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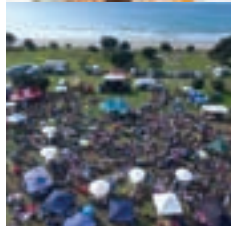
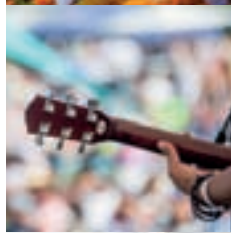
Simply send in a brief note about someone who lives in the Coromandel Town area to the details listed below and we'll pick a deserving legend for a \$50 hamper and recognition in each issue of the Coromandel Town Chronicle. There are loads of good people doing great things out there, so please embrace the 'CoroLocalLegend' and get your nominations in. We are a locally owned and operated business with community engagement at the heart of our philosophy and are proud to launch this cool initiative.

Send your nominations to: Coromandel.foursquare@foodstuffs.co.nz (subject line: CoroLocalLegend)
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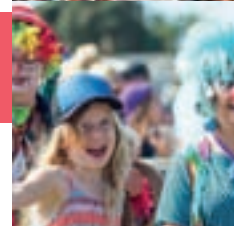
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Editor's comment

Town has been quite busy and it seems like there has been lots of overseas visitors here.

It is lovely to have long sunny days and I particularly enjoy going for a swim in the sea in the evening when it has cooled down a bit. The muggy nights have meant some sleepless nights and I expect I'm not the only one waiting for things to cool down a bit.

Easter falls right at the end of March/beginning April. Start planning now what you want to see and do at the Colville Easter Festival (see pg 7).

Debbie

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Coromandel Town Christmas Parade – Thank You

By Murray McDonald

I would like to thank all who were involved with the Christmas Parade last December – seems a long time ago...missed the deadline for January and February Chronicle's, sorry.

A large number (around 35) of floats, assemblages and individual entries took part in the very well-received parade. Local businesses made the effort, schools as well as community groups were also well-represented. The weather was kind and overall the event went as smoothly as ever – many thanks to volunteers from James Drainage and the Coromandel Lions who ensure the Parade stayed free of additional vehicles. Thanks also to Liz at TCDC for the safety plan help.

The new Four Square owner, Damian, supplied free ice-blocks – our North Pole treat for the children and Santa made sure they all got one. The Strongman generator kept the sound going and ARC's gazebo was much appreciated in the heat – thanks Keith Stephenson. The BNZ umbrellas were needed for sun bouncing, not rain.

Thanks to the Police, Fire Brigade and St John for ensuring we were safe and under control.

The list of sponsors includes: James Drainage – road closure and traffic management; CoroTime – TCDC event fee; Four Square – North Pole treat; ARC – gazebo; Nigel Strongman – generator. \$200 sponsor – DCR, \$100 sponsor – Tara's Beads, \$50 sponsors – The Star Gallery, Coromandel Apartments, Coromandel Quarry and Contracting, Ruffin's Rock Café, Richardson's Real Estate, Harcourts Real Estate, Hush Boutique Accommodation, Coromandel Accommodation, BNZ.

Overall winners (7 neutral judges):

- 1st Commercial – Driving Creek Railway
- 2nd Commercial – Richardson's Real Estate
- 1st Non-commercial – Coromandel Garden Circle
- 2nd Non-commercial – MEG dog training etc.
- 1st School/preschool – Coromandel Preschool
- 2nd School/preschool – Coromandel Area School
- 1st Other – Coromandel Cubs
- 2nd Other – Decorated mobility scooter

2018 Parade

Saturday 8 December – Theme "Science Fiction". Polish the Ford Galaxy, rebuild the robots, aliens and triffids welcome.

Wearable Arts Competition

The Coromandel Town Seafood Fest, held on **5 May**, would like to run a Wearable Arts Competition as part of the attractions on the day.

The theme is "The Sea – In, On and Under" and we're hoping there are some creative minds out there who would like to enter.

We're looking for registrations of interest at this stage to determine whether it will go ahead. So, if you're interested, or would like a bit more info, please get in touch before **31 March**.

Contact Tracey 027 344 7833 or Jan 021 221 5494



Coromandel Town Information Centre

By Sandra Wilson



Remember to clean your shoes when you walk the Kauri Grove, Kauri Block or Long Bay walks. Some have permanent cleaning stations set up. If no cleaning stations are available please scrub/clean your shoes, walking sticks, dogs paws, etc., before you head off on the next bush walk and after you've been to an area with kauri trees. This is to help stop the spread of Kauri Dieback, which can be spread via soil that is trapped on the soles of our shoes. You won't have any way of knowing if the organisms are on your shoes and they can lie dormant there for six years. Your commitment to protect our native bush for future generations is appreciated.

Stop by the Information Centre to pick up passport applications or make bookings on InterCity buses, 360 Ferry, Hobbiton, Mitai Maori Village, and Bluebridge Cook Strait ferry.

The 360 Discovery ferry timetable is now: Tuesdays and Thursdays departing 3.00pm with the complimentary shuttle departing at 2.30pm; Fridays: 8.45pm and the shuttle departs at 8.15pm; Saturdays, Sundays and holidays 4.30pm and the shuttle 4.00pm. The shuttle departs from the middle of the Woollams Ave car park directly behind the Information Centre. The shuttle from the wharf arrives into town around 11.00-11.30am on Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. Friday nights it arrives around 9.00-9.15pm. The ferry does not operate on Monday or Wednesday unless the Monday is a holiday. Besides saving your petrol, taking advantage of the free shuttle bus is highly recommended to reduce congestion at the wharf.

We also have a new computer which enables us to be online when there are power cuts so we can keep you updated on weather events and reading issues our Facebook page and through email.

Upcoming events not to be missed

- International Women's Day 2018 Charity Breakfast at Umu on **Friday 2 March**
- Not All Those Who Wander Are Lost: exhibition by Coromandel artists, Hauraki House Gallery, **3-11 March**
- Seafood Festival, 9.00am-4.00pm at Coromandel Area School on **Saturday 5 May**

Our opening hours are 10.00am-4.00pm seven days a week. You can reach us as follows: phone (07) 866 8598 or 027 521 5560; email: coroinfo@xtra.co.nz; website: www.coromandeltown.co.nz; follow us on Facebook Coromandel Town; and listen to Coromandel More FM every Monday around 1-1.30pm to find out what is happening in town

Coromandel Walking Group

Yes we are still walking the town and surrounds!

Just to update all of our walkers, we will be changing back to a 9am start following Easter weekend. Autumn approaches and, hopefully, more settled weather! Still meeting outside the Lotto Dairy, new members always welcome.

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By Caroline Dunn.

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Phone Coromandel Budget Advice, (07) 866 8351 for an appointment.

Food-bank

Food-bank continue to appreciate donations of small clean jars and containers, egg cartons and any overflow of fruit, vegetables or other produce you may have. These items can be dropped off at Tiki House Monday – Friday 9.30am-12.30pm or call us on (07) 866 8351 to arrange pick up.

If you require a food parcel please make sure Food-bank requests are with us before 12.30pm on a Wednesday. Otherwise you will have to wait until the following week. Pick up time is at 11.45am Thursday.

Community Garden

On 9 February we held a Community working bee, to start the task of getting the garden back into some order. Although we didn't have a huge turnout of volunteers (weather wasn't the greatest), we made some great progress in the garden. We also had a few tourists pop in to chat throughout the day, and a few locals who are keen to come on down and help out. We will be holding another working bee shortly as there is still lots of weeding and general organising to be done. Please pop on over and like our Facebook page to keep up to date with what's happening, or keep an eye out around town for our posters once we have a new date picked. To those who did help out on the day, a massive thank you from us all. It is going to take people like yourselves to help make this a successful garden and an enjoyable place to gather.

The office is at 45 Tiki Road (Tiki House) down the hallway. Office hours – if you need to make an appointment or organise a food parcel the Budget phone number is (07) 866 8351 or 022 018 0849 where you can talk to one of our staff or leave a message; phone messages are checked and replied to Monday to Friday, Food-bank – Pick up time from 11.45am Thursday. Please make sure Food-bank requests are with us before 12.30pm on a Wednesday



Community Garden working bee, before and after

Himalaya shop : Colville

Hi Everyone.

The Himalaya shop will not be open every day in March month. we will however be open most days so if you are coming up to Colville to see us ;best to phone and check that we are open that day.We will be open over the Easter period and then close for the Winter.

Contact us:shop 07 8667 224 A/H 8666 865
Anette mobile 021 139 7838

Coromandel Garden Circle

By Jenny Penman

Unfortunately our Garden Circle programme does not sync well with the Chronicle deadlines. As I write this article we have yet to have our first get-together for 2018 – it will take place in a few days. That monthly meeting will be held at a member's newly developed property and while there may not be many plants in situ, the proposed landscape plans will provide members with the owners' vision and provide a framework to check up on their progress over the years to come! It is in these early stages of garden development that being a member of such a group can be so useful. Not only is there the wisdom and experience of members who have gardened (often for many years) in Coromandel, dealing with its microclimates, soil types and topography, but there is also the chance to benefit from their generosity when it comes to cuttings, seedlings, or dumpings!

The weather has continued to provide many challenges this past month. The sweltering hot days of two weeks ago gave way to those gusty easterlies and now the rain has set in. No wonder things have bolted and gone to seed in the vege garden and the mulch is struggling to suppress all those weeds in the other beds. But hasn't it been a great year for tomatoes. Especially after all those tips we were given at our October meeting to boost our tomato crops – a great use for that past use-by-date milk! Which is just as well as the "Special" Competition for the upcoming meeting is "Tomatoes Any Way" – a real chance for our members to show off their growing and culinary skills.

March is the month for our AGM. This will be held on **Wednesday 14 March** at the Combined Club of Coromandel, Woollams Ave at 1pm. If you are interested in joining us, please come along.

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

Coromandel Patchwork and Quilters

by Sharon Currie

5 February was our first meeting for the year – a chance to catch up with everybody over a yummy morning tea. Then to work on new or unfinished projects for the day. Our next meeting is our AGM on 19 February followed by a shared lunch. We also draw our raffle, the proceeds of which go to the Coromandel Area School.

If patchwork is something you want to learn or you have recently moved to Coromandel, come and join us for morning tea about 10am. We always enjoy helping others and sharing our knowledge.

Our meetings are held 1st and 3rd (& 5th) Mondays of the month 9.30am-3.30pm, St John Rooms, Tiki Rd, Coromandel. President Barb Excell Ph (07) 866 7493 Secretary Raewyn Penrose Ph (07) 866 8880



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Museum News

By Raewyn McKinney

Once again, Waitangi Day was "Open Day" at the museum. We welcomed a steady stream of visitors, and it was pleasing to see a good mix of locals and visitors from out of town. This is becoming one of the best days of the year for the museum. The next note-worthy event at the museum will be "Children's Day" on **Sunday 4 March**, from 1-4pm. This day will feature activities aimed at school-age children, primarily "making toys of yesterday". Entry is free for an adult accompanied by a school-age child, so if you are looking for a fun afternoon of supervised activities for your school children, do come along.

