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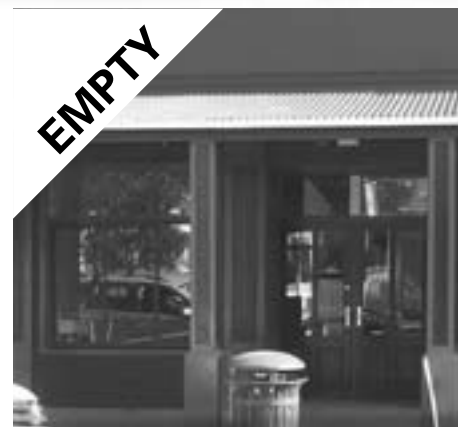
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Cover picture:

The new Four Square Coromandel which opens on Tuesday 9 June

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Editor's comments

I have been thinking about the empty local shops and knowing that with the new Four Square we will soon have even more shops to fill. While I don't believe town is dying (visitor numbers are up this summer according to info centre numbers), I do believe it is a bad look and sad for us as shoppers. When I talked to my family about it my son said he would like a toy shop. He is too young to understand that people have to want to come and set up a business – we don't get to choose. But maybe if we did all say what we want it would give someone with an idea in their head to go for it, so I emailed out to my email reminder list and got lots of feedback which I have printed on pages 4-5. This is my small contribution to get people thinking and try and get these shops full of good tenants.

Don't forget to see the latest performances from the Coromandel Players (I am one of them!), on stage Friday 29 May, Saturday 30 May, Friday 5 June and Saturday 6 June.

Debbie

Letters .....

Leaving Playcentre

As my daughter turns five and heads off to school I want to thank Coromandel Playcentre for allowing me the opportunity to be involved in her early years' learning. Playcentre has provided us with so many great experiences and while attending we have both met people who will be lifelong friends. I feel lucky to have Playcentre in our community to provide a space where I have been able to play and learn alongside my child while interacting with and being supported by others. To others in the community, if you love spending time with your child or grandchild but would like the company of others, I would recommend Coromandel Playcentre. It is an amazing facility with a wealth of equipment and activities for preschoolers. As with so many other things in our community we need to use it or we will lose it.

Anna and Sage, Coromandel

Footpath and street lights

One Friday evening my partner and I decided to visit a local hotel for dinner and drinks. Being responsible citizens we chose to walk to our destination rather than take a vehicle. After an enjoyable evening of great food and hospitality we headed for home. This proved to be very tricky as we found ourselves in complete darkness and guessing the whereabouts of the narrow footpath that we had used earlier.

We noticed the street lighting on the other side of the road (Rings Rd).

It just didn't make sense to us to have lighting on the side of the road that doesn't have a footpath and have no lighting on the side that has the footpath. Are we missing something here?

This is concerning as a lot of visitors do walk into town to enjoy the restaurants, etc, and it would be nice if they could also return to their destination safely.

from M Gibson, Coromandel

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Events

June – see back page.

July

Friday 3 & Saturday 4 – Illume – Winter Festival of Light

Sunday 12 – Fishing Club AGM (see pg 32)

August

Friday 28 – Daffodil Day

September

Friday 25 – Coromandel Music Society present String Wizardry

October

Saturday 31 – The Cranleigh K2 Road Cycling Classic

November

Sunday 1 – Coromandel Music Society present Miho's Jazz Orchestra

Coromandel Settlement 2015. Population <1000

Dear Editor,
Has anybody noticed all those empty shops? More to come when the Post Office closes and more when Four Square moves. And have we noticed the shrinking number of students at our area school? Did you know we are no longer a town any more, we are a small settlement? If this continues we certainly won't need a ferry terminal in Coromandel, as there won't be much left to visit.

And why are we heading to be just like one of those hundreds of places all over New Zealand that once were thriving towns but now are just a name on the roadside, a few houses and perhaps a roadside café?

Could it be the Coromandel effect, where we allow a very small minority of people to squash any new idea or project, to create something that would bring life, work and people into this town? All in the name of preserving our heritage and wanting to live in a time bubble where nothing changes. Well heritage isn't worth very much if there is no one left to look at it and it's left to rot. The minority are reaping what they have sown and so are we.

Empty shops, shrinking schools, failing clubs, more and more holiday homes, it all speak volumes, but is anyone listening?

Or like Elvis, have we all left the building?

Martin Edwards, Coromandel

Scott Simpson – MP for Coromandel

I think most people would agree our Coromandel is at its best over the summer months. But as we head into winter it's timely to think about the way our local economy meets the challenges of seasonal business fluctuations.

The big challenge is ensuring our retailers and service providers maintain their ongoing economic viability during the winter months. Managing cash flow is always a challenge and increasingly the internet is providing another level of competition with more people buying online. None of this is new but the challenges do affect everyone, business people and consumers alike.

While locals usually understand the importance of supporting local businesses, the real opportunity for our region is in having visitors come here all year-round and not just over the summer months.

We have a very high percentage of non-resident ratepayers, people who already have an emotional and a financial investment in the Peninsula. Making it easier and more attractive for them to spend time here during the winter months is important to our long-term economic growth.

A recent New Zealand Herald-DigiPoll survey confirmed the Coromandel was New Zealanders' most preferred holiday destination. Rotorua and Queenstown may be tourism hotspots, but Coromandel is where New Zealanders love to holiday.

Projects such as the new supermarket to be opened this month, better access to internet and cell phone coverage, and TCDC's "Blue Highway" plans to ensure our local harbour can provide fast ferry access directly to Coromandel town, are just some of the developments shining brightly on the horizon.

Add in our close proximity to the major population hubs of Auckland, Hamilton and Tauranga and it's easy to see that the ball is in our court as far as attracting those people to visit here all year-round and not just during the summer months.

Our beaches, pohutukawa studded coast and beautiful bush provide an easy getaway for countless Kiwis to say nothing of the potential for increased numbers of overseas visitors.

If attracting those people and their discretionary spending power means we have to adjust the way we do business or the style of our businesses, then I'm all for change. Doing so doesn't mean we have to throw away all that is special or unique about the way we are now but it may mean we have to get a bit more imaginative and I'm all for that too.

Authorised by Scott Simpson MP, 614 Pollen Street, Thames



Coromandel Town Information Centre

By Sandra Wilson

As I write this today it is a bleak, cold day; a little reminder of things to come.

It does not seem to deter the tourists that are still visiting our town. Even though numbers have dropped we still managed to see 10% more tourists through in May this year than last.

The 360 Ferry currently operates on Saturdays and Sundays from town to Auckland, departing at 4.30pm and arriving at 6.30pm. The complimentary bus departs from the Woollams Ave car park at 4.00pm sharp. There is also a shuttle bus service to Auckland from Woollams Ave car park on Fridays at 1.00pm sharp.

Coming up this month: Coromandel Players present three one-act plays on **Friday 5 and Saturday 6 June**. Coromandel Music Society present GALS choir on **Saturday 20 June**. Tickets for all shows are available at the Information Centre.

Illume Festival 2015: Thinking of having a float in the parade? Or having a stall at the night markets? Give us a call or pop in to the centre for application forms.

Keep warm and dry until next time.

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Predator Free Coromandel

To the Editor,

I disagree with MEG coordinator Natalie Collicott's "Predator Free Coromandel" article from the May issue of the Coromandel Town Chronicle.

There is no need to debate whether eradication of rats and possums over the Coromandel's vast, populated and busy area is possible without ridding the peninsula of its people, maintaining a regime of dangerous poisoning, and enforcing strict social engineering and controls thereafter. The short answer is that it is not.

Oddly, in advancing the "predator free" Coromandel vision, Ms Collicott diminishes the major environmental successes being achieved by community groups, individual residents, and larger eco-management organisations such as her own – successes not bogged down or plagued by controversy as she suggests.

Several of New Zealand's foremost kiwi programmes, a list of successful avian reintroductions, and lush and expanding native bush are already being achieved right here, all while maintaining our unique cultural and social heritage.

However, these collective environmental efforts would be quickly undermined by the inevitable requirements of "predator free". It would only serve to sabotage the existing cooperation and positive collaboration in conservation work happening here on the Coromandel right now.

MEG would be well advised to keep doing what it does best, which is public education, advocacy, and trapping.

Meanwhile, our local representatives at Waikato Regional Council have advanced a range of new conservation options, including subsidies for repeater traps, the possibility of an island-wide possum bounty system, and a "Poison-Free Coromandel" approach to pest control. These are the kinds of next steps we need for an even healthier natural environment we can both love – and live in.

Geoffrey Robinson, Port Charles

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Filling up our town centre

By Debbie Morgan

With the closure of the Coromandel Supermarket and Stapletons', and the knowledge that the Post Shop and Four Square are moving, it got me thinking about what shops could fill these spaces along with the already empty shops. Paul Barlow also wrote about an idea for a market – see his article below. I emailed out to my contacts and these are some collective thoughts of what shops we would like to see and would use.

Some people have commented that it could be a transitional period for town since most of the shops are empty because the business has relocated, or the owners retired. Others, however, have commented that they have never seen so many empty shops – is it a sign of the times with more of us driving to Thames or Whitianga regularly for kids' sport or work that we wait till we go out of town? or a result of the ease of ordering online? We need to support local shops as much as possible if we want to keep having the convenience they provide having items available locally, otherwise our town centre will die.

Thanks to everyone who sent their comments, or discussed with the groups they meet with and sent in joint comments. Here is a selection of the comments I received from our community (these are not my thoughts).

What people have told me they want

Fruit and vegetable shop

Delicatessen - specialised international ingredients/spices/herbs - many people comment on wishing we still had the Terry's shop that used to be where Te Korowai now is - for the mix of fruit and veg plus organic items, unusual/specialist food items

Second-hand/retro furniture shop (better quality than the Bizarre but still reasonably-priced)

Nice quality **children's jigsaws, toys, children's books** etc, \$10-\$25 price range

A French or German **bakery** that offers real bread and rolls, slices and cakes

Art shops and galleries, so that Coromandel becomes an art destination

A new **haberdashery/patchwork/sewing** shop

Trendy giftware \$20-\$40

All-ages clothing store - everyday clothes, shoes, underwear, inc. school uniforms (why should we have to go to Thames for Coromandel Area School uniforms?)

Funky cafe by day/wine bar by night

Permanent indoor market selling baking or plants or knitting, as market is now, but inside, with space for locals to sell bits and pieces (indoor version of garage sale)

A shop to **create art/craft** with the tuition of local artists/craft persons



Stationery shop - like Paper Plus with regard to stocked items

Sandwich Bar (choose your own bread and fillings), with fresh squeezed fruit/vegetable juices

IT technician eg, something like Computer Geeks

Ethnic takeaways eg; kebabs, Noodle Hut, sushi

Beauty Salon specialties eg, acrylic nails, eyelash extension, hair straightening

\$1/\$2/\$3 shop (though some say that is NOT what we want)

Professional Services eg; lawyers/dentist/architect/surveyor/optician

Whole pamper experience **day spa**/massage business here in Coro and not have to travel to Lost Springs - for tourists

Art centre/creative hub containing book store, coffee bar, a venue for concerts and events in the back, studio/workshop space, maybe a sound engineering facility for recording

Agency for outdoor sports and adventures with a shop front, tourism operator type

Health and environmentally conscious products: cleaning products, clothes, bags, hair dyes, make up, gluten and dairy free products

A youth centre



One Door Closes – Another Opportunity Beckons?

By Paul Barlow

The Coromandel Supermarket has ceased to trade. As owner of the building we are now considering what to do with the property in the future.

Options could include:

- Demolish and re-develop the whole site on a design build basis in partnership with a recognised brand eg, Super value, Freshlife or others.
- Re-lease the complete shop as is, to a new tenant to start up a new venture or carry on as a supermarket.
- Refurbish the existing building and divide

the interior into individual areas of retail space to create a “mini market/ mall” complex similar to the Depot in Grahamstown, Thames.

The “mini market/mall” concept has already gained favourable comment from a number of Coromandel locals. This concept would allow for a variety of retail activities in one building. The individual operators could specify what floor area they require and facilities ie, power, water, cooking etc. Rental charges would be based on size and type of operation and it is envisaged they would include rates, insurance, power etc. where appropriate. The annual cost would be much less than leasing a complete shop, which is prohibitive for smaller operators in today's economic climate.

A public area would be provided for customers, possibly with free WiFi, seating, maybe an open fire, to tempt people in and keep them in town for longer.

What type of retail operations? Absolutely a blank canvas! Maybe art studio, deli, coffee, pizza, weaver, wood carver, fashion design, information centre, booking office for tourism operators, what have you. We are open to suggestions.

If you would like to comment on the above, or give an expression of interest in renting some space, please contact the owner: Paul Barlow (07) 866 8676, 021 165 6633 or email pipeline.nz@xtra.co.nz



What people have said they love about Coromandel town shops...

- "James and Turner, have to retain them, they're an icon."
- "Don't lose the butcher."
- "Keep up the quality of shops to secure visitors to the township."

Concerned about

"The concern is that 4 Square with the Post Office included may become a one-stop shop and therefore make the top end of town quite dead."

In the meantime...

"I think that it would be nice if the empty shops had a photo display of early Coromandel in their windows (photos could be sourced from museum), or a display of local scenery."

Other ideas for helping the town...

- "This really emphasises the need for development of the inner harbour, as soon as possible, to make this town more accessible to Aucklanders and overseas visitors."
- Council could help industry set up on the Peninsula.
- Attract more tourists to Coromandel.
- Encourage people to move to Coromandel.
- A council incentive to attract young couples and families to start up businesses.
- "I would like to see Council have a project for attracting business to Coromandel, something like a rates rebate, cheap broadband connection or free advertising on their website for new businesses. Have a workshop with local business and see what they think and what they would like or need."
- We need fast broadband and high performance cell phone coverage to attract online business owners.
- Owners of the empty buildings in town should be encouraging pop-up type stores over the busier months.
- Landlords could charge a lower rent during winter (much like how accommodation has seasonal rates).
- Restaurants could charge cheaper prices to locals to encourage repeat business, or use loyalty cards.
- Shops could offer a courier/packaging service back to the country they are from to encourage more spending.

Problems...

"The population of Coromandel town, the majority of whom are only on a very average income, are never going to be able to provide the income that local businesses require to prosper."

"Many businesses struggle to keep their heads above water over the winter months."

"Unfortunately, with internet shopping and online businesses, many goods and services can be bought more cheaply over the internet than the local businesses can supply."

What people have said they DON'T LIKE about Coromandel town shops...

...some of the local prices. However, only a few people have mentioned the prices of shopping locally and if they can be justified and most realise that it costs a lot in petrol to go to Thames and realise they are paying for convenience.

... that meat is expensive and fruit and veggies are not the freshest.

... the price of petrol - it's cheaper at National Park and that's miles from anywhere!

What people don't want...

..."big brand take-away firms (like KFC, Burger King) - would take away the character of Coromandel town."

... "another Coca Cola or "V" branded shop front."

... "a 2-dollar shop, or some other nasty cheap chain."

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Illume festival

Don't miss Illume this year. Coromandel town will be alive with light and flavours from local Coromandel.

Illume is a free, family friendly event in the first week of the school holidays (**3-4 July**), with planned activities and entertainment scheduled throughout the week.

Join in and light up yourself or your family and be in to win spot prizes!

The main street will be closed to traffic setting its own special atmosphere. Business owners in the main street will have their heritage buildings outlined with lights. There will be a major fireworks display (please ensure that your pets and stock are safe and secure). There will be a release of Illume wishing lanterns (don't forget to make a wish) following the parade on Saturday night.

Those who enjoyed it last year, you will enjoy the festivities as much, if not more, this year.

Dates and details

Friday 3 July – Night street market in the centre of town 5.30-9pm; local musicians and performers, clowns, blacksmith, robot man and more.

