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Deveshh Bali swimming his 1050 lengths in the Swimathon, plus photo of the finish.

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Editor's comment

Thank you for the positive comments about the colour cover in February. Colour will continue every month that there is advertiser support for it. In the end I had more advertisers that wanted colour than I had positions to give them – so book in advance for your spot! Have a great month.

Debbie

Letters

Keltic Fair

Dear Editor,

The Coromandel Area School Board of Trustees would like to thank everyone who helped with another successful Keltic Fair. There is a small group who work throughout the year to produce the Fair and the Board is certainly grateful for their dedication to our school and the benefits gained for our students.

We also want to acknowledge all those who helped out on the big day. Every contribution of time and effort helps, if it's being on the gate for an hour – or hours, bringing your child over the hill from the "Bay" to be a runner for the day, or getting stuck in the counting room for longer than you put yourself down for. It is fantastic to see everyone working towards the same goal of a successful Keltic Fair that raises funds for our school and every bit, big or small, is greatly appreciated.

As the saying goes "many hands make light work" so if anyone out there would like to be involved in any way leave your contact details with the school office to be passed on to the organising committee or put your name down with your child's teacher to be on the collection gate for an hour or so on fair day.

Thanks again everyone.

Abby Morgan, Board of Trustees, Coromandel Area School

Thank you

Dear Debbie,

Thank you for the opportunity, through the Coromandel Town Chronicle, to say thank you and goodbye to the people of Coromandel.

My husband and I came to Coromandel in January 1986 with our children, Luke and Sheree.

The Coromandel Community has supported my family and me throughout the years, walking beside us on the journey that is life.

After half a lifetime in Coro', I have recently moved to the city of Whangarei for a change and to be nearer my children and grandchildren.

Thank you to the people of Coromandel for sharing your lives with us – I am a richer person for having lived among you and, as a community, you helped me to raise my children.

A special thank you to Steve and Rosemary Garland and the folk at Coromandel Elim Church for all the care and encouragement you have given me and my family.

I will miss everything that makes Coromandel so special – the cheerful and thoughtful people, the beautiful beach and bush settings, the walks, the best cafes and shops, the helpful businesses and services and the peace and quiet, to name a few.

With many thanks and much appreciation,
Joan Bridge, Whangarei

Another True Tales book

Dear Chronicle readers,

It's happening again – another *True Tales* book for your area is being compiled.

This time it is being coordinated by the good people at the Coromandel Heritage Trust (CHT) and will form part of the book *True Tales of the Western Seaboard*.

The CHT have taken over from where the Coromandel Town History Group left off. The CHT have already produced several additional books in the series: *True Tales of Waikino* and *True Tales of the Eastern Seaboard*. *True Tales of Thames* is due to be launched in later in 2017.

What the CHT is looking for are your true stories about people, places or events that show what it is like to live, work and play in the area covering Manaia, Whangapoua, Kennedy Bay, Coromandel Town and up to the tip of the Coromandel Peninsula.

The stories should be no more than 1500 words and photos are welcome. The stories need to reach the CHT by 1 September 2017. They don't have to be really old stories about the distant past; yesterday is history now and that is what we want to capture as well. There are great events going on in your area that deserve to be forever recorded for those who follow us.

Go to the CHT website www.thetreasury.org.nz for more details.

I hope you get involved in this growing project of recording history in the words of those who have made it: You!

Kind regards,
Julie Smith, Thames, Treasurer
Coromandel Heritage Trust

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Letters continued

Comment on Dave Hansford interview from February issue

Dear Editor,

Ever since the Conservation department (DOC) began dropping 1080 into our Coromandel streams there has been huge concern about what happens to the poison in our water.

In the beginning the health department took human safety very seriously. They would close down all the water intakes from the streams to be poisoned. The drop would go ahead. Toxic baits land directly into the waters and the poison washes out of the baits within four or five hours. The Ministry of Health officials (MOH) took water samples after the flood of poison had cleared. When their samples returned "clear" they would turn on the taps again and the water was, once more, safe to drink.

All MOH samples were expected to be clear.

In his interview in the February Chronicle Dave Hansford tells us that since DOC began dropping 1080 in the early '90's, more than 3000 water tests have been done.

Had the MOH continued to apply this human safety measure throughout the increase in 1080 drops over the last two decades, they would have taken more than 300,000 water samples by now.

Hansford's figure, one hundredth of what it should be, shows how far the government has lost interest in the human safety factors involved with their 1080 poisoning regime. With most cause for alarm are those of us who live alongside Coromandel's streams and rivers. While all of Hansford's water samples should have tested clear he points out that this was not always the case. On four occasions, he tells us, 1080 has been found in public water supplies!

What happens to this scientifically proven flood of toxin downstream during 1080 drops remains unexplained.

Regards, John Veysey, Coromandel Town

Dave Hansford's reply to the above: Water is still routinely tested after 1080 drops. Sites along the Kauaeranga River were tested during and after the last Coromandel aerial operation in September 2015. 1080 concentrations at the Oturu, Pepe and Mangarehu Stream intakes, and the Thames Reservoir, were below the limit of detection, which is 0.00005 mg/litre, or 0.05 ppb. That's less than half of one drop of ink in an Olympic size swimming pool. Somebody would have to drink 28,000 litres of that water in one sitting to get a the dose that might have some effect.

Sodium fluoroacetate

Dear Debbie,

Dave Hansford is correct in saying "...people who had an open mind on 1080 might be struggling to sort propaganda from the facts."

Pictured is the warning label for sodium fluoroacetate from ACP (Animal Control Products).

The Department of Conservation (DOC) has always told the general public that sodium fluoroacetate is biodegradable. That's a complete fallacy and also propaganda – sodium fluoroacetate is a sodium salt – it decomposes at 200°C. Please note – I rang the Tull Chemical Factory in 2007 and was told then that sodium fluoroacetate is designed to remain active indefinitely – it does not biodegrade.

DOC also keep mentioning that microbial action (meaning bacterial action) will nullify sodium fluoroacetate; sure – bacteria will remove most things on earth – but sodium salt?

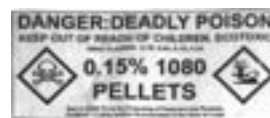
The warning label for sodium fluoroacetate from ACP contains both the skull and crossbones and the ecotoxic symbol. Why then do DOC, AHB/Ospri, TB Free NZ and the Waikato Regional Council go to extreme lengths to remove this ecotoxic symbol from their warning signs, thus deceiving the general public and creating more propaganda? The best WRC Councillor this area has ever had, in my opinion, Councillor Clyde Graf, was thwarted from every angle when he tried to have both symbols made compulsory on their signage. Clyde Graf did finally succeed in having the skull and crossbones made compulsory.

In 2007, Pat and Quinn Whiting O'Keefe (the foremost medical and scientific voices in the world) wrote "An Appraisal of the Scientific Evidence of Aerial Monofluoroacetate in New Zealand Forests". DOC chose to dismiss this most important work and instead listened to a person who had done and received his PhD on the studies of the tiny yellowhead bird, which is important, but to make out that he is comparable to the Whiting O'Keefe's?

If anyone wants a copy of the ACP Reassessment application and the ACP warning label, feel free to email me at dianahalstead@hotmail.com.

Yours sincerely,

Diana Halstead, Te Mata



The smog of the sea

Dear Editor,

Via a link on Jack Johnson's (famous contemporary singer) website we found a very watchable half-hour documentary on plastic pollution in our oceans. A scientifically-led expedition of a bunch of people from all walks of life who share a passion for our oceans set out on a three-master sailboat to collect data on the state of plastic pollution in the seas. Among them are acclaimed scientists, professional surfers, environmental advocates and musicians like Jack Johnson. While the documentary debunks the popular myth of a giant floating rubbish island, their findings are much worse. All of our oceans worldwide have very fine particles of broken down plastic packaging floating in them, which are ingested by sea creatures. Poisonous substances like DDT, engine oil, etc, adhere to these plastic particles and via ingestion accumulate and move up the food chain. They

end up in high concentrations on our plates and in top level predators.

This is a far more serious problem than was previously anticipated.

More land-based rubbish ends up in the ocean than that from ships.

The documentary advocates to reduce – or best completely avoid – the use of single-use plastic packaging and shopping bags as well as some other measures. The people in the documentary all share a deep respect and passion for the ocean, which I am sure most of us will relate to. You have to watch it.

From early February there is free online streaming available for a limited time here: www.thesmogofthesea.com/watch-film/.

Regards

Daniel Kirsch, Coromandel Town

Cancelled bus service

Dear Editor,

I found out yesterday that the InterCity 7.30am bus service to Thames is going to be discontinued owing to it not making a profit. I am not sure if you were aware of this happening. My concern is we have 10 students that need that bus to get them to Thames High School. I think the public of Coromandel Town need to be made aware that this is happening as it has not been widely publicised.

Thank you,

Gloria Hooper, Coromandel Town

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Mammoth effort in swimathon

Coromandel Swimming Club March Update

By Debra Attwood

In early February we held our annual fundraiser, our 24-hour swimathon. The weather was once again kind to us and there were plenty of highlights throughout the 24-hour period. This event is a great team building exercise that sees all swimmers cheering on the others, especially our younger potential swimmers. The youngest, who swam a few lengths with her mum, was only three years old and the oldest was in their 70's. We had 79 swimmers who participated and many of our learn to swim children came along and surprised their parents with how many lengths they swam. Some of the highlights were Deveshh Bali (aged 11) swimming a total of 1050 lengths (26.25km) in only swim turns in the pool swimming 400 lengths (10km), 200 lengths (5km) and 450 lengths (11.25km). Jovial Jassowal also swam 420 lengths nonstop (10.5km).

Overall results: we swam a total of 8716 lengths or 217.9km.

Most lengths nonstop: Deveshh Bali 450. Most lengths in 24 hours: Deveshh Bali 1050, Kaiya Kerrison 720, Jovial Jassowal 700, Dylan Green 622.

Thank you to all the people who sponsored our swimmers or made donations

on the day. Overall it was a great effort by all who participated; we look forward to next year.

Our competitive swimmers attended a couple of events recently in Thames and Fairfield, where they achieved many personal best times and received many ribbons. We will also be attending our local Peninsula Swim Carnival later in February so will let you know how that goes next time around.

Learn to swim classes have finished for the season and they were well attended. In fact we had to turn swimmers away due to the number of swim instructors and time restraints. I would like to take this time to thank our hard working volunteer instructors: Debra, Michelle, Karena, Latisha, Felicity and Ron. Without your dedication to our programme many children would not have the opportunity to participate in

these vital life-saving swimming lessons. We are always looking for more instructors so if you feel that you would like to learn how to teach swimming and join our small group of volunteers, give Debra a call; training is provided.

We are nearing the end of our season and we would like to thank everyone who has helped out through the season. You all help to share the load.

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



The finish of the swimathon

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13 Feb - 9 Apr	-	8.45 am	-	8.45 am	6.40 pm	8.45 am	8.45 am
10 Apr - 16 Apr	-	8.45 am	-	8.45 am	8.45 am	8.45 am	8.45 am
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Departs Orapiu to Coromandel: (approximate times)

9 Jan - 5 Feb	9.50 am	9.50 am	9.50 am	9.50 am	7.45 pm	9.50 am	9.50 am
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17 Apr - 23 Apr	9.50 am	9.50 am	-	9.50 am	7.45 pm	9.50 am	9.50 am

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9 Jan - 29 Jan	3.00 pm	3.00 pm	3.00 pm	3.00 pm	8.45 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm
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6 Feb - 12 Feb	4.30 pm	3.00 pm	-	3.00 pm	8.45 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm
13 Feb - 9 Apr	-	3.00 pm	-	3.00 pm	8.45 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm
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Find your Heart in the Coromandel

By Leanora

I live in Bali, Indonesia now. I used to live on Waiheke Island, but my heart always felt that the Coromandel is my spiritual home, and I return most years to sit together with a variety of people from all walks of life. We always sit together in the heart space.

The heart space is a place, not separate from here and now, where something subtle and profound becomes available to life... your life and mine. The heart space is a sort of location, yet it is also everywhere... the heart space allows your mind to fully rest and be. And when it does, then peace, with the flavours of love and joy, bubble forth from there. If we listen sincerely with grace from this place, we can hear the call of our soul which heals us, and supports us to reclaim the power lost in memories and stories which shaped our ideas and beliefs and are limiting our life.

When several hearts sit together it is like a string of pearls in a necklace; each pearl shines in its own integrity. All the pearls together resonate and support each other to truly arrive in the here and now, to bring their light and gifts with them.

We're here together in a time of the great reconciliation, where we are all being called to meet ourselves, and unlock ourselves from the memories and stories which are still holding us captive and limiting our possibilities. We are in a time of great change where we are being given the power and possibility to create a new world and to truly learn to trust our guidance, which arises from the heart and care for our home, planet Earth.

This year we will be privileged to anchor and amplify these vibrations within our selves at The Pyramid. The direct experience and "knowing" of unity within ourselves expands and includes a greater sense of belonging which arises more powerfully in the group field when all align our intentions. Through grace, an alchemy and magic become naturally available as we ignite the seed which is awaiting our care, to be nourished into life, and to blossom as our truest selves. It is there now, always there, waiting for us.

This year there is a group for those new to this work, whose hearts may feel called, as well as a group who have sat in this way many times before. We will meet at the Pyramid (behind Driving Creek Café) on **25 and 26 March**, and there is an introductory event on the evening of **24 March**.

It has been my own journey through adversity which taught me many things. How to heal from disease of unknowable cause and origins. My heart continues to show me an amazing world filled with possibility, when we unite our love and passion. It is the desire in my heart to share these gifts. Together we will create a safe and sacred space in the heart where we can unravel and explore, heal and inspire, igniting the impulse which is waiting to arise....

If you would like more info about me or my work and particularly these events, please go to:
www.embodimenttruth.com/events/

Back in the House

By Catherine Delahunty, Green MP



It's always a shock to be back in the House after a break. The shouting, the point scoring, the overall culture of competition, which is not what many communities enjoy or foster. The government speech at the opening of Parliament was mainly shouting insults at Labour and saying how fantastic everything is for everyone. These naked emperors may find the public less easy to convince than the self talk in the House. For me it was a busy week with a speech on water quality in which I celebrated the wonderful swimmable river where I am lucky to live in the Kauaeranga Valley, but I had to point out the lamentable state of many other waterways. I was part of a Radio New Zealand "Insight" documentary this weekend which included a number of academics and citizens calling for urgent action on stopping the pollution of rivers. The nitrates from huge dairy farms, the leaking sewage systems, and the forestry sediment all impact on our rivers which sometime look more like drains. The media alerts this summer have also been a daily reminder of algae blooms and E.coli in our rivers and lakes as climate change adds to the stress and turns up the heat.

