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Letters

Dear Debbie,

I cannot speak highly enough of the care and attention I have received lately as a patient in Phoenix House Medical Centre.

The indoor surroundings give an aura of well-being. All the facilities are top class.

I found each member of the staff a pleasure to meet. The spontaneous, thoughtful caring of the nursing staff greatly impressed me. No task seemed too onerous to undertake.

The laughter too is uplifting when you are not in the best of health.

Everything is top class. We are very blessed to have this establishment here in Coromandel.

Sincerely,

Beryl van Donk, Coromandel Town

Dear Coromandelites,

Are you enthusiastic about continuing Barry Brickell's pier project? Now that he has passed from us, and Scott Wynands, his spokesperson, has moved back to Hawkes Bay, it seems that we have been left out on a limb as far as this development is concerned (unless there are others who know better).

The point was reached where the business case was presented to TCDC by Jacobs Consultants at a cost of \$25,000. TCDC contributed \$10,000 and Barry Brickell contributed the balance. The Council were supportive but could not contribute any more money. Waikato Council also approved. Jacobs were also enthusiastic and being engineers, willing to take on the project at a specially good cost: \$18m.

In discussions with some friends around the town it seems that people think that this project is continuing and we will keep hearing more in due course. It will not, because in spite of Barry sending out publicity just prior to his death, there has not been a group of enthusiasts forming to carry this on. Don't worry about the money. This is available from various quarters and can be raised.

Failing this (see TCDC recent newsletter), its plan is to accommodate a commercial area to the north of the present Coro wharf. Last time I heard they were thinking of more mussel businesses, and on the south side of the wharf an expensive marina. Both projects require extensive dredging (the poisons in the harbour silt apparently could be ignored). The price tag for the northerly project will be \$50-\$60m. An investor style document was drawn up and accepted by TCDC in October 2015 to present to central government as a "Partnership Proposal". As TCDC are not contributing any finance I cannot see how this can be a partnership.

I have passed my prime for this kind of activity and Coromandel needs some *compos mentis* enthusiastic younger people to call a meeting about the continuation of this project. Just book Hauraki House and advertise and see who comes forward to help!

Always hopeful,

Judy Jannis, Coromandel town

Reply from Ross Abernethy: One of Barry's executors.

I was Barry Brickell's lawyer and was instructed by he and Scott to establish a charitable Trust to further the cause for the Pier project.

Even in failing health Barry was keen to proceed with the project, and signed more documents to enable the Trust to be registered early this year. Scott has been in touch with me late last week to get matters moving again.

Barry financially seeded the project during his lifetime, and was keen for others to take up the cause. He has not made provision for the Pier project from his estate.

Editor's comment: See article from Scott Wynands on page 4.

Dear Editor,

Congratulations to Martin Edwards and his team for organising the recent Produce Show. A pity the entries were down for the vegetable section but considering the awful weather on the day it was not surprising. The flowers, preserves and bakery section were excellent. It was encouraging to see so many come and view in the afternoon and enjoy the Mercury Swing Band and refreshments.

We were proud to be a part of it and enjoy our little village in Norfolk UK come to the Coromandel again.

Carole and Brian Wilson, International Judges, UK

Letter to the Editor:

Coromandel Independent Living Trust (CILT) would like to acknowledge all of the Coromandel business community and individuals and Coromandel Area School who so generously donated time, services and produce so that we were able to bring together such a tremendous Memorial Service on 27 January 2016 for Barry Brickell.

Many thanks,
Mike Noonan, Executive Trustee,
www.cilt.org.nz

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Barry Brickell – remembered

By Debbie Morgan, Editor

I attended Barry Brickell's memorial service in January. On entering everyone was given a small ball of clay to push onto a large bowl mould. The final pot will be fired and taken to Barry's grave where he is buried – not too shallow and not too deep – so his body is at one with the clay he worked with. A fitting end for a Coromandel Town icon, Barry Brickell, who transformed rough clay into beautiful art.

At the service we were reminded to think of the first time we met Barry and how long it took him to remember who you were. For myself it was at a Trust Waikato funding information presentation – probably in 2006 – I was there for the Coro Do Trust and he let his opinion be known about the name. Eventually he got to know who I was because in recent years he'd phone me about the Chronicle, though I doubt he'd have recognised me in the street. Everyone in town recognised him of course; he was a pretty memorable character.

Barry grew up in Devonport between a gas works and brickworks. He built his first oil fired kiln as a child. Barry moved to Coromandel and built a little railway in the garden of his house that went to the letterbox to carry the empty milkbottles. It was powered by foot. After that he moved to the land that is now Driving Creek Railway and over 40 years built the railway and planted native trees to make the land what it is today. The railway is now owned by a trust, as is the sanctuary, so it is in good hands for the future.

I am thankful to what Barry has done for Coromandel Town and the love he had for the town and environment. He has left us with not only the railway, sanctuary and his art, but with his vision.

Barry's brother and sisters speaking at the memorial service



By Dr David Black, Trustee, Driving Creek Railway Arts and Conservation Trust

On the afternoon of Wednesday 27 January, life in Coromandel paused to honour the passing of a much loved citizen. Barry Brickell had died on Saturday 23rd after a short illness. The huge turnout and hospitality shown by the town was a great tribute to Barry and was much appreciated by his family and friends. In his later years Barry often recounted his love for Coromandel and its people, frequently expressing his gratitude to the town which had welcomed and nurtured him as a young pioneering potter in the 1960's. In later years Barry was pleased to repay the town with his magnificent achievements at Driving Creek. Barry was buried, as he had asked to be, in the bush at Driving Creek on Tuesday evening. The memorial service supported by the Coromandel community the following day was a fitting tribute which will be long remembered.

Thank you Coromandel, you have looked after Barry during his life and honoured his passing well.

By Peter Lange

Barry Brickell was a most unusual person – we are all unique of course, and while in theory the rule is that there is no spectrum of uniqueness, there really does have to be one rule-breaking exception for Barry. He slowly owned up to the fondly-given titles of eccentric, social misfit and outsider and eventually celebrated them without apology. He in turn applied the same property of uniqueness to his much-loved birthplace Aotearoa, its history, indigenous culture and natural environment. He always kept those influences and values at the front of his work and his life.

He was a potter, a conservationist and an engineer – three separate threads of activities and passionate interests that he devoted his life to, and which, after decades of extremely hard work, he managed to weave into one single enterprise, "Driving Creek Railway". This amazingly creative centre of craft, reforestation and table-napkin engineering is the culmination of Barry's vision. Now it was always tempting to think that he was working by the (very small) seat of his famous pants, without a grand scheme or near-fangled "Mission Statement" or plans, but what became clear, year by year, was that he was actually a man of great vision and, fortunately, enough energy and skill (and ability to coerce others) to realise the most ambitious and outlandish of ideas. What seemed at the beginning to be a kind of glorious folly, gradually transformed into a very smart business operation. Who knew?

How many people would even dream of running a private railway "to the sky", let alone build the thing? Each valley he crossed required a huge number of problems to be solved but it was then that Barry was in his element. He loved solving problems. If he needed to build a terracotta sculpture that was too big to lift into the kiln safely, he would first dig and mix his own clay and carry it by rail to the kiln and then build the piece inside the kiln. Obvious. Once it was fired it was strong enough to carry out. And it would have shrunk 12% or more, so that the size problem that no-one was brave enough to mention to Barry turned out to be not actually a problem at all. He'd already done the maths.

For every square metre of land used for the railway, a hundred more were cleared and replanted with native trees – thousands of young kauri, rimu, and other species that have largely disappeared

from the peninsula. He facilitated the design and building of a wildlife sanctuary with its own vermin-proof fence for the preservation and enhancement of local endangered native wildlife species, and for public education.

He has left a substantial legacy to the people of Coromandel and New Zealand by building the impressive "Driving Creek Art Gallery" on the property. It is stocked in many cases by works from Barry's own private collection; paintings and sculptures often acquired from now-famous artist friends, by way of barter and private trade agreements from forty or more years ago.

His love for the trait of "indigeneity" (which he pronounced with very dramatic emphasis) in his clay work, was accompanied by a not well-disguised dislike of "internationalism" and "fashion" and it showed through in his forms and subject matter. He simply found enough inspiration within a reasonable distance of Driving Creek to provide all the ideas he needed. The three interests – art, engineering (railways) and conservation (and if you throw in NZ history as well) often met elegantly in his work, particularly in his gutsy relief tiles and murals, arguably some of his most impressive pieces and surely some of the finest ceramic work ever produced in this country.

It took very little time for one to know a version of Barry, often no more than a few minutes in his company, but it could take years for him to get to know you. But that was never unreasonable. He was a great source of inspiration to many, and the centre of attention and curiosity from people from all around the world, many of whom were just passing through, distractions he could not afford with the huge amount of work he planned for each day. If you stayed the course, and, importantly, proved to him that your intentions towards the clay were honourable (hand-dug clay, thrown on a kick-wheel and wood-fired was the bottom line for many years), and paid your dues by engaging in a glass of red and a "rave" from time to time, then he was the most captivating and delightful company and a great friend.

It is a cliché to say that there will not be another, but the sad truth is: there never will be another Barry Brickell. We will all miss him, his friends and "family" on the railway will miss him, the country that he treasured, Aotearoa, will miss him, and from now on we will bow with respect and love, and maybe offer a toot, towards his resting place near his beloved railway line as we clatter by.

Coromandel Pier + Rail Trust

By Scott Wynands, Project Manager



I am sure that many of you will be feeling the loss of Barry's big personality from such a tightly woven community. I feel very lucky to have been able to work with Barry, he provided a constant source of entertainment and inspiration, he was a remarkable man indeed. Although I have moved back to Hawkes Bay for work and education I am still committed to developing Barry's vision for a long pier in Coromandel harbour, as are the other members of the Pier Trust. Coromandel while beautiful and charming, is a difficult place to live for many people due to limited opportunities. The strengths of the town lie in its attraction as a place to get away and reconnect with nature, a place to recharge, and this essentially has become what the economy of the town is centred around. Tourism, whether it be ocean or land based, is at the core of the town's economy. In order for people to be able to "live, work and play" in Coromandel, tourism must develop sustainably. This means that the environment upon which tourism is based needs to be protected and the services and attractions the Peninsula offers need to be enhanced without degrading its character.

The two concepts for developing the harbour are extremely different. The dredged basin is high risk both environmentally and economically and I strongly question the viability and logic of a "faster ferry" commuter service to Auckland, crossing an exposed body of water that makes the existing service relatively fickle. Is a gated marina going to build on the strengths of Coromandel Town or exploit its beauty for the benefit of a few? For these reasons Barry was strongly against this kind of development, which is why he promoted and invested in the Pier

concept for Coromandel's future. The Pier is an inspiring concept that would be developed to cater to the wider community's needs and those of its visitors, with the aim of developing low impact tourism, the "leave only footprints" ethic, while significantly boosting the region's economy.

A national attraction and an icon of the Peninsula, the Pier would be a must see destination for visitors whether they arrive by land or sea. Barry wanted the Pier to be part of his legacy for the town and he managed to drive it to a point where it now stands on its own feet. We have a solid business case for future funding applications, strong relationships with governmental and commercial bodies, an established Trust and an array of extremely well designed marketing and concept resources. Much of this can be found on the Pier website www.coromandelpier.wordpress.com. The next step is to apply for funding for a full feasibility study through the WRC's regional development fund. We are currently in discussion with WRC regarding this. I have a letter from Mayor Leach stating that TCDC is willing to support the concept's development if we can gain traction with other funding partners. A copy of the business case is available at

the council office in Coromandel and will be available on the Pier website.

Barry gave so much to Coromandel; now he has left it with a grand vision and a solid foundation for implementing it. It is now up to us to make it happen. The Pier Trust plans to start a Pier fund on the website "give a little" and focus on generating media attention around it. The Lotteries Commission's Significant Project Fund will be focused on as a major source of funding. Barry did a great promotion of the concept on national radio recently which helped to spread the word. You can listen to his interview on <http://www.radionz.co.nz/audio/player/201776571>.

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Coromandel Business Association

By Jan Autumn

Remembering Barry Brickell

The Coromandel Business Association (CBA) would like to acknowledge the huge amount of time that went into planning and co-ordinating Barry Brickell's memorial service by Mike Noonan and the team at Coromandel Independent Living Trust (CILT). As soon as the word came that Barry had passed, the CILT [machine] immediately swung into action to organise Barry's memorial service, setting up a task list with time-frames and team members allocated to specific jobs to carry out the many tasks. The end result, which was manifest on the day, was that everything went like clockwork, all attendees were looked after, catered for and in the event of rain occurring, a marquee had been erected the night before, so no one was left unattended.

Having an international and national icon living in one's community means when they pass away and are being remembered, all eyes are on our town. As the Chairperson of CBA and on CBA's behalf I would like to thank Mike and the team at CILT for doing Coromandel proud on this occasion and all the other work they do behind the scenes that may often go unacknowledged.

Flags

You may have noticed that our flagpoles are not flying the HMS Coromandel flag at present. We have purchased the existing NZ flag and the alternative flag that is under consideration so that we can see what they look like flying before we cast our vote in March.

The bicentennial of the arrival of the HMS Coromandel is coming up in 2020. We are considering having a new flag designed to celebrate this. We welcome feedback from the community about the flag that they would like to see flying in town.

New Businesses

Finally I would like to welcome all the new businesses in town as well as the new owners of existing businesses. We look forward to working with you to make our town a great place to visit as well as a vibrant place to work and live.



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UNDER NEW OWNERSHIP

Star and Garter Hotel and Pepper Tree Restaurant

By Karen McMillan

The time has come for Brian and me to hang up the bottle opener and head home after 20 years in the hospitality industry.

It all began in 1982 when Brian purchased the two-bedroom cottage on the main street and rented it out.

A few years later he said to me, "One day Rossie I'm going to build a restaurant and if Mr Cowling will sell me the old building next door, I'll turn it into a bar which will be fed by the restaurant."