Saturday 4 July – Street parade at 6pm, robot man, fireworks and release of wishing lanterns followed by street party with the Rocking Roller Coasters.

Gold coin donation appreciated; collection places available on the nights. Funds raised will be used to help with the creation of the 2016 Illume Festival.

How to get involved

- Make a float for the parade on Saturday night. You could either create a vehicular float, or light yourself up and walk. Register for a float on the website please.
- Join in by lighting up yourself and your family (see website for ideas).
- Just come and enjoy the atmosphere in the main street.
- Decorate your umbrella – or gumboots (see website for ideas).
- Have a stall in the night market – contact Marlene on 027 223 2629 pandmjohnson@xtra.co.nz if you want to run a stall. There is a small charge for stall holders.
- If you are a shop and want to get involved and light up your buildings – contact Brenda (Brenda@cqc.co.nz) or Jane (jane@coromandelcabs.co.nz) for details.
- Light up your home – contact Brenda (Brenda@cqc.co.nz) or Jane (jane@coromandelcabs.co.nz) for details.
- We are also seeking interesting “light themed” performers to join the festival.

The Coromandel Town Business Association received \$20,000 from TCDC for 2015 Illume Festival. More sponsors are needed to help make the festival bigger and brighter for 2015 and 2016.

Traffic info

The road from the Star & Garter to James & Turner on Kapanga Road, will be closed both nights from 5-10pm. A diversion will be in place through the Woollams Ave car park (please be patient).

Health and safety details can be viewed on our Illume website

Please refer to our Facebook page www.facebook.com/illumefest or website www.illumefest.co.nz to find out more and keep updated. Contacts as above. For general enquiries please contact Karen McMillan (karen@starandgarter.co.nz). Illume was founded by and is managed by the Coromandel Town Business Association



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Coromandel Sea Rescue Inc.

By Malcolm Stone (President CSR Inc.)

We need a Coastguard Unit in Coromandel! Currently, Coromandel Sea Rescue (CSR) are still in negotiations with Coastguard Northern Region to establish a "Memorandum of Understanding" which, hopefully, will result in a sound working relationship with Coastguard. This is turning out to be a very longwinded exercise but the members of CSR are keen to see it through as we still believe there is a need for a dedicated rescue boat here in Coromandel town.

I would like to welcome Val Larson and Martin Edwards to our committee who have kindly answered our plea for a treasurer and secretary. Thank you both.

CSR have strong support from the local community and this support is reflected amongst the general boating public as is stated in the following letter from a grateful recipient of our services. Mr Ducat has kindly given his permission for us to publish his letter, a copy of which was sent by him to the CEO of CNR earlier in May.

Mr. Callum Gillespie,

Coastguard CEO Northern Region

RE: Rescue off Te Kouma Harbour 4/1/2015, Vessel Ngaroto

Dear Mr Gillespie,

On 4 January my family and I had the misfortune to strike a reef off the entrance to Te Kouma Harbour, and were unable to free our yacht which resulted in the hull being breached and water entering the vessel. The incident occurred on dusk and the situation rapidly became precarious, as a couple in an RIB offered assistance and capsized while attempting to tow us off.

I had sent out an initial Pan Pan call to Auckland Coastguard and maintained contact by VHF and cellphone. Initially I believe Lion was assigned from Auckland but due to the distance I gather the decision was made instead to deploy the Coromandel boat which arrived on scene soon after the assisting RIB capsized and picked up the erstwhile rescuers and subsequently my family and myself.

The promptness of the response from the Coromandel Sea Rescue vessel and their local knowledge were invaluable in preventing injury or worse – in darkness with two people from the RIB in the water and our vessel listing heavily on the reef the situation could have become very ugly.

Coromandel Walking Group

By Irene Dunn

It's great to be back in paradise again walking with a great bunch of ladies who enjoy the outdoors. Thanks to Elspeth for filling in while I was exploring other walks in Northland.

Our own patch of paradise here is as good as any in NZ so let's get out there and walk it! Tie those laces up and meet us at the Lotto Dairy at 9am on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We welcome new members to our group and any suggestions of places to walk.

We recently said goodbye to Joy McNeil who has left Coro now for other pastures. Joy was a long time member of our group. We so enjoyed walking with you Joy – all the best at your new home.

A small bunch of ladies do a longer walk on Mondays – if you are interested phone the number below.

Happy walking everyone.

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My understanding is that the Coromandel Sea Rescue operation is not an official Coastguard team. With the distance and time involved in deploying a vessel from the Auckland/ Maraetai area to the Coromandel Peninsula, and the tidal restrictions of Thames, it would seem that there is a strong argument for an adequately resourced, funded and integrated response from the Coromandel Harbour vicinity. The west coast of the peninsula is a very busy area for recreational boating, and there are times when inevitably minutes can result in the difference between lives being saved or lost.

Thank you so much for your assistance in co-ordinating our rescue and for your faithful watch over our boating activities. We also cannot speak more highly of the efficiency and hospitality of the Coromandel rescue crew who did their utmost to help and reassure in a frightening and hazardous situation.

I trust that it will not be long before there is an integrated and fully fledged Coastguard unit in Coromandel.

Warm regards,

Charles Ducat

If anyone feels that they would like to support our cause by writing a letter of support to the CEO of CNR, please do so. You can send your letters by e-mail to callum.gillespie@coastguard.org.nz and please copy to coromandelsearescue@slingshot.co.nz.

Whereas most of our tasking comes from Coastguard, we have dealt with incidents brought to our attention by a local phone call. Whilst we will always respond to such call-outs, it is important to remember that our fuel costs must be covered by the rescued boat's skipper. We would encourage all boaties to join Coastguard and call "Coastguard radio" if you get into trouble. Coastguard will then task the most appropriate vessel for the job. For the annual sum of \$115, you will have peace of mind that someone has your back.

For your own safety, you should always carry two means of communication, usually a VHF radio and a cell phone. If you only have a cell phone, you can call *500 for Coastguard assistance.

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Hot Spot news from Coromandel Fire Brigade

By Rob Chappell

As noted by many in town of late, the fire siren has gone off almost daily / nightly for a considerable period. Our team of volunteers have been extremely busy, mostly with two types of calls. The first: quite a number of vehicles that have not only run off local roads but, given our terrain, finished up well down steep embankments or on the rocky foreshore, almost always involving both our team to cut the occupants out and the Westpac chopper to carry to hospital. Second, we currently are being called as the first response for St John – we carry a defibrillator on our fire engine and this has been in use many more times recently than we would have envisaged. All this is highlighting the wide and varied role our firemen train for weekly. It is extremely rewarding to the team that letters such as that printed in last month's Chronicle about the rescue at Oamaru Bay recognise the level of professional development our volunteers have and the level to which they carry out every facet of their role.

Oh yes, it's the Sky Tower challenge again. Once again we are raising money for Leukaemia Foundation – please donate to this most worthy of causes through your local brigade members.

Clean your chimney – it's winter; be fire wise and safe.

The Changing Seasons

By Jocelyn Davey

And as I write it is mid May
They enjoy spring in the UK.

We've had a wondrous summer fair
An Indian summer now is here.

But in the cycle of the seasons
Winter's next! there is good reason.

Though it's late it will appear
And soon it will become mid-year.

We'll have Illume ..our town will shine
And we will have a brilliant time.

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Te Ahi Kaa Social Services

By Jacquie Hamon

He aha te mea nui o te Ao? He Tangata! He Tangata!
He Tangata!

Nga mihi nui ki a koutou.

Coromandel Peninsula is a place where it is a privilege to live. It is not just a tourist destination. Real people live here, with real lives. Some because their roots or whakapapa, go way back and it's home, others from choice, and for whom it's home too. That does not mean it's easy. The population is ageing, and travel to hospitals and specialists appointments is costly even with subsidies, particularly as Thames Hospital is nothing so much as a white elephant and Waikato is where most appointments are carried out. People on benefits of one kind or another (including super) make up a large proportion of the inhabitants, and those fortunate enough to work often struggle to make ends meet. Do not envy or cast slurs at those who depend on meagre benefits to survive. In today's climate it may very well be you tomorrow.

And now that the campervans hogging the roads and parking lots have all but gone and the other tourists and day trippers along with them, one would hope that local businesses have profited enough from the influx to sustain their livelihood through the long decline of winter. Because there is not enough money to go around in this town. And this can be witnessed by the shops that have closed their doors. We need our local businesses. Imagine if one day there was no chemist shop, no place to buy hardware etc., one could go on. There is no doubt, they need people to support them. Unfortunately there is another side to this dilemma. Shopping out of town for specials, whether travelling on the community bus, or when going to appointments, has become the only sustainable way for some people to get by. But living here could be much worse. We could have high crime stats. Compared with other similar sized communities, we do not. We could be less caring about others. I think not. And while we may be poorer in monetary terms – "wealth creation" – and have zero employment outlook – "job creation" – than cities, we are, on the whole, not a bad lot.

Stay warm this winter.

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Coromandel Budget Advisory Service

By the Budget Team

June already and we are into winter. At the Budget office we're aware that this can be an especially difficult time for everyone, with increased power bills and extra expense on the household grocery bill. We're always happy to talk to people about their particular situation and suggest ways where we think they could economise or do things differently. And if things look a bit tough we will offer clients a food parcel which will allow them to release some money to address bill payments.

Our Foodbank people, Leigh and Caro, are busy organising a fundraiser planned to be held on a Saturday in late July at the Area School Hall. The theme is "The Waiters' Revenge". As some of you may be aware, both Leigh and Caro work at Umu Café and did so through the long hot summer we've just had. Their brainwave is to get a little of their own back on ..... well, suspecting customers. Come and join them (if you dare!) and some of Coromandel's finest waiting staff for a night of good humoured mockery and general badgering. They'll even feed you! Dinner, a few games and a dance at the end. What more can a town want in the middle of the deep dark winter. So put on your thinking hats for which 10 people you want at your table and keep your eyes out for our posters and the ad in the next Chronicle.

In the meantime, to know more about the Budget Service or have a bit of friendly, expert and non-judgemental advice, pop in to our office on Rings Road – we're here to help.

The Budget Service is an incorporated society belonging to the New Zealand Federation of Family Budget Services. If you wish to make an appointment, the Budget phone number is (07) 866 8351 where you can talk to Anna, Caro, Maureen, Leigh or John. The office at 950 Rings Road is open Monday to Friday 11.00am - 2.00pm and other times by appointment. The Budget cell phone number is 022 018 0849 – we reply to texts and messages during office hours.



Te Korowai Hauora o Hauraki

By Jessica Henson

Upcoming Clinics

- Ear health/ear suction: **17 June.**
- Kaiwhakaora/Maori healing: **4 & 18 June.**
- Toenail Care: **11 June.**

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Community Gardens

By Louis Kittleson

Autumn is upon us with a cold wintery blast. The gardens are looking good after cleaning up the old tomato and corn stalks, re-establishing borders, and planting up lupins and salads. We are busy planting up more brassica, broad beans, onions, garlic, snow peas, and mesclun salad mixes.

Thank you to all of the donations and help we have received from Jacko, Coromandel Construction, Colville Sawmill, and Henery Mackeson. Soon we will have a greenhouse to raise seedlings. Another one of our projects, the pergola, now has a roof thanks to our sponsors and volunteers. This means we have a shelter to take cover from the rains.

Thanks to all of our regular helpers who help make the community gardens a beautiful place.

While I am thanking our sponsors, I would like to thank the bees, worms, birds, soil bacteria and fungi that make it possible for us to garden so easily in Coromandel. Apparently there is a move amongst people in the business ecological world to monetise all of the earth's various ecosystems and functions. Apparently this helps regional councils and foreign governments to make better decisions regarding how to manage various natural resources. One example the World Bank executive gave was the comparison of whether or not a shrimp farm brought more money to a country than the mangroves that were already there. Turns out the mangroves were worth much more in their production capacity than the shrimp farms. For more info check out this podcast from Radiolab titled Worth, Season 13, episode 3.

In the meantime, give thanks to those unpaid volunteers who keep our ecosystem running cause once they are gone, it is very hard to get them back.



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June Courses

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Tutor: Peg Harrison
Venue: ETC – 90- Tiki Road
Start Date: 8 June 2015
Day/Times: Mondays 1 – 3pm
Duration: 8 weeks
Cost: Gold Coin Donation

Quad Bike & Tractor Safety Training

Back by popular demand! Gain the new regulation safety certificates to drive a quad bike and tractor at home or in the workplace.

Provider: Farmsafe
Venue: ETC 90 Tiki Rd Coromandel
Date(s): 9 June 2015 (Quad Bikes)
11 June 2015 (Tractors)
Cost: \$20

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Highly recommended for new drivers. Enrol onto this all important course that will equip you with the skills to drive safely on our roads. At the end of this course you will be awarded a certificate that will reduce the restricted licence time down from eight months to two months.

Tutor: Ron Agnew
Venue: To be confirmed
Date: 18 & 19 June 2015
Days: Thursday & Friday
Times: 10am - 2pm
Cost: \$50

July Courses

Level 2 Certificate in Horticulture

Take up this rare opportunity to gain a practical knowledge of horticulture.

Provider: Wintec Thames
Venue: Wintec Thames and ETC 90 Tiki Road, Coromandel
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Day/times: 3 days a week
Duration: 19 weeks
Cost: Free
Transport to and from Thames will be provided to do practical lessons.

Learner Driver Licence Preparation

This course will prepare you to sit the test for your learner driver licence. To sit this test you must be at least 16 years old. This course is highly recommended for high school students.

Tutor: Ron Agnew
Venue: ETC – 90 Tiki Road
Date: 9 July 2015
Times: 10am - 12pm
Cost: \$10

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Tutor: Jo Scott
Venue: ETC – 90 Tiki Road
Start Date: 23 July 2015
Times: Thursdays 10am–12pm
Duration: 3 weeks
Cost: \$15

August Courses

Introduction to Weaving with Harakeke

Learn the skills and techniques to weave simple and basic articles with flax (harakeke). Take advantage of this opportunity to learn from one of our highly skilled weavers.

Tutor: Briar van Dort
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Coromandel Independent Living Trust (CILT) Resource Centre

By Rebecca Toon, Resource Centre Co-ordinator

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Social Photographer Visit - Bev Meldrum

At the end of April 2015, we were honoured to have photographer Bev Meldrum spend a couple of days visiting a few of CILT's projects in Coromandel town. Bev is a social photographer based in South Africa who has a passion for photographing people involved with social enterprises creating positive change within their communities. More of Bev's work can be seen on her website www.bevmeldrum.com. Shown is one of the photos she took of the beautiful work completed by members of the Work Co-op.



Work Co-op participant art

Resource Centre services

- Transport funding and volunteer drivers for holders of Community Services Cards to attend hospital appointments in Thames or Hamilton.
- The weekly mobility van to Thames every Thursday, call or come in to book a seat before 1pm on Wednesdays. \$12 koha for adults and \$6 for children for a return trip.
- IRD are next in Coromandel town on **19 August** and Maori Land Court on **24 September**. Call or come into the Resource Centre to book an appointment.
- Two fast computers free for locals to use between 9am and 3pm
- Lots of info on health, disability and community services.
- Photocopier, printer, scanner, laminator and fax for public use.

Contact: Rebecca Toon (Resource Centre Coordinator). Tiki House, 45 Tiki Road.
Hours: 9am-3pm Monday-Thursday Ph/
Fax: (07) 866 8358. Email: cilt@cilt.org.nz or
website: www.cilt.org.nz

Museum News

By Raewyn McKinney

As usual, the Coromandel School of Mines & Historical Society Inc will hold its Annual General Meeting during June. This year it will be held at 2pm on **Sunday 14 June** at the Coromandel RSA rooms. We thank the RSA very much for the use of their rooms for this meeting.

