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Editor's comments

Before we get into May, let me just let you know that on 30 April the Beech family would you like you to join them for Murray Beech's Headstone Unveiling Service – see classified advert under public notices on pg 30.

May brings the inaugural Seafood Fest at Coromandel Area School's top field (see opposite page).

Also May brings the start of the Pepper Tree Winter Theme nights (see ad pg 5), and winter quiz nights return (see ad pg 7) – this year at The Club.

I have enjoyed seeing beautiful sunrises and sunsets during April. Here is one of the sunsets below – beautiful Coromandel.

Debbie



Letters

Fern birds

To The Editor,

Regarding the MEG article on page 24 of the April issue, it was good news that we have been granted \$366,000 from Waikato Regional Council's Natural Heritage Fund. This is to be spread across four years to help support several threatened bird species including the fern bird.

It is a shame that no one told Thames Coromandel District Council that fern birds are a threatened species and funding was there to support them.

On 15 January at number 8 Koromiko Drive, a digger was used to clear wetlands, which is an activity that absolutely prohibited. Fern birds live in this piece of wetland and were nesting when it was cleared right down to bare earth, the spoil thrown into the little lagoons. These small waterbodies are the home of many native fish and insects and are part of the ecosystem that we are supposed to be trying to protect.

Greg Hampton, Area Manager, TCDC said the scale of areas cleared was small and he was confident that any impact on the wider fern bird habitat would be minor. He also stated the due to the heavy infestation of weeds the digger was used. The residents of Koromiko Drive disagree and are absolutely devastated that this has happened. The residents also state the weed problem was only minor and could easily have been tackled by hand as indeed the Covenants covering these wetlands demand.

And the Council think this is a minor event. Well it's not if you are of the family of native species now dependant on the remnants of what were great wetlands to survive.

From The Concerned Residents of Koromiko Drive, Coromandel Town

Life

By Beryl van Donk

How can we enjoy sunshine
If we have never known rain.
How can we enjoy happiness
If we have never known sorrow
And pain

How can we enjoy silence
If we have only known clamour
And noise. Until sorrow has carved
A well in us, can we fill it with
All of life's joys.

*Poem published by
Triumph House UK.*

Kauri Dieback, Long Bay, Coromandel

A recent letter to The Parks and Reserves Manager, TCDC

Dear Mr Thompson,

At our most recent meeting of the Branch Committee a report was tabled about a meeting representatives of this F&B Branch had with your Mr Chris Muller and kauri dieback Co-ordinator Ms Jeanie Allport.

This was a very fruitful meeting where Jeanie Allport's up-to-date knowledge of the disease, kauri dieback, and Chris Muller's knowledge of what can reasonably be done to contain it, were pitted against our concerns for the welfare of the trees.

We wish to thank you for your fast response to our concerns and the inclusion of Ms Allport who provided a broader view of the problem. Both Mr Muller and Ms Allport thought a more permanent solution than the one suggested by us, was called for. Their answers to our questions were such that F&B felt satisfied that all that could be done, was already being embarked upon.

Many thanks for your part in moving things along so effectively.

Yours faithfully,
Rex Croucher, Branch Secretary, Royal Forest & Bird Protection Society of N.Z. Inc, Upper Coromandel Branch, Coromandel Town

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Poetry
SPOT

Coromandel Seafood Fest

By Sandra Wilson

The new Coromandel Seafood Fest is happening on **Saturday 7 May** at the Coromandel Area School, top field, 10am-5pm. The event is a fun day for all the family with plenty of things on offer like live entertainment, displays, stalls, bouncy castle, balloons and fine cuisine.

The festival not only showcases our famous kaimoana but also food to suit everyone's tastes. We have cooking demonstrations by celebrity Derek the Chef and a cook-off between Umu Café, Pepper Tree Restaurant and Success Café. There will be demonstrations on oyster shucking and mussel opening plus learn how to fillet fish. Also we have a



Derek the Chef

family fishing competition that has an open section for the adults and just \$20 to enter, plus a children's section that is free with plenty of prizes on offer.

Check out the marine art exhibition and a wearable art show plus you have the chance to vote for your favourite with a people's choice award. There is also a chance to win a mystery prize

by giving us your feedback on the event. Best of all entry is by gold coin with proceeds going to Coromandel Area School.

Programme of events

10.30am, 11.30am, 12.30pm and 1.30pm – Derek the Chef demonstrations – filleting

fish, oyster shucking and mussel opening throughout the day.

1-2pm – Fish measuring and photographing

2-3pm Cook off

3-4pm Wearable arts

4-5pm Prize-giving: cook-off, art exhibition, wearable art, fishing comp, prize draws and survey feedback all announced.

Coromandel Town Walking Group

By Elspeth Campbell

Since Easter the group has started walking at 9am, with the result that we are now seeing a few more people joining us. It's good to see them back. We have had some pleasant walks around the town and are enjoying the slightly cooler weather. Several of us carpool and travel in from Te Kouma, taking the opportunity to do a bit of shopping afterwards. We walk on Tuesdays and Thursdays for an hour, meeting outside the Lotto dairy at 9am. You are welcome to join us.

Enquiries to Ruth, phone (07) 866 7246

Calling all great seafood recipes

Coromandel Area School is compiling a seafood recipe book as a fundraiser this year and we would love members of the community to send in their family favourite, tried and tested seafood recipes.

If you have a recipe you would like to contribute please email it to corokaimoana@gmail.com.

To follow our progress join us on Facebook at Coromandel Kaimoana



Seafood Fest

Saturday May 7th

at the Coromandel Area School (top field)

If you are interested in displaying a stall at this event contact the number below.

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10am to 5pm

Features:

Oyster/mussel shucking

Fish filleting/food demonstrations

Fishing competition

Marine Art Exhibition

Celebrity Derek the Chef

Local restaurant seafood cook off

Stalls and displays

Live bands and more

coromandeltown.co.nz/seafood-fest



Heart Beat – St John Ambulance Coromandel/Colville

By Felix O'Carroll, Station Manager, Coromandel

Winter weather has already set in and I hope you all have considered getting an influenza vaccination. Commonly called the flu, it can be a serious illness and infection. It may lead to a stay in hospital for any age group, but particularly if you are elderly or have ongoing medical conditions. Being fit will not stop you getting the flu, so we recommend that everyone should get the vaccination. Call your doctor to make an appointment.

Call-outs for the period are similar to last year with 34 incidents recorded, of those 94.12% (32) were transported to a treatment centre. This steady period was not helped with unavailability of staff or shortage of volunteers. However we continue to work as best we can with a dedicated team working side by side for the community.

Our recruitment program was underway as this article was written and we have had some interest from people newly into the area who may become members. We welcome all enquiries so if interested don't hesitate give us a call. If you want to learn life-saving skills, be part of a dedicated team and help your community, then maybe this is for you.

St John annual appeal has come and gone and we thank all those who have contributed to this important event. We are a charity and reliant on your generosity so again our thanks. During the St John annual appeal we held a raffle and would like to congratulate our winner: Linda Dagleish. Thanks to all those who supported this raffle.

Thanks to the local community and visitors to the area for coming along to our Open Day on Saturday 16 April. We had a Pop Up opportunity shop operating, tours of the station and introduction to our new equipment and training gear. We also held CPR demonstrations and members of the public also got a chance to meet the team and enjoyed a BBQ while on site.

Staff profile:

Name: Annette James

Position: St John ambulances volunteer (Coromandel Station)

Why did you join St John Ambulance as a volunteer?

We moved up to Coromandel from Wellington three years ago where I worked full time. I have always wanted to do something for the community and now, I was only working part-time, so I finally felt that I could contribute some time to St John.

How long have you been a member of St John?

18 months.

What is it you most enjoy about being an ambulance officer?

I enjoy being able to make a difference to someone who is hurt or unwell. I also enjoy meeting people and becoming a part of my community.

Would you recommend joining St John to others and why?

I would recommend joining St John as a volunteer if you think you have some time and energy to offer. I used to think "I'll do it later." But then I noticed that they were asking for help every month in the Chronicle. We are a very small team and really need more people to help cover all the shifts.

Stay well, keep safe.



For more enquiries call the station and talk to the duty officer or leave a message (07) 866 8279 to find out more

Mahamudra Centre

By Sarah Brooks

Mahamudra Centre will be re-opening **3 May** after our silent Insight Meditation retreat. Our next big event is the week-long retreat with the dynamic and fascinating Venerable Robina Courtin, **22-29 May**. Originally from Australia, Ven. Robina travels the world year-round teaching, and just edited a book by Lama Zopa Rinpoche called "How to Enjoy Death: Preparing for Life's Final Challenge without Fear." She has an incredible life story, and much of her work has been to help people in prison – you can learn more about her on her website www.robinacourtin.com. There are still places available in the retreat, but pre-registration is essential. Details are on our website at www.mahamudra.org.nz, and as always to encourage our community to come we are happy to make arrangements for locals to come on a daily basis.

Weekly Thursday morning meditation at the Havalona Pyramid in Coromandel continues. We have a reliable group of regulars who come almost every week, and often drop-ins as well. All are welcome, and no previous experience necessary. The Pyramid is a lovely space of healing, and is located behind the Driving Creek Café on Driving Creek Rd.

We've gotten lots of lovely new things in our shop, and welcome visitors who would just like to stop by, say hello, and enjoy the grounds. Please let us know in advance if you'd like meals or accommodation so we can be sure to prepare for your arrival.

We hope to see you at Mahamudra!

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Tokatea

By Don Goodall

Take the Kennedy Bay road from Coromandel. At the summit pull into the parking area on the left, and check out the view.

Before you is the perfect horseshoe shape of Kennedy Bay. At the northern entrance is a peak locals call Jumbo. Beneath lies hidden treasure, so some locals believe. Two escaped convicts arrived at Kennedy Bay, attacked the local trader there, robbed him of his possessions and money, and commandeered a ship. The ship foundered off Jumbo and some say the "treasure" is still lying there.

Behind you, in the bank, is a "cave". It served as the cool storage area for the hotel which sat before it. The two storey Tokatea Hotel was dragged up on site by bullock teams. Probably from Kikowhakarere, originally sited alongside Captain Calloway's historic house.

When the gold mines at Tokatea became less productive, the hotel was dragged north along the ridge top, to end up at Colville. Another enormous feat of early transportation.

From the hotel site, looking left of the road, you can see remnants of the trails made in the scrub and hillside where the miners had their canvas tents and

squats of nikau. Feel the coolness of the wind, imagine the fires and warmth of the hotel – it was preferable to the draughty canvas "homes" of the miners, and trade was up accordingly.

Gaze across the road and downhill. Can you make out the faint tracks in the hill side? Here were the wooden and earth flumes, conducting water down these races to the mines on the Kennedy Bay side of the ranges, such as the Royal Oak. At some places, woollen fleeces or coarse cloths were laid in "riffles" to capture the gold pieces as they rumbled down. [These trails are more clearly visible if you descend some way down the hill.]

Behind the cave, find the track that leads across the face of the cliff facing west towards Coromandel. Check out the various mine tunnels. They go in various distances, but when the miners left they covered the drops with boards and timber – these have surely become rotten and could collapse under your feet. These were not company tunnels or shafts, they were dug by "tributers", after companies reckoned their claims were exhausted.