Here are a couple of items from newspapers featuring the children of Coromandel:

From "New Zealand Herald" of 22 March 1884:

Presentation To Rev. T. N. Griffin

On Tuesday evening last the Coromandel Wesleyan Band of Hope met for the last time, under the presidency of the Rev. T. N. Griffin, who ... Some eighteen months ago Mr. Griffin started, or rather resuscitated, the Band of Hope here, and has been most successful in drawing the children under his banner, having had nearly all the children in the district, or about 250 on the roll. Although Mr. Griffin has had a few friends to assist him, the major portion of the work has fallen on himself alone, most energetically and efficiently has he discharged his duties; and when it was found he was leaving the district, it was

determined by the children to give him something to remind him of them. They clubbed their coppers and sixpences together, and bought a very handsome silver cruet stand, which, with a very nice address, signed by over 100 children, was presented on Tuesday night. The rev. gentleman was much affected, and said he should always remember Coromandel, and be very glad to hear of their welfare.

From "New Zealand Herald" 18 March 1879:

Driving Creek School, Coromandel

The first of a proposed series of entertainments came off in this school on Tuesday evening last, and, judging from the numbers present, it must have been very gratifying to the committee... it was proposed to hold a series of entertainments during the winter months, for the purpose of raising funds to clear and improve the playground for the children... the indulgence of the audience for any little slip or nervousness on the part of the singers, as it was the determination of the committee to depend as much as possible on local talent, the intention being to bring forward as many as possible of those who had a gift that way. Miss Montgomery played a beautiful solo on the piano. This little lady (quite a child) displayed great talent. "Dream Land" was beautifully sung by Miss T. Coupland; and a duet by Miss Andrew and Master Herbert, "Annie Lisle," was very good.



Auckland Star 9 March 1901
Fashions for children

Miss Callaway sang "Home Again" and "Be Kind," and the Misses Callaway the duet "Flow on,"... Mr. Woollams sang "Nil Desperandum" and "Softly Fall,"... "Love at Home," a beautiful song, given by the children, was slightly marred by nervousness. The best piece of the evening, the "Greek Hero," a recitation, was splendidly executed by Mr. Kelly, and greatly admired.... The whole was brought to a close by singing the National Anthem. If the committee are only able to cater for the amusement of the public in this way, they need have no fear of the results.

The museum is open from 1pm to 4pm daily during March, apart from Good Friday 30 March

Coromandel Contract Bridge Club

By Judy Bronlund

It is good to be back playing bridge. The second club competition starts in March and this is the Cashmore Pairs. On Easter Monday we will be having a fun night. Thanks to members for filing in at odd times. We play at the St John Hall every Monday evening. New members are welcome to join us, as are visitors to our town.

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

Wild things

McGregor Bay Wetland Society "Wild things" slot will show wildlife photos from around Coromandel (and occasionally beyond) to put a picture to a species and tell its story. The McGregor Bay Wetland Society welcomes contributions; send to mcgregorbaywetland@hotmail.com.

King of the castle

After the first king tide over a shell bank in a coastal wetland, alternative nesting has been provided. Oyster-catchers, like dotterels have to contend with the vagaries of coastal living but this elevated oyster-catcher has a guardian who put stoat traps nearby and does not allow dogs off leash in the area.



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Saturday 31 March 6pm – The BIG Music Night \$20, under 16 free. Food and coffee available to purchase. Four live exiting acts:

Madly Irie – Four fabulous women from Gisborne playing classics from Louis Jordan, Ray Charles, Split Enz clarinet infused swingabilly blues, enhanced with ukulele and bass with a lot of sassy vocalising.

Shimna's List – High-energy dance music in the form of jigs and reels from Ireland, Scotland and Cape Breton playing styles of fiddlers, Liz Carroll, Kevin Burke, Eileen Ivers and Martin Hayes, backed by the authentic Irish rhythm section of DADGAD, guitar and bodhran.

Dual – Psychedelic-dance duo who combine dream-like vocals with driving drum beats and intoxicating riffs to create the Dual sound. Hooks and gliding vocals punctuate each Dual track and create a sound entirely their own.

Racing – Hypnotic groove-based rock and roll with touches of English big beat. Described as “the thoughts of a crocodile in flood season”. Known for their ferocious live show.

Sunday 1 April 5.30pm – The Bubble Show and Auckland Playback Theatre \$20, under 16 free. Finger food and cuppa will be provided.

The Bubble Man – Eran K. Backler – performance is a unique and special entertainment extraordinaire with beautiful soap bubbles in all shapes and sizes. Enjoy bouncy bubbles, bubbles inside bubbles, smoke bubbles, square bubbles, giant bubbles and even fire bubbles! The Bubble Show is interactive and is suitable for all ages. Children and adults all enjoy the unique bubbling!

Auckland Playback Theatre – It is funny, poignant, touching, empowering and brings communities together. A performance group consists of a conductor (the facilitator), actors and a musician. The whole performance is improvised. Auckland Playback Theatre has been operating for 25 years. The company will also do a workshop for teenagers only – more details under workshops.

Easter Monday 2 April 1-2pm – Outdoor Bubble Show – for the very little ones.

Tickets for all nights are available to purchase or book, at Colville Store or CSSC (07) 866 6920. Early Bird Ticket \$50 for all 3 nights till 15 March

Workshops

The Art of Dyeing with Carla Davis – **Saturday 31 March** 10am-2pm \$30, concession \$25. This dyeing workshop is going to be a lot of fun.

We will be combining techniques I have learnt over the years, with some fascinating new ways to make a beautiful wearable or drapeable object. We will be dyeing, undyeing, dyeing again, dipping, painting and exposing, to shade or light, tying and untying, rinsing and fixing, (with fixative). Bring a garment or piece of houseware you like, one that has lost its glint, or choose from my collection. It needs to be mostly natural fibre. A mixed fabric can be interesting or just plain, as the dye is only grabbed by some of the fabric. We are going to really colour it up.

Harakeke (Flax) Dyeing with Nici Greulich and Briar Van Dort – **Sunday 1st April** 10am-4pm \$30, concession \$25. Briar and Nici are

warmly inviting all weavers out there that would like to stock up on some colourful whenu (flax strips), or any already woven items, to our Flax Dyeing Workshop at Colville Easter Festival. We are working with prime colours which we will mix. Also there will be some trials on different methods, i.e., tie dyeing and two different colours on one strip. We provide the dye and you must bring your own prepared, preferably boiled, flax, ready to go. The dyes are Teri dyes and are not organic. Any weaving after dyeing is encouraged.

Little Clay Creations with Janet Palmer **Easter Monday 2 April** 10am-12pm – free. Come and enjoy creating whatever you please. Clay provided. This is always fun!

Leather Workshop with Brenda and Steve Carson – **Easter Monday 2 April** 10am-1pm \$20 adult, \$10 child. Make a belt, a purse, knife sheath, or bracelet. Leather and tools provided. Number is limited to 12 participants.

Playback Theatre Workshop with Auckland Playback Theatre Company, for teenagers only, **Easter Monday 2 April** 10am-2pm \$10. Playback Theatre is fun to watch but it is even more fun to do! Students will be telling stories throughout the workshop and transforming them into theatre in an atmosphere of fun.

We are sorry but the Pounamu Workshop will not be happening due to a family commitment.

Register for workshops at CSSC (Colville Social Service Collective) (07) 866 6920 or email cssc@colville.org.nz. Any questions or queries contact Ella 027 487 5131/Steve 021 711 489 or CSSC

Sculptures

Numerous sculptures by local Colville artists will be presented next to the hall and around the village. We welcome Coromandel artists to add their sculptures – they can be for sale.

Back Room Gallery will be open during the festival, displaying art works of various descriptions, plus Back Room Gallery artists will be creating works in the Cafe courtyard adjoining the Gallery. Feel free to come and observe and talk with them.

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New
Listing



This 20.05ha block of land is nestled in the Coromandel Ranges not far from the white sandy surf beach of Waikawau Bay. If you thought you had seen the ultimate retreat, think again - mature native bush, a large stand of 18 year old pines, walking tracks, fresh water stream with water holes and water fall - this property has it all. The 'off-the-grid' 2 bedroom cottage blends into the landscape and is surrounded by well-tended lawns and gardens complete with a picturesque outdoor bath. An exceptional piece of paradise!!!! **\$895,000 + GST (if any)**

New
Listing



Te Kouma Bay is arguably one of the most sought after positions on the western side of the Coromandel Peninsula. This elevated property is within an easy walk or drive of sandy beaches, the brilliant Sugar Loaf boat launching facility, Hannaford's Jetty where the Auckland Ferry docks, and a short distance by boat to renowned fishing grounds. The spacious Hinuera Stone/weatherboard home features 3 double brms, open-plan living (stunning rimu ceiling), and a large garage/workshop. The 809m2 section allows plenty of boat parking. **\$710,000**

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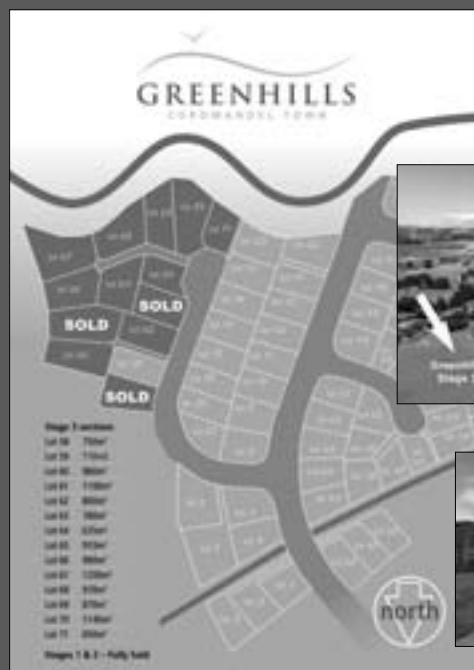
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Headliner band – "The Monroes" are set to stage a show. We know will have many up dancing to the bitter end. Returning are power duo "Daughters of Alley" and acoustic duo "Wilde Taylor" giving their performances of great listening, foot stomping and get up on your feet dance music. Opening the day and performing at the festival for the first time are The Mercury Bay School Band.

Fun activities like the helicopter simulator, rides, games and roving performers will please both young and old alike and with the vast variety of food, wine and craft beer available to cover most preferences, we suggest you arrive with an empty stomach.

The cooking competitions are back this year! Local Te Rerenga School students will prepare their favourite recipes followed by a demonstration on how to care for your fish by Hank from Salty Towers, Coromandel. And one not to miss is the "Great A Taste of Matarangi Food Competition", a new concept for this year where home cooks are invited to showcase their culinary skills and create a seafood dish that will "wow" the judges.

Topping the event is the all important charity auctions and raffles to raise funds towards the festival charities – Westpac Rescue Helicopter and Kuaotunu Land Search and Rescue. We have four great packages donated by local business groups to be auctioned off at 1pm on event day. Go to www.atasteofmatarangi.co.nz for more details.

Festival tickets are selling fast – buy at the discount prices through our website (e.g. adult ticket \$15 or \$20 gate sales on the day), Coromandel Adventures, Whitianga I-site and Richardsons in Matarangi. To prepare for the event and help the day run smoothly please read the Terms and Conditions on our Get Tickets web page.

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Kristi Cabot, our Student Coach Coordinator

Lion News

By Lyn Rose

A quarter of the way through the year already – where has it gone?

Our annual BBQ was at the same place as last year – many thanks again to Mike and Jean for another memorable evening, although the weather wasn't the greatest, the food and company were!

Onto our usual stuff. With our mussel fritters over two days and firewood raffle on Anniversary Weekend, we once again have to thank everyone for your ongoing support. The raffle winner was S. Hawkey of Coromandel. Congrats and thanks for supporting the Lions!

