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The Colville Arts Festival which took place in April

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Editor's comments

May brings with it Mother's Day. Jocelyn Davey has kindly submitted a poem on that theme (see pg 30). This year let us also remember the mothers who are no longer with us, Mother's Day brings sadness to people with no Mum to send a message to. Thank you to my dad for making me realise this.

Thanks for heeding my warnings about late copy this issue. This month I only had 9 pieces of copy in late – which I squeezed in all but one into this issue!

So continuing on from this I want to make it clear that anyone who has overdue invoices/bad debt to the Chronicle will not be able to have articles or future adverts in the Chronicle. That includes submitting an article for a community group when you owe money from a business. Enough said.

Have a good month.

Debbie

Letters

Dear Editor,

I am a retired resident of Kennedy Bay and was a major fundraiser towards the building and maintenance of our magnificent marae many years ago.

I feel that Palmer and her ilk (see April edition of Chronicle) should be commended on their civic minded contribution to the commemoration of those who gave their lives for their country during conflict. However, I was angered when their event was marred by what I consider discourteous and against the spirit of the flagpole and commemoration stone when their flag was unfurled on the marae.

I wonder if marae trustee approval was granted for the unfurling of that flag?

As a kaumatua I would not like to see the flag of the USA or any other flag regardless of its origin flying from "my" flagpole unless USA or the country wishing to unfurl their flag contacted our marae trustees beforehand for approval.

The NZ flag is the one I proudly fought for overseas and served under together with those commemorated on the commemorative stone beside the flagpole. We fought so that Palmer and her ilk, perhaps too young and naive to grasp the meaning of respect for our "fallen", could enjoy the democratic life of all New Zealanders. But certain military protocols and practices must be adhered to in the maintenance and honour to all old soldiers.
Kingi Ihaka, Kennedy Bay

To the Editor,

Concerning a letter in the April Chronicle ("Harbour concerns"), while I respect the passion of the author in regard to certain harbour development I disagree with her statement that toxins are at present "safely locked away".

That the toxins are not safely locked away is evidenced in the writer's own letter - the top 30 cm of seafloor have lower levels of contamination than the soils below. If there was no leaching of the toxins out of the soils and into the water and sea life, then the distribution of toxins would be uniform throughout, regardless of depth.

But the truth is the toxins continually leach out through chemical, physical, and biological means.

One reason there are fewer contaminants in the top 30 cm is because wave action is continually disturbing the sea floor. And the higher the waves, the deeper the disturbance. Storms and king tides influence deep sediments on a regular basis; a tsunami - the inevitable but unlikely-in-my-lifetime event - could easily disturb more than a metre of the seafloor.

Marine animals live not just on the seafloor, but in the seafloor as well. Various types of worms, sea cucumbers, and sea urchins (to name just a few of the larger critters) burrow in the seafloor continually ingesting and discarding sediments as they predate on detritus and smaller organisms. These animals are predated, the absorbed toxins working their way up the food chain and eventually ending up consumed by animals like snapper or crays, which of course are then consumed by us. Any toxins in the water column itself will be directly accessible to filter-feeding animals that live there - such as mussels, oysters, etc.

That toxins exist in the harbour is undisputed. It may be true, as last month's writer said, that no safe method of handling this situation has yet to be described. But regardless of whether development occurs in the harbour or not, this problem should be resolved in its own right and not left like some deep shaft hole in the ground for the next generation to fall into.

Respectfully,
Jeff Williams, Coromandel

Easter

By Beryl van Donk

Poetry SPOT

I will be remembered
my hour short and sweet,
I carried the Saviour
palms strewn round my feet.

I grew as a tree and then was
cut down, to make
a sad cross in place
of a crown.

I've been here forever, a
cave dark and wide,
but I held the Saviour. Yes!
it was Jesus who died.

Lord Jesus we ponder these
happenings, Was all this for us?
You laid down your life to give
life eternal to each one of us.

Now let's sing with gladness
today Jesus lives, and
believers live forever
all our sins He forgives

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Events

May – see back page.

June

Friday 5 & Saturday 6 – Coromandel Players present three one-act plays (see ad pg 25)

Thursday 11 – Grey Power AGM (see pg 14)

Saturday 13 – Coromandel Music Society present GALs choir

July

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

September

Friday 25 – Coromandel Music Society present String Wizardry

October

Friday 9 – Coromandel Music Society present John and Amiria Grenell

Saturday 31 – The Cranleigh K2 Road Cycling Classic

Dear Editor,
My name is Chrissy Signal, the lady that was with her family exploring the rock pools at Oamaru Bay on Tuesday 14 April when a car left the road and came flying past us, rolled, and landed close by on the rocks.

My son and I called into the fire station to thank you but the station was unmanned. We felt strongly we just had to go further and make sure we let you know our feelings.

We were so impressed with the teamwork work that we witnessed. The whole team was incredible; each had a job to do, a purpose which was carried out calmly, quietly and smoothly.

I have been involved in many rescue situations as I was part of a sea rescue team in the Kapiti coast area for 20 years. I have never seen teamwork like that.

A well oiled machine. So professional.

It is a credit to all of you, the hours of training you must all put in. As an outsider looking on, it looked like you had practiced this exact scenario a thousand times, to have carried it out so smoothly.

You should all be very proud of yourselves as people that make a huge difference to other people's lives.

Chrissy Signal & Jason Boyd
Papatoetoe, Auckland

Sir Alfred Jerome Cadman

Sir Alfred Jerome Cadman was probably Coromandel's best known and most influential citizen.

Born in Sydney, Australia on 17 June 1847, the son of Jerome Cadman, a cabinet-maker, and his wife, Ann Hildyard.

Father Jerome Cadman owned and operated a sawmill in the Coromandel goldfield from 1855 and was later a successful builder and contractor in Auckland. He returned to live in the Coromandel region in 1867. He served on Auckland City Council 1854-55; Auckland Provincial Council, representing Northern Division (1859-67) and Coromandel (1870-76). Politics was in his blood, and diffused down.

Son Alfred Jerome Cadman had big footsteps to fill. Educated at Wesley College; he became a carpenter. He served with the volunteer forces during the Waikato Wars of 1863-4.

At the age of 21 he entered the sawmilling business at Coromandel and became a very successful businessman.

By the 1860s the family owned over 3600 acres of land at "Karaka". [Karaka Stream runs behind Hauraki House, and is met by the Cadman stream behind the new housing subdivision.] Their family home still exists, built about 1867, on Whangapoua Road.

Cadman served as a member, then chairman, of the Tiki Highway Board.

From 1877 to 1886 he was the first chairman of the Coromandel County Council.

In 1881 he was elected to Parliament to represent Coromandel, retaining the seat in the 1884 and 1887 elections. He won the enlarged seat of Thames in 1890.

In his first years in Parliament Cadman's principal contribution was to ask questions on local or mining issues. His business and local body activities saw him develop a network of contacts among the numerous and often isolated townships and rural districts of his electorates. He laid emphasis on building roads and bridges to facilitate closer land settlement.

In 1891 Cadman was appointed Native Minister. When Cadman returned to Parliament in 1893 he retained the

Justice portfolio and became Minister of Mines; then appointed Minister for Railways in 1895.

Throughout, Cadman checked on his Coromandel communities.

He toured settlements and mines at Thames, Te Aroha, Coromandel and Kuaotunu; answered questions and proposed solutions about hospitals, wharves, shipping and land transport; and showed an intimate knowledge, welfare and care for his electorate and his people. Coromandel hospital, wharf and shipping benefitted.

He was a good, important friend of Coromandel.

Because goldminers and timber workers were the dominant working groups in the Coromandel, he had sympathy for labour reform. In 1886 he supported the movement for an eight-hour working day, and the extension of the franchise to women.

In 1897 Cadman toured the Kapanga Mine with his private secretary [and nephew] Alfred Hildyard Gatland.

And he escorted 4-5 young women [four were his nieces] down some 300 metres into the bowels of the mine, lowered in a cage – unheard of for women in 1897.

In 1899 Cadman's health, never robust, deteriorated. He was appointed a CMG in 1901 and KCMG [knight] in 1903.

In July 1904 he was elected Speaker of the Legislative Council. He died at Auckland on 23 March 1905.

Cadman married Fannie Bell at Whangarei in 1886; they had a daughter and two sons before Fannie's death in 1892.

His funeral was held at his beloved Coromandel. Ships brought many mourners across from Auckland.

His coffin was carried up to Buffalo Cemetery. He was interred with full Mason Ceremony; hats and white gloves were obligatory wear. It was probably the biggest turnout of mourners ever seen in Coromandel.

History kindly researched by Don Goodall. Sources: Graham Butterworth "Cadman, Alfred Jerome", from the Dictionary of New Zealand Biography; Te Ara - the Encyclopedia of New Zealand, updated 6-Jun-2013; newspaper articles of the day

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The War to End all Wars

By Catherine Delahunty, Green MP



This month there is a major national focus on the 100th anniversary of the war which was inaccurately described as the last major war that would be fought. Currently there are at least 50 wars going on all over the planet and a number of conflicts which are barely covered in the media in places like West Papua and the Myanmar border. It is also the month when New Zealand troops are being sent to Iraq to do who knows what with who knows who to achieve something totally unclear.

During this month of reflection on the tragedy that was Gallipoli I am very interested in some of the stories emerging about the politics between Winston Churchill and the Turkish government which led to this confusing military disaster. It is not a unique story. Military solutions are by their nature disasters even for survivors who are often marked for life by the trauma but our government is not daunted and continues to send our young people into situations where it's doubtful they can secure world peace. The best way to entrench extremism and violence is to keep committing more resources to more and more killing. The United States drone and bomb attacks across the Middle East, North Africa and Afghanistan have been a recruitment drive for fundamentalism in those communities.

The question I have this month is why is our country an ally with this stupid as well as brutal strategy? The Prime Minister claims he is sending the troops to stand up for human rights being horribly abused by IS. But as a question I asked him in Parliament recently showed, the Prime Minister is quite happy to ally himself with Saudi Arabia despite the regular public beheadings and with a Sri Lankan regime which has committed genocide against Tamils. This government is in the middle of a trade negotiation with Saudi Arabia, ignoring human rights abuses such as it being illegal for women to drive. So let's use this time of reflection to shine a light on the selective hypocrisy of war rhetoric. The price is paid by our soldiers and the countries they help to maintain in states of bloodshed and loss.

So when we remember the family members who lived or died in the "war to end all wars" we might ask the hardest question of all, which is "was it worth it?" And then ask ourselves what has our government committed us to this time? Ending war starts with asking the hardest questions. Peacemaking starts with an independent foreign policy and a realistic view of the economic drivers behind war rhetoric. We owe all the people killed and maimed on all sides of these conflicts at least that much.

Te Ahi Kaa Social Services

By Jacquie Hamon

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

Nga mihi nui ki a koutou.

It seems we are in the midst of an Indian summer – the kind of summer we remember from childhood. The children today will likely look back and have this summer as their touchstone, maybe. That is of course if they get outside of the house. And leave their gadgets, phones, iPad, whatever, behind. And I don't just mean a trip away to the Easter show (past), the zoo, Kelly Tarlton's, the movies etc. I mean outside. To their backyard even. And play like the children they are.

As a society we have become too PC to the extent we coddle our young and suppress their natural learning. Children's lives become full of don'ts, and can't -don't climb that tree, you might fall, you can't walk to school I'll drive you and so it goes. It seems easier to let them watch Disney movies and cartoons full of questionable make believe the like which have spawned entire industries, clothes, toys, makeup, all of it overpriced, most of it shoddily made. Or sit on the internet (again questionable) or live on their phones, kids as young as eight.

Predator/stranger (or a known person) danger is real. In this work we would be the last to deny it. But good plain talk about the need to be safe and how to do this is sufficient. Children are quick learners. They believe what their parents/caregivers tell them. And they need to be told. Silence is dangerous. It is often said that society today is far more dangerous for children than in the past, and to some degree that may well be correct. But forgive me if I beg to differ. Predators of children existed in the past, often within families. The sad reality is that many people carry scars. Silence is harmful. It can teach your children that bad things are somehow their fault.

And some kids' play can hurt them. Anyone who survives childhood without a few scratches, aches and pains, or "war" wounds, is fortunate indeed, but "at the end of the day" (quote courtesy of John Key) it's all about the boundaries that are put in place and how they are monitored. It's about common sense. "Know where your children are, know who they are with, know what they intend to do."

To all you parents out there and grandparents raising grandchildren and caregivers, enjoy your kids and these bonus days of warm weather. Winter will come soon enough.

Nga mihi, Jacquie

We are providers of whanau/family focused services that promote the welfare and safety of tamariki/children, offer counselling services for whanau/family and individuals, and deliver programmes and wananga that support whanau/families. Mon – Fri, 9am – 3pm. Call in to chat or make an appointment. Tiki House, 45 Tiki Road - Ph: (07) 866 8558, email: takss@xtra.co.nz

Biodynamic Gardening

By Gill Bacchus

At the biodynamic gardening workshop on 21 March at the Coromandel community gardens we built a layered compost heap and discussed how to build healthy soil and grow high quality vegetables. The home schooling group held a moving harvest festival celebration there, with the children singing songs and playing music. We finished by stirring the preparation 500 and spreading it around to enliven the soil. At the next workshop on **23 May** at Sue and Wally's garden in Coromandel we will discuss the biodynamic planting calendar. All are welcome.