My first thought was, my dad warned me about gonnas, "They're gonna do this and their gonna do that".

That was the vision and so it began. Pepper Tree Restaurant was recorded as the first new development on the main street of Coromandel for sixty years, however to be able to open it we had to wait until the sewage scheme was installed and ready to run.

The cottage had been built from the demolition timbers from the Great Fire in 1895 and was turned into the restaurant dining room. The extension was designed to be in keeping with the original cottage and the town's heritage feel.

On 11 December, 1994, Pepper Tree Restaurant opened.

After seven years of long hours and hard work it was time to sell the lease and take time out with our young sons and family. During this time we started working on our next development, to restore the old drapery next door and turn it into a bar. The building had been constructed during the gold rush days as a supplies store for miners. In the 1920's, with the gold rush days well over, it became a draper's shop. It would remain the drapery for the next 80 years, then Pak'n'Pedal before opening the Star and Garter Hotel.

This magnificent building, with timbers being all heart kauri up and downstairs, had one spectacular attraction: the old counters that were used to sell shovels and picks and in later years throw the bolts of material onto. These became the bar, the main feature of the building's



New owners Michael and Karen Huitema with Richard and Jennifer Savage and Karen and Brian McMillan.
Photo by Tarsha Hosking

interior. The Star and Garter Hotel opened on 11 December 2003, exactly nine years after we opened the Pepper Tree.

In 2002, Richard and Jennifer Savage had become the business owners of the Pepper Tree Restaurant. With Richard's experience in his renown family business and Jennifer's skills, they and their team carried the restaurant's well earned reputation onto greater things, winning major awards throughout their 13 years. Coromandel has been lucky to have had them both playing a big part in bringing visitors to town, as people would travel far and wide to dine with them. Now, for them too, it's time for a break. We wish them well in their future.

So, as you may have guessed or heard, it is now our pleasure to announce that the businesses of the Star and Garter Hotel and the Pepper Tree Restaurant are about to come under new ownership with Michael and Karen Huitema of Hamilton. Michael grew up in the hospitality industry and has been a chef for 16+ years.

In partnership, Michael and Karen had opened the Keystone Bar and the Bluestone Steakhouse in Hamilton and look forward to bringing an added experience to Coromandel. They believe in simple cuisine cooked and presented to the highest standard and in creating an environment that will continue to be relaxed and enjoyable for their customers.

They have strong family ties to the Peninsula and want their children to be brought up in the lifestyle Coromandel offers. Again, we wish them the very best.

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Garden Circle

By Glenise Robertson

Forty members of the Coromandel Garden Circle braved hot and humid conditions to visit Keitha and Dave Jenkins's 7.5 acre property on 10 February. The fluctuating breeze was very welcome. A highly productive vegetable garden of near commercial size, with an amazing variety of produce, including large blight-free tomato plants, impressed us all. We then proceeded to their hilltop location house and admired the recently developed decorative garden and fruit trees. The Jenkins family purchased the property 18 years ago and holidayed in a bach with no electricity or running water until about five years ago when the house was completed.

Winners of the competitions were:
Special Category – Lyn Whitcombe, Single Bloom – Karen Lillis, Multi Bloom – Marni MacDonald, Miniature Bloom – Freda Housley and Floral Arrangement – Lyn Whitcombe.

The next meeting will be our AGM held at Lorraine Lang's home on **Wednesday 9 March** at 1pm.

Coromandel Town Information Centre

By Sandra Wilson

Hi everyone. What a busy season it has been so far.

InterCity and 360 Discovery Ferry bookings have taken off as we are now agents for them. You can now pay by Eftpos, credit card and cash at the Centre when making travel bookings. We do charge a \$5.00 service fee for these bookings and a \$3.00 service fee for changes made to InterCity Flexipass bookings.

The ferry departure timetable is now Tuesday and Thursday at 3.00pm; Friday at 8.15pm; Saturday and Sunday at 4.30pm. Arrival times are still 10.45am except for Friday, when arrival is at 8pm. There is no ferry on Monday or Wednesday.

The complimentary shuttle departs from behind the Information Centre (in the Woollams Av car park) 30 minutes prior to the ferry departure time (and 30 minutes after arrival time). Due to ongoing issues with congestion at the wharf, we highly recommend that you take advantage of this free service instead of driving your car to the wharf.

Seafood Festival

The inaugural Seafood Festival will be held at the Coromandel Area School field on **Saturday 7 May** from 10am-5pm.

The festival comprises food stalls, fish filleting demo, oyster and mussel shucking demos, celebrity chef cooking demos, a cook-off between Umu Café, Pepper Tree Restaurant and Success Café, live music, wearable art competition, and a marine art exhibition. A fishing competition will also be held in conjunction with the festival. Anyone -- artists, community groups, schools, preschools -- can enter the wearable art competition and the marine art exhibition.

Please contact me, Sandra, at the Info Centre for more details and also check out our Coromandel Town Seafood Facebook page and our website, www.coromandeltown.co.nz.

The fishing competition is \$20 per adult to enter; children are free. It is based on the average weight, not the biggest fish.

Food stalls centred around seafood of any description are also \$20 per stallholder.

Guidelines for the above are available at the information centre.

The festival covers a wider perspective in that we will also be showcasing protection of our wonderful resources and personal safety, quotas and limits.

There will be activities for children, and the event is alcohol-free, so this is another great, fun-filled family event.

We also need people to help on the committee with the organising of the event, volunteers on the day to help set up and take down, and to direct people to the various events, etc. If this is you, do give me a call or pop in to the centre. I look forward to hearing from you.

One last item: Does anyone have a storage area handy to town for us to store our extra boxes of brochures and things? Is so, I would love to hear from you.

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Vegetable and Produce Show 2016

By Martin Edwards

Despite the awful weather enough people brought their produce and flowers to the show to make it a success, so a massive thank you to all of you who entered and well done all you winners. The biggest thanks must go to Coromandel Senior Settlement Trust who sponsored the whole event and without their help the show would not have happened. Next I would like to thank the judges for the day, including our returning international judges Brian and Carole Wilson, Anne Stobie, Linda Wright, Glenise and Wayne Robertson, Vi King and Dianne Burton. Thank you for sharing your skills and making it special for all those winners. Thank you to all the helpers who made the show run so smoothly. The trio from Mercury Bay Big Brass Band were just brilliant and fitted so well into the show. They are all keen gardeners themselves, so they had a great time too. Their music was spot on and made the whole event a relaxed and very pleasant day. Thank you to Father Philip for opening/closing the show and finally congratulations to Julie Jensen for winning Best in Show 2016, having gained the most winning entries in the show. A great day despite the rain, where the people of Coromandel came together for a very enjoyable day.

Waiting for the perfect crop

By Deborah Hide-Bayne

Jack and I had been nervously inspecting our beans all week... and our cherry tomatoes...

Would one of the family (by mistake) pick the really long bean we had already identified? Would the wind blow over the whole frame again and ruin the long bean's leggy good looks?

Would the cherry tomatoes split? Would there be enough ripe tomatoes all on one cluster to satisfy the judges, or would individual tomatoes picked from different clusters be acceptable?

Would I dare to enter the jam and chutney section again?

Putting our nerves and humorous asides to one side, we took our small array of

produce down to the Bowling Club and we delighted with our resulting certificates. Well done to all involved in the Coromandel Vegetable and Produce Show! Despite the weather, there was a great atmosphere and it is always so much fun. I am in awe of all the people around town who bake and garden and produce such amazing looking fruit, vegetables, flowers, jams, chutneys and cakes.

I normally champion flavour over good looks, but it is good to remember that we eat with our eyes as well as our stomachs, and the ideal is to grow produce that not only tastes but looks great too. Using local seeds (that work well in local conditions) is a great start and letting things ripen on the vine/stalk/tree is another way to ensure great flavour. There are also many gentle

ways to keep your fruit and veg looking good. Pests can often be picked off by hand if you only have a small veggie garden or sometimes something as simple as soapy water can deter them too.

So I encourage you to garden and bake enthusiastically for next year's competition, and I will see you there (but please, don't grow any long beans!).



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**New
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This delightfully private 5,050m2 property set on the northern edges of Coromandel Township, features stunningly landscaped grounds and a huge variety of fruit/citrus trees. The main home offers a spacious open-plan living area that opens out to great decking; 3 double bedrooms, bathroom and office. The immaculate separate cottage is a fabulous addition that would suit an extended family member or holiday accommodation, while the single garage is complemented with a car/boat port and an adjoining games room. Cottage chattel list available at additional cost. **\$597,000**

**New
Listing**



Designed for great indoor/outdoor fun times, this property will appeal to families looking for just a little extra space than the average home. The 750m2 section features a great concrete driveway, while the lawns offer ample room for the children to romp and play. The generous sized north facing deck is a wonderful space for BBQs or to generally relax and enjoy the rural outlook. The very spacious living areas lead to the 3 double brms, bathroom (bath & shower) & internal access to the large double garage. Your new permanent or holiday home awaits. **\$445,000**

**New
Listing**



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Set on a very well fenced 375m2 corner section, this delightfully presented property features great landscaping that encapsulates a wonderful mix of gardens, fruit/citrus trees and paving. There is easy and wide access to the double garage for vehicle and boat storage, with a portion of this space having been allocated as an art studio. The interior offers a light & airy open-plan living/kitchen room with access onto a north/west facing terrace and 2 double bedrooms with en-suites (one upstairs and one downstairs). A perfect holiday base or a wonderful retirement home. **\$335,000**

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Coromandel Community Gardens

By Louis Kittleson

Welcome to the Jungle! Those of you who are gardeners will know what I mean. The recent sheer abundance of food and bright flowers, plus the seed-heads gathering their gifts to present back to the earth, is a joy to eat, behold and meditate upon as we continue the cycle towards autumn. Now is the time to tame the jungle and tidy up, so to speak, after the party. At the Community Gardens we are gathering the last of our summer crops and cultivating and replenishing some of our beds, ready for winter crops. Nourishing the soil is imperative after such a productive spring and summer. This is rewarding work as it is an opportunity to give back to Papatuanuku. Other garden beds will have fresh compost dug in and cover crops such as lupins and mustards will be sown. These are a good way to replenish soil as these plants are dug back in to the earth in spring.

Seed sowing is another highly satisfying task and now that we have a beautiful greenhouse, it is a task that is rewarded ten-fold. Sow broccoli, cauli and cabbages, leeks, beetroot and silverbeet to name a few options. Carrots can be sown directly into beds of course. It's good to mix the carrot seed with sand and this enables even sowing and you can see where you've been!

Speaking of a jungle, it certainly is a worldwide jungle out there right now! Last month I mentioned the TCDC's removal of tree protection. Furthermore, there are ancient kauri being milled on Peninsula lands under forestry contracts, while the rest of us are rallying to honour and preserve these tupuna. A West Australian organic farmer has lost his organic certification, with no legal rights of redress nor compensation, due to contamination from a neighbour's Monsanto GM crop. A French organic/biodynamic winemaker has been prosecuted by authorities for not applying an insecticide to his vines as a preventive measure. The efficacy of the insecticide is unknown! And lastly for now, farmers who have not bought GMO seeds, but find them growing on their land, can be sued by the seed producers.

All of these examples are travesties which defy logic and belief and have their insane foundation in economics and greed, rather than integrity or longevity.

All of this just rubs salt in to the raw, bloody wound of our government signing the T.P.P.! A largely unknown deal servicing multinationals. The fact that a referendum was held and an obscene amount of money was spent on the flag thing seems even more absurd. Or, is it all connected? Hmmm?

Please do yourselves a favour people and be informed. Do not rely on mainstream media. Search further afield and research your topic. Knowledge is power and ignorance is no excuse! These are crazy times and, according to the dictionary, a jungle "is a place of ruthless struggle for survival". Kia kaha koutou ma!

Some sources of more information: customer.services@tcdc.govt.nz; ecowatch.com; itsourfuture.org.nz.

Whanau meet at the gardens every Thursday afternoon from 2pm.

Coromandel Patchwork and Quilters

By Sharon Currie

We held our first meeting for 2016 on February 1st. Even though it was a holiday weekend we had a good attendance. It was nice to catch up with everyone and enjoy a lovely morning tea. Our AGM was on 15 February and our new committee will set the programme for the year. We will also draw our raffle, the proceeds of which go to Moehau Environment Group for the Kiwi Habitat Restoration.

We have two tutors scheduled to come during the year, also a challenge set by our president, so these will keep us busy during the year.

Another highlight is the "Big Day Out" which is scheduled for March. This is fun day with lots of shopping and time to look at new things and add more fabric to the stash.

Our Quilt Raffle has been drawn and was won by Natalie Blasco ticket number 590.

Our meetings 1st and 3rd (& 5th) Monday 9.30am-4.00pm, St John Rooms, Tiki Rd, Coromandel.

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Museum News

By Raewyn McKinney

The Coromandel School of Mines museum joins with the rest of the community in mourning the passing of Barry Brickell, who was a great supporter of the museum.

It is great for those who are not restricted to travel during school holidays, that the weather has now improved, and we hope to see many more people visiting Coromandel.

The museum will continue to open during March, and we thank the people who have been keeping the doors open over summer.

People often ask about gold mining, and early Coromandel.

Here is an extract from "Daily Southern Cross" of 11 March 1864:

"COROMANDEL

There were lodged in the Union Bank yesterday, by Mr Robert Kelly, manager of the Southern Cross Gold Mining Company, 868 ounces of retorted gold, being the produce of twelve tons of quartz taken from the shaft in No 4 claim on the Driving Creek. At a rough estimate the gold is worth £2,500. The quartz crushed in about forty hours, was picked, being richer than the general run of the stone, but none has been taken out barren. The gold lodged in bank was in three cakes, the largest being over 500 ounces.

This company has been working about six weeks. Although over twenty-four men are engaged in various capacities, there were never more than ten men engaged at the underground works, the rest being employed at the engine and machinery, forge, carpenter's shop, bullock drays, etc. About twenty tons of rich stone are yet to be crushed and the men are busily engaged, taking out more.