Finally climb the track to the summit. The trail is clearly marked. Don't deviate as several scrub covered holes are just off-track – ventilation shafts for the mines below. Some drops are up to 250 metres.

On a clear evening you can see the red light atop Sky Tower. And the silvery-golden glow of Auckland city lights is visible, more so if there is a low cloud ceiling above. It is quite ethereal, even romantic.

You will observe international aeroplanes flying into Auckland from the east. Behind you, you can make out the holes dug by Pop Lucas and his Coromandel men during WW2. They manned these observation posts for several years after 1941, watching for Japanese war planes.

The final notable feature is the direction finder mounted by Coromandel Lions in the early 1980s. Set on a concrete stand is mounted a stainless steel plate. On a clear day you can make out the Hen and Chicken Islands off Whangarei, and White Island may be steaming in the Bay of Plenty.

The local Lions Club, including Maurice Brickell, lugged buckets of water, gravel and sacks of cement up the track from their vehicles. And Barry Brickell arranged for the stainless steel disc to be purchased and engraved. To my knowledge this was another of his gifts to the town.

To find out more, pay a visit to the Coromandel Museum

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Coromandel Business Association

By Christine Petrie, Secretary

On 1 April two important new pieces of legislation affecting businesses and some not-for-profits came into effect: The Employment Standards Legislation Bill; and The Health and Safety at Work Act.

We encourage all businesses to take time to understand how these bills might affect them. If they work as intended they will protect all people involved in business and so will lead to a stronger, healthier community. If you are unsure, there is plenty of information available about the laws on the relevant government websites.

The inaugural Seafood Fest is happening on **7 May** and we are thankful to the hard work of a small team of volunteers who have established this event within a short timeframe. Be sure to like the Facebook page "Coromandel Seafood Fest" so that you can keep up to date with what will be happening and invite your friends and family from out of town to come along.

The Illume planning is well underway. It's never too early to start thinking about how you are going to light yourself up and join in the fun. If you would like to host a stall at the Friday night market or enter a float into the parade then either download a form from the Illume website - www.illumefest.co.nz - or pop in to the Information Centre to collect one.

Some of you may have noticed that recreational fishers were advised in the "Our Coromandel" leaflet not to use the Sugarloaf wharf. While we fully support the commercial fishing operations that operate out of that facility we have expressed our concern to the TCDC that issuing this instruction without providing alternative solutions may have a negative impact on the many businesses in town that support the recreational fisher industry. The CBA is committed to working with all interested stakeholders to ensure that safe and practicable facilities are available to all.

Finally, for readers involved with no-for-profit organisations, we have a DVD available for hire for a small fee at the Information Centre that gives some great tips about how to build and maintain a sustainable funding base.

"Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible." – Francis of Assisi

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Coromandel Community Garden

By Louis Kittleson

The days are growing shorter and soon the longest night will be upon us. We are busy sowing cover crops to winter some of our beds. Salads, broccoli, snow peas, carrots, and beetroot are going in as well. Compost, compost, compost. We are rapidly filling up our compost bins with old plant matter, weeds, seaweed, coffee, and horse poo. The pumpkin harvest was amazing. The citrus trees are looking ever so promising. What an amazing summer in the gardens.

We are looking for new volunteers. If you would like to learn about gardening or just garden with others and share in the harvest, then please come around every Thursday afternoon around 2pm.

Sunny Spot for Shady Characters

By Catherine Delahunty, Green MP

Is this country a tax haven for wealthy global tax evaders? The international journalists investigating this story certainly think so. Will this government investigate these challenges? Not looking likely, is it? The water bottling companies exporting free water in plastic bottles are doing so without tangata whenua or public consent. Will the government stop this export and at the very least consider some rules around this? Not going to happen on their watch. 62% of monitored rivers are too polluted to be swimmable. Will the government lift the national goal from "boatable and wadeable" to swimmable? They say it's just too hard. Finding an affordable house to rent or buy in Auckland is impossible and the prices are now affecting Coromandel housing. Will the government act to reduce housing speculation by bringing in a capital gains tax on houses that are not the family home? They won't even consider it. The benefit system is punitive and degrading with increasing numbers of people slipping deeper into poverty. Will the government create real jobs, discuss a Universal Basic Income or stop sanctions on beneficiaries? Absolutely not!

This country should be a safe place for refugees from war and dislocation not a haven for the super rich to protect their gross wealth. This country should value and protect freshwater for future generations and should clean up the waterways by controlling intensive agriculture and all sources of pollution. We can have swimmable rivers again and we owe that to our mokopuna and every species of life in the water. We can make housing affordable by intervening in the bubble and giving renters rights and protections. No one should be homeless in this wealthy country. We can explore new ways to support people in times of need and we can make a safety net that is respectful while also creating jobs. It's called leadership driven by a sense of interdependency in communities and with the rest of the natural world. We can be so much better than this.



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Coromandel Patchwork and Quilters

By Sharon Currie

Our meetings contain a lovely buzz of conversation and the hum of sewing machines as everyone is busy working on various projects. We have started this year's raffle quilt and several members are working on this. The other project for this year is making scrappy quilts and using up some of the material stash that all patchworkers seem to accumulate. In May we have a class with Shirley Sparks. This is our first tutored class for this year. We also have a challenge to complete which needs to be handed in at the end of May. Our meetings give us a chance to share ideas and help each other and enjoy sharing a craft that gives a lot of pleasure in the making of a quilt and then seeing it on a bed or as a gift for a family member or a friend.

Our meetings 1st and 3rd (&5th) Monday 9.30am-4.00pm, St John Rooms, Tiki Rd, Coromandel. President Margaret Sinclair (07)866 7104, Secretary Barb Excell ph (07) 866 7493



Quilt made by Jo McNeil

CoroMFA Comment

By Gilbert James,
Chair, CoroMFA

As you will have heard, Minister Smith has stated that the Hauraki Gulf recreational fishing park, with extensive fishing closures, is to be established before the next election in late 2017. However, marine farming's contributions to this area is being recognised which is good to see. These benefits include increased recreational fishing opportunities and charter businesses and also enhancements to otherwise barren or marine invader burdened seabeds with NZ native greenshell mussels plus the effective artificial reefs that are the mussel farms. On the water, growing conditions are good and hopefully all on the water will enjoy a good autumn with more Indian summer weather.

We have recently set up a website for our Coromandel Marine Farmers' Association. This makes information available to all on who we are and what we do. You can check it out at www.coromfa.co.nz.

Meanwhile, we are pressing on with plans for our Sugarloaf Wharf development and expansion. We aim to have a consent application for the new expansion ready to go by the end of July. Safety is ever in our thoughts as it is currently a shared facility and the wharf development should help a lot in alleviating those risks, as well as improve loading operations.

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

Coromandel Family Health Centre

This time of year it's all about building up your immunity against winter's bugs.

Eat more fruit with vitamin C, steam your vegetables, keep your water intake up, wash your hands regularly and book an appt for your flu vax. These are free if you're 65+ or are high risk, and \$15 for all other registered patients (\$25 in most other places in NZ).

Dr Bryan and Dr Sandy will be back from their work in Tonga by the end of June. At present we have Dr Julianne White, then Dr Bob joins us mid May. And of course, the nurses you know and love remain the same.

When you come in, say hello to the two new receptionists, Tessa and Caro. (By the way, Emma's training as a flight attendant is going well and as we write this she is taking off on her first flight!).



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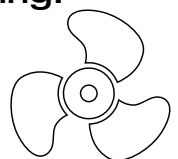
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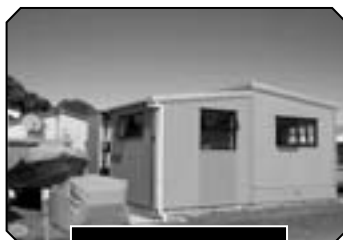
It's BIG, but your budget doesn't need to be! 768m2 ROW section with stream/reserve boundary. Double garage and ample storage underneath. You have a choice of 2 decking areas for afternoon BBQs or early morning coffees. The spacious interior features a large lounge with fireplace, open-plan kitchen/dining area, 4 double brms (master en-suite & office) & a wonderfully refurbished guest bathroom. **\$399,000**



New Listing



It's a little overgrown... but a purchaser with plenty of vision could have it looking great in no time! Approximately 600m from the centre of Coromandel Township and on the road to the local golf course, this 2,287m2 section features a large flat area which would be perfect for building a new boat shed and a cabin for weekend excursions. The balance of the property is in re-growth bush for a private backdrop. **\$165,000**



New Listing



This 4 year old purpose built caravan and permanent awning is ideally positioned 3 sites back from the beach front at the popular Papa Aroha Holiday Park. 2 double brms with an open-plan kitchen/dining/lounge area allowing sought after views to the Hauraki Gulf. This site cleverly utilises space to provide a private and sunny courtyard and parking. * (Bathroom facilities are shared camp amenities). **\$185,000**



New Listing



This property is ideally located near the town centre on a compact 300m2 section. The home is surprisingly spacious with an open-plan kitchen/dining/lounge area, internal access to a single garage/laundry, 2 double brms, bathroom & separate toilet. This small cottage would make an ideal holiday, retirement or affordable first home. [Please note: this property is tenanted - 24 hours' notice required to view] **\$329,000**



New Listing



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Just imagine relaxing on the verandah of your choice to soak up the outstanding Hauraki Gulf or Coromandel Harbour panoramas! The dramatic Wyuna Bay ridgeline setting of this private 1,118m2 property features a spacious 3 bedroom home with semi-open plan living areas, 2 bathrooms and an exterior lift allowing alternative access to the 2 garages. Plenty of vehicle/boat parking and landscaped gardens. **\$875,000**



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- * Tantalising Te Kouma
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- * Close to beaches
- * **\$449,000**



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- * Ahh... Te Kouma Bay
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- * Wyuna Bay magic
- * 2 x adjacent sections
- * Walk down to coastline
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- * **\$556,000**



- * Harbour panorama
- * 1,174m2 section
- * Town services
- * Walk to Long Bay
- * **\$199,000**



- * Wow... this one is big!
- * 24ha behind township
- * Fantastic wide views
- * A stunning bush retreat
- * **\$480,000**

Scott Simpson MP for Coromandel

Turning 65 in 2016 doesn't mean the same thing as it did in 1916.

Life expectancy is now 83.2 years for females and 79.5 years for males, based on death rates between 2012 and 2014. Of course many more people choose to work beyond 65 and are making an important contribution to our community and economy. Of course in regions like ours where we have one of the most "mature" populations in the country, seniors play a big role in the many voluntary organisations that are important to the day-to-day lives of our wider community.

Seniors vote in larger numbers too. We saw this in the recent flag referendum with turnout in the Coromandel the largest of any electorate in the North Island.

Time for the flu jab

Winter is on the way. With the change of season now clearly felt now is the time of year when most of us get a flu jab.

I urge everyone to invest some time getting a flu vaccine as I do every year.

This year's vaccine offers protection from three strains of the virus considered most likely to affect the Southern Hemisphere this winter. The seasonal

vaccine is altered most years to cover the strains of the virus that are circulating at the time.

1.2 million doses of the vaccine are expected to be distributed this year. Once again the government will make the vaccine free for pregnant women, anyone aged 65 years of age or over and children under 5 who suffer from respiratory illness.