All members of the society, and other interested members of the public are welcome to attend the meeting. Do not worry that your attendance will automatically result in a position on the committee! We have a very good and active committee, and no one has advised me of their intention to stand down. However we do, of course, welcome anyone who would like to know more about helping in the museum, or joining our roster. During the summer months we are nearly always looking for people to help man the museum, so all volunteers are welcome.

This month I have found an item from the Thames Star, dated 7 June 1901:

"Destructive Fire – Hotel Burnt Down"

A fire occurred at three this morning. It started in the Kapanga Arms Hotel and spread to Mr King's Temperance Hotel. Both buildings were totally destroyed, and very little was saved from the Kapanga Arms Hotel. Most of King's Temperance Hotel furniture was saved.

The fire brigade worked well and prevented the further spread of the fire.

The Kapanga Arms was owned by Messrs Hancock and Co and was occupied by Mr Henry Johnston, who is absent at Thames attending the Licensing Committee.

King's buildings were insured for £600, outbuildings £100 and furniture £350."

These buildings were situated down near Furey's Creek, with the Temperance Hotel occupying the site that later became the Moe Hau Tearooms. Fire was a constant hazard in the early days of Coromandel, of course, particularly with predominantly wooden buildings in the town. I understand this is the reason why so many exterior walls were eventually clad in corrugated iron, to reduce the possibility of a fire spreading to neighbouring buildings. As far as I am aware, most of the hotels in the town have experienced a fire at some stage. The museum is planning a display of hotels from the area, and is thrilled to have postcards of the paintings Lyn Wells did of the original hotels in the area. Many thanks go to Kim Brett for this kind donation.

In June, the museum will be open from 1pm to 4pm every day during Queen's Birthday Weekend only, and will then close for the winter.

Monthly Competition: "Who What Where When"

Please identify this photo and give us as much information as you can. Bring or post your entry to the Coromandel Town Information Centre with name and contact details by **Friday 26 June**. All correct entries will go into a draw for a voucher from Coromandel Four Square.



Our April competition was won by Shirleen Notman, who is having a great run of success with this competition. Shirleen correctly identified the photo as Hauraki House, and advised she thought it was originally built as a school in 1873, however, *In Search of the Rainbow* advises that the school in 1873 was actually held in the old exchange building. Building of Hauraki House, or Kapanga School, was commenced in 1877, on land purchased from Mr Glover. The first head teacher and school committee were appointed in 1878 and the school continued on this site for 100 years. Shirleen herself was a pupil at Hauraki House from 1941 to 1952. Well done to Shirleen and thank you to all who entered in the March competition. Good luck for this month.



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RSA News

By Ian Franklyn

Thanks to the Public of Coromandel who attended our Anzac Day Dawn and Citizens' Services. It appears that we had a record turnout. Just another indication of the importance that Anzac Day has assumed in our lives and the part our flag plays in commemorating Anzac Day. Who can fail to be moved when the flag is lowered and The Last Post is played?

Our flag represents the colonial history that forged the pioneering and innovative people that we are today.

For many who have served, our current flag is symbolic of the sacred oath they made to protect the peace and security of New Zealand. Our men and women have made terrible sacrifices in fulfilling their oaths and we honour their courage and commitment every time the current New Zealand flag is flown.

With the timeless symbol of the Southern Cross and the blue of the Pacific Ocean and Tasman Sea, our flag celebrates our special connection to the sea and sky.

One hundred years ago our forces served and sacrificed under the same flag that flies today. We acknowledge the right of all New Zealanders to have a say in the flag that represents us, but it is not appropriate that this debate occur as we commemorate the centenary of the First World War.

The two part referendum process comes at an incredible cost of almost \$26 million.

We are far from convinced that changing the flag should be a priority for the government, or that this is the best use of the taxpayer funds that are meant to be used by the government for the betterment of us all.

The government's complicated two-part referendum process should be changed to a single referendum asking if New Zealanders actually want to change the flag. This has the potential to save millions in taxpayer funds and will gauge, up front, the level of support for a new flag.

Women's Section of RSA

By Loes Beaver

We are small in number, but still assist where possible.

Anzac Day and the days leading up to it were very busy for us all, and it was very rewarding to see the number of people who attended both parades.

Our ladies made the stew for the breakfast, and worked behind the scenes.

It is really convenient to have our courtesy vehicle, as we have used it now on two occasions for out-of-town meetings. Mt Maunganui, and Waihi Beach have been our destinations so far; two of our members share the driving.

We will have had our May meeting when this article goes to print and as we meet every two months our next meeting will not be until July.

Contact Loes (07) 866 8053

Coromandel Contract Bridge Club

By Judy Bronlund

We play bridge on a Monday evening at the St John rooms; new members and visitors are most welcome to join us.

In May we held a very successful tournament and we thank the following local businesses for their support and donations: Coromandel Garden Centre, Coromandel Drapery, James & Turner, Wyuna Studio, Coromandel Pharmacy, Coromandel Meatkeeper, Pepper Tree, Coromandel Smoking Company, Driving Creek Railway, Four Square, Goldiggers, Pacific Marine Farms.

Thanks also to our members for their donations of food and raffle prizes.

Our guests received morning tea on arrival and then at the end of play, while waiting for the final scores, they were treated to a Coromandel afternoon tea. This was followed by the drawing of the raffles and the prize presentation.

Winners of both the morning and afternoon sessions received a bottle of wine. The overall winners for the day received cash. First were Augusta Canagallo and Dave Dylla, second – Ischelle Stevenson and Colin McAnnalley, third – Sheryl McKay and Sabrina Peters.

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

Dancing in the Dark

By Jess Dziwulska

Are you ready for Dancing In The Dark?! All you movers and groovers, lounge room dancers and lovers of a good boogie, this ones for you! Get your dancing shoes ready and keep your eyes posted for this awesome community event which will be running fortnightly over winter. At a Dancing In The Dark event there is no light, no fancy clothes, no teacher telling you what to do and no steps to learn, just fun and freedom. It is a space where you can completely let go, dance out your worries, and lose yourself in the music. It is a place to completely be yourself because no one can see you!

By the time you read this the first Dancing in the Dark will have taken place. The next one is on **Monday 8 June**, 8-9pm at the Anglican Church hall (near the BP station). It only costs \$5 and is an alcohol and drug free 18+ event. Bring along a water bottle, a big smile, a minimum of belongings and no valuables. Please arrive early as the doors will close at exactly 8pm and then it's lights out, music on, and a whole hour of pure dance enjoyment.

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Coromandel Harbour Project Update

Coromandel Marine Farmers taking on consent for Sugarloaf Wharf development

A Draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is being worked on between our Council and the Coromandel Marine Farmers Association (CMFA) in the first steps towards an upgrade at the Sugarloaf (Te Kouma) Wharf.

The draft MOU is aimed for completion in June for consideration by both parties. It will then be taken to the Economic Development Committee and then to the Council, along with a Project Definition on the Sugarloaf Development, for a decision to proceed or not.

If Council supports the continuation of the project, the CMFA will then begin the process of applying for and submitting a Resource Consent application at their cost, for what it proposes to develop at the Wharf.

The consent will then need to be approved by both our council and the Waikato Regional Council.

The proposed development at the Sugarloaf Wharf will:

- Allow for future aquaculture industry expansion.
- Better health and safety management.
- Activity conflict between the aquaculture industry and existing recreational users.
- Potential to consider accommodating the 360 Ferry from Auckland, (currently coming in at Hannaford's Wharf).

Longer term development – Inner Harbour Project

The extension and development of the Sugarloaf Wharf is one of two strands of work in our Coromandel Harbour Facilities Project.

The second strand of the Harbour Project is investigating the development of the Coromandel Inner Harbour and is a much longer term project. This focuses on the possibility of a half-metre dredging of Furey's Creek for charter boats and recreational boats, and/or a proposed dredged basin concept in the vicinity of the Coromandel Wharf.

Potential aspects of the long-term project could include:

- Accommodating a commercial and aquaculture area to the north of Coromandel wharf,
- Recreational and ferry usage to the south of the wharf
- A model of marina and on-shore activity to help offset development cost

This longer-term option will only proceed with external funders, such as Regional and Central Government stakeholders. Key issues such as harbour contamination, infrastructure upgrades, consenting processes and external funding will need to be examined. Any project of this scale will not be funded solely by our Council and commercial partnership is not being ruled out at this early stage.

A draft business case which looks at the potential for development of the Inner Harbour has been completed and is currently being reviewed internally by our Business Project Review Team.

Our Council is looking to contribute \$10k to support work on an independent Business Case based on Barry Brickell's Inner Harbour concept. This concept is being proposed as part of the long-term investigation for the Inner Harbour. Driving Creek Railway founder and renowned artist Barry Brickell has proposed a 1.2km pier likely running alongside the existing Coromandel Wharf allowing for a railway and ferry system.

To find out more about the history of the Coromandel Harbour Project see www.tcdc.govt.nz/coroharbourproject

To find out more about the Coromandel Pier and Rail Project see <https://coromandelpier.wordpress.com/>



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WAIKAWAU BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

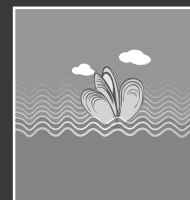
Two Waikawau bridges are being replaced late June/early July which will close Waikawau Bay Road for up to two weeks. Further information around the exact timing and period of closure will be confirmed once construction plans have been finalised.

The bridges will be replaced at the same time to make the project efficient and minimise inconvenience to road users.

The reason we are replacing the bridges is to lengthen the life of the bridge and to provide for overweight vehicles, like stock trucks and mobile rock crushing equipment, without having to provide temporary bridge propping.

Access to Waimanu Road, a side road between the two bridges, will be maintained during the period of road closure.

See www.tcdc.govt.nz/waikawaubridges for a map and further information.



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UPDATE

Coromandel has another JP

Our very own Liz Oliver (Customer Services Administrator) became a Justice of the Peace last month. There are now eight JP's in the Coromandel-Colville Ward.

They are:

Carlene Carmichael, Heini Gujer, Lee Hitchens, Edward Leigh, Chris Lux, Jane Bartrom, Peter Pritchard and Liz Oliver.



Liz and the President of the Hauraki JP Association.

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Building on Our Strengths

By Catherine Delahunty

It is good to see the TCDC supporting a feasibility study of the extended pier proposal for the Coromandel harbour. It is worth investigating and if viable it could build on the unique and valuable contribution which Driving Creek Railway makes to our local economy. Why shouldn't Coromandel offer something sustainable and unusual to the flood of visitors who arrive by ferry? Coromandel has changed in the many years I have lived in the area but it retains a strand of culture and creativity which draws people. However the greatest drawback is the land and its intimate and dramatic relationship with the coast. From the prow of the Hauraki waka at Te Aroha through to the stern of Te Moehau we have a truly powerful and beautiful environment. The best efforts of historical logging and mining has scarred the surfaces but the land if left in peace has a great capacity to heal.

This is not to say that it's an easy life for our smaller communities in remote parts of the Peninsula. The opportunity for paid work remains fragile and there is very little public transport, educational services or access to some of the resources urban people take for granted. When I was young the dusty unsealed roads and distance to medical help seemed romantic but I can now appreciate the costs to families and the limitations. Small communities can be incredibly supportive but also isolated and inward looking. Who has fast broadband in outer Coromandel areas? Not everyone wants that kind of connection but the digital divide is a real issue for students and small business people amongst others.

Poetry SPOT

Rejoice

By Beryl Van Donk

There are those who pride
on being different.
Superior, aloof and standing
out.

There are those who gladly
resist fame, live quietly
with strong faith.

To be superior and have
fame can have its
downside, it can bring
loneliness and sorrow.

May we hear the music singing
in our souls, lauding the
exquisite gift of being alive

I do think the isolation is part of the wonder of living in some of the most remote areas but would love to see more national, regional and local investment in helping small communities to thrive. It has been impressive to see the development of quality health services in places like Colville due to the drive and passion of a small team who have been determined to meet a very real need.

There are however challenging times ahead. That is why NIWA was holding a forum in Hamilton this week on planning for climate change effects with a major focus on the Coromandel Peninsula. Our narrow coastal roads are both scenic and vulnerable to storm surges and sea level rise. We have relied on these roads alone for many years now. If we are to build resilient communities we have to not only value our communities but plan for their continuing survival. Neither climate change nor Government policies should be allowed to close remote communities.

SeniorNet Coromandel

By Loes
Beaver



Winter has arrived, and now is a good time to upskill your computer technology.

It is really great to have prospective new members making inquiries and joining our small group.

We are in the process of setting fixed course times and our tutors are busy on this at present. Our rooms in Trust Waikato Events Centre will be busy over the winter months.

Our AGM will be held on **25 June** at 1.30pm at Hauraki House Gallery; do come along and support our organisation.

Contact me for any enquiries. I am always ready to help or forward your requests to the right person.

Loes (07) 866 8053

Grey Power Coromandel Inc.

By Dolly Welch

Hello to one and all. We are hoping for a good turnout at our next meeting. For two reasons:

1) Because it's our AGM and we are seeking a new president as Mac is standing down after seven years' service. Nominations for president and committee will be taken from the floor at the AGM. Most office holders with the exclusion of president have indicated that they are prepared to stand for another term.

2) Our guest speaker: Scott Simpson our local Member of Parliament. Scott is an interesting and lively speaker and is the ultimate politician so come along and see if you can get a yes or no answer from him. The meeting is open as usual to all members and their guests and will be followed by a substantial afternoon tea where you will have a chance to talk one-on-one with Scott.

Liquid Gold – Grey Power Fundraiser

Please be advised, we will have this on hand at our next meeting should anyone wish to purchase. This is an ultimate plant food with proven results. If you don't believe me, buy one and try. You will be pleasantly surprised. For any phone orders please contact Claire Stewart (07) 866 8553 (Secretary).

Our next meeting (AGM) will be held on **Thursday 11 June** at the St John Ambulance Rooms, Tiki Road, Coromandel at 1.30pm.

Should you wish to enquire about becoming a Grey Power member please contact our membership secretary David Lunn on (07) 866 7220



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Library News

By Raewyn McKinney

The committee of the library has been giving great thought in recent weeks to the problem of heating the library. We are very keen to improve the heating, to make visiting the library a more enjoyable experience for our members during the colder months, and also to provide a warmer working environment for our volunteer librarians. Thanks to careful management over many years, the library is currently holding reserves of funds. Quotes are currently being sought for replacement of the 35 year old carpet, and it is proposed to install commercial strength underlay for better wear, and added warmth.

We have also requested quotes for the installation of new heaters.

It is hoped to have this work done before the onset of winter, and we are considering the best option for undertaking this work with minimum disruption to our library subscribers.

As usual, we have many new books coming on to our shelves this month.

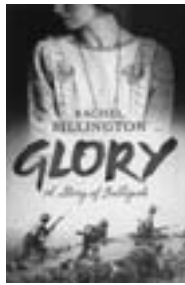
Look out for new titles from M. J. Arlidge, David Baldacci, Steve Berry, Jo Nesbo and Nicky Pellegrino, among others.

New releases also include:

A God In Ruins by Kate Atkinson – Kate Atkinson's dazzling *Life After Life*, explored the possibility of infinite chances, as Ursula Todd lived through the turbulent events of the last century again and again. In *A God In Ruins*, Atkinson turns her focus on Ursula's beloved younger brother Teddy – would-be poet, RAF bomber pilot, husband and father – as he navigates the perils

and progress of the 20th century. For all Teddy endures in battle, his greatest challenge will be to face living in a future he never expected to have.