Our correspondent sends us an interesting account of the Southern Cross Company's crushing machinery, the first result of which we give. That it succeeded so well is a matter of congratulation; it likewise proves the business capacity and special knowledge of Mr Kelly the manager.

Miner's shanty



From the letter to which we have already referred, it will be seen that there are other companies which seem bent on working their claims efficiently. During the last month over 1,800 ounces of gold have been sent up from three claims, of which only 39 ounces 15 dwt were from one of them.

We are glad to learn that Keven's Reef Company are about to have their machinery employed, as there is reason to believe that the proposed arrangement between that company and the Coromandel company will be carried out. We hope to see this completed, and in time we believe the shore reefs will be developed.

With regard to roads, we do think the Provincial Government ought to make a good road, by taking advantage of the present line to the diggings. We think the exigencies of the community require it, and we would vastly prefer a tolerably passable road, before the winter sets in, than a tramway at an indefinite period. We are becoming convinced that tramways, and other fanciful ideas, are started to give an opportunity for delay. Now, we have not the money for a tramway, while a road is in existence, and only wants improving. Let it be done as speedily as possible, and remove at least one drawback to the development of Coromandel. Then, again, the Kapanga punt appears to be in a discreditable state. Why not place a new one on the creek? Or, better still, why not erect a bridge opposite the Tauranga Hotel? The timber is to be had in plenty, the work is necessary, and enough money was voted by the Provincial Council to answer every purpose."

The museum will be open daily from 1pm to 4pm until Easter, except for Good Friday

Poetry SPOT

It's Ok To Be Me

By Vivianne Flintoff

It's ok to be me
To be just as I am
To be a little like you
But to not be is grand.
I am the same as you
Yet different you see
For there is no one else quite like me
Or like you.

I'm good at some stuff
But real crap at other
And I don't have to win
To prove I have worth
But occasionally winning would
Bring me some mirth
It's actually ok just to be me.

There are times when I goof it
And times I get it right
But whose right it is
I never can guess.
There is much I don't know
Much I cannot grasp
But it's actually ok to not know
Some stuff
For there is liberty and freedom
In this place of not knowing.

It helps me to remember all the above
And to respond with gratitude
for each breath that I take.
And to live at peace
and acceptance with glee
That it's actually ok to just be me.

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- * Video Conferencing equipment

Coromandel Independent Living Trust (CILT) Resource Centre



CILT staff required

Community Transport Coordinator – We are looking for friendly, reliable, people to join our team providing a range of great services for the community at our Resource Centre in Tiki House. This is a casual role starting immediately with the possibility of part-time fixed term maternity leave cover from April 2016. If you enjoy working with people of all ages and backgrounds, are a great multi-tasker, well organised and confident with computers, then check out the job description for the role on our website www.cilt.org.nz and fill in an application form. You can also contact us on (07) 866 8358 for more information.

Resource Centre services:

- Transport funding and volunteer drivers for holders of Community Services Cards to attend hospital appointments in Thames or Hamilton
- The weekly mobility van goes to Thames every Thursday; call or come in to book a seat before 1pm on Wednesdays. \$12 koha for adults and \$6 for children for a return trip.
- IRD are next in Coromandel Town on 16 March and Maori Land Court on **21 April**. Call or come in to the Resource Centre to book an appointment.
- Two fast computers free for locals to use between 9am and 3pm
- Lots of info on health, disability and community services
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Contact: Rebecca Leaker (Resource Centre Coordinator). Tiki House, 45 Tiki Road. Hours: 9am- 3pm Monday-Thursday Ph/Fax: (07) 866 8358. Email: cilt@cilt.org.nz or website: www.cilt.org.nz

Monday Walkers

By Libby Agar

When you read this we will have enjoyed two tramps this year! As mentioned in an earlier article, we meet every Monday usually at 9am, in Woollams car park where we carpool to the day's starting point. Weather permitting, we walk through the morning until about 1pm. Some of us like to walk further and may continue until about 4pm. Our aim is to explore the softness of our valleys, the stunning vistas from our hillsides and the many beaches in company with a happy group of men and women of all ages with a moderate level of fitness. The day is relaxed and the group, friendly. Come once or often; regularly or once in a while. You are welcome. This applies to our summer residents too. Don't be shy – you will find us delighted to include you. Please phone Ruth at the number below if you would like to join us or for more information.

Contact Ruth (07) 866 7246



Coromandel Budget Advisory Service

By John Gaffikin-Cowan

It's a quiet time of year here at the Budget Office. There is always extra work during the summer with the peninsula busy catering for the visitors and tourists who come to appreciate our beautiful corner of the world. Consequently there's more money in the general economy, as well as plenty of wonderful produce in the gardens to feed us. This seems to have been an exceptional year for tomatoes: I've made two batches of tomato chutney and also a spicy tomato salsa from a recipe supplied by Leigh, who runs our Food Bank:

Spicy Tomato Salsa

- 12 cups chopped tomatoes (don't peel)
- 3 cups chopped green peppers
- 10 chillies (optional)
- 2 cups chopped onions
- ½ teasp. salt
- 5 cloves minced garlic
- 1½ cups cider vinegar

Combine all ingredients, bring to a boil, then simmer and reduce to a sloppy salsa consistency. Bottle in clean, heated jars. Enjoy!

This is just one way to make the best of the abundance around us.

If you feel you'd like to join our small team of enthusiastic advisers, please contact us at the address below.

And if you think we can be of assistance in any other way, please drop in to the Budget Office for a chat. We're here to help!

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

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Writers' Group

By Marni MacDonald

Away with the fishing rods and out with the pens. It was very good to get together again for another year of encouragement in writing and shared interest in books and poetry.

Our spontaneous writing for this month was to write on any subject in a style that suggested the writer was becoming less in control of her mental acuity as she wrote, and, to also include about 5 NZ phrases that may not be recognised by non NZers. This was a real challenge which produced some interesting stories.

Some good book recommendations this month that will have us getting onto a waiting list at our local library. *Red Notice* by Bill Browder is an autobiography about corruption in the Russian government; *A Possible Life* by Sebastian Faulks tells informative stories about people's lives; *The Secret Chord* by Geraldine Brooks is an account of the Biblical King David; *Passport to Hell* by Robyn Hyde follows a NZ soldier in WW1 and *Girlie* by Gillian Ransford covering four generations of a Scottish family and their changing relationships with Tangata Whenua and the land.

We were introduced also to a stunning book of poetry by NZ poet Karlo Mila. If you are looking for some poetry to "knock your socks off" (to use some slang!), this should do it.

Our set homework was about lawnmowers. We often write 500 words, too much to share here, but sometimes we are treated to a big image with a few words. Here it is, from Lora Mountjoy.

The sound of the lawnmower
is absent this wet Waitangi day
through smeared windows I watch
a blurry watercolour garden drink
rain until the edges smudge and
green kikuyu snakes slither
across the soft brown soil.

Our next meeting will be on **10 March** at Barbara's home in Edward Street.

Enquiries ring: (07) 866 8299

A Taste of Matarangi Food & Wine Festival

By Bronwyn Ririnui, event coordinator

Enjoy the annual A Taste of Matarangi Food & Wine Festival held on **9 April** at the Village Green Reserve in Matarangi.

This family-friendly event will offer live music, delicious cuisine, fine wine and locally brewed beer, children's entertainment, cooking competitions and much more.

We will be providing a delicious forum in our own backyard for locals and visitors to experience the best our community can offer.

The line-up this year on stage will provide a bit of something for everyone.

Local bands Link Road and The Mercury Bay Big Band each present their own repertoire of jazz classics, electric self compositions and a few funky surprises.

Ashe Rose holds a raw and soulful lucidity that will captivate the audience. Drawing on influences from folk, country and blues legends her acoustic pieces will be a performance not to be missed.

Powered acoustic guitar and Drum duo Pow Wow (Josh the Pow and Nick Ririnui the Wow) will make sure you are up dancing to their energetic live show of revamped dynamic tunes. No shoes required for dancing to this duo.

Bringing the day to a grand finale are Five O'Clock Shadow – with their live performance of crowd pleasing songs we know you will not only be dancing to but singing along with as well.

Other activities on the day will be Troupe Waihi, Eventfun children activities, Westpac helicopter simulator plus more. Go to our website for more information and to see our list of food, beverage and craft stalls on site.

It's great to have an event where we can give back to a charitable cause that benefits the community. For the 2016 event the organisers will once again be supporting the Westpac Rescue Helicopter service, alongside a second charity – Kuaotunu Land Search & Rescue (KSAR). Both charities work together to help save lives on the Coromandel Peninsula and there will be opportunities to support them with raffles, donation buckets, and the two auctions held at the 2016 event. Westpac Rescue ambassadors Alison and Rebecca Harris from Whitianga have sourced two packages to be auctioned this year. First auction will be – A private lunch date with the rescue helicopter crew. Second auction is – Two nights at the beachfront Admiralty Lodge in Whitianga, and dinner for two at Salt Restaurant (\$100 voucher).

This year Coromandel Adventures are working alongside the festival committee to provide transport for Coromandel festival goers. They will have two runs available and you can book your transport by contacting them on 0800 462 676 or info@coromandeladventures.co.nz. Also go to our website for more information on times and prices.

We are pleased to announce, ticket prices remain the same price this year \$15 Adult, \$5 child, \$30 Family (2 adults, 2 children). Make sure you buy them before **9 April**, as ticket prices increase on the day.

Tickets are available to purchase online at www.atasteofmatarangi.co.nz or from Richardsons Real Estate in Matarangi and the Whitianga I-site

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Long Bay Seawall

The seawall at Long Bay was a medium term solution giving us time to think of a long term option. We are currently investigating options and will have an application to Waikato Regional Council by the end of March. The consent for the seawall expires at the end of July.

Coromandel Citizens Hall

An earthquake assessment is being done as part of a prerequisite to a building consent for an upgrade of the toilet block.

Creative Communities Scheme

Applications open for the Creative Communities Scheme on 1 April 2016. If you have any queries or questions please contact the new Creative Communities Co-ordinator Michelle Baker.
michelle.baker@tcdc.govt.nz

Wharves

- Potholes at Sugarloaf Wharf are being repaired.
- Western half of Te Kouma Rd parking opposite the Sugarloaf Wharf entrance has now returned to general parking.
- Pricing is being done for a new barrier and a new bollard for Coromandel Wharf. The barrier and bollard are required to stop vehicles accessing the pedestrian walkway.

Sugarloaf Wharf

Our Council continues to actively work with both the charter boat and aquaculture industries to seek ways of reducing congestion at Sugarloaf. Until provision of park and ride services are established, pressures will remain. We are currently looking at other ways to help reduce demand by recreational users at the Sugarloaf Wharf. Do you use alternative ramps

to the Sugarloaf? If so which ones? How do they rate compared to the Sugarloaf? Contact the Coromandel Area Office and we will look into these alternatives.

In the meantime we need all users to cooperate with each other and respect the bylaws to maintain safety on and around these facilities.

For more information on wharves in the Thames-Coromandel District see our website www.tcdc.govt.nz/wharfs

Kerbside - Easter and ANZAC holiday collections

Coromandel Rural North

| March | | April | |
|-------|-----|-------|-----|
| Tue | Wed | Tue | Wed |
| 1 | 2 | 5 | 6 |
| 8 | 9 | 12 | 13 |
| 15 | 16 | 19 | 20 |
| 22 | 23 | 26* | 27 |
| 29* | 30 | | |



Put your blue bags out every Tuesday.

*Collections are a day later due to a Public Holiday within that week.

Recycling week 2

The sticker on the side of your bin will show the number 1 or 2 next to your collection day. This number is your recycling week.

Coromandel Town & Te Kouma

| March | | April | |
|-------|-----|-------|-----|
| Wed | Thu | Wed | Thu |
| 2 | 3 | 6 | 7 |
| 9 | 10 | 13 | 14 |
| 16 | 17 | 20 | 21 |
| 23 | 24 | 27* | 28 |
| 30* | 31 | | |



Put your blue bags out every Wednesday.

*Collections are a day later due to a Public Holiday within that week.

Recycling week 1

The sticker on the side of your bin will show the number 1 or 2 next to your collection day. This number is your recycling week.

Remember that normal collection days will be a day later on the weeks after Easter Monday and ANZAC Day.

Changing collection days

EASTER

- Monday 28 March (Easter Monday) will be Tuesday 29 March
- Tuesday 29 March will be Wednesday 30 March
- Wednesday 30 March will be Thursday 31 March
- Thursday 31 March will be Friday 1 April



ANZAC Day

- Monday 25 April (ANZAC Day) will be Tuesday 26 April

- Tuesday 26 April will be Wednesday 27 April
- Wednesday 27 April will be Thursday 28 April
- Thursday 28 April will be Friday 29 April

The first week of March is week 1 (Monday 29 February-Friday 4 March) for your fortnightly recycling collection. (Your personal week 1 or 2, is on the white sticker on the outside of your wheelie bin just below the lid.)

Go to www.tcdc.govt.nz/kerbside for more information.

EVENTS

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Library News

By Raewyn McKinney

The Coromandel Library joins with the rest of the community in mourning the passing of Murray Wornall and Barry Brickell, who were both great friends of the library.

This month I want to thank the team of volunteer librarians, and those behind the scenes, who give their time and expertise to ensure the smooth running of the library. These are all busy, capable people who provide an extremely warm and professional service to the community. We are proud of our library, our staff and the service and choice offered to our members. The annual subscription is only \$10 per family per year, and for that small price, any six books in the library can be withdrawn for up to three weeks. Subscriptions for our junior members are still free, and it is pleasing to see the keen younger book lovers in the library.

Each subscription is for one calendar year, so many are due for renewal each month. Unfortunately, we are not able to send out reminder letters. A verbal reminder is given at the start of the month, and payment can be made anytime, either over the counter, or direct to the bank account. If you are unsure which month you joined the library, pop in and ask the duty librarian.