Kiwibank

Kiwibank has become an integral part of our communities. There are nine branches in our region. Here on the Coromandel we are served very well by Kiwibank and I know how many people rely on their banking services.

I think New Zealand Post's proposal for the Accident Compensation Corporation (ACC) and the NZ Super Fund (NZSF) to purchase part of Kiwibank is a brilliant idea to retain Kiwibank in public ownership.

Kiwibank needs more capital. By ACC and NZ Super Fund investing it's a "win win" result for everyone. I am hoping that NZ Post, NZSF and ACC can work out the details to make this idea work and provide Kiwibank with the capital to become even more successful.

Flag referendum

Coromandel voters were amongst the most engaged in New Zealand when it came to participating in the final flag referendum. Our electorate had one of the highest voter turnout rates in the whole country. Over 37,000 votes were received from the Coromandel electorate.

At a practical level the debate has encouraged many people to fly a flag from their home, something most of us have only seen if we have travelled overseas. I hope it's a trend that will continue and I've certainly noticed more flags being flown around the electorate.



Scott Simpson having his flu vaccine

Coromandel Independent Living Trust

New faces at the Resource Centre

Two new friendly faces recently joined the CILT team and will be working in the Resource Centre during the maternity leave cover of Rebecca and Vanessa who are both due to have their first babies this month! Rochelle Still and Anna Galvin will share the role working two days a week each and will be available to answer all of your questions, provide travel assistance for hospital appointments, take bookings for the weekly mobility van, organise bookings for the Heartlands rooms at Tiki House and all of the other great services provided at the Resource Centre.

Resource Centre services

- Transport funding and volunteer drivers for holders of Community Services Cards to attend hospital appointments in Thames or Hamilton. We can also organise volunteer drivers for ACC funded patients.
- The weekly mobility van to Thames every Thursday, call or come in to book a seat before 1pm on Wednesdays. \$12 koha for adults and \$6 for children for a return trip.
- IRD are next in Coromandel Town on **15 June** and Maori Land Court on **24 November**. Call or come in to the Resource Centre to book an appointment.
- 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: Rebecca Leaker (Resource Centre Coordinator). Tiki House, 45 Tiki Road. Hours: 9am-3pm Monday-Thursday Ph/Fax: (07) 866 8358 Email: cilt@cilt.org.nz or Website: www.cilt.org.nz

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Library News

By Raewyn McKinney

We thank Pat and Stuart for running the book sale on Easter Saturday, and thank all those who supported this fundraising venture. This year, our Easter raffle was a \$50 voucher for Success Café. The lucky winner of the raffle was Marie Stewart and we are sure she will enjoy her prize. Apparently, some people were disappointed we did not have a basket of Easter eggs as a prize, so we may return to the tried and true for next year, but, in the meantime, we thank all those who bought tickets in this year's raffle.

We are pleased to welcome Sally to the team at the library. Some of our volunteers will be away over the winter, so there will be some new faces on duty, or volunteers appearing on different days.

New additions to the library this month include:

Gone Astray by Michelle Davies



When Lesley Kinnock buys a lottery ticket on a whim, it changes her life more than she could have imagined... Lesley and her husband Mack are the sudden winners of a GBP15 million EuroMillions jackpot. They move with their 15-year-old daughter Rosie to an exclusive gated estate in Buckinghamshire, leaving behind their ordinary lives – and

friends – as they are catapulted into wealth beyond their wildest dreams. But it soon turns into their darkest nightmare when, one beautiful spring afternoon, Lesley returns to their house to find their daughter is gone. DC Maggie Neville is assigned to be Family Liaison Officer to Lesley and Mack, supporting them while quietly trying to investigate the family. And she has a crisis threatening her own life – a secret from the past that could shatter everything she's worked so hard to build. As Lesley and Maggie desperately try to find Rosie, their fates hurtle together on a collision course that threatens to end in tragedy. Money can't buy you happiness. One moment really can change your life forever.

A Sunburnt Childhood: Growing Up in the Territory by Toni Tapp Courtts



Toni Tapp grew up on the massive Killarney Station, where her stepfather, Bill Tapp, was a cattle king. But there was no "big house" here – ... She lived in a shack that had no electricity and no running water. The oppressive climate of the Territory – either wet or dry – tested everyone. Fish were known to rain from the sky and sometimes good men drank too much and drowned trying to cross swollen rivers. Toni grew up with the Aboriginal people who lived and worked on the station, and got into scrapes with her ever-increasing number of

siblings.... When she was sent to boarding school all she wanted to do was go back to the land she loved, despite the fact that her parents' marriage was struggling... Toni's love of the natural world and of people alike has resulted in a tender portrait of a life that many people would consider tough.

Becoming Nicole: The Transformation of an American Family by Amy Ellis Nutt



The inspiring true story of a transgender girl, her identical twin brother, and an ordinary American family's extraordinary journey.... When Wayne and Kelly Maines adopted identical twin boys, they thought their lives were complete. But it wasn't long before they noticed a marked difference between Jonas and his brother, Wyatt. Jonas preferred sports and trucks and many of the things little boys were supposed to like; but Wyatt liked princess dolls and dress-up and playing Little Mermaid. By the time the twins were toddlers, confusion over Wyatt's insistence that he was female began to tear the family apart... *Becoming Nicole* chronicles a journey that could have destroyed a family but instead brought it closer together.

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Coromandel Budget Advisory Service

By Anna Galvin

Winter's on its way. Although the days still hold plenty of heat, the nights are cooling down and the mornings are brisk.

We are starting to think about heating for winter and how that increases our expenses; in budgets that have very little room for movement this can cause great stress.

Here are some handy hints around this topic:

A damp house is more expensive to heat so make sure you air your house out by regularly opening windows and doors, even on a cool day. This will remove the damp air from your house and replace it with cooler drier air, which will be less expensive to heat.

Cooking a slow cook roast or casserole is great way to warm the house at the same time as make dinner and when slow cooking meat you can use cheaper cuts.

To get more out of a radiator or fin heater tape a couple of layers of aluminium foil (shiny side out) to cardboard and put on the wall next to the heater. This will reflect the heat out into the room instead of letting it be absorbed into the wall.

Create "cosy zones" in your home and only heat the rooms you are using by keeping doors closed and using draft stoppers.

If the thought of increased bills has made you realise it is time to get budgeting advice we strongly encourage you to take the plunge and call us, and yes, we know how daunting this step can be, so we commend those who find the courage to pick up the phone and call us for an appointment. For any of you out there who find that even this step is too hard, there is another option at your fingertips. The New Zealand Federation of Family Budgeting Services has created a national website <http://www.familybudgeting.org.nz/> which is full of great advice and will give you an idea of how we can help. Once that first step is made, your burden will feel lighter, so please, make that call, and let us 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, Leigh or John. The office at 950 Rings Road is open Monday to Friday 11.00am - 2.00 pm and other times by appointment. The Budget cell phone number is 022 018 0849 - we reply to texts and messages during office hours

Just for a laugh!

A Texan rancher was in Australia for a holiday. There he meets an Aussie farmer and gets talking and a walk around. The Aussie farmer shows off his big field and the Texan says, "Oh! We have wheat fields that are at least twice as large." Then they walk around the farm and the Aussie farmer shows off his herd of cattle. The Texan immediately says, "We have longhorns that are at least twice as large as your cows."

The conversation has almost died when the Texan sees a herd of kangaroos hopping across the field. "And what are those?" he asks shaking his head incredulously and the farmer replies, "Don't you have grasshoppers in Texas?"

Joke sent in by Beryl van Donk. If you know a good joke that would be suitable for the Chronicle, then please send to corochronicle@gmail.com

Coromandel Embroiderers' Guild

By Diann Cade

This month we have a workshop to construct a small round box where members will use a piece of completed embroidery to decorate the lid. It is always satisfying to have another use for a piece of treasured stitching. There is a limit to how many framed works, mats, bags, or cushions one needs.

But with another attendance of 38 members at Guild this last month there is no doubt that we want to stitch MORE and will worry about what we will do with IT later.

The items on the Show and Tell table were evidence that there is a never ending supply of items being made. Members who attended the Great Escape weekend at Orewa also shared the outcomes of the workshops they attended. The next major event on the calendar is the attendance of the National Biennial event of the Association of New Zealand Embroiderers' Guild Conference in Auckland in July. With this come workshops to attend with local and international tutors.

In all we are inspired to keep stitching and to enjoy each others' company!

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



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Coromandel Contract Bridge Club

By Judy Bronlund

In May we will finish playing the Hauraki Pairs competition and start playing the Manaia Pairs. **15 May** is when we plan to hold a tournament. Please contact Val if you would like to play on a club night but need lessons. Contact Lyn if you are visiting Coromandel and would like to join us for an evening of bridge. We play each Monday evening at the St John rooms.

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Coromandel Harbour Update

Sugarloaf Expansion

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been agreed with Coromandel Marine Farmers Association (CoroMFA) for facility expansion. We will continue to work with CoroMFA on Sugarloaf operational improvements.

Investigations have commenced on the demand management initiative which aims to spread the recreational fishing load across facilities to help alleviate pressure on the Sugarloaf Wharf. The aim of the investigation is to profile all available ramps in the area with a view to educating users about alternative ramps to the Sugarloaf during peak times. If you have any information about ramps in the area that might be unknown to TCDC contact our area office to discuss.

Inner Harbour Concept

The Expression of interest (EOI) for potential partners is out in the market place and available for viewing on our website at www.tcdc.govt.nz/coroharbourproject

Projected Annual Plan 2016/17 Preview

Right now, we're looking at an average District-wide rates increase of around 2% for the 2016/17 financial year, a bit less than the 2.61% forecast in the Long Term Plan (LTP) 2015-2025. We're also currently forecasting that the average rates increase across the Community Boards will range from 1% to 5%, similar to what was projected in our LTP.

We're going over the work programme and the budgets to form the Annual Plan for the 2016/17 financial year beginning 1 July and there is little variation from what was in the LTP for the upcoming year. Recent legislation means that if there are no significant or material differences from the projection in our LTP, there is no requirement for formal consultation – but we would still like to get your feedback on our work programme.

Our Council will adopt the final Annual Plan at its 29 June 2016 meeting. In the meantime, we're still finalising the 2016/17 work programme and the budgets so some of the details may yet change.

Rates as forecast in 2015-2025 Long Term Plan, inclusive of GST.

Average District Rate as projected in the LTP.

\$2,579	\$2,555	\$2,417	\$2,450	\$2,504	\$2,576	\$2,643
2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17

Lighter colour indicates actual rate for that year, dark colour was rate forecast in the 2015-2025 LTP

COROMANDEL-COLVILLE PROJECTS:

Proceeding as indicated:

- Coromandel Sportville (conditional on business case)
- Consent renewal for water supply – Karaka (District project)

Proceeding with some changes:

- Coromandel Harbour Facilities Project increased to \$160,000 (District Project)

New projects:

- Coromandel Oamaru boat ramp renewals: \$52,000
- Coromandel Charter Fishing Customer 'park and ride' car park – Te Kouma: \$64,000

Removed from 2016-17:

- Sugarloaf reclamation expansion. Resource consent now being progressed and funded by industry. (District project)

Illume Winter Festival of Lights shines on

Now into its third year the Illume Winter Festival of Lights will be bigger and brighter than ever.

