radio so felt I hadn't missed out. Very chilly though so came home and went back to bed! I hear quite a number of folk (spaced out) attended the 10am raising of the flag by our RSA president. I get the giggles at this "spaced out" saying. In my mind I think of people falling about or looking doozy or sleepy! I hear there was a bloke on a bike who was rude to these folk who were not breaking any rules. Hope he got a puncture or fell off his bike.

By the time you read this I hope our RSA will have opened its doors on a Saturday afternoon.

The TV Guide has resumed circulation. Yay, I really missed it.

Proverb for the month: "The mill will never grind with water that is past."

A few bubbles down. Till next time as J.A. has told us "Be kind".

Patchwork & Quilters

By Bev Mayhead

Hi again everyone,

Well we may be in lockdown but the months still seem to just fly. We are nearly halfway through the 2020 year already!

Our committee has decided to start our Patchwork & Quilting meetings again beginning on **1 June**. We will do this within the Covid-19 guidelines.

The Mystery Quilt is now up to block four. It has been quite lovely to have a group project continue, and no doubt it will be very exciting when we get to "show and tell" our efforts over the last few months. The variety will be incredible!

Individual work has continued on the Coromandel 200 quilt. This will be amazing to see in the near future, when it is ready to be shown to our group before completion.

All going well our Midwinter Christmas will still take place in June, otherwise it will simply be rescheduled. This is a popular calendar event.

That's about all for now as it has been another quiet month.

Stay safe, look after each other and be kind.

Our meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month 9.30-3.30pm at St John Room, Tiki Road, Coromandel. President Raewyn Penrose (07) 866 8880. Secretary Sharon Currie (07) 866 8762



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Hi Everyone, the team at the Himalaya shop did not go to India after all in April. We are still in Colville and now that we are at level 2, we will be reopening the shop.

We will NOT be open daily over the winter months.

At present we are thinking on mainly being open over weekends.

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Community Project Thames Coast

By Janet Jones,
Thornton Bay Projects Co-ordinator

In January 2018, waves from a large storm washed away the seats and tables under the pohutukawa trees in Thornton Bay on the Thames Coast. We also lost five metres of the foreshore plus huge damage to the road and sea edge. While the road was repaired, our picnic area under the trees was not. In mid 2018, residents began working with the Thames Coromandel District Council to

get seats and tables back in the bay. The week before the lockdown, A&G Price finished the brass plaques that have been attached to three seats and two tables. There was going to be a potluck dinner celebration for all who contributed but this will be done at a later date to celebrate the end of this project. Because this is not going to

happen it would be good to celebrate the combined efforts of many through the media instead. The seats are the combined effort of: Thornton Bay Residents who sold raffle tickets, donated funds to this project, carved designs in the tables and worked with students to carve Pacific designs in the seats; Thames Coromandel District Council who provided three seats and installed the table and supported the residents through the application process with NZTA; the students of Room Matai from Te Puru School who carved the designs on the seats; they also painted crabs on the rubbish bin; Ngati Tamatera who blessed the wood and gave students ideas for their designs tied to local Maori history; Fatu Feu'u, who lives in Thornton Bay, and is a famous Pacific artist and carver. He worked with students on their designs and created the designs for the tables.

The creative end result has been enjoyed by visitors and locals all summer.



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Wild things

By Pamela Grealey

This photo is of a deceased pateke/brown teal duck, an endangered breed of dabbling duck endemic to New Zealand. This little fellow was the victim of a car on McGregor Bay Road. Please people, stick to the 50kph speed limit along this road and watch out for these delightful creatures. We have few enough to let them perish unnecessarily.

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Library News

By Robynne Jones

Yay! The library is open for business. Come in and get some new reading material. We have a few restrictions to ensure your safety but apart from that it's all go. You can still borrow up to eight books at a time for a maximum three weeks. You just need to sign in, sanitise your hands and you're ready to go. We do have a different book return process. Please drop any returns you may have back on the separate table to the side of the front counter so we can take them away for sanitising before we return them to the shelf. All of the books that we returned during Levels 4 and 3 of lockdown have also been sanitised. The after-hours drop-off is also open again.

Don't forget there are no late fees as long as we have your books back before **30 June**. For the moment we are not taking any payments as we are a cash-only business. We will reassess this in a couple of weeks. You can pay your subscription online if you wish. Just ask and we can give you the account number for the library.

Looking forward to seeing you all back again.

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Plant Based Eating Group

By Nalan Kirsch

How wonderful we are slowly easing back into our normal life. We will re-start our workshops when it is safe to do so. Until then, I will share tips and recipes.

Winter is here! It is the time to eat lots of immunity boosting food like green leafy veggies, brassicas, pulses and legumes.

I love chickpeas. Chickpeas are legumes and are rich in fiber and protein. They also contain several key vitamins and minerals such as zinc, magnesium, iron, selenium, potassium, B vitamins and many more (www.medicalnewstoday.com/nhs.uk).

Here is this month's recipe.

Chickpea Stew

For 3-4 people

1.5 cups dried chickpeas
or, 2 tinned chickpeas, drained
1 big onion, finely diced
2 cloves minced garlic
2 medium carrots, cubed
Parsley, chopped
4 tbsp olive oil
2-3 tbsp tomato paste or 1 tin
chopped tomatoes

1 tbsp capsicum paste or diced
fresh capsicum, optional
2-3 cups water
Salt and pepper to taste
½ tsp ground paprika
½ tsp ground cumin
1 tsp veggie stock, optional
Chilli flakes, optional

I prefer using dried chickpeas which have a much better flavour and texture than tinned ones.

Soak chickpeas in plenty water one night before. Before cooking, drain and put aside.

In a heavy pot, fry olive oil and chopped onions for 2-3 minutes until soft, then add carrots and garlic. Fry for another minute. Add tomato paste and capsicum paste (or fresh alternatives) and mix well. Add chickpeas and 2 cups of water. Season. Cook until chickpeas are soft. Add more water if necessary. It should take an hour to cook. Turn off heat and add chopped parsley.

If using pre-cooked chickpeas, follow the recipe, but add just 1 cup of water, then season well. Cook until carrots are soft. Add more water if necessary.

Serve with steamed rice, winter salad and sauerkraut.

Hon Scott Simpson MP For Coromandel

The past few months have been absolutely upended by Covid-19. For now, we have successfully defended the majority of our country from Covid-19 related fatalities. We have stayed home to save lives and are now on the path to rebuilding our economy. The arrival of Level 2 has come as a welcome relief to many people across the Coromandel and wider New Zealand as people are now able to slowly but surely return to a semblance of normality.

We are now able to do many things due to Alert Level 2 including moving freely around the country. Many people in New Zealand will be disappointed in the fact that overseas travel is no longer a viable option due to restrictions posed by Covid-19. Although there was only \$400 million allocated to tourism in the 2020 budget, this was a welcome if not light boost for the industry. I feel for those in the tourism industry that have been hit hard by the lockdown and hope that this allocation will help in some way.

On the contrary, there has never been a better time for us as Kiwis to explore our own backyards. All over New Zealand, you will find some really beautiful places, but I think that there is no better place to visit than our very own Coromandel electorate. We have so much to offer from our amazing beaches to our hidden gems and picturesque views. I certainly am excited at the prospect of our electorate becoming the go-to hotspot for local tourism and I believe that it is now our time to shine and show off the terrific place we call home.

Many local businesses have been hit hard by the lockdown. It really is up to all of us to support those local business owners in our communities, especially now as the country is starting to open up. It is encouraging to see so many people trying to use alternatives when and where they can. Please continue to do this and support our local communities.



Coromandel Budget Advisory Service

By Caroline Dunn

Welcome to June and Alert Level 2, halfway into the year already and on our way to the shortest day for the year. These last few weeks have sure been a challenging time for many. I hope most business in our community are now back open and running and everyone is finding their feet again in this weird new normal we find ourselves in currently. The need for food parcels stayed in strong demand through May. We were lucky to have not only the support of the Civil Defence over this period with the supplies of food but also the support from so many people and businesses in our community. Even while they themselves were going through these times with us, they have reached out with donations of food and money and we are truly grateful for this.

We are having a staff meeting to work out the details for reopening the Budget Advisory Service and how this will look going forward, so by the time of reading we should be back open and operating with the possibility a few changes in place. If you need some assistance with your finances, please give us a call on (07) 866 8351. Remember we are not here to tell you how to spend your money. We offer a free service and will work alongside you to find what works best for you and your family.

The Foodbank will also have some changes in place going forward while we move through the alert levels. We are still working out all the details, but if you are receiving a food parcel we will let you know of any changes. Thank you to everyone who has been dropping of jars to us over the last few weeks. We now have plenty in stock and ask that no more get dropped off to Tiki House currently as we have no room left to store them all.

If you need a food parcel please contact us on (07) 866 8351 or 022 018 0849 before 12pm on Tuesday. Parcels are delivered on Wednesday afternoons (possibly back to self pickup). You will need to book in with a budgeting mentor if you need assistance over a couple of weeks.