As usual, we have added some more great books to the library during the past month:

***The Darkest Secret* by Alex Marwood**

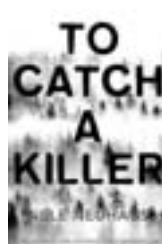
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***To Catch A Killer* by Nele Neuhaus**

A tightly plotted crime thriller with surprise twists at every turn and a story that reads as though it's ripped from the headlines. Detective Pia Kirchhoff is about to leave on her long-delayed honeymoon when she hears that a woman has been shot while out walking her dog. Then more long-range shootings swiftly follow, and it becomes clear that a highly trained serial killer is on the loose. The victims seem to have just one thing in common: they were all good people with apparently no enemies.

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

Coromandel Community Market Easter Dates

There will be no market on **Good Friday 25 March**.

Instead that week's market will take place on **Saturday 26 March** in front of Pepper Tree Restaurant in downtown Coromandel.

After Easter the Friday morning markets will continue as usual.

Happy Easter everyone from the Coromandel Community Market stall-holders.



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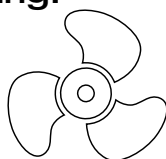
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Heart Beat – St John Ambulance Coromandel/Colville

By Felix O'Carroll – Station Manager Coromandel

December through February has come and gone. Well done to the team who did a great job in what is normally our busiest period of the year. Coromandel Station staff was supported by AUT paramedic students and volunteers from the Auckland area without whom it would have been difficult to maintain an ambulance service over this busy period. With many of our local staff running their own businesses and/or needing to work due to the busy time of the year, we are reliant on outsiders to fill the gaps in our ranks. To all those who did this, our sincere thanks!

Training

Training has restarted and we now train every second Tuesday 7-9pm, with the other Tuesday being used as a study/catch session for those wishing to do this. Peter McNae has taken on the role of Training Co-ordinator.

Recruitment

St John Coromandel/Hauraki District now hold specific recruitment periods with only four intakes over the course of a year. Intake 1 has just completed with the whole district working together to source potential volunteers to work with operational ambulance officers. The program is designed to capture the right person who can commit to doing a minimum of one shift per week plus complete the training requirements to gain First Response level qualifications within a three-month period. Also within this period potential volunteer officers will pass their ORM (Operational Risk Management) requirements and driver's course. Note: All applicants must have a full driver license and a clear police record.

If anyone is interested in joining our organisation, below are the intake dates for the remainder of 2016:

Intake 2 – Starting **18 March through 22 April**

Intake 3 – Starting **20 May through 23 June**

Intake 4 – Starting **23 August through 23 September**

Be safe out there, stay well. Felix

For more enquiries call the station and talk to the duty officer or leave a message on (07) 866 8279 to find out more check out our web site: www.stjohn.org.nz



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International Women's Day Breakfast 2016

By Robyn Dudson

Just a quick reminder to those of you ladies who have not already purchased your tickets from Richardsons Real Estate for our annual celebration of this special day that time is fast approaching.

Tickets are still only \$20 of which \$10 goes directly to the Waikato Branch of the Cancer Society. Please do try and join us at 7.30am at Pepper Tree Restaurant on **Friday 4 March**.

1. It's a great way to start the day.
2. It's a great way to celebrate being a woman
3. It's a great way to support a worthwhile charity.
4. We really would love to see you there.

Himalaya shop : Colville

In March the shop will not be open every day, although we will be open most days. If you are thinking of coming to see us in Colville its maybe best to phone us first to check if we are open that particular day.

When open our late season hours are 10 a.m. to 3p.m.
We will be open daily over the Easter period till 5p.m.

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Mahamudra Centre

By Sarah Brooks

Mahamudra Centre in Colville has had lots of summer programs, and we are so happy to have more people from the community coming to enjoy our facilities and courses. As our thanks, and to celebrate National Children's Day, we're having our big Family Fun Day on **6 March** from 11am to 6pm. Free entry, so bring the whole family for games, face painting, bouncy castle, live music, meditation for adults and kids, tours, shopping, food, and more. Two special features at the Fun Day – a guest monk will be creating a sand painting of the Eight Auspicious Symbols throughout the day – a special form of holy art; then from 3-3.30pm is a pet blessing – special prayers and blessings (just please have animals and insects leashed or contained). It's an incredibly kind thing you can do for your beloved pets!

Over Easter Weekend, **25-27 March**, we'll be offering a course on Mindful Photography. Have your creativity challenged and inspired by learning new techniques and sharing ideas about how to take photos with any camera and do basic software editing of digital images. We'll also discuss how to stay mindful of the moment, so you're not missing the experience while snapping away, and incorporating meditation and new ways of looking through the lens. To help inspire participants to try new angles, we'll have a photo scavenger hunt. To register, please go to our website or give us a call.

In between these two programs, we'll be closing from **7-17 March** to clean after the fun day and to let the staff have a rest. Our weekly Thursday meditation at the Havalona Pyramid on Driving Creek Rd., Coromandel Town, will take place on **3, 24, and 31 March** at the usual time, 10-11am, followed by a chat over coffee/tea at a nearby café. We also still offer daily meditation from 8.30-9am at the centre when we are open and not running a course. Please check our online calendar before coming if you want to check a specific day.

For experienced meditators, we still have some spaces left at our Insight Meditation 10-day retreat with a world-renowned Tibetan Buddhist monk, Venerable Antonio Satta, **19-30 April**. We've also opened registration for a week-long retreat with the dynamic Venerable Robina Courtin on Making Life and Death Meaningful, **22-29 May**. This Australian nun tells it like it is, from the Buddhist point of view, how to make the most of every day and develop our qualities of love, compassion, and wisdom. It's been years since we've been able to get on her worldwide tour schedule, so we're thrilled to have her back. For details or to register, please go to our website or give us a call.

Venerable Yönten, our teacher in residence, has left for the next six months to travel and teach elsewhere, but she'll be back in September for another season of courses and retreats. We're so grateful for all her wisdom and kindness, so will be very glad when she returns!

Contact: www.mahamudra.org.nz,
retreat@mahamudra.org.nz, or (07) 866 6851

Ann's Good News, Naturally

By Ann Kerr-Bell

Natural Solutions for Skin Health

Do you suffer from any of the following?

Dermatitis, eczema, shingles, hives, acne, psoriasis, varicose veins, herpes, fungal infections, ulcers, boils, ringworm, warts, skin tags, skin lesions, nervous or hormonal hot flushes, unusual sweating, inflamed or sensitive skin, skin cancer.

Your skin is your largest organ. It is a sophisticated semi-permeable barrier that is involved in many functions critical for good health, such as fluid retention, detoxification and vitamin D synthesis. Skin membranes also produce their own antibiotics to constantly monitor foreign invaders. It breathes, protects you and requires certain nutrients for daily maintenance. These nutrients, such as essential fatty acids, the fat soluble vitamins A, D, E, minerals selenium and zinc and the B vitamins are all necessary for healthy skin. These nutrients should come from the foods you eat.

At around 2m² and weighing up to 4.5-5kg, skin is also your largest excretory or elimination organ. It assists in the body's detoxification processes, ridding it of unwanted toxins.

These toxins are either from the environment (exotoxins), or made within your body (endotoxins).

If your liver, kidneys, bowels or lungs, which are your other excretory or detox organs, are not working optimally, your skin takes the load, and becomes afflicted with any of the above ailments.

An immune imbalance is often also involved. 80% of your immune system is in the gut.

As your skin is the outside of your body, your gut/digestive tract is the gateway to your inner environment.

Address the root cause, the real driver of your skin issue.

Skin conditions don't occur overnight. An overnight fix will not

give you lasting results. However, by identifying your actual pathology and nutritional imbalances via naturopathic science-based investigations, combined with traditional tried and proven observations, tests and treatment options, you can rid those embarrassing, itchy, painful or debilitating signs and symptoms.

By doing a Live Blood Analysis and a full Naturopathic Consultation, I can accurately identify and treat your health issues.

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More Good News:

Acne: This 19-year-old woman remembered how I had "fixed" the boils on her legs when she was eight years old, so came back for help with her current acne issue. After just two weeks on her programme, her mother was amazed how her skin and stress levels had improved. She soon realised that her diet, which was high in starchy carbohydrates, was a large contributing factor and she now loves the energy her low glycaemic index food diet and top quality supplements provide her. Bowel motions great now too.

Body odour, sore joints: This 59-year-old man was unable to rid his bad body odour no matter what. After three months on his easy treatment plan, he is pain and odour free and energy levels have doubled.

Mastication issues: Depression, anxiety and stress took away this 28-year-old lady's ability to relax enough to chew her food, leading to her having incredible digestive issues. Without my special herb tonic and minerals for destressing and feeling more relaxed, she knows she would still be gulping her food down. She now takes her time to mindfully chew every mouthful of food – all her indigestion has gone and she feels she is absorbing her food nutrients better.

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Coromandel Walking Group

By Elspeth Campbell

The walking group is continuing to flourish. As usual the numbers vary widely as we deal with other commitments, but three more people have joined us recently and are most welcome. This summer we have been meeting at the earlier time of 8.30am and it seems likely that we'll continue with this into March as the hot weather shows no sign of abating. It's good to avoid the worst of the heat although it's a bit of a struggle for those of us who are not morning people. I crawl out of bed and attempt to function with a brain that feels like refrigerated treacle. However the effort is worth it as we meet up with our friends, enjoy a bit of exercise, then a drink and a chat at the cafe afterwards. This month we've mostly walked around the town but have had one stroll around Tuck's Bay and are planning another for Whangapoua Beach next week. This walking group is all very casual; you turn up if you can and if you don't, no-one worries. There are no joining fees or membership list, in fact the only rule I can think of is no dogs.

Meet outside the Lotto Dairy in the main street at 8.30am Tuesdays and Thursdays and walk for an hour.

Enquiries to Ruth (07) 866 7246



Coromandel Embroiderers' Guild

By Diann Cade

Thirty-nine members attended our first day back at Guild last month, eager for another year of stitching with friends.

Many of us have filled our calendars with the proposed workshops. The items on the Show and Tell table made one aware that many of us did not stop stitching over the Christmas break. Whatever it is we see in the fabrics, threads and stitches, it certainly takes hold of many hours of our time. The first workshop is Hardanger embroidery – a form of open work which originated in the Norwegian fjords. It has changed style slightly over the years but remains very popular among modern day stitchers. It is counted thread embroidery based on geometric shapes with cut out areas filled with lacy stitching. Here we go again, taking a beautiful piece of even weave linen, through which we pull threads and then cut pieces away. Fascinating, enjoyable and on completion one is proud of the embroidered item. Remember there is value in the neatness of the back of the work as well as the front! But there are no exams and anything is possible. We are all doing this for our own pleasure and satisfaction.

For further information about the Coromandel Embroiderers' Guild contact our president Jill Wilson (07) 866 7484

Biodynamic Gardening Workshop – March

By Gill Bacchus

On **12 March** there will be a biodynamic gardening workshop at the home of Tracey and Louis Kittleson, 190 Driving Creek Road at 9.30am. We will look around their property. Discussion will focus particularly on biodynamic ways to deter birds from damaging fruit and vegetables, and pest and disease management in general. Bring questions on any other topics also. We will finish by lunchtime. Bring your own lunch if you wish to stay for more discussion.

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Mana Update

By Donna Idol

"Sometimes when I consider what tremendous consequences come from little things I am tempted to think that perhaps there are no little things." – Bruce Barton

Over 10 years ago when volunteer extraordinaire Cyril Wormald dug his first hole at Mana Retreat in preparation for planting a tree, not one of us envisioned the ripple effect out into the world. Now with over 100 fruit-bearing trees – apples, pears, plums, peaches, citrus, avocados, feijoas, apricots – Cyril is passing on his vast life experience to two keen, strong young men who grew up around the Mana land. Affectionately dubbed Cyril's apprentices, they not only fertilize, prune and boil up natural pest control brews, they also join Mana's talented kitchen team and wwoofers to harvest and preserve the fruit for guests to enjoy on each morning's cereal and toast.

There are countless people around the world who have helped to plant a tree at Mana (fruit and native). Cyril has photographic evidence of each person and "their" tree, and they receive regular updates of how the tree is growing.

These "little" exchanges between youth and elders encourage a vital engagement with life that ripples inspiration, knowledge and seen and unseen actions into the world.

Rocket, Pear and Almond Salad with Chive Dressing

From New Zealander Emma Galloway's book *My Darling Lemon Thyme*

Serves 4

2 large handfuls of rocket leaves, washed, spun dry
Large handful of baby cos or crisp lettuce leaves, washed, spun dry
1 ripe pear
Juice of ½ lemon
¼ cup (40g) sliced almonds, lightly toasted

Chive Dressing:

3 tablespoons apple cider vinegar
1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
1 teaspoon runny honey
¼ cup (60ml) extra virgin olive oil
1 tablespoon finely chopped chives

Place rocket and lettuce in a large bowl. Cut pear into quarters, remove core and slice thinly. Place in a bowl of cold water with a squeeze of lemon juice to prevent it browning.

To make chive dressing, whisk cider vinegar, mustard and honey together. Whisk continuously as you slowly drizzle in the olive oil to form a lovely emulsified dressing. Stir in chives and season to taste with sea salt and freshly ground black pepper.

When ready to serve, drain water from pears and toss through the salad leaves with the toasted almonds and enough dressing to coat. Serve immediately.

Scott Simpson MP for Coromandel

One of the most significant events for 2016 occurred recently with the formal signing of the Trans Pacific Partnership, an important step in our efforts for obtaining a better deal in trade for our country.



Too often we forget that our hospitals and schools come from the wealth created on our farms, factories and services. As New Zealanders we all want improving services but we have to pay for them.

Those services come from the taxes that are generated by increased trade and profits many of which come from our very productive region.

The next step in the TPP process is a Parliamentary examination of the agreement by the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Select Committee. During this time, there will be a full opportunity for people to make their view known by way of a public submission process. I'd encourage you to take advantage of that if you wish as I know many Coromandel people have opinions on the TPP.