On Friday July 15 and Saturday 16 the main street of Coromandel Town will again be aglow with a variety of light installations and light features, lanterns, candles and all things that shine. There's also a street parade, fireworks, night markets, a kidzone area, live music and food stalls.

Bookings for stall holders or to enter a float contact Marlene Johnson

pandmjohanson@extra.co.nz

For more on the festival see www.illumefest.co.nz



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UPDATE

Coromandel to be a 'Motorhome Friendly Town'

The purchase of land behind the BP service station in Coromandel Town by the New Zealand Motor Caravan Association (NZMCA) is to be the catalyst for the town to become Motorhome Friendly.



The Motorhome Friendly scheme is an NZMCA initiative that offers the significant

economic benefits of motorhome tourism to participating towns – which tend to be mainly rural or provincial centres off the mainstream tourist routes – and, in return, assures members in Certified Self Contained motorhomes of a warm welcome.

"It will be a real boost for the town to be the first in our district to be included as a Motorhome Friendly Town," says Coromandel-Colville Community Board member Jane Warren.

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LONG BAY KAURI

As part of our on-going kauri protection measures we are about to construct a boardwalk through the 60m section of track that passes through the kauri rickers. The boardwalk will include the installation of a memorial seat and a small viewing platform at a point similar to where the existing seat is.

These works will begin after Anzac Day and will take about three weeks. Access to the main kauri tree will remain open via the campground track entrance. However the section of track from the main kauri tree to the Tucks Bay foot wash station will be closed until works are completed (signage and fencing will be in place).



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**Coromandel Town
Information Centre**

By Sandra Wilson

Sad to say we had an attempted break-in this month. Thankfully it was unsuccessful, but we have since increased our security measures.

The cooler weather has not deterred tourists. We have hosted tourists from Sweden, France, Great Britain, Israel, Argentina and Belgium, to name a few.

We are still looking for a permanent storage room/garage. If you can assist in any way with this, please contact me at the info centre. Our autumn/winter hours are Sunday – Thursday 10am-4pm, Friday and Saturday 10am – 5pm.

We are also here to support local community groups, sports teams, etc. Let us know by email, phone or pop in and see us and we can get your upcoming fundraising events, or games/activities out there to the wider community.

This month we have the inaugural Seafood Fest on **Saturday 7 May**, 10am – 5pm, Coromandel Area School, top field. Gold coin donation which goes to Coromandel Area School; see advert on pg 3 for further details.

And then next up is Illume: winter festival of light, on **Friday 15 and Saturday 16 July**. Mark it in your diary.

All InterCity and Ferry bookings will incur a \$7.00 service fee from **1 May 2016**.

Sorry, but we can no longer take cash payments for any transaction.

The information centre is also looking for volunteers to help out in the centre. Do you have three hours a week free? Do you like meeting new people? Come in and see me or give me a call. Yes, even over the winter time we are still the first point of contact for travelers.

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**MONDAY WALKERS**

By Libby Agar

Lately our tramping group visited Papa Aroha with John as our guide (photo at the "Big Tomato"), New Chum Beach and the Kauri Walk at Waionu, followed by reminiscing with a delicious lunch at Waionu Beach Café. We were recently joined by two young backpackers from Germany, Finja and Marit, who added to our enjoyment by sharing their fresh impressions. Natalie has taken some remarkable photos of the bluebottle jellyfish strewn about New Chum by the recent storms and included a fascinating description of these colonies which appear to our eyes as individual organisms.

I noticed in the April Chronicle that a footnote had been inserted into my last article welcoming dogs. I wish to add to the welcome that we are an environmentally aware group so dogs are expected to be controlled at all times. They run free on beaches where this is permitted but we have agreed they should be on leads in the bush; it being understood that kiwi are sleeping in the day and must be assumed to be present and vulnerable anywhere in the Coromandel. The dogs enjoy their foraging and we enjoy their enthusiasm. The weekly emails will indicate if we are going to be entering a dog-friendly area, which is usually the case. It is not a condition of joining the group but if you wish to arrange kiwi avoidance training for your dog/s refer to the link below which explains the procedure and gives contact details of trainers in our area.

<https://www.kiwisforkiwi.org/what-we-do/how-were-saving-kiwi/avoidance-training-for-dogs/>

Finally, we are delighted to welcome new trampers of moderate fitness. Please phone Ruth at the number below if you wish to join us on our Monday walks.

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Animal Rescue Thames

By Alice Parris

Thank mews for the donations of bedding and cat food; this is greatly appreciated. Also to everyone who has supported us. The garage sale was awesome- we had wonderful support and a full team of volunteers. The funds raised will help pay the over-\$700 vet bill we currently have, this mainly being crisis kitten and also special needs foods, and desexing costs. We have a little over which once vet bill is paid we will be looking at getting more cans of cat food we have almost run out of. Waiting for a decent special is starting to look like wishful thinking. So far at \$2.49 a can the amount we usually buy will mean that we can't buy the amount we want or need to. We will continue to watch for a \$2 special but we are getting the feeling that this won't happen.

HOMED – we have homed the garden trio – two of the tabbys have gone to Glenbrook (lovely farm home up there) and the sibling went with a blue tabby to Coroglen. We have gained nothing – yet – we still have three older tabby girls who wait patiently for that forever home. Foff and Nomoreaye are now in boarding unit and hate the fact they got evicted from house. This is always inevitable that because the youngers need more room, the olders have to face a change of lifestyle, be it in boarding unit or a play house unit. This is met with frowns and bad tempered brats who really do not approve the lifestyle change. They do settle in and enjoy more room to groove; it just takes them time. We feel for them because they have had a wonderful lifestyle in the house and all home comforts – outdoor living is bigger, but just not all those special things they have had.

Crisis kitten – this kitten was touch-and-go for four days – he was hospitalised at vet's where they did everything and more for our little man. When released from the vet's the big task was to get this kitten back to eating. Syringe feeds were met with protests but

accepted. He craved cuddles to which we made a compromise with the kitten: you eat your cookies and some of your meat, you can come out for cuddles. This kitten looks at me, then the food, picks up one cookie, grins, then spits it out and puts his nose in other bowl, then taps door with paw. I was floored at this smart as cat. This began as each time we let the others out, he would eat some food. Two nights later I am sorting out yoghurt for me – other kittens are out, kitten whines at me, and the look on face was sheer panic – others out, oh dear food in his plate and then he panicked and hoovered the entire plate of meat, then the plate of sachet meat – it was priceless. Poor wee man really panicked however he has recovered but we now own a glue stick – this kitten is glued to your face, glued to your legs, just stuck on us. He has to be right there with us but he

has survived, and is a delight, and only his massive vet bill to pay off.

His brother is perfectly fine, although he has an addiction yoghurt. He will happily demolish my yoghurt and spit out the apricot bits, clever cat

So in such trials and harsh times we do see some funny things and for the other kittens and older cats, they all need homes, forever homes. So if you have a quiet home, rural or farm these furrbabies would love to meet you

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Fur seal



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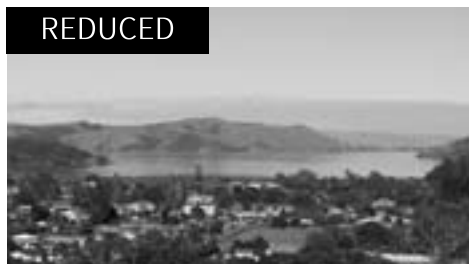
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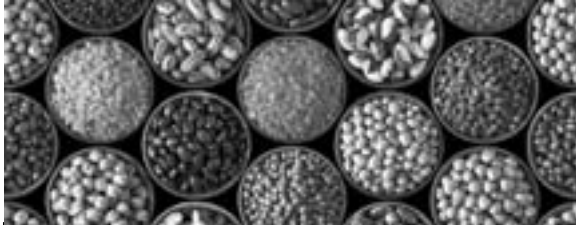
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Using dried beans and lentils in cooking

By Deborah Hide-Bayne

These autumn evenings are making me think about heartier food to make for the family. Do you use dried beans and lentils in your cooking? I do and they are useful and versatile store cupboard ingredients. This month I am celebrating the lentil!

Lentils are cheap, easy to cook and are good for you too – full of fibre and iron. The only thing to know about them really is that there are two types: those that go mushy when cooked and those that don't. The mushy ones are yellow, red or orange, and the non-mushy ones are green or brown. I really love the tiny French Puy ones (pronounced "pweee"). I use the mushy ones in soups or stews and the non-mushy ones in salads, or as a side dish or base for richer food.

Lentils are easy to cook. Rinse them well under the tap and then just cover them with water (approx. two-and-a-half cups of water to a cup of lentils), bring them to the boil, and simmer for 30 minutes or so until they are softer but still have a tiny bite to them. Don't add salt to the water as this seems to stop the lentils cooking properly; you can boil them for hours in salty water and they stay hard!

Here are some recipe ideas for how to use them:

Sausages with Mashed Potato and Puy Lentils

For four servings, use about $\frac{3}{4}$ of a cup of lentils. Boil lentils in unsalted water until cooked. In a frying pan, cook a thinly-sliced onion, some thinly-sliced garlic and olive oil until soft and just starting to brown. Drain the lentils and then add the contents of the fry pan and stir. Season really well and add extra olive oil or fresh herbs to taste. Serve as a side dish.

Lentils and Brown Rice

Lentils cook in the same time as brown rice so you can cook them together. So when you are cooking rice to accompany a meal, make it 50-50 lentils-rice and cook both in the same pot for 45 minutes until tender. You can also use the mix as a meal in itself (it is a complete protein) and just add veggies and/or a sauce.

Ham and Lentil Salad

This will make enough for a couple of meals. In a large saucepan cook up a ham hock (the butcher sells ones of various sizes – choose the amount of ham you want in the final dish), 2 cups Puy lentils and 5-6 cups of water with some herbs and a little sautéed onion. Cover and simmer until the lentils are tender and the meat is starting to come away from the bone (about 30 mins). Take the ham out, chop the meat up into bite-sized pieces, drain the lentils/onion/herbs and mix together. Add a good mustardy dressing and stir through. Serve warm (you could add some red onion or chopped celery for a bit of crunch too).

Museum News

By Raewyn McKinney

During winter, work continues behind the scenes at the museum. Many things are difficult to organise when the museum is open, so when our hours are reduced it gives us the opportunity to make changes. Recently, work has begun on the relocation of our display of Coromandel Hospital memorabilia. Thanks go to Val, Jennie and Judy, and we also thank Frank and Murray for carrying out all the heavy lifting and for their expertise in hanging display items on the wall. If anyone has more items from the hospital they would like to donate, please contact one of the committee members, so we can add them to the updated display.

Val, Jennie, Judy and Alison have been busy updating our records, and transferring archives to our database. We thank them for all of their hard work, and also thank their able assistants, Joan and Denise. This work is very time consuming and can be tedious, but it will be extremely valuable in the future.

Periodically, visitors to the museum enquire about the famous "two-headed cat". This exhibit has almost reached the status of myth, but I am assured it really was in the museum, but somehow mysteriously disappeared. If anyone can shed some light on this mystery, please contact someone on our committee. It seems many people enjoyed this display when they were children and are now disappointed they cannot share it with their children. It would be lovely to be able to at least let them know the history of the exhibit, or what became of it.