The community garden will be getting back into full swing over the next couple of weeks. If you are available to assist us please do so. The volunteer time is on a Wednesday 9-11am. Any changes to this will be posted on the signage at the entrance to the garden and on our Facebook page also.

Please remember if you are feeling unwell, do not come into our office. Instead, call us on (07) 866 8351 or email corobudget@xtra.co.nz and we will assist you with your needs. We will have a visitor register on site that must be signed in case the need arises for contact tracing.

Another great site if you are not ready to come into see us yet is Money Talks. You can contact them on 0800 345 123 or email help@moneytalks.co.nz.

Stay safe out there folks, look out for each other, and take care.

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Mahamudra

By Jan van der Vliet

To say we are looking forward to the lockdown coming to an end is an understatement. For those in much more challenging home situations it can't come soon enough. I am also fearful about what comes next.

Fear in ambiguous and dangerous situations is a well-documented human phenomenon, and it leads us to seek simple solutions. When this lockdown was first announced many people were relieved. The fear they were feeling in the face of a global crisis could be channelled into a single practical action: to go home and stay home.

The antidote to fear is love and compassion. Leading with the facts to overcome fear of the unknown is risky when facts are difficult to come by, may contain gaps, and can change rapidly. Instead leading with what we do know to help us get through this crisis will continue to be critical. We cannot get through this crisis, no matter what the science reveals, without a commitment to supporting each and every person to come through. It's all of us or none of us.

Things are incredibly uncertain right now, for all of us — for our health, the health of loved ones, the state of the world, the shaky economy, our individual financial situations. And that's just the start of it. All of this uncertainty is triggering feelings of stress, fear and anxiety in most people, in different ways.

Contraction when we're feeling overwhelmed: It can all be too much. When we feel that sense of overwhelm, we can want to shut down, exit, turn away, avoid. We avoid hard tasks, we go to distraction, we avoid our healthy habits. This is all completely normal!

We just want to go back to normal. It's hard to accept the way things are.

Wanting to feel something meaningful: This can all feel very unanchored. In this feeling of groundlessness and instability, we can yearn for some kind of meaning, some sense of purpose.

You might not be experiencing all of these, because every person is experiencing the new normal differently.

But it is a new normal.

Buddhism teaches that impermanence is the true nature of reality. The only constant in life is that life is constantly changing. Suffering results from our inability to grasp the true nature of an impermanent reality, or conversely, from our clinging to a desire that things remain the same. According to this worldview, it is not change that causes suffering, but our inability to accept the inevitability of change.

Buddhism further emphasizes the interdependence of all sentient beings. We dwell in an interconnected web of existence where my suffering and your suffering, or your joys and my joys, are inextricably linked. Suffering or joy do not belong to any one individual, they belong to the collective community. The Indian monk Shantideva describes it this way: "I should eliminate the suffering of others because it is suffering, just like my own suffering. I should take care of others because they are sentient beings, just as I am a sentient being. When happiness is equally dear to others and me, then what is so special about me that I strive after happiness for myself alone?"

It is with great gratitude to the "New Zealand Team" that we will be opening our gates again, following the Covid-19 Level 2 guidelines, as of Friday 22 May to our local community, guests, visitors and course participants. Please check our website on up and coming courses, teachings and retreats and not before long the community lunch at our Centre.

Much love, the team at Mahamudra

Litter from marine farms

"Is this yours? If so, can you please take responsibility and make sure it does not spoil our environment and end up on our beaches. Thank you."

Found by Daniel Kirsch and family on a picnic at Te Kouma before lockdown.

On reading what the Marine Farmers' Association have to say below, Daniel says "It is good to learn that

there is an awareness about the issue and the willingness to want to do something about it. That is always the first step. Time will tell how effective the measures are that are put into place.

The environment is under pressure from many users, industry is only one, and poses a possible threat because of the intensity of the activities. If it can be managed well, than hopefully negative effects can be minimised."



Tom Hollings from the Marine Farmers' Association has clarified as below

Yes, the picture shows some 15 to 20 cut-off rope-ends from mussel ties. Unfortunately, some gear or litter does escape from marine farms/vessels, eg rope-ends and pieces, mussel floats and oyster sticks. It is typically soon washed ashore on adjacent beaches in intact condition, and so at least it is not an oceanic microplastic source as for example are car tyres. Regarding the cut-off rope ends as shown, the industry is also working on better solutions including biodegradable rope ties plus also alternative technology. For the meantime these ties are a vital part of the farming system and for assisting to hold all of the parts of the farm in place, under periodically rough and rugged conditions. The cut-offs typically can escape on harvest and it is a busy time for that at present.

The Coromandel Marine Farmers' Association and all of its members have agreed to avoid, remedy and mitigate beach debris as follows. All vessels at all times are to do all possible to both avoid escapement, and to immediately recover any escapement, of litter from its farms and/or vessels. Also, beach clean-ups will be done at least annually at each company's own cost. The industry removes and disposes of all (everyone's) litter and debris, unless large or hazardous, or driftwood. The area covered by this beach clean-up is allocated to the various farmers and at Coromandel it covers from Amodeo Bay down to Te Puru plus all of the islands in between. Also the shorelines in other localities, eg Kennedy Bay.

The industry very much appreciates that clean beaches are important, and it is working to perfect its practises and it appreciates the work as well of those in the community working for clean beaches.

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June 2020

Work has resumed at Whangarahi Reserve for the Coro 200 Illume Festival

The upgrade of Whangarahi Reserve has resumed to ensure it is ready for the Coro 200 Illume Festival, rescheduled for 25-26 September.

Work involves installing two new seats, placement of rock into the concrete edging of the round bund, top soiling and seeding and new rubbish bins. The foundation for new artwork has also been installed.

The dedication for the HMS Coromandel will be at the Whangarahi Reserve, followed by a commemorative planting at the Albert St Reserve.

Coromandel-Colville Community Board Chairman Peter Pritchard says: "We are excited to kick-start our economy with



Whangarahi Reserve.

this festival and boost visitor numbers for local businesses."

Keep an eye on tcdc.govt.nz/coro200 for event details. Email questions to illume.coromandel@gmail.com

A working group has also been established for event organisers around the district to share ideas and information.

Contact our District Events Coordinator kirstin.richmond@tcdc.govt.nz if you are interested in joining or to find out how Council can support your event going forward.



Proposed Annual Plan for 2020/2021

Online hearings were held earlier last month for people who made a submission on our proposed Annual Plan for 2020/21 to present "in person" over audio-video link to our Council.

Approximately 50 submitters out of more than 230 chose to present on their submissions in the hearings.

Recordings of the sessions are available on our Annual Plan web page at tcdc.govt.nz/annualplan2020

Council will next examine all the submissions and the presentations when they meet to deliberate on the Annual Plan in early June.

The final Annual Plan will be adopted at the Council meeting on 23 June.

Alcohol applications

A new piece of legislation (the Epidemic Preparedness (COVID-19) Notice 2020) was introduced that has temporarily extended the time it takes to process a new or renewal application to allow the Police and Medical Officer of Health to prioritise managing COVID-19. Instead of the usual 15 working days these two agencies had to report on applications, they now have until 5 August 2020. If our Council receives a response from before 5 August, your application will continue to be processed.

This extended timeframe applies to applications received in the last few weeks, however it doesn't apply to special licence or Manager Certificate applications. For more information see tcdc.govt.nz/alcohollicences

Call for volunteers to join our Coastal Panels

Are you interested in our precious coastal environment? Keen to see how solutions can be found to help our communities adapt to coastal hazards and risks?

Our Council is now looking for volunteers to join four Coastal Panels that will help inform our Shoreline Management Plans (SMPs) around our Thames-Coromandel coastline.

This is a new phase in what is a major coastal management project, defining the flooding and erosion risks to people and the social, cultural, economic and natural environment across all parts of our coastline over the next century and beyond. We're in discussion with iwi and panels will be advisory boards, made up of Community Board representatives, citizens, iwi, local businesses and asset owners, and it's intended they provide a fair and balanced representation of the relevant viewpoints about our coastal environment.

If you would like to get involved or find out more information, see tcdc.govt.nz/coastal Expressions of interest close on 11 June, 2020.

Kerbside Collections

Full Kerbside rubbish and recycling collections with blue Council bags, recycling in wheelie bins and glass in crates has resumed but from 15 June the only plastic we'll take in wheelie bins and at our Refuse Transfer Stations are types 1 and 2.



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Thanks to all of the team who continued to support the community. We have had the vehicle double-crewed every day. Our training has continued as well, with weekly Zoom meetings with the Colville First Response Group and some very well thought-out quizzes, from a different quiz master each week, covering both St John procedures and expanding our local and general knowledge.

Stay safe and well. Please remember we are still not clear of Covid-19, but the more we follow the distancing and cleaning guidelines, the better it will be for our community

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Ann's Good News, Naturally

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More Good News

Health issues can be prevented and/or addressed with simple commonsense medicine.