I had the great privilege this week of working with renowned author Patricia Grace at the Māori Affairs Select Committee on the issue of the Public Works being used to threaten collectively owned Māori land. She successfully defended a remnant block of whanau land against the Kāpiti Express way but she came to support the Green petition because not everyone has been able to win. Nearly 5000 people signed this petition to protect these small blocks of whenua from Public Works because the Waitangi Tribunal often does not address these issues and these whanau blocks are still at risk. Patricia read us a lucid testimony of the meaning of her land and all that her tupuna Wi Parata had gifted to the settlement of Waikanae. It was a reminder of the generosity of tangata whenua and the need to learn the history, much of which is now available online. Parliament is ever the good, the bad and the ugly but I am grateful to the people who bring their truth and make it better!

This is my last seven months as an MP and I was pleased to support our new Coromandel candidate for the Greens, Scott Summerfield from Thames Coast, but more about Scott soon!

Poetry SPOT

On losing a loved one

By Beryl van Donk

The numbness has subsided, and
and in its place flow tears, recklessly
and unabated. Let them flow.
They bring a purging to the aching void.
The sit awhile alone. Remember though
you never are alone as your Maker
knows your grief. The loved one has slipped
o'er the horizon to greater peace and love
and love than we have ever known.
In time, speak of them in an easy way,
how they enriched your life. The love
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CILT

By Alison Mackinnon-Carter

February already, and everything is back and running at CILT with all of our regular programs well underway and more services coming on stream during the year.

The Goldmine, the shop at the Re-use Centre, has been going gangbusters. We are looking for donations of plants (preferably native) to use for landscaping around the shop and on the bank behind. And yes, a date has been fixed for a grand opening. **24 March**, is the big day. For further details see the advertisement this Chronicle on page 18. We are hoping for a great turnout.

The jumpstart to drive CILT learner licence workshop got going on Wednesday 8 February. Fourteen people turned up to the preliminary session where participants were given an information pack and taken through the application process. This is the first stage towards a full licence so we discussed what was required for our participants to have all their ducks lined up ready to go. Links to online tools were discussed and participants were able to trial an example of multi-choice modules.

The requirements and the logistics of getting to the test can be overwhelming but CILT is here to help learners obtain this key to independence. Participants will still have to do the study and do the miles as CILT does not hand out licences. However, CILT can smooth out some of those speed wobbles on the way. You only have to ask and we are there to help.

CILT wishes to thank Kerry Whittle and Mike Mann for volunteering support for this project.

If you want to give some plants to the Goldmine, or have any questions around the Learner Licence program, please contact: Carol Sutherland CILT (07) 866 8358, volunteers@cilt.org.nz or text 027 486 4043.

Artists in the Making.

We are sad to be saying goodbye next month to Anne Bowden who has inspired us all with her dedicated work for 15 years with the artists attending the CILT's Artists in the Making program in Whitianga. We are sorry to lose her but wish her all the best as she follows her own dream by going to the Learning Connection art school in Lower Hutt. Anne has kindly agreed to let Artists in the Making continue meeting and working in the studio under her Arthur Street house. Watch this space for an announcement of the new tutor for this program.

The Work Co-Op

It has been a hive of social activities at the Work Co-Op. They had a great day out at the Waitangi Day celebrations at Colville. They especially enjoyed learning bush survival skills, working with harakeke and the traditional pootaka, spinning tops.



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Coromandel Walking Group

By Irene Dunn

Walking shoes plus hat plus water is the order of the day in this hot weather as the Walking Group step it out around the town each Tuesday and Thursday.

We meet at 8.30am during February outside the Lotto Dairy for an hourwalk (and chat!) and then head for coffee. If you are not sure of the starting time in March ring Ruth – number below.

Visitors and locals all very welcome to join us.

Let's get walking everyone.

Contact Ruth (07) 866 7246



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If location location is towards the top of your must have list, then do not delay in purchasing this wonderful property for fantastic weekend/summer excursions. Set above Long & McGregor Bays, the 4 year old home exudes brilliant indoor/outdoor living via 3 sets of ranch-sliders to superb decking, where panoramic harbour and rural views will be a major topic of conversation. Spacious living areas and 3 double bedrooms (master en-suite and walk-in robe) will accommodate your family well. The landscaped 1,041m2 section features a full concrete driveway leading to the large garage and covered boat port. Just over 3kms walk/drive to Coromandel Township for a morning coffee! **\$750,000**

New
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- A brilliant elevated section
- Greenhills subdivision setting
- 666m2 with westerly outlook
- Explore design/build options
- Close to town. **\$216,000**

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- Boaties' paradise at Te Kouma
- Wonderful 3brm holiday home
- Spacious living... Rimu ceiling
- Garage/workshop, sea views
- Good boat parking. **\$739,000**



The sunny aspect of this property says it all! Set on an 809m2 section, the relatively low maintenance makes it a wonderful holiday base for the present owners. The full concrete driveway allows easy access into the huge carport for storing the boat at the end of the weekend, and the superb paved north-facing courtyard offers an excellent place to enjoy an afternoon beverage. The home features 3 double bedrooms and an open-plan living area, while a 'sleepout' offers a very comfortable 4th bedroom with en-suite for extra guests. Make Coromandel home! **\$445,000**

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Are you looking for a holiday home - ✓; a comfortable retirement home - ✓; or a wonderful first home - ✓! Set in the superb Greenhills subdivision that allows an easy walk into town, this 454m2 section offers plenty of room for the kids to play on the front lawn, while Mum, Dad and friends relax on the extensive decking. The 2-year-old home features a great contemporary colour scheme inside and out, with a brilliant open-plan living area, 3 double bedrooms, bathroom with tiled shower and a good-sized garage to park the car or boat. Don't delay! **\$445,000**



New
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- Private Kennedy Bay getaway
- 2,246m2 section in bush/grass
- Build with potential sea views
- Approx 2kms to the beach
- It's time to escape!!! **\$195,000**

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Listing



The saying ... "Never tire of the views" is so correct from this extremely private property at Papa Aroha. The 20.28ha combines an excellent mix of pasture, re-growth bush and groves of huge Puriri and other native trees to offer true lifestyle living. The existing 2-bedroom brick home allows comfortable living or a springboard to the potential of building a larger residence. There is a single garage with attached storage space. Year round sunsets, solitude and the closeness to the coastline will be enjoyed by the purchaser of this wonderful property. **\$1,250,000**

- Fantastic presentation in/out
- Landscaped 809m2 section
- 4brms, office, 2 lounges
- 2 bathrooms, garage, stream
- Walk to beach. **\$579,000**



3 brms, 457m2 section,
wood flooring. \$310,000



Little Sandy Bay, 3-4 brms,
1,444m2 section. \$375,000



755m2 ROW section,
4brms, decking. \$390,000



Long Bay, close to beach,
2 brms, parking. \$390,000



2 x adjacent sections near
wharf, 1brm. \$395,000



2.4ha bush/pasture, 3brms,
decking, private. \$595,000



A great lifestyle, 2.6ha,
3brms, huge shed. \$610,000



Oamaru Bay, 3brms, garage,
2 bathrm, deck. \$850,000



- A home of style & substance
- Impeccably finished & detailed
- 4brms, stunning living spaces
- Great decking, double garage
- Walk into town. **\$975,000**

*13 recent SALES made by the Richardsons team ☺
For a confidential discussion on any property matter,
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Coromandel Family Health

Kia ora everyone!

Summer has well and truly come now and we hope you're all enjoying the sunshine.

Have you heard of Manage My Health?

MMH is a safe online patient portal where you can see your recalls, results, book appointments and much more. To sign up all we need is your email address; ask at reception today!

Reminder – we take blood tests in the mornings from 8.30am - 10.30am with Tessa and Tiana.

Some of you may know we have a new team member, Julie Douglas. Julie is a social worker. She can help you with WINZ benefits, transport, appointments, social issues, financial issues and housing. Pop in for more info.

Sadly Caro is leaving our team to explore new ventures. She will be missed.



Colville First Response Group. From left: Emma Dillon, Sharmayne Novis, Diane Morreel, Wendy Newman, Jan Autumn (Absent: Kate Armstrong, Aimee Bearda, Debbie Brighthouse)

Taizé

By John Watson

Last year I spent seven weeks at Findhorn community in Scotland doing various courses and working in Cullern Gardens. One of the great delights, for me, was to listen to and hum/sing along with the Taizé group. Most mornings at Cluny Hill I would sit outside the Sanctuary with tears streaming down my face (my emotional skin was very thin at Findhorn) at the beauty of the sounds. Occasionally I would join in the singing but not often. However at an area known as "the park" 30 or more would squeeze into the nature house for Taizé singing and I found myself being "sung through". The voices of the other bass singers seemed to make my voice sound correct? There was no time for tears.

As you can imagine I was delighted to find that Taizé is being sung by a group here in Coromandel. It's wonderful how beautiful a small group of good singers can sound. I've ordered a Taizé songbook and along with the teaching that goes on on Monday nights, I will be learning songs and chants properly. Very soon, I'll be able to sing along with confidence. So come and join us, the more the merrier.

For more information please phone Sue (07) 866 8833. We meet every Monday evening at 7.30pm usually in the Anglican Church Hall

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Heart Beat – St John Ambulance Coromandel/Colville

By Julie Morris, Station Manager, Coromandel

Colville First Response Group

Just imagine being at the top of the peninsula at Port Jackson and you need an ambulance.

The nearest hospital and maybe ambulance is up to three hours away at Thames so who do you call.....Yes, 111.

Since 2007 the wonderful St John Colville First Response Group of volunteers have a 24/7 roster to cover this northern remote area. They will be responded along with a PRIME Nurse, Emma or Diane, to attend to the incident. Depending on the patient's condition a responding road ambulance or air ambulance will transport the patient to hospital.

We are looking forward to celebrating their 10 year anniversary later this year. I am forever grateful and a huge thanks to this group for their dedication to the job with the unknown challenges encountered in remote areas.

Staff Profile – Wendy Newman

Station Manager, Colville

Why did you join St John Ambulance service?

Back in 1989 when my dad was team leader at Coromandel Ambulance, I wanted to join up and see what it was all about. I wanted to be able to help out where I could.

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

I did six years in Coromandel, had a break, then on moving to Colville in 2007 the inaugural group was formed, so now 16 years.

What do you enjoy most about being an ambulance officer?

The challenges of being remote and learning with PRIME. To be able to assist the people of our rural community by providing 24/7 cover.

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

Yes, wonderful comradery in a remote area, personal satisfaction helping the community. We meet different people and the responding crews whether ambos or air ambulance. To be able to provide a service to Colville and the far north of the peninsula.

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

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- Walter Kidde cylinders marked as DOT 3AL with a hydrostatic test date before 1990
- CIG (Australia) cylinders marked as AS 1777 with a hydrostatic test date before 1991
- Luxfer cylinders originating in the UK marked with a hydrostatic test date before 1996.

For further information please come into Coromandel Fish & Dive, if you are unsure bring in your cylinders and we can check them for you

Coromandel Budget Advisory Service

By John Gaffikin-Cowan

Concerns

In many ways family budgeting is as difficult as predicting the weather. We expect warmth and sun in the summer and are prepared for cold and rain in the winter. But as we all know, it doesn't always pan out like that and so we adapt our plans to suit the climatic conditions by keeping a raincoat in the back of the car in summer and having sunscreen ready even through the winter months.

At Budget we hope to be able to provide assistance to people by showing them how to cope with changes in circumstances and where possible the ways to prepare for the unexpected. Often this can mean mediating with third parties such as power companies or credit card agencies to negotiate extended part payments which are acceptable to both sides. But the one thing we cannot do is to help people with cash: we do not have the means to advance people sums of money to pay off an outstanding debt. This is where we are so fortunate to be linked with the Coromandel Foodbank. By referring our clients to the Foodbank for a household food parcel, we enable them to release what they had budgeted as money for groceries and thereby address an ongoing debt like the power or phone bill.

It is of concern to us at Budget and the Foodbank, run for us so capably by Lynda, that some people in the community feel that we give out food parcels too easily. We hope that this is not true. Many Foodbank clients are referred to us by other agencies in the community as well as from the Budget Service. All of these, as well as those who walk in off the street, must fill out an introductory form and justify their request. We keep a close record of who is receiving parcels and, if it appears that they may be becoming dependent upon them, we insist that they attend a budgeting session to get to the root of their problems before any more food is offered. There will always be some people who try to cheat the system, as in life in general, but we try to be as vigilant as possible to prevent this.

If you want to discuss this or any other problem, or wish to make an appointment, the Budget phone number is (07) 866 8351 and you can talk to John, Anna, Caro or Lynda. Our new office hours are Monday to Wednesday 11am-2pm for Budget Advice and Thursday 10-12 for food parcel pick up and to make appointments. The Budget cell phone number is 022 018 0849 – we reply to texts and messages during office hours



Aviator ambulance

For injured birds there is now a service taking them over to Kuaotunu Bird Rescue for treatment. This service is for wild birds that have come a cropper.

For details ring
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Poetry SPOT

Symphony

By John Irvine

The past is an old tune
that you never forget. It stays forever.
Sometimes you hum it
without thought.

Even old tunes
you don't think you like anymore
have you tapping your feet
in unguarded moments.

The present is a new tune,
filling your mind with musical images
and sensations
you have never felt before.

Different rhythm, different key,
lyrics fresh and vibrant.
Music on a fine new instrument
played with abandon.

The future is a melody unwritten.
Notes still floating loosely in your head,
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Animal Rescue Thames

By Alice and John Parriss and Nero

Thank mews to those who have blessed the cats with cat and kitten foods, towels and bedding. The donations help us help the rescue kitties whilst they are in our care until they are rehomed.

We have had nothing in and nothing homed. Which means we continue the "as is where is" status we have had since last year. The felines are happy, well fed, well cared for, all growing up with us.

The yarn stash in this household has seen wrappers trashed, balls dragged a hundred miles an hour around the house, around other kittens, furniture and ending up in one big matted mess. The nuggets or wee balls of yarn are also great scores for kitten games, the mighty hunt and kill, and for Mascara, our teen kitten, she will fetch the ball and bring it back to you. This endless game quickly wears out the humans yet she has only begun!

Marshmallows for our tabby girl are her big hunt out and destroy – where she found them is still beyond us.

The four youngest kittens are now due for desexing – three spays and a neuter which

will be sorted out this month. Then they will go up for adoption. Each of these are so different in purrsonality – the two torbie sisters are first in the morning, auto purr and flop into your arms for monumental cuddles and fuss. The tabby sister more aloof is on the hunt for marshmallows and other games. The classic tabby boy more aloof has his own purrsonality of when it suits him, and not before, but then soaks and becomes master loveable and lovealot. Then there is Squirt who was Mr Jealous and narky when the littles arrived, now big brother and big games with them all. The older now adult trio also have adjusted to the youngsters which means the olders who are far bigger and far heavier are playing chase games with the littles. This means that in this house everything is trashed and for the kittens, they simply go over, through and around without any thoughts to what they have just demolished. The daily ritual of let them out morning and night is also met with picking up scattered books and papers and anything else that has seen furr fly through it. We love them to bits but they do need forever homes, homes that they can call their

own rather than here and being halfway to home, as we call it.