For further information please ring Peter or Gill on (07) 866 7077



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Dance like you have never danced before

By Jessica Dziwulska

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

We will begin on **Monday 25 May**, 8-9pm at the Anglican church hall (near the BP station). It only costs \$5 and is an alcohol and drug free 18+ event. Bring along a water bottle, a big smile, a minimum of belongings and no valuables. Please arrive early as the doors will close at exactly 8pm and then it's lights out, music on, and a whole hour of pure dance enjoyment.

Call Jessica on 021 884 518 if you need any more info. See you there!!

Coromandel Sea Rescue – Update

By Malcolm Stone, President of CSR inc.

Some of you may be wondering why you have not heard from CSR in a while in these pages. The simple answer is that we have been somewhat in a state flux, not really knowing what the future holds.

CSR are wholly reliant on Coastguard Northern Region for tasking to incidents in this area. A boat in trouble will radio Coastguard Radio, the duty officer will then allocate a boat to respond. Since our application to become a Coastguard Unit was declined in June last year, CNR has tasked existing units such as Thames and Maraetai to incidents off the coast of Coromandel. However, we have been tasked to a handful of minor incidents in that time.

Although CNR has stated that they consider the existing units to be sufficient to cover this area they still want us to supply a vessel of opportunity. As CSR owns our rescue vessel, Maritime NZ states that it must be "In Survey" and skippered by qualified skippers. Keeping a vessel in survey is very expensive and whilst CSR seemed to have no real connection to CNR and tasking was minimal it made fundraising unjustifiable.

This situation was entirely unsustainable but as CSR felt there is definitely a need for a rescue vessel in Coromandel, a meeting was organised with the new CEO of CNR to try to find a way forward. The outcome of this meeting was a suggestion from the CEO that a Memorandum of Understanding be established between CNR and CSR. A first draft of a MoU has been sent to CNR for discussion. At the time of writing this article, no further discussion has taken place but CSR are hopeful that future discussions may lead to an acceptable working relationship with CNR.

CSR probably has sufficient funds to "stay afloat" whilst these discussions take place and hope that the eventual outcome will put us in a position where we can apply for further funding to support a rescue vessel in Coromandel for the future. After all, the amount of boating in Coromandel is only going to increase. It really all hinges on CNR's willingness to make use of our services and agreeing to train our members to CG standards.

Thank all of our supporters in the community for their continued support. It is very much appreciated in these difficult times. On that subject, CSR are in dire need of a secretary to assist us through the next stage. We are currently operating with temporary staff which we are very grateful for but is only short term. Please contact Malcolm at (07) 866 7303 if you are able to help.

Coromandel Embroiderers' Guild

By Diann Cade

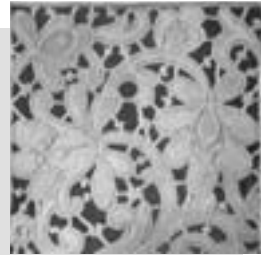
Well here is a challenge. An exploratory "cutwork" workshop for this month.

Cutwork or cut work is an embroidery technique where portions of the fabric are cut away and the resulting "hole" is reinforced at the edges then filled with embroidery or needle lace. How absurd one may think. A perfectly good piece of fabric, one makes holes in then immediately fills those holes up with something else.

Sometimes there is little fabric left.

So for those of us who want to dabble in the earliest forms of lacemaking we will use the same stitches as they did in the 13th and 15th centuries, plunging the needle, drawing it through to create a running stitch, double running stitch, buttonhole stitch, double buttonhole, bars, picots, all before the cutting of the cloth. We will make holes and secure the fabric gaining some insight into the transition from very early forms of cutwork to Italian Reticella through to Punto in Aria. We will also establish which white work has elements of this style of embroidery.

With either a traditional, contemporary or even just exploratory approach we will use a variety of fabric types and threads. After all if it is good enough for the workshops of Louis Vuitton, Dolce and Gabbana and Valentino, Coromandel Embroiderers' Guild can do it too.



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Heart Beat – St John Ambulance Coromandel/Colville

By Felix O'Carroll – Station Manager Coromandel

With Easter gone so has the warm sunny weather and with it we too have slowed down, having had a busy period over Xmas to late March/early April. The cold is now upon us from what has been a great summer with good sunshine and warm weather, huge crowds of people visiting the area, enjoying the scenery and the local hospitality.

The amount of call-outs for the Coromandel ambulance over the last period is similar to that of the same period last year, with the majority of calls being for medical issues, although trauma incidents did increase slightly.

Colville First Response, on the other hand, had a very busy time with Easter call-outs well above normal for the area. However they coped well under trying conditions helped with a great team all working together to cope with the increased workloads.

WestPac helicopter was used on a number of occasions averaging once a week at one point over the last period but now seeing a slowing down going into winter.

With winter almost upon us most people have had their flu vaccinations done; if not we believe strongly and highly recommend people take up this option of having a flu vaccination. The strains of influenza that are

out there now can be very harmful to people and in some cases deadly.

It's not too late to get your flu vaccination so see your GP or local medical center now! People who have the flu should take some responsibility to stop spreading the sickness by staying at home. Going to work with flu type symptoms can spread throughout the work place causing many hours of down time.

Flu vaccination is a preventable option.

Volunteers

Coromandel and Colville ambulance service is desperately in need of more people NOW to join our volunteer ambulance service. We are looking for drivers (people to drive the ambulance) and frontline officers (people willing to do a First Response course). All training is free, all we want is your time, one shift a week (12 hours) plus weekly training 2 hours. We have a great team of dedicated people doing great work for our community; we need your help to help us help our community. If this is for you give us a call or come along to our training nights very Thursday at 7.00pm.

For volunteer applications call the station and talk to the duty officer or leave a message on (07) 866 8279 to find out more. Or go onto the St John website www.stjohn.org.nz/ volunteer.

Operations

The Coromandel ambulance has had a new updated MDT (mobile data terminal) installed. This is the latest and newest model available which records all information relating to responding to a call-out, including information about what we are responding to. It also has a naviga-



tional large screen aid which helps navigate the crew to the emergency scene. Training is taking place to operate the new technology and so far it is operating well with minor issues reported to date.

A big thank you to the community of Coromandel town and area for the generous donations made during St John week, a very good effort by all.

Outside the Meat Keeper Coromandel butchery: Keitha and Veronica doing a great job, also pictured are Tanya and Cameron supporting St John week.

Raffles: St John week raffle winners:

Coromandel treasures: Becks and Jim Castle, Coromandel; \$50 raffle: Sue Wilson, Auckland.

Thanks to all who supported these raffles; all winners have been notified. Special thanks to our local Artisans (Petra Beymoden, Oksana Borowick, Daniel Kirsch, Katherine Lorrimer, Paul Lorrimer, Catlin Maloney, and Evelyn Seigrist) who donated their wares for our Coromandel treasures raffle.

Training and advanced learning

Station Training is held every Thursday starting 7.00pm and finishes before 9.00pm. The training incorporates revision of clinical matters plus practical use of equipment we have on our ambulance. These sessions cater for all levels of our staff and we welcome members of the public to come along and also learn new skills that can be lifesaving, at no cost to you. All welcome, come along and learn.

Be safe out there, stay well.



**IT'S WINTER!
THURSDAY THEME NIGHTS
ARE BACK!**

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choose from 2 dishes – \$20

14th May ~ French
choose from 3 dishes – \$25

21st May ~ 3 course dinner
with matching wines from
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28th May ~ Japanese
choose from 3 dishes – \$25

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Coromandel Lions

By Lion Lyn



With the Beach Hop and a Taste Of Matarangi behind us, both being sellouts, it's time to concentrate on projects closer to home. Apart from firewood we look forward to our annual homegrown and wildfoods dinner night. Always an inspiring and tasty affair. We have once again been asked to assist with the annual Illume Festival Of Light, which can only get bigger and brighter to illuminate the darkest days of winter at the beginning of July. Will be lots of fun. However, preceding the festival is the grand opening of the new Coromandel Four Square on **9 June**. See you there for a mussel fritter and to wish the Four Square family a happy transition into their new home. As for club news, our lion rock award has not been passed on as the last recipient has been hospitalised for several weeks. Peter, we miss you and the trouble you always bring. Also a big "get well" to Cyril, a friend of the lions, who is also in hospital. See you both at home soon. Till next month, keep safe, well and warm.

If you have a community project you think the Lions may be able to assist with call president Bruce (07) 866 7495 or secretary Jayne (07) 866 7687, to be included in the agenda for the next business meeting. We are still taking orders for firewood on (07) 866 7722

Coromandel Budget Advisory Service

By John Gaffikin-Cowan

The cycle of the years continues and by now we've seen enough inclement weather to be convinced that the wonderful Indian summer is over and now this is quite definitely winter. The conversations around us change from how to cope with an abundance of fruit or vegetables to whether there will be enough (dry) firewood to go around. It is of course never too late to check on insulation against draughts and other ways of coping with the cold: the age-old trick of closing the curtains before the sun goes down is a simple but ever so effective method of containing natural and free warmth.

At the office we've been given some really great pamphlets from the Fire Service reminding people how to keep safe in the winter, a time of special dangers. Above all we are encouraged to make sure that our fire alarms are working and have fresh batteries. There's no point in having one if it doesn't work. And an interesting thought for those living in rural areas – make sure that the emergency services can get to you if they need to. This means that access should not be compromised by low hanging branches or narrow gates and fencelines.

Winter can be a wonderful time of year so let's all make a determined effort to keep warm and safe, and this also means keeping an eye out for friends and neighbours who live alone or need special help.

And never forget, if you'd like to know more about anything in this article and have a bit of friendly, expert and non-judgemental advice, pop in to our office on Rings Road – we're here to help.

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

Harissa Paste recipe for May

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

Make a jar of this versatile North African condiment – use on couscous, potatoes, smear over roasted meat or on vegetarian recipes. Warm up those cool autumn nights with a bit of spice...

1 capsicum
3 cloves of garlic
½ tsp cumin seeds
½ tsp salt
juice of half a lemon
2-3 tbsp olive oil
3 fresh red chillies
½ bunch fresh coriander

Scorch the capsicum's skin, seal it in a plastic bag for 5 minutes to soften, and then peel and de-seed it. Chop the flesh

roughly.

Dry-fry the cumin seeds until fragrant. Grind them in a pestle and mortar.

Mince the garlic, and finely chop the chillies (with rubber gloves on if you are sensitive).

Put the ground spice, all the other ingredients, and the olive oil in a mixer or food processor. Blend until you get a thick paste.

Scoop it into a sterilized jar and put a bit of olive oil on top to prevent drying-out. This will keep in the fridge for a week or more.

For more information see www.coromandelflavour.co.nz



Coromandel - Auckland Ferry



Departs Auckland Pier 4

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

Departs Waiheke (Orapiu) to Coromandel (approximate times)

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

Departs Coromandel: Hannaford's Wharf

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

Auckland - Coromandel

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

Waiheke Island (Orapiu) - Coromandel

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

Child definition is 5-15 years inclusive.

Family definition is 2 adults + 2 children.

Please note:

• A Sunday service operates on public holidays.

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

In the event of cancellations 360 Discovery may arrange alternative transport arrangements.

A ferry bus shuttle will transfer you to and from Coromandel Town (Samuel James Reserve car park) and Hannaford's Wharf. There is no additional fare for this service.

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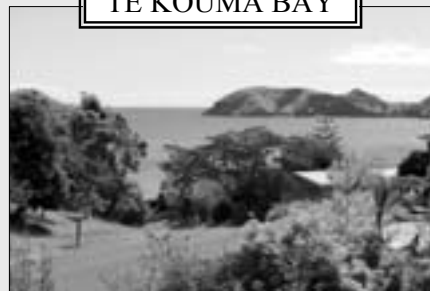
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- ❖ SC guest unit, garage. **\$890,000**



- ❖ Very cute 1 brm cottage, private
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- ❖ Huge decking area. **\$429,000**



- ❖ 2-3 brm Lockwood, private
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- ❖ Close to town. **\$249,000**



- ❖ Set in 19.94ha of stunning bush
- ❖ Beautiful 3 brm cottage, privacy
- ❖ 'Mahakirau Estate'. **\$445,000**



- ❖ 2 brm brick & tile unit, decking
- ❖ Single garage, X-Lease section
- ❖ 350m walk to town. **\$255,000**



- ❖ A great first home or rental
- ❖ 3 brms, sun-porch, dble garage
- ❖ Freshly painted ext. **\$317,000**

Library News

By Raewyn McKinney

Last month I mentioned some books that had gone missing from the library. I am thrilled to be able to report that one of them, *Sol3 Mio Our Story*, is now back in the library, safe and sound. Thank you very much to whoever is responsible for its safe return. We are now hopeful that others of our lost books may yet find their way back to our shelves.

This month our feature display of books is based on the First World War and the Centenary of Anzac Day. You may feel you know all about this subject, but do check out Tahi's great display; you might even learn something new!

There are many new releases from popular authors for May; we have purchased the latest offerings from Harlan Coben, John Connolly, Kim Kelly, Donna Leon, Fiona McIntosh, James Patterson, Kathy Reichs and Danielle Steel, among others.