• Irritable bowel – This 38-yr-old woman was adopted at two weeks old, not breastfed, thus did not receive the essential immune boosting colostrum or Immune Factor- Immunoglobulin A, to set up her gut immunity. Through life, bloating, sluggish bowels, constipation tablets, ruined the integrity of her large intestine. After surgery to remove her colon, she was shocked that her surgeon gave her no nutritional advice and stated "you don't need a colon!". She struggled with ongoing adhesion pain and difficulty controlling her bowel motions. She says, "The best thing that has ever happened for her" was my programme to re-establish healthy microbiome and smooth, regular bowel motions. She's now happy, sleeping well, feels no pain or inflammation.

• Fertility and breastfeeding issues – This couple had been trying for four years to conceive. My investigative testing revealed he had a high arsenic toxic load, and a poor sperm morphology. He also needed to stop taking cannabis as it has been shown to greatly reduce testosterone levels. After being on my fertility programme, they conceived, the pregnancy was healthy, vaginal birth went smoothly, but ongoing breastfeeding was difficult, until my "Breast Feeding Support Programme" worked a treat. Baby settled with no more colic, reflux, or distended tummy.

• Candida – vaginal, anal itch, and more – 27-year-old woman with reoccurring thrush finally experienced relief after her husband too addressed the same problem. Being sexually active her reinfection was due to her husband's yeast infection. We began their programme to remedy his sugar addiction and high beer intake. Yeast and sugar feed the bad bugs. No more infection – they both adhered to my programme and have experienced incredible health improvements.

• Depression/anxiety/PMS – This teenage girl was experiencing overwhelm and fear of the future. After just three weeks, her gentle Naturopathic Rebalance/Detox programme has eased her symptoms.

• Allergies – Family with panda eyes. Dark circles under eyes, cravings for Nutella, dry itchy skin, smelly bowel motions and mood swings are a thing of the past for these three children.

• Arthritis – My 90-day programme cured this 68-yr-old man of his arthritis.

• Cancer – This 60-yr-old woman's cancer markers have improved after only three months into her programme with me.

• Urinary tract infections – Despite getting the all clear for infection from the lab test, I treated this 80-yr-old woman for UTI with my herbal tonic, and a tasty eating plan. No more low-grade pain and discomfort!

• Unwell for years – This 67-yr-old man had been diagnosed with "Inflammation, caused by arthritis". Treatment was prednisone, which created extra health issues. I was able to identify and treat the true cause of his arthritis and inflammation. Now, a year on, he is feeling the best he has for years.

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Haiga

By Chris Wornall

meeting on the web-
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Coromandel Contract Bridge Club

By Judy Bronlund

It is so good to be back playing bridge on a Monday evening at the St John rooms after the countrywide lockdown. We will be playing fewer competitions this year so we will need to alter our programme. We will not invite visitors to play with us at this time. Looking forward to going to the next level.

Contacts Val (07) 866 8739, Lyn (07) 866 8858

Open Floor Coromandel Stepping back onto the real dance floor

By Jacqui Chan & Lisa Corston

Open Floor is a practice that defines itself as a “resource-based” practice, meaning we use movement and dance to resource ourselves for life off the dance floor. This has been a time like no other when we’ve need to put the rubber to the road so to speak, and use our practice to ground, centre, and pause.

Since the beginning of the pandemic many teachers internationally have moved online to resource people during these uncertain times. Although dancing through Zoom is very different to in-person classes, these virtual sessions have offered a space for many to dance, come home to their bodies and be present to themselves through these changing times. It has been so heartening to gather and witness other moving bodies in this time of isolation – even if only through the screen. And in a remote place like Coromandel, we have been blessed with the opportunity to dance with renowned international teachers in the USA and Europe, as well as other teachers around the country. Here in Coromandel, Jacqui Chan and Geordie Jahner have been offering online classes with people attending locally and from around the globe.

The need for connection and group belonging are recognized in Open Floor as primary hungers for human beings. Connection is such a vital part of our well-being, as many have experienced during lockdown. We’ve all had vastly different experiences. For some it has been a refreshing opportunity to enjoy to a quieter life, for others of us life has been busier and more of a juggle than ever. And for those living alone the lack of contact has been most strongly felt.

We are looking forward to connecting and dancing together as soon as larger public gatherings are possible (indeed this may be before this edition goes to print). We are mindful of the ongoing risks so will be asking dancers to observe social distancing and good hygiene during class, and ask that anyone who is feeling unwell to rest at home until they have recovered.

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Museum News

By Raewyn McKinney

The AGM of the Coromandel School of Mines & Historical Society Inc will be held at 2pm on **Sunday 28 June**, at the Elizabeth Park Village Hall. Everyone is welcome to come along.

We all hope that the pandemic and lockdown will be over by the end of June and, if history is any guide, by the end of the year it will become a distant memory for most of us. This has been an unusual event in our lives, as not many people can remember being in quarantine or even realise that home schooling has been necessary during epidemics in the past.

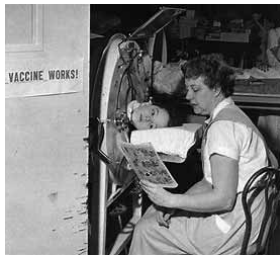
I wondered whether many people realise how many epidemics and pandemics New Zealand has experienced over the years, so I looked it up in "Te Ara: The Encyclopaedia of New Zealand".

I discovered that the first recorded epidemic occurred in New Zealand from 1817-1820 when influenza was reported among Maori on the coasts of Foveaux Strait. Since then there have been over 60 epidemics in the country, most resulting in more deaths than the Covid-19 outbreak has caused at the time of writing.

I learnt this is the fourth pandemic New Zealand has experienced. Influenza pandemics occurred in 1890-94, and 1918-1920. In 2009 it was the "Swine Flu" pandemic, and this year it is Covid-19, of course.

In addition, there have been several serious epidemics. Typhoid peaked in 1875 with 323 deaths, but continued to cause epidemics in Auckland and other North Island towns until the 1940s.

Poliomyelitis was hardly known before 1900, but epidemics frequently occurred in Western communities in the first half of the twentieth century; in New Zealand, polio epidemics were experienced in "1916, 1925, 1927, 1937, 1948-49, 1952-53, 1955-56. However, by 1960 the disease was no longer feared and indeed, within a decade, was all but forgotten except by those whose lives had been directly affected. So completely had the effects of this devastating illness passed from the collective memory, that by 1980 parents had to be urged and cajoled into having their infants immunised."



Polio patient in iron lung

Lack of immunisation has also caused epidemics of measles throughout the years, most recently last year, with 2193 cases, and there is concern more cases could occur this year. It is easy to forget measles caused 199 deaths across the country in 1881-82.

It seems that no matter how serious the outbreak or epidemic is, people in general are quick to put it behind them and move on with their lives. Who now remembers that in 2009 there were 3,150 cases of swine flu and 20 deaths?

Or that in 1900-1911 there were 9 deaths from plague in Auckland? In 1863-64 there were 119 deaths from scarlet fever in Dunedin, and a further 834 caused by that disease throughout New Zealand in 1876-77.

Not only are these events forgotten, but the diseases themselves are no longer a threat to society.

With this in mind, the museum plans to create a record of life in Coromandel during the 2020 pandemic and lockdown. We will collect stories, poems, photos, drawings, and any other suitable artefacts to show our grandchildren and great-grandchildren what life was like for us all during this time. Please forward your contributions to coromandelmuseum@gmail.com or contact a committee member or perhaps you could bring them along to the AGM at the end of June.

The museum will remain closed for the winter, but we are planning to reopen the museum to coincide with local events planned for later in the year, such as the Open Studios tour and the Illume Coro200 Festival.

CoroLocalLegend with Coromandel Four Square

Congratulations to Hattie Crawshaw, who is new to Coromandel, who is the recipient of a gift hamper from Coromandel Four Square. Hattie has been nominated by Karyn Davis who wrote, "I would like to nominate a kind young lady who delivered and paid for two food

parcels to my 93-year-old mother. It really made her day on these two occasions, even giving her dog biscuits. This was extremely thoughtful and considerate during the current situation we are all going through."

Thanks for your community spirit Hattie, 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



Coromandel Peninsula tops domestic drive holiday plans

Four out of five New Zealanders are planning a domestic road trip after Covid-19 according to new research.

Almost half (40.2%) are planning a drive holiday to help stimulate the local economy – with a windfall of between \$1.1 billion and \$2.9 billion predicted for the struggling tourism industry.

New Zealand's love affair with coastal driving continues, with the Coromandel Peninsula voted the top drive route in the country.

The independent study of more than 1,000 people suggested the impacts of Covid-19 will continue to be felt long after lockdown has lifted – with 84% of all respondents saying they would avoid international travel in the short-term.

In addition, the survey suggests that in a post Covid-19 world people who prefer to travel in their own vehicle will spike from 68% to 85% year-on-year.

Researched commissioned by BMW New Zealand, and executed by Pure Profile in April 2020 amongst a representative sample size for 1000 New Zealanders



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Our Wellbeing, Our Priority

By Nalan Kirsch

When I am writing this, we have just scaled down to Alert Level 2. The state of emergency has been lifted. We have slowly been easing back into our "normal" life.

So, I did some self-reflection on my experience. There were days that I was very grateful and enjoyed staying in my bubble, but on a few days I also felt a bit down. I believe it was normal to feel that way, given the circumstances. It was a huge task to suspend our normal life for almost seven weeks in order to stop the spread of the virus. History will recognise this as a major life event.