Wanted – homes, quiet loving, rural homes for older kitties, great mousers in pairs! Homes for all of them would be awesome. They are wormed, deflead, desexed and ready to go.

Donations of cat and kitten toys, scratch poles, bedding, towels and cat and kitten sachets, tinned. For those who go fishing and get overload of fish purrlease think of our felines. They love fresh fish and we can fillet those small fish for the kitties and it's a rare treat they so enjoy.

Meow furr now.

Any enquiries contact Animal Rescue Thames, 532 Thames Coast Road, Te Puru, Thames 3575. (07) 868 2907



Coromandel 50's To 70's Music Guitar Club

Calling all the lounge room guitarists out there! Stop singing to the lounge and come and jam some songs with me!

My name is Rob Moore, I'm 63, and I've been singing and jamming guitar at the Devonport Bunker, at GANZ, and with friends in Auckland for some years now.

Now that I've recently moved to Coromandel with my wife, I'm really hoping to meet some new friends who love the old songs and are interested in sharing the costs of a venue in town.

As for song genre, I don't believe there are any "bad" songs at all. If you love them and enjoy playing them, then they are good, and I want to listen!

Please give me a call on (07) 866 7707 or email robert_m782007@hotmail.com

CoroMFA Comment

By Gilbert James, Chair, CoroMFA



The strong westerly conditions up here are making a poor sort of summer for many but seem to suit the mussels. They are growing well and harvesting is flat-out with good mussel condition. Maybe the weather for the holiday-makers and others outdoors will settle into the autumn with often calmer and more easterly conditions.

As you will know, the Thames Coromandel District Council has just finalised its new District Plan and numerous Environment Court Appeals are now underway including on landscape and natural character which the Plan was required to address. There are very many appellants and interested (s. 274) parties. Good luck to all in resolving these complex issues.

However one good result already for the new District Plan is that the Sugarloaf Wharf, that services the whole gulf mussel industry, has now been recognised both as land within the District's Plan and has been zoned appropriately as a Marine Service Zone. There were appeals to the Environment Court about the detail of this zoning and whether it should even be applied, however these appeals have been resolved without the need for a lengthy and expensive Environment Court contest. Thanks in particular go to TCDC for guiding this initiative through the planning process and skilfully mediating the successful outcome of establishing appropriate zoning for the Sugarloaf land and facilities.

We are now completing a NZIER economic review of marine farming's contribution to the District of Coromandel and it is showing our aquaculture industry as an important contributor to the District's economy, and with many of the inputs sourced locally or at least nationally, to more than sustainably create a lot of enjoyable health-giving seafood. More to come on that soon.

On behalf of all our marine farmers, kindest regards to all.

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Library News

By Raewyn McKinney

Throughout the summer the library has had the usual visits from holiday makers keen to pick up a bargain among our books for sale. We thank all those who have donated books to the library; many have found their way onto our shelves, while the rest are sold, and provide welcome revenue.

Once the old curtains were removed, it became obvious that the end wall needed some attention; it was amazing how many flaws were disguised by the billowing curtains. We are happy to report that this wall has now been repainted.

Now summer is winding down and, once the clocks change, we will be experiencing longer evenings. However, there is no need to despair. This month the library has introduced a great selection of new books to brighten the duller of long dark evenings.

As usual, we have introduced new works from favourite authors, including Josephine Cox, Kristin Hannah, Jack Higgins, Simon Kernick, Sophie Kinsella, Jill Mansell, Peter May, Chris Ryan, Gerald Seymour, Danielle Steel and Joanna Trollope.

New purchases this month also include:

The Golden Legend by Nadeem Aslam



When shots ring out on the Grand Trunk Road, Nargis's life begins to crumble around her. Her husband, Massud – a fellow architect – is caught in the crossfire and dies before she can confess to him her greatest secret. Under threat from a powerful military intelligence officer, Nargis fears that the truth about her past will soon be exposed.

In his characteristically luminous prose, Nadeem Aslam reflects Pakistan's past and present in a single mirror – a story of corruption, resilience, and the hope that only love and the human spirit can offer.

Calling Major Tom by David M Barnett



We all know someone like Thomas. The grumpy next-door-neighbour who complains to the Residents' Committee about the state of your front lawn. The man who tuts when you don't have the correct change at the checkout. Thomas is very happy to be on his own, far away from other people and their problems. A heart-warming and ultimately life-affirming story of a man who has given up on the world, but discovers in the most unlikely way that it might not have given up on him.

The Stolen Child by Lisa Carey



St Brigid's is a remote island off the west coast of Ireland. It is a barren place and its small community is dwindling. But according to rumour it is a magical place, home to a healing well. Two sisters, Rose and Emer, have resisted the call of the mainland. Rose is beautiful, blessed with love, Emer is unlovely and cursed. When a dazzling stranger alights on St Brigid's, little do they realise that her quest will endanger the lives of all who remain on the island.

Three Daughters of Eve by Elif Shafak



Peri, a wealthy Turkish housewife, is on her way to a dinner party at a seaside mansion in Istanbul when a beggar snatches her handbag. As she wrestles to get it back, a photograph falls to the ground - an old polaroid of three young women and their university professor. A relic from a past – and a love Peri had tried desperately to forget. The photograph takes Peri back to Oxford University, to her home with her two best friends, and finally, to the scandal that tore

them all apart.

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



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Grey Power Coromandel

By John Rabarts, President

We are not a political party, nor aligned to any political party. Grey Power is an organisation which, among other things, does lobby government and all political parties in the interests of improving or safeguarding life and living for the over 50 years age group. We also give out advice to all age groups. Here is some.

Don't wait until you are eighty. As unique individuals our quality of life can only be defined by ourselves. Research shows that what separates those who age positively from those who don't is their attitude. The ability to change and stay connected and take pleasure in small things, to maintain a lively interest in the world about us and to be inspired and motivated to take action. These are elements that, put together, contribute towards having a great "third age". Age is only a number, never let it interfere with getting on with life and don't wait until you are eighty before chasing your dreams.

Positive aging tips

Look after your health by remaining physically active. Take up walking, checking possum traps, swimming, surfing or paddleboarding, tennis, bowls, golf, cycling. Plan for your retirement – it may take you some time to adjust to not working. Look ahead for opportunities to volunteer – even before you retire. St John, Bizarre, Lions, School of Mines Museum and others are always looking for positive people – even if you haven't retired yet but can spare some time. Remain engaged in the community by becoming a member of a group – or go to things put on by groups. Can't find a group? Have a look in the back of the Coromandel Town Chronicle. There must be a hundred groups and activities listed – to cater for all tastes abilities and levels of excitement.

Recipe – Blackberry Custard Trifle

For those who let their blackberries grow or know where to find some.

Cut a 400g sponge roll into 12 equal slices. Arrange over base and around sides of a glass serving bowl (about 9 cup capacity). Prepare a packet of blackberry* jelly as per the instructions on the pack. Pour the jelly over the sponge roll. Refrigerate for about four hours or until the jelly is set. (That will give you time to go and pick your blackberries.) Spoon in 2½ cups of ready made custard (or make your own before you go out for the blackberries). Spread your fresh chilled blackberries on top. Refrigerate until ready to serve. P.S. This recipe also works for blueberries, raspberries, boysenberries, gooseberries and strawberries (which you need to cut into quarters before putting on top of your fresh fruit trifle), or mixed berries. *If you can't find blackberry jelly try raspberry.

Grey Power Membership

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**Coro Writers Group**

By Jane Powell

The Coromandel Writers Group's first meeting of 2017 was on 9 February at Karuna Falls. We began as usual with a good half hour of spontaneous writing which this time had to include a fig tree, a newspaper with something cut out of it, a note slipped under the door, a fear of heights and equality for women; great imagination and some good laughs ensued. After a sumptuous lunch and yet more coffee it was time to read our prepared topic. This was a story of 500 words about someone with a social conscience suddenly receiving a million dollars. The stories ranged through fiction, what lengths would you go to.....?, wishful thinking with surprisingly practical financial and legal considerations and a tragic personal anecdote. Luckily for Coromandel it seems that were a million to actually come one of our ways it would possibly be spent on community projects and helping the poor. A general theme was that too much money was especially bad for young people but definitely not for us oldies, being on average 65!

Next meeting is on **9 March** at Megan's place in Te Kouma; topic is "The real world interrupts", an exercise in describing in detail how an action unfolds.

**Coromandel Embroiderers Guild**

By Diann Cade

What a great start to the year. Forty members met on the first Guild day. So much to catch up with and lots of stitching to do. We were all presented with the Presidents Petite project to complete. A thread holder, adorned with an acorn design. Chatting did not cease while we stitched.

H and H threads were out with all their wares and the sales table was groaning with new items.

Always worth a look.

The major March event for embroiderers is the Great Escape at Orewa. Several of our members are attending to take part in workshops by national and overseas tutors. We are fortunate that Janine Smith of Oamaru has agreed to come to Coromandel following the Great Escape to give a workshop in "Postcards". Many of us are looking forward to that.

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Scott Simpson MP For Coromandel

The first shots of the 2017 general election campaign have been fired and we'll go to the polls on 23 September. Parliament is back in session and the economy is humming along. We are seeing positive signs of growth all around the Coromandel electorate and we've had a huge number of visitors spending time and money in our part of paradise over the summer. The number of people participating in employment is at an all-time high of 70.5%. Over 137,000 jobs have been created in the last year and the government's own accounts are in surplus. Further surpluses are forecast for the next few years and will enable hard won gains of the last eight years to be allocated to debt repayment, increased investment in health and education and possibly some taxpayer relief by way of tax reductions.

Outlook for 2017

Prime Minister Bill English has outlined the government's programme for the year. It includes new rules to clamp down on multi-nationals who pay little or no tax. Sharing tax data with foreign authorities will help ensure international corporates can't escape their responsibility to pay tax here in New Zealand.

Here on the Coromandel we already understand how important the tourism sector is. Now it is New Zealand's biggest export earner as well. The government has been focussing on efforts to attract the right mix of visitors throughout the year and providing additional infrastructure in tourism hotspots like ours. This year I'll continue to push for even greater support for our region.

Ultra-Fast Broadband for Coromandel Town

I'm delighted that Coromandel Town is one of 12 Coromandel electorate communities confirmed to get Ultra-Fast Broadband. Ultra-fast connectivity will be life changing for individuals and local businesses. It means we'll be able to access data and the internet at the same high speeds available to city dwellers with all the personal and commercial benefits that come with it.

Parliamentary Private Secretary

I'm really looking forward to my new role as Parliamentary Private Secretary for Environment and Conservation. It means I will be working more closely with Ministers Nick Smith and Maggie Barry in portfolio areas that are important to our region and New Zealand. The role fits perfectly with the work I do as Chair of Parliament's Local Government and Environment select committee. These are policy areas that are a natural fit for me as MP for Coromandel plus they are areas I have a personal interest in too.

Please never hesitate to make contact with me if I can be of assistance with any matter. For an appointment please phone my electorate office on (07) 868 3529 or email at MP.Coromandel@parliament.govt.nz



Something for Everyone at Mahamudra Centre

By Sarah Brooks

It's time again for our annual Family Fun Day on **5 March**, and it's bigger and better than ever! We've expanded the community festival with a marketplace of local vendors as well as more activities for the kids including pony rides, fire truck demos, water slip-n-slide, and Razzle Fizz juggling and face painting. This is on top of the live music, food, crafts, games, meditation, and a lucky dip. We invite everyone to come and just have a fun and relaxing time! Plus at 2pm will be a special animal blessing by a Buddhist nun and special relics of the Buddha – a very kind thing to do for your cherished pets. Free entry and expanded hours from 10.30am-4pm.

Later in the month, we have a weekend course on Mindfulness for Beginners on the **24-26 March** with Sarah Brooks. There are many benefits to developing mindfulness through meditation, including more focus, pleasant physical states, and a calmer basis for emotions. Applied correctly, mindfulness is also practiced as a basis for developing positive states of mind like loving kindness. Learn different ways of practicing mindfulness both on the cushion and in daily life. Pre-registration essential by **17 March**.

That's just a taste of meditation for beginners – for anyone who wants to do a full 10-day silent meditation retreat, Venerable Antonio Satta returns to lead the 2017 Insight Retreat: Shamata, Vipassana and Basic Mahamudra **24 April – 7 May**. He is a meditation expert sought around the world, so this course is likely to fill up. Register right away if you'd like to join in.

In Coromandel Town, we offer weekly Thursday Guided Meditation. Anyone can join – we meet at Havalona Pyramid on Driving Creek Rd. (behind the café) from 10-11am followed by socialising over coffee and tea at a local café with anyone who has time. No experience necessary, and it's on a donation basis.

We hope to see you at one of these special events!

Mahamudra Centre, Colville. www.mahamudra.org.nz (07) 866 6851

A Taste of Matarangi

It's not far now folks! A Taste of Matarangi is only a matter of weeks and days left and the committee tell us it's looking as good as ever for **8 April**.

It's going to be a corker day! A great line-up of live music has been arranged on stage including headliner band 5 O'Clock Shadow along with duo groups Wilde & Rich and Noise Control. The festival likes to include a little bit of local and this year are pleased to bring along Tairua band "Cosha". Again the festival will be supporting two charities – Auckland/Coromandel Rescue Helicopter and Kuaotunu Search & Rescue services. Services we cannot do without in the Coromandel.

There will be plenty of food and beverages available to satisfy all including some fun activities to keep the children amused. No need to worry about transport as Coromandel Adventures will provide transport to and from the festival. Contact them on 0800 462 676 or go to the venue page on the website for more information.

Tickets are on sale now at Coromandel Adventures, Richardsons Real Estate in Matarangi, Whitianga I-site and online at www.atasteofmatarangi.co.nz

Go to the website for more information on the festival.

So remember folks – book your transport and buy your tickets now!



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Museum News

By Raewyn McKinney

On Waitangi Day, in conjunction with several other museums in the country, we held an Open Day, during which entry was free. We were very pleased with the great numbers of people who came along, and by the positive comments we received. I thank members of the committee for organising and promoting this event, and for giving up their time to come along and make the day so successful. We also thank Sandra from the Coromandel Town Information Centre for helping to promote the event.

The next noteworthy event at the museum will be the celebration of "Children's Day" on **Sunday 5 March**. The museum will be open from 1pm to 4pm and for the day we will feature bygone activities for primary school age children. So, if you are looking for a fun afternoon of supervised activities for your school children, do come along. Entry to the museum is normally free for school age children, accompanied by an adult. For Children's Day, the committee has decided to allow free entry for any adult accompanied by a school age child.