New purchases that caught my eye are:

The Tears of Dark Water by Corban Addison – A luxury yacht, adrift in the Indian Ocean. On board, a band of nervous Somali captors and their American hostages... The new novel from the



bestselling author of *A Walk Across The Sun...* is a searing novel of the personal and the political. Playing out in courtrooms and private homes, refugee camps and shattered cities, it is a powerful story of hope and understanding in the face of hatred and chaos.

The Defence by Steve Cavanagh – Eddie



Flynn used to be a con artist. Then he became a lawyer. Turned out the two weren't that different. It's been over a year since Eddie vowed never to set foot in a courtroom again. But now he doesn't have a choice... if he wants to save his daughter.

Under the scrutiny of the media and the FBI, Eddie must use his razor-sharp wit and every con-artist trick in the book to defend his "client" and ensure Amy's safety.

The Porcelain Thief by Huan Hsu



– Melding memoir, travelogue, and social and political history, *The Porcelain Thief* offers an intimate and unforgettable way to understand the complicated events that have defined China over the past two hundred years and provides a

revealing, lively perspective on contemporary

Chinese society from the point of view of a Chinese American coming to terms with his hyphenated identity.

One of Us: The Story of Anders Breivik and the Massacre in Norway by Asne



Seierstad, translated by Sarah Death – On 22 July 2011 Anders Behring Breivik killed 77 of his fellow Norwegians in a terrorist atrocity that shocked the world. In the devastating aftermath, the inevitable questions began. How

could this happen? Why did it happen? And who was Anders Breivik?

Asne Seierstad was uniquely placed to explore these questions. A gripping, shattering and vital book, *One of Us* is the story of a massacre and a study of evil. But it is also a story about community versus isolation, hope versus rejection, love versus bigotry – and a powerful memorial to those who lost their lives.

Don't forget our book repair service is always available; just drop your books in to the library.

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

Coromandel Town Information Centre

By Sandra Wilson

Well the days are getting shorter and a little cooler – winter is on its way. We have had an amazing summer season. Even though things have quietened down our figures for Easter weekend are still up by 10% for the same time last year.

Free Wifi is being enjoyed by tourists and locals alike. Great to see the reserve filled with people enjoying the good weather relaxing, Skyping, and catching up on emails from home. Not sure how things will go in winter when the weather is worse and there is no protection on the verandah either. People will have to access the Wifi from the comfort of their vehicle in the carpark behind us or go sit in one of our lovely cafes that offer Wifi.

A wee reminder: for those wanting to have a float in the Illume Festival Parade on **4 July**, contact the Information Centre for further details.

Our opening hours are now 10am-4pm daily.

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Scott Simpson MP for Coromandel

Here on the Coromandel we pride ourselves on our beautiful natural environment and the quality of lifestyle we have as residents here. But at the very foundation of all our lives is our family and the relationships we have with our family members.



The most successful social structure ever invented was the family. It's an institution that has basically withstood all the modern challenges by adapting to them and is the cornerstone of a happy and healthy society.

For many families with young children today one of the main challenges they face is juggling the work v. family life balance. I believe it's important that working parents can spend as much time with their children as possible while staying relevant to the workforce.

Last month the first stage of a two-step extension to the paid parental leave programme started. New parents now get 16 weeks paid leave and this will be extended to 18 weeks next April. This is a very important change to parental leave overall and makes paid leave available to more carers, including grandparents. Paid parental leave is now available for casual and seasonal employees as well as those who might have had a recent change in their job.

Another important family focused government policy started last month as well. It's focused on making it easier for KiwiSaver account holders to buy their first home. Now after three years of regularly contributing to KiwiSaver an individual's HomeStart Grant for a new home will be \$2,000 for every year they are enrolled in KiwiSaver, up to \$10,000. The Grant is \$1,000 a year for older existing homes.

I'm delighted these two significant changes will help make things easier for young families here in our communities on the Coromandel.

Authorised by Scott Simpson MP, 614 Pollen Street, Thames

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Coromandel Marine Farmers' Association Comment

By Gilbert James, Chair, CoroMFA

Hallo everyone. Last month there was an opinion piece opining in essence that the somewhat elevated levels of mercury and arsenic around the wharf and Furey's Creek should be a basis to do nothing in the way of development there.

The article referred to a 2012 study commissioned by TCDC finding "hazardous" levels of mercury in some samples but did not refer to a 2013 study commissioned by TCDC finding levels of mercury above the low criteria but below the high criteria around Furey's Creek. This latter study also noted that the bioavailability of mercury is an important factor and in "consideration of this ... the testing may overestimate the impact". Much of the mercury is likely to be inorganic whereas it is the bioactive form of methyl-mercury that is the primary risk to humans as it is bio-active. Even still the limits for mercury (which is mostly methyl-mercury) in fish are 0.5 to 1.0mg/kg (1/2 to 1 part per million) and yet the total Mercury found in these sediments averaged not much more than this level in the deeper samples and less in the surface samples.

Perspective is important in all this. The area of an improved channel at Furey's Creek at ~750m long by 15 m wide is less than 0.1% of the Harbour's area. The Coromandel Harbour is shallow with more than 50% of the harbour being less than 5m deep even at HW. Its seabed is regularly stirred up by wind and waves. The effects of works to improve Furey's Creek, and which would be done with due regard to maintaining or improving environmental quality, would comprise a very small part of the picture about what is routinely occurring in the locality, due to Mother Nature. Works to improve Furey's Creek access may even be do-able so as to overall reduce the mobility of the seabed sediments of concern.

Last month's article suggested few would benefit and only economically, ignoring the much greater enjoyment and social benefits from allowing better vessel access nearer to the town. However in economic terms consider Auckland with its population that is more than 500 times bigger than Coromandel's and consider how much Auckland assists the economic and social well being of those at Waiheke Island.

Much improved vessel access to Coromandel is physically do-able, in an environmentally positive way and will bring social and economic benefits. In any event we should have fair and reasonable faith that the resource management process will examine the issues carefully and properly and reach a conclusion that upholds an environmentally precautionary approach, albeit not a prohibitive one.

On behalf of all our marine farmers, best wishes to all.



SeniorNet Coromandel

By Lois Beaver

The last month has been rather quiet, but we have been able to find two people who will assist us with our learning.

Another financial year has passed and we are now gearing up to learning more. Our AGM date has not been set as yet but watch the next Chronicle for date, time, venue, etc.

Membership fees are now due. We do have some very good sponsors who allow discounts for many things that we may require and purchase through out the year. This is great help to us all.

I will be attending our Federation AGM and Symposium being held in May in Havelock North, so I hope to be able to bring home ideas and technical advice.

Our next meeting will be on **28 May**; this could also be our AGM date so a venue has not been set.

We welcome the new members to our group and hope that we can all work together, and assist each other to reach our goals.

Contact Loes (07) 866 8053 for any enquiries



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Contact: Patricia Mikaere/Annette James

phone: 07-866-7050

visit: Education Training Centre (ETC),

90 Tiki Road, Coromandel

email: ace@cilt.org.nz

The delivery of all advertised courses are
subject to enrollment numbers

May Courses

Solar Energy

Take advantage of this opportunity to learn how solar energy works and ways of installing this system into your home.

Tutor: Chris Ogilvie

Venue: ETC - 90 Tiki Road

Start date: 5 May 2015

Day/Times: Tuesday 6-8pm

Duration: 1 evening only

Cost: \$10

First Aid Refresher

Refresh your current certificate that reinforces the skills and confidence you need to deal with emergencies at home and in the workplace.

Provider: St. John

Venue: Fire Station Lounge

Date: 6 May 2015

Time: Wednesday 9am-4pm

Cost: \$104

Photo Editing

Develop and enhance your photographs using specialised editing software.

Tutor: Deborah Hide-Bayne

Venue: ETC - 90 Tiki Road

Start date: 7 May 2015

Day/Times: Thursdays 10-12pm

Duration: 4 weeks

Cost: \$20

Small Engines

Does your mower and/or weeder continue to break down? Gain the much-needed knowledge on how a small engine works, how to repair and maintain it.

Tutor: Chris Ogilvie

Venue: ETC - 90 Tiki Road

Start date: 12 May 2015

Day/Times: Tuesday 6-8pm

Duration: 3 evenings

Cost: \$15

Elderly Abuse Response Project

In association with the Waikato District Health Board, we invite you to attend this specialized workshop that works on the prevention of elderly abuse.

Provider: Waikato DHB

Tutor: Gail Gilbert

Venue: TCDC Council Room

Date: 14 May 2015

Time: Thursday 10am -2pm

Cost: Free

Day Skippers Certificate/ VHF Radio Operations

Skipper your vessel with confidence and knowledge of the regulation boat safety practices PLUS

Learn how to operate a VHF radio from your vessel to call rescue services so you, your family and friends may have a safe and enjoyable time out on the water.

Provider: Coastguard NZ

Tutor: Matt Collicot

Venue: ETC - 90 Tiki Road

Start date: 19 & 21 May 2015

Day/Times: 9am- 4pm

Duration: 2 days

Cost: \$225

Heavy Traffic (HT) Licence Test Preparation

This course will prepare you for the high demand licence to drive trucks. You will be taken through the NZHT road code and what to expect when taking the test. To take this course you must have held a full car licence for more than 6 months.

Tutor: Ron Agnew

Venue: Manaia Fire Station

Start date: 21 May 2015

Day/Times: 10am-2pm

Duration: 1 day

Cost: \$50

June Courses

Te Reo Maori

Enrol onto this very popular course that starts with the basics of pronunciation, language structures and vocabulary. Emphasis is on cultural understanding so you will feel comfortable in a Māori environment.

Tutor: Peg Harrison

Venue: ETC - 90 Tiki Road

Start Date: 8 June 2015

Day/Times: Mondays 1-3pm

Duration: 8 weeks

Cost: Gold Coin Donation

Quad Bike & Tractor Safety Training

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

Provider: Farmsafe

Venue: ETC 90 Tiki Rd Coromandel

Date(s): 9 June 2015 (Quad Bikes)

11 June 2015 (Tractors)

Cost: \$20

(Past participants are welcome to re-enroll)

Defensive Driving

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

Tutor: Ron Agnew

Venue: To be confirmed

Date: 18 & 19 June 2015

Days: Thursday & Friday

Times: 10am-2pm

Cost: \$50

July Courses

Learner Driver Licence Preparation

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

Tutor: Ron Agnew

Venue: ETC - 90 Tiki Road

Date: 9 July 2015

Times: 10am-12pm

Cost: \$10

Xero Online Accounting

Manage your own finances and accounts by learning to use this highly recommended online accounting software.

Tutor: Jo Scott

Venue: ETC - 90 Tiki Road

Start Date: 23 July 2015

Times: Thursdays 10am-12pm

Duration: 3 weeks

Cost: \$15

Future Courses

Level 2 Certificate in Horticulture

Take up this rare opportunity to gain a practical knowledge of horticulture with WINTEC. Course is free of charge and will be delivered in semester 2 of 2015.

Plant Lore: Bringing Ancient Knowledge to the Fore

By Robyn Keen

Plant medicine is a taonga (precious gift) from Papatuanuku and the powers of creation. Our bodies are created with the capacity to heal themselves given the right components, most of which comprise natural elements such as fresh air, clean water and food, plus exercise to encourage efficient metabolism, circulation and respiration. Many of us are aware the plants that we

eat provide us with nutrients which sustain health and well-being. Herbal medicine takes us a step further towards being more specific about which plants assist our body, mind and spirit to heal.

I am a herbalist trading under the name "Herb Ora", and believe that it is incredibly important to "Trust Nature" as we seek health and vitality in our lives. At all times when creatures have inhabited our beautiful planet, Papatuanuku, nature's bounty has been there to support us.

Scientists have strived for centuries

to understand nature's intelligence, how plants are constructed and why they have such a powerful combination of constituents that are capable of healing us and other creatures with whom we share our world. Nowadays there are a plethora of scientific studies which show even the skeptics amongst us that herbal solutions work.

Most importantly, as well as proving what tohunga, shamans and others have known since ancient times, this knowledge gives people choices about how they approach the way they care for themselves and their whanau when they are ill, and preventatively in order to avoid

illness.

Choices are so important. It is the pathway to freedom and enrichment as we celebrate our uniqueness and the wealth of creativity within each person.

Consulting a herbalist helps you work out a backup plan for your health and lifestyle based on holistic principles. Goals for your health are defined; your health history; how you deal with stress and other complications which are affecting you are discussed.

I am realistic about the fact that some people choose to combine natural medicine with pharmaceutical medicines. Part of my training involves Pharmacology/Pharmacognosy where appropriate herbs are thoroughly checked out to ensure that they are compatible and can be integrated with other treatment plans which may already be in place.

In this way, the person's right to choose their own pathway to health is upheld and they often feel empowered and enthusiastic about this approach.

Using herbs is relevant for all manner of health reasons from the common cold and minor ailments such as athlete's foot, acne or toothache to more chronic problems such as depression/anxiety, arthritis and other chronic pain, heart/circulation or digestive difficulties, diabetes, reproductive health and addictions of all kinds.

Herbs combine well with other modalities such as flower essence therapy and therapeutic massage, both of which I have over 25 years' experience working with clients.

I live in Kennedy Bay and travel into Coromandel town to see clients at the rooms available in Tiki House. I also travel within Kennedy Bay, Little Bay and Tuatua areas to do herbal consultations or massage in the home for those who are unable or would prefer not to travel into Coromandel.