Now, hopefully it is over. However, we may still experience emotional after-effects. You might feel lost, experience less joy, feel tired, have a lack of motivation, experience some confusion, feel worrisome, and so on. Each of us will experience it differently. Therefore, it is essential that we must insert added care in our wellbeing.

Here are a few wellbeing tips to support you and bring more ease into your life. You may pick the ones that appeal to you, or just give them all a go. I recommend that you do all of these for at least one week.

1) Finding calm and focus: Mindful breathing

Find a quiet place, free of distractions. Sit comfortably and just be for a few seconds. Then take a few deep breaths; inhale and exhale. Fill your lungs and tummy with beautiful air and exhale slowly. Then, gently find your normal breathing which usually is short and subtle. Relax into it. Turn your attention to your breathing. Notice the way your body effortlessly inhales and exhales. Stay with it for a few minutes. While practicing, if your awareness wears off or you start planning your day, gently bring back your attention to your breathing.

2) Strengthening resilience: Expressive writing

Find a time and place where you won't be distracted. Get a pen and paper, and write down your feelings and thoughts. Don't worry about the quality of your writing. Get it all out until you run out of words. If writing is not your thing, talk to someone you trust.

3) Enhance inspiration: Awe walk

Have a walk in nature. During your walk, look at things with fresh eyes. Imagine you are seeing everything for the first time. Take a deep breath: inhale and exhale. Pay attention to your feet, legs or your back. How do they feel today? How amazing that they carry us everyday! Shift your attention to your environment. Notice the small patterns of light and shadow, the trees: their branches and leaves. If you feel like it, go and hug or hug a tree.

4) Increase happiness: Gratitude

Every day for a week, think about the things you are grateful for. The things that you may take for granted. The people you are grateful for but never expressed this. Count your blessings. Call the people that you feel gratitude for, and express your gratitude to them.

5) Increase joy and resilience: Social connection

Create windows of connection with friends, family and neighbours (following the current rules around distancing). I don't know about you, but I'm over Zoom and Messenger! However, I must admit it would

have been very difficult without these tools for many people. So, I'm actually grateful they exist. But now it's time to connect face to face, without a screen between us.

Have a wonderful winter!

Please see my classified ad for my coaching offers and my contact details.

Blessings

By Beryl van Donk

There are many things in life
that we cannot understand,
But we must trust God's judgment
and be guided by His hand.
And all who trust His blessings
can rest safely in His care,
For He promises a safe passage
on the wings of a faith and prayer.

Poetry
SPOT

Coromandel Town Information Centre

By Sandra Wilson, Manager

Yay, we are open! Yes, the door is open, with a table in place to practice safe distancing. Hand sanitizer, brochures, and maps are on the table.

Our first Boom, Bust and Beyond tour got underway last week. One family, so all from the same bubble, and the tour guide practiced social distancing. By all accounts it went well. Our tour guides are ready and willing to enlighten and enthrall you and your bubble with tales from the past. Tours can be scheduled throughout the week by appointment, so just give us a call if you'd like to book a tour. Participants must be from the same bubble (this is at Level 2).

We have a new text messaging system being developed. If you would like to be kept "in the know" about what is happening in and around town, events, road closures and how you can get in touch with services via periodic SMS messages, please contact us if you'd like to be included. All information (your name and phone number) will only be shared by us and Focus Media Ltd, who will be managing the initial setup of the system. This is open to all those with cell phones. It goes without saying that your information will be stored in protected files at the centre. Give us a call to discuss further.

Local transport options are still not operating, but you can check with us to see when InterCity services and the Coromandel – Auckland ferry resume. But some good news – Driving Creek Railway, Zipline and The Waterworks reopened! Contact us for more details.

Also check out our Facebook page: Coromandel Town Information Centre and follow us on Instagram. Thank you to everyone who likes, shares and follows us.

Now some updates: the tentative date for Christmas in the Park 2020 is **Saturday 5 December**. Also, the Christmas lunch will be on again this year. More details to come next month.

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

-  **Keep 30 meters** from working mussel barges at all times
-  **Don't tie-up** to a line being worked on
-  **Never cast your line** towards a mussel barge – farmers have been injured from flying hooks and sinkers
-  **No Anchors.** Tie-on to a longline buoy or use approved mooring hooks
-  **Minimise** your speed and wake
-  **Never drive across** the lines



Mana Update

By Jade Ferrière

Level 2... another evolution in the Covid-19 journey. As we write this the streets of Coromandel Town are awakening from their slumber. Storefronts are opening, cafes are once again putting chairs out into the street to welcome small groups and long-overdue conversations.

Although we have all shared this lockdown adventure, we have all been affected differently by the experience and it feels really important that we remember this as we begin to merge bubbles with each other.

We may step on each others toes, unintentionally, as we try to manoeuvre our way through new policies, procedures and ways of living in community again. After all, we are making it up as we go. There is no blueprint or instruction guide for how to bounce back after such an extraordinary experience.

In mountain climbing, there are certain ways to acclimatise to high altitude. It is a process that can take time and varies from person to person but the foundations are to ascend gradually, climb high, sleep low and don't overdo it.

In a time where there is no "right way", this mountaineering approach could be adapted to our unusual state of acclimatisation.

Ascend gradually – Can we take the sense of spaciousness that has opened up and invite it into our relationships with one another? Before launching into conversations or even hugs, can we pause and get a sense of each other first?

Climb high, sleep low – What would our calendar look and feel like if we balanced our social events with time for ourselves or our families? Surely there have been some gifts in this time of change. Can we create space for these as life picks up pace again?

Don't overdo it – No matter how hungry we are for connection, can we pace ourselves and savour every moment with each other?

It may be awkward at the beginning, but it won't take long for our social interactions to find their groove. What we can be sure of is that none of us are acclimatising alone. If we can be accepting of our own needs and each other's, it will be a lot easier.

At Mana, we have decided to keep the centre closed. Our next scheduled groups will join us again in August. We are ascending gradually and supporting those who would have been here in person with a new online retreat experience, which we would love to invite you to check out.

Our new online learning platform offers retreats, classes and free resources that you can access from the comfort of your own living room. Curious? Visit www.manaretreat.online to learn more.

May we all have a gentle, easy transition into life outside of our bubbles.

Animal Rescue Thames

By Alice and John Parris
and Jazz



Firstly – thank meows to everyone who has so kindly supported our rescue cats. We have been blessed by some very generous people who have donated food to our bin at Pak'n Save Thames. One amazing donation included tinned sardines, salmon and tuna which the cats have absolutely thought was heaven sent. Also biscuits, a big bottle water and some dishwash – awesome to know that people read what we write, also a financial blessing from a Thames family which will help us feed the cats for another week (or two if we really, really tighten it down again).

Coromandel brothers – both are now up in the five-plus months range and have had their little man's operations at Anexa FVC – both did a dual yodel and howl when first put into the cage and car but settled for the trip to town. Next morning was a very cold one but both boys were out and about playing and quickly learnt that shaved bottoms and running with tail up meant one very chilly butt! Both kept tails between legs and were not too keen to show their Brazilian-shaved bottoms. So these two are ready for adoption, however since they have been together since they came in and they are a unique pair. A home for two is required with these two. Guaranteed to keep you amused. Baz is almost auto purr and Starskee snuggles on his terms only.

Lizzie, our black tortie exferal, has totally flourished in our care and is out and about rarking it up big time with the two bigger lads. She is yet to come up to weight for her spay. She is incredible and if humans get up at night and put on the kitchen light she purrs – new feature in our kitchen: a purring light sensor, auto turn off. She has absolutely no fear of getting up on high to leap or land on one or other of the Coro brothers and when they retailiate to her antics she yodels and screams top of her lungs knowing that boys will get told off. Took stupid humans a little while and lots of watching to figure this naughty torty attitude to play games. She also enjoys snuggles in bed.

Newbie – another "feral" tortie – this one a blue cream, very pretty. Her photo on the internet we looked at simply broke my heart and I cried looking at this fear-filled pretty kitten, so without too much thought I went in, offering her a place in the rehab unit we have. She has a very plush-pile coat that is almost like a rabbit's coat. She has settled in well, adjusted, coped with pats and tickles and loves most food, detests rotisserie chicken. Named Jazz, she is gorgeous, will purr and has come through stage one of allowing humans to pat and stroke. She will roll over, be cute and adjusted to the busy area she is located in. Stage two is where she has become a drama queen and this is the slow point, as she detests the pick up and carry. It is met with total and utter disdain and hiss, spit, growl. We have to take this step incredibly gently, slowly and carefully. Some days she is amicable to this stage and comes in to the bedroom with us for cuddles and purrs, other days "no thanks not today", so it's slow and steady with this one.

Both torties have such cool natures, neither is ready for rehoming and will only be rehomed to very special homes once they are through all stages of their rehabilitation.

Fundraising at this point is on hold until we get through the levels and at a point we can have a garage sale. We are doing minor internet sales but with what we put up, it's peanut gathering, but this does add up extremely slowly. We are doing the best we can with what we have and thank all those who are supporting us in this time.