This article from the "Daily Southern Cross" of 25 March 1869 illustrates some of the ups and downs of mining life:

"The Kapanga Claim has been again registered. The engine was started and kept at work pumping the early part of last week. It is much to be regretted that this claim should be re-protected unless the company intend to work it, and there are no signs of their doing so. I see that the reasons assigned for registering are two – first, not finding payable quartz, and second, not sufficient machinery for pumping water. With regard to the second cause, there has always been sufficient machinery to keep the water out of the mine. The one on the ground now, the old Coromandel engine, has always kept the ground dry, and they have disposed of two others, the old Kapanga battery and pumps, and also the engine that worked the stampers. In consequence of the claim being registered, 5,000 feet by 300 feet of ground are lying idle with no distinct pegs to mark the boundary, which is supposed to be on the line of the reef, but on the plan some portion of it is two and three claims deep, so that no one can tell what portion of ground in the vicinity of the Kapanga claim is registered; even the person left in charge could not inform parties whether they were encroaching or not.

There are eight shareholders in the Nil Desperandum Claim, but being a prospecting claim it consists of ten men's ground. It is situated on the eastern boundary of the Kapanga Claim, and was originally taken up by the McIsaacs and party; they got some good specimens out of it, and worked it for seven or eight months, when it was registered on the ground of not finding payable quartz. After six months' registration the claim was taken up by the present shareholders, and has been worked by them for the last ten months. They have now four extra hands employed, and have taken up four men's ground extra, being very sanguine as to its turning out well. They have been getting very good prospects out of one of their leaders lately, and their battery is daily at work.

A fresh leader was struck on the Alpha and Omega Claim on Wednesday last, a dish was washed from it and a very fair prospect obtained.

St Patrick's Day passed off remarkably quietly."

The museum will be open daily from 1pm to 4pm throughout March



The Coromandel Hospital – During the visit of the Minister of Public Works to the district last week his attention was drawn to the fact that this town is without electric light, which fact at times militated against efficiency in the hospital. Auckland Star, 28 March 1929

Poetry SPOT

Happy 2017

(Editor's comment – This missed the February issue deadline so didn't make it in time.)

By Jocelyn Davey

2017 is on its way
First month is halfway through
Did you make a resolution?
What do you plan to do???

Today's another sunny day!
They just go on and on.
The golden sun shines down till dusk
Until the light is gone.

Then January's halfway through.
Our little town is busy.
Tourists come from far and near,
The locals in a tizzy!

They cannot get a parking place,
It's busy in Four Square
But of course there is a bright side!
The grandchildren are here.

We swim and eat and sometimes tramp;
The holidays are fun!
The bread and toilet paper
Seem to be on the run!!!

And so the month slips slowly by,
And exam results are out
Soon it will be Anniversary Day
As January runs out.

Soon we'll be back at work and school
And back into routine.
Have a great 2017
Whatever that may mean!

Monday Walkers

By Irene Dunn

Monday Walkers are stepping it out once again after a break over the busy holiday time. We will be doing more bush walks, at this time of summer when it is so hot, around Coromandel Town and further afield..

So come along and join the fun – visitors and new walkers are most welcome.

We walk every Monday, meeting at the Woollams St car park at 8.30am – please phone the contact number below for more info and weekly emails.

Happy walking everyone.

Contact Irene 021 157 8408

Coromandel Bridge Club

By Judy Bronlund

It is good to be back playing bridge at the club. The March competitions are the Cashmore Pairs and the start of the Whangapoua Pairs. Val will be giving lessons to a few learners, so if you want to learn to play bridge, now would be a good time. New members and visitors are most welcome to join us on our club night. We meet each Monday evening at the St John rooms.

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Coromandel Town Information Centre

By Sandra Wilson

We have enjoyed a very busy January this year with 5400 people through our centre, which is a 5% increase on the same time as last year.

Check the Chronicle for the latest 360 Ferry timetable. Remember we are agents for 360 Ferry and InterCity.

As from **13 April** the bus service from Coromandel via Thames to Hamilton at 7.30 in the morning will cease.

We have had to make changes to what we can offer. Wifi usage is limited to 30 minutes and you need to ask for the password.

Do keep an eye on our Facebook page and website for events happening in town or pop in and see us.

Until next month.

Ann's Good News, Naturally

By Ann Kerr-Bell

Natural Highs

Need artificial stimulants or relaxants like coffee, alcohol or cigarettes, or something stronger to relax with, or give you a buzz?

Do the foods you like to eat take you high, but then drop you way too low in energy and/ or moods?

Can you stay happy, high, relaxed, and full of energy, using safe non-addictive substances?

Did you realise that you can get high every morning, and maintain it, with the foods you eat.

Have you ever thought about why you are drawn to these "uppers" that quickly take you down too low?

Blood sugars – Low levels – Hypoglycemia, or high levels – Hyperglycemia.

After not eating through the night, our blood sugar levels are too low. The brain and body quickly needs fuel to provide mental and physical energy. Without a nutrient dense breakfast to optimise, and stabilise brain blood sugars, there is low mood and craving for stimulants, such as coffee, or processed high sugar foods. When we eat overly processed packet junk food such as corn flakes, nutragrain, some breads, muffins etc, that contain little or no nutrients, our body's systems, including the muscles and nervous system, quickly crashes causing fatigue, brain fog and low mood. These dead foods eventually act like toxic sugars in the body causing inflammation, weight gain, and disease.

It is unprocessed nutrient dense food that keeps our brain and body's blood sugar levels stable, enabling potential for optimum wellness, vitality, energy, mental and physical and

Neurotransmitters (the brain's messengers) – These messengers allow us to experience the delights of eating, the beauty of music, the ecstasy of love, the thrills of sex, and for some of us, the bliss of inner peace and to prevent us from feeling moody, fearful, anxious and depressed.

For example, Gaba is mood enhancing and fights insomnia and anxiety

Melatonin is a hormone that helps us sleep. Serotonin, the "happy" neurotransmitter, improves mood and mental alertness.

Tryptophan helps to fight anxiety. Acetylcholine is for memory and mental alertness. Endorphins promote bliss, a sense of euphoria.

Natural foods provides the necessary nutrients required precursors for the production and balanced function of all neurotransmitters.

Brain food – Have a wide variety of wholefoods through the day and week to give your body every possible nutrient it needs to stay high and happy!

Keep your blood sugars levels stable through the day with foods that convert in the body to natural sugar. Remember that nature intended fruits to be our sweet, our lollies.

Learn to include and love three cups of vegetables a day, to nourish, not deplete your brain cells, thus keep them high and happy. Stay high via an omelette with grated vegetables for breakfast. Eat parsnips, carrots, kumara, corn on the cob, brown rice, whole oats, berries, walnuts, pumpkin seeds, salmon, fruit, fish, avocado. Good fats, and protein's amino acids are necessary also. Eat whole, nutrient dense foods, to maintain blood sugar levels for a healthy, happy, naturally high brain. Have protein, good fats consistently daily, to provide your brain's neurotransmitters with the essential building blocks. Replace coffee with a giving green smoothie. You'll soon be running along the beach with your grandchildren!

Optimise gut health – Ensure optimum absorption of the foods you eat. Do you have leaky gut, candida, low digestive enzymes?

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Garden Circle

By Jane Warren

Our February Garden Circle meeting was held on a sweltering hot afternoon at the Elizabeth Park Senior Settlement Village Hall and was attended by more than 30 members and guests.

The formal part of the meeting was short and sweet followed by a walk around a number of gardens in the village, some belonging to Garden Circle members, and a number of the other residents kindly allowed us to troop through their sections admiring their gardening skills.

Considering the small size of the sections, it was inspiring to see the colour and variety of the different gardens. We were amazed by the abundance of the vegetable gardens and the healthiness of all the gardens after such a long spell of dry weather this year.

A new vegetable garden has been created for residents on spare land behind the houses and a flower garden along the back fence line is thriving, mainly grown from wildflower seeds.

Our competition winners were:

Arrangement – Julie Jensen, Miniature – Pat Williams, Multi Bloom – Julie Jensen, Single Bloom – Linda Wright, Special category – Tomatoes – Ruth Pattinson.

Our AGM will be held at the next meeting on **8 March** at Pat Donovan's home in Beech Lane.



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SeniorNet Coromandel

By Loes Beaver



SeniorNet Coromandel was formed in 2001 and at the time we actually had computers for people to use and have lessons on. Since then with modern technology we have no need for permanent computers as people have their own portable laptops, smartphones etc.

There seems still to be a need for tuition and setting up programmes etc. That is where SeniorNet can assist. We have weekly meetings where members come along with their information and questions.

We meet every Tuesday 2.15pm in the Music Room of the Coromandel Area School. We are very fortunate to have this facility for our members.

If you would like more information contact Loes (07) 866 8053

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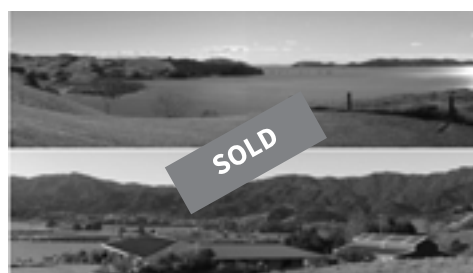
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Coromandel Patchwork and Quilters

By Sharon Currie

The weather is still too nice to stay inside at the sewing machine but we had our first meeting for the year on 6 February and started planning projects for this year. There are two classes planned with tutors from Pauanui and Kimbolton and two mystery quilts for those of us who like to participate or otherwise come along and work on UFOs.

The charity raffle has been drawn and the winner is Marni MacDonald. So congratulations Marni I hope you will enjoy the quilt. The proceeds go to the Coromandel Museum of Mines and Historical Society for their Photo Development Project.

On a sadder note we say farewell to Mary Hickman who is moving to Bulls. We will miss you Mary as you have been a valuable member of the group and also say thank you for all the work you have done. We wish you well for the future.

Our AGM was held in February.

Our meetings are held 1st and 3rd (& 5th) Mondays of the month 9.30am-3.30pm, St John Rooms, Tiki Rd



The 2016 Raffle Quilt won by Marni MacDonald

Coromandel Snippets

By Lyn Dear

I've been collecting snippets of history about the township of Coromandel and local environs for many years and thought your readers might be interested.

Here was an Irish family who arrived at Coromandel from Sydney about 1847, John and Ann Costello. This couple had arrived in Sydney on the Woodbridge in 1841 and agreed to move to New Zealand and cut mottled kauri for the furniture trade. They lived on a local Maori Pa in a whare for many years, coming into town when necessary or to go to the pub. Their children were illiterate but well versed in Maori customs and baptised Catholic when every few years, the family would holiday in Auckland. I often wonder if it was one of their daughters who spoke at the last big Maori meeting in August 1874 sponsored by the Ngatipaoa tribe at Whakatiwai (south of Orere Point), when a great debate took place among the assembled tribes on expanding the goldfields to the pakeha. The meeting was attended by many Europeans. Among the chief speakers was a pakeha woman who came from the Coromandel area living with the Maoris as a Maori and tattooed as the Maori females were of that day.

Ref: A.H. Spicer letter on a visit to Coromandel. Auckland Public Library special collections. (1858)

Ref: The History and Legends of the Western Coast of the Hauraki Gulf by Henry Ashby.

There was Whiskey Maguire who reportedly came with the whaling fleet and stayed. He married Te Paeru (Margaret) from Rarotonga at St Patricks in Auckland in 1847 and they supplied the locals with drink. Kelvin Hynes once wrote, "The oldest reference I can find of a 'liquor outlet' was a grog shanty in the bush near where the Presbyterian church is now, dated 1850, and Whiskey McGuire had a hotel in the bush opposite the present RSA Hall." And Alistair Isdale wrote, "The bushmen of old may have been hard-living, but they were certainly also hard-drinking. In the 40s and 50s several cutters used to trade between Auckland and Coromandel Harbour, bringing huge loads of sawn timber, split shingles and fence palings and 'poriri' posts to the growing little capital city. Sometimes the cutters went back to Coromandel Harbour in ballast, sometimes they took clothes and stores, but often they took liquor for the thirsty bushman, some of it quite 'high-class' like sherry." The remains of old James Maguire were never found; perhaps he retired to the Islands.

23 June 1820 Coromandel Harbour. In hope of reaching the trees measured by Captain Cook, our Captain Downie took the "Coromandel" as far south as the shallowing water of the seaward arm of the river Thames would let her. He then sent the Rev. Samuel Marsden up the fresh water river in a ship's boat to report on the big trees. He said they were "more fit for planks than masts" (for readers, the trees were most likely kahikatea, not kauri). However, he met some fugitives. The chief Horeta te Taniwha told him of the hidden harbour where timber ships used to come twenty years ago, and said he and the remnant of his people would come and help us as before. So here we are at what we have named Coromandel Harbour, which Captain Downie remarks is "perfectly safe for ships of any burden, being completely sheltered from the sea," while the natives are "on most friendly terms with the Europeans". Our ships carpenter has approved of the trees here, and Captain Downie has just reported that "arrangements were made with the natives and part of the ship's company for cutting some of them down and preparing them for shipment". Already the axes ring.

1820 Coromandel Harbour. Au-ee, the prosperous times have gone, when the big ships came for the great trees. For their gifts we hauled the great trees to the ships, our chiefs chanting. We gave them poaka-pork and grew far stretching fields of potatoes for them. The Ngapuhi, our old foes, have been getting guns and thunder sticks off the pakehas. The white faces came first to us with their ships for timber. But then they began to go to the bay of many islands, in the ships that hunt whales. Many have been killed by the thunder of the Ngapuhi. Their bones whiten in the bays; the rest have fled far south. Only now can we come back for a time, with two big ships back for timber.

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By Nalan Kirsch, Life Flow Coaching

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Looking forward to seeing you in April!

Lion News

By Lion Lyn



Recapping on last month's efforts, being our "official month off", Lions members clocked up over 100 hours of volunteer service to the Coromandel community – not a bad effort eh? Many thanks to everyone who has supported us over this period; as well as the donations for the rescue helicopter on Anniversary, then Waitangi weekends. I am constantly surprised by the generosity of strangers. It does show that we are all aware of the impact the rescue helicopter has on our wider area and most if not all of us know someone whose life has been saved because of it. We will no doubt be rattling the bucket again soon!

On to club stuff – our annual BBQ was excellent! Many thanks Mike for allowing us to feast at your special peace of paradise, and to Jean – the "hostess with the mostess". Same place next year? Thanks also to the "friends of the Lions" who attended. Hope you all enjoyed yourselves as you will be called upon again no doubt. Thanks again.

Our business meeting is next on our agenda, so will know more about upcoming events, Coro Seafood Festival, Taste of Matarangi, Easter weekend happenings, and firewood. Busy times! But all good! Want to help? Talk to a Lion! Till next month.