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The Sense of an Elephant by Marco Missiroli – Pietro arrives in Milan with an old bicycle and a battered suitcase full of tokens of the past. He takes up a post as concierge in a small apartment building, where it soon becomes

apparent he has a deep-seated reason to be there. Living in the palazzo is Luca, a doctor, whose wife Viola carries a secret that could destroy their marriage.. Right from the start Pietro has a special interest in Luca and his family, and soon he's using the concierge spare keys to let himself into his apartment while the family is out. Pietro's story is told in snatches and flashbacks, each prompted by one of the objects and notes he keeps in his suitcase, and gradually we find out what has brought him to be guardian of these lost souls

Ann McNair is the clever person who repairs the library books. She will do the same for any damaged books. Drop your books in to the library for a quote. Ann donates all money raised from book repairs to the library.

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

Coromandel Garden Circle

By Jane Warren

Our May meeting was held at the Coromandel Bowling Club with a wonderful turnout of 34 members and two new members.

Our guest speaker had to cancel at short notice so we were entertained by Glenise Robertson with a visual presentation of her, and Wayne's, four-wheel driving adventures in the South Island.

True to form, Glenise made it highly enjoyable.

After the normal meeting formalities and afternoon tea the winners of the various competitions were announced.

The winners were: Miniature – Fran Edwards; Multi Bloom – Sherryn Cepulis; Single Bloom – Ruth Pattinson; Green Bouquet – Julie Jensen; Pumpkin – Keitha Jenkins.

Last month a few of us enjoyed a day trip to the Counties Manukau area to visit Joy Plants, Wrights Watergardens and Glenbrook Cheese. We will also be having another trip at the end of May to the Xmas Heirloom Company in Auckland.

The June meeting will also be held at the Coromandel Bowling Club on **10 June** at 1.00pm with two garden visits. Arrangement is "In a Shot Glass" and the Special category is Preserves.

The July meeting will be a Mid-winter Xmas Dinner also to be held at the Coromandel Bowling Club.

**Poetry
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If you fly me your hearts flag

By John Irvine

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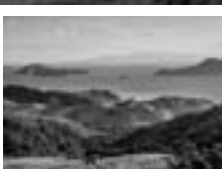
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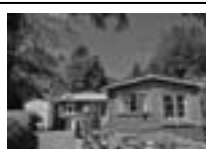
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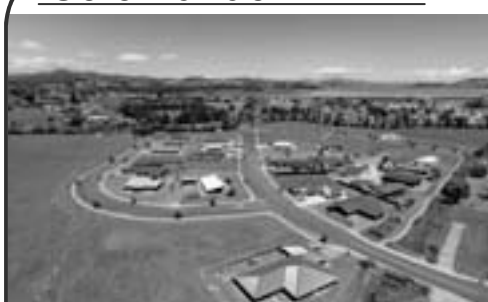


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Florence Fennel and Chestnut Casserole recipe for June

Extract from the June chapter of local cookery book "Coromandel Flavour" by Deborah Hide-Bayne

You know sometimes when you have vegetarians coming to dinner and it is still too cold to serve salad? Well, this is the thing to make. It has a lovely "red winey" casserole taste without the meat. It is rich and filling... and delicious.

For 6

50ml olive oil
450g shallots, peeled
450g Florence fennel, roughly-chopped
1 tin tomatoes
300ml red wine
225g chestnuts (tinned or vacuum-packed)
50ml tamari
2 sprigs fresh thyme
20 sage leaves, finely-chopped
salt
freshly-ground black pepper

Heat the olive oil in a large casserole.

Add the whole shallots, and cook for about 20 minutes over a medium heat, until browned and tender.

Add the fennel, stir, cover and cook for 10 minutes. Add the rest of the ingredients and bring to the boil.

Simmer for an hour; the chestnuts should be almost falling apart.

Season and serve with mashed potato or rice.

For more information see
www.coromandelflavour.co.nz

Coromandel Family Health

We have had a recent influx of enquiries regarding the shingles vaccine. Because of this we are taking the steps to order them in. They are \$180 each but we consider it could be money well spent. We are aiming at having these available to our patients in late May.

Zostavax® is used to prevent the occurrence of herpes zoster (shingles) in adults aged 50 years and older, and reduce the risk of complications. A continuous supply of the Zostavax® shingles vaccine is now available in New Zealand.

Who should get the vaccine

Adults aged 50 years or older:

- Whether or not they recall having had chickenpox in the past.
- Who have had herpes zoster (shingles) in the past.
- Who are living with someone with a weakened immune system.

Please call the clinic and ask to speak to a nurse if you have any further questions.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Coromandel volunteer firemen who work tirelessly protecting and helping the people of our community. It seems now the fireman are first responders to any emergency that we have in our district. They spend countless hours away from their families and their jobs, incurring loss of income selflessly serving our town's needs. Our community is lucky to have such diligent, professional, kind people and in the past month alone their presence has saved two individuals' lives. Perhaps it's time we all did something to recognise their efforts and take time out to thank them.

Stay safe, stay healthy and keep warm.



Coromandel Patchwork and Quilters

By Sharon Currie

We held our first tutored class for this year in March. This was a class to learn felting techniques with Raewyn Penrose, a well known felter who now has a studio in Tiki Rd. Raewyn taught various techniques using small samples that could be made into bigger projects. This was a very enjoyable class and a lot was accomplished over the two days. We have another workshop planned for later in the year. Also a lot of our members are busy with our Mystery Quilt project.



Robyn Dudson's work
at our felting class

It is also great to bring along projects you are working on and enjoy a bit of laughter and fun with other members of the group.

Our meetings 1st and 3rd (& 5th)
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We are thrilled to announce the sale of our business from 29th May 2015. We have worked hard to meet the demands of the local rental market and played a large part in the growth of the local holiday accommodation market with excellent results and achievements of which we are duly proud.

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We have great pleasure in advising of our purchase of Susan and Dave's business, which will remain in the current premises and will operate simply as
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We are very privileged to introduce

Rhonda Austin

who has come from Christchurch to live in Coromandel - an understandable decision and where better to come to!

Rhonda will manage the business and has extensive experience as a property and Business Development Manager. She is a very warm person and looks forward to meeting you all - welcome Rhonda!

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Animal Rescue Thames

By Alice and John Parris

Thank mews, purrs from our rescue kitties for the donations of kitten and cat food, biscuits, also to the awesome person who put \$\$\$ off our vet account. This was a beautiful surprise for us and a true blessing for the cats. Also thanks to a wonderful group who each year make a financial donation to the cats' unit which is another blessing and miracle for us.

Homed – nothing – we know what the barrier is, and that people want instant cat that is smoochy and friendly. Our furbabies are that, just that they don't take too kindly to strangers, but once they know you, adjust to your company and accept you in their world, they are awesome. The kittens we have this year are by far the most beautiful, most hilarious bunch of misfits, troublemakers and smoochy that we have had. All are now desexed, wormed and deflead. These kittens defy Indy car speeds and the banister rail is the favourite race track, both up and down it, at times at horrifying speeds. So far no one has been hurt; they seem to be able to either go over or under one another in this mad, mad game they play.

One of my gold tabbys from the farm has a thing about rubber bands. Where on earth she has them stashed we don't know but she can sniff them out, play with them like they are a mighty hunt 'n kill and chomp through them. Which is definitely not on any menu and not good for her or her health. Thankfully we believe we have located and destroyed all rubber bands but she is still seeking high and low for them.

We found the answer to get the maximum amount of flea treatment for least dollars by buying what is a top level brand just under a different name. If you take time to read the labels you will see that it's also the very same ingredient, in different amount for both cat and dog. By buying the biggest dog one, we can break it down to the .4 increment we need for one cat. This means it goes a long, long, long way and does a lot more cats for a lot less dollars.

With our numbers stable, our cats healthy, we answered a furry SOS call from another rescue unit down the line. They had ferals in; one in particular would hurl herself toward anyone or anything near her cage. Now this is my kinda kitten so I went and collected her, stunning them all that I not only went into the cage but cradled this spitfire who just cuddled into me. We named this gorgeous black smoke girl Nina, which is short for "Nina, pretty ballerina" from that ridiculous song, but she is pretty, and has gone from spitting aerobatics to purrs, bunts and now learning to be with me and playing ball 'n track game. Her only issue now is the carry around; this is met with fear but each day she is relaxing more and more. Nina has been spayed as there was a Year 5 vet in Thames who needed more experience, so Nina was chosen for that one. She breezed through the day, and no one was hurt in process. For Nina we have a floating agreement that if we tame her and find her an awesome loving home, we can do so, but also leave way to return her. Which is fantastic, and we are loving having her.

Bella and her babies are growing far too fast, far too cute, and are totally gorgeous kittens. Very much mobile now, and love to investigate what the human waiter brings, as well as in for cuddles.

Wanted – donations of kitten and cat food – tinned/ biscuits. Also winter bedding, blankets for the babies as we go into the colder days and nights. Meow furr now.

All enquiries contact Animal Rescue Thames, (07) 868 2907. 532 Thames Coast Road, RD 5, Thames 3575



Te Whariki Manawahine O Hauraki "Transforming and Healing Whanau in Hauraki"

By Rewi Browne

The sign is on the door, the furniture is set up and we are fully operational as a social services agency based in Coromandel town.



As advised last month our Coromandel office is now open for business on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. We can also be contacted through our head office (07) 868 8475 or our crisis line 0800 868 8475.

Te Whariki is a member of the Hauraki Whanau Ora Collective.

A programme that we here at Te Whariki facilitate is called "Tool Shed". This programme is run in response to our contract with the Ministry of Justice, pursuant to the Domestic Violence Act 1995.

Although the entry level to the above named programme is that the person entering must have a current Protection Order served against them, this does not exclude persons from undertaking all or parts of the programme in either a group or on your own.

Parts of the programme can be undertaken by persons wishing to undertake counselling to address any or all behaviours as they see them.

Areas include identity (whakapapa), values (tikanga), attitude study, risk assessment, community relationships, culture (within cultures), self-care plans, and reflective thinking (critiquing).

If you feel that you wish to talk through any of the above please feel free to contact us: Rewi Browne (07) 868 8475, 027 333 2643; Tania Wihongi (07) 868 8475, 027 662 1844

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Mana Update

By Penelope Carroll

The Winter Solstice will be here soon. The leaves are falling from deciduous trees and on 22 June, with the Sun at its lowest point above the horizon, we will have our shortest day and longest night of the year. From then on the days will get steadily longer – even if only by a few seconds every day!

At Mana we will combine a Solstice ritual with our Winter Solstice Working Bee on the last weekend of **June (26-27)**. It's a time for meeting up with old friends and making new ones as we work together and have fun together, gathering firewood for the cold months still to come, tending paths, weeding and planting in the gardens and clearing around trees. Indoor projects will include making new curtains, a promotional mail-out – and preparing lots of good food to share. Come and join us! You are welcome for the day, or the weekend. Please call to reserve a bed: phone (07) 866 8972, or email us at be@manaretreat.com.

Apart from the Working Bee, June is a month of retreats, providing opportunities to slow down and come home to yourself, starting with a 3-day Queen's Birthday yoga and meditation retreat with Susan Allen and Vincent Bolletta (**30 May 30-1 June**). Yoga Ground offers a mix of yoga asana, meditation and philosophy, with time out for walks and massage. This retreat will be followed by one of Mana's Relaxation Specials (**12-14 June**), and then The Art of Resting with Karla Brodie and Neal Ghoshal. (**19-21 June**) – a 3-day restorative yoga retreat combining active yoga, long restorative practices and yoga nidra. Please check out our website, www.manaretreat.com for full details.

Here is a delicious, easy to make pumpkin soup recipe (vegan and gluten-free) from the Mana kitchen:

Thai-style pumpkin soup

1 medium-sized pumpkin, peeled, seeded and diced
4 cloves of garlic, finely chopped
1 tsp fresh ginger, finely minced
¼ tsp chilli powder
small stalk of lemon grass (keep whole for easy removal)
300 ml coconut milk
juice from ½ lime (or lemon) and 1 tsp of zest
5-6 cups vegetable stock
1 tbsp tamari
freshly ground pepper and salt to taste

Place diced pumpkin, garlic, ginger, chilli and lemon grass in a pot with the stock and simmer till pumpkin is tender. Remove the lemon grass and slowly add the coconut milk, stirring all the time, then add the lime juice, zest and tamari. Blend and season with salt and pepper to taste and enjoy...

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Jun 19-21	The Art of Rest w/ Karla Brodie & Neal Ghoshal
Jun 26-28	Winter Solstice Working Bee
Jul 31-Aug 2	Yoga w/ Denise Ferguson
Aug 7-9	Creating Space Yoga w/ Clare Etherton
Aug 12-19	I choose Living Cancer Retreat w/ Jasmina Kovacev
Aug 21-23	Relaxation Special
Aug 27-30	The Sacred Alchemy of the Heart w/ Leonora

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Coromandel Lions

By Lions Lyn



We have a fritter stall on **9 June** for the opening of the new Four Square. Following on will be our annual change of officers dinner on **1 July**, and then the Illume Festival of Light, which begins on the **Friday 3 July**; same day as school holidays start. Let's hope the weather plays nice this year and we have lots of entrants as well as spectator support! I'm personally looking forward to this as I missed it last year.

Our wild foods dinner night was a bountiful and tasty affair: shellfish, fish, wild pork and venison, game bird; homegrown fruit and veg dishes; plus delectable desserts such as guava sorbet and wild mint ice cream with real mint! Our guests for the evening were spoilt for choice but that was the Lions way of saying thank you to Keith and Rita for all the help you have given us and the community over a long period of time. You will have to come back again soon.

Our Lion Rock is still yet to be passed on so get well Peter!

Our dry firewood is all gone but we will be taking orders for later on and next season. Keep warm.

Coromandel Embroiderers' Guild

By Diann Cade

What a turnout of members last Guild Day. So many of us with so much to share and do along with all the "new" members who are equally excited about doing things, whatever it is we "do". Whatever



it is you can be assured we are enjoying it along with the company and the friendships that develop.

Funky Flowers! is this month's workshop title. Flower shapes will be cut out of wool and brushed cotton fabrics and appliquéd to a background cloth and embellishment with an array of textural stitches. The process is endless as another coloured fabric piece or thread is laid across the creation, then cut and stitched to suit. The stitches can enhance the shape or make it meld into the background. The colours can be soft blends, or as the title may suggest, be outrageous, bright and startling, whatever your mood or preference may be on the day. And at the end of the day what one makes of the piece is up to the individual. Does it matter? Not really as whatever is achieved there will be another technique learned that can be applied to something else in the future. It is such an enjoyable process you just want to experiment with more combinations.

Remember, you will see many of these workshop pieces on display at our annual exhibition in November.



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Coromandel Community Preschool

By Debra Attwood



Sorry I have missed a couple of months of reports. The time has just flown past so quickly and we are really back and into the swing of things again and nearly halfway through the year already. All the children have returned after the school holiday break with a couple more joining the centre. We will be having a focus on literacy and numeracy within the centre and we encourage children to explore literacy through the medium of books, so get in there and read along with or to your children. Another way to explore literacy is through media such as computers. Many of our children readily have access to ipads, tablets, mobile phones, leap pads and other devices.

We have started our regular Thursday walks out in the community looking at the environment and how we can be more eco-friendly. We also continue our regular visits to the Coromandel Area School new entrant class so our children can become more familiar with the school and the teachers assisting them during their transition to school.

We are currently reviewing our four-year-old programme asking is there a need for specific sessions for four-year-olds or are we meeting all their needs within our centre programme. This also includes looking at our transition to school programme.

We recently held our centre AGM and would like to welcome all the returning and new members to our committee. It is great to see the level of commitment from many new members.

We will be celebrating Matariki with our centre hangi at the end of June and we will be involved with the Illume Festival again, so look out for us on the night.

Since our last report we have celebrated birthdays for Rishav, Ivy-Rose, Jayden R, Ruby, Mackenzie, Paige, Hannah, Kyron W, Zianna, Mary-Mei and Te Onetu and we wish them a very happy birthday. We said farewell to Caleb, Asariah, Jacob, Rereanna, Kate, Mackenzie, and Paige who have headed off to school. We welcomed Jerome, Te Rangi, Mahurea, Kairo, Jayden W, and Elijah and their whānau to the centre.