Wanted – donations of tinned cat or kitten foods, sachets, sardines, tuna to satiate their appetites. The two Coromandel brothers, teen kittens, require a loving forever home that has room for two.

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Lions News

By Lion Lyn



As we journey through Covid-19 Level 2, we are all at a loss as to what will happen next. Our normal meetings and many future programmes and fundraising projects have been kept in abeyance, pending the next move from the government. As Lions we are totally nonpolitical, however we have to stick to the law. The only project without restriction at the present is the continuation of firewood, as that is deemed an essential service. Placing an order is a simple phone call and payments can be made online, just request the option when ordering; that keeps it all contactless!

As mentioned last month, if help is required for/in our community, give any one of us a call, as if not asked - how can we help? Also last month was mentioned, that we also could do with some help. If you would like to know more about us give one of the the numbers below a call. Till next month take care and look after each other.

Numbers to call – President Lyn (07) 866 7722 (may go to answer phone, please leave a name and number, and I will get back to you); secretary Gordon (07) 866 2433; firewood, Sue (07) 211 9774 (landline)

Staying Alive 2020

By Catherine Delahunty

It's been the strangest time of our lives for many of us and I have never been more grateful to have been born in Aotearoa and to live in Hauraki. There has not been a global convulsion like this in my lifetime. I was born eight years after World War 2 into the kinder years for some of us, post the Great Depression, and my life has been very privileged. Alongside that privilege others have walked a harder road with discrimination and poverty. However, now we face challenges we cannot even imagine as they unfold. There is no point in blaming any one regime or person for the fact that the whole world has changed and the pandemic has stopped us in our tracks. Those tracks have been heading towards environmental meltdown, climate chaos and gross inequality and that continues alongside the health crisis. The conspiracy theorists crossed with the "my individual freedom matters more than your safety" people have also been very irritating.

Lying awake in the deep peace of the forest where I live it is comforting to hear the ruu call to each other, to smell the bush after rainfall and see the stars still up there shining through the space junk.

The natural world is still here trying to recover from us in this moment of hiatus. However as we enter Level 2 and people start driving again, start shopping madly and throwing takeaways rubbish into the drains on the road I walk every day, I get that sinking feeling. We do not seem to have the will to change the world for the better.

Of course we need jobs and money to survive, our systems are so complex and beyond subsistence, but there is much we could do to restore the balance. Maybe we do not need to keep buying stuff we do not need. Maybe we could trade things we do need, like good food and lasting items. I would be perfectly happy if I had one car for the rest of my life, if I had one pair of shoes a year, one plane trip a year, one computer that could be upgraded, one phone, and one nice dress. I would not be happy if I could not travel to see the people I love but it could be by train, or ferry, or that one car for the rest of my life. It could be simpler, wealth could be fairly distributed, and we could live within our means on our finite planet. But sadly I am not holding my breath. The transition from oil-based hyper-capitalism to de-growth is a huge shift on so many levels.

But these weeks at home have had a kind of beauty that someone as social and active as I have found surprising. Turns out the quiet days and silent nights have been rewarding. In a tiny bubble with my partner and my dog I have enjoyed such peace. I do miss my grandchildren, the yoga class and some people, but Zoom has allowed a poetry course, teaching Te Tiriti classes, quizzes with my grandson, organising for Coromandel Watchdog to take the government to court over another toxic dam, working with the West Papua Action Aotearoa group and organising the produce donations from our valley to families in need. I have met new people in my valley online, and I am looking forward to face to face, but most of all I am appreciating being here and just staying alive. Not everyone has that luxury right now.

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CELEBRATING OUR CHILDREN

Te Rerenga School

By Mary Kedzlie

Exciting and interesting learning from home happened for all Te Rerenga students during Levels

3 & 4 of lockdown, however there were many very excited children eager to get back to the daily routine of school once school resumed again.

There were some exciting inquiry themes during lockdown, including Dragonology and Dreams, that inspired some fantastic writing.

Room 2 read a book called the Curious Garden. This is some fantastic writing inspired by the book.

The Curious Garden outside my bedroom window – by Ava Redfern

I wake up one morning and can't believe my eyes!

There is a garden outside my bedroom window.

I feel excited to go out and play in it!

It has a beautiful magnolia tree in it. It has bright shiny white blossoms that are shining in the night light stars. It smells nice, the leaves are golden and green. The magnolia tree is as tall as I am.

There is a passionfruit vine growing up my bedroom window. It has brown and red on it and is laden with ripe fruit.

There are beautiful flowers and soft moss, like cushions growing all around. Daisies, lavender and a kowhai tree with bright yellow and pale yellow flowers that have fat stems. The blossoms attract bees and butterflies. The garden is as big as my bedroom.

I wonder where it came from?

Dragonology Writing – by Eden White

If I had a pet dragon I would apply the training to it as to how you would to a dog. However dragons are the kind of creature that if you had to break in it would take time. They have character traits of ambition, dignity and commitment, and I think I'd have to manipulate it into thinking my rules are actually theirs as they are creatures that prefer to live by their own rules.

I would bond and try to connect with it from when it was still an egg so it would look to me as its caregiver and not boss. Discipline when it's being naughty would be very important, so it knows not to lash out, however that would be the most complicated part in training it as dragons can be stubborn and very powerful.

How I would keep it safe in mine and its habitat would be to only inform my most trusted and closest friends and family as New Zealand has a large population of people who would most likely want to endanger or harm my dragon. Some may even want to do tests on it. Secondly I would find a large but well hidden cave for it to live in for the maturity of its life as dragons' normal



habitats are caves. I don't think it would be too tricky to find a cave, as New Zealand has a large amount of bush. And lastly food may be tricky depending on my dragon. Most dragons are carnivores however rarely some are omnivores, and even herbivores, I would try my hardest to get a herbivore dragon, and feed it vegetable products from home gardens, and the supermarket, and if I have nothing for them on some occasions I'll give it plants from around the house.

When the dragon is in an egg I'll keep a keen eye on it and it will sleep in my room. I may even need to find or make an unusually large incubator. Once it has hatched it will still live in my room with me, presumably for three weeks at most. However I will let it explore the house and it will eat whatever it adores most. Once it gets too big for the house I would move into the cave with him and we would live there and go back to my house on occasions. Once it gets big enough to almost fend for itself I think I would have to adopt one or even two more dragons so it has company. And then at week six once its height has stabilized and learnt to care for the other dragons I adopted, I would leave them in the cave to fend for themselves. Although I would go back to say hi quite a bit. Dragons do like dark places and not to be disturbed,

however they could go and explore; they'd just have to stay very well hidden.

The Magic Tree – by Ben Aston

The tree was all that remained. A solitary figure, it stood there in defiance of the destruction surrounding it. The bark had begun to peel away, one piece at a time, joining the wreckage of other trees that lay scattered across the scorched earth.

This tree was different from the other trees. It contained magic. It contained hope. The humans kill, they scorch and burn up forests to make a flat canvas of land. The tree thought back to millions of years ago when it was planted to control the life of animals.

The tree would have to destroy the top predator which are humans, as they were out of control. They were dooming animals and the earth. The earth needed to be plunged into a sort of darkness. So then this tree made the moon dive to earth at incredible speeds. Unknown to humans and bang! Darkness covered the skies for several years. The tree was all that remained.

Eventually the skies will clear and lush, green grass and trees will grow up like the magic tree. The tree will resprout back out of the ground bearing the same powers, same abilities. The tree will watch for some more years before it makes its next decision of life.

Kiwi Can

Kia ora koutou e te whanau.

As I am writing this our Kiwi Can team and tamariki are preparing to head back to our schools under Alert Level 2. This is certainly a very different world we are living in at the moment and I know there must be some of us out there that are feeling a little anxious.

Our Kiwi Can team are super excited to be going back to our schools and can't wait to see our tamariki. As a team we have decided to deviate from our usual lesson structure and concentrate on giving our tamariki a bit of fun after they have been in lockdown for so long. So to start we are going to have our prize giving and games day that we missed out on last term. Then from there we are going to concentrate on fun with our energisers and fun activities. We are able to incorporate our kaupapa into our fun activities easily.

Don't forget our kaupapa this term is Resilience. This means "Coping with Challenges and Bouncing Back".

This term our Catchphrase is... "I am resilient, I am strong, I face my fears, bring it on!"

This catchphrase helps us to remember to be resilient by never giving up, to keep trying when things are hard and giving things another go.

Check out our YouTube Channel and have a look at the activities our tamariki have attempted so far. <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoRVwpEX1Je2z4QFhW63Huw>

Also check out our Facebook page to see what we have been up to; search Kiwi Can - Coromandel.

Until next month, ka kite ano,
Kiwi Can Team



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



Coromandel Area School

By Jamie Leckie

Term Two so far has proven to be a challenging and an interesting time for many. Thank you to our wonderful school whanau for all of your support during this unknown time.

We would like to thank Corinne Blake for her amazing work during Term One in Room 4 and we wish her all the best for her future. A big welcome to Claire Johnson who has now joined us from Waitakaruru School. She will be the teacher in Room 4, and we are very excited to have Claire on our teaching team.