Pickled onions

By Deborah Hide-Bayne

I was sitting outside Umu Café the other night enjoying one of their vegetarian platters, and realising again what a fine thing a pickled onion is... crisp, sweet, tangy, subtly-spiced – just delicious. The ones at Umu are pink too, which makes them very attractive on a platter.

My crop of red onions in the veggie garden is not far off being ready to harvest, so I thought I would give pickled onions a try. Pickling is such a great way to preserve the abundance of summer veggies in the garden and here are some thoughts about how you might go about it.

Traditional pickling recipes use whole onions which are soaked in brine for 24 hours, drained and then put into jars with vinegar, but there are lots of recipes online these days that are "quick" recipes so I thought I would test them out and come up with my own variation.

Quick Pickled Onions

- 4 small red onions
- boiling water
- 1 cup/240ml cider vinegar
- ½ cup/120ml freshly-squeezed lime juice
- 3 tbsp/40g sugar
- 1 tbsp salt
- 6 whole black peppercorns
- ½ tsp mustard seeds
- ½ tsp whole coriander seeds
- 6 whole cloves
- 1 bay leaf



Cut the onions in half then slice them into rings.

Boil the kettle and then pour enough boiling water over the onion slices to cover them. Leave for a minute or two to blanch.

Whilst that is happening, put all the other ingredients into a small pan and bring them up to a boil. Stir the mixture well, so that the salt and sugar is well-dissolved.

Drain the onion slices and pack them into a glass jar (I used a half litre Agee jar). Pour the pickling mixture over them and seal the jar.

Once it's cold, put the jar in the fridge for a couple of hours. Then serve with your favourite platter ingredients. (The pickled onions should keep in the fridge for about six months.)



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Mana Update

By Penelope Carroll

Autumn

*We give thanks for the harvest of the heart's work;
Seeds of faith planted with faith;
Love nurtured by love...* Michael Leunig

We also give thanks for the harvest of the garden – for autumn's bounty of beautiful vegetables and fruit, ripened by the summer sun and ready to turn into delicious and nutritious meals in the Mana kitchen. They too have been "planted with faith" and "nurtured with love"...

Mark Thompson has just joined our team of great cooks at Mana, bringing with him 25 years of catering and cooking experience and a love of "fresh foods and simple flavours". When he's not cooking at Mana, Mark enjoys surfing, fishing, tending his chickens and his own organic garden ("at this time of year I'm pretty self-sufficient"), and cooking for friends. While he believes that old adage, "you are what you eat", he also believes food has "a bigger meaning than filling your belly", and is "a wonderful way of bringing people together".

Mark loved the Moosewood Cookbook back in the 80s when he was flatting in London – and was delighted to find a 1992 edition in the Mana kitchen. Below are two of his favourite recipes – Mexican Vegetarian Chili and Corn Bread, which he is now cooking at Mana.

Vegetarian Chili

Ingredients: 2½ cups soaked kidney beans or lentils; 1 cup uncooked bulgur wheat and 1 cup tomato juice; 2 cups chopped onions, 1 carrot, 1 capsicum, 1 celery stalk, diced; 8 cloves garlic, minced; ½ kg tomatoes chopped (or canned, in juice) and 2 tbsp tomato paste; 2 tbsp olive oil; 2 tsp chili powder, 2 tsp basil, 1½ tsp salt, black pepper and cayenne to taste; grated cheese and minced parsley as toppings.

To cook: Cover soaked beans or lentils with water and simmer until tender (add water if necessary). Drain. Place bulgur wheat in a bowl, bring tomato juice to the boil, pour over bulgur wheat and cover. Saute vegetables in olive oil until tender with half the garlic and the rest of the seasonings and add to beans/lentils, along with tomatoes and tomato paste. Simmer 15 minutes over low heat, add remaining garlic and simmer a further 15 minutes. Serve hot topped with parsley and/or cheese.

Corn Bread

Ingredients: 1 cup cornmeal; 1 cup flour; 2 tsp baking powder; ½ tsp baking soda; ½ tsp salt; 1 cup buttermilk or yoghurt; 1 egg; 3 tbsp honey; 3 tbsp melted butter (and a little extra to grease a 20cm square tin).

To cook: Preheat oven to 180°C. Combine dry and wet ingredients separately, then mix wet ingredients into dry. Spread mixture into greased tin and bake 20 minutes (or until firm). Serve warm.



Mark Thompson, our new cook in the Mana kitchen

Adult Literacy Rural Trust

By Christine Ramsey

Do you enjoy reading? Can you write notes or fill in forms with ease? Can you imagine your life if written words were a constant barrier to communication?

Yet that's the situation for many adults in rural or isolated communities who struggle with low literacy levels. The Adult Literacy Rural Trust www.adultliteracy.ac.nz was formed to help overcome that problem – and volunteer coaches are central to the Trust's success.

So if you have a little spare time on your hands, a computer and a willingness to help someone to overcome that barrier – without your needing to leave the comforts of home – the Trust would love to hear from you.

What would be involved? A literacy coach helps someone read and write by giving them the chance to practise regularly. All you need are basic computer skills (since the training and coaching is done online); and a readiness to commit to talking with an adult learner half an hour a day, preferably three to five days a week. There's even scope for "job-sharing": adult learners do best when talking with a familiar face, though, so it's ideal if paired coaches can give 30 minutes two or three days a week most of the time.

The Trust provides full training and ongoing support for its volunteer coaches. There's an initial training course which runs for two hours on a Thursday morning, 10am-12pm, over five weeks. Then, during the regular interaction with an adult learner, volunteers can access an experienced tutor for assistance or advice if needed.

The role is immensely rewarding for the coaches who come from all over the country and overseas.

To find out more, contact us on Freephone 0800 891 339 or email admin@adultliteracy.ac.nz for more details. We will send you an application form and confirmation of the next training course date. A gift of your time and talent could transform another's life.

Community Gardens

By Tai Fair

The community garden so far this summer has been great for some plants... and not so great for others. To find out what's going on come join us on Thursdays from 2pm onwards, do some work and take home fresh herbs, fruit,

and vegetables! Just a bit of watering or weeding could earn you some nutrient dense produce from our very own organic permaculture based garden patch. Not to mention the exchange of helpful tips and tricks from the community.

A big thank you to everyone who has dropped off seaweed, grass clippings, plants and various other bits and pieces. If you have spare garden supplies or plants you would like to donate we will happily take them.

Some plants have finished and gone to seed. We keep the seed and have grown a second crop of white radishes which are growing fast alongside the pak choi and apple cucumbers. Other plants have had a slow start as the heavy spring rains have given way to a dry summer. Now that it's become really dry, much watering is needed, especially for as the next round of seedlings are going in.

Over the summer a lot of visitors stop in at the gardens, many from overseas. Along with the production of delicious food (passionfruit!), we have a real opportunity to promote the town and our longstanding local values. It's a good vibe and we feel we are giving people a taste of the real Coromandel life.

The Community Gardens are here for you... the community! There have been some disturbing reports of future developments which may infringe on our beautiful space. We may need your help to secure it for future generations.

In the words of Joni Mitchell: "They paved paradise".



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Arts



Coromandel Music Society – The Westmere String Quartet – A Garden Concert

By Robin Münch

We have a rare classical treat for our March concert. Ed Buckett and Diann Cade have generously offered their beautiful garden and financial support for an afternoon concert featuring the Westmere String Quartet.

The newly formed quartet comprises award winning musicians who are all internationally renowned members of the Auckland Philharmonia Orchestra (APO) and who are sought after teachers of both chamber music and their respective instruments.

Caroline von Bismarck – who plays first violin with the APO was born in Berlin, won prizes at an early age and a scholarship to study for her career as a professional musician. Caroline has played with a number of orchestras around the world and is currently based in Auckland where she is also a violin and chamber music tutor at the Auckland String Quartet Summer School. www.apo.co.nz/about-apo/meet-the-orchestra/caroline-von-bismarck/

Yanghe Yu – first violin with the APO, hails from China where he began studying the violin at the age of five. He too, has played extensively throughout the world and was a semi-finalist in the Klein International String Competition in 2013 and the winner of the San Francisco Chamber Music Competition in 2014. Yanghe Yu also teaches chamber music. www.apo.co.nz/about-apo/meet-the-orchestra/yanghe-yu/

Canadian violist, David Samuel, is a dedicated teacher who received his Bachelor's and Master's degrees and Artist Diploma from The Juilliard School, as well as an Artist Certificate in Chamber Music from the San Francisco Conservatory of Music. In addition to performing with orchestras in Europe, Canada, USA and Scandinavia, David was a founding member of the Afiara string quartet which won multiple prizes during his tenure. www.apo.co.nz/about-apo/meet-the-orchestra/david-samuel/

Elijah Sakakushev, enjoys a versatile career as a chamber musician, soloist, orchestra lead cellist and teacher. Born in Bulgaria, Elijah's numerous concert appearances and tours have made him feel a world citizen, being often on the stage in Europe, Israel, Brazil, Argentina, the USA, Russia, Japan, New Zealand and Australia. His awards and achievements are too numerous to do them justice here but you can read more about him on www.apo.co.nz/about-apo/meet-the-orchestra/eliah-sakakushev-von-bismarck/.

Date: **Sunday 26 March** at 2pm

(You may bring drinks and nibbles for before and after the concert.)

Venue: 22 Colville Rd, Coromandel

Wet weather venue – alcohol free, St Andrews Presbyterian Church, Rings Rd, Coromandel

Tickets: \$25/\$20 gold card holders. From Coromandel Information Centre ph (07) 866 8598 or internet banking – Coromandel Music Society 02-0304-0310833-00.

We are delighted to advise that we now have internet banking and you can book online and pick your tickets up at the door. You must include your name in the reference. No name – no tickets. Bring your gold card if you are claiming the discount.

Numbers for this concert are limited and we advise pre-booking.



Making Conversation Hauraki House Gallery, 4-12 March 2017



Mark your diary, invite your friends and reserve your space to the "Bubbly Brunch" festive opening of Making Conversation – the first WTS Coromandel exhibition of 2017. This is a free event, but pre-registration is necessary and numbers may be limited. Email info@wtscoromandel.org

Exhibition opens 11am **Saturday 4 March**, then 10am-4pm to **Sunday 12 March**.

Artists are: Benni Bonnin, Caitlin Moloney, Carolyn Bayliss, Debbie Morgan, Deborah Hide-Bayne, Diann Cade, Donna Scatchard, Fran Campbell, John Eaglen, Jan Panther, Kaye Anderson, Lettecia Williams, Matt Sephton, Paul Armstrong, Sally Tennent-Brown.

These artists are beavering in their studios: guarding their work under a veil of self-imposed secrecy that would make an Americas Cup team proud. Even to Sally Tennent-Brown and John Eaglen who are entrusted to curate this exhibition, much was at print deadline still an intriguing mystery.

Puzzle, ponder, wonder, delight?

What conversations will the artists reference? What will they do with their selected verbs (what would you do with, say, "hone, grind, scorch, enjoy")?

What awaits you when you visit? Maybe "puzzle, ponder, wonder, delight"?

There will be much to look at, much to talk about. Making conversation. And on Saturday at 11am there will be nibbles, bubbly and much jollity.

Just remember – you need to email us to reserve your place.



Arts continued

Coromandel Art Group

By Lindsay Nicholls

Well, what a great exhibition!...that was a very common comment for this years work. Hope you all managed to get to see it, it was a very good exhibition of many styles and abilities. We would like to thank our sponsors for our judges' choice awards; your donations are gratefully accepted.

Our thanks also to our three local judges this year: Sandra Goudie, Eleanor Spencer and Peter Pritchard.

Their choices were: 1st – Barbara Peddie – Old Courthouse; 2nd – Ross Dixon – Tree; 3rd – Kay Ogilvie – Ballet Dancers. Well done to these winners. It's great to see different names each year.

The raffle winners were all delighted with their prizes as well. Thanks to all those who supported this. The local first prize winner was R Dudson and the other prizes were posted to Auckland, Cambridge and Wyuna Bay. Over a thousand people entered the doors to support us.

Each year we wonder how it will all go and when the work turns up for hanging it's with great satisfaction to see an exhibition appear to a great standard.

We had good sales of paintings, cards and pottery.

It is now time for the group to paint outdoors at locations around us, as long as the weather lets us. May see you around.



Three judges this year with their selection "Old Courthouse"

Artists' Visit to Gibbs Sculpture Farm

Artists participating in the WTS Shared Studios programme will enjoy an inspirational day at the Gibbs Sculpture Farm in Kaukapakapa on **Friday 28 April**. Those who made the trip last October all agreed that one visit just whets the appetite.

"On my first visit I moved from one piece to the next, making sure I got to see them all. This time I want to sit quietly and spend time in "conversation" with just a few. I know they have so much to offer."

There are 15 places available for the visit, with priority for artists participating in the WTS "Shared Studios" winter programme.

Cost to participate in the March to September programme is \$60, giving shared studio time in the Arts Room in Hauraki House, artistic visits, Artists' Happy Hour, workshop with a guest tutor/speaker, participation in a special exhibition, opportunities for collaborative projects, and more.

We'd love to pair a poet with a painter and put them in a room working side by side for a week...

Are you an artist? Whatever your genre, if you identify as an artist, this can be for you.

Like to know more? Call Sally Tennent-Brown on (07) 866 8680 or email info@wtscoromandel.org



Gibbs Sculpture Farm

IMPRESSIONS I

Exhibition of paintings by Richard Chrisp and sculpture by Uli von Christoffersen at Hauraki House Gallery, Coromandel.

Preview with Powhiri 11am

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Colville Festival – Easter 2017

By Ella Osnat

We are happy to run yet again another festival, under the hat of CSSC (Colville Social Service Collective).

This year will be in a different format, as we are going to use the Hall for performances instead of an art exhibition. The artists will present their work in a sculpture form around the village.

We are planning three exciting nights and four interesting days with great workshops.

Good Friday night (14 April) – A tribute to Leonard Cohen, where local musicians and a few imported musicians will sing a Cohen song to you. Tickets \$10, refreshments available for koha. Starts 8.30pm. Teens up, please.

Saturday night (15 April) – A great night for dancing – Ha the Unclear “blend off-kilter, hook driven guitar pop with a distinctive lyrical identity and dark existential humour”. An original four piece band from Dunedin now based in Auckland will keep you dancing, along with Larz Randa. “Randa is not your average rapper. His hyper-coloured take on life, the universe and everything is infectious...”. And from Gisborne way – The Trees: Tarni Mitcalfe, (bass, guitar, ukelele) and Esther Hudson (ukulele). “Esther and Tarni will bring their strong harmonies with roots in folk/rockabilly, and warm the house with their vibrant sounds”. Also Dave Khan, multi instrumentalist musician/singer. “His songs range from ballads and sea shanties to furious bluegrass and rough-edge blues with an artillery of instruments including banjo, fiddle, mandolin, cigar-box and the Chinese zhong ruan”. Tickets \$20, under 16 free, BBQ on site, 5pm on. All welcome.