Our rolls are full at present but you are welcome to come along and see if this is the right place for you and your child to begin their lifelong journey of learning. You can put your child's name on the waiting list if required. Check out our latest Education review on the website <http://www.ero.govt.nz/Early-Childhood-School-Reports/Early-Childhood-Reports/Coromandel-Community-Preschool-18-11-2013>.

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

Kiwi Can

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

We are well into Term Two now and our tamariki are doing awesome activities around this term's theme, Integrity; we all know that Integrity means doing the right thing.

We have been exploring Integrity through our subtopics of Honesty, Responsibility, and Reliability.

This term we have two catchphrases, one for the juniors and a separate one for the seniors. Our junior catchphrase for term 2 is "We show Integrity in what we do, being honest, responsible and reliable too." Our senior catchphrase for term 2 is, "We show Integrity in what we do, what we say and what we say we do."

Thank you to those of you that purchased tickets in our Mother's Day raffle. The winner was Jodi McCall from the Bank of New Zealand. Congratulations and thank you for your support.

We would also like to thank Anas from the Coromandel Pharmacy for his donation towards our Mother's Day raffle for Kiwi Can.

You are now able to donate to the FYD Kiwi Can Coromandel Programme directly through the FYD website... go to www.fyd.org.nz/donate, click on Kiwi Can, choose Coromandel as the region and know that your donation, no matter how big or small, is going to our Coromandel Region for our local tamariki. Your donation no matter how small, will be invaluable in continuing this worthwhile and much-loved programme. We are still seeking interested parties to sponsor FYD Kiwi Can Coromandel.

Nga mihi nui from Marlene, Jamie, Gemma, Nadia and Natalie.
kiwican@cilt.org.nz

The FYD Coromandel Kiwi Can programme is managed by the Coromandel Independent Living Trust, officially sponsored by SANFORD Ltd & supported by The Lion Foundation, the Grassroots Trust, Sky City Community Trust, New Zealand Community Trust (NZCT), Thames Community Board, Colville Social Services Collective and Driving Creek Railway Ltd



Our junior students at all our schools have been working on a HONESTY sign. The students had to look through magazines and find all the letters that make up the word honesty and cut them out. These were then stuck onto the related letter. I think it looks fantastic!!

Coromandel Playcentre

By Debbie Morgan



Do you have fond memories of going to Playcentre as a child and now have a young child of your own? Did you used to take your children to Playcentre when they were little and now have grandchildren living locally? Then we would love to see you at Coromandel Playcentre. Playcentre is run by parents for their children aged 0-6 and is a great opportunity to spend time with your child as they learn through play.

Coromandel Playcentre is in need of some new numbers as we have children who are starting school soon. Come and support us and we will support you! At the moment we don't have the numbers to continue on a Wednesday, so have regretfully had to close that session temporarily. If Coromandel is to keep a Playcentre for future children then it needs more families to be involved.

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



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Te Rerenga School

Nurturing a community of life-long learners

By Anna Yates

Term 2 is well underway now and there have been

lots of exciting things happening. Elgregoe the magician visited us in week 3 with his amazing illusions and important messages about how we treat other people within our school. We've had Colleen from the Zerowaste programme visit and she worked in all classrooms sharing information and engaging our students regarding how we can reduce, re-use and recycle. Our head students Briar, Sheridan and Ben spoke eloquently and confidently at the Matarangi Anzac parade and we were so proud of them in this important role, representing our school.

Our eager sports-people have all begun their winter sports season. This year we have a number of students playing rugby in various teams and grades. We have three school football teams and are so fortunate to have our school parents Paul, Mark, Kelly and Howard coaching these eager players. Our gym sport participants are already hard at work practicing their routines with Jess and it is great to have so many of our children taking advantage of this opportunity.

Our Jump Rope for Heart afternoon was a great success despite the inter-



Brooke James and Caleb Grice at the Jump Rope for Heart afternoon

Coromandel Youth Group

After 21 years serving the Youth Group Nicky has decided to retire. Her place will be taken by Nadine Smith with Christine Edmonds and Wendy McNeil assisting. Nicky has enjoyed working with the children through good and bad times and wishes the new team every success.

Term Two opening hours

Saturday – drop in and social 1-4pm
 Sunday – drop in and social 1-4pm
 Monday – rooms closed
 Tuesday – 3.15-5pm
 Wednesday – rooms closed
 Thursday – 3.15-5pm
 Friday – free choice time 2.15-4pm.
 We can collect children from school for this session. Please ring the youth rooms before 5pm on Thursdays to ensure your children get collected.

Friday Night

Friday night social is for years 7/8 & older students only 6-9pm.

Opening times are subject to change

Coromandel Youth Group is for any children aged 5-15 from Coromandel, Colville, Mania, or Kennedy Bay. All sessions are free but we would really appreciate donations of \$1 or \$2 for each session. You will also need to fill out a membership form for each child attending.

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



Elgregoe Visit with Ben Fowler on the stage

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Coromandel Area School roll is growing! Our roll presently stands at 189; the Ministry predict that it will reach 198, and we are hoping to reach that all-important 200 by the end of the year. This is really good news for us because it validates the work we are doing within the school, the impressions that are portrayed when people visit our school, the value we are placing on achievement, and the success of our students. This is thanks to all the amazing staff we have here and the collaboration we have with everyone here at school.

We have endured a period when we were making sure that the behaviour and efforts of our students were educationally sound, and we have achieved this. We now have a behaviour system in place that is well respected by both students and staff, using restorative practice and justice. In using this system, I know that our students feel safe and that we provide an environment where students can go to someone if they feel the need.

Asha Peppiatt is now on Sabbatical Leave until **3 August 2015**. She will be working on a research project which she hopes will be available on the School Leadership space and the Teach NZ website in the coming months.

After her sabbatical, Asha has resigned from her position as Principal to pursue other interests, and will not be returning to Coromandel Area School. We thank her for the work she has done in the school and wish her well for the future.

Welcome to our Acting Principal, Mary Kedzlie. Mary has a comprehensive background in education leadership spanning a total of 20 years. She is currently working as an Educational Leadership Consultant throughout the Coromandel, Waikato and Auckland areas. She has also recently been added to the list for the Ministry of Education Approved Statutory Appointees and has NZSTA preferred provider status for the delivery of professional development and support services for school board of trustees.

Mary was born and educated in the Thames-Coromandel region, and her family continues to live in the area. She has made the decision to re-locate back to the Coromandel Peninsula so that she is closer to family and to also develop her educational leadership aspirations.

We look forward to working with Mary, and hope she enjoys her time at Coromandel Area School.



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Driving Creek Doings No.171

By Barry Brickell

Debbie (editor) is concerned about shop closures around our town as indeed, most of us are. As a brief answer to the answer to the questions she poses I would like to support all our shops. I spend as much of my money in the town as possible (hate big supermarkets) and I have no problem with the prices in our shops; in fact, they are very reasonable when one takes into consideration our isolation, small population and town pride.

Let us see if the larger new Four Square complex will help bring more trade to the town generally without compromising other shops. But I feel that the real issue is in attracting more permanent residents who are prepared to support the town commercially as well as socially.

My one longterm solution is, of course, the extended pile wharf to facilitate trade from NZ's biggest city and its increasingly desperate citizens desirous to escape from the "rat race" and trying to dodge hugely escalating house prices.

Regarding wealthy Aucklanders keen on recreational "escapes" those yacht owners in Westhaven and Okahu Bay increasingly need a destination to go to which has good shopping facilities, an attractive, clean environment and independence from a long, twisty road journey.

The manager of Westhaven Marina has stated that his members are always looking for a cruise destination that can offer such facilities and Coromandel would be a chosen favourite if only they could tie up to an all-tide wharf or even a pile grid. He is not the only one to advise against digging a marina of any sort in the silty waters of Coromandel Harbour.

The leading article in the recent Hauraki Herald, 15 May, features the \$10,000 contribution TCDC would make towards business case for the pile wharf provided I (or we) can find the remaining \$15,000 and meet some other conditions. I see no problem in this and am prepared to do my bit for the long-term benefit to the town and community. We, the Pier Working Group, have set up a Charitable Trust to help raise funds for the feasibility study that will have to follow (coromandelpier.wordpress.com).

Here, I would like to correct a popular misconception mentioned in the Hauraki Herald article. Any railway that is built along the wharf would be to supplement road vehicle traffic such as ferry passengers. Having consulted with the community and local organisations, I have had to modify my original concept of a "train into town from the ferry". Let the community decide eventually, as the wharf progresses, if such a thing is feasible or wanted. Again I need to point out that such a railway would have nothing to do with the DCR. We should simply make provision for a railway on the wharf, for the future.

Finally, for those interested, there are two exhibitions of my art in Auckland that go on until the end of May, one at Te Uru, the new gallery in Titirangi (ceramics) and the other at Orexart in Arch Hill (paintings). The Listener, 16-22 May, contains an illustrated article on these exhibitions.

Keep illuminated.
Barry

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Arts

Art Group

By Lindsay Nicholls

Our group has now hurried inside for winter warmth.

Along with that we have recently had our AGM with a few changes as well. After many dedicated years as president, Val Gray had considered stepping down, but upon reflection and circumstantial changes, she has once again been re-elected as president.

Vice president falls onto my shoulders as does secretary. Our new treasurer is Ross Dixon with Allan Beaver as his vice. Our librarians are Ruth Whall and Chris Lunn. Thank you to the outgoing committee members and welcome to our new ones.

We are gearing up for our first tutor for the year. We have Val Tubman coming over from Waihi for the day for an oil or acrylic workshop (artist choice of medium) with a topic of seascapes. Val always brings a great choice of examples with her so at the end of the day, we have a very different painting each to take home. At the end of each session, we have a critique time where both tutor and student add input to each piece of work. This can be just the piece of advice the painting needs to make it a WOW painting; often, as the artist we cannot see it ourselves. We look forward to the yummy lunch shared and the art banter that is created on these days.

Each of our tutors have their own style and method; it is up to each artist to take what they want from these lessons to develop their own style.

Happy painting and watch those warm colours within the winter scene. There are some lovely bright red and yellow and orange hues interlocked with winter greens.

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Copper Wire

After having dug to a depth of 10 feet last year, British scientists found traces of copper wire dating back 200 years and came to the conclusion that their ancestors already had a telephone network more than 150 years ago.

Not to be outdone by the Brits, in the weeks that followed, an American archaeologist dug to a depth of 20 feet, and shortly after, a story published in the New York Times: "American archaeologists, finding traces of 250-year-old copper wire, have concluded that their ancestors already had an advanced high-tech communications network 50 years earlier than the British."

One week later, the New Zealand Herald, reported the following: "After digging as deep as 30 feet in his backyard in Onerahi, Bill Paku, a self-taught archaeologist and avid motorhomer, reported that he found absolutely nothing. Paku has therefore concluded that 250 years ago, New Zealand had already gone wireless."

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Coromandel Music Society

By Robin Münch

GALS is coming to town.

Given the popularity of previous choir performances, our committee has invited yet another high quality choir to Coromandel town.

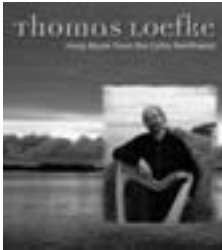
For their Coromandel concert (just a week before a major Auckland performance) GALS will perform songs from a variety of eras exploring the depths of young love, undying devotion, heartbreak and what it really means to have "soul".

Their repertoire will include classic love songs by Billy Joel and Bob Dylan, recent pop songs you may have heard on the radio, a re-imagining of a Beatles' hit, and the choir getting in touch with their "inner funk" as they groove to some Motown favorites.

Going strong since 1992, GALS was the first-established gay and lesbian choir in New Zealand. GALS is a non-auditioned lesbian, gay, bi-sexual, transgender, intersex community choir based in Auckland. Boasting over 70 active members at any one time, it is estimated that around 300 enthusiastic singers of all ages and walks of life have passed through the ranks over the last 22 years. GALS is delighted that people of other "orientation" have joined and sung in their choir too.

Brighten up your winter weekend and join us for another outstanding concert.

Concert on **Saturday 20 June** at 2pm at Citizens' Hall, Kapanga Rd, Coromandel. Tickets from Coromandel Town Information Centre \$25 full price, \$20 concession.



Celtic Fest Concert – Helping Save Coromandel Kiwi

"Celtic Fest for Kiwi Nest" Concert– Helping Save Coromandel Kiwi is at Driving Creek Gallery, **Saturday 6 June**, 4pm. Price \$15. All money raised goes to Moe Hau Environment Group.



Coromandel Players

By Debbie Morgan

Come and see the Coromandel Players perform three one-act plays on **Friday 29 May, Saturday 30 May, Friday 5 June and Saturday 6 June**. Get your tickets now from the Coromandel Town Information Centre. Come for a laugh and get out of the house on these cold nights.

Also following on from last years' Illume where we performed our Music Hall songs in the street, the Players are starting rehearsals soon for a 1920's "revue" we have coming up for this years' Illume weekend. So we have some different songs to practice. It should be a lot of fun!

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Environmental

CLAIM news

By Kaye Anderson

Harbour under threat

McGregor's Bay is once again under threat by mining company Sea Group Holdings. They are seeking an extension to the mining prospecting permit which brought them here in 2013, in order to continue prospecting for gold in the Coromandel Harbour.

Why prospect when you can't mine?

The harbour is part of the internal waters of the Coromandel Peninsula and is therefore identified as Schedule 4 land in the Crown Minerals Act. This means that the area is of high conservation value and that mining in it is illegal.

Keep your eyes on the hills

There is also a mining prospecting permit held by Cornerstone Resources Ltd over the hills from Manaia to Coromandel town. If you see any sampling or drilling activity in the area please let us know.

Fighting the good fight

Resistance to mining throughout the Coromandel Peninsula is strong and well-organised, as we saw in 2013 when sampling work in the harbour was stopped completely on one occasion and seriously delayed on another. In 2010, when the government proposed to open over 7000 hectares of protected conservation land and marine reserves for mining, 40,000 people marched up Queen Street in protest. The government dropped its proposals.

But it's not always such hard work. On one occasion back in the 80s a group of locals approached a drilling rig at break of day, intending to occupy it and expecting resistance. Surprisingly the rig was deserted, although the miners' licence conditions stipulated that it was never to be left unattended. Somewhat disappointed, the locals sat down on it and opened their thermoses.

Too precious to mine

Our Coromandel Peninsula is a beautiful and in many respects fragile environment. Activities which promote and preserve this environment will ensure a sustainable and prosperous future through aquaculture, our unique Driving Creek Railway and other eco-tourism initiatives. Mining for gold has no logical place here.

Support us: CLAIM (Coromandel Lobby Against Indiscriminate Mining) T-shirts are still available at The Source in Coromandel and the Colville Store. Proceeds help keep our organisation alive. Donations are also always very gratefully received. To do this contact us at claimcoromandel@gmail.com for bank account details or call Ruby Powell, Chairperson 022 102 7414 or Kaye Anderson, Secretary (07) 866 8968

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Moehau Environment Group

By Natalie Collicott

Coromandel kiwi makes lucky escape

Last month I was involved in an impromptu kiwi release. It began when a local pig hunter phoned the Whitianga DOC office to report that he was in possession of a kiwi. The man had rescued the bird from certain death.

Kapowai local, Duncan Bell was pig hunting in a forestry block on the 309 road, when he saw something dart out in front of him. It was a kiwi being chased by a rogue pig dog. Concerned for the kiwi's welfare, he intervened, catching the kiwi and tying the dog up to avoid further trouble.