Firewood orders have been coming in thick and fast, with deliveries on the go as well. With the recent change of weather signalling that summer is on its way out, it is time to think of how to keep warm later on. Thanks to those of you who opted to order early and dry it at your own place – a big help as we do not have the storage that we used to have.

A woodworking bee was held in the beginning of February with the clearing of trees for the adventure bike park on Hauraki Rd. This is a huge undertaking and we wish this project every success. Although not our project, we are very happy to offer support as this is for the benefit of our community, and that is what Lions are all about.

With nominations for our change of officers coming up, we find ourselves once again asking the community for help. With some leaving the area and many of us full-time workers, our little club will once again be looking for a secretary and a treasurer when our Lions year ends in June. As always, community minded people are invited to become members! We are not just local but part of the largest service club in the world, with opportunities to go as far as you wish if you want to! If you would like to find out more, then please talk to a Lion. Phone one of the numbers below, or check us out on the web.

Our first business meeting of the year is **21 February** and as I write this, it has not happened yet. We meet twice each month – once for dinner on the first Wednesday and then the third Wednesday for business. Our next mussel fritter stall will be at "A Taste Of Matarangi" on **7 April**; weather forecast fine! See you there. Till next month, cheers.



International Women's Day Charity Breakfast

Tickets on sale at Richardson's Real Estate for our charity breakfast on **Friday 2 March** at Umu Cafe starting at 7.30am. Breakfast cost is \$25 of which \$10 goes to the Waikato/BOP branch of the Cancer Society.



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Coromandel Embroiderers' Guild

By Jenny Penman

This year started with a great turnout of over 30 members to the February Guild meeting. The "Show and Tell Table" had an exquisite and varied array of projects. While this display may have started the pinpricks of possible shame some were

feeling over a summer misspent, it was our guest speaker – the first for a new monthly meeting slot – who had us all in total awe.

Nola Blanchett made the trip up the Coast to attend our meeting having been one of the original 15 who started the Guild 30 years ago. Nola brought with her some wonderful memories and an exquisite and large portfolio of work. She admitted to having been coerced from a background of spinning and weaving but has well and truly embraced all facets of embroidery work over the intervening years. Some of our longer attending Guild members were able to fill in the gaps in Nola's stories and we were provided with much inspiration and insight, the mystery of the origins of our Guild tablecloth being one.

Congratulations also went to four Guild members with the announcement of the Viewers' Choice from our Exhibition late last year. Annette Rich won first



Nola Blanchett (left) sharing one of her embroidery portfolio pieces with Marie Keeves

place with her beautifully stitched Crewel Cushion, Vi King 2nd with Meadow Flowers, Ann Brocas 3rd with her Christmas Tree and Marie Keeves 4th with her Schwalm Cushion.

The next Guild meeting will be on the first Wednesday, **7 March**. Interested new members are always welcome.

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

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Plastic-Bag-Free Coromandel Town

By Kate James

It's brilliant to see so many people around town bringing reusable bags to the shops. Here are a couple of tips to help you remember your reusable bags every time:

1) Put your reusable bags back in your car, handbag, bike basket, or by the front door after you unpack them.

2) Always start your shopping list with "bags" so you remember to take them with you.

If you do forget to take your bags into the store you can just ask the cashier to place your groceries straight into the trolley and you can pack them into your bags when you get to the car, no worries!

We are looking forward to having another stall at the Coromandel Community Market. We will be selling reusable shopping bags on **Friday 9 March**, 9am-1pm. Find us at the market beside the Bank of New Zealand. We will again be giving bags away for just a koha or donation. Most of the bags will be the beautiful jute shopping bags which were generously sponsored by Driving Creek Railway. If you want to get your hands on one of these bags in the meantime you can buy them at Evolution Tattoo studio, 191 Kapanga Rd. The bags are \$5 each (cash only). Thank you Tiffany and Lee at Evolution Tattoo for your support.

We are looking for sewers! If you can sew and would like to help us make reusable bags for this community project we would love to hear from you. We can supply you with fabric and patterns. You can sew at home at your own pace and/or join us for our group sewing sessions once we get these back up and running.

To keep up to date with what we are doing follow us on Facebook: Search for Plastic-Bag-Free Coromandel Town and click the "like" button. Send us a message if you would like to get involved with this initiative. We are keen to hear from our community, including businesses who may like our help to move away from using plastic bags or are interested in sponsoring fabric bags. Email info@jacarandalodge.co.nz

Once again if you have any unwanted fabric, old curtains, duvet covers or the like, please drop donations of fabric to Carolyn's Clothing and Haberdashery, 18 Kapanga Road.



Coromandel Family Health Centre



It's time to start thinking about the upcoming influenza season.

The flu vaccine should be available from the end of March.

Young or old, fit or frail, the flu can affect you!

Influenza is a serious viral illness that causes debilitating symptoms and can kill.

The Northern Hemisphere flu season has been particularly bad, with over 100 people dying every week in the USA alone.

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The flu vaccine is fully funded for those aged 65 years and older, pregnant women and for people with chronic health conditions, such as diabetes and asthma/COPD. For everyone else the price is \$15.

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Senior Net Coromandel

By Loes Beaver

Senior Net have changed our meeting days to every Monday at 4pm. We now have access to the Computer Room at the school, for which we are most grateful.

Senior Nets throughout NZ have been given the opportunity to partner with Statistics NZ from 28 February to 16 March to assist with the 2018 Census. We are willing to help or assist members of the community in completing the Census using online facility. We would simply ask that you come along to one of our Monday learning sessions within that time frame.

We are a small group, who are here to assist people with the problems they may have using IT equipment. Just bring along your smartphone, laptop, or tablet with your questions and we will help solve them.

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Coming Together

This month CILT said goodbye to one of its stalwarts, Louise Rust, who worked in the Finance and HR area of CILT for ten years. Her good humour, patience and unflappable approach will be sorely missed, but at the same time we would like to welcome Stella Cowley who has moved here from Hamilton with her husband Brian.

In last month's Chronicle, we talked about Mike visiting community hubs in Scotland. Following on from that experience, CILT has engaged Tony Kane and Pete Sefton to undertake a feasibility study to establish a community facilities hub in Coromandel. Tony and Pete are keen to talk not only with government agencies and local council, as most of the funding will come from out of the community, but most importantly to you the local residents. We want to know what you think should be incorporated in a community hub. Mike's Scottish experience showed that groups and individuals coming together makes for new ideas, support for one another, and a much more efficient way of delivering services. A founding principle of our proposed hub is that it is fully accessible to everyone, can demonstrate high quality information technology and be fully sustainable. We really hope that anyone who would like to be part this process makes themselves known to Pete or Tony. We will be interested in people who may want to partner with us, but anyone with good ideas please come forward.

While Mike was in Scotland he was also impressed with the way participation in the arts was seen as a strong indicator of a healthy community. It was regarded as being especially therapeutic for people with mental health issues. Mike visited social enterprises whose activities included pottery classes within prisons, and with young offenders, opening an art gallery for children, making boxes containing everything to provide creative entertainment for a kid's birthday party or boxes designed for those with Alzheimer's. In Glasgow, he visited a group that ran classes with the elderly to create a massive public sculpture, and one group who created a knitted mural of every house in their street. A group called Take Away Creative visited the housebound to work on craft projects, while Impact Arts in Glasgow (amongst a hugely wide range of activities) helped people design their own wall paper for their houses. Impact Arts trained art students just out of art school in the basics of community work, and provided them with enough work to stay financially afloat and still have time for their own art. What all of these enterprises showed was that art can make a meaningful social impact on any community.

CILT is interested in working with any artist or person experienced in craft skills who may have good ideas for working with groups

in the community. CILT's Artists in the Making in Whitianga is a good example of people with a disability coming together to pursue their own art projects.

Back to basics, from **27 February** The Goldmine and Transfer Station will revert to off-peak hours. They are: Tuesday and Thursday 11am-4.30pm, Saturday and Sunday 11am-5.30pm, Public Holidays 11am-5.30pm.

Good news for would-be shoppers and cinema-goers, the Community Services Van has resumed going to Whitianga on a Friday at 10.30am. Remember to book with the CILT front desk by 1pm on Thursday.

CILT Resource Centre Co-ordinators:
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Coromandel Writers

By Vivianne Flintoff

Once again, we met as the Coromandel Writers' Group on the second Thursday of the month. Our February meeting was the first of 2018, and so keen were we all to be at the discipline of writing again, we had a full complement of writers including two new members.

We began with introductions and, as usual in this small country of ours, links were made with shared birth places. After coffee and tea and lively conversation, we set to work. Our twenty-minute spontaneous writing exercise about a "Crossing" was begun. It was to be written in the present tense, involve an element of anger and a travel document. Many wrote of actual personal experiences and we heard how far travelled so many members of the group are, with some rather tense events experienced.

Those who write poetry shared one they had brought along, and others shared poems chosen from public compilations. Books enjoyed, or not enjoyed, were shared and a number of books recommended for reading.

After lunch, rounded off by slices of two superb cakes baked by our host Megan, we read our homework exercise – the Creation of a Myth. I was impressed with the quality of the writing. It was hard to realise that these myths had not in fact been already published in works of Myth and Fable. A great exercise. I now have the challenge of coming up with an equally challenging and interesting next homework exercise of 500 words.

We now have a full complement of members so are unable to include any new people for the present. If you are interested in joining in the future, please contact Lora on (07) 866 7176. Our next meeting will be at Barbara's on **8 March** beginning at 10.30am.

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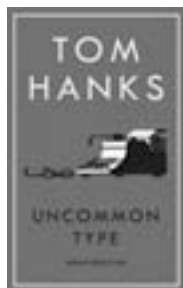
Library News

By Raewyn McKinney

Sadly, this month the library says farewell to Lorraine Abernethy. Lorraine was once the Monday morning librarian, and has been a relief librarian now for many years. Lorraine is heading south for new challenges and experiences. As Carlene said at our recent meeting "Thank you Lorraine. We shall miss your bubbly demeanour and caring concern. Go well and enjoy your new home."

The library has started the new year in good heart, and things are going well; we have welcomed many new members recently, and are always introducing new books. Recent new additions to the library include:

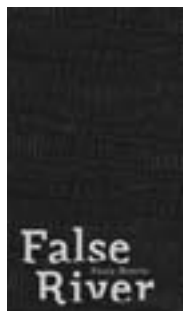
Uncommon Type: Some stories by Tom Hanks



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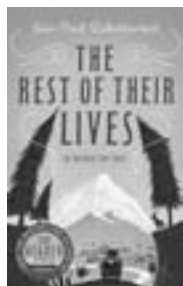
the people and situations that Tom Hanks explores in his first work of fiction, a collection of stories that dissects, with great affection, humour, and insight, the human condition and all its foibles. The stories are linked by one thing: in each of them, a typewriter plays a part, sometimes minor, sometimes central.

False River by Paula Morris



Riffing on truth, lies and secrets, this collection uses fiction to explore fact, and fact to explore fiction. Fictional characters muse upon the truth behind real people, non-fiction pieces contain short interludes of fiction, fiction is written to read like an essay, made-up elements slip into true accounts. These pieces range the world - from America, to Antwerp to Aotearoa - and talk about writers and writing, famous figures, family members, witch-burning in Denmark, cyclones and numerous pertinent and stimulating topics. All brilliantly written, each will leave you thinking and desperate to jump back in for more.