Sunday night (16 April) – Variety cabaret show – Family friendly – starting with Colville School Performance and continuing with cabaret singer/actor Jennifer Neal, comedy duo Lawrie Walker and Odee Williams, and flamenco dancer Marilyn Swan. You don’t want to miss out. Tickets \$20, under 16 free, nibbles, tea/coffee included. Tickets are limited as we are using the hall, so make sure you are in early. Tickets available at Colville Store during opening hours (8.30am-5pm, Fridays until 6pm). Early bird tickets are available for the three nights at just \$40.

The days will be filled with workshops: Introduction to Earth Building with the legendary Henery Mackeson – two-day workshop, Friday and Saturday. Participants will build a communal sculpture with mud.

Sunday 16 April – Archery – Tim Fuller will continue making bows and arrows with participants from last year.

Easter Monday 17 April – Leather workshop with the Carsons – make a little wallet or a belt. Numbers are very limited so be quick.

Come and play with clay – fun workshop with Janet Palmer, open to all, just come. Later Into ACTION Workshop with Cara Mountjoy for all the family. Explore a story using “Process Drama”. Participants are the performers and the audience. Instruments, props and voice!

Check out times and more details on our website:
www.colvilleartsfestival.co.nz

And don’t forget to come and see the sculptures and enjoy our little village with the unique General Store, Himalaya Shop (last chance before winter), Colville Cafe, Hereford ‘n’ a Pickle (farmers shop/cafe), tennis club and Colville Bay foreshore...

To register for workshops or for any enquiries call CSSC (07) 866 6920 / Ella 027 487 5131 / Steve 021 711 489

Pastel Artists Coromandel

By Christine Lunn

The pastel group decided to delay the start of their weekly meetings until mid-February to allow members an opportunity to take advantage of the late summer weather. Over the summer two members of our group, who are also members of Whitianga Art Group, exhibited work at the Whitianga Art Group annual exhibition and were pleased to sell some of their pastel paintings.

2017 promises to be a very interesting and eventful year for us with several members attending the PANZ annual convention and workshop in late March. This will be followed later in the year with a workshop led by one of New Zealand’s leading pastel artists.

We look forward to welcoming any interested local or visiting artists (or beginners) to our club days. Morning tea and bikkies at 10am.

Pastel Artists of Coromandel meet Tuesday mornings 9am to 12pm at the Coromandel Aero Club rooms on Tiki Road.

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

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CELEBRATING OUR CHILDREN

Coromandel Area School

By Murray McDonald

Kia ora – welcome to 2017.

Our year began with a powhiri for new families and staff.

We have several new teachers – Barry-George Colmer, Donna Cox and Jamie-Rose Leckie. We look forward to an exciting 2017 and beyond. We are delighted to welcome our new staff and the several new families to the school.

We would like to thank parents for ensuring their child has the correct stationery and uniform.

It's amazing how your children have shot up in the holiday break – I can hardly recognise them. Incredible to think that at 6 foot I was tall at school – now many of our students tower over me – I guess Weetbix still works.

The school looks a treat – many tourists have complimented me on the way the grounds appear. In the modern urban setting many schools are just clumps of buildings with a patch of grass. Just the opposite here – Alasdair, our property manager, and Rose the gardener, do a fantastic job of keeping the environs looking wonderful.

Orchard

We are developing the school's capacity



in sustainable terms with the development of a school orchard in conjunction with KidsCan. We need help – **Wednesday 5 April 9am-2pm** – sausage sizzle provided for lunch. Bring a spade.

Keltic Fair

What a success – many thanks to the staff and students, parents and community members who helped the Keltic Fair people set up, manage and control the day – amazing music and lots to do – see you next 2 January. Keltic countdown is on to ...02-01-2018.

School developments

We are proceeding with the development of a community netball facility at the school. TCDC and the Ministry of Education are in agreement with the first stage – that of resurfacing our existing netball courts and constructing a new international spec court with lights and all the bells and whistles needed for a top facility. More to come – as we know, you will know. A community meeting of stakeholders will be called by TCDC in the near future

Community meeting

On **15 March** at 5pm a community meeting will be held in the staffroom, or a classroom if needed, to look at our school charter targets – finite statistics about what we hope to achieve academically with our students in maths, writing and reading.

We will also look at developments in the

school for the future – property, sustainability and innovation. All welcome – will not be too long or arduous.

Tree Trimmings – by Room 4

In the Christmas holidays many of the trees in our school grounds were trimmed. Some old trees were cut out. It has made our grounds look better, and Rose is so happy with all the mulch and bark for the school gardens. Alasdair said it makes it easier for him when he is mowing.



Now the trees that we climb are safer; we don't get poked with sticks and branches won't break off or fall on our heads!

The trees were pruned in the holidays by Peter Novis and Levi. There were no kids around so it was a safe time for them to work.

Ka kite – Murray.



Kiwi Can

“Kia ora tatou katoa”

At the end of January myself and our Kiwi Can leaders Gemma and Jasmine attended the annual Kiwi Can National Training held in Auckland. Wow what a full-on three days of fun, laughing and learning. This is such a valuable time for our leaders to connect with our wider Kiwi Can whanau from around the country to swap ideas and learn new things. We have come back pumped and excited to get back into the class with our tamariki. The photo below is our first day at camp getting to know all this year's Kiwi Can leaders in a fun team-building activity.

School is back and our leaders Gemma and Jasmine are glad to be putting all their awesome skills into practice. We have some exciting things planned for this year so keep an eye out for our famous Kiwi Can discos, Family Fun Day, Kiwi Can open day and much more.

International Children's Day is **Sunday 5 March** and our Kiwi Can leaders will be at the Mahamudra Family Fun Day in Colville. There are lots of things happening so come check it out.

Nga mihi nui from the Kiwi Can team Marlene, Gemma, Jasmine, Emma, and Natalie.

Want to help out Kiwi Can Coromandel? Contact Marlene Johnson 027 223 2629 or email: kiwican@cilt.org.nz

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

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Coromandel Harbour Project Update

Sugarloaf Expansion

Since August last year regular monthly meetings have been held with Coromandel Marine Farmers Association (CoroMFA) to discuss their consenting requirements and progress regarding the proposed development of a piled wharf at the Sugarloaf Wharf (Te Kouma). This project continues to be driven by CoroMFA with council acting in a facilitation role where appropriate. We have implemented several H&S improvements at Sugarloaf including new signage and remarking of the area to help keep recreational users and industry separated as much as practical. CoroMFA have also been working with their members to update their code of conduct and improve their H&S from an operational perspective.

Future demand for Coromandel Harbour boat ramps and wharves

Work has continued on improving district-wide demand management for boat ramps with the aim of spreading the recreational fishing load across the Coromandel to help alleviate pressure on our most busy facilities during peak times (this includes Sugarloaf Wharf and Waikawau Bay boat ramp). It has been another busy summer for the districts already congested boat ramp facilities.

A Marine and Harbour Strategy is under development and this strategy will set out a long-term plan for the boat ramps and wharves and jetties on the west coast. The strategy will help inform our annual and long-term plan processes specifically in relation to our marine and harbour assets and facilities and will be further informed by the outcomes of the EOI process.

Jacks Point/Furey's Creek

The Coromandel-Colville Community Board has been updated on the revised design and Annual Plan submission for the proposed new ramp and pontoon at Jacks Point at an estimated cost of \$700K+. Consideration of the project will now proceed to the Annual Plan Process and/or long-term planning processes with determinations due in June 2017. The scope will propose the upgrade of the Jacks Point facility will be brought into the district harbour project scope within the 2017-18 or 18/19 financial year. The Council report will also detail the additional budget requirements based on the enhanced design.



Jacks Point.

Park and Ride Facility – Hannaford's Wharf

The resource consent application by the Mussel Kitchen for a park and ride facility for Hannaford's Wharf was approved, but is currently under appeal.

The initiative once delivered should help to further alleviate congestion on Te Kouma Road and parking issues at Hannaford's Wharf. In the event that the private Park and Ride proposal does not go ahead, Council will need to resume planning for a Council developed facility nearer to Coromandel Town

Coromandel Harbour Strategy

The Expression of interest (EOI) for potential partners on the Inner Harbour concept closed late last year. We are now evaluating the 12 proposals and are in discussions with most of the short-listed parties. An update to Council and stakeholders is due in March/April.

www.tcdc.govt.nz/coroharbourproject



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Coromandel Citizens Hall

The Board has received the repair strategy report for the Coromandel Citizen Hall, prepared by Andrew Hartley. The report highlights areas of the building which need major remedial work. Staff will prepare a report to go to the Board late February about the next steps which will include options for the RSA Annex and budget for professional fees associated with design and repair methodology.

Coromandel Sportsville

Plans for resurfacing the current netball courts at the Coromandel Area School and construction of further premier netball courts and seating, is awaiting the Memorandum of Understanding with the Ministry of Education.

The next steps for the first stage of the Sportsville project is procuring a civil engineers to manage geotechnical investigation of the site, site survey and design.

FIRE BAN

A total fire ban is in place across the Coromandel, including public conservation land, forests and off-shore islands until further notice.

The fire ban includes – land clearing fires, rubbish fires, beach fires, domestic fireworks, sky lanterns, braziers, open top non-type approved incinerators, traditional cooking and hangi fires.

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events

Mercury Bay Art Escape

Open Studio Weekends

The Gala Opening of the Showcase Exhibition and celebration of the 10th Artists Open Studios will be held at Hot Waves Café, Hot Water Beach on Friday 3 March at 7:30 pm. Tickets can be purchased at www.mercurybayartescape.com

4-5 Mar
&
11-12 Mar

Mahamudra Centre Family Fun Day

10:30am – 4pm Sunday
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5 Mar

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Saturday 11 March –
Sunday 19 March 2017

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11 Mar
to
19 Mar

Rangatahi

CELEBRATING OUR CHILDREN continued

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

By Anna Yates

We are in week 3 of term already and it is great to be back in a school of smiling faces and happy, enthusiastic children who are all ready to learn.

Our senior class spent a day learning how to sail as part of the Volvo "Have a go" sailing programme. This exciting opportunity was offered in Whitianga and a day of sailing around the beachfront was certainly a fun day of school to have. For one of the groups the morning had very little wind and the yachts gently made their way through the water. The afternoon, however, was quite different with a few more waves and a lot more speed and we were all amazed by how quickly those yachts could fly through the water.

Our senior class is off to Totara Springs for their week-long confidence/adventure camp later this term with their new teacher Miss Street. This emerging group of strong and confident leaders will have a fantastic time as they always embrace every opportunity offered to them.

As our school repainting comes to an end. It is timely to thank Glenn Irwin for the great job he has done making-over our bright new buildings. You can actually see us from SH25 as you drive past now as there is certainly no blending into the environment for us!

This year we continue to have our thriving new entrant/year 1 class working with Mrs Corles and our year 2/3 learners with Mr Adshead. Our year 4/5 learners are with Whaea Debby (aka the new Mrs Tonkin) and our year 6-8 students are with Mrs Street. Our BOT are once again committed to funding a fourth classroom to keep our class sizes small. We will welcome back Anita Prime for two days each week to continue our private music lessons and class music sessions to continue to build on this exciting opportunity for our children.

We are in for a great 2017 and are looking forward to a busy and learning-filled term 1. If you have a child who is enrolling with us for 2017 please pop into school to collect an enrolment pack and/or email Anna at principal@tererenga.school.nz and we can make a time for you and your child to come and have a look around and visit our classes.



Room 4 enjoying sailing



Room 1 enjoying the summer at school



The Incredible Years

The Incredible Years is a parent programme for parents of 3-8 year olds.

It starts at the ambulance rooms, Tiki Road, Coromandel, weekly from **Tuesday 21 March** 9.30am-12pm.

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Coromandel Community Preschool

By Debra Attwood



Finally it seems that summer has arrived and we are in full swing here at preschool. We would like to welcome back all of the children refreshed from their summer holidays and ready for a great year here with us. Also a big welcome to all of the new families who have joined us.

We have had a busy start to the new year with trips to Long Bay to explore the rocks and swim in the warm waters, making the most of our summer days.

Our children enjoy going out and about in the community, visiting our unique parks, the ocean and our local playgrounds. Many of these trips are only possible with

assistance from parents or community members and we value their ongoing support.

We have received building consent for the extensions to our building and so are looking out for builders to put in quotes. If you are interested give us a call.

Since our last report we have celebrated birthdays for Waimana, Emily, Te Kaha, Amelia, Toby, Tearorangi, Marley, Kale, Harley, Kayah, Mila, and Jaycee and we wish them a very happy birthday. We said farewell to Waimana, Savannah, Lily, Emily, Tearorangi and Conner who begin their learning journey at school. We also said farewell to Chloe and Kale who have moved from the area. Welcome to Emelia, Indie, Jack, Te Haumia, and Aliesha. We look forward to learning more about you and your whānau.

We have spaces available in our under 2's area so if you have a child this age and are looking at preschool options come along for a visit. We are full on the over 2 years side but if you are looking for a quality early childhood centre come along and see if this is the right place for you and your child to begin their lifelong journey of learning. You can put your child's name on the waiting list if required. Check out our latest Education review on the website:

<http://www.ero.govt.nz/Early-Childhood-School-Reports/Early-Childhood-Reports/Coromandel-Community-Preschool-18-11-2013>.

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Environmental

Aerial 1080 Comes to the Coromandel in 1994

Chronicled by John Veysey

Part 3 – following on from last issue

One month before the drop I trailed an old sheet in the stream below the drop area. Five minutes later I removed the sheet and counted 12 strong stonefly nymphs that I had to pull off the sheet before returning them to the water. One month after the drop I trailed the sheet in the same place again. This time a single nymph dropped off into the water as I pulled it ashore. There was not a single nymph attached to my sheet at a time when the nymphs should have been multiplying and strong. If the poison in the stream had affected these insect larvae what other poisonings had taken place downstream? Weeks before DOC released its much-awaited report they (not independent monitors) stated they had counted 20% possums before the drop and 1.7% after the drop; a kill rate of 92%. At the beginning of September, a month after the drop, Jim came up with some traps and we laid our 3 lines out in areas where we knew bait had landed. In 3 nights we caught 20% – the same figure DOC had caught a month before the drop.

On 18 September 1994 DOC released their draft report of the trial drop. We were told that during the trial the Department surveyed vegetation changes, monitored frog populations and assessed changes to possum and rat numbers. In addition the Public Health Unit tested water from the Waiau River for presence of 1080. "The trial also gave the public an opportunity to scrutinise and observe an aerial application of 1080 baits." Numerous locals, Forest and Bird

members, etc., made their interest known to DOC but not one of us was told when the drop would take place. Stella Penny was informed that a protest would take place and maybe the drop was made in a hurry to avoid a confrontation with protesters. Why else would they fly on such a windy day?