So, I will leave you with a snippet of the wonderful work that happened during the lockdown.

Writing – by Tyler Dudson

Bang, a crocodile comes out of nowhere. I grab my machete. By then it was too late. It had ripped off my motor. I quickly threw my machete at the crocodile. I managed to knock out the crocodile but then it was too late. My motor was at the bottom of the lake.

Writing – by Delsjaia

The lockdown. Everyone is talking about it. My teacher, my mum, the news, the radio. We are told to stay home and stay safe, so we don't get the virus. I had to stay home with my mum, my sisters and aunty. We could



not go to the park, or the beach, no school, no shops and no visiting. We still had fun at home even though the virus was out. We went to the waterfall behind our house, I had my birthday and I turned 8. I did an egg and spoon race with promise, and we all had fun.

What I am grateful for – by Mackenzie

A= air to breathe
B= big open spaces
C= covers on my bed
D= dinners
E= earmuffs to protect our ears
F= farm so we can bike/walk on
G= grass to play cricket
H= homes to live in
I= ice to make our drinks cold
J= jackets to keep warm
K= kisses from my mum and dad
L= life
M= my family and friends
N= news to see what is happening in the world
O= open fields to run in
P= paper to draw on
Q= quizzes to help us get thinking
R= recycling so the world is not full of trash
S= stores so we can buy stuff
T= the trampoline to play on
U= umbrellas to keep the rain off my head
V= vacuums to clean up the dirt on the carpet
W= water to drink and wash in
X= x-rays to see broken bones
Y= yum food to eat
Z= zoos to help animals

The Surprise – by Bailee
I got a parcel from my Aunty

Britt and it had lots of chocolates in the parcel. I was so happy and so surprised. It took five days to get here from Auckland and it took me two days to eat the chocolates and I shared them with my Dad and Nana. My kittens played with the parcel bag. I called my aunty to thank her that I got my parcel. The next day I went for a big bike ride with my dad. It was a sunny day and me and my dad had a bike race and I won. When I got home, I had a rest. Then later my Nana and I went outside with the ball and we played lots of games.

Letter O story – by Ryan

Octopus like fish because they like to eat them. Octopus stick onto stuff. The octopus's name is Owey-Occy. He has no friends, but he is going to make up some friends. He lives in the coral in America with butterflyfish.



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Arts

Pastel Artists Coromandel

By Rosemarie Murphy

The members of our Pastel Artists Club have been busy during lockdown doing gardening, filling the woodshed, house cleaning and some art. Rosemarie has been following Karol Oakley's Your Creative Challenge for the April Alphabet. Annette has been gardening and house cleaning. Saskia has been completing her portrait that she started in Maxine Thompson's workshop and starting another. Marianne has produced some lovely drawings and Sharon has nearly completed a portrait of her daughter. We are all itching to get back to our weekly meetings for the company and encouragement we enjoy.

Keep safe everyone.



Saskia's portrait



Sharon's portrait of her daughter

ArtsTour

Robyn Lewis

By Kaye Anderson

Her head tilted to one side and her eyes beseeching the viewer, the woman with a forest crown asks a serious question: "What have you done? What have you done to Planet Earth?"

Through a series of busts created in response to Covid-19, Robyn Lewis is asking us to stop the wholesale destruction of our planet before it destroys us. "I no longer have much faith that we are motivated enough to affect the course of global degradation... this work reflects that."

The first bust Robyn sculpted depicts a child with a raven perched on his head, one claw pressing on his face. The child is deeply sad. Later works, still in progress, are more cheerful, with floral decoration and warmer facial expressions.

But I keep returning to the woman – her eyes are hypnotic and the tilt of her head is bewitching. I want to lean forward and empathise with her distress.

Robyn once told me she wasn't a conceptual artist. This is no longer true.

To see her wide range of work created in various media, visit her Facebook page RobynLewisArtist or The Source.

Kaye Anderson

By Jan Linklater

A striking work caught my eye when I went to interview Kaye: a rusty rangetop found on the beach sparked memories of past home fires.

In her painting its broken but elegant shape encircles a tiny tabletop still life based on her aunt's kitchen. Beyond is a cottage backdrop. The layering images in this are a hallmark of her latest works which, augmented by use of computer, replace the backgrounds of her photographs or float others

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on top. She uses these in her paintings to give a serious message: boats marooned in a desert landscape give an eerie forecast of climate change.

When Kaye abandons her camera and computer as in "Remembering Taranaki", she is intrigued by the strange ambiguities that arise as a result of her freedom with the palette knife and the distortions of memory.

There is a charming naivety in her topical painting, "Covid-19": a small grey figure is faced with a dark path through a bright local landscape, the whole enclosed by a perimeter fence. With its small, discrete forms it reminded me of an embroidered sampler and illustrates the huge diversity in Kaye's work coming from her excitement of exploring with paint.

For contact details and to see more of Kaye's work go to www.coromandelartstour.co.nz.

John Eaglen talks about...

When we went into lockdown Linley and I wrote a list of jobs and projects. What an opportunity to tick them all off with no distractions! Needless to say, as I write this we are now at Level 2 and the list is far from cleared.

But we do have neat paths with tidy timber-edged steps winding through the bush above our house and studios. And lots of dead manuka felled, cut to logs ready for our warm winter fires.

And artistic thoughts and some physical artistic progress have bubbled along too. Some years back I did some studies based on Vermeer's Woman in Blue Reading a Letter. I wondered who the letter was from, or to. Was it old and treasured, taken from the box open on the table, or new and about to be placed in the box?

And the chairs. And the map. Fixed characters in several of his paintings, while the humans came and went.

There will be a work. Vermeer deconstructed, reconstructed? With an added character, or two. And a twist, or two. Started in lockdown in my workshop. Ready for ArtsTour? Or maybe even an exhibition before then? Watch this Space!

To see John's work plus that of other artists, go to www.coromandelartstour.co.nz.



Creative Coromandel Artist Mentoring Programme

Creative Coromandel invite expressions of interest from artists and mentees, for a mentoring programme for artists resident in the Coromandel region (TCDC and Hauraki Maori Trust Board area) who are:

- Committed to their art and at a level of competence in their field;
- Strongly wanting to develop their art practice and/or their art business;
- Prepared to commit to completing the programme and accepting the challenges that may arise from it.

Artists may be working in any genre, which could include musical or performing arts. Selection criteria may consider compatibility of artist goals within the mentee group.

The programme is responsive to the specific needs and aspirations of the participating artists. There will be a focus on coaching and mentoring ahead of specific skills teaching.

The programme will include:

- An initial facilitated group workshop in which you will be helped to set your goals for your art practice, and for your time in the programme.
- Working with a mentor personally chosen for you because of their knowledge and experience relevant to your artistic goals. Your mentor will be a long-standing active arts professional who has achieved excellence in their own art form and already has a reputation for sharing ideas, is successful in their own field and is committed to the success of others. Your mentor will be available to you for at least six months and will work with you one-to-one for 15 hours.
- Group workshops spaced through the programme, content determined by the artist group and responsive to their goals. These may incorporate specific skills tutors, guest speakers, and group work.

Any or all aspects of the programme may be delivered online on video conferencing platforms as required or as appropriate.

Mentors may be from the Coromandel arts community or from further afield, and will commit to:

- Work with you in the spirit of being your champion.
- Where it is useful, share their experiences and wisdom for success in the art world
- Encourage you to step outside of your existing comfort zone.

Subject to results of a current funding application, the first phase of the programme will be from June to the end of September, followed by a second phase October/November and February/March.

If you are interested either as a mentor or as an artist mentee, email info@creativecoromandel.co.nz for application details



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Coromandel Players News

By Liz Cameron

Breaking news!

Jim Davis has agreed to perform *The Daylight Atheist* by Tom Scott, two or three times more, to make up for the performances that we had to cancel because of lockdown. We are not sure of the dates yet, so check for posters about town, and our Facebook page. We are thrilled that Jim has agreed to do this, as there is quite a bit of work involved to get it up to performance level again.

Also keep an eye on that Facebook page for our auditions for the Renee play, *Pass it On*, set during the 1951 dock strikes in NZ, a play which celebrates the role of working class women during the Waterfront Lockout; their courage, their resilience and their humanity. An excellent drama! Quite a big cast, newcomers always very welcome!

Hoping to see audiences back in our theatre very soon!



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Environment

Moehau Environment Group

By Nat Munns

Conservation and Covid-19

All of our conservation work was put on hold over the Covid-19 lockdown period and ensuing Level 3. As this article goes to print our field team, contract trappers and volunteers are heading back out into the bush to see what horrid, decayed messes await them in their traps. Hopefully the seven weeks of no predator control wasn't too damaging to our native flora and fauna. We've definitely noticed an increased number of stoats around, especially on the outskirts of Coromandel Town, Te Kouma and Little Bay/Tuataewa areas. If you'd like to purchase a stoat trap for your property, don't forget that MEG sells them at cost to the community. We'll even deliver your trap and give you a rundown on how to use it and where to place it.