Another important current public discussion centres on the option to either keep or change our current flag. You may have already received or will soon receive your voting paper for the second flag referendum. This is the first time we as individual New Zealanders have had a chance to have a say in what flag we should have. Whatever your view I urge you to complete the voting paper and return it by **24 March**.

In the first sitting of Parliament John Key outlined the government's programme for the year. The Prime Minister reminded us that from 1 April, the average work ACC levy paid by businesses will reduce by 11 per cent to 80 cents per \$100 of liable earnings, and the earners' levy, paid by everyone in the paid workforce, will decrease by 4 per cent to \$1.21 per \$100 of liable earnings. From 1 July, the average motor vehicle levy will drop by a third, to around \$130 per vehicle. These changes will be very helpful to those of us who live in regional New Zealand and depend on private transport.

The recent passing of revered ceramics pioneer and sculptor Barry Brickell is a great loss to Coromandel and New Zealand. Barry was an iconic Coromandel character, famous locally, nationally and internationally for his art, the creation of the Driving Creek Railway and his visionary community contributions. Much of what we recognise as contemporary Coromandel today

has been built upon foundations laid by his art, vision and passion.

When Parliament's "Beehive" was built in the mid-1970s, five of Barry's iconic Spiromorph pots were purchased to grace the building. They still feature prominently and are on permanent display at Parliament.

I will miss his regular long letters, typed on a manual typewriter, offering his opinions and advice on all manner of issues political, local and artistic. RIP.

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Lions News

By Lyn Rose

Greetings once again and so soon; it feels like only yesterday that I last played with the computer! As yet we have not met for a business meeting, so there is not a lot to report. On the two holiday weekends of January and February, we sold mussel fritters outside of our local Four Square. Both days were very successful; many thanks to all who helped, and customers also. The positive feedback is very encouraging; thank you everyone. With many members on holiday at present, and a few infirm also, we have only a handful of members to carry out our usual tasks and projects. However, carrying is what we do best! As I have always believed, "if you want something done, then ask a busy person." Works for us!

As usual, if you need to contact Lions: Pres John (07) 866 8068, Sec Jayne (07) 866 7687, or for firewood Lion Lyn (07) 866 7722. That's all for now



The Old Gum Tree

A Sicilian septet

By John Irvine

I wonder if the tattered gum tree in our field
ever misses the sunburnt country of its birth,
and whether its adopted country appeals
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Animal Rescue Thames

By Alice Parris

Firstly thank mews to everyone who has donated food and bedding to the cats and kittens. Right now it is a huge blessing.

Huge thank mews to Coromandel Four Square for having donation tins and to everyone who over the years have supported the donation tins. This has been a blessing to the unit and we have truly appreciated the support over the last five years.

Homed – we homed one kitten – a male – we received nothing financially for him, however he has a forever home – this has meant we have to fundraise to cover the cost of his flea/worm/vet/food costs.

A big thank you to a lovely person who has donated knitted squares for us to sew up into blankets for the cats, which is awesome, and we had a donation of goats' milk, which the kittens are loving.

Currently we are desexing of our kittens and will have desexed kittens available at \$75 each or siblings as a pair for \$120. All wormed, deflead, desexed. Most are in the 10-week-plus age group. Currently available: Archie and Nero – tabby male, black white female; brothers – one tabby, one grey; trio of delightful tabbys all over 10 weeks, but adorable kittens with cattitude purrlus.

We have renovated the cattery so we can put all kittens who are ready and desexed into cattery to give them more room to groove.

Olders: we still have three tabby females

now 18 mths old still waiting for a home, two black males 12 months old also waiting, tabby medium hair also waiting. They all trust implicitly in us and are a little shy at first with strangers but do adapt to a new lifestyle and routine.

They need quiet rural homes with no toddlers or small kids to harrass them.

Fundraising – Easter Garage Sale – we have booked the Grahamstown Hall for **Easter Saturday 26 March** – we have some items but welcome good clean saleable treasures, clothes, books, puzzles, toys, tools, etc, for the day. Do ring us to arrange either collection or a drop-off point.

Everything we raise goes to feeding and caring for the rescue kitties. Flea treatments alone for the entire unit is \$500 and that lasts for six weeks, so a big big expense. Desexing is another massive bill upcoming – with 14 kittens – 7 female 7 male, which is a lot of money to desex them. That is why we have to set costs of adoption to recover these costs and ensure the continuation of the unit.

Other costs are laundry powder, kitty litter, worm treatments, kitten biscuits, flea shampoo, kitten foods, fresh meat; it adds up very, very quickly and with the food goes extremely quickly.

Farm – this caught us off guard as they had said last year not to come back – very disappointed to be rung and told a kitten lying on grass looking very sad for itself – I queried her ringing us and she said “oh there are about six kittens running around”. I

quietly went out to the farm – out of nine I saw I was only able to catch three – one blue tabby with white feet, one screaming bundle of tabby furr and the sick one on the grass.

I was so disheartened by it – the sick boy was so anaemic, so malnourished that I didn't think he would survive the night – but he was put onto antibiotics, nutigel paste and gentle foods and has flourished – they have been to the vets, and all are looking absolutely brilliant. Am so proud of those three – for Yoda, the crisis one, he is divine and a lovely boy. The other two are gorgeous but Yoda is just special; he has gone through so much and flourished, bless him.

I went back once more, saw nothing, and haven't returned – the farm has used and abused us for over 10 years, it has cost Rescue so much, not just time, but funds for vet care, food, medications, etc., and right now we just want to fully concentrate on what we have – get them desexed and rehomed.

Wanted – donations of cat food, kitten food, sachets/biscuits/tinned, towels, sheets, pillowcases, garage sale items, also homes for all our felines, big and small.

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The end of Driving Creek Doings

By Wailin Elliott

In January, from his bed in Phoenix House, Barry dictated to me his February jottings (which appeared in last month's Chronicle) and I sent them off. We never believed that this would be his last.

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Grey Power Coromandel

By John Rabarts,
President Grey Power Coromandel

We enjoyed a wonderfully musical Christmas party for all of the older generation early December, and managed to dispose of quite an assortment of traditional “presents” plus flowering plants and native tree seedlings which were a new addition to our annual largesse. Where did all the flowers go? To Grey Power Christmas party people every one! Talking about flowers, it’s planting time for winter crops. Our powerful organic “Liquid Gold” garden fertilizer works wonders as well in the autumn as it does in the spring. Get some at our next meeting.

Grey Power continues to grow in Coromandel and surrounding area, helped somewhat by spreading news of benefits of Grey Power Electricity - lower and protected power prices, no markup on network services, direct debit discount etc. Grey Power families with households headed by under-50’s (our normal joining age) can also take advantage of electricity savings but become associate rather than full members of Grey Power Coromandel.

Middle age now lasts until 74. In the 1950’s a 65-year-old could expect to live another 15 years. Today the average retiree can expect to live an average of another 24 years. Researchers say that “old age” should be defined as having 15 or fewer years to live. For we “baby boomers” that means we are still middle aged until we get to 74 years. Wow! It is expected that older people in the future will have many characteristics exhibited by young people today. What we think of as “old” has changed over time and will continue to changing as we live longer, healthier lives.

From a lady Grey Power member. “My daughter suggested I get the names of my children tattooed on my body. I told her I already did – they’re called stretch marks.” And I might add come with much more honour than a trivial tattoo.

All Grey Power members are covered by an Accidental Death and Dismemberment Policy for the sum of \$2000. This automatic membership benefit with AIL Insurance is provided at no cost and provides cover for as long as the person remains a financial member of our association. Ask for

details at our next meeting.

Our next meeting has been rescheduled to follow the Grey Power Zone meeting on 19 February. This will allow our zone delegates, Dolly and John, to bring back the latest Grey Power information to share with members at the meeting. We will stay with our regular Thursday afternoon for meetings though. Date and speaker will be in your newsletter in the mailbox. Look for it.

My parting thought: The best cure for seasickness is to sit under a tree. Have a nice day.

Contact John Rabarts Ph 022 611 5717 (text if possible – voice calls unreliable). Membership secretary: David Lunn Ph (07) 866 7220. Committee contact Dolly Welch Ph (07) 866 8852

Coromandel Contract Bridge Club

By Judy Bronlund

It was good to meet up again with other members after our long break over the holiday season. In March we will be playing the Cashmore Pairs followed by the Whangapoua Pairs. Please contact Val if you need lessons: also if you are visiting the area and wish to join us for an evening of bridge.

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CELEBRATING OUR CHILDREN

Coromandel Community Preschool

By Debra Attwood

Where has the time flown already this year and we would like to welcome back all the children refreshed from their summer holidays and ready for a great year here at preschool.

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

Our children enjoy going out and about in the community, visiting our unique parks, the ocean and our local playgrounds. Many of these trips are only possible with assistance from parents or community members and we value their ongoing support.

Our focus this term is based on the disposition of challenge. Children challenge themselves everyday in different ways. For some the challenge is physical like learning to crawl, walk, run, balance, climb and many, many more. Other challenges can be how to make friends, learning to write, recognising their own name, sitting down to eat, working with manipulative tools such as puzzles and blocks, learning to control their emotions, and separating from their parents. Each child has a different set of challenges. Many can be physical but some are social or emotional or mental challenges as well. We like to help the children to develop strategies to overcome these challenges through scaffolding their learning and helping them to problem-solve for themselves, and allowing them to set their own pace and discover that they are capable and competent learners.

Since our last report we have celebrated birthdays for Emily, Te Kaha, Amelia, Toby, Tearorangi, Rosie, and Jaycee and we wish them a very happy birthday. We said farewell to Indy, Helena and Louisa and to James and Maxim who begin their learning journey at school. Welcome to Xavier, Elsa, Cash, Jett, Violet, Genesis, Ryan and Scarlett; we look forward to learning more about you and your whānau.

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

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

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



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

By Anna Yates



We have begun the year with four classrooms this year due to our growing roll and influx of new entrants for 2016. We have started with eight new entrants in our room 1 class and expect this to continue to grow through the year with new enthusiastic and inquisitive five-year-olds.

Our school has just begun BOT-funded music sessions with our private music tutor, Rhys Nicholas. Each class is joining Rhys for 45-minute music sessions on a weekly basis and our children could not be more enthusiastic about this exciting opportunity. The school is alive with the sound of guitars, recorders, ukulele and piano as children practice, teach each other and just play! We have Rhys with us for private music tuition two days each week and our families have him fully booked due to this enormous passion for music that our children are showing.

During this first month back at school we have the LIFE Education Bus visiting, year 4-8 swimming sports with our other country schools and cricket and touch rugby sessions. We also have weekly Japanese sessions starting as part of Ministry of Education ALLiS funding. We have been successful in obtaining this funding for Japanese sessions with Whenuakite, Coroglen and MBAS. Miho, our Japanese tutor, works in our schools teaching Japanese alongside the classroom teacher. Our year 6-8 students will be starting these sessions in week 3 of term and this is a new opportunity for us as a school.

All of our classrooms are thriving with guided reading, maths and writing programmes underway as well as a whole school inquiry focus on "our place". It is always fantastic to have all of our learners return refreshed and invigorated after a fantastic holiday break and we are all looking forward to a busy, exciting, learning-filled 2016 school year.



Quinn and Theo have volunteered to weed our garden plots ready to re-plant. In their spare time they are also rescuing baby skinks

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Kiwi Can

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

Wow, a month of Term One gone already.....

Myself and our leaders enjoyed our four-day camp at National Training this year. This year we were again the winners of the "Best Kiwi Can Energiser" which we have now won two years in a row.....Yuss! Way to go Coromandel Kiwi Can Crew. We returned fully excited to get back into the classroom with our students.

I would also like to thank Coromandel Fishing Adventures for sponsoring our T-shirts for our theme night at the Auckland National Training.



Our Kiwi Can leaders ready for our Theme night – REP your region

On 23 January our leaders had the pleasure of joining the Colville Community in their Family Fun Day, where we ran some fun games for the tamariki....Wow, what an awesome day; well done Colville.

Our Kiwi Can students at Colville School, Coromandel Area School and Thames South School have been super busy this month in our Kiwi Can lessons and have so far been placed into their formation lines, made up their own individual class chants, come up with a Kiwi Can class rules treaty, found out that our Theme for this term is Positive Relationships and that our Catchphrase for this term is: "Positive Relationships fairness and fair play, build a Positive Relationship with somebody today".



Students have also participated in lessons about the importance of fairness and fair play when we are engaging in fun games, the associated feelings we have when we win or lose, discovering how it makes us feel when someone cheats or doesn't play by the rules, and understanding why it is important to treat everyone fairly.

Don't forget to check out www.shinealight.kiwi and purchase the awesome song Moments – a beautiful song in its own right, but one which can impact our young people. If you buy it for \$2.39, all profits go to FYD/Graeme Dingle Foundation. You can help us make this song a hit and ultimately help Kiwi kids!

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

Want to help out Kiwi Can Coromandel? Then please contact Marlene Johnson on 027 223 2629.

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



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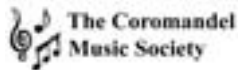
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Arts

Coromandel Music Society – Eb and Sparrow

By Robin Münch, President



As many of you can testify, we had our biggest ever concert in January with over 200 people turning up to The Mussel Kitchen to sing, dance, eat, drink and reminisce to the fabulous Beatgirls. It just shows what we can achieve in our small town with support from the Music Society committee, Florian Schommertz (our talented graphic designer who designed our posters free of charge), Matt Sephton (our tireless SonicLab sound engineer), Jake Bartrom (who generously sponsored the concert), the Mussel Kitchen staff (who worked cheerfully to set up the venue and serve concertgoers), the audience from all over Coromandel and further afield and the man who supplied last minute lighting, Gerard Rooney from Jacaranda Lodge.

The next offering on our diverse programme is the exciting, five piece country group, Eb and Sparrow.

Led by Ebony Lamb, the band is cementing its reputation as one of the coolest Kiwi country groups around, featuring expansive ballads, rollicking good-time songs and a few memorable torch-burners.

Sponsored by Arts On Tour NZ, this is Wellington based Eb and Sparrow's first national tour.