A few Saturdays ago, someone arrived at the museum with some shelf units he was willing to donate, if we could use them. Well, we have found they are just the thing to complete our education display. So, thank you very much for this kind donation, and we are only sorry we do not know the name of this generous person.

This month is a kind of anniversary for the Coromandel Hospital, as this item from Daily Southern Cross, 29 May 1872 shows:

"Coromandel: Steps For The Erection Of A Hospital.

Yesterday (Monday) afternoon a most influential meeting of the principal settlers of Coromandel took place at the Coromandel Hall, to form a committee, adopt measures for obtaining money towards building a hospital, and for making temporary arrangements in the meantime to secure hospital treatment to deserving cases... Major Keddell was unanimously voted into the chair, and explained the object for which the meeting had been called, the necessity there existed for hospital accommodation for these persons who were unfortunate in meeting with accidents, and hoped the resolutions about to be proposed would be acceptable to all. He called upon Mr. Cadman to address the meeting. – Mr. Cadman then moved, "That a committee... be appointed to devise the best means of founding a hospital, to make temporary arrangements for accidents to miners..." – Mr. Prescott seconded the motion... Mrs. Allen has now in hand and promised £102, the list being headed with a donation of £10 10a. from Mr. Thomas Morrin, of Auckland. Mr. Woollams and others gave substantial subscriptions, and guaranteed handsome amounts in case the erection of the hospital was commenced. Mr. Allen took much pains in getting up the meeting, and his wife deserves every credit for her activity and charity in collecting such a handsome amount."



During May the museum will be open from 1pm to 4pm on weekends. On Queen's Birthday Weekend the museum will be closed on Saturday for a private function, but will open from 1pm to 4pm on Sunday and Monday

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SeniorNet Coromandel

By Loes Beaver

SeniorNet hold group lessons on Thursday afternoons from 2.15-4pm at the Area School Music Room.

Small groups of members have been attending, and we have had some very constructive question and answer sessions. We are always open to new members, so if you think you might like to join just drop in and see what we do during the times above. If you wish to join we are there for you. Technology is progressing so fast it is sometimes hard to keep up so a short refresher course is often all that is needed.

A lesson on online banking is forecast for the future, also how to deal with scammers.

You may bring along your electronic equipment as we have WiFi access.

Our tutors are only too happy to help out with answering questions.

So if you would like to come along and meet us, please feel welcome to do so.

Our AGM will be held at the Music Room, Coromandel Area School, 2.15pm on **19 May**.

Contact Loes (07) 866 8053

Poetry SPOT

The Food I Miss the Most

By John Irvine

I've travelled all around the world
a dozen times or more,
and to find the best in haute cuisine
each city I explored

looking for the best there is,
for the food that satisfies,
to sample every national dish
from frog's legs to French fries.

I've had langoustines in phyllo
at Les Ambassadeurs--
the pick of French in Paris,
I can tell you that for sure.

I've had octopus in Athens
served grilled with ouzo sauce.
"Oiled Down" fish in Grenada
(which I swallowed with some force.)

Antipasto at St Ana's
put my appetite to rest.
This unassuming ristorante's
one of Roma's very best.

There's the Ritz Hotel in London
for those whose hearts are bold.
Scrambled eggs and sausages and
braised gammon—served near cold.

New Orleans loves its Creole,
and The Veranda does it well.
Shrimp rémoulade and salmon,
with crawfish in the shell.

I've eaten strudel in Vienna,
chop-sticked sushi in Japan,
dined on kangaroo in Sydney Town
and borscht in Astrakhan.

Chocolate in Switzerland,
Shenzhuen noodles in Kowloon.
Pickled fish in Sweden—
and haggis in Glasgee toon.

I've tried Irish spuds in Belfast
boiled up in Guinness stout,
and the leeks in stodgy béchamel
that the Welsh can't live without.

I've munched my way around the world
in a game of food I Spy,
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Mana Update

By Donna Idol

Autumn invites us to let go, to turn inward, to be open. The plain sense of things is revealed through the bare branches. We can see clearly into summer-hidden spaces. The holiday visitors are fewer; gardens and orchards have been harvested. Fewer distractions and more space encourages contemplation and reflection. This can be nourishing as well as challenging. There is time to walk in beauty, seek the company of inspiring reading, music, conversation, and time to cook a pot of mild autumn curry to enjoy with family, friends and neighbours.

Mild Autumn Curry – Serves 6

Created by Maria Drum - Mana Cook & Team Leader

1 brown onion
1 inch stick of ginger
6 cloves of garlic
2 tsp each cardamom, cinnamon,
turmeric, coriander, cumin,
garam masala
1 red chilli (optional)
1 butternut pumpkin 2 carrots,
4 kumara
1/4 bunch of celery
1/2 cauliflower
400g tinned tomatoes
400g coconut cream



Finely chop the onion, carrot, celery, garlic and ginger and sauté in a deep, heavy-bottomed pot. Once the onion has softened add the spices and stir through. Roughly dice the pumpkin and kumara and prepare cauliflower into small florettes, add into the pot and stir through evenly. Add the tomatoes and enough water to cover the surface of the vegetables. Cook until the kumara and pumpkin are soft. Add the coconut cream, lower heat and stir through evenly. Serve with basmati rice and fresh coriander garnish.

So Complete by Ulrich Schaffer

... Diving into the space within me,
Into the fire and the wind,
Into the still water of my soul,
Into the colours of the miracle,
and only emerging
When I am sated by beauty,
To which I contributed very little,
It was so complete
From the beginning ...

Ann's Good News, Naturally

Natural Immunity – Immune Prevention

As winter approaches, we face the annual TV advertising juggernaut offering flu vaccinations for what the media often report as an “upcoming pandemic”. I see this as an important opportunity to support and guide you through the cooler months and practice the traditional naturopathic philosophy of “prevention is better than cure”.

At this time of the year an effective winter immune prevention programme gives you protection from the dreaded winter lurgy, and from generally being “run-down”, minimising the impact illness can have on the quality of life.

Good Bugs, Good Gut, Good Immune System

Optimum health starts before conception. Healthy parents provide healthy sperm and egg, producing a potentially healthy foetus, full-term pregnancy, vaginal birth and a bonnie baby receiving on-going breastfeeding.

There are specific nutrients required for all these steps to work well, to produce an individual with strong immunity. From unprocessed foods you should get your zinc, vitamin C, selenium, antioxidants, and many more, including the vital beneficial microorganisms (good bugs). The transfer of good bugs from Mum's birth canal into baby's mouth during birth is like an investment for a future healthy immune system for the baby.

So your digestive tract (mouth to bottom) contains 70-80% of your immune system. The sleepy, immature white blood cells are woken up during the birth, and further benefits from the breast milk's colostrum and ongoing breastfeeding provide immunoglobulin A, which all contribute to a natural immunization. Ensuring your gut is populated with plenty of beneficial microorganisms is central to maintaining optimal immune function. These beneficial bacteria or probiotics are now understood to have very different health benefits depending on their subset or strain, with only a certain few able to optimally support your immune system and help keep it in top form.

More Good News

Shingles – This lady got wise. She heard on a radio ad that the virus that causes chicken pox can lie sleeping in the body and later cause one out of three people to get shingles. So she went on our Prevent Shingles /Boost Immunity Programme. Her chest mucous congestion and allergies healed, her skin, bowels, energy, hair, nails, muscle tone, sleeping and moods have all improved. She says she feels incredible now and didn't expect the added benefits of the programme.

Chronic fatigue – After contracting glandular fever, which is caused by the Epstein-Barr virus, this lady suffered for eight years from no energy, unable to work, slept all day, depression, acne and no hope for the future. As well as specific essential medicinal herbs and minerals, we worked on cleaning up her diet swopping out processed foods with whole foods, removing refined grains, dairy and sugar. These foods were making her inflamed, sore, tired and toxic. Her body responded well to greens and veges, rewarding her with energy each time she had a green smoothie, special veges, broth or beautiful salad.

Flu – Don't let the flu get you! Know how healthy your immune system is and how to strengthen your white blood cells as best you can. Are you low on zinc? Come and do a test to check your levels. Ask me which nourishing foods are best for keeping the bugs and viruses away. Which medicinal herbs do you require to treat and tone your specific presenting ailments? My herbal tonics are well sought after, as they truly are tonifying.

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CELEBRATING OUR CHILDREN

Coromandel Playcentre

By Jenna James

Our Easter raffle was drawn and the hamper delivered on Good Friday to our winner Pin Te Huia! Congratulations!

On Friday 8th our Playcentre held a cake stall to raise funds for our centre. Thank you very much to Four Square for allowing us to use your frontage. Thank you to Goldridge Marine Farms for the donation of mussels and to Ruby Richardson for the products she contributed. Finally, a big thank you to all the parents who helped with baking, setup, manning the stall, pack-up and clean-up – ka pai, well done team!

We have met several new mums in the community and a couple who have dropped in to say hello. We've really enjoyed meeting you and your children and really hope you'll continue to visit our centre. We can guarantee your child will love the things we have on offer for them – arts and crafts (no restraints on the glitter), painting (there are pinafores available), playdough, lots of dolls, balance bikes, sandpit activities, water play and much, much more!

On Tuesday we say farewell to two more graduates. Congratulations to Nuriya and Ivy who are both heading to Coromandel Area School. We will miss you both, but are very excited for you and the beginning of an exciting new adventure.

One more week to go of this very long school term and then some well deserved holidays! We'll be open again for our first session on **Tuesday 3 May**.

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



Kiwi Can

Kia Ora Tatou Katoa" from the Kiwi Can team.

We hope all our Kiwi Can tamariki had a meke holiday and are ready to enjoy Term Two.

Our last two weeks of Term One were spent recapping everything our Kiwi Can students learnt over that term, and the last week was our Prize-Giving and Games Day.

Our Kiwi Cannors for Term One were....

Coromandel Area School: Room One – Skyla, Room Two – Kelson, Room Three – Makayla, Room Four – Aaliyah, Room Five – Angel, Rooms 7 and 8 – Kyla.

Wow, that would be a first, we have three students from the same family getting Term One's toanga, Skyla, Aaliyah, and Angel; well done!

Colville School: Junior Class – Leila, Middle School/Seniors – Brodie.

Thames South School: Room Two – Joe, Room Five – Janae, Room Seven – Oshyana, Room Eight – Alison, Rooms Nine and Eleven – Royal.

All these students have shown our Kiwi Can values and got their names in our Kiwi Can honours book; the most over the term. Well done, you guys rock!

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

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



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



Te Rerenga School

Learning, it's what we do...

By Anna Yates

A fantastic term of learning has flown by for us in term 1 and our learners will be enjoying a well-deserved holiday break.

In the last part of the term Room 3 visited Opera Point for the day to snorkel, investigate starfish and learn a little more about this special local place. Room 3 have spent the term investigating a science-based inquiry question related to "our place" and Opera Point was a great place to ignite further questions, make some new discoveries and just enjoy!

Our Room 4 learners spent the day with Divezone, Whitianga at the Te Whanganui-A-Hei Marine Reserve snorkelling, kayaking and having a whole lot of adventurous fun. We take this trip each year and there are constant screams that it is the "best day ever!" This year our group encountered an impressive eagle ray, a school of hungry-Go-Pro-eating snapper as well as an abundance of crayfish and other sea creatures. We love that our children (and volunteer parents) are confident in our local aquatic environments and rise to the challenge of a day of physical challenges and activities.