Seek balance: seek the ancient wisdom of Papatuanuku.

Call Robyn on 0204 062 5599



Coromandel Independent Living Trust (CILT) Resource Centre

By Rebecca Toon, Resource Centre Co-ordinator

Thank you to volunteer driver Irene Brownlee.

I want to acknowledge Irene Brownlee for being such a friendly, energetic and dedicated volunteer driver providing patients with assistance to hospital trips for CILT for an impressive 17 years! On behalf of all of the CILT staff and patients who have had the pleasure to organise and receive regular trips with Irene, thank you so much for your invaluable contribution. Irene has moved to Whangamata which will be her base this year for a series of exciting adventures she has planned. We already miss you Irene. Please remember to come and see us when you are back in town for visits!

Hospital Volunteer Drivers still wanted!

If you enjoy driving, meeting new people and want to be part of a valuable community service, we have a great opportunity available. We are looking for new drivers to join our awesome volunteer driver team. Our drivers take patients who are unable to drive themselves to hospital appointments at Thames and Waikato Hospital.

Volunteer drivers use their own cars and are reimbursed by CILT for petrol costs. All drivers receive a full induction. To join the team you need to have a current driver license, your own vehicle with an up-to-date WOF and registration and a friendly positive attitude.

For more information contact Rebecca on (07) 866 8358 or cilt@cilt.org.nz.

Travel assistance to hospital appointments

If you are a Community Services Card holder and have an appointment at Thames or Waikato Hospital, we can give you funding to help get there. Just bring in your appointment letter and Community Services Card between 9am and 3pm Monday to Thursday.

Weekly Mobility Van to Thames

This wonderful service collects people from their homes on Thursday mornings around 9am for the trip to Thames for shopping and appointments. Everyone meets at Pak'nSave at 2pm to come back to Coromandel. Koha for a return trip is \$12 and half price for children. Call or come into the Resource Centre to book a spot before 1pm on Wednesdays.

Heartlands Centre visits

Maori Land Court are next in Coromandel town on **13 May** and IRD on **20 May**. Call or come into the Resource Centre to book an appointment.

Other great services available at the Resource Centre:

- 2 fast computers FREE for locals to use between 9am and 3pm
- Lots of info on health, disability and community services
- Photocopier, printer, scanner, laminator and fax for public use.

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



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Animal Rescue Thames

By Alice & John Parris

Purrs and thank mews to everyone who has donated bedding, cat food and kitten supplies. We are truly grateful for the donations. It is also so incredibly hard to believe that we have been caring for the waifs, strays and ferals for 15 years. One thing that hasn't changed is our love for these forgotten felines!

Huge paws applause to everyone for all donations and support over these years, as we



would not be who and what we are nor where we are today.

Nothing has been rehomed. Everything has been desexed, and the fundraising in the St James Hall was a fabulous success with us raising \$820 and with a \$100 donation from Te Kawhata

– we had another awesome weekend that has helped our account go up a notch. We have already booked our Labour Weekend garage sale in St James Hall. We couldn't get Grahamstown yet again! But we are more than happy with this hall which is cheaper,

bigger, and we have as much fun!

Newbie – darn instinct kicking in landed me out on the farm, where a steel grey mum and two kittens lay in the sun. One tabby kitten took off, vanished, the black, too sunkissed to care until grabbed and into cage, he was named Foff (I won't elaborate on that one). The mother cat stalked me, swearing, grumbling and watching my every move trying to locate number two kitten. Over a period of three weeks we have gone out to hunt for tabby. Seen loads of three and five month kittens but never elusive brat in tabby coat. Foff however is a transformed furrchild, smoochy, purrball and with the most disgraceful manners a wee kitten could own! He is full on and attacks anything of any size, small kitten taking on adult cat means one black furrball airborne landing on unsuspecting adult's head, and wrapping himself around the head and kicking! Once we got over the first attacks and laughing out loud we now just go, "Oh well, he will learn one day!"

Also due in, a heavily pregnant steel grey mum cat, due to owner living in car and cat needs a place to safely have her kittens. Once born and weaned kittens will be desexed prior to adoption and so to the mum cat.

Over all it's been busy, with a lot of work in progress and maintenance work to begin on. This is where we have to do more fundraising across Facebook garage sale sites to raise those funds to do the work.

Kittens – we have a trio now ready – all three months old and two sets of two tabby spayed girls ready to go. They are now 17 weeks old, still kittens, deflead, wormed and housetrained.

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Grey Power

By David Lunn on behalf of Mac Welch, President

Our March meeting was attended by approximately 90 members who listened to an interesting and informative address by the mayor of Thames Coromandel District Council – Mr Glenn Leach.

Subscriptions for this year became due on 1 April.

Thank you to the people who have already paid. If you have overlooked paying please pay now.

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Remember Grey Power membership is open to all people over 50 years of age. Our meetings are generally well attended and provide an opportunity to meet up with like-minded people of similar vintage.

Sales of our Liquid Gold Fertilizer have slowed during the summer months but as the cooler weather approaches we expect many people will be starting to plant their winter crops and this is an excellent time to add Liquid Gold. Many members are reporting excellent results after applying it.

Advance notice for our next meeting: note this in your diary now. Our AGM will be held on **11 June** at 1-30pm at St John Ambulance Room, Tiki Road. Notice of meeting and nomination forms for President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary and Committee members will be included with our next newsletter. Following our AGM our guest speaker will be MP for Coromandel Mr Scott Simpson.

This will be a good opportunity to question Scott on government plans and policies for senior citizens.

Members' guests will be welcome to this meeting.

If you would like to join Grey Power please contact David and he will be happy to send you information and an application form.

Contact Committee Members. Claire Stewart (07) 866 8553 David Lunn (07) 866 7220



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Coromandel Contract Bridge Club

By Judy Bronlund

In May we are continuing to play the Manaia Pairs followed by the Thwaites Individuals. Our Easter Monday fun night saw each player being rewarded with chocolate. We play on a Monday evening at the St John rooms; new members and visitors are most welcome to join us.

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By Jessica Henson

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Garden Circle

By Jane Warren

Our April meeting was held on a lovely hot autumn afternoon at David and Rada's home. We had a great turnout with 21 members plus 2 grandies.

The meeting was held outside under the shade of a lovely weeping elm tree, without which we would have all been getting a bad case of sunburn.

The attraction of belonging to the Garden Circle is the opportunity to see other people's gardens and to see how they manage with different growing conditions. The rear of David and Rada's section is quite steep but they have planted a lovely orchard on the north facing bank and the garden was full of unusual vegetables and herbs.

I had my first taste of fresh peanuts (which taste much like fresh peas). Amongst the many other plants there was also a lovely climbing plant, similar to a cucumber vine, called a bitter melon. Another unusual plant was a curry tree, as opposed to a curry plant. It's always interesting finding out about new plants and how they are grown and used, and there were many plants in David and Rada's garden that some of us had never seen before.

After a lovely afternoon tea in the afternoon sun, the last part of the afternoon was the judging of the flowers, fruit and arrangements.

The winners were:

Single Bloom - Ruth Pattinson, Multi Bloom - Lorraine Lang, Miniature Bloom - Linda Wright and the Feijoa category was won by our new president, Julie Jensen.

The "Hips" Arrangement was won by Eva Carey.

Our next meeting is to be held on **13 May** at the Coromandel Bowling Club at 1pm with a shared afternoon tea.

The arrangement theme is a "Bouquet for Mum" and the special category is "Pumpkin". We will have Tara Holman as our guest speaker.



Christ Church News

By Barbara O'Reilly

What have we learned this Easter? Someone mentioned how interesting it was to know about the foot washing ceremony on Holy Thursday (day before Good Friday). This traditional ceremony of washing feet; is performed by a number of Christian denominations. The Biblical reference is the Gospel according to St John Chapter 13, verses 1-17. The scene is the room where Jesus and His disciples are to celebrate the Passover. As was the hospitality practice at this time, visitors' feet were washed on entry to a house to cleanse the feet from the dust of roadways; the ritual was performed by a slave, a servant. But not this time! Jesus takes it upon himself. He says *"If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you. Most assuredly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them."*

Having your feet washed brings up a set of conflicting feelings and concepts. It is both pleasant and disturbing. You look down at the person who is washing your feet, and you feel that you should be doing the washing, you feel that the foot washer should be in your position. You have a conflict about status. Put another way it's about giving and receiving, and being easier to give; problematic to be on the receiving end. The foot washing ceremony is a lesson; among other possibilities, one is that we learn that we have to accept ourselves as both a giver and a receiver. Our relationships are to be reciprocal; we are on equal terms no matter who we are; a precondition for truly loving our neighbour.

Drop-in Thursdays

People say from time to time the art of conversation is dead. Not so! Conversational arts are alive and very well at the 10am Thursday Drop-in morning tea at Christ Church Hall, Tiki Rd. A recent Drop-in morning session thoroughly covered dogs and cats, cultural differences, diet, meat eating v vegetarianism, loneliness, the history of the Masonic Lodge, St. John and the Knights Templar, the question of a new New Zealand flag, opossums and quite a lot more. There is a small group of regulars who look forward to Thursdays and who think that more people should come along and join in. Talking is what you do - talk about anything and everything. Truly some of the friendliest people around.

Something new

Remember Evensong? That lovely service on a Sunday evening when a sense of peace settles on you for the night before the onset of the next week. It's coming back to Coromandel at Christ Church at 5pm on **Sunday 24 May**. Come along and be nostalgic, or come along and see what thirty minutes of peace does for your soul.

Enquiries, and hall hire: Barbara O'Reilly, Parish Secretary (07) 866 8299
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Ann's Good News, Naturally

Welcome Winter Wellness

Do those dreaded colds and flus leave you and your family with fevers and fatigue, runny noses, sore throats, headaches and coughs through winter? Now is the perfect time to boost your immune system and defend against cold and flu symptoms.

Prevention is better than cure. Maintain a strong immune system- If you have nutritional deficiencies, a poor diet, stress, inadequate rest or lack of exercise, your immune system will not be primed to recognise and respond to viral and bacterial invaders responsible for infection.

Which bug bugs you? Viruses such as the rhino virus are the common cause of cold and flus, rather than bacteria. Antibiotics target bacteria and are not effective against viral infection. The great news is that there is safe effective natural support for your immune defences against both viruses and bacteria so they won't keep bugging you and make you sick.

Herbal medicine is safe. Boost immunity throughout the year for an effective, safe, preventive approach. Herbs have been proven to target virally infected cells, often the cause of flu-like symptoms. Reduce fevers, muscle and headaches, sore throats, runny nose. A large percentage of pharmaceutical drugs are derived from herbal plants so it makes common sense to use herbs to protect you and your gut immune system. Address the cause, prevent side effects and feel better by going natural.

Fact: Food is your quick medicine or your slow poison. Medicinal foods are nutrient dense, unprocessed natural foods. Poisonous foods are those that contain chemical preservatives, flavours, and colours, as well as pesticide and herbicide residue. They don't kill you straight away, but these toxins lock into your fat cells and contribute to a life of compromised health, acute and chronic illnesses. This sets up a dependency for pharmaceutical drugs or surgery. They are not bio identical to the human cell and can't be absorbed without overworking the immune system's white blood cells, setting up immune responses and eventually a half healthy person.

The gut immune connection – your link to immunity. It's a fact that 70-80% of immune system is located in the digestive tract. So it's vital to look after your gut health. Your diet and overall function of your digestive tract will affect your immune system. How's your gut health? Do you have leaky gut or candida? Is your stomach producing the essential hydrochloric acid? Are there sufficient digestive enzymes and good bugs? How's your liver and gallbladder? Is your pancreas efficiently pumping out enough pancreatic enzymes? Are you having a bowel motion daily?

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Mana Update

Participants of the Easter Retreat

By Penelope Carroll

Simplicity was the theme of Stephanie Dowrick's Easter Retreat this year, her fifteenth at Mana. As always, her retreat was a nourishing and enlightening time, creating space and providing a container to look at what is really important in our lives – qualities such as love, peace and joy, and the realization of our essential unity.

"Return to what is simple, healing and profound. Life is very simple, but we look for problems, for complications..." Stephanie's words were in my head when I awoke this morning to the sound of a tui greeting the day, soon to be followed by a whole glorious dawn chorus. I was reminded anew of how blessed we are by the natural beauty surrounding us at Mana; the bush and the birds, the rocks and streams, the sea and mountains. Pukewhakaratarata shelters us in the south, while distant Moehau rises out of the sea, a guardian to the north.

Walking the land and taking in the views are simple acts which are at the same time "healing and profound". So too is spending time in the Mana garden, walking the labyrinth, or sitting quietly in the sanctuary.

People who take part in courses at Mana often talk of being as nourished by these simple activities, and the beauty around them, as by the courses themselves; and the participants at the Easter Retreat last month (pictured above) were no exception.

A focus on simplicity can mean freedom from complication, confusion and unnecessary effort. It can bring clarity, calmness, and a great appreciation of the beauty around us.