Saturday 26 March at 7.30pm, at The Club, Woollams Ave, Coromandel.

Tickets: Coromandel Information Centre ph (07) 866 8598.

Full price \$25, gold card holders \$20.

AGM – New committee members

The Coromandel Music Society's AGM will be held on **18 March** at 10am at the Club in Woollams Ave.

We'd be delighted to have some new committee members. If you're a music lover who believes you can add your input, have a few hours to spare each month and energy to assist with concert planning and preparation, please let us know and we'll send you a nomination form. It's fun and interesting and a great way to contribute to the local community.



1st choice from judges
– Val Gray, Whangapoua Estuary

Art Group

By Lindsay Nicholls

It was another very successful exhibition with lots of paintings sold and over a thousand people through the doors. It was very exciting to see our great group project go to a local business in Coromandel for all to see so if you missed it, pop in for a coffee and see our painting hanging above the counter in Success Café. We will endeavour to outdo ourselves again this year. The winners of the raffle were C. Shegedin, S. Walker, R. McKinney.

Thank you to our sponsors: Coromandel Lions, Goldiggers, Richardson's Real Estate and New Image Hair Design. Our people's choice this year had a change of format. We invited three independent local folk to judge their preferences of paintings for the prizes. Thanks to our judges Sue Wright from Community Arts Council, Margaret Harrison from Creative Communities Trust and Rodney Denham from Coro Senior Settlement Trust. Their choices were: 1st no 13 Val Gray, Whangapoua Estuary; 2nd Ruth Whall; 3rd Allan Beaver.

We will now meet outside until the weather becomes unkind to us.

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Coromandel Open Art Studios

By Matt Sephton

The 10th Coromandel open studio event - The Coromandel Artstour - is coming up fast! This April 30 artists will have their studios open over two weekends for you to enjoy (**April 9/10 and 16/17**). This is an opportunity for our local artists to showcase their work directly from their creative spaces, and for visitors it is a chance to see new work and purchase direct from the artists. Some great artists live and work in the area – ceramic artists, painters, sculptors, glass artists – you can see a fantastic range of work from world class ceramics and paintings to quality country craft.

This year the event is free! To find the studios you can either visit our website to download a map of locations, or pick up a printed version from The Source, The Coromandel Information Centre, and a number of other spots that we are yet to confirm.

If you are interested in supporting the 10th Coromandel Open Studios event, we have a range of sponsorship options available too.

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Colville Arts Festival 2016

By Ella Osnat

We are excited to announce our programme for this years festival.

Programme

Wednesday 23 March

– 7pm Opening Night in hall – bring a nibble and drinks – meet the artists.

Thursday 24-30 March

– Exhibition open daily 10am-4pm and till 8pm on Thu, Fri, Sat.

Thursday 24 March

– 2pm Kids' Creative Cardboard Capers and BBQ. Colville Bay School and Kennedy Bay School will present their art creation.

– 5pm G Movie – funny for all the family.

Friday 25 March

– Screen Printing Workshop with Peter Sephton. 10am-12pm, 5 people, \$20; 1-3pm, 5 people, \$20 (register quick at CSSC - filling fast) **unconfirmed surprise after 3pm.

– 7pm PG Movie Night and Popcorn.

Saturday 26 March

– 2-3pm Music Workshop with Kerry Cooper from SambaTron – bring your drum.

– 4pm SambaTron from Hamilton will shake the main street of Colville and open The Comedy, Music & Food Night, followed by singers Clay & Dove, comedian Brendon Green, 5-piece band Strangely Arousing, sensational guitarist Zarek Silberschmidt, Albi from Albi

& the Wolves, Fireflies Fire Poi and comedian Dave Fane (Sione's Wedding). Entry \$15 includes big feed. Children \$5 inclusive.

Sunday 27 March – 10am-4pm The Workshop Market – Demonstration of: Beading – Kathy Parr; Cloth Dying* – Carolyn Dover; Screen Printing – Peter Sephton; Felting – Raewyn Penrose; Flax Weaving – Nici Greulich; Poi Making – Fireflies; Knots – Steve Carson.

Easter Monday 28 March

– 11am-3pm Family Fete.

Poi and Staff Spinning – Fireflies.

Papier Mache – Jane Powell.

Archery – Bow and arrow making from bush materials – Tim Fuller. Kids bring an adult, spoke shave and/or draw knife.

Tuesday 29 March

– 10am-4pm Mosaic Workshop with Tanya Popp \$20.

Wednesday 30 March

– 10am-1pm Mosaic Workshop with Tanya Popp \$15 (or \$30 for both).

– 3pm Closing Tea Party – bring a cake to share and thank the artists.

We would love to see you there!

*put aside your clothes you'd like to dye.

All events held in/out Colville Hall unless advertised elsewhere. See website for more details www.colvilleartsfestival.co.nz. Contact Ella or CSSC for any enquiries 027 487 5131 / (07) 866 6920, email cssc@colville.org.nz

Opportunity for Barbara von Seida

By Ernie Le Heron

Last November, Coromandel artist Barbara von Seida was awarded the runner-up prize to the Supreme Award at the Hibiscus & Bays Art Awards. Her prize, the opportunity to hold a two-week solo exhibition at the Mairangi Art Centre (MAC) – her first such event in over six years.

This is a huge opportunity for Barbara and the challenge has been to have at least 30-35 acrylic paintings on display, many of which will be completely new works. Her subject matter centres mainly around Coromandel Peninsula scenes, but there will also be landscapes from other areas of New Zealand, florals and still life images.

Mr. McNamara has agreed to speak at the gala opening to be held on **Wednesday 2 March** at 6pm. The exhibition is open each day and closes on **Sunday 13 March**.

For further information, visit Barbara's website www.barbara-von-seida.co.nz

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Environmental

Coromandel Kiwi Project

By Jeff Williams

Contrarian misinformation aside, the Coromandel Kiwi Project has been reducing pest numbers in the Coromandel hills for over five years now. Last month, the Chronicle published a summary of these activities for 2015. But the raw numbers don't tell the whole story.

In round numbers, there were 350 stoats trapped over 5 years. That's an average of 70 stoats per year. If we assume 50% of these were female then, given the mean reproductive rate for stoats (6-8 kits per litter), these 35 females would have produced 35 times 7 kits, or 245 more stoats. At the end of the year there would have been a population of 315 stoats – the original 70 plus the 245 young ones. Even if we assume the most pessimistic (optimistic?) figures for mortality and all of our original stoats die off naturally at the end of the year, that's still a population of 245 new animals.

Females are viable breeders in the first spring following their birth and, remarkably, most are already pregnant when they leave the nest. That means that in the following year, the population would again increase 3½ times. As it would again in the next. And the next. And the next.

Using this simple model for population growth, at the start of January 2016, there would have been 36,615 more stoats around town if they had been left to reproduce without check.

Sure, other natural limits to the population would occur, but the fact of the matter is that very few birds would survive anywhere around these hills.

We are beginning to hear kiwi calls just north of Coromandel town as birds migrate from the DOC and MEG sanctuaries on the northern peninsula. Wouldn't it be amazing if we started to hear them calling from our own decks in the near future, as is already happening in Northland?

Pest management by your friends and neighbours is one component of what's needed to make this happen.

The Coromandel Kiwi Project is a conspiracy of local landowners and volunteers to rid the Coromandel hills of introduced pests and to re-establish native birdsong in our own yards. Join us, support us, or – as they say – get out of our way. Email coromandelkiwiproject@meg.org.nz

Peninsula Project Ends

By John Veysey

The Peninsula Project was born when erstwhile PM Helen Clark donated \$10 million to help people living on the Thames coast who had suffered damage in the 2002 storms. The idea of the money was to provide some kind of relief for the stricken residents when next faced with one of Coromandel's downpours.

DOC and councils quickly set up a scheme they named the Peninsula Project through which this money would be spent.

Environment Waikato took half of the money and built a new bridge at Te Puru and DOC took the other five million to control possums and goats on the imaginary premise that if possums were controlled, the trees would become so huge they would soak up so much more water from Coromandel's regular heavy downpours that flood damage would be minimised.

In 2004 DOC established a Peninsula Project team of 12 people to kill possums and goats.

Initially it was all aerial 1080 in the hills behind Thames, Te Puru and Waioimu. In 2007 DOC came to Coromandel Town to drop 1080 in the hills behind the town. This didn't go down too well with the locals and, because much of the land was in private hands, DOC was forced to replace an aerial drop with a ground-based operation for which they were totally unprepared.

The DOC "team" had no experience in managing a ground-based possum-control operation on this scale. An inability to communicate with and involve landowners led to a most inefficient and ineffective operation which cost the ratepayer over \$100 per hectare. This is the highest cost of any ground operation on record. Of the 10,400 ha assigned in DOC's original aerial 1080 plan, little more than 6,000 ha received any kind of control in the end.

By 2009 Ms Clark's \$10 million had run out.

There were no more goats left for the goat hunters. Their final effort before they were dismissed cost the ratepayer \$400 per goat.

In 2010 a council contractor possum-control operation at Te Mata went so wrong as to cause huge forest damage and an eventual cost to the ratepayer of \$5000 per possum. It should be noted that this is not a record figure.

DOC's 12-strong "team" of 2004 dwindled away. The managers were moved to other locations and the last tangible remnant of the Peninsula Project today is the continued dropping of 1080 over DOC lands.

Council and DOC staff have found it too difficult to try and force private landowners to consent to the invasion of council contractors onto their lands for a job that, in most cases, the landowner can, and would prefer to, manage himself. If council want to help him then they can give him some funding to do things his own way.

Often the first thing a landowner hears about council plans is a notice in the mail telling him that council contractors will be turning up to kill possums on his land which has too many possums. Not really the best way to gain a landowner's enthusiasm for your project.

For decades Coromandel's numerous Landcare groups have been lobbying councils to respect a landowner's autocratic right to manage his own land. He can comply with council requirements but let him do his own managing on his own property; don't come forcing it on him waving the wildlife act in his face.

Council and DOC have always struggled to communicate with landowners regarding possum control. They have always arrived with a predetermined plan which excluded all possibility of communication.

The army of council staff who ran this regime in Hamilton were all moved on last year and have been replaced.

The new council staff are still finding their feet and we are hopeful that they can be persuaded to adopt a fresh approach which involves all landowners in any future possum control operations.



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On the back burner

By Carol Sutherland

Shades of green vary, with some patronising and dismissing those that do not chant from the same green bible as “so-called conservationists”, and then there those that don’t even care for the hue at all or react with automatic derision whilst kicking a penguin. Most of us are somewhere in between.

An example of variations was when I had suggested to one of my neighbours that burning large amounts of tanalised timber in a bonfire out back might not be a good idea as the residue of the ash will severely contaminate his soil, as it will be concentrated. The soil of the garden is probably just as bad, as the previous owner used to burn tanalised in his fireplace, then put the ash on the garden. The reply was “What else are you meant to do with it? The tip costs money.”

As the thick arsenic laced clouds from the tanalised bonfire engulfed my house I fled and went to check some traps. Four stoats, one weasel, and two rats later I returned to still smouldering house renovations. It will happen again. I don’t want to fall out with my neighbour as that would be unfortunate, but I’m not hanging around when pollutants at that density are released. There is a difference between a passing diesel vehicles and sucking on the exhaust pipe.

I don’t think many parents, knowing its composition, would let their kids out to play in that smoke. Burning tanalised timber is not like other woods as the smoke releases hexavalent Cr, arsenic trioxide and arsenic pentoxide. As for letting little Johnny play in the backyard afterwards, how does a parent know if someone at some stage contaminated the soil?

When it comes to tanalised timber, South Australian Environmental Protection Authority doesn’t mince their words.

“The burning of CCA treated timber carries a high risk of causing environmental harm due to toxicity associated with the release of airborne chromium and arsenic compounds... Ash presents a high potential risk to human health through inhalation, can contaminate soil, and can also potentially pollute groundwater.” (pg 4 www.epa.sa.gov.au/files/8435_cca.pdf)

So should you test the soil before you buy? The legacy of tanalised ash is someone else’s health further down the track. It will cost more to decontaminate than the cost of correct disposal in the first place. It is not just an environmental or health issue; burning now is false economy.

If we use such materials, surely we should try to lessen their impact through correct handling. For instance, the oil of the type used in an engine is highly detrimental if tipped down a drain. Oil is not 100% benign when used correctly, but it is certainly far, far worse floating in our waterways at a level that would sink a seagull.

If people are going to burn tanalised wood and throw the ash in their garden, I encourage you to read some of the sites such as: <http://www.gw.govt.nz/assets/RelocatedUploads/Adlam205/Burning-issues-brochure.pdf>.

A little bit of homework never hurt. And if you are ok with all that, warn your neighbour and try not to inhale.

On another note, one may stay warm on the burning of noxious weeds. The makers of Firenzo woodburners note the following wood types.

| WOOD | THERMAL VALUE | BURN DURATION |
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| Kanuka | Very hot | Long |
| Wattle | Very hot | Very long |

Burning wattle shows that noxious Australians do have their uses: clean green firewood.

CLAIM News

By Lora Mountjoy

Raffle Winner

Congratulations to Peri Mac Hooper, who was the lucky winner of our summer raffle. The prize is a 24-hour fishing trip for eight people on the MV Te Wairoa. Peri, a keen fisherman who grew up in Colville, was very excited to hear of his success.

Green Spots

Back in the 1980’s and ‘90’s Coromandel Watchdog ran a “Green Spot” campaign. Those who were against mineral exploitation of our land and waters advertised their commitment to the environment by putting a green spot on their letterbox or fence.

With large areas of the Peninsula once again covered by permits to prospect or explore for gold and other minerals, the Green Spot has been revived with a new run of stickers printed. We are looking for a way to distribute these and in the meantime seeing green spots doesn’t mean you have to see an eye doctor; it just indicates that someone really cares about keeping our area mine-free.