We are looking forward to an equally exciting term 2 where we have another exciting day trip for our Room 4 class to the National Young Leaders day, a trip to the Mercury Bay library for some of our students as well as a visit from ElGregoe and the Zerowaste programme... and that is only in the first few weeks of the term!



Jayden Adams and Zyon Adams in their kayak



Zyon Adams at the Marine reserve

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Coromandel Area School

Kia ora. Welcome to our piece in the Chronicle. The school is humming along with the roll at 213 already. Busy times.



Rippa Rugby

Years 4, 5 & 6 Coromandel Area School

"Zoom!" The opposition is about to score a try... "No," I scream in my head, "he's about to score!"

I start running. I'm almost up to him. I rip his tag. Whistle. Half-time. (Theo)

"Go, Jahnaya, go." She passed the ball to me. I was so close, but this boy, so small and fast, ripped my tag. (Paige)

Ping! Someone from Mercury Bay Area School (M.B.A.S.) shot past me. I saw their tag and rip! I held the tag up high and gave it back to the player. He took it and played the ball while I was getting back outside. (Ezra)

It's Wednesday 30th at Coromandel Area School. Whaea Shelley went through all the rules. We hadn't played rippa rugby before. Kiani and Theo's dad Mike showed us techniques like how to pass and catch. He was awesome! He encouraged us, and between games looked after us.

Our first game was against Manaia, then M.B.A.S. Coromandel had five teams, M.B.A.S. brought three teams, and Manaia had one team. We played on three fields in the blazing hot sun.

Manaia played really fair, and tried their best. We would love to play them again. Coromandel A team were respectful, win or lose.

We came third, we did pretty well and respected others. We did our best. Our favourite part was ripping the opposition's tags off.

I wish we could do it all again, it was the best day (Stella).

Emily
with her
woodwork



Framed

Very nice work in wood by Emily, Year 9. Rebates, mitres, dado joints, lap joints, and great use of power tools. Well done, a top effort!

The Year 9 cohort at our school learned how to use basic tools to make small projects during their term in the workshop.

Many thanks for the kind donation of timber for the workshop – much appreciated.

Maths Professional Development

Our teachers attended a Maths Symposium on Monday 11 April. It was a rare opportunity for Professional Learning, and teachers from ten other Peninsula schools also attended. It is important to keep abreast of systems and expectations and we are committed to ensuring we are able to provide the quality of learning which will make that difference to your child.

Board of Trustees

Elections soon. Voting finishes at noon on **Friday 3 June**.

Could you be a Board Member? Why not? If you are interested in Governance, the working with "arms around" not "hands in", we need you! Nominations close **Friday 20 May**. Please do not hesitate to call if you wish further information, (07) 866 8893, extn. 202. Thanks.

Music and Dance

Music and Dance is a time for parents and/or grandparents to have fun and connect with their children through movement and music.

M&D is generated to cater for babies and toddlers up to five years old (preschoolers). In the singing, dancing, and activities, children are learning new words, cognitive skills, actions to words and numbers.

When they first come, the children often just stand and stare, taking it all in. Slowly they build their trust and confidence and join in more and more. The children also love to socialise around the food and drinks table, enjoying the morning tea provided as do the mums and dads.

We start at 9.30 on Tuesday mornings with a thirty-minute session; morning tea is served at 10am and we finish at 10.30. Venue is at the Elim Church, 745 Rings Rd.

We asked a few parents to comment about why they come to Music and Dance and this is what they said:

Amanda: My daughter absolutely loves Music and Dance. It's not only fun, she is also learning a lot about interaction with other children. The actions we do in songs is also helping in everyday life... things like stopping when she's asked (which is great). The leaders also interact extremely well with the kids and get them all grooving!

Linda: We've been coming to Music and Dance now since Hazel was 18 months old. She has thoroughly enjoyed it since day one. It has been really fantastic watching her evolve from dancing in the middle of the room by herself to joining in with actions and even starting to sing sometimes. Also to see her forming friendships with the other children is really precious.

Yaning: MaryMei loves to go to Music and Dance to sing songs. She almost asks me to go every day. We often sing songs at home, in the car and so on. It is good for mum to see the friends every week too. Thank you Music and Dance!

So, if you have a preschooler, and are free Tuesday morning, come along and join in the fun!



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Arts

Coromandel Players

By Don Hughes

I am currently reading "The Ancient Guide to Modern Life" by Natalie Haynes; a quick rundown on the relevance of such things as Greek civilisations to our times.

After what happened to the Players and the production I wrote about last month I was most struck by an Athenian temple inscription "Man plans and the gods laugh". We have had to alter our performance dates quite markedly to cater for the travel plans of cast members and other "little contingencies".

The new dates and times for "Bothered and Bewildered" by Gail Young are:

Friday 10 June 8pm, Saturday 11 June 2pm, Friday 17 June 8pm and Saturday 18 June 8pm. Tickets will be available from the Information Centre ten days prior to opening. At the time of writing these dates are ok with cast members but even as I write I can see those gods smiling quietly to each other!

Notwithstanding our problems, the play is one that all the cast is enthusiastic about and rate very highly. Every member of the cast and, indeed, everyone who has read the play, knows of a family member or friend who suffers or suffered from Alzheimer's or memory loss. It is a play for our times.

We will reproduce the playwright's note to the play in full in our programme, as it explains her personal involvement with a family member suffering from the disease and the roots of what she calls a "comedy/drama". I hope you can come along to our little theatre on one of the above dates.

Two Choirs Sing!

The Mercury Bay Community Choir and the Te Aroha Community Choir present two delightful concerts with Director John Mullon, 2pm **Sunday 22 May**, Whitianga Town Hall, and 6pm **Saturday 28 May**, Te Aroha Senior Citizens' Hall. Tickets: Paper Plus, Whitianga, and at the door. \$10 adults, children free, families welcome.

www.creativemercurybay.co.nz/organisations/mercury-bay-community-choir

Coromandel Music Society

By Robin Münch



At our AGM, we farewelled committee members Martin and Fran Edwards and welcomed new members Matt Sephton and Dianne Burton.

The committee now comprises Robin Münch (President), Maureen Kimber (Secretary/Treasurer), Ian Franklyn, Jenny Leigh, Diane Burton, Matt Sephton and John Gaffikin-Cowan.

In 2015 we organised seven concerts. Beyondsemble, Bella Kalolo and Sisters of Swing were well attended. GALS choir, Clay, Dove and Shone, Helen Webby and Miho Wada were poorly attended. We lost money and puzzled over what affected attendance. Was it the day, the time, the venue, the music, the musicians, the publicity or something else?

2016 began with the dynamic BeatGirls at the Mussel Kitchen. We broke all records with around 200 people attending.

We had a full house at the Club for Eb and Sparrow, who really impressed the appreciative audience.

At this stage we have three more concerts scheduled for the year: Into the East (award winning country duo) – **Friday 20 May**; The Kugels (a classic klezmer ensemble) – **Thursday 20 October**; Alpaca Social Club (jazz singer/writer/poet Caitlin Smith accompanied by Jon Sanders and Craig Denham from Beyondsemble) – **Wednesday 2 November**

We're also hoping to organise a classical concert sometime during the winter months.

Concerts are usually organised in conjunction with Arts on Tour NZ who sponsor the performers making costs lower than when we book musicians independently. Dates are determined by Arts on Tour.

We hope that you will continue to support the Committee and to enjoy the music we provide. We will continue to send emails to people on the mailing list. If you'd like your address on the list, please email rkmunch@gmail.com. And do let us know if you have any feedback regarding performers, music, venues, times and other issues. We'd love to know why you attend and why you don't attend. If it's within our means to change things to suit the majority, we will.

Into The East – Coromandel Music Society

What a wonderful turnout we had at country rock band Eb and Sparrow and what a fine performance we were treated to. Our next concert with Into the East promises to be equally exciting. Featuring gently picked guitar one minute, bouncing percussion the next, Into the East's songs have struck a chord with audiences all over the country, leading to support slots for Tami Neilson, Neil Finn and the Topp Twins and offers to tour internationally.



Well known and loved in Southland for their country-based, folk-influenced, spirited up-tempo tunes and soulful ballads, a tour beyond Invercargill has woken the rest of the country to Into the East's talent.

Liv and Graeme have been writing and performing together for 12 years and it shows. In 2014 they were crowned National Country Music Duo of the Year and nominated for the 2014 Taite Music Prize as well as 2014 Best NZ Folk Album for *Fight from the Inside*.

"Their songs are catchy, with a honeyed fusion of harmonies that are sweet music for the ears. Liv McBride's voice has a rich, dulcet tone that wraps itself around Graeme Woller's beautifully controlled vocals. The two voices meld together in an effortless dynamic." – ON Mag

"McBride is the voice that races ahead excited, Woller is the anchor; he pulls back just a tad – together they find the perfect place to pitch and rest each song. They have a great range of influences – but they sound wholly like themselves." – Dominion Post

Date: **Friday 20 May** at 7.30pm. Venue: The Club, Woollams Ave, Coromandel. Tickets: Coromandel Info Centre ph (07) 866 8598 and door sales. Full price \$25, gold card holders \$20.

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Coromandel Art Group

By Lindsay Nicholls

We are a hardy bunch, still painting outside when the weather allows us to. We had a stunning summer day at Jack's Point last week and hope to travel to Ruffin's Bay on the next sunny day.

If we don't manage to paint outside, we meet at St Andrews Hall in Kapanga Rd. We have been setting up still life compositions to draw and paint. We have had one new member join us... welcome Barbara... but we can manage a few more spaces if anyone out there is reading and interested. We cater for all mediums: paint, pastel, pencil, acrylic, oil or watercolour. If you are interested contact Val Gray, our president. Many of our members are away at present on holidays, so we are smaller than we normally are, but that doesn't stop us meeting or enjoying what we enjoy together... creating artwork.



Linda is one of our long standing members

YouTube Launch Proves Popular

By Ernie Le Heron

As previously reported (C. C. Dec. 2015), local artist Barbara von Seida had been filmed by the Australian art programme "Colour in Your Life". Since then, her 24-minute episode has aired on Australian TV and was recently uploaded onto YouTube.

The video shows Barbara in her studio, overlooking Long Bay, demonstrating her painting technique, talking about her philosophy and discussing what inspires her to paint almost daily.

Much to Barbara's surprise (and also that of the producers), it has proved to be a very popular clip, and within the first four weeks, it had attracted over 10,000 viewings. This worldwide exposure of Barbara and her art has far exceeded her wildest dreams, and coupled with that, there have been many positive comments posted online.

She has also received several invitations to give art classes, both within New Zealand and overseas, including Australia and as far afield as Mexico.

Barbara's video can be viewed on YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fhRhEZoSmcw>

Pastel Artists of Coromandel

A number of Coromandel artists, led by Allan Beaver, have decided to form a group working exclusively in the following mediums: pastel, charcoal, pencil and coloured pencil.

Known as Pastel Artists of Coromandel, the group meets Tuesday mornings 9.00am to midday at the Coromandel Aero Club rooms on Tiki Road that are ideal for inspired thinking.