Here are some words from the poet and cartoonist Michael Leunig on the subject of simplicity:

We simplify our lives.
We live gladly with less.
We let go of the illusion that we can possess.
We create instead.
We let go of the illusion of mobility.
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Driving Creek Doings No.170

By Barry Brickell

Some readers may recall occasional visits by film maker David Sims who made some of the DVDs we stock in our railway shop. Last year David spent much time creating a DVD of me making one of my large "fatso" jugs as well as other subjects. The fatso DVD is a bit of a "hoot" with a clownish voice-over, starting with digging the clay, "throwing" the two halves on the potter's wheel, joining them, making the handle and firing the pot in the kiln. This is the first time such a complete sequence has been filmed, made even more significant because it was the "last" fatso jug I said I would ever make (joke). The DVD is played in our art gallery; it is available in our shop and is proving popular.

My visit to Dunedin last month was challenging because I had to deliver a full hour floor talk about the late Ralph Hotere's ceramics collection. While working with Ralph at Port Chalmers in 1975 and '76, we exchanged much work, pots for paintings and vice versa. To my surprise there was quite a crowd there but the pots and sculptures are out of reach behind barriers so they could not be touched. This is a pity because people, especially children, learn so much using their tactile fingertips, an "extension of their brains".

Back home, I thought of a solution, so I have made four "tactile patties". These flat clay discs have different sized granular rock material (grog) mixed into the clay which gives a range of textures after firing. The Museum has agreed to place them so that people can pick them up, the textures similar to the pots in the display. Here I would like to emphasise what a magnificent place the Otage Museum is, with beautifully displayed works of nature and mankind with concise information. The Auckland Museum could take note, especially with its ceramics section.

On the extended pile wharf concept, we now have a quote from Jacobs Consultants for a business case which will be presented to the Council. Meanwhile we are fundraising for this. Any contributions welcome.

No need to mention cyclone Pam. It missed us mostly but not Vanuatu.

Cheers,
Barry

Museum News

By Raewyn McKinney

Things are becoming quieter at the museum as we wind down, approaching the cooler months of the year. On the whole we have had a good summer, as ever, some days bring many visitors and others hardly any, but it is great to see so many people come along when the weather has been wonderful all summer. A pleasing aspect of our visitors is that they are always very impressed with the museum, and all comments are extremely flattering. It is especially pleasing to see younger visitors enjoying our displays. This is very encouraging, and will spur us all on to greater efforts in the coming months.

This month I have an extract from the "Coromandel and Mercury Bay Gazette" dated 10 May 1972, which is sure to bring back many memories for local readers:

"New Home For Historic Launch"

For the first time in its 74 years the M.V. Presto ventured out of the Auckland Harbour last Monday night on the way to its new home in Coromandel.

Not under its own power, but attached to Mr Barry Brickell's 'St Lawrence'; the old veteran of the Port Health Authority in Auckland reached its new mooring in the Coromandel harbour where it will be restored to its former glory – steam engine and all.

The 'Presto' was built by Baileys in 1898 and fitted with a steam engine and boiler of 140lb pressure per square inch. The 41-foot steam launch became well known on the Auckland Harbour as the port doctor's launch.

In 1915 she was fitted with a new boiler of 170lbs per square inch.

A fire in the boiler house in 1927 led to the conversion to diesel in 1938 when a 42 H.P. Petters was fitted. This was later changed to a Chrysler petrol engine in 1952 and the wheelhouse was relocated.

On 17 June 1953 the 'Presto' was struck amidships by the 'Eaglehawk' when the two collided in fog off Northcote Point.

In 1962 she was again damaged when struck by a ship's propeller and it was necessary to renew 15 feet of her keel.

In 1964 she was converted back to diesel when a 6-cylinder Ford was fitted.

Now without power, she is waiting for Barry Brickell to refit the old stalwart with a steam engine and regain her glory of the turn of the century.

The 'St Lawrence' had been on her way home from Whangarei where Mr Brickell and his friends had been building a large kiln for Yvonne Rust, a pioneer New Zealand potter, who has established her studio at Parua Bay.

The 'St Lawrence', a 35-footer, will be disposed of now that Mr Brickell has the boat his heart has been set on for several years."

It would be interesting to learn of the sequel to this story. I am sure there are many more tales to tell in the saga of the M.V. "Presto".

The museum will be open from 1pm to 4pm on weekends only during May

MUSEUM MONTHLY COMPETITION
"Who What Where When"

Please identify this photo and give us as much information as you can. Bring or post your entry to the Information Centre with name and contact details by **Friday 29 May**. All correct entries will go into a draw for a voucher from Coromandel Four Square.

Our March competition did not produce any difficulty for the winner, Shirleen Notman, who correctly identified the flagpole in front of the Council buildings.

Well done to Shirleen and thank you to all who entered in the March competition. Good luck for this month.

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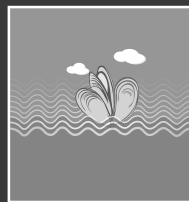
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Four Square – Footpath

There's been questions around why the recently-laid concrete footpath outside the new Coromandel Four Square Building doesn't match the rest of the town centre's paved footpaths.

When the plans were submitted to Council, the concrete footpath detail was not picked up as an issue.

Council apologises for this oversight and the Coromandel-Colville Community Board has taken these concerns on board and met with contractors on site to discuss options and work on a solution.

The Community Board has decided that the most cost effective option is to retain the concrete footpath but treat the concrete with an acid wash and charcoal stain to better match the existing town centre pavers.

The footpath also has had a non-slip sealing coat applied for better pedestrian safety.

Coromandel Citizens Hall



Last year we did an inspection and assessment of the Hall. From this, our top priority is now making the building safe for use followed

by general tidy-up repairs, maintenance and painting of the interior of the Hall which will return the building to its former character.

The Coromandel Senior Settlement Trust has granted \$25,000 in the coming financial year (15/16) to upgrade the Hall's ablution block and have indicated that the Trust would look favourably at providing further funding in the following financial year toward other work like refurbishment of the kitchen or heating of the Hall.

The Coromandel Patchwork & Quilters Club, a regular user of the Hall, have generously donated \$1,000, from raffling one of their beautiful quilts, to go towards refurbishment work on the Hall.

"We are very pleased with the donations received so far and will welcome any donations for the Hall, not just monetary donations, but skilled voluntary labour as well," says Coromandel-Colville Community Board Chair, John Walker.

More Broadband upgrades coming to the Coromandel

Broadband speeds are picking up across the Coromandel and are poised to get even better as our Council works with the Government, Chorus and Vodafone to fast-track upgrades.

Chorus runs the bulk of the fibre-optic cables and copper lines in New Zealand that carry broadband while Vodafone builds and operates the cell-phone towers in the Coromandel that transmit wireless broadband.

The Government has contracted both companies to deliver improved broadband speeds to the Coromandel as part of its nationwide Rural Broadband Initiative.

Internet Service Providers use these lines and towers to deliver broadband to their customers.

Our Council has been working with the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment and both companies to get upgrades done as quickly as possible.

In recent weeks Chorus has installed or upgraded fibre-fed cabinets in Kopu, Whenuakite and Hahei.

In the meantime, Vodafone is progressing with building new fibre-connected cell phone towers or upgrading existing ones to provide high-speed wireless broadband and mobile coverage to more of the Coromandel.

- A tower at Preece Point outside Coromandel Town was completed and went live in 2013. Three other new towers, in the Kauaeranga Valley, Te Puru and Manaia, are all in process.
- Seven towers have recently been upgraded, at Coromandel Town, Thames, Whitianga Central, Matarangi, Hahei, Pauanui South and Pauanui/Tairua.
- Upgrades to three other towers, in Opito Bay, Onemana and Colville, are due to be completed over the next 18 months or so and a further tower at Kaiaua that would improve coverage over the Firth of Thames, is due to be completed this year.

In addition, a Hamilton-based firm called Lightwire has its own tower in Kopu that can deliver wireless broadband. Lightwire says its towers deliver broadband download speeds of 7-10 Mbps within a range of 20-25 kilometres.

To keep up with the latest on what is happening with broadband around the Coromandel go to www.tcdc.govt.nz/rbi

TARGA RALLY ROAD CLOSURES

The Targa Bambina Rally is coming to the Coromandel on Friday 15 and Saturday 16 May. This means there'll be road closures at

- 3pm - 5.45pm on Friday. SH25 (Whangapoua Rd)
- 7.15 - 10.30am on Saturday. SH25 (Whitianga and Main Rd)
- 8.15 - 11.30am. SH 25 (Waihi/Whangamata Rd)
- To assist with the stage security, the closure is also to include 50 metres of EACH adjoining road, from where it intersects within this road closure, not including the start and finish points.

Go to www.tcdc.govt.nz/targa for the full details of road closures.

Long Term Plan Update

We've processed 567 submissions to our Draft Long Term Plan. Hearings are in late April and Council will be deliberating in May. The Long Term Plan will be adopted in June. To take a look at the summary of submissions and the next steps go to: www.tcdc.govt.nz/ltp



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Kiwi Can

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

By the time you all read this article we would have seen the end of Term 1, done our lesson planning for Term 2 and be well on our way into Term 3.

We finished off Term 1 with our final week of the term being Prize Giving and Games Day.

Our awesome Kiwi Cannors for Term 1, 2015 were:

Thames South School: Brooklyn from Room 9 & 10, Tamara from Room 7, Romie from Room 11, Georgia from Room 6.

Coromandel Area School: Kelson from Room 1, Varian from Room 2, Alexander from Room 3, Mitchell from Room 4, Valerie from Room 5, Daniel from Room 7. We also this year for the first time ever had an extra Kiwi Canner for showing resilience and working well as a valued team member



within his class; this went to Jakob from Room 7.

Colville School: Zoe from the Junior Room and Sydney from the Senior Room.

Congratulations to you all for being such great role models in your schools; keep up the awesome work.

Hope you all had a great holiday and are all well underway with Term 2.

Our Theme for this term is Integrity and we will be exploring this through our sub-topics of Honesty, Responsibility, and Reliability.

Thank you to those of you who purchased tickets in our two raffles that we had running in March. The winners were:

DCR Family Pass – was won by Ashlee Povey (thanks to Driving Creek Railway for the family pass donation).

Easter Raffle – was won by Patrina Macdonald.

Congratulations to you both and thank you for your support.

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

Nga mihi nui from Marlene, Jamie, Nadia, Gemma and Natalie.

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

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Coromandel Playcentre

By Debbie Morgan

Thanks to those who bought items from our Easter cake stall. Emma Mitchell won the cake raffle; thanks Arthur van Dressingham for donating this prize. The Easter raffle was won by Melissa from Richardsons.

This month I thought I would simply share a story by a lady called Fiona Philip that I found on the national Playcentre Facebook page. I think it sums up Playcentre very well.

There are many stories I could tell about how Playcentre changed my life. I could talk about how I became a more patient, less controlling parent, who learnt how to empower my children to develop and explore their own working theories about their environment. How I transformed from the parent who wanted to teach my children the right way to do something into the parent who understood there are many right ways to achieve any given result and the learning is in trying out those different ways.

I could talk about the relationships formed between adults and children, the friendships, the support, the very important sense of community to an immigrant with no extended family support. How Playcentre was my lifeline into a community and away from being at home and isolated.

I could talk about the joy of being surrounded by children who only know how to be in the present and experience every single moment. Forcing me to slow down and enjoy the world at their pace.

There are so many stories I could tell and each of them when told from the heart and focussed on how Playcentre makes a difference is a powerful way of building up our reputation as an organisation that builds communities and grows strong families.

I learnt that perhaps our statement of "we believe parents are a child's first and best educator" is an opinion statement and perhaps instigates a "them and us" divide. I was encouraged and inspired to rethink what it is we do and I came up with the following statement:

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Te Rerenga School Nurturing a community of life-long learners

By Anna Yates

We are looking forward to our term 2 of learning at Te Rerenga School. Term 2 is a great term for learning as all classrooms' programmes are well-established, running smoothly and teachers really understand their learners. It's that time of the year where students can make rapid gains in their learning and that is exciting for everyone.

The end of term 1 was action-packed with our playground opening, triathlon and bikewise activities. We were so proud of the way our students demonstrated endurance and encouraged each other through the course. The day was well-attended by our families who supported our students through the showers of rain. An extra special thank you to Wanda and Lori who, on behalf of Ngati Huarere, joined us in blessing and opening our new playground. We love having you as part of our school.

Room 4 also held their hugely successful market day on the final day of term. Room 4 had studied economic communities as part of their inquiry learning for the term and found the best way to learn was to create one

themselves! Each team of students worked together to find a product they could sell, wrote letters, made phone calls, asked for help/support, made purchases and ran a stall on the market day. They can't wait to work out their profit during the first week of term which will help them in their travel to Wellington during term 4. Room 4 are also looking forward to welcoming their student teacher Danielle Balsom to their classroom for eight weeks this term.

During the school holidays our school attended the "Taste of Matarangi" festival. Our students love having the opportunity to perform and an incredible 44 out of our school roll of 63 were able to perform our three waiata as part of the festival opening. This was an amazing effort given that it was the middle weekend of our school holidays and they sounded amazing. Thank you to all of our school families who not only supported this event but who helped on our school food stall. Roy Champion and his committee of school parents raised over \$1000 for our school on the day and this is a much-needed contribution to stage 2 of our school playground. Thank you to Sharon and Darren Walker at the Matarangi Store who organised a Tip Top bouncy castle for the school to also use for fundraising. This was

extremely popular and busy throughout the event.