The Rest of their Lives by Jean-Paul Didierlaurent, Translated by Ros Schwartz



It's difficult to find love in a profession like Ambroise's - even his father despises what he does... And while Manelle, a home-help for the elderly in the same small French town, adores her days spent with her eccentric clients, she too often ends her evenings alone. So when an unusual request from Manelle's favourite client -

eighty-two-year-old retired chef-gourmand Samuel - brings the two of them together for an unlikely road-trip to Switzerland, along with Ambroise's cake-loving grandmother, it might just be time for the rest of their lives to begin.

Girl in Snow by Danya Kukafka



When beloved high school student Lucinda Hayes is found murdered, no one in her sleepy Colorado suburb is untouched - not the boy who loved her too much; not the girl who wanted her perfect life; not the police officer assigned to investigate. In the aftermath of the tragedy, these three unforgettable characters - Cameron, Jade, and Russ - must each confront their darkest secrets in an effort to find solace, the truth, or both. Explores the razor-sharp line between love and obsession, between watching and seeing, between reality and memory.

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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

Taize

By Sue Gilmer

All things change. And so it is with our singing group as well. A few singers have left, others have joined. Despite this, what a beautiful night of singing we have just had. Last night seemed to be an evening for French songs. We finished with "Mon ame se respose". Broadly translated to "my soul finds rest in following the guidance of God" (or whatever you call your greatest guidance).

Once again I'd like to say a big thank you to the wonderful core of singers who have now been together for over three years. Each week, they willingly help the new members in their learning with patience and support. A special thank you to you all. We have many favourites and although we try to finish by 9pm, what, with the chocolate that sometimes gets brought along to share, and the catching up with everyone, lights out is sometimes quite a bit later.

I have been pondering for some time how we can combine the new singers with the core group who did all this learning when we first started singing together. To help the integration of new people into the group flow as easily as possible, anyone who wants to come and sing with us are welcome but they need to be willing to put time into revising and learning a song at home once we have taught it on Monday night. You also need to be able to commit to Monday evenings on a regular basis. It also helps if you can sing in tune!

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Coromandel Bowling Club

By Linda Wright

We are hoping for a fine weekend for our Seafood Tournament on **3-4 March**, where we have 28 teams of four, playing over the two days. Most of them are visiting teams, who enjoy all the Coromandel seafood we cook for them. You are most welcome to come down to the club and watch the bowling action on our grass greens. They all play one hour on, then one hour off, so plenty of non-stop action to watch.

The Men's Championship winner was Colin Gawith, with Reg Wright the runner up; a good contest with 12 entries, with some close games being played.

We had a full rink of 16 team for Optional 2x4x2 Pairs tournament, kindly sponsored by Tapu Motor Camp, with visiting teams from Mercury Bay, Thames, Tairua and Howick. The winners on the day were Colin Gawith and Lindsay Nicholl with four wins, but more point to beat 2nd place, who also had four wins, Reg Wright and David Weatherly. 3rd place went to a Mercury Bay team, Russell and Colleen, with three wins. A good day even though we had to dodge the showers in the afternoon.

We are halfway through our busy Twilight Bowls sessions, with the "Mad Hatters" winning the first night and the "Twilighters" winning the second night. Both teams received vouchers to The Pepper Tree Restaurant & Bar.

We have six players competing in the Trusts NZ Open Bowls at the moment, with the rain not being too kind to them all, but they are still managing to qualify for post section. A good bowling everyone.

It was good to see new players coming to our Club Day on Thursday. Names in by 9.30am, with drawn teams, for two one-hour games. Only two months left in our playing program, before the greens are closed.

Plus our Club Friday nights is open from 3.30pm till 7pm for social roll-ups. New social members very welcome to come down and join us.

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RSA News

By Pat Williams

RSA has three teams in the present round of Twilight Bowls. Go you lot and bring home the bacon. Sounds as if participants have a lot of fun. Although if the weather stays this hot and muggy they may suffer from wilt!

Had my brother from Rarotonga visit recently. Took a drive out to Port Charles on the Saturday morning (our old haunt), RSA in the afternoon. Our Money Board, which is a focal point in the Club Room, intrigued said brother, so photos, measurements, etc. have gone back to Rarotonga. Next time anyone visits the RSA there they may see a replica of our Money Board. I believe ours was made by Ray Stewart many years ago and was brought down from our old Club Rooms. Long may it hang on the wall.

Next big thing on the agenda, we will be gearing up for Poppy Day. Also our AGM will be coming up shortly; have not got a definite date as yet. Nomination forms for all positions will be available at the Club Rooms from **Saturday 23 February**.

Just been looking through old copies of the Chronicle, looking for inspiration and I noticed colour came to this great little paper February 2017. How time flies.

Quote for the month: "A helping hand is no farther than at the end of your sleeve."

"The Bizarre" not a Refuse Transfer Station!

By Jackie Carey

We have been hearing a lot about the problems of rubbish disposal lately on the news, and The Bizarre, like all charity shops, has been having to deal with people's rubbish for some time. We absolutely appreciate the donated goods that come in every day, but there are some people that are using us as a rubbish dump and seem to think that our customers are willing to buy their dirty goods. Our customers expect to be able to buy clean and tidy items with their hard-earned money.

To try to make people more responsible for their goods we will be asking for names and contact numbers, and will expect the unsaleable goods to be picked up, and if they are not we will be refusing further donations from that person. Please do not be offended if we consider your goods unsaleable – we know what will sell and what won't. Remember people, we are all working for the community and the more we pay to have rubbish removed, the less money goes to the local charities we support.



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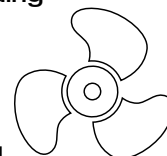


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A milestone for Open Floor

By Lisa Corston and Jacqui Chan

We did it! Jacqui and I completed our final module of training in February and are now fully fledged (fully certified) Open Floor Teachers.

And oh my this training is certainly not for the faint-hearted! We have been prodded and encouraged to fully show up, stand up, and speak up!... and doing so further honed our own individual voices, and our own unique flavour of teaching. We are brimming with inspiration and enthusiasm to start our weekly classes – beginning in March!

People came from Italy, UK, America, Japan, Australia and NZ to complete their study of this deep, life-resourcing dance practice. As they return to their home countries they will be taking this powerful movement practice to diverse interest groups: youth and adolescents, mothers and children, seniors, the mental health sector, men's groups, women's groups, groups exploring gender diversity, hospice, corporate organisations, schools, refugees, prisons – as well as the general public. The group also included therapists who have done specialised training to incorporate the Open Floor work into their therapy practice.

As we mark this milestone I (Jacqui) realise the way I define Open Floor has evolved. What I value most about Open Floor is the way it helps us tap into the wisdom of

our moving bodies and own unique dance so that we can develop inner resources to support us through the multitude of wonders and challenges life brings us. An Open Floor mantra is “move and include”, meaning we bring our whole selves to the dance floor — not only our physical bodies, but also our day-to-day emotions, the workings of our clever creative minds, and those deeper levels that some call soul or spirit. The dance floor is a juicy space where we encounter ourselves and others, and attend to ever-changing relational needs. We learn to honour when we have a need for solitude, a desire to connect, a longing to belong to a group or community, or a yearning to contact something much larger than our little selves (be that nature or a bigger mystery). Throughout this fun and sweaty practice, music is a vital ingredient that supports and enlivens our experience. As teachers we treat music as medicine, selecting compelling and diverse music to soothe, stir, invigorate, challenge and move us.

One of my (Lisa) roles through the three training modules was to create enlivened installations. These installations changed and grew in response to the curriculum content, as well as the mood, ideas and creativity of the group. This offered my love of art-making a new challenge. At one point (well it took a whole winter of making to get to this one point) I built a human sized dragon, with articulating joints made of pipe, hinges, bolts and washers, elastic for tendons

and ligaments, a spine that could undulate, ribs, frost cloth as a kind of fascia, cushion padding for muscles, and with skin made from a rich dark brown bejewelled fabric from our local Bizarre. Thus Open Floor practice has also extended my art practice into areas I would never imagine! In this way Open Floor has the potential to incorporate visual arts alongside dance as a means of expression.

As always you are extended a warm and open invitation to come join us, just as you are. Every body welcome – all ages (18+), genders, differing physical abilities. No experience is necessary, newcomers and visitors welcome.

Weekly Thursday classes at the Anglican Church Hall, 7*- 8:30pm, from **1 March** onwards.

Tuesday morning classes at Mana Retreat Centre 9:30*-11:30am, **27 March, 3 April, 15, 22, 29 May**.

*Please arrive a few minutes earlier to settle in. The music begins 15 mins early so feel free to come and enjoy a longer warm-up. If it's your first time, come 15 mins early so we have a chance to meet and orient you.

Entry: \$10-\$15 (as you can afford).

Contacts: Jacqui 022 392 8588, Lisa 021 175 4741

See www.wildbones.co.nz for more info

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5 Feb - 11 Feb	8.45am	8.45am	-	8.45am	6.40pm	8.45am	8.45am
12 Feb - 25 Mar	-	8.45am	-	8.45am	6.40pm	8.45am	8.45am
26 Mar - 1 Apr	-	8.45am	-	6.40pm	8.45am	8.45am	8.45am
2 Apr - 8 Apr	8.45am	8.45am	-	8.45am	6.40pm	8.45am	8.45am

Departs Orapiu to Coromandel: (approximate times)

	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
8 Jan - 4 Feb	9.50am	9.50am	9.50am	9.50am	7.45pm	9.50am	9.50am
5 Feb - 11 Feb	9.50am	9.50am	-	9.50am	7.45pm	9.50am	9.50am
12 Feb - 25 Mar	-	9.50am	-	9.50am	7.45pm	9.50am	9.50am
26 Mar - 1 Apr	-	9.50am	-	7.45pm	9.50am	9.50am	9.50am
2 Apr - 8 Apr	9.50am	9.50am	-	9.50am	7.45pm	9.50am	9.50am

Departs Coromandel: Hannaford's Wharf

	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
8 Jan - 28 Jan	3.00pm	3.00pm	3.00pm	3.00pm	8.45pm	4.30pm	4.30pm
29 Jan - 4 Feb	4.30pm	3.00pm	3.00pm	3.00pm	8.45pm	4.30pm	4.30pm
5 Feb - 11 Feb	3.00pm	4.30pm	-	3.00pm	8.45pm	4.30pm	4.30pm
12 Feb - 25 Mar	-	3.00pm	-	3.00pm	8.45pm	4.30pm	4.30pm
26 Mar - 1 Apr	-	3.00pm	-	8.45pm	4.30pm	4.30pm	4.30pm

Auckland - Coromandel

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	ADULT	CHILD	FAMILY
ONE WAY	\$35.00	\$22.00	\$92.00
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Sat 3 March
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Sat 3 March
11am

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CoroMFA Comment

By Gilbert James,
Chair, CoroMFA



Fed-Fish Farming

For a very long time now we North Islanders have had the commercial opportunity for farming of fish that need feeding. Examples of valuable candidate species suited to northern waters are groper/hapuku, kingfish, rock-lobsters, and sea cucumbers. They could perhaps even be grown “multi-trophically” with other fish in an environmental win-win, such as by balancing removal and addition of nitrogen. The problem is that our environmental planning regime just doesn’t allow it.

The South Islanders are rather quicker on the uptake. They started farming the excellent king salmon species more than four decades ago and now annually produce some 15,000 tonnes at \$100+ million in value. Unfortunately, this cool water species is unsuited to our northern climes.

To help overcome the planning roadblocks, in 2011 the Coromandel Marine Farming Zone was created through government amendment to the Waikato Plan, as the first zone specifically set up for fed-fish farming in the North Island. The zone is intended for fish farming, or other types of aquaculture that involve feeding the farmed species.