The founding members are all members of the national society called Pastel Artists of New Zealand and receive their national magazine. One of the members has already had some of his work published in this magazine.

Current members have considerable experience and still work in other media but they dedicate Tuesday mornings to pastel, charcoal and coloured pencil work.

Members of the group are willing to share their knowledge of these mediums and welcome new members who wish to develop their skills.

Plans are already afoot to hold an exhibition in Coromandel Town later this year. More information in next month's Chronicle.

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

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Environmental

WRC Coromandel Catchment Subcommittee

By Reihana Robinson

Since the first subcommittee meeting of the Coromandel WRC catchment committee, which was held in Whitianga, all meetings have been held in Thames to suit staff preferences. While it is a major service centre neighbouring the Coromandel catchment, Thames IS NOT itself part of the Coromandel zone. Furthermore, Thames is more than one hour's drive from several of the main catchment population centres, making public attendance extremely costly and inconvenient for interested ratepayers to attend. Attendance by the public should be encouraged. Thus your representative proposed the following.

"That all Coromandel Zone Subcommittee meetings be held within the catchment area and be rotated among the main population centres of Whitianga, Coromandel Town, Tairua/Pauanui and Whangamata."

When it appeared the motion would be lost, DOC's representative asked if I would accept Thames as an additional meeting location. No worries mate, so the recommendation was passed. Next we learn the meeting on May 20 is to be held in Tairua, only there will be no access for the public due to size of venue, security concerns and duration of meeting.

Bill Barclay's blog <http://billbarc.squarespace.com/> gives the best summary of the debacle over banning of the public to the next Coromandel Catchment Committee. Regional council staff maintain two minor incidents when members of the public were impolite (including splashing water on a staff member) necessitate excluding the public from a regional council meeting which is supposed to be open to the public. Granted, Coromandel residents are impassioned and occasionally unruly in the face of what is perceived by many to be unresponsive and bullying, especially when it comes to poisoning our communities. But hiding behind closed doors is not the answer. Now the venue has been changed, thanks to CEO Vaughan Payne's inter-

vention – it was then going to be in Pauanui then closing early for a trip to see the Graham's Creek job. The public will be invited. Believe it or not, WRC is currently looking for a security guard to work the shift so if you know anyone get in touch with the Whitianga office. (STOP PRESS: New location: Tairua Bowling Club, 44 Hornsea Road starting at 10.00am public welcome.)

Our community sure is scary. No matter whether your concerns are cadmium leaching into the water or herbicides banned elsewhere but sprinkled liberally on the Coromandel or targeted rates please feel welcome to air your views. If you would like more time than the few minutes allowed during the public forum please contact me for an invitation to be a Deputation. Local heroes Wendy Pond and Peter Bacchus have availed themselves of this route, however we must not imagine WRC will do other than central government's bidding.

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Possum Control Will Help Protect Ancient Trees

By Natalie Collicott

We will begin possum and rodent control in the Waikawau Bay catchment this month. This area includes the Waikawau Bay estuary and wetland, as well as some important coastal forest. The operation will not only knock down the possum population but also significantly reduce rat numbers. This is good news for our native plants and animals. Among the species to benefit are kiwi, pohutukawa, kohekohe and kaka (plus the endangered lemon trees of local residents). The ancient pohutukawa and kohekohe trees along the coast are seriously threatened by possums which show strong preferences for browsing these species. Fewer rats in the area will also give breeding native birds a much better chance to safely raise their fledglings.

The pest operation is expected to take six weeks to complete, with cholecalciferol bait laid in bait-stations. The methods used present low levels of risk to the public, but cholecalciferol is very toxic to dogs. Warning signs will be posted at the main access points. Please do not take your dog into this area during the operation.

Winter Lecture Series
See page 15 for details on our Winter Lecture Series.

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



Bush Bites

"So much flowering rata out at the moment! It is fun to spot as you drive the 309 road."

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Sport

Gym Club

By Jess Dziwulska



The Coromandel Gymnastics Club will be starting up again in the first week of term 2 and running, every week, throughout terms 2 and 3 this year. Our coaches and committee members are busily preparing a great programme for you all.

Our club is run by volunteers and we are always grateful for help, particularly in the coaching department. If you think you might be interested in helping in this area, even if you have no gymnastics background, we would welcome you with open arms! The more coaches we have the more we can offer and the more children can attend our popular sessions. Full training can be offered to new coaches.

Sadly we say farewell to Anne Loudon, who has been with the club since the very beginning. Anne has worked tirelessly, behind the scenes and within the committee, to take our club out of the ground and turn it into the thriving club we have today. Thank you Anne Loudon, for your time and energy; we could not have gotten this far without you! We would like to welcome Laurna White to our committee. Laurna has put her hand up to take over from Anne as secretary. We are grateful and excited to have her.

We request all gymnasts in the intermediate and extension groups this year to wear leotards/tights/bike shorts or crop tops to sessions. Their attire needs to be form fitting to enable their coaches to teach correct body positioning and to reduce the likelihood of injury due to loose clothing. Our juniors can wear the same, if they wish, or short and t-shirts if preferred. You are welcome to wear whatever colours you like and crop tops and tights can be purchased from the Warehouse, K Mart or Cotton On Kids among other places. We will be looking at purchasing competition leotards in club colours (black and gold) which we will make available for purchase once we have them.

Our sessions will held on Tuesdays in the Coromandel School Gymnasium, and the times are as follows: Juniors (4-7years) 3.45-4.30pm – \$50 per term (8-10 sessions); Intermediates (7+ years) 4.45-5.45pm – \$60 per term (8-10 sessions); Extension (invitation only) 5.45-6.15pm – \$70 (includes participation in the intermediate session).

Our juniors will be working on skills such as balance, strength, flexibility, coordination, fitness, teamwork and confidence and will utilise traditional gymnastic equipment (bar, beam, floor, vault). We will also be playing games and participating in movement stories and adventures. This is a very fun orientated session and is open to all children aged 4-7years.

Our intermediates will continue to work on their incentive awards, for which they learn to demonstrate proficiency in a range of gymnastic skills. They receive badges and certificates for their efforts and can work their way through the levels. This session is open to children aged 7 years+.

In our extension group, which is by invitation only and is offered to those ready for competition and advancement in their skill range, we will be working on basic tumbling and skills such as forward and back handsprings, walk-overs and rolls on beam. Flexibility, conditioning and strength are an important part of this session to ensure our gymnasts' bodies are prepared for the skills they are learning.

We hope to see you all along soon. Please contact Jessica on 021884518 / (07) 866 8405 or thegreatcreate@gmail.com if you have any questions and to enrol your child for the upcoming term

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Sport continued

Rugby Club

Whoa has time flown, another rugby season is upon us. By the time you read this Coromandel Senior B team would be well into the first round of club rugby. They started with a resounding win over arch rivals Mercury Bay, winning 75-0, with Tyrone Bevan awarded player of the day.

There have been a number of changes at the club this year, one in particular the new renovations on the toilet blocks, which needed urgent repair. The builders and plumbers have been working hard to get this done before the season kick off and I am pleased to say this was achieved before our first home game of the season. A real big thanks to Glenn Beattie Builders and John Walker Plumbing for the huge effort they put in to get it done; the club and committee do appreciate it. We would also like to pass on our thanks to Coromandel Refrigeration for getting our chillier sorted and Jack Little for work in the changing rooms.

This year we will be fielding three junior rugby teams in the Thames Valley competition, an Under 13, Under 11 and a Rippa rugby team; this has been a huge effort from Zander Ward, Andrew King, Justin Kerrison, Tuku Renata and a few other committed parents; thanks team.

Although Coromandel Town is a small community it sure does punch above its weight in all sports, not only in sports, but as officials as well. From our small community we have two referees (Kelvin and Max Wirihana) refereeing senior rugby and soon to be three with Breehan Munns (yes a female!) starting her referee training. We have to acknowledge the work that these referees do. It is a thankless job and one where the referee is either the good guy or bad guy. In saying this, if you are keen to take up refereeing, see Kelvin, he will point you in the right direction.

We will endeavour to put up a copy of the draw around town so you can see when the senior team are playing at home. Keep an eye out for it. We would like to thank our sponsors for supporting the club and the team; I will not mention any in case I miss someone out be got sent to the sin bin! Until next time ... GO CORO!



COROMANDEL CROQUET CLUB

By Judy Bronlund

If you would like to join us for a game of croquet please come along or contact Kaye. We play on our lawns in Woollams Avenue on a Tuesday and Saturday morning as well as a Thursday afternoon. The weather has thrown us a few rainy days but the temperature is just right so come along and join us. It is nice to see new folk playing; we would introduce you to a few rounds of golf croquet before joining in the games that we play.

Contact Kaye (07) 866 8966

Coromandel Golf Club

By Peter Gray



Allan Beaver cannot stay out of the news, winning the Hekter Cup (Best of 2 of 3 rounds net). Allan won with a total of 130 from Ron Evans 135 and Mark Burcombe 136. Allan's 2nd rd. of 61 net placed him in a sound position going into the 3rd rd.

The Coromandel Ladies have taken part in the BOPTV Pennants. After winning the first round the second round was played in difficult conditions due to rain and flooding at Mercury Bay. The team finished in fourth place leaving them half a point behind Hauraki in the overall points. However in the final round at Hauraki the results pushed Thames into 1st place leaving the Coromandel Ladies second by a mere point.

The Ladies also were the winning combination at the annual Karin McGirr competition at Hauraki on 14 March, defeating a field of eight Thames Valley Teams to bring home the shield for the first time since 2009.

The Men's Div. 4 Championship pennants got back on the winning track with a resounding win over Matamata 8 to 1. The Team followed up with another win in the next round against Stewart Alexander at Matamata 51/2 to 31/2. This leaves the team on the upper half of the table with two rounds to play.

The Handicap pennants team could not build on its encouraging display at home (4th place) in the next round at Hauraki leaving the 8th overall, 24 shots off 4th to make up in the next round to qualify for the playoffs.

Saturday 19 March the Club hosted the visit from the Waikato Eagles with approx. 50 players teeing off. The Men's Div. was won by Coromandel's Warren Taylor 41pts, from eagles E. Mills and T. Lewis 38 followed by members Ross Mudgway and Richie Blake. The Coromandel Ladies scooped the pool with Glenise Robertson 37 winning from Gina Carr, Greta James and Bronwyn Verner.

The March Meat Pack, Laurie Olliff Trophy was won by Kevin Verner and Colin McNeil 36 from David Lunn 35, Robin Attwood 34 on a day of "Mince" scores.

After a period of struggling, scores Saturday 9 April provided some highlights with Kevin Verner and Peter Richardson both recording a gross 74. Kevin came in with 41 stableford points with Peter and Ron Evans both with 40 pts.

May has the men's Beaver Cup – Handicap Matchplay top 16 qualifiers. Rd1 is played on **7 May**, 2nd Rd. **14 May**, semi finals **21 May** and the final **Saturday 28 May**.

Reminder

Beaver Cup as above.

Saturday 15 May – Goldfields final Rd @ Pauanui.

Wednesday 25 May – Meat Pack/Laurie Olliff Trophy.