At the festival we had three teams of three students competing in the junior chef cook-off, which was kindly sponsored by buyinglocal.co.nz. Our students were extremely fortunate to be supported by local chefs Luke from Luke's Kitchen, Scott from No.8 restaurant and Dion from Castle Rock Café while they prepared their dishes for judging by Andy Corles. Ben Fowler, Mason Grice and Ella Edkins won first place with their perfectly cooked garlic butter steak and coleslaw. Ella prepared mayonnaise from scratch, which was very impressive. Their enthusiasm and confidence blew us away.



Isobel, Mason, Harry and Theo at their fruit kebab stall for the market day on the final day of term

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Arts

Coromandel Music Society News

By Robin Münch

A third of the year has disappeared, winter is almost upon us and we promise to keep you entertained.

We had a great start to the year with Beyondsemble and more recently, Bella Kalolo. By the time you read this, you will also have had the pleasure of attending the ANZAC tribute concert with the Sisters of Swing. I'm sure it will be a nostalgic and heartwarming occasion.

In June we'll be welcoming another fantastic choir, GALS from Auckland. Keep an eye out for more information in the June Chronicle.

AGM

The AGM was held in March. Our dedicated and enthusiastic committee has remained the same – President Robin Münch, Treasurer Martin Edwards, Secretary Maureen Kimber, Committee members Frances Edwards, Martin Edwards, Ian Franklyn, John Gaffikin-Cowan and Jenny Leigh.

Honorary Membership

At the AGM we agreed to bring in honorary membership of the Music Society and there will no longer be membership fees. Membership concessions and benefits will also cease.

We do need a register of members and Martin will email everyone on the emailing list to ask if we can include them on the register. If you would like to be on the emailing list and/or a member of the Society, please contact Martin on quail1352@gmail.com.

Poetry Group

By Jocelyn Davey

Could we revive the nearly extinct poetry group? I had a call from a new resident in Coromandel wanting to join. There are about six members from the last time the group functioned still in town. Could we meet in the daytime, a lunch meeting, or late afternoon for a few months in the coming winter? We could start in May.

Ring me with your thoughts on (07) 866 7101

Art Group

By Lindsay Nicholls

With the lovely weather shining upon us, we have still been going to different locations to paint or sketch. Many folk ask us what benefit it is to do this. Simple answer is it gives us a different perspective and view on things like colours of nature, the challenge of weather changing in front of us and an assortment of ideas to paint for a later date. When on location, we can arrive with sun beaming down on a flat calm low tide. By the time we leave, this whole scene has changed to a full tide with ripples on water, waves rolling in and cloudy sky.

It is a challenge to manage a quick sketch or painting and that's what it's all about... to challenge ourselves in a different environment as opposed to from just a painting off a photo as many of us do normally. Many a sketch or small painting from our outside experience has been incorporated into a painting later on.

But all good things must come to an end and with the weather cooling this very week, we will soon be venturing inside for hibernation of winter to painting indoors.

This year we have three tutors coming to help us through the colder months with a selection of mediums and styles. One in May, June and July, each with a different tutor. Again, this is a challenge to try their style for the day. It all adds up to broadening our selection of choices for our own work.

We have had a few new books added to our library as replacement books. Thanks must go to Joan for bringing these with her from England on a recent trip. This saved us just as much again on postage alone. We have a great extensive library of books that also includes a range of DVD tutorials. Til next time...

Have you thought about what colour combinations make grey? There are a few... happy painting.

Coromandel Players

By Don Hughes

Our thanks to the folk who rallied round and are taking part in three one act plays we are presenting **Friday 29 May, Saturday 30 May, Friday 5 June and Saturday 6 June.**

See our advertisement opposite for other details.

One play contains "language that may offend". But what can you expect from a Mafia "hit-man"? Please bear this in mind if you're thinking about bringing a young person under the age of sixteen.

Also please watch out for our posters around town where we will be posting any changes in plans forced on us by sickness. We are, after all, heading into colds and flu time.

Hope to see you in May or June at the Little Theatre.

Coromandel Author

Coromandel resident Helen Drew is set to have her debut autobiography published by leading London publishing house, Austin Macauley.

In *Lights in My Life*, Helen Drew takes the reader from her childhood in New Zealand to her life today. With disarming honesty she describes the highs and lows with equal clarity from a terrible episode in her childhood to the joy of her grandchildren.

Helen's has been an eventful life with its share of tragedy, misfortune and recovery, and in looking back with humour and insight the reader can share those experiences in this absorbing book.

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Coromandel Community Arts Council Hauraki House Gallery

By Chris Stark

For those that don't know the history of Hauraki House and how it came to be available for community use, here's a brief history. The building used to be the local school, Kapanga School was closed in 1977 when the new area school was built. The beautiful old 1879 building was dilapidated and threatened with demolition. It was saved by locals who established the Hauraki House Committee that, along with funds from Lotteries Commission and support from Thames-Coromandel District Council, restored the building and put it to good use.

The Arts Council was created in 1982 and established the Hauraki House Gallery in the central section of the old building. It shares the building with the Coromandel Players and the Coromandel Youth Group. The Gallery is available for use for a small fee and 10% commission on sales when used for an exhibition. It can also be used for meetings and small events. From time to time the Arts Council also promotes or creates other artistic projects in Coromandel.

Users of the gallery will have noticed that we have replenished our supply of droppers. After much searching we managed to find a supplier. If anyone would like to make up some droppers for themselves to use in the gallery, let us know and we can put you on to the supplier. The type we use will shortly become unavailable so it might be a good idea to have some in reserve.

Our "Pop in Drop in" group starts again on **Tuesday 5 May**. Don't forget, bring some lunch and enjoy the day with like-minded handcrafters.

For further information, check us out on Facebook: Hauraki House Gallery

Songs for the Mountain – on tour

Mountain music will be rolling off the hills and into the Coromandel Bowling

Club this month, as an eclectic bunch of musicians from Waihi and Karangahake share their music and new album.

The group are part of the "Protect Karangahake" campaign. The purpose of the concert is to raise funds and awareness for a high court appeal that the group has lodged to challenge a non-notified resource consent granted to New Talisman Goldmines, allowing them to engage in mining activity on Karangahake Mountain – inside a designated conservation zone. The tour is a way for the group to raise some of the \$30-40,000 they will need to cover their appeal.

The concert will be held on **Friday 15 May** at 7.30pm at the Coromandel Bowling Club, 190 Woollams Avenue.

Tickets are \$15 pre booked and concession or \$18 at the door and are available from the Information Centre or by emailing beccydove@gmail.com. CD's will be for sale on the night for \$20. All proceeds will go to "Protect Karangahake"



Beccy Dove, Michael O'Donnell and Caron Clay

Colville Arts Festival

By Ella Osnat, CSSC (Colville Social Service Collective)

Colville Arts Festival was a very successful one thanks to all the people who came along and participated. Thanks to the artists who worked hard on their exhibited arts, the workshop tutors, the performers and all the great volunteers, workers and supporters that made this event run so smoothly and joyfully. We hope to see you all again next year.

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Environmental

Predator Free Coromandel

I had the privilege of being on Stewart Island for two weeks during March, on a tramping holiday. It was my second visit to the island, and I was not disappointed by the abundance of wildlife I saw. Kiwi boldly feeding on the beaches during the daytime, kakariki chattering in the trees, robin and tomtits trailing us along the tracks, fernbird peeping from the rushes.

What I wasn't expecting was how busy the small settlement of Oban was. Conservation is fuelling a thriving tourism industry in the town, with a multitude of tourist operators cashing in on the continual flow of visitors. Where else in the country have you got a better chance of seeing a kiwi?



Bush Bites

You've all heard of "sound bites", now our MEG trappers want to share some "bush bites"-inspiring encounters with nature they've had while out in the bush.

"Best thing this month was seeing the awesome job that the guys employed to do the track maintenance have done. An exceptional job which will really assist with getting the job done and nailing them nasty beasties."

"Finished my trap line in record time!"

"Followed the scent of the native Easter Orchid, Rapueka (*Earina autumnalis*) on the ridge along my trap line."

Residents of Stewart Island were recently polled about whether they wanted to go predator-free and rid the island of their rats, feral cats and possums. The island already has no mustelids; lucky things! The poll came back emphatically in favour of the idea: 84% of the respondents said yes.

It got me thinking about the Coromandel and the work Moehau Environment Group, DOC and other groups do battling pests in a never-ending contest to protect our native wildlife. What if we were able to achieve a predator free Coromandel? What would change on our Peninsula? Would that suggestion get the same enthusiastic response from local residents or would we get bogged down in the doldrums of controversy?

As many will realise, the key barriers to going predator-free are probably social. Raise the "predator-free" question and curly questions begin to swirl around pet cats, hunters' rights, and what restrictions local residents would face to prevent future invasions. The technical and financial hurdles also exist, but are not insurmountable.

We live on a peninsula surrounded by ocean on three sides. We have swathes of forest park, nationally high biodiversity values and have a myriad of groups working towards a common goal. Does anyone besides me get excited about the prospect of kiwi poking around on your lawn, or flocks of kaka colonising your roof? Well then isn't it about time someone raised the question?

Coromandel Kiwi Project Public Meeting

We are planning a public meeting to update local landowners about progress in our Coromandel Kiwi Project. The Coromandel Kiwi Project is a volunteer trapping project which protects 1000ha of kiwi habitat above Coromandel town. We've been contacted by several residents whose land borders the project. They are keen to include their land in the trapping effort. We'd love interested locals to come along to the meeting planned for **Thursday 21 May**, 7pm (venue TBA). For more information email Natalie at info@meg.org.nz

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

Coromandel Kiwi Project

By Jeff Williams

Before people arrived here, kiwi roamed naturally from Cape Reinga to Stewart Island. Since we've been here however, their ranges and populations have crashed. Today, they only thrive on the main islands behind predator proof fences or in heavily managed areas – like the northern Coromandel Peninsula. Out islands like Little Barrier, Ponui, and Kawau have stable populations but in general the population of North Island brown kiwi is decreasing at about 4% per year.

Twenty years ago, kiwi were still being found all along the peninsula albeit in smaller numbers and only in areas of compatible habitat. Because of a perceived continuous drop in bird reports in the southern half of the peninsula, a new survey was performed in 2012/13. This survey – performed with electronic recorders and human listeners – found no evidence whatsoever of birds in the areas surveyed (40% of their historic range). Two of the now-vacant areas had been identified as "hot spots" for kiwi in previous surveys.

According to university studies, the only place on the mainland where the North Island brown kiwi population is increasing is here on the northern Coromandel Peninsula. To reinforce this study and to recognize trends in the local population, a new census is being performed.

A kiwi census is a time-consuming activity and so they are only done sporadically. The Moehau Environment Group is organizing one right now to survey the local region. It will take dozens of volunteers across many nights to complete the census. Hopefully there will be some good news out of it – at least a stable population, or perhaps (we hope) an increasing population.

The Coromandel Kiwi Project is a group of volunteers who manage about 180 pest control traps in the hills between Whangapoua Road and Flays Road. If you're interested in joining the group or in supporting us financially, please email CoromandelKiwiProject@meg.org.nz

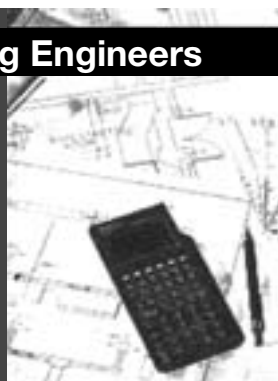
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Flowers of the forest

By Carol Sutherland

Oh for a tree fuchsia (kotukutuku)! Where are the mistletoes?

I doubt if anyone has seen a wood rose (pua reinga) for some time.

To many people botany is not a concern. A forest made up of many indigenous species or few, is still green. Thus, one might as well gush on about the mighty pine, or the pretty wattle, the “aromatic” woolly nightshade, the colourful gorse, or the lush ginger.

Nope, I can’t bring myself to do that. Nikaus have eked into my DNA, along with puriri and karaka. I have a strange liking for the not exactly handsome taupata, although I attribute that to growing up on the windswept hills of Wellington. For these are the things I not only relate to but I also see them as inherently belonging to the land. Thus, I have no desire to embrace those that are threatening the flora of Aotearoa.

Some of our flora is as endangered as much as our fauna, and although we as humans made the first almighty impact (most now realising slash and burn wasn’t exactly a good idea after all), the possums are finishing the job off.

Maybe some of us won’t miss the species the possums favour, as we get used to the altered forest, and might tell tourists and even ourselves that the forest is native and natural, but it ain’t right. If you know your miro from your manuka, will you miss the tawa?

According to Te Ara (The Encyclopedia of New Zealand): In the southern rātā-kāmahi forests of Westland, many valleys lost more than 50% of canopy trees within 15–20 years of possums arriving. The forest trees are then replaced by shrubs that are unpalatable to possums, and the area changes from tall forest to low open forest and shrublands.

Do we know what we have already lost here in Coromandel? I don’t (unless I go through historical data) as I wasn’t here before the arrival of the possum but I do know what they are still doing. Possums can be in densities as high as 25 per hectare, especially around native forest areas and they do not live off thin air. The flora is been picked off in the dead of the night, night after night. The last mistletoe I saw had a cage around it. Sadly, it attracts more possums than eligible blokes.

If not the whole plant, the possums are eating the fruits and flowers that native animals rely on. In addition, they eat eggs and chicks as well as invertebrates like the giant carnivorous snail. They spread TB and have even to be known to take over kiwi burrows. That is some rap sheet.