The first thing we noticed in the report was that two of the three pre-drop possum monitoring lines were placed in an area where no baits had landed. The rat monitoring tunnels also received hardly any baits. More than half of the monitoring had taken place outside the poisoned area. It took us some days to digest the report and to realise it left a lot of questions unanswered. Much of it was misleading. Forest and Bird members had been looking for dead birds and dead possums and remarked upon the way baits had landed in clumps with big gaps in between. We had been informed: "Pilots using GPS systems are able to achieve minimum standard coverage of 95% of target area". In this case the coverage was less than 60%. We knew. We had covered the entire area. The report makes no mention of the windy weather and continues as if all went perfectly. "While a computer can accurately plot flight paths, it is necessary to measure bait coverage on the ground". Two staffers carried out this bait coverage survey using the Morgan method: A 50-meter line was measured out with a hip-chain and two DOC staff spent five minutes looking 30 meters either side for baits. If no bait was found it was called a gap. If a single bait

was found, no gap was recorded. "When no baits were found after 220 meters the line was abandoned due to time constraints." The report was handed to us with apologies because the results of the bait toxicity samples were not back from the laboratory. However the report reads as if lab results were already back. "Samples were collected until the baits were declared non-toxic by Landcare Research." Later in the conclusion we read: "Approx. 100 mm of rain is required before baits become non-toxic. In six weeks, over 250 mm of rain fell and the baits were non-toxic." No results to back it up; just a bald, unsubstantiated statement. Read it quickly and you are supposed to feel reassured. While digesting the report Tom Steel decided to get in touch with David Morgan at the government laboratories in Christchurch. The scientist was pleased to hear from Tom and sent him a copy of his bait distribution measuring method. Tom noticed the method required one man for five minutes max, not two men spending so long they ran into time constraints before the half hour was up. How could they be so blasé about such blatant inaccuracies?

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CONDITIONS APPLY

Environmental continued

Kiwi co-operation

By Carol Sutherland

Co-operation between various parties added to the expansion of predator control in Coromandel.

On a fine summer day in Papa Aroha people volunteered to add to the network of stoat traps.

20 stoat traps were set out on Michael and Jen Toto's land at Papa Aroha. Mike and Jen's whanau Chas and Kevin put the traps out, with Jeff Williams from Coromandel Kiwi Project doing the GPS waypoint averaging. The MEG made stoat traps were provided to Papa Aroha Environmental Group by the Waikato Regional Council under the small scale initiative fund. Bait is kindly sourced by Raine Williams.

Carol Sutherland did the driving in the "Beast" (Landrover used for Papa Aroha trapping) which was kindly loaned by Neville Cameron. The "Beast" helped to arrange traps in various locations on a hot day and everyone reckoned it was good fun. (In a V8 the wailing comes at the bowser.)

A constructive day was had by all as Chas and Kevin arranged traps along beaches and across ridges.

People meeting to protect the environment leads to further conversations, which is in line with the Papa Aroha trap and yap modus operandi. Creative meetings without formality allows ideas to flow, and with stunning views from Mike and Jen's perch at Papa Aroha the trapping effort expands.



Moehau Environment Group

By Natalie Collicott

The future is here

There's a quiet revolution taking place in the world of pest control.

It is the rise of the self-setting trap. A traditional trap is a "dead end", the rat or possum comes along and gets caught, and that's that trap done. It might not be checked again for a month, so that's just one kill from that trap during that time. In contrast a self-setting trap can keep on firing – it can be triggered multiple times in one night!

A Wellington company called Goodnature is at the forefront of this innovation, with their resetting possum, stoat and rat traps. The trap is mounted above the ground, on a tree trunk, and a pungent lure encourages the animal to stick its head into the trap. When the animal brushes past a trigger, a small carbon dioxide cylinder fires a bolt into the pest's head, killing it instantly, and the body drops onto the ground beneath the trap. The canister can kill 12 possums or 24 rats or stoats before it needs to be replaced (the manufacturer recommends replacing it every 6 months).

The key to the trap is the long-life lure, which is pest specific. Possums like the cinnamon-based lure, rats prefer chocolate and stoats can't resist rabbit meat. The bait needs to be refreshed every month, as it oxidises in contact with air and becomes less effective, but Goodnature now offer a lure dispenser which drips a steady supply of

lure for 6 months.

We've been trialling some Goodnature A12 Self-setting possum traps, and the results are truly exciting!

We've got 42 traps installed in a remote piece of coastal forest that is being hammered by possum browse, with many dead pohutukawa to prove it. Our field team reckon we've killed over 300 possums so far. We check the traps monthly while out rebaiting our stoat traps, and make sure we refresh the long-life lure each time, smearing a bit of this down the tree trunk to act as extra incentive for the possum. We've found our most successful traps have been those on trees with signs of possum activity such as droppings, scratchings on tree trunks, or worn bark on trees that are frequently climbed. If you are using these traps, we'd love to hear about your experience. At \$185 each, these traps aren't cheap. But the initial set-up cost may save you valuable time (and biodiversity) in the long run.

Vandals steal children's work

Can you help us solve this whodunnit? Someone has vandalised and stolen several of the traps built by Coromandel Area School students last year. Two rat trap boxes have gone missing from the Harray



One of the traps made by CAS that has been stolen from the Harray Track

Track in Coromandel Town, with other traps tagged and a strange calling card left in another (a cigarette butt and joker playing card). We think it took place sometime between 25-30 January. If you notice some hand-decorated trap boxes somewhere strange or have any information please email info@meg.org.nz. Meanwhile, our Coromandel Kiwi Project volunteers have been busy clearing all the overgrown vegetation from our trap-lines. They've re-cut 7.4km of track in the past month, meaning our trappers will have no excuse to get lost in the bush!

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

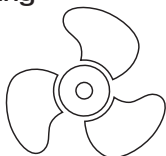
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Sport

Coromandel Golf Club

By Peter Gray

The Coromandel Golf Club opening day was held on Saturday 11 February.

There was a disappointing turnout; however, those members that attended enjoyed a great day of golf and afternoon tea. Peter Richardson was given the honour of the "Tee Off" to open the season. The Bob Riley trophy, Mixed Bogey Format, played on opening day was won by the pairing of Peter Richardson and Jenny Coatsworth (+1). Paul Kasper +3 won the Singles from Glenise Robertson (Square), Shirley Rose and Ed Buckett (-1).

February sees the men's stroke play being decided in the three divisions of seniors, intermediates and juniors.

The men's Waikato representative season commences during late February/early March in the Championship Pennants, Handicap Pennants and Prebble Cup.

The Coromandel women are returning to their regular format after the summer break. The opening day was held on Tuesday 14 February. The Bay of Plenty District Competitions commence in March

Again it is still a good time to join the Club with the season just kicking off and you can still get value for your annual membership. Remember there is a package to suit your needs; phone (07) 866 7633.

"Payback time" for "yours truly", author of the Club's article when Mr Brooking presented me with a clown suit on my birthday shout and made me wear it. Already planning for September!

Upcoming Events

Saturday 4, 11, 18 March – Hekter Cup Rds 1, 2, 3

Sunday 26 March – Championship Pennants @ Coromandel

Wednesday 29 March – Meat Pack/Laurie Olliff trophy



Mum's the word as Olympic heroes step out for heart health

A silver medallist sharp shooter, a former women's hockey captain and a runner whose sportsmanship and "Olympic spirit" captured international attention, will headline this year's national Jennian Homes Mother's Day Fun Run/Walk.

Tickets are on sale for the Whitianga (Coromandel) leg of the national event, set to boast as a sea of women in red t-shirts walk and run their way through Mother's Day on **14 May** – all in the name of heart health.

The Whitianga (Coromandel) leg, to be held at Leeward Drive, at the Whitianga Waterways office, from 10.30am, is one of more than 20 locations nationwide helping save the lives of women and keep more families together through the 5km event.

Into its sixth year, the New Zealand-wide event is part of an initiative run by Jennian Homes to support the Heart Foundation's 'Heart Foundation For Women' campaign, which aims to improve the heart health of New Zealand women.

While 2016 was the annual fun run/walk's largest to date, with more than 7000 mums, daughters and sisters participating, this year is predicted to be even bigger with a trio of Olympic athletes fronting the event, including Natalie Rooney (shooting), Kayla Whitelock (hockey), and Nikki Hamblin (middle distance runner).

Heart disease is the number one cause of death for women in New Zealand, claiming the lives of more than 50 women each week.

Therefore, as a proud supporter, Jennian Homes is committed to working with the Heart Foundation to reduce this alarming statistic, and will be giving \$20,000 to the charity to support women's heart health as a result of the Mother's Day events.

Heart Foundation medical director Gerry Devlin says it's a sad fact that heart disease is the number-one killer of women in New Zealand and more needs to be done to address this worrying statistic.

Dr Devlin says the Heart Foundation encourage women around New Zealand to start the conversation about heart disease and also take the steps necessary to look after their hearts, including through this year's fun run/walk.

For a full list of locations and to register for the 5km event go to www.jennianmothersday.com

Coromandel Tennis Club

By John Veysey

Our new season is well underway and we've welcomed a number of new players to our Club. But there could be more. We know there are tennis players out there who are just too busy most of the time but, if you see a window of opportunity, come and join us at our club days on Fridays at 4pm and Sundays at 2pm.

We look forward to seeing you at the club where we have balls and racquets.

Coromandel Croquet Club

By Kaye Anderson

We believe that summer has arrived and with the days being much warmer we now start croquet at 9.30am.

If you would like to join us, we'll give you six free sessions with plenty of tuition before you commit to joining, and after that we'll continue to coach you in the finer points of the game.

Phone Kaye for more information on (07) 866 8968, or just come along on a Tuesday or Saturday at 9.15am for a 9.30am start. The Croquet Club is in Woollams Avenue next to the Bowling Club.

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Sport continued

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

By Debra Attwood

During March we continue to offer our early morning swimming six days per week and this is proving to be very popular. It is a great way to wake up and get going in the morning, swimming or walking a few laps in the pool. The pool has been very busy with the local schools having their swimming sports and the Coromandel Swimming Club holding their 24 hour swimathon.

Swimming is a great recreational sport and learning to swim is vital. The drowning statistics in New Zealand are not good, so please make sure you learn how to survive in the water and make sure your tamariki and mokopuna know as well. Swimming lessons have finished for this season but get in early to register for the next session of lessons that will begin in November 2017.

Also if you are interested in private one-on-one learn to swim lessons these can be organised at a time to suit. Call in and see Debra or Michelle for further information or give them a call on phone (07) 866 7660 or mobile 027 348 2400.

Pool Hours for March 2017

Mornings: Monday thru Saturday 6-8am.
Afternoons: Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 3-5pm.

Weekends and public holidays: 12-5pm.

Entry costs: Adults \$4, students and seniors \$3, preschoolers 0-5yrs \$1, spectators \$1. Concession cards are available as well; call into the pool and check out the great deals.

Check out our Facebook page (Coromandel Community Swimming Pool) for up-to-date information and upcoming events.

The 25-metre pool is solar-heated and the smaller toddler pool is now heated by a heat pump and maintained at a temperature of 29 degrees.

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

Coromandel Recreational Fishing Club

By Allison Brown & Committee CRFC

Hi to all,

Our first competition has been and gone on Anniversary Weekend. It was enjoyed by all who entered although the fishing was a bit hard as the snapper seemed to be having an extended holiday. The weather was great and very nice to be out on the water. Having said that, one of our club members, Troy Evans, caught a 9.949kg snapper in January winning the \$100 monthly club prize for biggest fish of the month.

Results for Anniversary Weekend competition

Seniors

Heaviest Snapper: 1st Rob Davies 3.725kg, 2nd Logan Davies 3.115kg, 3rd Tyrone Visser 2.880. Kingfish: Allen McNeil 9.035kg. Kahawai: Margaret-Anne Burnie 2.7kg. Average: 1.202 won by Tyrone Visser 1.225kg. Mystery Weight: 2.36kg won by Rob Davies 2.020kg snapper.

Juniors:

Heaviest Snapper: Chelsey McNeil .81kg. Heaviest Kahawai: Brooke James .505kg. Heaviest Parore: Layke McNeil 1.315kg.

As we are having the "Classy Chicks" Competition on **25 February** (weather permitting) we will post the results in the April edition of the Chronicle.

Here's to those lines looking forward to this lovely fine weather for a few more months.

Coromandel Area School Sports

By Geoff Horton, Sports Coordinator

By the time this article comes to print the Coromandel Area School girls' touch rugby team will have played their finals for the Coromandel and Whitianga modules; swimming sport for both junior and senior schools and Colville will have concluded; the community meeting to look at what the future of sport could look like in Coromandel and how that builds a vibrant, confident sports culture within the school and community will have been held; and CAS senior athletics is on the horizon.

The touch rugby girls have had an amazing season as they have come to terms with a new sporting regime at Coromandel Area School, and that looks set to continue as Sam and I upgrade playing conditions and all the sports equipment for students and coaches. This provides the foundation for quality sports experiences for students, coaches and managers and the touch squad is at the forefront of a new era for sport in the school. With Sam delivering a quality PE and outdoor education programme that supports the personal development through sport we are putting in place at the school, the benefits of a positive sport culture at Coromandel Area School will inevitably lead to improved student confidence and self-esteem.

On that note, if anyone is interested in coaching or managing school sports teams, let me know. I have been involved with secondary school coaching for nearly 30 years and I wasn't sure in the beginning. I had never thought about coaching until a neighbour came down the road and asked the question. Coaching students has been an amazing and very gratifying experience and while it doesn't always go to plan, the opportunity to be part of the sporting lives of our kids is a very good one. Not only that, the personal development that comes with sport, often takes our lives in directions we would never have anticipated or known about if we don't have a go. After all, who doesn't love school sport competitions? It is the sport we remember all our lives.

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THE CLUB NEWS

The 4 week February season of Twilight bowls has just finished (results in the April Chronicle) and this is an opportune time to thank all those members of the community who got their teams together and came along to enjoy an hilarious evening and sausage sizzle, followed by major prizes to the star bowlers! A big thanks also goes to President Linda and her team for organising and running the event and it would seem that two sessions of Twilight bowls will become a permanent fixture on our calendar. The huge response has made the amalgamation of the Bowling Club and the RSA so worthwhile to see members of both clubs and the community coming together and enjoying each other's company.



The "Holy Bowlers" team from Twilight Bowls: John Gaffikin-Cowan, Maureen Kimber, Barbara O'Reilly and Geoff Kingsmill

Sports Waikato are encouraging communities and schools to join together in this way, and seemingly the Club fits their criteria. Once again Coromandel is one step ahead of everyone else in forward thinking and I believe we are admired for that very attitude. The Club has been booked for meetings, birthdays, celebrations, concerts, not to forget the upcoming film and quiz nights and card sessions.