The kiwi, nicknamed "Runner" for its antics, was handed in to local DOC staff, who took the bird to the vet to be checked over for internal injuries. Runner was given the all clear, and was released later that day into the Mahakirau Forest Estate on the 309 road. Landowners on the Estate undertake pest control and restrict dog access to help protect kiwi and other wildlife in the area.

The dog's owner could not be located. Duncan urges other pig hunters to be responsible to make sure future kiwi deaths are avoided. "All pig hunters should get their dogs trained to avoid kiwi cause there's not many kiwi around and we want to keep that going for the next generation".

"Runner had a really lucky escape", says DOC Services Ranger Rebecca Gribble. "Most times a dog can catch and kill a kiwi in seconds, without its owner knowing about it, or before its owner has time to stop it."

Sadly, it is a common story, with dog attacks the number one cause of adult kiwi deaths on the Coromandel. We encourage pig hunters to keep their dogs under control and get their dogs kiwi avoidance trained. The training is free simple tool which teaches dogs to avoid kiwi in the bush. The next training will be held at Egans Park in Whitianga on **6 June**. To book a place, call DOC on (07) 8867 9080.

The exciting news? Little Runner beat the odds, despite the fact the 95% of kiwi chicks do not make it to 6 months old in the wild due to stoat and cat predation. Community groups and DOC are working hard to protect kiwi on the Coromandel and as a result the number of Coromandel brown kiwi is increasing in areas with predator control. Please be responsible dog owners and help prevent kiwi deaths.

Kiwi Code Red

We're teaming up with the good folk at Coromandel Brewing Company to make a new craft beer which will help raise funds for kiwi on the Coromandel.

We'd like to invite you to celebrate the launch of "Kiwi Code Red" and be the first to sample it on **Thursday 4 June** from 6pm at The Pour House, Hahei. Home of the Coromandel Brewing Co. and a beautifully crafted brewery bar and restaurant.

Come for beer and nibbles. This full flavoured Irish Red Ale has a pleasant toasted malt character enjoyed and loved by many. This well rounded and balanced brew is made purely with New Zealand ingredients, is gentle on the palate and so, so, so refreshing!

RSVP to Raine at sponsorship@meg.org.nz if you are able to attend. We'll help arrange carpooling and possibly a courtesy van if numbers warrant it.

We are excited by this new venture, which will help us continue to protect kiwi on the Coromandel. Come help us celebrate this new partnership and sample a drop for all the right reasons.

For a map and link to the Brewery visit www.coromandelbrewingcompany.co.nz.

Moehau Environment Group is a non-profit volunteer organisation dedicated to the protection and enhancement of the natural environment of the northern Coromandel. For more info or to get involved please get in touch with Natalie Collicott, MEG Coordinator (07) 866 5337, email natalie@meg.org.nz or go to www.meg.org.nz



Runner the kiwi being examined by Dave (Whitianga vet)

Bush Bites

"Recently a friend visiting from overseas asked if I saw any moa when I was out trapping"

"Tomtit pair checked me out near traps 7 and 8"

"Heard my first kiwi call!!"

"I set some rat traps out in a small patch of mature trees. I found two rats dead next to the trap, one in the trap, the other beside it. So how did the small rat immediately behind the larger one die? Strange!"

Peninsula Project Update

By John Veysey

DOC is gearing up to drop 1080 over Whenuakite, Kapowai, Waiwawa, Mataora Bay and the Thames Coast from Kaueranga Valley to Waioimu.

Managers of 1080 drops, like Nick Hamon and Leon Pickering in 2013, are following a set of regulations drawn up by government's ERMA group which evaluated the use of 1080.

After this evaluation process, ERMA came up with a set of strict regulations for DOC and other 1080 operators to follow.

The expectation was that future 1080 drops would increase in number but that they would become a lot more controlled and therefore safer.

1080 drops have increased apace. Two in 2013. Six in 2015.

In 2013 however there was no obvious safety in mind. The helicopter loaders were not wearing full protection and many of the usual safety measures were not taken.

Instead of asking "independent" monitors to count the possums Leon and Nick made their own possum count after they had managed the drops. So much for credibility.

The mandatory "consultation" process never got off the ground. DOC sent out notices in the mail.

Very few houses were visited. Many absentee landowners were ignored altogether. If some out-of-towner came to visit for the weekend and found 1080 in their stream, too bad.

Ministry of Health staff watched 1080 landing in all the streams and never took a single water sample. No testing was done on anything.

Numerous dogs suffered after eating poisoned birds and animals which had wandered a long way out of the poison zones and onto private properties.

These things are all likely to happen again in 2015. And there's only so much you can do about them.

The first thing to concentrate on is the reason for all this 1080. And it is possums. DOC has found some possums.

In order to "sell" a 1080 drop in Coromandel in 2007 DOC made a monitoring map using 40 trap lines well-strewn across one small area. You could see the problem. You could see the hot-spots. You could see where possum control might be needed. In this instance these monitoring maps are DOC's "science".

Without these maps DOC has no "scientific" reason for these upcoming drops. Six different areas, six different maps. Maybe your property borders onto one of them.

First thing anyone must do who has the slightest interest, is to sight those maps.

Once you have seen those monitoring maps and the attached reports you will be able to see what DOC are up against.

If you are an affected landowner and you are new to DOC's "consultation" process, DOC staff are obliged to come and negotiate with you before they drop the poison.

If you do not want poisoned baits up against your outer fence you must demand "buffer-zones" of a suitable depth beyond your boundary to ensure your stock can safely graze the back paddocks at all times. Buffer zones ideally go from your boundary fence to the top of the range behind. A buffer zone is somewhere you and your animals can walk safely without any danger of poisoning, without the chance of treading on a poisoned bait or finding a poisoned carcass which has floated downstream.

Once you have settled on a buffer zone which you feel safe with you can attend to matters like clean drinking water and how to manage the constant nagging worry about the dog for all those months following the drop.

Coromandel - Auckland Ferry



Departs Auckland Pier 4

	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
6 April - 12 April	8.45am	8.45am	-	8.45am	6.00pm	8.45am	8.45am
13 April - 26 April	-	8.45am	-	8.45am	6.00pm	8.45am	8.45am
27 April - 3 May	8.45am	-	-	-	6.00pm*	8.45am	8.45am
4 May - 31 May	-	-	-	-	6.00pm*	8.45am	8.45am
1 June - 7 June	8.45am	-	-	-	6.00pm*	8.45am	8.45am
8 June - 20 Sept	-	-	-	-	6.00pm*	8.45am	8.45am

Departs Waiheke (Orapiu) to Coromandel (approximate times)

6 April - 12 April	9.50am	9.50am	-	9.50am	7.05pm	9.50am	9.50am
13 April - 26 April	-	9.50am	-	9.50am	7.05pm	9.50am	9.50am
27 April - 3 May	9.50am	-	-	-	-	9.50am	9.50am
4 May - 31 May	-	-	-	-	-	9.50am	9.50am
1 June - 7 June	9.50am	-	-	-	-	9.50am	9.50am
8 June - 20 Sept	-	-	-	-	-	9.50am	9.50am

Departs Coromandel: Hannaford's Wharf

6 April - 12 April	4.30pm	3.00pm	-	3.00pm	8.15pm	4.30pm	4.30pm
13 April - 26 April	-	3.00pm	-	3.00pm	8.15pm	4.30pm	4.30pm
27 April - 3 May	4.30pm	-	-	-	1.00pm*	4.30pm	4.30pm
4 May - 31 May	-	-	-	-	1.00pm*	4.30pm	4.30pm
1 June - 7 June	4.30pm	-	-	-	1.00pm*	4.30pm	4.30pm
8 June - 20 Sept	-	-	-	-	1.00pm*	4.30pm	4.30pm

Auckland - Coromandel

	Adult	Child	Family
One way	\$55.00	\$35.00	-
Open return	\$90.00	\$55.00	\$235.00

Waiheke Island (Orapiu) - Coromandel

	Adult	Child	Family
One way	\$35.00	\$22.00	-
Open return	\$60.00	\$35.00	\$155.00

Child definition is 5-15 years inclusive.

Family definition is 2 adults + 2 children.

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* A shuttle bus service operates on Fridays from 1st May - 18th Sept 2015

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Environmental continued

Arbor Day weeds-for-natives

Arbor Day is when people in many countries are encouraged to plant and care for trees. So the regional council – with support from Thames-Coromandel District Council, the Department of Conservation and Waikato Weedbusters – is holding a weed swap to raise pest plant awareness on **Saturday 6 June**.

Members of the public can bring in a rubbish sack of pest plants to exchange for a native plant – particularly wanted wild ginger, woolly nightshade, giant rhubarb and moth plant.

The weeds-for-natives swap is at Whitianga's Taylors Mistake Reserve from 2-4pm.

For a full list of the pest plants on our regional pest management plan visit the council website. Information is also available from Benson on 07 8660172 or email benson.lockhart@waikatoregion.govt.nz

Rattus

By Carol Sutherland

Rats! In traps, taking bait, swarming in from God knows where. It's autumn and they are also scuttling towards sheds and houses looking for a snug nest of shredded whatever. Some people might set traps but I imagine the sale of poisons go up this time of year as well. Yes, poisons for the house will never be removed from the rat loathing public for the destruction, if left unchecked, is too great. Hmmm there is destruction in the forests too, does that count? Depends whose home it is. Poisons around the house? Check. Poisons in the forest? Screams.

The passion on this issue is stifling opinions. Better not say anything, better not make yourself a target, better self-censor. Do it on the quiet.

Well...I'm a user of traps and poison. Yep, I've said that "P" word. Pitchforks at noon no doubt. To some I might as well have said I'm a baby killer with a sideline in pensioner extortion.

Looking at the poison labels, and I wish they broke down as fast as 1080, but I will use the across-the-counter poisons instead. The ingredients are harder to pronounce and spell than 1080 so they are fine for purchasing without a fuss.

This autumn I have loaded up traps and bait stations not just around my house and section, but also in some patches of the forest. Which is home to the indigenous flora and fauna, who never invited the marauding

mammals in. I am grateful for the poisons donated to the cause as well as the occasional help to cart it in. The bait stations are on property whose owners approve.

Look at your house insurance small print. Damage by pests is not covered. Gnawed plumbing, gnawed wiring and the consequences? No pay out. It is indeed scary stuff. Who is going to muck around with the unproven or wishful future controls in those circumstances?

Do we value our uninsured forests as much as our homes? Nobody is that devoted but for every rat, possum, hedgehog, stoat, weasel, or mouse dispatched there is the fantail that follows you, aiming for insects and a safe nest.

A possible response on the issue of poisons is the rolling of the eyes and the muttering of: "Oh God, here we go again in the pages of the Chronicle." Thus, it is time to make a cup of tea and turn the page.

So I'll stop being tiresome about pest free goals in Coromandel (for now) and mention a quote from a species exterminator, Jimmy Carter. Yep, ex Prez (rare in that he never sent anyone to war) has been working towards exterminating the Guinea worm. In some rare instances, extinction is a positive thing. Hopefully that will be one good extinction coming to Africa soon.

Coromandel Kiwi Project

By Jeff Williams

One of the great pleasures of my involvement in the Coromandel Kiwi Project has been the interaction with people throughout the local community. Of course, there's the group of volunteers that work closely together to maintain traps and trap lines. But I mean the broader community in this case.

Recently, we've helped residents and bach owners around the township and as far as Papa Aroha, Whangapoua, and the 309 place stoat and rat traps on their properties to help protect their local environment. And we've been talking with land owners around the area in an effort to broaden the coverage of our core stoat trapping network.

Everyone that we've talked to and met with has shown sincere concern for the environment and has embraced the need to control introduced pests – like stoats, weasels, rats, and possums – in order to save it. People all around the community are recognizing that ours is the generation to act to reverse the damage that these predators are causing because, if we don't rid ourselves of them, there may not be much of a native New Zealand environment to pass on to the next.

The Coromandel Kiwi Project is a group of local volunteers giving their time and energy to the community. Please join or support us! Contact coromandelkiwiprject@meg.org.nz

Good fishing on Mussel Farms

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The final figures and decisions will not be signed off officially until Council's meeting on Wednesday 24 June.

Budget Highlights

This is not an exhaustive list, but just a preview of the main deliberations.



i-SITES and Information Centres

District-wide funding has been retained. Information centres in Tairua, Pauanui, Whangamata and Coromandel town, are to be locally governed with local Area Office contract management. Thames and Whitianga i-SITES will be operated by Destination Coromandel.



Kauri dieback

Funding has been allocated over the next financial year for signage and cleaning facilities to protect significant kauri on TCDC land from Kauri dieback.



Holiday Homes

The proposed \$200 annual fee for anyone renting their home as short-term holiday accommodation will not be introduced this year.

This has been delayed for a year to give us time to work with accommodation industry stakeholders to explore alternative solutions.



B&Bs

Bed and Breakfast accommodation providers with four or more bedrooms will be rated in the commercial category.



Rates rebates

Those with "licence to occupy" units in retirement villages will now receive a local rates rebate equivalent to the central government rate.

To qualify, the retirement village has to be able to prove that the remission goes back to the 'licence to occupy' owner.

Properties with an additional minor unit (such as a granny flat) will get an automatic 50% rates rebate if the unit is not greater than 50m² (or 60m² if it has the required certification). Conditions apply.



Stormwater

Stormwater will become district funded for those within Council's stormwater areas of service as it is considered as an essential service.

Our stormwater infrastructure also helps increase the Coromandel's resilience to weather events. Without appropriate stormwater management people would not be able to move freely around the community to go about their normal business.

Ongoing support will continue for our three key anchor projects:

- 1 Coromandel Great Walks - Cathedral Cove Walkway
- 2 Hauraki Rail Trail Cycleway - Kopu to Kaiaua
- 3 Coromandel Harbour Project

Funding also approved for:

- ✓ WW1 Forest Project
- ✓ Heritage promotion
- ✓ Coromandel rescue helicopter
- ✓ Sport Waikato
- ✓ Age Concern Thames

Over **60%** of the Coromandel's rates money is spent on the



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what you get out of your tap,



stormwater networks



flush down your toilet



and put in your rubbish bags and wheelie bins.

Full decisions will not be signed off until the Council meeting of Wednesday 24 June 2015. For more information go to www.tcdc.govt.nz/ltp

Sport

How to win cycling's war on drugs

Toby Atkins was faced with a situation most of us never will encounter, and none of us could ever want. This is Toby's story about his encounter with drugs in cycling.

Toby was born in the UK, came to NZ and went to school at Coromandel Area School for some time and he has developed into one of the hottest young talents in the country, riding with the GMC Development Team in Hamilton. He, like many New Zealand riders, wanted to head to Europe and pursue a career at the very top level of the sport. "It just so happened that my family friend had several contacts in Italy," Toby explained.

For Toby it was a grand opportunity to show himself on an international setting, a fantastic chance of a lifetime. "I think I thought of it as my chance to prove what I could do when I dedicated myself to the sport, without having to worry about my studies and working. I had done my research and understood that racing at that level in Italy would be a hell of a challenge, however I'm never one to shy away from such challenges," he said. That said Toby was not naive. The prospect of encountering performance enhancing drugs (PEDS) was one that he'd considered, obviously being involved in cycling you know that performance enhancing drugs have played a big part in the history of the sport. I think being involved in NZ cycling we are all exposed to the safely sealed cycling world that we are lucky enough to have in both NZ and Australia, thus we tend to think that it's much less of a problem than it is," Toby said.

"The idea that I would encounter drugs had crossed my mind multiple times, however I, as many people would, didn't want to believe that it would be an issue. I'd also like to make it clear that the team I was riding for was a brand new team and had been brought together for the first time for 2015, thus I had very limited information to the team's or the manager's history," Toby continued.