CLAIM (Coromandel Lobby Against Indiscriminate Mining) is focused on the area Coromandel Town and north. For more information or to join please email claimcoromandel@gmail.com



Raffle drawn at UMU

Good fishing on Mussel Farms

The Industry requests that all boaties taking advantage of better fishing inside Coromandel Mussel farms, please:

- Tie up to the farm and never anchor
- Do not run over any farm structures or ropes
- Do not tie up to and move off any line being worked by a farm vessel
- Always discharge any sewage more than 500m away from the farm



Traps

21 March is the deadline for individuals who would like funding to support the purchase of traps. Phone (07) 866 6620, WRC local Coromandel Catchment representative Reihana Robinson, for further info or go to <http://www.waikatoregion.govt.nz/Community/Whats-happening/Funding-and-scholarships/#smallscalecommunitiatives>.

Sport

Coromandel Fishing Club

By Allison Brown

We have now had our Anniversary Weekend Competition. Thankfully the weather managed to turn out really nice and just started to pack up as we finished the prize giving. We do hope all those who entered enjoyed the day, although the fishing was a bit patchy. The kahawai were starting to run as everyone seemed to have had quite good catches. Snapper were a bit elusive, everyone got heaps of throw backs, but caught a few nice pannies also. The kingi are making an appearance with a few being caught locally and of course the age old stories of the huge one that got away. The mussel farms seem to be fishing quite good at the moment, a bit sparse on some days.

Prizes for the Anniversary Weekend Competition were as follows:-
Mystery Weight: Won by Logan Davies; his snapper weighed in at 1.690kg. Weight chosen was 1.6kg.

Average Weight: Won by Lynley Fife; her snapper weighed in at 1.275kg. Average Weight was 1.147kg.

Heaviest Snapper: 1st won by Keegan Paynter 2.265kg; 2nd won by Graham Robinson 2.140kg; 3rd won by Rhonda Walker 2.095kg.

Heaviest Kahawai: Won by Keegan Paynter 2.065kg.

Kingfish: Won by Keegan Paynter 8.545kg.

Fish for the month of February is kingfish. Fish of the month for January was snapper and \$100 was won by Tim Moreland with a 4.925kg snapper on 10kg line. Congratulations Tim.

Weigh in for fish of the month and all fish for end of year prize giving – Max & Val Larsen's, ph (07) 866 7656 or Fish and Dive, ph (07) 866 8797.

Here's to tight lines and great fishing and hope to catch up with you all at the Classy Chicks Tournament **12 March**. Entry forms available at Wyuna Studios or Fish and Dive or email: coromandelfishingclub@gmail.com.

Kauri Run – Long Bay Run

By Rita Stephenson

The Kauri Run turns 12 this year, and to celebrate we are introducing the "Long Bay Run". As there is no "town fun run" we thought we would offer a flat course which will suit families with small children who can ride their bikes, scooters alongside, plus it's ideal for baby strollers. Long Bay Run will be held on **Saturday 23 April**.

Registration: 10am on the day on the bottom school field.

Cost: under 5 free, 6 and over \$5, adults \$10, 2 adults 2 children \$25.

Start: 11.30am.

Prize giving: 1pm bottom school field, spot prizes only.

Also this year we have the Kauri Loop, a 13-kilometre run close to town – utilizing the Kauri and Harray tracks. This replaces the 13k run we had from Waikawau Beach to White Star Station. Entry into this distance is online at www.arcevents.co.nz under Kauri Run. Run starts at 12noon.

For everyone taking part aged 6 and over, we will plant a Kauri Tree along the main Kauri Run tracks from Waikawau to the Success Track. How amazing will it be, to tell your children and grandchildren that you contributed to the re-planting of the Kauri trees. Some of the earlier trees are quite big now, being 12 years old. To date we have planted close to 3,000 trees.

Our Kauri classic 32kms, the Kauri Half Marathon 23km are still happening on the same day as the above; information and entry can be sourced on our web page. T-shirts are also available; order them online.

For further enquiries please phone Keith or Rita Stephenson in the evenings on (07) 866 8613

Coromandel Golf Club

By Peter Gray

The Club's Open Day was held on Saturday 13 February. Glenise Robertson was given the traditional honour of teeing off first from the 1st tee to open the season. Glenise is the Chairperson of Bay of Plenty Golf which is Coromandel Ladies affiliation.

The Bob Riley Trophy, mixed pairs (played as a bogey format) held on Open Day, was taken out by Sue Davies and Wayne Robertson (+8) from Philippa Medlock and Norm Davies (+1), Jenny Coatsworth and Warren Taylor (Square).

Sunday 14 February had the first round of the Coromandel Peninsula Goldfield's Competition held at home. The Coromandel mixed team took advantage of their home course to take a commanding lead after the 1st Round. Wayne Robertson lead the way with the Men with 40pts while Gina Carr lead the Ladies field with 41pts. Points table after the first round: Coromandel 289pts, Mercury Bay 247, Purangi 243, Pauanui 242.

Men's Championship Pennants team competed in the first round of the Div 4 Pennants at the prestigious Stewart Alexander Course in Hamilton. The Coromandel Team of C. Dudson, M. Burcombe, C. Fielding, K. Verner, B. Wallace and R. Blake got the season off to a flying start with a convincing win over Morrinsville 6 to 3.

The Annual Maori Tournament was held on Saturday 6 February. It was a very successful day with over 40 starters taking part in the competition. Chris Fielding (4 handicap) fired a "professional like" round with a 66 of the stick four under par for the course and 44 Stableford pts to take out the overall trophy. Other members that performed well on the day were Mark Burcombe with a net 65 in Div1. Div 2 – Colin McNeil Gross 81 and David Lunn Net 66 and in the Ladies Jenny Coatsworth Net 72 and Bronwyn Verner 34pts.

A lot of work was put in by many members especially Lyn Whitcombe and her band of helpers from the ladies members. Also a thank you must go to all the volunteers, especially Colin McNeil, Chris Fielding and Kevin and Bronwyn Verner (Coromandel Smoking Co.) and Jim Davis that made it both a successful and rewarding golfing and social day.

Reminder March

Saturday 5, 12, 26 March – Rds 1, 2, 3 Hekter Cup

Sunday 6 March – Champion Pennants vs Hauraki @ Morrinsville

Sunday 13 March – Prebble Cup Rd2 @ TBA

Sunday 13 March – Handicap Pennants @ Coromandel (course closed)

Sunday 13 March – Goldfields @ Tairua

Saturday 19 March – Waikato Eagles Visit (course closed)

Sunday 20 March – Championship Pennants vs Matamata @ Coromandel (course closed)

Wednesday 30 March – Meat Pack, Laurie Olliff Trophy

Coromandel Croquet Club

By Judy Bronlund

Please feel free to come along and have a game of croquet with us. We play on Tuesday and Saturday mornings and also on Thursday afternoons. It has been a very hot summer and we have appreciated some cloud cover. Give it a few months and we will be complaining of the cold.

Contact Kaye
(07) 866 8966



Glenise Robertson playing the first tee shot to open the season

Coromandel Badminton Group

By Lorraine Courtney

A small group of very enthusiastic players are playing badminton at the school gymnasium and would like to have more people to come along and participate.

Play commences on **Tuesday 1 March** at 7pm for approx 1½ hours, during term time only. We have spare racquets available for you to use, just bring your non-marking sports shoes. This is very social and low key – come and have a go!

For further information please phone Lorraine (07) 866 7606 evenings

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BOWLING CLUB NEWS

The bowling season recommenced after the Christmas break and it was full steam ahead. The Peppertree Open Triples was played with a full very competitive field, with a Mercury Bay team winning and a composite Auckland team as runners-up, and we fared little better in the Scott Baker Cup, which we won last year and have now surrendered the trophy to Thames Coast Bowling Club! Obviously the Coromandel bowlers indulged too heavily over the holiday season, but things have now picked up, with Bruce Gawith, Willem Kalkman and Linda Wright winning the Club drawn mixed triples, and Lindsay Nicholls partnering Ernie Groucott in the 2x4x2 pairs tournament sponsored by the Tapu Hotel, taking first place over a team from Mercury Bay as runners up.

Twice a year in the summer and again in the winter, a challenge between players from Mercury Bay and ourselves takes place. We have just played the first leg of the summer challenge and won that, so roll on the second challenge later in the season and we will endeavor to win the Summer Cup once again.

The final of the Men's Championship Singles was a hard fought tussle between Graeme Goss and Ernie Groucott with Graeme winning, who will now be going on to represent the club at the Champ of Champs competition. Congratulations go to Irene Goss who has just become the runner-up in the Women's Champ of Champs under 8 years singles tournament.

The Vegetable and Produce Show was held for a second year running on a very wet and windy day early in February. Despite the weather, the community once again turned out in force, with a great show of vegetables, flowers and home baking. The overall winner was Julie Jensen, pictured here with her beautiful floral display. Winning certificates were issued for all sections, and a big crowd turned up for the presentation of prizes in the afternoon. A trio from Mercury Bay Big Band provided music and the bar rang merrily – our thanks go to Keith Stephenson for his marquee, the judges and our local minister for their contributions in making this event the success it was – long may this event continue..

RSA NEWS

RSA Annual General Meeting will be held at The Club at 2pm on Saturday 12 March.

Nominations in writing for all Executive positions. Forms available at The Club. Items for the agenda to Secretary Pat Williams asap please.

Women's Section AGM will be held at 2pm on 23 March. Venue to be advised. All welcome.

The postal second referendum for changing or retaining the New Zealand Flag takes place from 3 to 24 March. The result is binding and I am sure you have made a decision so make your vote count.

We are very pleased with attendances at the two Club nights, Friday and Saturday. The courtesy van is available ring 866 8813 after 2pm to be picked up. Boundaries are the 309 Road and Flays Road.

Your individually named RSA Club Discount Card is now available to be collected from The Club. You must be a financial member.

See you at The Club.



Lindsay and Ernie champions at the Tapu Hotel competition



Julie Jensen winning at the Produce show

Contacts: Martin Edwards 866 8886 (Bowls) or Ian Franklyn 866 7138 (RSA)

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PUBLIC NOTICES

COROMANDEL MUSIC SOCIETY AGM
Friday 18 March 10am at the Bowling Club Woollams Ave. New committee members required. All welcome.

FINAL NOTE: Recycle plastic

A national innovative programme launches in New Zealand to upcycle or recycle "un-recyclable" plastic food storage waste such as sandwich bags into sustainable items called the Glad Food Storage Brigade with TerraCycle and Glad.

Previously, popular food storage items such as GLAD Wrap and GLAD food bags could not be placed in municipal recycling systems so were sent to landfill.

The innovative programme provides nationwide access to recycling and diverting this waste from landfill using an easy "collect, store and ship" method. New Zealanders are encouraged to simply start collecting their Glad food storage products in any used cardboard box or re-usable bin, claim their free shipping label from the TerraCycle website then ship their waste items locally via New Zealand Post. The plastic food storage products will then be pelletised then recycled into sustainable items such as park benches.

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| Coro Gym – Step/aerobics, Peg (07) 866 8635 | 8am |
| Mahamudra Centre, guided meditation in gompas | 8.30-9am |
| Coromandel Hikers' Group, Hauraki House, Colin & Elspeth (07) 866 7137 | 9am |
| Monday Walkers, Irene 021 157 8408 | 9am |
| Colville Social Services Collective, Colville Hall, (07) 866 6920 | 9am-3pm |
| Kohanga Reo o Kapanga, (07) 866 8417 | 9am-3pm |
| Coro Gym – Sit and be fit, Peg (07) 866 8635 | 9.30am |
| Coro Gym – Fitness and Fun, Judy (07) 866 8637 | 10.30am |
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| Thump Boxing classes with Catherine Stephen at Coromandel Area School | 5.30pm |
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Every Tuesday

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| Homeschoolers' gathering, Julene (07) 866 8005 | 8.30-9am |
| Mahamudra Centre, guided meditation in gompas | 8.30-9am |
| Colville Bay Early Learning Centre, rear Colville School, Alex (07) 866 8319 | 9am-3pm |
| Coro Walking Group, Ruth (07) 866 7246 | 9am |
| Colville Social Services Collective, Colville Hall, (07) 866 6920 | 9am-3pm |
| Kohanga Reo o Kapanga, (07) 866 8417 | 9am-3pm |
| Music and Dance, Elim Church- Preschoolers Dance Group, Dawn (07) 866 8150 | 9.30-11am |
| Coro Ladies Golf, Peter (07) 866 7633 | tee off 10am |
| Yoga, Colville Hall, (07) 866 6612 | 10am |
| Croquet, Woollams Ave, Judy (07) 866 8637 | 9.45am |
| Coromandel Playcentre, Woollams Ave | 10.30am-1pm |
| Narcotics Anonymous meeting, 021 314 467 | 12 noon |
| 500 card session at the Bowling Club, (07) 866 8886 | 1pm |
| Coro Gym – Fitness & Fun, Judy (07) 866 8637 | 1pm |
| Coro Cub Scouts, Scout Hall, Hauraki House, Abby Morgan (07) 211 9790 | 4-6pm |
| Beginners Yoga with Becks, Coro Gym, \$7, 027 407 0079 | 5.20-6.40pm |
| Ambulance training, Felix (07) 866 8279 | 7-9pm |
| Coro Motorcycle Club, Star & Garter, John (07) 866 6776 | 7-9pm |
| Badminton, school gymnasium, racquets available bring non-marking sports shoes contact Lorraine (07) 866 7606 | 7pm |