The zone consists of 300 hectares (3 by 1 km) and is located midway between Waiheke Island and Coromandel township, some 15 kilometres from both. The zone is in 33 to 36 metres of water. Water temperatures typically range from 12.4 to 22.8 degrees, and the seafloor is uniformly muddy sand. It is estimated that the zone can sustainably grow thousands of tonnes of fish per year, perhaps 8,000 tonnes, Waikato Regional

Council stated that “we believe that, over time, successful fish farming in the Firth of Thames zone could generate additional revenue of over \$50 million.”

In the 6.5 years since 2011 we might have been well along the path to sustainably utilising this opportunity. What has actually happened is not so much. The Waikato Regional Council in early 2017 (over a year ago) called for weighted attribute tenders as to who would get just the right to apply for the resource consent application to farm the area. It is unclear what has been the outcome of that Council Tender process.

The pending discretionary consent process is potentially sizeable, as occurred recently even in the progressive top of the South Island. However rather than lots of upfront prognostication probably involving a surplus of lawyers, marine resource management experts have found that a good way to deal with uncertainty is to set precautionary limits and adaptively manage to ensure limits are met and remain appropriate, ie to proceed while monitoring and managing.

Due to the potential complexities and national importance of actually making progress and also of getting it right, this seems a good case for government intervention to help achieve sensible resolution.

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

Roasting a cauliflower whole

By Deborah Hide-Bayne

I always wanted to cook a whole cauliflower after reading about the possibility online. Alon Shaya from the Domenica Restaurant in New Orleans first did this; this is my take on his recipe.

The idea is that you simmer the cauliflower gently in water, to which you might add a few things to impart extra flavour, then drain it and carefully transfer it to roasting pan, and finish it in the oven, where it browns and develops a delicious nutty flavour.

Ingredients

8 cups water
1.5 cups white wine
1/3 cup olive oil
2 tbsp salt
3 tbsp lemon juice
2 tbsp butter
1 tbsp chilli flakes
1 tbsp sugar
1 bay leaf
1 whole cauliflower, outer leaves cut off

Method

Preheat the oven to 250°C.

Bring the first nine ingredients to a boil in a large pot.

Lower in the cauliflower, turn the heat down, and simmer, turning occasionally, until a knife easily inserts into centre, which should take 15-20 minutes.

Carefully lift the cauliflower out into a roasting dish and mop up any juice.

Roast until brown all over, approx. 30-40 minutes. Turn the dish around if the browning is uneven.



Moon Coromandel

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

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



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By John Rabarts, President.

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Available from Grey Power Coromandel. We will have supplies at our next members meeting (as notified in our members newsletter) or contact per phone numbers below to obtain your supply. \$4 for double sachets, or for the bigger garden \$40 for a box of 10 double sachets. The product has a long and stable shelf life so it's OK to order for this year and next, to be sure you have supplies on hand. (We do not always have supplies so buy a few extra to be sure of your future needs.) Watch your garden bloom. Contact Dolly Welch, (07) 866 8852.

Liquid Gold is a fundraiser to help get our delegates to the next Grey Power AGM in Blenheim in April this year. Thank you for your support.

John Rabarts. President. Ph (07) 866 8068, or text 022 611 5717

Monday Walkers

By Irene Dunn

It was a wet and muggy start to our walking this year, however we braved the elements and walked in the dense fog at Whangapoua Beach and as usual Natalie found something unusual on the beach and picked up some trash.

We will do some bush walks to avoid the heat so long as the rain stays away!

You are welcome to join us – we walk each Monday, meeting at Woollams Ave car park at 9am.

Phone Irene for more information on walks. Contact 021 157 8408



A very small
By-the-Wind Sailor
(Vellela vellela) on
Natalie's thumbnail

Poetry SPOT

Shuttered House

By Vivianne Flintoff

Your windows are closed
no longer able to see
the slands,
or the distant outlines of Waiheke

Your door too is closed
no longer open
smiling its welcome to
family, friends and strangers

What stories
have you gathered to yourself
locked way
behind your corrugated iron shutters?

What memories of laughter
and tears
do you gaze inwardly at
now that old age prevents you from looking out?

Are there regrets?
Or has your life
been one of hopes fulfilled,
dreams realised, relationships warm?

With no sounds within,
do your memories enable your walls
to keep standing
and your roof to provide shelter for walls and floor?

What
could I learn from you
if I were to penetrate
behind the closed door?

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Animal Rescue Thames

By Alice and John Parriss

Firstly thank mews for donations of bedding, cat and kitten food and items to sell at the garage sale. This is truly appreciated.

Homed- nothing – we still have our gorgeous ginger ninja Cupcake who is getting closer to being neutered. Newbies in – we are fostering three gorgeous natured black kittens, who are identical in all ways except the girl; the two boys prove difficult to tell apart completely! We found the only way to distinguish was to trim toe nails on the slightly smaller one, which makes it much easier. When they first arrived here we had two of this litter and Mascara, our two-year-old girl saw one black, then saw the second, looking at me as if to say mum I am seeing double – Help! Four days later we had the third join us and we have flurry of furr in black and ginger and it has helped Cupcake settle down to have playmates to run and tussle with.

Fundraising – Easter garage sale – **Saturday 31 March** – Grahamstown Hall, Pollen St, Thames, 8.30am until noon ish. We would love any help with this, set up on the Friday and sales/kitchen on the Saturday. Any clean saleable items appreciated, books, puzzles, toys, knicknacks and household bric-a-brac. Raising funds to feed and care and also to replace Nova roofing and ply roofing for unit 4 which is now on the urgent list of must do ASAP!

Wanted – homes for our rescue felines – mostly our older 2-year-old plus need quiet rural loving homes. The kittens, once desexed, will be available for adoption.

Pairs preferred.
Donations of kitten and cat tinned/sachet foods.
Garage sale items.
Thank mew. Meow furr now.

All enquiries contact Animal Rescue Thames, (07) 868 2907 (afternoons after 1pm best), 532 Thames Coast Road, RD5, Thames



Ann's Good News, Naturally

Feeling Toxic? What's the Deal with Detox?

Are you feeling sluggish, easily fatigued, hormonal or overweight? Do you frequently experience digestive symptoms such as constipation, wind or bloating, or are you in pain? Do you have poor short-term memory and concentration, recurrent headaches? Do you get muscle aching and weakness? A detox may be just the answer. Did you know that while you are sleeping your liver is detoxifying your body's cells? And if you have trouble sleeping in the early hours of the morning, we know it is an indication that your liver is struggling.

Where Do Toxins Come From?

Your body is exposed to toxins daily, which have the potential to damage cells and contribute to ageing and disease. While some toxins are naturally produced in your body, you are also exposed through dietary and environmental influences, such as alcohol consumption, smoking, chemical exposure and pollution. Processed foods containing preservatives, colourings, flavourings and other non-nutritional substances such as the bad fats and sugars are also toxic to human cells.

Where in The Body Do Toxins Go?

All toxins, whether from the outside (exotoxins) or the inside (endotoxins) are lipid or fat soluble.

These toxins lock into your fat cells. Our cells' membranes are made up of a double fat layer. Our brain is fat. Breast milk is high in fat, so if you have a high toxic load and are breastfeeding, your baby will be receiving your toxins.

How to Rid Toxins From The Body

It is your liver's job to convert these fat-soluble toxins to be water soluble for safe excretion through the kidneys or bowel.

What Can Go Wrong?

If the three detox pathways within the liver are not working together, the fat-soluble toxins will not be converted to be water soluble for safe excretion through the kidneys or bowel and will recycle and settle again in the fat cells, causing cellular damage and disease in the process.

How I Can Help

I can check to see if a Detox is indicated for you. Do you need: 1) simple detox; 2) heavy metal detox to address those locked-in toxic elements; 3) gut detox for specific digestive function issues?

Many detox programmes don't provide sustained results as they are not done in the correct sequence.

Whilst identifying factors contributing to toxic load such as dietary and environmental factors, the gastrointestinal tract is the primary target for detoxification as imbalance of the good bacteria and leaky gut can impair detoxification, resulting in systemic inflammation and oxidative stress.

By doing a Live Blood Analysis I can identify specific markers in your blood and I may request specific lab tests to investigate at a deeper, broader level to see how burdened your cells are.

Heavy metals such as mercury, aluminium, cadmium, arsenic and lead are extremely toxic and cause many curious and misdiagnosed signs and symptoms.

Specific nutrients are required to support the natural detox pathway in the body. How nourished are you? Know your Mineral Balance – www.activeelements.com
Username: 259077 Password: 579819

Who Benefits and Why?

Kids, teens and adults, including pregnant women.

Children are particularly susceptible to heavy metal toxicity due to the impact on the gut, brain and immune (GBI) axis development.

Detoxification is designed to relieve the toxic burden on the body while naturally supporting channels of elimination to work more efficiently.

It makes perfect sense to detoxify an organ, and its supporting organs that are responsible for removing toxins from your body!

March special – Blood Analysis, 2 for 1.

Contact Ann Kerr-Bell 021 046 1647

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~ March 2018 ~

News from Thames-Coromandel District Council

Know a local hero?

Then nominate that person for our Community Service Awards. The awards are held every two years and acknowledge some of the people who strive quietly to make our communities better places to live, often with little recognition and no pay. Our Community

Service Awards salute these unsung heroes among us. Nominations close 29 March and the awards are presented in June. Nomination forms and criteria are on our website at www.tcdc.govt.nz/csa

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RESTRICTED FIRE SEASON

Our Total Fire Ban ended on 8 February and we are now in a Restricted Fire Season until 20 December. You will need a permit for all open-air fires. Permits can be arranged through your nearest Council Service Centre, Voluntary Rural Fire Force Chief or Deputy in the more remote areas or by applying online at www.tcdc.govt.nz/fire

Kerbside Collections

We've moved to our non-summer schedule.

Coromandel Rural North – Tuesdays

Coromandel Town & Te Kouma – Wednesdays

Thames Coast & Manaia – Tuesdays

The week beginning Monday 5 March is Week 2 in our fortnightly recycling schedule, so if the address sticker on your wheelie bin near the top says "Tue 2" put out your bin and crate for glass that week.

After public holidays, collection will be one day later.

Check the full Kerbside schedule for your area:

www.tcdc.govt.nz/kerbside

Our Refuse Transfer Stations (RTS) have gone to their non-summer schedule. The Coromandel Town RTS at 525 Hauraki Rd is open:

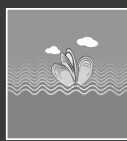
Tuesday & Thursday	11am – 4:30pm
Sat, Sun & public holidays:	11am – 5:30pm
Good Friday	Closed
Easter Monday	11am – 5:30pm

Check the hours and locations of all 7 of our RTSs at

www.tcdc.govt.nz/rts

Creative Communities funding available

The next round of Creative Communities Scheme funding is open for applications from 30 March to 27 April. The scheme is backed by Creative New Zealand is administered on behalf of our Council by the He Mana Toi Moehau Trust. The scheme is aimed at increasing participation in the arts, broadening the range and diversity of the arts available to communities and enhancing and strengthening the local arts sector. Funding is awarded to projects rather than people undertaking the project and applications must meet the scheme's criteria. For more information go to www.tcdc.govt.nz/ccs



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UPDATE

Coromandel Citizens Hall upgrade – the

design is well underway in preparation for pricing. Building consent approval is due by early March and construction is scheduled to begin in April. The ex-RSA annex is being removed, the eastern wall of the hall will be refurbished, piles and flooring replaced and drainage improved.