After arriving in Siracusa – south of Catania on Sicily's east coast – Toby eventually made it to the venue for the training camp, a converted farm house in Canicattini Bagni. "I knew there was only 5 of the team there at this stage and the manager and the rest of the team would arrive in 4 days time. After going out for his first ride that day, Toby settled in properly and thoroughly enjoyed the next three days of training. "We just had 3 long days where we went out and did typical mountain pass roads for hours on end. I was riding well and there was no real pressure so we were truly living the dream!" said Toby.

However, that changed upon the arrival of the team manager. Toby explained, "The camp turned upside down. We suddenly had all these crazy rules which seemed totally obscene to me, for example we weren't aloud to eat oranges before training (they claim the acid reacts with the lactate in the muscles)

and we were told we had to eat biscotti, jams and bread for breakfast. As great as eating biscuits for breakfast is, it's really bloody hard to ride up mountain passes on it!"

It was not long after the arrival of the team manager that Toby began to develop his suspicions that something was wrong. "The first time I started to have my doubts about some of the riders' credibility was at the end of the first week. It was the last workout from a week long block. Half of us could hardly move and were destroyed, but a few guys carried on. They came back after 220km looking fresh as a daisy," Toby explained.

A few days later the story got darker for Toby as he came face to face with doping for the first time. Toby recounted. "The team manager pulled me aside at breakfast and gave me a handful of pills and said 'you need to take you vitamins'. I'm not stupid and demanded to know exactly what each thing was. After googling the product codes on everything I confronted him the following morning asking him if he knew how illegal the stuff he gave me was. Once he realised that I was clearly not happy he proceeded to throw the PEDs in the toilet and flush them away. The next day I sat down with him and negotiated my immediate release from the team, citing my moral differences as my reason for leaving."

Toby described the range of emotions that he felt after being offered performance enhancing drugs that led to his leaving the team. "The first feeling was an immediate sense of anger. The day before I just showed all but one of the climbers up on a 12km climb, then he [the team manager] had the cheek to ask me to do PEDs. As I sank away into my room after breakfast I experienced every feeling under the sun. Overwhelming terror was quite bad, I suddenly realised that I don't know what address I'm living at, there's no wifi and I don't have enough money to live if I get kicked out of the team house.

They basically pulled the carpet from underneath me and left me with nothing and a wasted gap year, it was my big chance, so

to have to choose to quit based on their way of doing things really hurt."

Interestingly, and not surprisingly, Toby's moral differences was not the story that was sent through to his teammates, who were informed that Toby had left the team to be with his girlfriend and that he 'couldn't hack cycling'. Although Toby didn't want to go into too many details, he did inform us that it was testosterone that he was offered by his team manager. He also informed us that there was significantly more than that in the farm house in Canicattini Bagni and that he also found syringes of unknown substances too.

From there the situation progressed externally as the UCI, British Cycling and eventually even the police became involved. "I never wanted the police to get involved. I confided in a close friend who was obligated to tell the UCI what was going on," Toby said. Toby was particularly impressed with the way both British Cycling and the UCI conducted themselves during this whole process. "The UCI contacted me within 24 hours and made sure I was safe and had a way out if things got bad."

Thus came to an end Toby's encounter with drugs in Italy. It was a courageous decision taken by the now 21-year old, and one that he's not sure where it will take him. He is firm on one point though. "I will never ride for a team that condones drugs and my stance will be the same for many years to come," he said. "I think from some points of view my cycling may be over, after the experience I no longer see it as a possible career and much more a thing I do out of passion. I certainly still plan on racing overseas and continuing at an elite level, I'm too competitive not to! At the end of the day I am incredibly proud of what I did and the decisions I made. I like to think I took a step that made our sport that little bit more transparent."

Article a condensed version of what was written by Ed Wright - RoadCycling. Published with his permission

Fishing Club

By Lindsay Nicholls

Another season has nearly finished and with that another AGM is rolling in. This year we are holding it on **Sunday 12 July** at 1.30pm at Admirals Arms.

Anyone new to town or those that have thought about joining us for a while or those that didn't know we existed and want to find out more are more than welcome to come along. These are pretty informal meetings of less than an hour that end with a drink and nibbles. Most of the committee are continuing on with their positions so don't be worried you will be pushed into a job. These are also our clubrooms and where our trophies are held in cabinets for our annual prize giving. As a member, you would be eligible to win these. We have a very reasonable family membership of \$75 for up to three children. We hold four competitions a year, have a nominated fish of the month prize each month, and discounted entries to our competitions for the membership fee. Then a great Xmas dinner and prize giving at the end of the year. So great value for money, even if you only holiday in Coromandel.

Fish of the month for April was gurnard. Won by Tim Moreland a .515kg on 6kg line. Fish of the month for June is John Dory. We have two weigh stations within the town.

So see you all at AGM **12 July**.

Coromandel Golf Club

By Ed Buckett



The men are part way through the Beaver Cup handicap match play competition and the semi-finalists are J Davis, C Fielding, G McGowan and E Buckett; semi-finals will be played on 23 May with the finals on **6 June**; later in June the men will play the president's Cup and start the Neilsen Cup.

The men's pennant team beat Matamata 6½ to 2½ in the 7th round of round robin play to leave them in 3rd place in division 4 and narrowly miss a place in the final play-off. This was a better result than the team anticipated at the start of the season, having played in Division 5 last year, so the team of C Dudson, K Verner, M Burcomb, C Fielding, R Blake, P Richardson and J Davis are to be congratulated.

The Coromandel women's team played their final pennant at Tairua in April, having won the second round for Zone Two of the Thames Valley competition at Whangamata in March. They finished the third round of the pennant competition tied in the lead with Te Aroha, on 12 points each. This resulted in a play-off which was won by Te Aroha, who went on to the BOP final at Opotiki. The team included: Eugene Weimer, Jenny Coatesworth, Bronwyn Verner, Sue Davies, Linda Erceg and Philippa Medlock. It was a credible result considering five of the regular players were away and Bronwyn was coaxed back from injury to make up the team. In June the ladies will have the 3rd and 4th rounds of their matchplay competitions and will travel to Paeroa and Purangi.

Coromandel Swimming Club

By Debra Attwood

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

We held our end of year function in Hamilton this year where our swimmers turned their hands to rock climbing and trampolining. It was a great day with lots of fun for all. Results from our prize giving: 7-Year-Old-Boys: First – Caleb Grice; Second – Te Mauri Renata; Third – Alexander Stone. 8-Year-Old Boys: First – Ngakau Cameron. 8-Year-Old Girls: First – Hineariki Lewis; Second – Katie Walker; Third – Rahni Wynands. 9-Year-Old-Boys: First – Deveshh Bali; Second – Mason Grice. 9-Year-Old-Girls: First – Charlotte Kite; Second – Chaelyn Croft; Third – Casey Hooper. 10-Year-Old-Boys: First – Koru Kittleson; Second – Marco Baylis; Third – Manu Nathan. 10-Year-Old Girls: First – Kaiya Kerrison; Second – Tarryn Hooper; Third – Mariana Roach. 11-Year-Old-Boys: First – Daniel Stone. 11-Year-Old-Girls: First – Sheridan O'Keeffe; Second – Anna Stevenson; Third – Briar O'Keeffe. 12-Year-Old Girls: First – Mia Nathan; Second – Lyric Bevan. 13-Year-Old Boys: First – Tangaroa Lewis. Junior Boys Swimmer of the Year: Deveshh Bali. Junior Girls Swimmer of the Year: Sheridan O'Keeffe. Senior Boys Swimmer of the Year: Tangaroa Lewis. Most Improved Swimmer of the Year: Hineariki Lewis. Overall Points Winner for Swimmer of the Year: Sheridan O'Keeffe.

Congratulations to all of our winners. We would also like to thank all the volunteers who have helped out throughout the season, especially the learn to swim instructors Debra, Simon, Rosemary, Emma and Latisha and our swimming club coaches Debra and Simon. We look forward to seeing you all back next season.

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

Coromandel Gymnastics Club

By Teresa Brownbridge



Our gymnastics sessions are in full swing and we have good numbers in all of our classes. Our first class has lots of very enthusiastic juniors and it's lovely to see the mix of new and old faces. Thank you for the support and help that people are offering in both sessions; it frees up the coach in charge of the class to oversee everything and help share their knowledge where it is most needed. This increases the expertise of all volunteers and helpers. Just a reminder, the junior class focuses on fun, fitness and fundamentals with lots of movement, energy and skills.

Now that we are officially affiliated with NZ Gymsports the senior class is working on their incentive awards. Maybe some of you that did gymnastics some years ago will remember the old bronze, silver and gold badges; this is a much updated form of these. Because our seniors already have such great skills most are starting reasonably high up the incentive award ladder.

An exciting introduction to this class also involves some Parkour training. This introduces a new, interesting and different element to our club. This system is about moving bodies efficiently through space. It is great for fitness, agility, strength and speed and something everyone can do regardless of their gym level. It's also great to see some boys in this class and we very much hope more will join us.

The advanced group is for those gymnasts who have come through our gym skills awards and that have the core strength to be challenged with a more acrobatic gymnastics programme. We are introducing aerial work and flips of all kinds. Moving our bodies through the air safely and overcoming our fear of the unknown is the key to success in this class. They are doing well!

One of our coaches, Jess, recently ran a very successful coaching course for helpers in a recreational class. This involved movement, warm-ups, flexibility, safety, movement patterns and basic skills. There was a large turnout from coaches around the peninsula and it was an extremely successful and rewarding day. I have received a lot of feedback from several clubs commenting on how even experienced coaches learnt something valuable on the day. All of our coaches have such wonderful talents and it is much appreciated when they put themselves forward in this way to help advance the skills of others. Thank you Jess and well done!

Finally an enormous thank you to those current coaches, new coaches, parents, students and other helpers that are standing up and helping in some way in all the sessions. I would like to thank you all for your time, effort and commitment in your already busy lives.

Coromandel Croquet Club

By Judy Bronlund

Croquet is played on Tuesday and Saturday mornings and Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, please contact a member or just come along if you would like a game. Our lawns are really good and we have had lots of close games, so come along and join us while the weather is fine. Our buildings have received a make-over and now match in with the bowling club which is next door to us. Thanks to all concerned for the spruce up.

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WORKING COUPLE looking to move back to the Coromandel township about March/April 2016. We are looking for full-time work if possible, anything considered. Deb has come from a busy transport office and Adrian a builder/handyman but at the moment working as a Pest Control Technician. We are also looking for long-term accommodation, clean and tidy tenants, no animals. Please contact Deb on 027 733 9303 anytime.

WORK WANTED

ANYTHING CONSIDERED, Ph Jo Notman (07) 866 8074.

TREE SERVICE. Dismantling or pruning. Free quotes. Call Jeremy Haszard (07) 866 0118.

TREESHAPES. Qualified Arborists for all treework, chipping, stumpgrinding, hedges, section clearance, free quotes. Phone 0274 726 627.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Forest and Bird Upper Coromandel Branch Annual General Meeting 11am 20 June 2015 St John Hall, Tiki Road, Coromandel. Ms Elaine Iddon will speak about her work tree planting and as a Conservator with Waikato Regional Council. Shared lunch, all welcome.

The Sighing Wind

By Beryl Van Donk

They lived in a tiny crowded space
until the wind sighed.
They rose as one and separated
each on a special journey.
I watched them floating on the breeze.
intricate, delicate, fragile, so
infinitely fragile, so infinitely beautiful.
a world of summers in their keeping.
They gently touched the earth to
start life anew,
Thistledowns

Poetry
SPOT

Bars

By John Irvine

The crowd roared approval
of his humorous antics
but behind the bars
of his own design
the clown wept

Coromandel Town weekly and monthly meetings

Every Monday

Coro Gym – aerobics, Charles St, contact Peg (07) 866 8635.....8am
Mahamudra Centre, guided meditation in gompaa.....8.30-9am
Rudolf Steiner Kindergarten, Rings Rd, contact Kelly (07) 866 7794.....8.30am-2m
Coromandel Hikers Group, Hauraki House, contact Colin & Elspeth (07) 866 7137.....9am
Colville Social Services Collective, Colville Hall, contact (07) 866 6920.....9am-3pm
Kohanga Reo o Kapanga, contact (07) 866 8417.....9am-3pm
Rudolf Steiner Playgroup, Rings Road, contact Kelly (07) 866 7794.....9.30am-12.30pm
Coro Gym – sit and be fit, Charles St, contact Peg (07) 866 8635.....9.30am
Aerobics low-high xtrng KiwiCan rooms, contact Evy (07) 866 8242.....5.15-6.15pm
Coro Gym – boxing/aerobics, contact Marty (07) 866 8635.....5.30-6.15pm
Shrinking Violets, contact Betsie (07) 866 7076.....5.30pm
Coro Contract Bridge, Coro Ambulance rooms, contact Natalie (07) 866 8422.....7pm
Four-part harmony singing, contact Sue (07) 866 8833.....7.30pm

Every Tuesday

Homeschoolers gathering, contact Julene (07) 866 8005.....8.30-9am
Mahamudra Centre, guided meditation in gompaa.....8.30am-1.30pm
Rudolf Steiner Kindergarten, Rings Rd, contact Kelly (07) 866 7794.....8.30am-1.30pm
Colville Bay Early Learning Centre, rear Colville School, contact Alex (07) 866 8319.....9am-3pm
Coro Walking Group, Hauraki House car park contact Ruth (07) 866 7246.....9am
Swissball Training – Hi-Tech Health & Fitness, contact Marlene (07) 866 8019.....9am
Colville Social Services Collective, Colville Hall, contact (07) 866 6920.....9am-3pm
Kohanga Reo o Kapanga, contact (07) 866 8417.....9am-3pm
Music and Dance, Elim Church- Preschoolers Dance Group, contact Dawn (07) 866 8150.....9.30-11am
Coro Ladies Golf, Hauraki Rd, contact Peter (07) 866 7633.....tee off 10am
Yoga, Colville Hall, contact (07) 866 6612.....10am
Croquet, Woollams Ave, contact Judy (07) 866 8637.....9.45am
Coromandel Playcentre, Woollams Ave, contact Debbie (07) 866 7119.....10.30am-1pm
Narcotics Anonymous meeting, Havalona Centre, contact 021 314 467.....12 noon
500 card session at the Bowling Club, contact (07) 866 8886.....1pm
Coro Cub Scouts, Scout Hall, Hauraki House, contact Abby Morgan 07 211 9790.....4-6pm
Aerobics non-impact cross training & stretching KiwiCan rooms, contact Evy (07) 866 8242.....5.15-6.15pm
Beginners Yoga with Becks, Coro Gym. Contact Becks 027 407 0079.....5.20-6.35pm
Coromandel Ambulance training, Ambulance Station, contact Felix (07) 866 8279.....7-9pm
Coro Motorcycle Club, Star & Garter, contact John (07) 866 6776.....7-9pm
Swissball Training – Hi-Tech Health & Fitness, contact Marlene (07) 866 8019.....7pm
Badminton, school gymnasium, racquets available, contact Josh 021 0839 7825 or Nadine 021 0839 7824.....7pm