Rat Attack Fact File!

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Why: To compliment predator control in the area, developing an intensively trapped low predator zone, in recognition of important resident native species and forest regeneration.

When: Project started in 2004

Funded by: Currently – Waikato Regional Council. Rat Attack extension – NZ Lotteries

Outcomes: Small Mammal Indexing consistently below 5% for our native flora and fauna to flourish.

If you'd like to know more about our other projects, head to our website www.meg.org.nz.

Welcome

A huge welcome to new fulltime MEG field team member Emily Graham. Emily has a bachelors in Environmental Science and a post grad diploma in Environmental Management. She is looking forward to getting her boots on the ground and is very passionate about conservation work. Nau mai, haere mai.

Arbor Day

Friday 5 June is Arbor Day and marks the beginning of the planting season and a time to celebrate the unique biodiversity of our country. Are you planning on planting a native seedling to celebrate the day? MEG have been gifted some gorgeous titoki seedlings for fundraising. If you'd like to order a seedling to plant on this, or any other day, please email us at info@meg.org.nz

Have a great month everyone.

Contact us at info@meg.org.nz or make a donation by visiting our website www.meg.org.nz



McGregor Bay Wetland Society

By Carol Sutherland

Town and country wetlands

It was recently recorded in the UK Guardian that China had poured more concrete in the last two years than the USA had in the twentieth century. That's a mindboggling thought, yet cities enable more people to live together. For as long as we have rapidly increasing populations, high density urbanisation will continue.

So where do wetlands come into all of this? The Pearl River delta and other regions have been infilled during this growth but there is now an increased understanding that cities need wetlands. Individual private developers have not considered them as financial assets but municipally wise they are important public assets. Sometimes it has been a case of: "oops we needed that 'swamp' after all". Not only can functioning wetlands protect against flooding and support nature but they can clean wastewater. The Guardian lists one example of a wetland outperforming sewage treatment works – while absorbing carbon, nitrogen and supplying fisheries – a large operation in east Kolkata that has been calculated to save local authorities 22 million dollars a year over conventional plants.

It is an example of cities that are now not only rethinking and embracing their wetlands as places for nature as well as recreation, but recognising that they carry out valuable municipal and environmental services. Even some developers are onboard with wetlands being created in several of the more desirable new housing developments. Adelaide real estate promos are showing new houses in relation to these new local community wetlands. Singapore is enjoying the return of otters in the cleaner mangrove and wetland areas.

So where do our local existing wetlands fit in to all of this? Bear in mind our population is increasing too. Presently we have farming and stormwater where the nitrate and other nutrient runoff affect our harbour and fisheries. Rather than drain and channel water directly into the creeks and sea, wetlands can carry out an amazing public duty, without large capital works. Think of our rates bill if we had to replace wetland services. The smart farmers with an eye to the future are doing their bit by embracing and creating wetlands. Expecting to be able to just channel and flush away water downstream into the public sphere for others to deal with is archaic and quickly becoming seen as barbaric. So, it's great to see people around the world changing attitudes towards wetlands from "wasteland" to valuable public utilities.

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Sport



Coromandel Golf Club

By Lynne Fenwick

Back to golf and what a great start we had on Saturday for our return to Golf Covid-19 Level 2 style.

After weeks of practicing with the putting holes covered, playing either by yourself or within your bubble, we were able to return to Club Golf on Saturday 16 May.

There was a draw, the club house was open, the course was in pristine condition, the flags sticks were in, rakes in the bunkers, and the bar was open for a drink to finish off a great day of golf.

Winner of the day Ross Mudgway, runners up Kevin O'Keeffe and Max McLean.

Our normal club days resume this week with Ladies Day on Tuesdays, Mid Week on Wednesdays, and Club Day on Saturdays. Come along if you are visiting Coromandel Town; you are very welcome.

Our golf course is once again open to green fee players, \$25.00 per round. You must sign in with all your details please. We will be checking on this, so please do not be offended when we ask. It is still most important to keep everyone safe. Please note that the clubhouse and toilets will only be open on club days. Stay safe everyone.

Tennis Club

By John Veysey, Secretary

Last month I wrote asking how come a cell tower had been erected right next door to the tennis courts without a word to us in the club.

After a month of correspondence with council people I am none the wiser.

I have discovered that there are regulations put out by the Ministry of Environment, the RMA, consents processes and even promises from our own community board to ensure there will be some kind of community consultation before this kind of thing happens but, in this instance, there has been no consultation. The only reason given is that it's a "permitted activity" which is in the district plan and, if it's in the district plan, a permitted activity may be installed without following any of the usual regulations. How a "permitted activity" gets onto the district plan without following these regulations has yet to be explained.

Maybe next month I will have a more comprehensible explanation. Until then we may expect "permitted activities" to spring up anywhere and anyhow and too bad if no one was consulted beforehand – "It's legal".

The tower output is supposed to cover the entire town and is only 50 meters from the courts. Anyone susceptible to any kind of issues with EMR is advised to keep clear of the courts until the tower is removed.

Coromandel Recreational Fishing Club

By Allison Brown and CRFC Committee

Hi to all. Here we are – nearly halfway through the year.

Due to the sudden lockdown for Covid-19 we have not had much action on the fishing front as we were unable to go out fishing even from the shore. Now that we are at Level 2 we are all free to go out. Traveling down the Thames Coast Road it seemed like every available space was taken up and the boats at Waikawau were all waiting to get out on the first day of Level 2. The weather over the lockdown was great for fishing too – hope it lasts for a while.

I have heard of some very good catches from the wharf over the lockdown but I'm afraid I don't like our chances as the winter months approach.

Unfortunately we were unable to hold the "Take a Kid Fishing" competition so plan to try in June or early July, weather permitting. We will be holding a meeting to see if we can do this or not but may have to flag it for this year.

The clubs Fish of the Month for March was kahawai and Margaret-Ann Visser weighed in a 2.130kg one, winning the club's \$100.

June is John Dory for the club's Fish of the Month.

Hope you have been able to do some fishing in the last few weeks of May. Here's to tight lines as always.

Coromandel Croquet Club

By Kaye Anderson

We are not currently meeting on a regular basis to play croquet. In the meantime, some players are organising casual games with one another and the lawns are being mowed, as well as maintenance work carried out.

When we do reconvene, it will be on Tuesdays and Fridays at 9.45am for a 10am start. New players are always welcome and 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.



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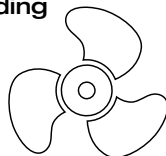
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Poetry SPOT

End Times
(a Sicilian Septet)
By John Irvine

We sit here cowed awaiting End Times
chewing fingernails and swatting the mosquitoes
which proliferate in these now humid climes
annoying as they swoop on fingers and toes
biting and sucking in passionate rhyme.
We'll die of malaria 'ere Armageddon shows
as we sit here cowed awaiting End Times.

Chronicle deadline dates for the rest of the year

Issue	Deadline	Delivery commences
July 2020	Monday 15 June	Friday 26 June
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Coromandel Town weekly and monthly meetings

Some of these may not be up and running yet until more people are able to meet – please check before turning up.

Every Monday

Step Aerobics at Coro Gym..... 8am
 Coromandel Hikers' Group, Hauraki House, Colin & Elspeth (07) 866 7137 9am
 Monday Walkers, Woollams Ave car park north end, Irene 021 157 8408 9am
 Sit n Be Fit at Coro Gym..... 9.30am
 Coromandel Playgroup, St Andrews Church Hall, Rings Road.
 Contact Angee 021 255 0399 9.30am-12.30pm
 SeniorNet Coromandel contact Loes (07) 866 8053 4pm
 Bridge, St John rooms..... 7pm
 Four-part harmony singing, Sue (07) 866 8833..... 7.30pm

Every Tuesday

Croquet, Woollams Ave, Kaye (07) 866 8968 9.45am
 Pastel Artists Coromandel, Coromandel Aero Club Rooms (07) 866 7220.. 9am-12pm
 Coro Walking Group, Lotto Dairy, Ruth (07) 866 7246 9am
 Open Floor Community Dance, Citizens Hall
 (*come 15mins early if you're new or would like a longer warmup) ... 9.30*-11.30am
 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
 Ballet Class For Adults, Coromandel Citizens' Hall, \$10 per class.
 Contact Marilyn 027 336 5263..... 10-11am
 Embodied Yoga, Anglican Church Hall, contact Charlene 022 695 9736 7-8.30pm

Every Thursday

Coro Walking Group, Lotto Dairy, Ruth (07) 866 7246 9am
 Coro Bowls club day..... 9.30am
 Coro Art Group, St Andrew's Church Hall, Val (07) 866 8911 9am-12pm
 Free Guided Meditation, Havalona Pyramid 10-11am
 Yoga, Move & Relax at Trust Waikato Events Centre (upstairs Swimming Pool) contact Tina 021 201 9750..... 5.10-6.20pm
 Sunset Yoga with Vanessa, Colville School Hall, \$10. School Term only.
 Contact 021 124 7267 5.30-6.45pm

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 9.45am
 Playcentre, Woollams Ave..... 9.45am-12.15pm
 Coromandel Home-school group, Julene (07) 866 8333 10am
 Coromandel Tennis Club "club day" 4pm