Your money, your future have your say

Our 2018-2028 Long Term Plan is open for public consultation from 16 March-16 April. The Plan sets our project and spending priorities for the next 10 years.

Some of the proposals:

- Pottery Lane extension
- Coastal hazard investigations
- Changes to fees and charges

The consultation is your chance to influence this key planning document.

More information is at www.tcdc.govt.nz/ltp

Have your say 16 March-16 April.

Calling Coromandel exhibitors for Auckland Food Show 2018

If you've got your own local, homegrown artisan food or beverage products and want the opportunity to promote your wares to more than 30,000 people – we want to hear from you.

We're back at the Auckland Food Show for 2018 with our Coromandel Beach House stand. The Food Show runs from 26-29 July and our stand has space for up to five exhibitors.

The Auckland Food Show has helped put the Coromandel on the map as a food and event destination and also gives a chance to market our Coromandel Food Trail Guide:

www.tcdc.govt.nz/foodtrail

If you are interested in being part of the stand contact laurna.white@tcdc.govt.nz or phone 0274 919 388.

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Mana Update

By Penelope Carroll

It's Easter at the end of this month, a time of Christian and pagan celebration (Easter derives its name from the pre-Christian Germanic pagan fertility goddess Eastre or Eostre) – and a four-day weekend holiday for many of us. At Mana Retreat, Stephanie Dowrick's annual Easter Retreats are a highlight of our year. For 2018 the theme is "embodied self-compassion". Here Stephanie talks about her coming retreat:

"In all my many years of teaching at Mana, I've always been keen to ensure that whatever we get from the time of retreat can be sustained when we return home. After all, while inspirational ideas and insights are brilliant to have, we need to know how to "embody" them, how to live them, grow into them and let them influence us.

"The word 'self' may be somewhat daunting but this is not about getting too self-involved or tipping into self-pity. Self compassion is quite different. It gives us resources from the inside. When we can look at our own challenges compassionately, acknowledging our feelings but not drowning in them, we are immediately strengthened, and we see others' difficulties more compassionately too. We don't have to be so defensive or judgemental. What a relief!

"It's compassion and genuine care and interest that connect us to other people more comfortably and truthfully. I suspect that many of us need more delight and more connection in our lives. Compassion opens the way to all that. We each live in an individual body, but we also live in the shared "body" of the world. A compassionate life is far less lonely, far more connected.

"There is always lots of lovely time to be together on retreat. But it's the periods of guided meditation and of silence that truly calm our minds and ease our bodies. That's a powerful way, right there, of being more self-compassionate. In fact, being on retreat is itself a gorgeous gift of self-compassion! That's especially true when the physical environment of Mana and Coromandel is also working its magic. How lucky we are to share this landscape!"

Just like Tara Sanctuary, with its windows to the world honouring, but unconfined by, the world's faiths, Stephanie's retreats are spiritually inclusive. She says there are many ways in which the "spirit" of her retreats and Mana – the land, the buildings, the ethos – match...

For more details or to book for this year's Easter Retreat (29 March - 2 April), co-facilitated by Stephanie Dowrick and Joyce Kornblatt, go to our website, manaretreat.com; email the office (be@manaretreat.com) or phone (07) 866 8972.

Easter blessings from the Mana team.

Heart Beat – St John Ambulance Coromandel/ Colville

By Julie Morris,
Station Manager,
Coromandel

First Aid Courses

St John
Coromandel

offers First Aid Courses to the community during the year.

You never know when you may need to help in an accident or medical emergency. St John First Aid courses teach practical skills about how to manage a range of accidents with confidence.

By choosing a St John First Aid course you are helping to support ambulance and other essential community services.

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St John Coromandel offers a subsidised fee of only \$95.00 (normally \$169). This is to encourage our community to gain knowledge and confidence to provide effective first aid!

Next First Aid Course to be held in Coromandel is on **Monday 12 March** 8am-5pm. To book your course call Coromandel St John on (07) 866 8279.

We have had a steady December and January with a total of 125 ambulance callouts to our area. We have two new recruits to join our team of nine who are in the process of completing their First Responder Qualification which will enhance our double crewing ability.

If you are interested in helping your community by becoming a volunteer with St John please do call in to the station and I will most willingly introduce you onto our recruitment pathway.

Stay safe, keep well.

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 at (07) 866 8279 to find out more



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12-15 MAR	Generating Transformative Change - Leadership Training
17- 26 MAR	Biodynamic Osteopathic Studies: Treatment of Children Phase 2 & Phase 5A
29 MAR - 2 APR	Embodied Self Compassion: A Retreat at Easter w/ Stephanie Dowrick and Joyce Kornblatt
6-8 APR	Sing your Heart Out w/ Tony Backhouse

Hon Scott Simpson MP for Coromandel

There are estimates that between five and 13 million tonnes of plastic waste wind up in the world's oceans every year. While there are international studies that have produced useful information we need accurate data to measure the extent of plastic pollution in New Zealand's oceans.

As National's Environment spokesperson I've asked Parliament's Environment Select Committee to conduct an inquiry into the extent of plastic pollution in New Zealand's oceans.

One of the primary purposes of an inquiry would be to identify the sources of plastic pollution and the steps needed to create solutions. All pollution is a problem but it's also a problem if we are only looking at some sources of pollution and not others.

Litter is a pressing issue affecting oceans around the globe and, with such an extensive EEZ surrounding New Zealand, it's important we gain a thorough understanding of how the problem currently affects New Zealand's waters, and how much worse it is projected to become.

The recent Colmar Brunton Better Futures 2017 survey shows 63 per cent of New Zealanders are now concerned about the build-up of plastic in the environment, which is an important first step in recognising the



problem. Unfortunately, there are more lax attitudes around disposing of litter and we see it every day on the streets, roadsides and on our beautiful coastlines.

A Parliamentary inquiry will be useful to the government, NGO's, local government and citizens and will help ensure that New Zealand can be part of the global solution to a growing local problem. We don't want New Zealand to become a "scenic slum".

We need to know how New Zealand's oceans are affected by plastic, where the plastic is coming from, what kind of plastic it is and what we can do to fix it.

Labour's Lucky Inheritance

The new government inherited a very strong labour market with low unemployment that has continued to fall. That's a credit to the hard work of all of our businesses and workers.

The unemployment rate is now 4.5 per cent which means more Kiwis are in jobs and getting ahead, which is a solid platform for New Zealand to keep building on.

The former National government's policies encouraged businesses of all sizes to grow their workforces therefore it's difficult to see why Labour wants to change a winning formula by introducing more rules and red tape.

Keeping in touch

As local Member of Parliament for

Coromandel I'm always available to help or hear your views and concerns. For an appointment I can be contacted by phoning my office on (07) 868 3529.

Authorised by Scott Simpson MP,
614 Pollen St, Thames

Poetry SPOT

Autumn Walk

By Beryl van Donk

On an autumn day with a high wind blowing,
Puppy and I set out.
And oh it was fine as we were going,
to see the trees with their gold
leaves showing, and little dead leaves
on the footpath dancing.
I felt I should just have to shout.

It had been such glorious weather
but summer just had to go.
The hills were decked in purple heather.
rowans and hips and haws together
They made such a gallant show.

Puppy's bright bark kept saying,
(Oh how I wish he could really talk)
"What a glorious day to be outside playing"
Then soon our feet on the shore went straying.

It was Puppy and I who then wee prancing,
Puppy and I who we dancing, dancing,
when we only had meant to walk.

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Arts

Open Studios Feature Artists

Diann Cade – Painter

Before coming to Coromandel Diann was a design professional working with architects. Now in her studio home surrounded by bush she works on producing images that evoke the visual sense of Coromandel landscape, pushing towards more abstract representation through



the elimination of detail. The work's still grounded in reality of the environment around her. Having exhibited at ten of the eleven Open Studios Coromandel Arts Tours she now contributes to the organisation of the event.

Diann has enjoyed her recent participation in the WTS programme, working with other artists. This has seen her doing several study series that influence larger works. She would recommend other artists to do the same. The Hauraki House venue is very conducive to creativity and visitors are welcome to experience the activity. She finds sharing the process helpful in extending her experimentation and broadening techniques. A little like when one teaches: The need to "explain" or "share" causes the thought processes to deepen!

In all she is enjoying herself and her painting.

Phone Diann on (07) 866 8090.

Caitlin Moloney – Ceramic Artist

Caitlin Moloney is a self-taught ceramic artist living and working in the Coromandel community. Caitlin moved to Coromandel

in 2004 and initially, Driving Creek Railway and Potteries was a major source of learning and inspiration.

The local ceramic community has over the years been hugely supportive of her learning and evolution within this medium.

Caitlin creates sculptural pieces



and decorates them in highly detailed clay slip design, layers of colour and texture that create vibrant, contrasting pieces. Each piece is a visual storyline of a pattern language or narrative that blends from one piece into another. Pattern, design and our everyday is what inspires her work, from how people adorn themselves, beautify their homes, and interact with their natural environment.

Nature is a huge influence on Caitlin's work and a new design is often a snippet seen out of the corner of her eye and then used as the seed for a larger design piece.

Design excites and inspires Caitlin, it is an art form seen and used around the world, every culture having found their own rhythm and design expression, reflecting the changing environments they live in.

This is at the essence of Caitlin's work, being inspired by the environment she lives in and creating design work that reflects her life as it unfolds.

Caitlin is currently making large wall necklaces using huge handmade beads. Each bead is decorated with a lot of thought and attention to detail. The overall design often stems from a drawing or one bead that has a beautiful balance of colour, or a design that particularly sings, and then it all unfolds from there.

To see more of Caitlin's work you can visit her website: www.caitlinjmoloney.com.



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Watch This Space

Not all those who wander are lost

17 Coromandel artists give their personal artistic responses to the theme of the first 2018 exhibition from WTS (Watch This Space) Coromandel. Meet the artists at the Gala Opening on **Friday evening 2 March**, then come back with your friends to peruse at your leisure. Open daily from 10am to 4pm at Hauraki House, Kapanga Rd, Coromandel Town.

Shared Studios – Hauraki House Winter 2018

Non-profit Art Initiative with support from TCDC Creative Communities

The concept of the “shared studio” in the wonderful art room at Hauraki House is now hopefully becoming a familiar and readily accessible idea to look forward to by local (and not so local) artists over the so-called quiet time here in Coromandel.

The outline for 2018 is similar to preceding years. Operating from **7 April – 16 September**, it is experienced primarily as an opportunity for creative relaxation; a re-charging of energies as we dabble, doodle, and play our way to exploring techniques and materials that are new to us, or challenging and teasing out new possibilities of those already familiar. What’s more, it’s a chance to explore and play with one’s own approach to one’s practice. Or not. There is no one telling you what to do.

There is, however, company! The prerequisite is that we do this together – in twos, threes or more – working individually or collaboratively, but working alongside each other. And your field need not be fine arts: writers, performance artists, musicians can also find a place here. The Shared Studios program is offered to any artist mainly resident in the wider Coromandel Peninsula area, and is also open to artists from further afield, provided they work alongside at least one Coromandel artist in their Shared Studio time.

Additional to the Shared Studio practice will be various workshops on offer. Starting with “Art Warm-ups” – a day devoted to warm-up exercises involving the six senses (yes, six), and ways to loosen up.

If you have something you’d love to teach or organise, as part of Shared Studios, we’d love to hear from you.