Good fishing on Mussel Farms

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- Tie up to the farm and never anchor
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Combined Clubs Of Coromandel **THE CLUB**

BOWLING CLUB NEWS

Another month has flown by and the bowling season's closing day is Sunday 30 April from 10am with two games before a shared lunch, followed by Prize Giving. Everyone is very welcome to join us to celebrate the past exciting year and toast the amalgamation achievement between the Bowling Club and the RSA. Our past president Martin Edwards has left a legacy that has changed the face of the Club's community involvement

Our sponsors have once again supported us throughout the season and we cannot thank them enough – we hear all the time that “clubs cannot survive without sponsorship” and there was never a truer word said. Do please support our sponsors.

The last month has again shown our members proudly waving our flag (not the proposed new one!!) representing us in Auckland, Hamilton and Wellington. The local Klondike Cup was won by our patron Eunice Macdonald and David Weatherly and the Mixed Classic Fours team was skipped to victory by Reg Wright, ably assisted by Miha Matthews, Patrick Corcoran and Peter Herbert.

The Bowling Club AGM will be held on Saturday 28 May at 10am at The Club. The CCC AGM date is Friday 10 June at 4pm.

That's about it for bowls news but wait there's more.....The Club is the place to be during the coming months, especially each Wednesday night when the ever popular Quiz sessions will alternate with a movie night. First movie will be on Wednesday 4 May and Quiz starts on Wednesday 11 May; the next Music Society promotion is on Friday 20 May so book these dates and we look forward to welcoming everyone to the Club over the winter months. Club nights are Friday and Saturday so come along and enjoy a social hour or two with members and friends.



Classic 4s winners - left to right - Miha Matthews, Natalie Taylor, Linda and Reg Wright



Eunice and David Weatherley

RSA NEWS

As you may be aware Royal New Zealand Returned and Services Association is 100 years old this year. Official functions planned commence with a wreath laying at Pukeahu War Memorial in Wellington on 28 April. We will keep you posted as further celebrations are announced.

New Zealanders have served in 34 different countries over the last 100 years. New Zealand Defense Force states that currently there are personnel deployed on 14 operations and UN missions across ten countries, including Afghanistan, Antarctica, Iraq, Middle East, Sinai, South Korea, South Sudan and United Arab Emirates.

It was sad to read that some recent Veterans are falling on hard times once they leave the Services. I am not aware of any in our area but we would be pleased to hear about any Veteran or ex Serviceman or Servicewoman that you know about who may need a hand.

We thank the citizens of Coromandel for their generous support of Poppy Day. These are the funds that are used solely for our welfare and support activities.

Contacts: Maureen Kimber 866 8282 (Bowls) or Ian Franklyn 866 7138 (RSA)

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PUBLIC NOTICES

COROMANDEL AREA SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTION

Nominations are invited for the election of four parent representatives to the Board of Trustees. A nomination form and a notice calling for nominations will be posted to all eligible voters. A candidate does not need to be a parent of a student enrolled at the School but must be nominated by a person who is on the Voting Roll. Additional nomination forms can be obtained from the School Office. Nominations close at noon on **Friday 20 May 2016** and may be accompanied by a signed candidate's statement. The Voting Roll is open for inspection at the School Office and can be viewed during normal School hours. There will also be a list of candidates' names, as they come to hand, for inspection at the School. Voting closes at noon on **Friday 3 June 2016**. Signed: Joan Bridge Returning Officer.

COROMANDEL NETBALL AGM

Thursday 28 April 6pm Tui Lodge

PLEASE JOIN THE BEECH FAMILY for Murray Beech's Headstone Unveiling Service to be held at 10.30am on **Saturday 30 April** at the Coromandel Cemetery, Buffalo Rd, Coromandel Town.

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.

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Coromandel Town weekly and monthly meetings**Every Monday**

Boot camp with Catherine Stephen at Coro Gym.....6am
 Coro Gym – Step/aerobics, Peg (07) 866 8635.....8am
 Mahamudra Centre, guided meditation in gomp.....8.30-9am
 Coromandel Hikers' Group, Hauraki House,
 Colin & Elspeth (07) 866 7137.....9am
 Monday Walkers, Irene 021 157 8408.....9am
 Colville Social Services Collective,
 Colville Hall, (07) 866 6920.....9am-3pm
 Kohanga Reo o Kapanga, (07) 866 8417.....9am-3pm
 Coro Gym – Sit and be fit, Peg (07) 866 8635.....9.30am
 Coro Gym – Fitness and Fun, Judy (07) 866 8637.....10.30am
 Coro Gym – Kick fit with Christajo, 155 Pottery Lane,
 021 033 9329.....5.30-6.30pm
 Thump Boxing classes with Catherine Stephen at Coromandel
 Area School.....5.30pm
 Shrinking Violets, Betsie (07) 866 7076.....5.30pm
 Coro Contract Bridge, Coro Ambulance rooms,
 Lyn (07) 866 8858.....7pm
 Four-part harmony singing, Sue (07) 866 8833.....7.30pm

Every Tuesday

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

Every Wednesday

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

Every Thursday

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

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

Every Friday

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

Every Saturday

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

Every Sunday

Mahamudra Centre, guided meditation-in Gomp.....10-10.30am
 (07) 866 6851.....10-10.30am

Elim Church Services, Rings Rd,
 Steve (07) 866 6900.....10am-12 noon

Coro Tennis Club-club play, Gayle (07) 866 8063.....2pm

Prayers for dead and healing,
 Mahamudra Centre, (07) 866 6851.....5-6pm

Monthly

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

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

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

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

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

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

2nd Tue – RSA, club rooms, Ian Franklyn (07) 866 7138.....

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

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

1st Wed – Lions Dinner Meeting, Ambulance Rooms;
 Pres. John Rabarts (07) 866 8068.....6pm

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

3rd Wed – Lions Business Meeting, Ambulance Rooms;
 Pres. John Rabarts (07) 866 8068.....7pm

4th Wed – RSA Women's Section, Club rooms,
 Loes Beaver (07) 866 8053.....1.30pm

2nd Thu – Coromandel Writers' Group,
 Barbara (07) 866 8299.....10.30am-2.30pm

4th Thu – Coro SeniorNet, school music room,
 Loes (07) 866 8053.....1.30pm

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Calendar of events
Coromandel Town
May 2016

KEY
● New moon
○ Full moon
▶ = Average fishing, ▶▶▶ = Very good fishing,
▶▶▶▶ = Excellent fishing
Bite times and good fishing ratings supplied by Ken Ring of
www.predictweather.com.
Tide times and heights from Land Information NZ and are for Coromandel Harbour.
For Thames times -15min High and -18min Low.

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1
High tide 1.19am (2.6m), 1.37pm (2.5m)
Low tide 7.30am (0.7m), 7.50pm (0.7m)
▶▶▶▶ Best bite 6.30am/pm

2
Start of school Term 2
MEG Lecture –
Fur seals and sea lions
(see pg 15)

3
Thames Health & Disability
Mobile Showroom
(see ad pg 14)

4
High tide 4.14am (2.8m), 4.44pm (2.8m)
Low tide 10.26am (0.4m), 10.55pm (0.5m)
▶▶ Best bite 9am/pm

5
Theme night – Marisco Wines
w Food Match – at Pepper
Tree Restaurant (see ad pg 5)

6
High tide 6.08am (3.1m), 6.40pm (3.1m)
Low tide 12.18pm (0.1m)
▶▶▶▶ Best bite 11am/pm

7
Seafood Fest (see pg 3)

8
High tide 7.57am (3.2m), 8.25pm (3.3m)
Low tide 1.38am (0.2m), 2.04pm (0.0m)
▶▶▶▶▶ Best bite 1am/pm

9
High tide 8.51am (3.2m), 9.17pm (3.3m)
Low tide 2.30am (0.2m), 2.55pm (0.0m)
▶▶ Best bite 1.30am/pm

10
High tide 9.44am (3.1m), 10.08pm (3.2m)
Low tide 3.23am (0.2m), 3.46pm (0.1m)
▶▶ Best bite 2am/pm

11
Quiz nights start at The Club
(see ad pg 7)

12
Theme night – Spanish Tapas
– at Pepper Tree Restaurant
(see ad pg 5)

13
High tide 12.22pm (2.7m)
Low tide 6.08am (0.5m), 6.29pm (0.5m)
▶▶▶▶ Best bite 5am/pm

14
Garage Sale – Taurua Place
(see ad pg 30)

15
High tide 1.44am (2.7m), 2.13pm (2.5m)
Low tide 8.01am (0.7m), 8.19pm (0.8m)
▶▶▶▶ Best bite 6.30am/pm

16
CHRONICLE DEADLINE
– June issue content – 4pm

17
High tide 3.32am (2.6m), 4.06pm (2.5m)
Low tide 9.49am (0.8m), 10.12pm (0.8m)
▶▶ Best bite 8am/pm

18
High tide 4.22am (2.5m), 4.58pm (2.5m)
Low tide 10.39am (0.7m), 11.01pm (0.8m)
▶▶▶ Best bite 9am/pm

19
SeniorNet AGM
(see pg 19)
Theme night – Roast Dinner
– at Pepper Tree Restaurant
(see ad pg 5)

20
Nominations close for
Coromandel Area School Board
of Trustees (see pg 23)
Into The East – Coromandel Music
Society (see pg 24 & advert pg 19)

21
High tide 6.38am (2.6m), 7.11pm (2.7m)
Low tide 12.27am (0.7m), 12.49pm (0.6m)
▶▶▶▶▶ Best bite 11am/pm

22
Week-long retreat starts at
Mahamudra Centre (see pg 4)
Concert – Mercury Bay
Community Choir and Te Aroha
Community Choir in Whitianga
(see pg 24)

23
High tide 8am (2.6m), 8.29pm (2.8m)
Low tide 1.46am (0.6m), 2.06pm (0.5m)
▶▶▶▶▶ Best bite 12.30am/pm

24
High tide 8.40am (2.6m), 9.08pm (2.8m)
Low tide 2.26am (0.6m), 2.45pm (0.5m)
▶▶ Best bite 1am/pm

25
Meat pack / Laurie Oiliff
Trophy at Coromandel Golf
Club (see pg 28)

26
Theme night – Thai Curry
– at Pepper Tree Restaurant
(see ad pg 5)

27
High tide 10.03am (2.6m), 10.30pm (2.8m)
Low tide 3.50am (0.6m), 4.05pm (0.5m)
▶▶▶ Best bite 3am/pm

28
The Bowling Club AGM
(see ads pg 23 & 29)

29
High tide 11.32am (2.6m)
Low tide 5.23am (0.6m), 5.35pm (0.6m)
▶▶▶▶ Best bite 4am/pm

30
High tide 12.56am (2.7m), 1.16pm (2.6m)
Low tide 7.07am (0.6m), 7.26pm (0.7m)
▶▶▶▶ Best bite 6am/pm

31
High tide 1.52am (2.7m), 2.16pm (2.6m)
Low tide 8.04am (0.5m), 8.29pm (0.6m)
▶▶▶▶ Best bite 7am/pm

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UPCOMING MONTHS

JUNE

7 – MEG Lecture series, Noxious weeds (see pg 15)
10 – CCC AGM (see ad pg 10)
10.11.17.18 – Coromandel Players perform "Bothered and Bewildered" (see pg 24)

JULY

4 – MEG Lecture series, Bird identification through song and flight (see pg 15)
Friday 15 and Saturday 16 – Illume: Winter Festival of Light