To those that do not have the flora of this land imbedded in their heart I can understand why you might think the possum is not as noxious as some NZers paint them to be. I guess the land is just not your scene. To those who have “gone native” and put out possum traps and bait stations, or contribute in some other way, the act is as a conscious one. It is neither a pleasant task nor a hobby; it is resisting extinction. Accepting slow extinction is the wimpy surrender of a defeatist. The land does not need nihilists; good lord there are enough of them running around elsewhere.

So, if anyone has some spare local seedlings of tree fuchsia please let me know as I want to have them near. I’d also love to learn one day how to propagate mistletoe (for the tuis of course). As for the pua reinga (flower of the underworld) it is interesting that it is also known as “the flower of Hades”. Even if our many different ancestors ultimately called it the same thing, if it is sighted anywhere in NZ a possum proof cage is the immediate answer, and hope there are some bats to pollinate it, for the kakapo no longer do.

No matter how precarious, flowers of the forest need not die.



NZ Lesser Short Tailed Bat (Mystacinidae taylorii) feeding on wood rose (Dactylanthus taylorii) flowers on the forest floor at Pureora. Nga Manu Images

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ALLOWING US TO SELL OUR WEEKLY RAFFLES

Sport

Coromandel Gymnastics Club

By Jessica Dziwulska

We're back! Sessions have started up again, after the holidays, and we are rearing to go with a few new changes.....

Gymnastics will now be held on Tuesdays and started back on 21 April, the first week of term two.

Our times have changed slightly. The junior group (4-6 years) will run from 3.45-4.30pm and the intermediate group (7 years plus) will start at 4.45pm and finish at 5.45pm. There are a few children who are ready for an extension group and they will join the intermediate group and then stay on for an extra half hour of extension work from 5.45-6.15pm. We will assess who is ready for this group in our first session back.

Our pricing structure is as follows: junior group \$7 casual or \$40 per term (eight sessions). Intermediates \$55 (1-hour session) and extension group \$65 (1.5 hour session). There are no casual prices available for the intermediate and extension group and all fees must be paid by the second week of the term to ensure your child has a place in the club.

Our coaches have been furthering their skills with ongoing training during term one and we have a full quota of coaches for this term. We are also excited to be working with Jamie Rose, the new Kiwisport officer for Coromandel and are hoping to receive a visit from NZGymsports Kiwisport officer Kerrie at some point during the term. Kerrie has an extensive background in gymnastics and is keen to offer her support to our club.

For those interested in helping out we have many things that need doing, big and small, and there is a job to suit every person and their availability. Let's make this club a real community effort and give our kids the best opportunities we can! We will be holding a beginner level coaching workshop on **Sunday 3 May** from 10am-2pm. This is a great opportunity for anyone who would like to help out on the gym floor, gain some skills, and increase their confidence (contact Jessica on (07) 866 8405 if you are interested; open to parents, whanau and student coaches).

Please phone Jessica on (07) 866 7066 or text 021 884 518 to register your child for gymnastics (places are now limited to ensure we can deliver the best and safest possible environment for each child)



Coromandel Croquet Club

By Judy Bronlund

Golf croquet will now be played on a Tuesday afternoon as well as on Thursday afternoons. We will continue to play croquet as usual on Tuesday and Saturday mornings. New members and visitors from out of town are most welcome to join us. This year we have had two separate visitors from Australia, the first was from Dubbo and more recently we had a man call in from the Coromandel Valley.

Contact Kaye (07) 866 968 or
Judy (07) 866 8637

Coromandel Golf Club

By Peter Gray



The Club's Championship Pennants team has had mixed success over the past month. After the team's encouraging Round 3 win at home in March they have lost to Walton at Hauraki in Rd 4 and also to Taumaranui at Tahuna in Rd 5. There are still two rounds before the finals for the team to recover some of their early form. The encouraging news is that they have performed well enough to retain their place in Div 4 for the 2016 season.

The Handicap Pennants team has struggled over the program and have missed qualification for the finals.

The Prebble Cup Team has performed well and has qualified for the quarter finals.

The deciding round for the mixed Goldfields team will be played at Purangi on **Sunday 17 May**. Coromandel is currently in second place but it will require a great team effort to dislodge home team Purangi from the top spot.

The ladies' pennant team is currently leading the BOP Northern Zone 2 after a great Rd2 win at Whangamata on 30 March. The team of Eugene Weimer, Glenise Robertson, Joan Evans, Linda Erceg, Sue Davies and Shirley Rose are confident they can continue their winning form in the Final at Tairua on 20 April.

Zim Mareroa showed that he is still collecting trophies by taking out the Hekter Cup (best 2 of 3 rounds net), recording a two-round total of 132 over Craig Dudson 133. Not bad for a golfer approaching another BIG "0" Birthday.

The Meat Pack/Laurie Olliff Trophy for March was shared by Peter Richardson and Ron Brooking with 41 pts from Calvin Gibson 39, Chris Fielding and Wayne Robertson 38.

Reminder

Saturday 9, 16, 23 May – Rd1, 2, 3 Beaver Cup (Final **6 June**)

Wednesday 27 May – Meat Pack Laurie Olliff Trophy

Saturday 30 May – Coromandel Mixed Open (C)

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



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See meeting list for class times

Coromandel Bowling Club

Newsletter – May 2015

We are now coming to the end of another successful bowling season. All our Open and local Tournaments have been extremely well attended, and supported. We will be holding our Closing Day and Prizegiving on 29 April at which we have two games of bowls, lunch and then prizegiving.

Next year we will be looking at shortening the length of play for our local matches, to cater for newer players to the game, and those who prefer a shorter day. In Australia many clubs have separate morning, afternoon and evening matches for people who have job and family commitments but still want to play bowls.

Open Tournaments will remain a full day of bowls.

Our Green - Our other great success this year has been the green itself which has played beautifully all year thanks to Eamonn Walsh, our green-keeper. Our green's surface is not grass but a small plant call starweed. The starweed gives us the very smooth surface that bowlers require and expect. We can achieve this surface, as we are able to cut the starweed very finely as the adjustments on the mower blades are in fractions of a millimetre. But starweed is also a very temperamental and delicate plant that needs lots of nurturing, to fight off many fungal diseases and feeding to keep it strong. One thing that has been very successful has been the fortnightly application of seaweed spray which has resulted in a much healthier green and the reduction of antifungal spray required.

One problem with starweed is that every so often it dies in patches and can take months or years for these areas to grow again. So Eamonn is going to try and grow another plant with the starweed called Leptinella (Cotula) maniototo, or just maniototo. This is a small creeper that hopefully will grow and fill in the spaces. In South Island, most greens are made up totally of maniototo. So when the green closes in early May, we will be slicing the surface a few millimetres and filling the cracks with starweed seeds and maniototo bulbils. I will let you know in October how successful it's been.



St Patrick's Day at the Bowling Club. You will recognise some familiar faces in the photo under the green "Guinness" Hats. What a fun day that was and proves the point that Martin (on the left!) always makes – "bowls are sometimes fun and not always serious".

500s Card Session will start at the Club on Tuesday 12 May at 1pm -4pm. Any queries contact Colin 866 8643.

Quiz Night will start at the Bowling Club on Thursday 14 May. Doors open at 6pm, quiz starting at 7pm. Light snacks will be available for those who need to feed their brain cells before the quiz or for those who are just hungry. Any queries contact Maureen.

Film Club 2015 - The Film Club has started its 5th season. If you wish to find out what's coming on then please send Martin an email so I can put you on the Film Club mailing list. I will need your name, phone number and email address. Films are generally every fortnight and we run until the end of October. You are very welcome to join our very friendly and informal film nights.

Contacts

Martin - (07) 866 8886 email: quail1352@gmail.com
Maureen - (07) 866 8282 email: maureenk556@gmail.com
Graeme - (07) 866 7931 email: grandiegoss@yahoo.co.nz

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ARE YOU THINKING OF HAVING THOSE NEEDED JOBS DONE?

Whether it be Carpentry, Decorating, Tiling, I can give you advice and a free quote. Call Vaughan on (07) 866 7969.

BEGINNERS YOGA WITH BECKS

Tuesday 5.20pm to 6.35pm at the Coro Gym. \$5, all welcome. Phone or text 027 407 0079 for more info.

BROKEN GLASS? Call Mike Coromandel Glass (07) 866 8869.

CARPENTRY: Windows, Doors, Decks, Kitchens. Sound Tradesman. Free Quotes. Vaughan Udall (07) 866 7969.

CLASSICAL HOMEOPATH Nicole McCauley. For appointments call 021 172 7583.

CLEAN UP - CLEAR OUT, GIVE GO GIRLS A SHOUT! Cleaning, gardening, lawns & weed eating, give our skills a test let GO GIRLS do the rest. Phone Lizzie (07) 866 8810/021 148 5261.

Poetry SPOT

Tribute to Eve

By Jocelyn Davey

The first great man was Adam
Or so the Bible says.
He went with Eve, she had two sons,
Became a Mother, I believe.

Our settler mothers washed in tubs,
Boiled a copper, cor!
They scrubbed the floor and polished it;
Had babies by the score.

A modern mother has it easy –
Many things to help her:
Fridge, a range, and washer, dryer
TV and wireless to inspire her!

But that's not all that mothers do:
They love, support and care;
And when the going's getting tough
Your mother will be there.

My nana lived till 93
My mother 96
I'm aiming for the nineties, too.
Our genes are in the mix.

And if I make it readers all,
I owe a lot to Mum
She was my mother, guide and friend
Until her life came to an end.

Mother's Day comes every year:
May, the second Sunday.
To celebrate, contact your mum
And make her day a fun day

Happy Mother's Day

COMPUTER AND TECHNOLOGY

SUPPORT. For fast and reliable help with your computer call Leon (07) 866 7206 or 021 140 9316. Email: techsupport@leonbarton.net. Web: www.leonbarton.net

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COROMANDEL CATTERY Boarding cattery for your feline friend - 5mins from Coromandel Town - Quality care with lots of loving attention. Ph Jessica (07) 866 8117 or 027 433 1665.

DYNAMIC TREE CARE - Professional local tree services for pruning, felling, removals & shaping. Season special - We'll beat any other quote by 10%. Offer ends May 31st. Contact (07) 866 8177 or 027 451 2224.

ELECTRICIAN, REGISTERED, Steve Garney, 17 Puriri Place, Tuateta, (07) 866 7669, 021 0244 0002.

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LOG SPLITTING. 10-15 cubic metres an hour. Minimum 4 hours Phone or txt Paul 027 967 1401.

MEDICINE WOMAN Plant Spells available available at Abby's Healing Haven 021 352 486, (07) 866 8157. Formulations for personal transformation by medicine woman Franchelle Ofsoko-Wyber, a genuine matakite.

ORGANIC SKIN COMPANY. Calendula cream and face care products for sale at Abby's Healing Haven. Stockist for River Veda organic perfumes, lipsticks, make-up and organic skincare. Organic facials available. 126 Te Tiki St, Coromandel (07) 866 8157.

PAINTING AND WALLPAPERING: Neat tidy work. Free Quotes. Vaughan Udall (07) 866 7969.

PIG HUNTERS I can bone & roll your pigs. Plain or seasoned \$30. Phone Ernie 021 0261 7945.

PRUNING & GARDEN CARE: help & advice Peter & Gill Bacchus (07) 866 7077.

RANCH SLIDER WONT SLIDE? Call Mike Coromandel Glass (07) 866 8869.

SOIL SOLUTIONS: Need help with soil testing and interpretation? Call Peter (07) 866 7077 or 027 263 2521.

THE LIGHTHOUSE STUDIO: Joinery/custom woodworking, furniture, Persian rugs and LOCAL ART. Between Coro Pies and Morrissey Automotive, down the green lane. 75 Wharf Rd 021 038 0923.

TILING: Wall and floor tile laying service. High standard of work. Free quotes. Vaughan Udall (07) 866 7969.

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

WINDOW CATCH BROKEN? Call Mike Coromandel Glass (07) 866 8869.

WINTER IS COMING: Jobs to be done! Phone Vaughan Udall for a free quote (07) 866 7969.

YOGA WITH JESSICA- Wednesdays 7-8:30pm at the Events Centre (above the school swimming pool). All welcome, equipment provided, \$8 per class. Ph: (07) 866 8405 or 021 884 518 for more info.

SITUATIONS VACANT

PART-TIME SKIPPER WANTED Anglers Lodge is looking for a skipper that can help with the charter fishing tours on our boat Anglers Lodge II. The lodge at Amodeo bay will be the base where we launch and retrieve with our tractor. Help is needed from July. Boat, fuel, equipment and bait is supplied by Anglers Lodge and we are open to any arrangement in regards to handling bookings. You have to be self-going and service minded with experience and genuine interest in the field of fishing. As a minimum you need to hold a Skipper Restricted License (SRL certificate) to be able to serve paying customers. The boat is a 7.5 m aluminium walk around certified to take 9 passengers + 1 skipper. We also do rock-hopper taxis. If we feel that the arrangement is working out well we are open to a discussion leading to a more permanent solution. www.anglers.co.nz E-mail: info@anglers.co.nz Phone: (07) 886 8584 Thomas or Johan.

WANTED

WANTED ALL LIVESTOCK. We inspect in the paddock. Also we transport every Thursday to Waikato's largest saleyards in Morrinsville. Phone Dave Coatsworth 0274 817 100.