There will be a couple of opportunities to exhibit work during this period – there is happy collaboration with the Coromandel Players, and an “end-of-term” exhibition in Hauraki House in the spring.

The fee is \$60. This covers the work space, all workshops, and “Shared Studios” exhibition in Hauraki House. Alternatively, you can participate on a day-by-day basis for a daily fee of \$20.

Likewise, workshops will be open to public attendance for a fee, numbers permitting.

For registration or more info, phone Sally 027 302 4245



Special Young Artist Exhibition

Back Room Gallery Artist Co-op, Colville, Coromandel

Many of the children in our area are talented and serious artists. As part of the Colville Easter festival, we plan to feature the artwork of Colville area youth to recognise their efforts and encourage pursuing a passion creating art. Anyone who would like to submit work to be shown at the gallery during the festival should contact Steve Carson at 021 711 489 or stevecarson29@gmail.com.



Coromandel Art Group

By Val Gray

Our annual exhibition is over for another year. Thank you to everyone who contributed in any way to making it such a successful exhibition. We hope you all enjoyed coming and viewing our work as much as we enjoyed doing it!

The Judges’ Choice winners were first, Barbara Peddie’s “Driving Creek Railway”, second Barbara Peddie’s “Star & Garter Hotel”, third “Long Horn Cattle” by Allan Beaver, and the highly commended prize went to Ross Dixon’s “At Anchor” (pictured in the January Chronicle).

The raffle winners were 1st Jackie No 115, 2nd Robert Moore No 54, 3rd Caralyn McNae No 80, 4th Pete No 96, and 5th Ngaire Kerse No 215.

See you all same time, same place next year.

And now we are going to venture outdoors to paint in beautiful sunny weather (we hope!)



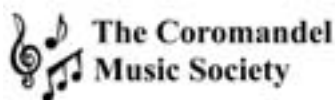
Barbara Peddie’s “Driving Creek Railway”

Coromandel Easter Exhibition

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Charade Honey – Paeroa
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Coromandel Music Society Inc AGM

on Friday 16 March at 3pm
in the Anglican Hall, Tiki Road
- all welcome.



Rangatahi

CELEBRATING OUR CHILDREN

Children's Day Celebration



Sunday 4 March is International Children's Day and this year Karuna Falls Community is excited be hosting a celebration in honour of all of our wonderful tamariki.

Activities will include: Waterslides, rock painting, river swimming, KiwiCan games, a trash to fashion competition and parade, a marimba lesson and performance.

Free entry and free popcorn!

Food and drinks for sale – cash only

Where: Karuna Falls, 233 Waikanae Valley Road (up the valley from Waikawau Bay).

When: **Sunday 4 March** (if cancelled due to weather updates will be on the Coro Buy & Sell FB page, at the Colville Store and Coromandel Information Centre).

This is a plastic-free event.

Any questions call 022 102 7414

Te Rerenga School

Learning, it's what we do...

By Anna Yates

The first couple of weeks are off to a great start at Te Rerenga with lots of activities, lots of excitement and lots of learning. Our room 4 class have spent a day in Whitianga learning to sail in the "Volvo have-a-go sailing" programme and are all ready to spend a day in Matarangi learning to surf. One of our school values is appreciation and being able to participate in opportunities out in our local environment helps us all to realise how fortunate we really are!

In-the-classroom learning is also now underway and our teachers are learning all about our new children and refreshing goals for those who were in the class last year. This year we welcome Mrs Wilson to room 3 and lots of new families to our school and also to the area.

Our junior children have come back with a great enthusiasm for hut building in their break times. One tarpaulin just wasn't sufficient for the numbers of children wanting to create new dwellings between our flax and fences so now there is rope, 12 tarpaulins, and lots of wood being used to build and create.



Coromandel Area School

By Koren Hopoi, Principal

Kia Ora Koutou,

I feel very privileged to be writing this Chronicle article as the new Tumuaiki of Coromandel Area School. Over the past few weeks I have been warmly welcomed by the whole community and I would like to thank you all for helping make this an easy transition for my family and me. I am married to David Hopoi, who is a Police Officer in Thames, and we have three children, Carter, Cole and Qwyn. For the past seven years, we have called Onewhero home, as I was the Deputy Principal of Onewhero Area School, which my sons attended. The area school model is close to my heart and I could not see myself teaching or leading in any other type of school. There is something very special about being able to be a part of a child's entire educational journey from Year 1 to Year 13, and having a helping hand in developing such well-rounded and respectful citizens of the world.

I would like to pay homage to Mr Murray McDonald for his leadership and contribution to this school over the last couple of years. I would also like to thank Mrs Joan Hart for the amazing job she did as Acting Principal. I am looking forward to working with Mrs Hart and the other members of our Senior Leadership Team, Ms Victoria Field and Mrs Vicki Rouse, to build on the great work that has been started.

I would like to make three promises to the whole school community to show how I wish to lead:

- Every action and decision I make will be with the best interests of the students at heart.
- I will always have an open door policy into my office.
- I will listen and communicate in a transparent and honest manner.

Coromandel Area School has the potential to be the "school of choice" in this area from Year 1 right through Year 13, for all of our akonga. I hope to continue to improve upon the good work done before me in getting this school to where it is now, and realise the potential we have. There are no limits to what we can learn and achieve together, and I challenge the whole community to join me in helping CAS always be "better than the day before".

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Kiwi Can

Kia ora. At the time of writing this article our Kiwi Can Regional Manager Marlene is gallivanting around the South Island on her motorbike.

But our Kiwi Can Leaders have just finished their first week back at school.

Our leaders are super excited to be back into our schools catching up with all of our familiar friendly faces, and meeting some new faces as well.

There was a lovely turnout for the powhiri to welcome our new students and their whanau to our school community. Wow! What can I say? It's been such a busy start to Kiwi Can with every class finding their new formation lines, creating their new chants and forming a treaty for their Kiwi Can room.

Ask your child if they can remember their chant and what their formation line is.

Over the next couple of weeks our tamariki will be finding out what this term's Theme and Catchphrase is. Then we will be full on into our lesson based around our theme.

Until next month remember: Be great, be awesome, be you!

Ka kite ano from the Kiwi Can Team.

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



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Coromandel Youth Group

Term One Opening Hours

Coromandel Youth Group is for all children aged 5–15yrs. All that parents/caregivers need to do is fill out a membership form for each child attending. To help with running costs please make a gold coin donation for after-school sessions. Every little bit helps us to stay open!

Sunday drop in and social 1pm-4pm,

Tuesday and Thursday 3pm-5pm,

Friday afternoon 2pm-4pm.

Friday night social 6pm-9pm (for years 7-10).

Parents please ensure that your child signs in on arrival.

For Friday afternoon sessions we can collect children from school if you phone the Youth Rooms before 5pm on Thursday.

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

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



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Environmental

Upper Coromandel Forest and Bird Society



By Karen Marshall

The Upper Coromandel branch of the Forest and Bird Society continues its good work and will provide a monthly Chronicle report from now on.

Presently the branch is loaning Timms predator traps to individuals and community groups wanting to get rid of possums and stoats on their properties. More traps will be purchased in the near future and those wishing to borrow one (or more) should contact me on (07) 866 7867 or 027 728 2098.

Over the past year support has been given to the forming of the McGregor Bay Wetland Society Inc, by giving financial support for the incorporation process and facilitating the transfer of grant monies from the national office of Forest and Bird. We continue to work closely with the Wetland group.

In the near future we will be focusing on helping prevent the spread of Kauri Dieback Disease in our area. This disease continues to be a real risk to the remaining kauri on the Coromandel Peninsula and more education is needed to make people aware of the risks they pose to these forest giants. We are lucky to have, in our town, the wonderful Kauri Grove Walk at Long Bay and the Kauri Block Track between Wharf Road and Long Bay Road. More kauri can be easily accessed from the 309 and Tapu-Coroglen Roads. The Dieback disease is caused by spores that infect the roots of the trees. There is no cure for the disease so trees must be protected by reducing the transmission of spores that live in soil. Using the cleaning stations, i.e. foot baths, provided near most public walks is the simplest, most responsible way we can all help reduce the

spread of this disease. Please do your bit to help! More next time...

If you would like to be involved with Forest and Bird at a local level please phone me (numbers above) or Sue on (07) 866 8039



Vanessa surveying wetland bird species using call-playback technique. Photo credit Dr. Tim Lovegrove

McGregor Bay Wetland

By Vanessa Edelsten, McGregor Bay Wetland Coordinator

Tena koutou katoa,

My name is Vanessa Edelsten (nee Vanessa Wood) and I am thrilled to be the new Coordinator for the McGregor Bay Wetland Society! For those that are not aware, this is a diverse little wetland situated within Coromandel Town.

My husband Ra grew up in Colville and we have recently moved here with our son Bodhi who is one and a half years old. With Ra teaching at Colville School I had hoped there might be an opportunity for me to use my ecological skills somehow, when I stumbled across the advertisement in the Chronicle for this position. The universe had clearly decided we were meant to be here at this time!

My background includes 12 years as a working ecologist based in both New Zealand and Australia. Throughout this time I have had the opportunity to work with local community groups for NGO's, in the corporate sector as a consultant, for the Department of Conservation as a NZ Dotterel Watch Ranger and most recently for Auckland Council as a Senior Ecologist. The diverse nature of my skills and experience means that I can hopefully bring something special to the McGregor Bay Wetland project and contribute in a positive way to this unique community.

The Coordinator role will see me involving local students in the monitoring and survey of the wetland, as well as providing them with opportunities to better understand the critical role that wetlands play in our natural environment. The wetland itself is incredibly diverse and we will be investigating the types of animals and plants that call McGregor Bay wetland home. Some of the types of monitoring and survey work we will be undertaking include bird monitoring, ecosystem mapping, weed identification, pest animal monitoring using tracking tunnels and chew tags, as well as identifying the current threats to the wetland and investigation of possible solutions.

Imperative to the restoration of any wetland in New Zealand is the management of pest species. As part of this project, I will also be setting up a pest management system to target species such as rats, possums, mice and stoats that threaten our local wildlife and their survival. All of this information will feed into a Management Plan for the wetland to ensure that the area is managed appropriately to achieve a healthy and happy wetland for the wildlife that we know are present, and create suitable conditions for a host of other native species.

The McGregor Bay Wetland Society would like to encourage anyone interested in the project to contact us and see how you can be a part of restoring and protecting such an important ecosystem of the Coromandel landscape, right within the heart of Coromandel Town. Email mcmcgregorbaywetland@hotmail.com or phone Carol on 027 486 4043



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Sport

Coromandel Recreational Fishing Club

By Allison Brown & CRFC Committee

March is well and truly upon us, as usual rocketing away.

For those of you that were not able to enter in the Anniversary Weekend Comp, it went very well. The weather was quite good, fishing a bit patchy but some very nice fish were caught.

Results – Juniors

Heaviest Snapper – Kane Delany 2.770kg, Heaviest Kahawai – Riley McCaskell 2.030kg, Heaviest Parore – Kane Delany 1.140kg, Heaviest Trevally – Kane Delany 1.820kg, Most Unusual – Doggie won by Brody Dudson.

Seniors

Heaviest Snapper – 1st Logan Davies 4.735kg, 2nd Jason Delany 4.025kg, 3rd Pam Harris 3.330kg, Kingfish – Logan Davies 5.375kg, Kahawai – Nikki Stephenson 2.865kg, Trevally – Jason Delany 1.785kg, Average Weight – Graham Robinson 1.305kg, Mystery Weight – 1.250kg won by Raewyn Jacob and Mario Sammut (they both weighed in a snapper at exactly the same weight of 1.25kg). As all prizes for this competition are cash, we split the prize money 50/50.