You only have to belong to the Bowling Club or the RSA to automatically become a member of The Combined Clubs of Coromandel (CCC) so talk to any of the committee members and a very warm welcome awaits you.

BOWLING CLUB NEWS

We had bowlers from New South Wales visit us before Christmas and the end of January saw teams from the Gold Coast who had been playing bowls in Wanganui before coming up to Coromandel for what proved to be a hilarious couple of days. I seem to remember that they won the day, but by 7 p.m. that evening no one really cared! Our thanks to Graeme Goss for organising these Trans-Tasman events where t-shirts, caps and badges are exchanged between players and offers of return matches in Australia abound.

Our Open tournaments have not really provided us with much joy in a winning sense, but our first round of the Summer Cup against Mercury Bay ended in a draw with 12.5 wins each club, although we did manage to pip them with points. The return match is on Wednesday 19 April, so hopefully we will win that and be the cup holders – that is, if we can find the actual cup, as we believe Mercury Bay have lost or hidden it somewhere.

RSA NEWS

We have had a quiet time over the holiday period, except for family visits and lots of socialising. Our activities started again mid February



Stoney and Alan

with a visit to the Club by the Howick RSA. These get-togethers are also a lot of fun and very successful, especially now that we have such great facilities at the Club for entertaining guests.

A reminder to all members of our social afternoons every Saturday from 3 p.m. If you haven't yet been to our new home, do come along, bring guests and meet fellow members in a very convivial and comfortable setting.

The photo of President Kevin Stone with Alan Stewart proves that the Coromandel RSA is a happy and fun organisation to belong to – it certainly brings a smile to the two of them!!

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COROMANDEL MUSIC SOCIETY AGM, Friday 10 March at 1pm at the Club, Woollams Ave, Coromandel. Committee nomination papers available from Maureen Kimber (07) 866 8282.

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Every Monday

Coro Gym – Step/aerobics, Peg (07) 866 8635 8am
 Mahamudra Centre, guided meditation in gompas 8.30-9am
 Coromandel Hikers' Group, Hauraki House,
 Colin & Elspeth (07) 866 7137 9am
 Monday Walkers, Irene 021 157 8408 9am
 Colville Social Services Collective,
 Colville Hall, (07) 866 6920 9am-3pm
 Kohanga Reo o Kapanga, (07) 866 8417 9am-3pm
 Coro Gym – Sit and be fit, Peg (07) 866 8635 9.30am
 Coro Gym – Fitness and Fun, Judy (07) 866 8637 10.30am
 Scouts and Cubs, Scout Den, Hauraki House,
 Abby Morgan (07) 211 9790 3.30pm
 Coro Gym – Kick fit with Christajo, 155 Pottery Lane,
 021 033 9329 5.30-6.30pm
 Shrinking Violets, Betsie (07) 866 7076 5.30pm
 Coro Contract Bridge, Coro Ambulance rooms,
 Lyn (07) 866 8858 7pm
 Four-part harmony singing, Sue (07) 866 8833 7.30pm

Every Tuesday

Homeschoolers' gathering, Julene (07) 866 8005
 Mahamudra Centre, guided meditation in gompas 8.30-9am
 Pastel Artists Coromandel,
 Coromandel Aero Club Rooms (07) 866 7220 9am-mid day
 Colville Bay Pre-School, rear Colville School, cr
 (07) 866 8319 9am-3pm
 Coro Walking Group, Ruth (07) 866 7246 9am
 Colville Social Services Collective, Colville Hall,
 (07) 866 6920 9am-3pm
 Kohanga Reo o Kapanga, (07) 866 8417 9am-3pm
 Music and Dance, Elim Church- Preschoolers Dance Group, Dawn
 (07) 866 8150 9.30-11am
 Coro Ladies Golf, Peter (07) 866 7633 tee off 10am
 Yoga, Colville Hall, (07) 866 6612 10am
 Croquet, Woollams Ave, Kaye (07) 866 8968 9.45am
 Coromandel Playcentre, Woollams Ave 10.30am-1pm
 Narcotics Anonymous meeting, 021 314 467 12 noon
 500 card session at the Bowling Club, (07) 866 8886 1pm
 Coro Gym – Fitness & Fun, Judy (07) 866 8637 1pm
 Beginners Yoga with Becks, at Coro Gym, \$7.
 Contact 027 407 0079 5.30-6.45pm
 Ambulance training, Felix (07) 866 8279 7-9pm
 Coro Motorcycle Club, Star & Garter,
 John (07) 866 6776 7-9pm

Every Wednesday

Dharma Gaia, Meditation, (07) 866 7995 6-7am
 Dharma Gaia, Sitting & Walking Meditation,
 (07) 866 7995 7.30-9pm
 Coro Gym – Step/aerobics, Peg (07) 866 8635 8am
 Mahamudra Centre, guided meditation in gompas 8.30-9am
 Yoga with Tina at Waikato Events Centre 8.40-9.50am
 Colville Bay Pre-School, rear Colville School,
 (07) 866 8319 9am-3pm
 Colville Social Services Collective, Colville Hall,
 (07) 866 6920 9am-3pm
 Kohanga Reo o Kapanga, (07) 866 8417 9am-3pm
 Coro Gym – Sit and be fit, Peg (07) 866 8635 9.30am
 Coro Gym – Fitness & Fun, Judy (07) 866 8637 10.30am
 Coromandel Golf Club – men's, Hauraki Rd,
 Peter (07) 866 7633 tee off 12.30pm
 Scrabble Club, Joan for venue on (07) 866 7580 1pm
 Coro Tennis Club – club night, Gayle (07) 866 8063 4pm
 Wing Chun Kung Fu- Hong Kong Style,
 Chi Sau Club 027 283 0773 4.30-8.30pm
 Running Group, meet at rugby club grounds.
 Mark 027 338 6697 or (07) 866 7660 5-6.15pm
 Coro Gym – Pump with Betty, (07) 866 8635 5.30-6.30pm
 Discussion night-optional pot luck dinner, Mahamudra Centre,
 (07) 866 6851 dinner 6pm, meeting 7-8.30pm
 Walking & sitting meditation, Dharma Gaia Centre,
 (07) 866 7995 7.30-9pm

Every Thursday

Mahamudra Centre, guided meditation in gompas 8.30-9am
 Coro Walking Group, Ruth (07) 866 7246 9am
 Coro Art Group, St Andrew's Church,
 Val (07) 866 8911 9am-12pm
 Colville Bay Pre-School, rear Colville School,
 (07) 866 8319 9am-3pm
 Kohanga Reo o Kapanga, (07) 866 8417 9am-3pm
 Tai Ji, Top Floor, Waikato Events Centre,
 Sol (07) 866 8971 10-11am
 Guided meditations at the Havalona Pyramid 10-11am
 Coro Gym – Fitness & Fun, Judy (07) 866 8637 10.30am
 Coro Gym – Ukulele group practice for beginners,
 Peg (07) 866 8635

Croquet, Woollams Ave, Kaye (07) 866 8968 12.30pm
 Coro Community Garden, Glover St,
 Tai 022 601 7081 2-4pm
 Coro Gym – Kick fit with Christajo, 021 033 9329 5.30-6.30pm
 Yoga with Tina at Waikato Events Centre 5.30-6.40pm

Every Friday

Coro Gym – step/aerobics, Peg (07) 866 8635 8-9am
 Colville Bay Pre-School, rear Colville School,
 (07) 866 8319 9am-3pm
 Mahamudra Centre, guided meditation in gompas 8.30-9am
 Kohanga Reo o Kapanga, (07) 866 8417 9am-3pm
 Yoga for everyone, Anglican Church Hall,
 Katie (07) 866 6612 9-10.30am
 Colville Services Collective,
 Colville Hall, (07) 866 6920 9am-3pm
 Coro Gym – Sit & be fit, Peg (07) 866 8635 9.30-10.30am
 Coromandel Playcentre, Woollams Ave 9.45am-12.15pm
 Coro Gym – Fitness & Fun, Judy (07) 866 8637 1pm
 The Club, ph (07) 866 8813 open from 3.30pm
 Coro Tennis, Men's night, Gayle (07) 866 8063 4pm
 Coro Gym – Crazy Horse Productions,
 Natalie 021 048 9772 4.15pm



Every Saturday

Mahamudra Centre, guided meditation in gompas 8.30-9am
 Croquet, Woollams Ave, Kaye (07) 866 8968 9.45am
 Bowling Club Roll Up 12pm
 Coromandel Golf Club-club play, Hauraki Rd,
 Peter (07) 866 7633 tee off 12.30pm
 Coromandel RSA, Woollams Ave, ph The Club (07) 866 8813 2pm
 St Colman's Catholic Church-mass,
 Rings Rd, Frieda (07) 866 7872 5pm
 Prayers for dead and healing,
 Mahamudra Centre, (07) 866 6851 5-6pm

Every Sunday

Mahamudra Centre, guided meditation-in Gompas,
 (07) 866 6851 8.30-9am
 Elim Church Services, Rings Rd,
 Steve (07) 866 6900 10am-12 noon
 Coro Tennis Club-club play, Gayle (07) 866 8063 2pm
 Prayers for dead and healing,
 Mahamudra Centre, (07) 866 6851 5-6pm

Monthly
 RSA Women's Section Coromandel, Loes (07) 866 8053
1st Mon – Coro Patchwork & Quilters, Ambulance rooms,
 Jill (07) 866 7484 9.30am-3.30pm
2nd Mon – Friendship Group, Jocelyn (07) 866 7101
3rd Mon – Coro Patchwork & Quilters, Ambulance rooms,
 Jill (07) 866 7484 9.30am-3.30pm
3rd Mon – Alzheimer's Carers' Group, Retirement Village Hall, bring
 plate & koha, (07) 282 0453 10.30am
1st Tue – Coro Motorcycle Club general business
 John (07) 866 6776 7.30pm
2nd Tue – Coromandel/Colville Cmty Board, Council Chambers,
 (07) 866 1001 9am
2nd Tue – Public Trust, Harcourts, 0800 368 620 by appt
1st Wed – Coro Embroiderers' Guild, Ambulance Station, Jill
 Wilson (07) 866 7484 10am-3pm
1st Wed – Lions Dinner Meeting, Ambulance Rooms;
 Pres. Nigel Strongman (07) 866 8045 6pm
2nd Wed – Garden Circle, ph Julie Jensen for venue,
 (07) 866 7546 1pm
3rd Wed – Herb Federation NZ.
 Contact Ann Kerr-Bell 021 046 1647 9.30 to 11am
3rd Wed – Lions Business Meeting, Ambulance Rooms;
 Pres. Nigel Strongman (07) 866 8045 7pm
2nd Thu – Coromandel Writers' Group,
 Barbara (07) 866 8299 10.30am-2.30pm
4th Thu – Coro SeniorNet, school music room,
 Loes (07) 866 8053 1.30pm
3rd Sat – Luncheon Ladies, Lorraine (07) 866 8144 12pm
1st Sun – Coro School of Mines & Historical Sty/Museum,
 (07) 866 8711 4pm
1st Sun – St Andrew's Union church service, Rings Rd,
 (07) 866 8633 10am
2nd Sun – Christ Church service, Tiki Rd,
 Barbara O'Reilly (07) 866 8299 10am
2nd Sun – Young Eagles, Tiki Rd, Lisa (07) 866 2055 9am
3rd Sun – St Andrew's Union church service, Rings Rd,
 Hilda (07) 866 8633 10am
4th Sun – Christ Church service, Tiki Rd,
 Barbara O'Reilly (07) 866 8299 10am
5th Sun – Christ Church/St Andrew's share 10am

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6		7		8 Garden Circle AGM (see Pg 19)		9		10 Coromandel Music Society AGM (see Pg 36) Karaoke at Admirals Arms (see ad Pg 2)		11 Hekter Cup Rds 2 at Coromandel Golf Course (see Pg 33) Mercury Bay Art Escape Pizza and darts night at Tangiaro Kiwi Retreat (see ad Pg 11)		12 Making Conversation exhibition ends (see Pg 25) Hekter Cup Rds 1 at Coromandel Golf Course (see Pg 33) Mercury Bay Art Escape	
13 CHRONICLE DEADLINE - April issue content - 4pm		14		15 Community meeting at CAS (see Pg 28)		16		17		18 Hekter Cup Rd 3 at Coromandel Golf Course (see Pg 33)		19 The Fundamental Aspects of Physical Regeneration starts at Mana (see ad Pg 24)	
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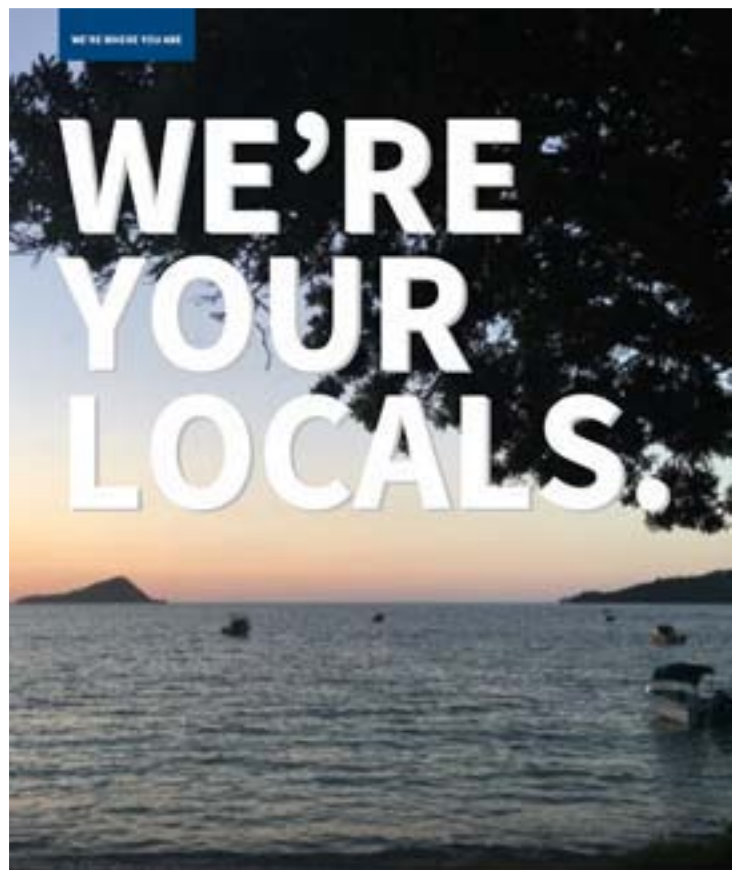
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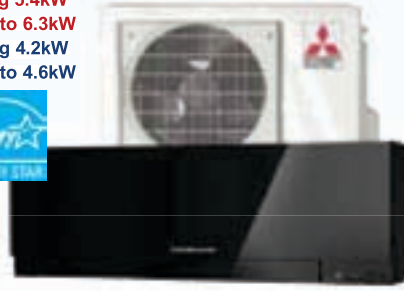
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