WORKING COUPLE LOOKING TO MOVE BACK TO THE COROMANDEL TOWNSHIP about March/April 2016. We are looking for fulltime work if possible, anything considered. Deb has come from a busy transport office and Adrian a builder/handyman but at the moment working as a Pest Control Technician. We are also looking for long-term accommodation, clean and tidy tenants, no animals. Please contact Deb on 027 733 9303 anytime.

WORK WANTED

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

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

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

FOR RENT

HOUSE TO LET from 3 June to 20 September 2015. Fully furnished. \$150 pw plus electricity. Prefer couple with references. Pls email kayebb1@xtra.co.nz

SLEEPOUT AVAILABLE, \$100/wk + power, near Driving Creek Cafe, suit 1 person, gas hob, fridge, outside toilet, mezzanine bed, ph Naomi (07) 866 7337.

FOR SALE

COROMANDEL AREA SCHOOL

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Coromandel Town weekly and monthly meetings

Every Monday

Coro Gym – aerobics, Charles St, contact Peg (07) 866 8635.....8am
 Mahamudra Centre, guided meditation in gompaa..... 8.30-9am
 Rudolf Steiner Kindergarten, Rings Rd, contact Kelly (07) 866 7794..... 8.30am-2m
 Coromandel Hikers Group, Hauraki House, contact Don & Anne (07) 866 8885.....9am
 Colville Social Services Collective, Colville Hall, contact (07) 866 6920.....9am-3pm
 Kohanga Reo o Kapanga, contact (07) 866 8417.....9am-3pm
 Rudolf Steiner Playgroup, Rings Road, contact Kelly (07) 866 7794..... 9.30am-12.30pm
 Coro Gym – sit and be fit, Charles St, contact Peg (07) 866 8635..... 9.30am
 Aerobics low-high xtrng KiwiCan rooms, contact Evy (07) 866 8242 5.15-6.15pm
 Coro Gym – boxing/aerobics, contact Marty (07) 866 8635..... 5.30-6.15pm
 Shrinking Violets, contact Betsie (07) 866 7076..... 5.30pm
 Coro Contract Bridge, Coro Ambulance rooms, contact Natalie (07) 866 8422.....7pm
 Four-part harmony singing, contact Sue (07) 866 8833.....7.30pm

Every Tuesday

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

Every Wednesday

Dharma Gaia, Meditation, contact (07) 866 7995..... 6-7am
 Dharma Gaia, Sitting & Walking Meditation, contact (07) 866 7995..... 7.30-9pm
 Coro Gym – aerobics, Charles St, contact Peg (07) 866 8635..... 8am
 Mahamudra Centre, guided meditation in gompaa..... 8.30-9am
 Rudolf Steiner Kindergarten, Rings Rd, contact Kelly (07) 866 7794..... 8.30am-2pm
 Rudolf Steiner Nursery (<3's), Rings Rd, contact Kelly (07) 866 7794...8.30am-2pm
 Colville Bay Early Learning Centre, rear Colville School, contact Linda or Alex (07) 866 8319.....9am-3pm
 Colville Social Services Collective, Colville Hall, contact (07) 866 6920.....9am-3pm
 Kohanga Reo o Kapanga, contact (07) 866 8417.....9am-3pm
 Coro Gym – sit and be fit, Charles St, contact Peg (07) 866 8635..... 9.30am
 Coromandel Playcentre, Woollams Ave, contact Debbie (07) 866 7119 .. 9.45am-12.15pm
 Coro Gym – body sculpt, Charles St, contact Georgia (07) 866 8635 10.15-11.15am
 Coromandel Golf Club – mens, Hauraki Rd, contact Peter (07) 866 7633. tee off 12.30pm
 Scrabble Club, contact Joan for venue on (07) 866 7580.....1pm
 Coro Tennis Club – club night, Tiki Rd, contact Gayle (07) 866 8063.....4pm
 Wing Chun Kung Fu- Hong Kong Style, contact Chi Sau Club 027 283 0773.. 4.30-8.30pm
 Aerobics – hi/low, KiwiCan rooms CAS, contact Evy (07) 866 8242..... 5.15-6.15pm
 Running Group, meet at rugby club grounds. Contact Mark 027 338 6697 or (07) 866 7680..... 5-6.15pm
 Coro Gym – step/LBT, Charles St, contact Georgia (07) 866 8635..... 5.30-6.30pm
 Circuit Training – Hi-Tech Health & Fitness, contact Marlene (07) 866 8019..... 7pm
 Yoga, Events Centre (behind 4 Square) \$8, contact Jessica (07) 866 8405..... 7-8.30pm
 Discussion night-optional pot luck dinner, Mahamudra Centre, contact (07) 866 8851.....dinner 6pm, meeting 7-8.30pm
 Walking & sitting meditation, Dharma Gaia Centre, contact (07) 866 7995..... 7.30-9pm

Every Thursday

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

Every Friday

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

Every Saturday

Mahamudra Centre, guided meditation in gompaa..... 8.30-9am
 Coro Tennis Club – juniors, Rings Rd, contact Gayle (07) 866 8063.....9am
 Croquet, Woollams Ave, contact Judy (07) 866 86379.45am
 Coromandel Golf Club-club play, Hauraki Rd, contact Peter (07) 866 7633tee off 12.30pm
 Coromandel RSA, contact Ian (07) 866 7138 (winter 1st, 3rd & 5th Sat only)..... 4-10pm
 St Colmans Catholic Church-mass, Rings Rd, contact Frieda (07) 866 78725pm
 Prayers for dead and healing, Mahamudra Centre, contact (07) 866 6851..... 5-6pm

Every Sunday

Mahamudra Centre, guided meditation-in Gompaa, contact (07) 866 6851..... 10-10.30am
 Aerobics – step combo, KiwiCan rooms CAS, contact Evy (07) 866 8242 9-10am
 Elim Church Services, Rings Rd, contact Steve (07) 866 6900 10am-12 noon
 Coro Tennis Club-club play, Rings Rd, contact Gayle (07) 866 80632pm
 Swissball Training – Hi-Tech Health & Fitness, contact Marlene (07) 866 8019.....2pm
 Circuit Training – Hi-Tech Health & Fitness, contact Marlene (07) 866 8019..... 4pm
 Prayers for dead and healing, Mahamudra Centre, contact (07) 866 6851..... 5-6pm

Monthly

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

5th Sun – Christ Church/St Andrew's share10am

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**COROMANDEL
RUBBISH & RECYCLE
TRANSFER STATION &
E-CYCLE HOURS**
Tuesday and Thursday
1.30pm-5.30pm
Saturday 10.30am-5.30pm
Sunday 11.30am-7.30pm

1 High tide 4.56am (2.5m), 5.31pm (2.5m)
Low tide 11.11am (0.8m), 11.31pm (0.8m)
► Best bite 9.30am/pm

2 High tide 5.41am (2.6m), 6.16pm (2.6m)
Low tide 11.54am (0.7m)
► Best bite 10am/pm

3 High tide 6.24am (2.6m), 6.58pm (2.7m)
Low tide 12.13am (0.7m), 12.35pm (0.6m)
►►►► Best bite 11.30am/pm

4 High tide 7.05am (2.7m), 7.38pm (2.8m)
Low tide 12.54am (0.6m), 1.16pm (0.5m)
►►►► Best bite 12am/pm

5 Hauraki House drop-in starts (see pg 25)
High tide 7.47am (2.7m), 8.17pm (2.8m)
Low tide 1.34am (0.6m), 1.55pm (0.5m)
►►►► Best bite 12.30am/pm

6 High tide 8.29am (2.7m), 8.58pm (2.9m)
Low tide 2.15am (0.5m), 2.36pm (0.4m)
►►►► Best bite 1am/pm

7 Roast Dinner theme night at Pepper Tree Restaurant (see ad pg 6)
High tide 9.12am (2.7m), 9.40pm (2.9m)
Low tide 2.57am (0.5m), 3.17pm (0.4m)
► Best bite 2am/pm

8 High tide 9.56am (2.7m), 10.24pm (2.9m)
Low tide 3.42am (0.5m), 4pm (0.4m)
► Best bite 3am/pm

9 RD1 Beaver Cup at Coromandel Golf Course (see pg 28)
High tide 10.42am (2.7m), 11.12pm (2.8m)
Low tide 4.29am (0.5m), 4.45pm (0.5m)
► Best bite 4am/pm

10 High tide 11.31am (2.7m)
Low tide 5.19am (0.5m), 5.35pm (0.5m)
►►► Best bite 5am/pm

11 High tide 12.03am (2.8m), 12.23pm (2.7m)
Low tide 6.12am (0.6m), 6.29pm (0.6m)
►►► Best bite 6am/pm

12 High tide 12.58am (2.8m), 1.20pm (2.7m)
Low tide 7.09am (0.6m), 7.30pm (0.6m)
►►► Best bite 6.30am/pm

13 High tide 1.57am (2.8m), 2.21pm (2.7m)
Low tide 8.08am (0.5m), 8.34pm (0.6m)
►►► Best bite 7am/pm

14 Toenail Clinic and Kaiwhakaora at Te Korowai Hauora o Hauraki (see pg 15)
French theme night at Pepper Tree Restaurant (see ad pg 6)
High tide 2.57am (2.8m), 3.25pm (2.7m)
Low tide 9.08am (0.5m), 9.38pm (0.5m)
► Best bite 8am/pm

15 Songs for the Mountain concert (see pg 25)
High tide 3.56am (2.9m), 4.28pm (2.8m)
Low tide 10.08am (0.4m), 10.36pm (0.5m)
► Best bite 9am/pm

16 RD2 Beaver Cup at Coromandel Golf Course (see pg 28)
High tide 4.55am (2.9m), 5.27pm (2.9m)
Low tide 1.105am (0.4m), 11.35pm (0.4m)
► Best bite 10am/pm

17 High tide 5.51am (3.0m), 6.23pm (3.0m)
Low tide 12pm (0.3m)
►►► Best bite 11am/pm

18 High tide 6.45am (3.0m), 7.16pm (3.1m)
Low tide 12.28am (0.4m), 12.53pm (0.2m)
►►► Best bite 12am/pm

19 High tide 7.38am (3.0m), 8.06pm (3.1m)
Low tide 1.20am (0.4m), 1.44pm (0.2m)
►►► Best bite 12.30am/pm

20 Ear Health Clinic at Te Korowai Hauora o Hauraki (see pg 15)
High tide 8.29am (3.0m), 8.54pm (3.1m)
Low tide 2.10am (0.4m), 2.32pm (0.3m)
► Best bite 1am/pm

21 Coromandel Kiwi Project Public Meeting (see pg 26)
3-course dinner theme night at Pepper Tree Restaurant (see ad pg 6)
High tide 9.19am (2.9m), 9.42pm (3.0m)
Low tide 2.95am (0.4m), 3.19pm (0.3m)
► Best bite 2am/pm

22 High tide 10.07am (2.8m), 10.29pm (2.9m)
Low tide 3.46am (0.4m), 4.05pm (0.4m)
► Best bite 3am/pm

23 Biodynamic gardening workshop (see pg 4)
RD3 Beaver Cup at Coromandel Golf Course (see pg 28)
High tide 10.54am (2.7m), 11.15pm (2.8m)
Low tide 4.37am (0.5m), 4.51pm (0.5m)
► Best bite 4am/pm

24 Evensong restarts at Christ Church (see pg 18)
High tide 11.41am (2.6m)
Low tide 5.26am (0.6m), 5.37pm (0.6m)
►►► Best bite 4.30am/pm

25 Dancing In The Dark event (see pg 5)
High tide 12.08am (2.7m), 12.29pm (2.5m)
Low tide 6.16am (0.7m), 6.27pm (0.7m)
►►► Best bite 5.30am/pm

26 High tide 12.51am (2.8m), 1.18pm (2.4m)
Low tide 7.06am (0.8m), 7.19pm (0.8m)
►►► Best bite 6am/pm

27 Meat Pack Laurie Oliff Trophy at Coromandel Golf Course (see pg 28)
High tide 1.41am (2.5m), 2.11pm (2.4m)
Low tide 7.58am (0.8m), 8.13pm (0.9m)
► Best bite 7am/pm

28 SeniorNet AGM (see pg 11)
Kaiwhakaora with Jim Kingi at Te Korowai Hauora o Hauraki (see pg 15)
Japanese theme night at Pepper Tree Restaurant (see ad pg 6)
High tide 3.31am (2.5m), 3.05pm (2.4m)
Low tide 8.48am (0.9m), 9.11pm (0.9m)
► Best bite 7.30am/pm

29 Coromandel Players present three one-act plays (see ad pg 25)
Museum Monthly Competition closes (see pg 20)
High tide 3.21am (2.5m), 3.59pm (2.4m)
Low tide 9.39am (0.8m), 10.09pm (m)
► Best bite 8.30am/pm

30 Coromandel Players present three one-act plays (see ad pg 25)
Coromandel Mixed Open at Coromandel Golf Course (see pg 28)
High tide 4.10am (2.5m), 4.51pm (2.5m)
Low tide 10.28am (0.7m), 10.52pm (0.8m)
► Best bite 9am/pm

31 High tide 4.58am (2.5m), 5.38pm (2.6m)
Low tide 11.15am (0.7m), 11.37pm (0.7m)
► Best bite 10am/pm

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