Every Saturday

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

Every Sunday

Anglican Church Service 10am
 Coromandel Tennis Club "club day" 1pm

Monthly

1st Mon – Coro Patchwork & Quilters, St John rooms,
 Jill (07) 866 7484..... 9.30am-3.30pm
3rd Mon – Coro Patchwork & Quilters, St John rooms,
 Jill (07) 866 7484 9.30am-3.30pm
1st Wed – Coro Embroiderers' Guild, St John rooms,
 Margaret Burgess (07) 866 5769 10am-3pm
1st Wed – Lions Dinner meeting, St John rooms.
 President Lyn Rose (07) 866 7722..... 6pm
2nd Wed – Garden Circle. Jeni Mudgway 021 0227 5341 1pm
3rd Wed – Lions Business Meeting, St John rooms.
 President Lyn Rose (07) 866 7722..... 7pm
Last Thurs – Green Drinks at Star & Garter 5pm
1st & 3rd Sun – Church Service at St Andrew's Church, Rings Road..... 10am

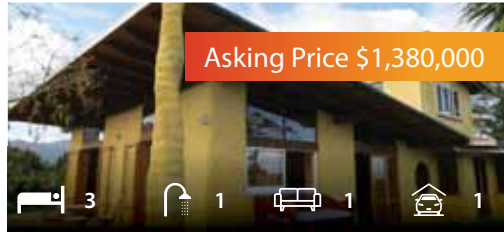
If your meeting has been omitted, please email Debbie at corochronicle@gmail.com with the subject "meeting" or txt/ph 021 235 6648. Please include contact name and phone number.

Fish of the Month: John Dory (see Coromandel Recreational Fishing Club pg 27)

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
<div>1</div> <div>Queen's Birthday Public Holiday Patchwork & Quilting meetings start again (see pg 8)</div> <div>High tide 2.16am (2.8m), 2.50pm (2.7m) Low tide 8.32am (0.8m), 8.59pm (0.6m)</div>	<div>2</div> <div></div> <div>High tide 3.15am (2.8m), 3.53pm (2.7m) Low tide 9.32am (0.5m), 10pm (0.9m)</div>	<div>3</div> <div> </div> <div>High tide 4.13am (2.9m), 4.54pm (2.8m) Low tide 10.30am (0.4m), 10.58pm (0.5m)</div>	<div>4</div> <div> </div> <div>High tide 5.10am (2.9m), 5.51pm (3.0m) Low tide 11.27am (0.3m), 11.53pm (0.4m)</div>	<div>5</div> <div>Arbor Day (see pg 26)</div> <div>High tide 6.06am (3.0m), 6.46pm (3.1m) Low tide 12.21pm (0.2m)</div>	<div>6</div> <div></div> <div>High tide 7.01am (3.0m), 7.37pm (3.1m) Low tide 12.47am (0.4m), 1.13pm (0.2m)</div>	<div>7</div> <div>St Andrews Union. 10am. John Rabarts</div> <div>High tide 7.54am (3.0m), 8.27pm (3.1m) Low tide 1.38am (0.3m), 2.03pm (0.2m)</div>
<div>8</div> <div></div> <div>High tide 8.46am (2.9m), 9.16pm (3.1m) Low tide 2.29am (0.4m), 2.52pm (0.3m)</div>	<div>9</div> <div> </div> <div>High tide 9.36am (2.8m), 10.04pm (3.0m) Low tide 3.20am (0.4m), 3.39pm (0.3m)</div>	<div>10</div> <div></div> <div>High tide 10.25am (2.7m), 10.53pm (2.9m) Low tide 4.10am (0.5m), 4.25pm (0.5m)</div>	<div>11</div> <div></div> <div>High tide 11.12am (2.6m), 11.42pm (2.8m) Low tide 5.01am (0.6m), 5.13pm (0.6m)</div>	<div>12</div> <div></div> <div>High tide 12pm (2.5m) Low tide 5.51am (0.7m), 6.02pm (0.7m)</div>	<div>13</div> <div></div> <div>High tide 12.31am (2.7m), 12.49pm (2.5m) Low tide 6.42am (0.8m), 6.55pm (0.8m)</div>	<div>14</div> <div></div> <div>High tide 1.21am (2.6m), 1.40pm (2.4m) Low tide 7.32am (0.8m), 7.51pm (0.9m)</div>
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<div>29</div> <div></div> <div>High tide 12.59am (2.9m), 1.30pm (2.7m) Low tide 7.14am (0.5m), 7.36pm (0.6m)</div>	<div>30</div> <div> </div> <div>Return your lockdown books to Coromandel Library if you haven't already (see pg 10)</div> <div>High tide 1.55am (2.8m), 2.31pm Low tide 8.11am (0.5m), 8.39pm</div>	<div>KEY</div> <div> New moon Full moon</div> <div>Tide times and heights from Land Information NZ and are for Coromandel Harbour. For Thames times: -15min High and -18min Low.</div> <div> Blue bin bags out Put recycling out (plastic 1&2, tins, paper, cardboard)</div> <div>RN = Rural North CT = Coromandel Town & Te Kōhanga TC = Thames Coast & Waiāra</div> <div>COROMANDEL RUBBISH & RECYCLE TRANSFER STATION & E-CYCLE HOURS Tues and Thurs 11am-4.30pm Saturday, Sunday & public holidays 11am-5.30pm</div> <div>Make sure your event gets listed</div> <div>To get your event listed, email the details, your name and contact phone number to Debbie at corochronicle@gmail.com with the subject "event". Or post to Jude Publishing, PO Box 148, Coromandel. There is limited space available and will be published subject to space availability, with preference to not-for- profit groups.</div>				

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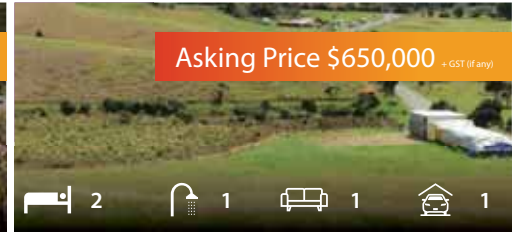
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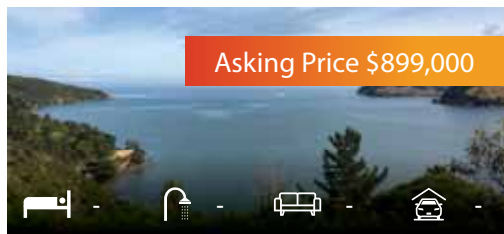
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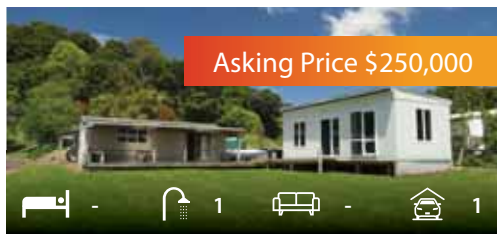
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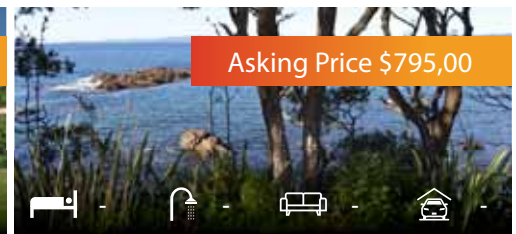
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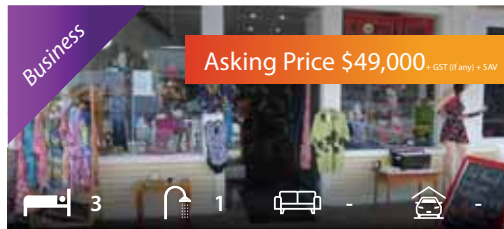
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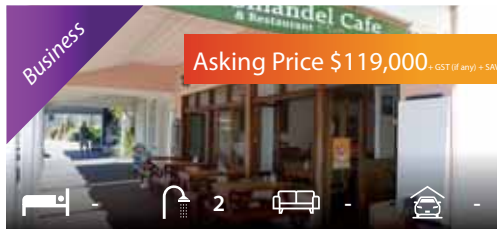
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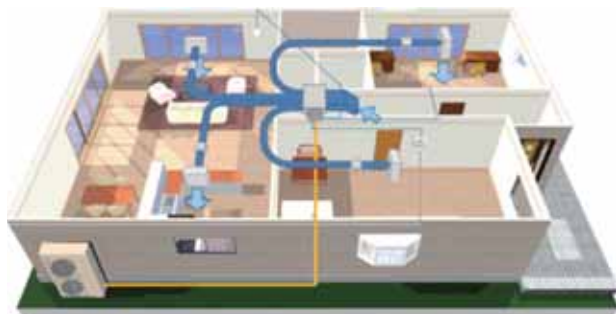
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Wall Controller

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4 Outlet Small Home Kit

Daikin FBO71KIT-E4

Heating 8.0kW

Cooling 7.1kW

3x Supply air Grills

1x Return air grill

Wall Controller

Fully Installed Price:

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