Every Wednesday

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| Boot camp with Catherine Stephen at Coro Gym | 6am |
| Dharma Gaia, Meditation, (07) 866 7995 | 6-7am |
| Dharma Gaia, Sitting & Walking Meditation, (07) 866 7995 | 7.30-9pm |
| Coro Gym – Step/aerobics, Peg (07) 866 8635 | 8am |
| Mahamudra Centre, guided meditation in gompas | 8.30-9am |
| Early Learning Centre, rear Colville School, Linda or Alex (07) 866 8319 | 9am-3pm |
| Colville Social Services Collective, Colville Hall, (07) 866 6920 | 9am-3pm |
| Kohanga Reo o Kapanga, (07) 866 8417 | 9am-3pm |
| Coro Gym – Sit and be fit, Peg (07) 866 8635 | 9.30am |
| Coro Gym – Fitness & Fun, Judy (07) 866 8637 | 10.30am |
| Coromandel Golf Club – men's, Hauraki Rd, Peter (07) 866 7633 | tee off 12.30pm |
| Scrabble Club, Joan for venue on (07) 866 7580 | 1pm |
| Coro Tennis Club – club night, Gayle (07) 866 8063 | 4pm |
| Wing Chun Kung Fu- Hong Kong Style, Chi Sau Club 027 283 0773 | 4.30-8.30pm |
| Running Group, meet at rugby club grounds, Mark 027 338 6697 or (07) 866 7660 | 5-6.15pm |
| Coro Gym – Pump with Betty, (07) 866 8635 | 5.30-6.30pm |
| Thump Boxing classes with Catherine Stephen at Coromandel Area School | 5.30pm |
| Yoga, Events Centre (behind info centre) \$8, Jessica (07) 866 8405 | 7-8.30pm |
| Discussion night-optional pot luck dinner, Mahamudra Centre, (07) 866 6851 | dinner 6pm, meeting 7-8.30pm |
| Walking & sitting meditation, Dharma Gaia Centre, (07) 866 7995 | 7.30-9pm |

Every Thursday

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| Mahamudra Centre, guided meditation in gompas | 8.30-9am |
| Coro Walking Group, Ruth (07) 866 7246 | 9am |
| Coro Art Group, St Andrew's Church, Val (07) 866 8911 | 9am-12pm |
| Colville Bay Early Learning Centre, rear Colville School, Linda or Alex (07) 866 8319 | 9am-3pm |
| Kohanga Reo o Kapanga, (07) 866 8417 | 9am-3pm |
| Meditation for Everyone, in Pyramid (behind Driving Creek Café) | 10-11am |
| Tai Ji, Top Floor, Waikato Events Centre, Sol (07) 866 8971 | 10-11am |

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| Coro Gym – Fitness & Fun, Judy (07) 866 8637 | 10.30am |
| Coro Gym – Ukulele group practice for beginners, Peg (07) 866 8635 | |
| Bowling Club Housie, Sharan (07) 866 7760 | from 1pm |
| Coro Community Garden, Glover St, Louis (07) 866 8866 | 2-4pm |
| Service of the Word & Holy communion, St Colman's church, Jocelyn (07) 866 7126 | 5pm |
| Coro Gym – Kick fit with Christajo, 021 033 9329 | 5.30-6.30pm |

Every Friday

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| Boot camp with Catherine Stephen at Coro Gym | 6am |
| Coro Gym – step/aerobics, Peg (07) 866 8635 | 8-9am |
| Colville Bay Early Learning Centre, 3-4 yr olds, rear Colville School, Linda (07) 866 8319 | 9am-3pm |
| Mahamudra Centre, guided meditation in gompas | 8.30-9am |
| Colville Bay Early Learning Centre, rear Colville School, Linda or Alex (07) 866 8319 | 9am-3pm |
| Kohanga Reo o Kapanga, (07) 866 8417 | 9am-3pm |
| Yoga for everyone, Anglican Church Hall, Katie (07) 866 6612 | 9-10.30am |
| Colville Services Collective, Colville Hall, (07) 866 6920 | 9am-3pm |
| Coro Gym – Sit & be fit, Peg (07) 866 8635 | 9.30-10.30am |
| Coromandel Playcentre, Woollams Ave | 9.45am-12.15pm |
| Coro Gym – Fitness & Fun, Judy (07) 866 8637 | 1pm |
| Coro Tennis, Men's night, Gayle (07) 866 8063 | 4pm |
| Coro Gym – Crazy Horse Productions, Natalie 021 048 9772 | 4.15pm |

Every Saturday

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

Every Sunday

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| Mahamudra Centre, guided meditation-in Gompas, (07) 866 6851 | 10-10.30am |
| Elim Church Services, Rings Rd, Steve (07) 866 6900 | 10am-12 noon |
| Coro Tennis Club-club play, Gayle (07) 866 8063 | 2pm |
| Prayers for dead and healing, Mahamudra Centre, (07) 866 6851 | 5-6pm |

Monthly

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| 1st Mon – Coro Patchwork & Quilters, Ambulance rooms, Jill (07) 866 7484 | 9.30am-3.30pm |
| 2nd Mon – Friendship Group, Jocelyn (07) 866 7101 | |
| 3rd Mon – Coro Patchwork & Quilters Ambulance rooms, Jill (07) 866 7484 | 9.30am-3.30pm |
| 3rd Mon – Alzheimer's Carers' Group, Retirement Village Hall, bring plate & koha, (07) 282 0453 | 10.30am |
| 1st Tue – Coro Motorcycle Club general business, John (07) 866 6776 | 7.30pm |
| 2nd Tue – Coromandel/Colville Cmty Board, Council Chambers, (07) 866 1001 | 9am |
| 2nd Tue – RSA, club rooms, Ian Franklyn (07) 866 7138 | |
| 2nd Tue – Public Trust, Harcourts, 0800 368 620 | by appt |
| 1st Wed – Coro Embroiderers' Guild, Ambulance Station, Jill Wilson (07) 866 7484 | 10am-3pm |
| 1st Wed – Lions Dinner Meeting, Ambulance Rooms; Jayne Lister (07) 866 7687 | 6pm |
| 2nd Wed – Garden Circle, ph Julie Jensen for venue, (07) 866 7546 | 1pm |
| 3rd Wed – Lions Business Meeting, Ambulance Rooms; Jayne Lister (07) 866 7687 | 7pm |
| 4th Wed – RSA Women's Section, Club rooms, Loes Beaver (07) 866 8053 | 1.30pm |
| 2nd Thu – Coromandel Writers' Group, Barbara (07) 866 8299 | 10.30am-2.30pm |
| 4th Thu – Coro SeniorNet, school music room, Loes (07) 866 8053 | 1.30pm |
| 3rd Sat – Luncheon Ladies, Lorraine (07) 866 8144 | 12pm |
| 1st Sun – Coro School of Mines & Historical Sty/Museum, (07) 866 8711 | 4pm |
| 1st Sun – St Andrew's Union church service, Rings Rd, (07) 866 8633 | 10am |
| 2nd Sun – Christ Church service, Tiki Rd, Barbara O'Reilly (07) 866 8299 | 10am |
| 2nd Sun – Young Eagles, Tiki Rd, Lisa (07) 866 2055 | 9am |
| 3rd Sun – St Andrew's Union church service, Rings Rd, Hilda (07) 866 8633 | 10am |
| 4th Sun – Christ Church service, Tiki Rd, Barbara O'Reilly (07) 866 8299 | 10am |
| 5th Sun – Christ Church/St Andrew's share | 10am |

New moon

Full moon

Tide times and heights from Land Information NZ for Coromandel Harbour. For Thames times - 15min High and -18min Low. Note: Tide heights are different for Thames.

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| <div><div>COROMANDEL RUBBISH & RECYCLE TRANSFER STATION & E-CYCLE HOURS</div><div>Tuesday and Thursday 1.30pm-5.30pm</div><div>Saturday 10.30am-5.30pm</div><div>Sunday 11.30am-7.30pm</div></div> | | <div>1</div> <div>Kiwi Crusade Mountain Bike Race</div> <div>Babington commences (see Pg 32)</div> | | <div>2</div> <div>Kiwi Crusade Mountain Bike Race</div> <div>Health & Disability Mobile Showroom (see Pg 14)</div> | | <div>3</div> | | <div>4</div> <div>International Women's Day Breakfast (see Pg 17)</div> | | <div>5</div> <div>Mercury Bay Art Escape Open Studios weekend</div> <div>Hekter Cup at Coromandel Golf Course (see Pg 32)</div> | | <div>6</div> <div>Family Fun Day at Mahamudra Centre (see Pg 20)</div> <div>Mercury Bay Art Escape Open Studios weekend</div> | | | |
| <div>7</div> <div>High tide 6.17am (2.7m), 6.36pm (2.7m)</div> <div>Low tide 12.22pm (0.6m)</div> | | <div>8</div> <div>High tide 7.10am (2.9m), 7.32pm (2.8m)</div> <div>Low tide 12.49am (0.4m), 1.15pm (0.4m)</div> | | <div>9</div> <div>Garden Circle AGM (see Pg 6)</div> | | <div>10</div> <div>High tide 8.51am (3.2m), 9.16pm (3.1m)</div> <div>Low tide 2.30am (0.2m), 2.58pm (0.1m)</div> | | <div>11</div> <div>Mama's got the Blues at Hauraki House (see ad Pg 23)</div> | | <div>12</div> <div>Classy Chicks (see Pg 32)</div> <div>Mercury Bay Art Escape Open Studios weekend</div> <div>Biodynamic gardening (see Pg 21)</div> <div>RMA submissions close</div> <div>Hekter Cup at Coromandel Golf Course (see Pg 32)</div> <div>RSA AGM (see ad Pg 33)</div> <div>High tide 10.32am (3.2m), 10.56pm (3.2m)</div> <div>Low tide 4.09am (0.1m), 4.38pm (0.0m)</div> | | <div>13</div> <div>Mercury Bay Art Escape Open Studios weekend</div> <div>Handicap Pennants at Coromandel Golf Club (Course Closed) (see Pg 32)</div> <div>High tide 11.23am (3.2m), 11.47pm (3.1m)</div> <div>Low tide 5.00am (0.1m), 5.29pm (0.1m)</div> | | | |
| <div>14</div> <div>Coromandel Town Chronicle DEADLINE for April issue</div> | | <div>15</div> | | <div>16</div> <div>High tide 8.01am (3.0m), 8.25pm (3.0m)</div> <div>Low tide 1.40am (0.3m), 2.07pm (0.2m)</div> | | <div>17</div> | | <div>18</div> <div>Coromandel Music Society's AGM (see Pg 28)</div> | | <div>19</div> <div>Waikato Eagles Visit Coromandel Golf Club (Course Closed) (see Pg 32)</div> | | <div>20</div> <div>Championship Pennants at Coromandel Golf Club (Course Closed) (see Pg 32)</div> | | | |
| <div>21</div> <div>High tide 12.15pm (3.1m)</div> <div>Low tide 5.53am (0.2m), 6.20pm (0.2m)</div> | | <div>22</div> <div>High tide 12.40am (3.0m), 1.09pm (2.9m)</div> <div>Low tide 6.48am (0.4m), 7.14pm (0.3m)</div> | | <div>23</div> <div>High tide 1.36am (2.9m), 2.05pm (2.8m)</div> <div>Low tide 7.47am (0.5m), 8.11pm (0.5m)</div> | | <div>24</div> <div>High tide 2.35am (2.7m), 3.04pm (2.7m)</div> <div>Low tide 8.49am (0.6m), 9.12pm (0.6m)</div> | | <div>25</div> <div>High tide 3.37am (2.7m), 4.05pm (2.6m)</div> <div>Low tide 9.52am (0.7m), 10.16pm (0.7m)</div> | | <div>26</div> <div>High tide 4.39am (2.6m), 5.06pm (2.5m)</div> <div>Low tide 10.53am (0.7m), 11.17pm (0.7m)</div> | | <div>27</div> <div>High tide 5.37am (2.6m), 6.04pm (2.6m)</div> <div>Low tide 11.50am (0.7m)</div> | | | |
| <div>28</div> <div>Deadline for individuals who would like funding to support the purchase of traps. (see Pg 31)</div> | | <div>29</div> <div>High tide 7.18am (2.7m), 7.46pm (2.7m)</div> <div>Low tide 1.02am (0.6m), 1.29pm (0.6m)</div> | | <div>30</div> <div>High tide 8.02am (2.7m), 8.30pm (2.7m)</div> <div>Low tide 1.46am (0.6m), 2.12pm (0.6m)</div> | | <div>31</div> <div>High tide 8.44am (2.7m), 9.10pm (2.8m)</div> <div>Low tide 2.27am (0.5m), 2.51pm (0.5m)</div> | | <div>25</div> <div>Good Friday</div> <div>Colville Arts Festival (see ad Pg 29)</div> | | <div>26</div> <div>High tide 9.23am (2.7m), 9.48pm (2.8m)</div> <div>Low tide 3.05am (0.5m), 3.29pm (0.5m)</div> | | <div>27</div> <div>High tide 10am (2.7m), 10.25pm (2.7m)</div> <div>Low tide 3.43am (0.5m), 4.06pm (0.5m)</div> | | | |
| <div>28</div> <div>Easter Monday</div> <div>Colville Arts Festival (see Pg 29)</div> | | <div>29</div> <div>Colville Arts Festival (see Pg 29)</div> | | <div>30</div> <div>Colville Arts Festival (see Pg 29)</div> <div>Meat Pack - Laurie Oliff Trophy at Coromandel Golf Course (see Pg 32)</div> | | <div>31</div> <div>High tide 1.01am (2.5m), 1.17pm (2.5m)</div> <div>Low tide 7.08am (0.8m), 7.25pm (0.7m)</div> | | <div>April</div> <div>Saturday 9 - A Taste of Matarangi Food & Wine Festival (see Pg 14 & ad Pg 27)</div> <div>Saturday-Sunday 9,10,16,17 - Coromandel Artstour (see Pg 28)</div> <div>Saturday 23 - Long Bay Run (see Pg 32)</div> <div>May</div> <div>Saturday 7 - Seafood Festival (see Pg 6)</div> | | <div>25</div> <div>Good Friday</div> <div>Colville Arts Festival (see ad Pg 29)</div> | | <div>26</div> <div>High tide 9.23am (2.7m), 9.48pm (2.8m)</div> <div>Low tide 3.05am (0.5m), 3.29pm (0.5m)</div> | | <div>27</div> <div>High tide 10.37am (2.7m), 11.01pm (2.7m)</div> <div>Low tide 4.20am (0.6m), 4.42pm (0.5m)</div> | |
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