Don't know about this weather as of late as I write this article in February but we are keeping our fingers crossed that it will be fine for the "Classy Chicks" Competition.

Will publish a list of winners and sponsors in the April edition of the Chronicle and on Facebook.

Some fun was had at the Admiral Arms with the Meat Pack that we raffle every Friday night. The 1st person that bought a ticket donated it back to be raffled then the 2nd person done likewise and then the 3rd person donated it to be cooked up by the Publican and put on platters and handed around to everyone there.

Fish of the month for Club members for January was snapper and won by Sam Woodcock, weighing 6.121kg. \$100 going his way.

Here's to tight lines as always.

Coromandel Golf Club

By Peter Gray



February saw the Club launch the Seafood Tournament for the first time. The event was a great success with 45 players teeing off and enjoying a Coromandel seafood meal and seafood prizes to cap off the day. In the Men's Senior Div. Chris Fielding won the day with 64 net, Craig Dudson 41 pts and Tony Edgar 40 took the other major prizes. The Men's Junior Div. had Ron Brooking 66 net taking the major prize from Malcolm Stone and Bill Howard 39 pts next in line. The Ladies Div. Elaine Everitt took the net prize with 65 net followed by Peg McLean 39 pts and Jenny Coatsworth 38.

A big thank you must go to Craig Dudson for his major efforts in organising and co-ordinating the day and prizes with the assistance of Peter Richardson.

Lyn Whitcombe again excelled in the seafood catering along with Teri Gibson and all of the other helpers that contributed to the success of the day.

Hopefully, the Seafood Day can only grow from this initial beginning, especially with the positive feedback from the visiting golfers.

The Coromandel Golf Club Opening Day was held on Saturday 10 February. Ron Evans, the club patron, was given the honour of the "Tee Off" to open the season.

The Bob Riley Trophy, Mixed Combined Stableford Format, was won by the pairing of Max and Peg McLean from Ron Evans and Sue Davies by one point. The match was interrupted by a Fire Brigade callout which Max attended. Fortunately the interruption was short and Max returned quite quickly. Ed Buckett won the singles but because the rain curtailed the overall attendance there was no prize golf ball.

Sunday 11th had the opening round of the Waikato Golf Men's Championship Pennants. The Coromandel Team in Div 4 played Tirau at Tirau with the result going to Tirau 5½ to 3½. The next round on Sunday 25 February will be played at home on the Coromandel course with the home team vs Te Kowhai – (nb course closed).

The Prebble Cup commences in February (Sunday 18) with the first round against Hamilton's Riverside Golf Club at Te Aroha.

Reminder

Sunday 25 February – Championship Pennants at Coromandel (course closed)

Saturday 3, 10, 17 March – Rds 1, 2, 3 Hekter Cup

Saturday 24 March – CGC Strokeplay Championships. 9.00am seniors and intermediates, 10.30am juniors

Wednesday 28 March – Meat Pack/Laurie Olliff Trophy

Saturday 31 March – India Tyre Trophy 10.30am tee

Coromandel Sports

By Geoff Horton, Sports Coordinator, Coromandel Area School

The erosion of fundamental skills is a transferrable commodity that occurs over a long period of time, a subtle little condition seemingly unimportant, silently undermining personal confidence to have a go. The biggest barrier to participation in sport in the district is not the lack of facilities, personnel or resources, it is not knowing how to play a variety of sports. The lack of fundamental skills to play a range of sports and good feelings about those experiences, in terms of the contribution each individual makes, has been found to be the greatest influence in the decision to not take part.

The result is a one-dimensional way of thinking in terms of sporting engagement in the community and school; the resulting travesty, not only lost opportunity embedded within new experiences, but also the discovery of personal capability or contribution within a context greater than sport itself.

Sport is often the catalyst for the growth in personal confidence and well-being. True character and compassion begin to emerge as confidence grows in the contribution anyone can make through sport. Sport leaders begin to unfold, helping others in a context broader than just playing the game itself. The seedlings of contribution begin to sprout, confidence grows and communities begin to show the benefits of giving back.

Sport is the mortar that holds communities together, creating a sense of shared identity, patriotism and a feeling we are all in this together.

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Poetry SPOT

Summer, Summer!

By John Irvine

Oh, summer...
remember summer?
Clear blue skies
no wind
bare feet and arms
swimming
dogs panting;
yeah, remember all that?

Well, summer arrived
yesterday!
Finally.
At last.
YAY we all cried,
streaming outside
into a cloudless
windless
rainless
mudless
bug-filled
summer.
Sigh....

Remember winter?
Long ago it seems
but today
yes today
the wind howls aggressively
rain pelts down
harder by the minute -
remember winter?

At least the dogs aren't panting...

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Every Monday

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Coromandel Hikers' Group, Hauraki House, Colin & Elspeth (07) 866 7137 9am
Monday Walkers, Irene 021 157 8408 9am
SeniorNet Coromandel contact Loes (07) 866 8053 4pm
Four-part harmony singing, Sue (07) 866 8833 7.30pm

Every Tuesday

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Pastel Artists Coromandel, Coromandel Aero Club Rooms
(07) 866 7220 9am-midday
Coro Walking Group, Ruth (07) 866 7246 9am
Open Floor Dance at Mana Retreat Centre, 27 March, 3 April,
15, 22, 29 May 9.30-11.30am
Croquet, Woollams Ave, Kaye (07) 866 8968 9.45am
Yoga for everyone, Colville Hall, Kate 022 071 8470 10am
Playcentre, Woollams Ave 10.30am-1pm
Beginner Yoga with Becks, at the Anglican Church Hall,
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Coro Motorcycle Club, Star & Garter, John 027 234 1013 7-9pm

Every Wednesday

Mahamudra Centre, Free Guided Meditation 8.30-9am

Every Thursday

Mahamudra Centre, Free Guided Meditation 8.30-9am
Coro Walking Group, Ruth (07) 866 7246 9am
Coro Bowls club day 9.30am
Coro Art Group, St Andrew's Church Hall, Val (07) 866 8911 9am-12pm
Guided Meditation, Havalona Pyramid 10-11am
Body Balance & Yoga Classes at Waikato Trust Events Centre
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Open Floor Dance, Anglican Church Hall, from 1 March onwards 7-8.30pm

Every Friday

Mahamudra Centre, Free Guided Meditation 8.30-9am
Yoga for everyone, Anglican Hall, Kate 022 071 8470 9am
Playcentre, Woollams Ave 9.45am-12.15pm

Every Saturday

Croquet, Woollams Ave, Kaye (07) 866 8968 9.45am

Every Sunday

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SUN

1 Open Floor Dance Weekly classes at the Anglican Church Hall start (see Pg 17)

2 International Women's Day Breakfast (see Pg 10)
Gala Opening "Not all those who wander are lost", Hauraki House Gallery 6pm (see ad Pg 26)

3 WTS "Not all those who wander are lost" exhibition starts at Hauraki House (see ad Pg 26)
Rd1 Hekter Cup at Coromandel Golf Club (see Pg 31)
Bowling Club Seafood Tournament (see Pg 16)

4 Children's Day at Coromandel School of Mines Museum (see Pg 6)
International Children's Day at Karuna Falls (see Pg 28)
S.G.I. World Peace Buddhist chanting at Moon (see Pg 20)

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9 Plastic-Bag-Free Coromandel Town at Coromandel Community Market (see Pg 13)

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Rd 2 Hekter Cup at Coromandel Golf Club (see Pg 31)

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WTS "Not all those who wander are lost" exhibition finishes at Hauraki House (see ad Pg 26)

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16 Coromandel Music Society Inc AGM at 3pm in the Anglican Hall (see ad Pg 27)

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Rd 3 Hekter Cup at Coromandel Golf Club (see Pg 31)
St Patrick's Day at Star & Garter, DJ from 9pm (see ad Pg 5)

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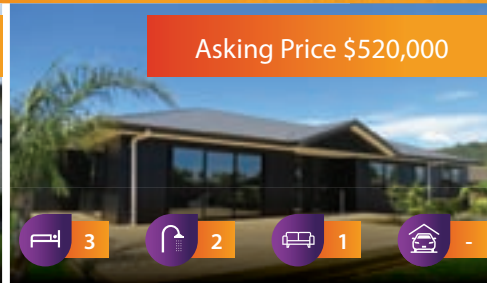
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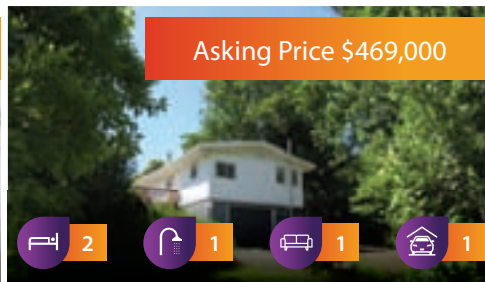
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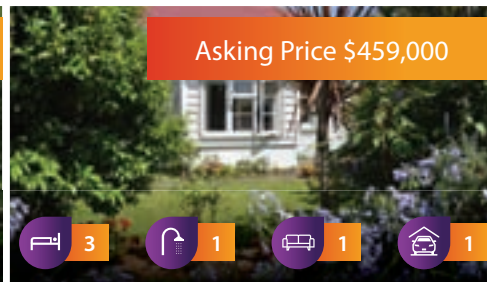
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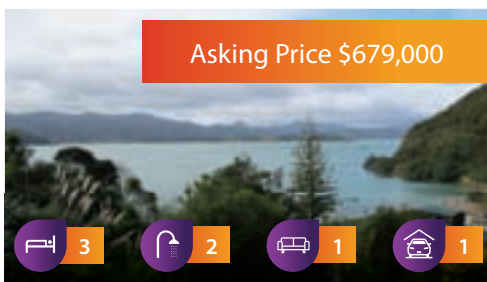
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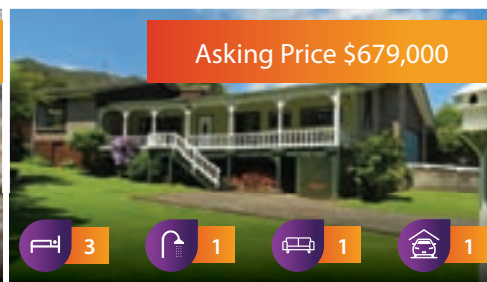
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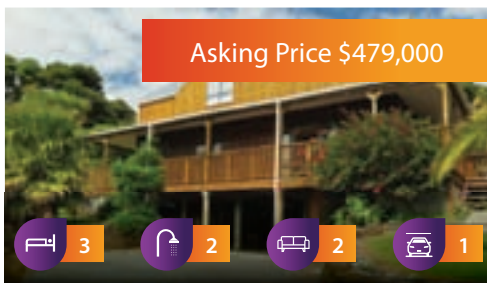
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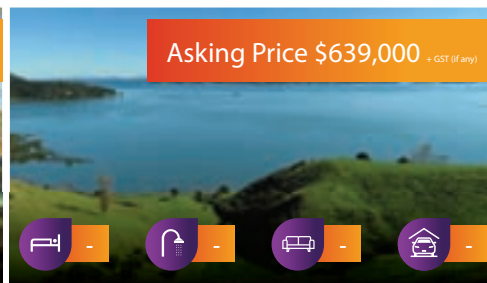
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