Every Wednesday

Dharma Gaia, Meditation, contact (07) 866 7995.....6-7am
Dharma Gaia, Sitting & Walking Meditation, contact (07) 866 7995.....7.30-9pm
Coro Gym – aerobics, Charles St, contact Peg (07) 866 8635.....8am
Mahamudra Centre, guided meditation in gompaa.....8.30-9am
Rudolf Steiner Kindergarten, Rings Rd, contact Kelly (07) 866 7794.....8.30am-2pm
Rudolf Steiner Nursery (<3's), Rings Rd, contact Kelly (07) 866 7794.....8.30am-2pm
Colville Bay Early Learning Centre, rear Colville School, contact Linda or Alex (07) 866 8319.....9am-3pm
Colville Social Services Collective, Colville Hall, contact (07) 866 6920.....9am-3pm
Kohanga Reo o Kapanga, contact (07) 866 8417.....9am-3pm
Coro Gym – sit and be fit, Charles St, contact Peg (07) 866 8635.....9.30am
Coromandel Playcentre, Woollams Ave, contact Debbie (07) 866 7119.....9.45am-12.15pm
Coro Gym – body sculpt, Charles St, contact Georgia (07) 866 8635.....10.15-11.15am
Coromandel Golf Club – mens, Hauraki Rd, contact Peter (07) 866 7633.....tee off 12.30pm
Scrabble Club, contact Joan for venue on (07) 866 7580.....1pm
Coro Tennis Club – club night, Tiki Rd, contact Gayle (07) 866 8063.....4pm
Wing Chun Kung Fu- Hong Kong Style, contact Chi Sau Club 027 283 0773.....4.30-8.30pm
Aerobics – hi/low, KiwiCan rooms CAS, contact Evy (07) 866 8242.....5.15-6.15pm
Running Group, meet at rugby club grounds.....5-6.15pm
Contact Mark 027 338 6697 or (07) 866 7660.....5.30-6.30pm
Coro Gym – step/LBT, Charles St, contact Georgia (07) 866 8635.....5.30-6.30pm
Circuit Training – Hi-Tech Health & Fitness, contact Marlene (07) 866 8019.....7pm
Yoga, Events Centre (behind 4 Square) \$8, contact Jessica (07) 866 8405.....7-8.30pm
Discussion night-optional pot luck dinner, Mahamudra Centre, contact (07) 866 8851.....dinner 6pm, meeting 7-8.30pm
Walking & sitting meditation, Dharma Gaia Centre, contact (07) 866 7995.....7.30-9pm

Every Thursday

Mahamudra Centre, guided meditation in gompaa.....8.30-9am
Rudolf Steiner Kindergarten, Rings Rd, contact Kelly (07) 866 7794.....8.30am-2pm
Rudolf Steiner Nursery (<3's), Rings Rd, contact Kelly (07) 866 7794.....8.30am-2pm
Coro Walking Group, Hauraki House car park contact Ruth (07) 866 7246.....9am
Coro Art Group, St Andrews Church, contact Val (07) 866 8911.....9am-12pm
Colville Bay Early Learning Centre, rear Colville School, contact Linda or Alex (07) 866 8319.....9am-3pm
Kohanga Reo o Kapanga, contact (07) 866 8417.....9am-3pm
Meditation for Everyone, in Pyramid (behind Driving Creek Café).....10-11am
Tai Ji, Top Floor, Waikato Events Centre, contact Sol (07) 866 8971.....10-11am
Bowling Club Housie, contact Sharan (07) 866 7760.....from 1pm
Coro Community Garden, Glover St, contact Louis (07) 866 8866.....2-4pm
Service of the Word & Holy communion, St Colmans church, contact Jocelyn (07) 866 7126.....5pm
Last class for 2014 is 11 Dec, restart Feb 2015.....5.15pm to 6.30pm
Aerobics – step only, KiwiCan rooms CAS, contact Evi (07) 866 8242.....5.15-6.15pm
Swissball Training – Hi-Tech Health & Fitness, contact Marlene (07) 866 8019.....7pm
Quiz night, at the Bowling Club, contact John (07) 866 8841.....7pm

Every Friday

Circuit Training – Hi-Tech Health & Fitness, contact Marlene (07) 866 8019.....6am
Coro Gym – aerobics, Charles St, contact Peg (07) 866 8635.....8-9am
Colville Bay Early Learning Centre, 3-4 yr olds, rear Colville School, contact Linda (07) 866 8319.....9am-3pm
Rudolf Steiner Kindergarten, Rings Rd, contact Kelly (07) 866 7794.....8.30am-2pm
Rudolf Steiner Nursery (<3's), Rings Rd, contact Kelly (07) 866 7794.....8.30am-2pm
Mahamudra Centre, guided meditation in gompaa.....8.30-9am
Colville Bay Early Learning Centre, rear Colville School, contact Linda or Alex (07) 866 8319.....9am-3pm
Kohanga Reo o Kapanga, contact (07) 866 8417.....9am-3pm
Yoga for everyone, Anglican Church Hall, contact Katie (07) 866 6612.....9-10.30am
Colville Services Collective, Colville Hall, contact (07) 866 6920.....9am-3pm
Coro Gym – sit and be fit, Charles St, contact Peg (07) 866 8635.....9.30-10.30am
Coromandel Playcentre, Woollams Ave, contact Debbie (07) 866 7119.....9.45am-12.15pm
Coro Tennis, Men's night, contact Gayle (07) 866 8063.....4pm
Crazy Horse Actors kids classes, age 10-12, contact Natalie (07) 866 7606.....4.15-5.15pm
Crazy Horse Actors kids classes, age 13-16, contact Natalie (07) 866 7605.....5.30-6.30pm

Every Saturday

Mahamudra Centre, guided meditation in gompaa.....8.30-9am
Coro Tennis Club – juniors, Rings Rd, contact Gayle (07) 866 8063.....9am
Croquet, Woollams Ave, contact Judy (07) 866 8637.....9.45am
Coromandel Golf Club-club play, Hauraki Rd, contact Peter (07) 866 7633tee off 12.30pm
Coromandel RSA, contact Ian (07) 866 7138 (winter 1st, 3rd & 5th Sat only).....4-10pm
St Colmans Catholic Church-mass, Rings Rd, contact Frieda (07) 866 7872.....5pm
Prayers for dead and healing, Mahamudra Centre, contact (07) 866 6851.....5-6pm

Every Sunday

Mahamudra Centre, guided meditation-in Gompaa, contact (07) 866 6851.....10-10.30am
Aerobics – step combo, KiwiCan rooms CAS, contact Evy (07) 866 8242.....9-10am
Elim Church Services, Rings Rd, contact Steve (07) 866 6900.....10am-12 noon
Coro Tennis Club-club play, Rings Rd, contact Gayle (07) 866 8063.....2pm
Swissball Training – Hi-Tech Health & Fitness, contact Marlene (07) 866 8019.....2pm
Circuit Training – Hi-Tech Health & Fitness, contact Marlene (07) 866 8019.....4pm
Prayers for dead and healing, Mahamudra Centre, contact (07) 866 6851.....5-6pm

Monthly

1st Mon – Coro Patchwork & Quilters Ambulance rooms, contact Jill (07) 866 7484.....9.30am-3.30pm

2nd Mon – Friendship Group, contact Jocelyn (07) 866 7101

3rd Mon – Coro Patchwork & Quilters Ambulance rooms, contact Jill (07) 866 7484.....9.30am-3.30pm

3rd Mon – Alzheimer's Carers' Group, Retirement Village Hall, bring plate & koha, contact (07) 282 0453.....10.30am

1st Tue – Coro Motorcycle Club general business John (07) 866 6776.....7.30pm

2nd Tue – Coromandel/Colville Cmty Board, Council Chambers, contact (07) 866 1001.....9am

2nd Tue – Public Trust, Harcourts, contact 0800 368 620.....by appt

1st Wed – Coro Embroiderers' Guild, Ambulance Station, contact Jill Wilson (07) 866 7484.....10am-3pm

1st Wed – Lions Dinner Meeting, Ambulance Rooms; contact Jayne Lister (07) 866 7687.....6pm

2nd Wed – Garden Circle, ph Julie Jensen for venue, (07) 866 7546.....1pm

3rd Wed – Lions Business Meeting, Ambulance Rooms; contact Jayne Lister (07) 866 7687.....7pm

4th Wed – RSA Women's Section, RSA lounge, contact Betty (07) 866 8192.....1.30pm

2nd Thu – Coromandel Writers' Group, contact Margaret (07) 866 8862.....10.30am-2.30pm

4th Thu – Coro SeniorNet, Trust Waikato Events Ctr, contact Loes (07) 866 8053.....1.30pm

1st Sat – Coro RSA, RSA Hall, contact Errol (07) 866 8845.....4-10pm

3rd Sat – Luncheon Ladies, contact Lorraine (07) 866 8144.....12pm

3rd Sat – Coro RSA, RSA Hall, contact Errol (07) 866 8845.....4-10pm

1st Sun – Coro School of Mines & Historical Sty/Museum, contact (07) 866 8711.....4pm

1st Sun – St Andrew's Union church service, Rings Rd, contact (07) 866 8633.....10am

2nd Sun – Christ Church service, Tiki Rd, contact Barbara O'Reilly (07) 866 8299.....10am

2nd Sun – Young Eagles, Tiki Rd, contact Lisa (07) 866 2055.....9am

3rd Sun – St Andrews Union church service, Rings Rd, contact Hilda (07) 866 8633.....10am

4th Sun – Christ Church service, Tiki Rd, contact Barbara O'Reilly (07) 866 8299.....10am

5th Sun – Christ Church/St Andrew's share.....10am

If your meeting is listed incorrectly, or has been missed out, please email Debbie at corochronicle@gmail.com with the subject "meeting" phone (07) 866 7119 or post details to PO Box 148, Coromandel 3543. Please include contact name and phone number.

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1 High tide 5.44am (2.6m), 6.24pm (2.7m) Low tide 1.2am (0.6m) ►►►► Best bite 10.30am/pm	2 High tide 6.31am (2.6m), 7.07pm (2.8m) Low tide 12.21am (0.7m), 12.43pm (0.5m) ►►►► Best bite 11am/pm	3  High tide 7.17am (2.7m), 7.50pm (2.9m) Low tide 1.05am (0.6m), 1.27pm (0.4m) ►►►► Best bite 12am/pm	4 Launch of "Kiwi Code Red" in Hahoei (see pg 28) Kaiwakaora/Maori Healing at Te Korowai (see pg 11) Italian night at Pepper Tree (see ad pg 21) High tide 8.03am (2.7m), 8.34pm (2.9m) Low tide 1.55am (0.5m), 2.10pm (0.4m) ►►►► Best bite 1am/pm	5 Coromandel Players present three one-act plays (see ad pg 27) High tide 8.50am (2.8m), 9.19pm (3.0m) Low tide 2.33am (0.5m), 2.55pm (0.4m) ►► Best bite 1.30am/pm	6 Beaver Cup finals at Coromandel Golf Club (see pg 33) Coromandel Players present three one-act plays (see ad pg 27) Celtic Fest for Kiwi Nest concert (see pg 27) High tide 9.37am (2.8m), 10.06pm (3.0m) Low tide 3.23am (0.4m), 4.28pm (0.4m) ►► Best bite 2.30am/pm	7 High tide 10.26am (2.8m), 10.55pm (3.0m) Low tide 4.12am (0.4m), 4.28pm (0.4m) ►► Best bite 3.30am/pm
8 Dancing in the Dark (see pg 14) High tide 11.16am (2.8m), 11.47pm (2.9m) Low tide 5.03am (0.4m), 5.19pm (0.4m) ►►► Best bite 4am/pm	9 Four Square – new store opening (see ad pg 23) High tide 12.09pm (2.8m) Low tide 5.56am (0.4m), 6.14pm (0.5m) ►►► Best bite 5am/pm	10 High tide 12.42am (2.9m), 1.05pm (2.7m) Low tide 6.52am (0.4m), 7.13pm (0.5m) ►►► Best bite 6am/pm	11 Toenail Care at Te Korowai (see pg 11) Grey Power AGM (see pg 16) Spanish Banquet at Castle Rock Café (see ad pg 11) Thai night at Pepper Tree (see ad pg 21) High tide 1.39am (2.9m), 2.05pm (2.7m) Low tide 7.49am (0.4m), 8.16pm (0.6m) ►►► Best bite 7am/pm	12 High tide 2.37am (2.8m), 3.07pm (2.7m) Low tide 8.48am (0.4m), 9.19pm (0.6m) ►► Best bite 8am/pm	13 Midwinter Christmas Party at Castle Rock Café (see ad pg 11) High tide 3.36am (2.8m), 4.10pm (2.8m) Low tide 9.48am (0.4m), 10.19pm (0.5m) ►► Best bite 8.30am/pm	14 Coromandel School of Mines & Historical Society Inc AGM (see pg 13) High tide 4.34am (2.8m), 5.09pm (2.8m) Low tide 10.45am (0.4m), 11.16pm (0.5m) ►► Best bite 9am/pm
15 COROMANDEL TOWN CHRONICLE JULY ISSUE DEADLINE High tide 5.30am (2.9m), 6.04pm (2.9m) Low tide 11.41am (0.4m) ►►►► Best bite 10am/pm	16 High tide 6.25am (2.9m), 6.56pm (3.0m) Low tide 12.09am (0.4m), 12.33pm (0.3m) ►►►► Best bite 11am/pm	17  Ear health/ear suction at Te Korowai (see pg 11) High tide 7.18am (2.9m), 7.46pm (3.0m) Low tide 1.01am (0.4m), 1.23pm (0.3m) ►►►► Best bite 12am/pm	18 Kaivakaora/Maori Healing at Te Korowai (see pg 11) American night at Pepper Tree (see ad pg 21) High tide 8.08am (2.9m), 8.33pm (3.0m) Low tide 1.55am (0.4m), 2.10pm (0.4m) ►►►► Best bite 1am/pm	19 High tide 8.56am (2.8m), 9.18pm (2.9m) Low tide 2.38am (0.5m), 2.54pm (0.4m) ►► Best bite 1.30am/pm	20 Forest and Bird Upper Coromandel Branch Annual General Meeting (see ad pg 34) Coromandel Music Society present CALS concert (see pg 27) High tide 9.42am (2.8m), 10.02pm (2.9m) Low tide 3.24am (0.5m), 3.36pm (0.4m) ►► Best bite 2.30am/pm	21 High tide 10.26am (2.7m), 10.45pm (2.8m) Low tide 4.10am (0.6m), 4.20pm (0.5m) ►► Best bite 3am/pm
22 Dancing in the Dark High tide 11.09am (2.6m), 11.28pm (2.7m) Low tide 4.54am (0.5m), 5.03pm (0.6m) ►► Best bite 4am/pm	23 High tide 11.52am (2.5m) Low tide 5.39am (0.7m), 5.49pm (0.7m) ►►►► Best bite 5am/pm	24 High tide 12.12am (2.6m), 12.38pm (2.4m) Low tide 6.23am (0.7m), 6.37pm (0.8m) ►►►► Best bite 6am/pm	25 SeniorNet Coromandel AGM (see pg 16) Wine/food matching at Pepper Tree (see ad pg 21) Quiz night at Castle Rock Café (see ad pg 11) High tide 12.57am (2.5m), 1.26pm (2.4m) Low tide 7.12am (0.8m), 7.29pm (0.9m) ►►►► Best bite 6.30am/pm	26 Museum competition closes (see pg 13) Winter Solstice working bee at Mana (see pg 22) High tide 1.44am (2.5m), 2.19pm (2.4m) Low tide 8.01am (0.8m), 8.24pm (0.9m) ►►►► Best bite 7am/pm	27 Winter Solstice working bee at Mana (see pg 22) High tide 2.32am (2.4m), 3.14pm (2.4m) Low tide 8.52am (0.8m), 9.19pm (0.9m) ►►►► Best bite 7.30am/pm	28 High tide 3.23am (2.4m), 4.08pm (2.4m) Low tide 9.44am (0.7m), 10.11pm (0.8m) ►► Best bite 8am/pm
29 High tide 4.14am (2.5m), 5pm (2.5m) Low tide 10.35am (0.7m), 11.01pm (0.8m) ►► Best bite 9am/pm	30 High tide 5.06am (2.5m), 5.50pm (2.6m) Low tide 11.25am (0.6m), 11.30pm (0.7m) ►► Best bite 10am/pm	Make sure your event gets listed 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.				COROMANDEL RUBBISH & RECYCLE TRANSFER STATION & E-CYCLE HOURS Tuesday and Thursday 1.30pm-5.30pm Saturday 10.30am-5.30pm Sunday 11.30am-7.30pm
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