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Editor's comment

Since last issue was published we have survived two cyclones which fortunately turned out to be less serious than predicted for this region and many days with the Thames Coast road shut. It was the first time since I moved here that I was forced to go "the long way round" to get to Thames.

It is great news that Coromandel Adventures have been able to start up a bus service to Thames as we have lost the InterCity morning run. Well done to them for getting this organised with such little notice.

There is lots going on in May, with the Seafood Fest, a fun run, and the Coromandel Players are back on stage (me included!) with the play "Spreading Out". There is also an out of town play coming to Hauraki House and two Music Society concerts. See the calendar on pg 38 for all of the dates.

Debbie

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Letters

Thank you to Phoenix House

An open letter to Jill, Dr Sue and all the angels that are the staff at Phoenix House.

A huge thank you to each and every one of you for the excellent care that you gave my wife in the last three months of her precious life. All of you will never be forgotten, I promise you.

RIP Jenny 3 April 2017.

Terry Millar and family, Coromandel Town

Dear Debbie,
Apologies for no column from me. Again.

This time I have devoted all the time I usually devote to the Chronicle to the members of the Mahakirau estate who have to decide whether or not they want a DOC 1080 drop next month.

See you next month.
John Veysey, Coromandel Town

To the Editor,

What a shame that we will no longer be able to read the lively debates on the pros and cons of the use of 1080. I, for one, still sit on the fence regarding issues like 1080 and climate change and look forward to reading the scientific views of the experts in the field, to assist me making up my own mind on the matters.

And who says we can't name and criticise others? It's a fact of life: praise the good; condemn the bad. Politicians do it all the time. It's known as free speech. When you try to curb free speech you are setting up autocratic rule. The PC behaviour that has developed in our own country will ultimately destroy it. I read again the letters to the editor in the March issue of the Chronicle and could find no fault with them. Are those complaining of the PC persuasion?

Yours, D Hannaford, Te Kouma

Editor's comment: I haven't banned the subject of 1080, but the Chronicle is not the forum for scientific debate. I stand by my decision that people shant denigrate others within the pages of the Chronicle. It is all very well stating freedom of speech, but you wouldn't like it if your name appeared in print in a negative manner, would you? There are ways to write an article without criticising others. See CBA policy above about the purpose of the Chronicle.

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Open day at St John Coromandel

By Debbie Morgan

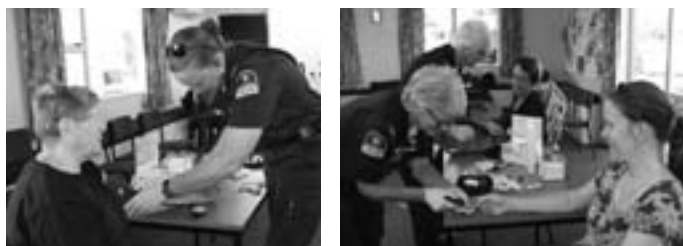
During the April St John "Heart of Gold" Annual Appeal, St John Coromandel held an open day on Saturday 8 April with car boot sale and sausage sizzle along with offering blood pressure and blood glucose tests. During the appeal week St John were also out in town collecting money.

Station manager Julie would like to personally thank all those who came along to support our open day. The fundraising went well.

Even though the Thames Coast Road was closed, we had great support from the local community, including our local Police. The sausage sizzle was popular and some great bargains were purchased at the car boot sale!

Money is being raised for command units and specialist equipment to be used when responding to major emergencies.

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tions and data capability to manage a major emergency.

Donations can be made at any time in new fluorescent ambulance collection boxes at Coromandel Four Square, Coromandel Town pubs, doctors and the butcher shop. Donations can also be made online at www.heartofgold.org.nz or by calling 0800 ST JOHN (0800 785 646).

St John Coromandel would like to reassure the community that there will always be a medical attendant available locally in an emergency – be it a doctor, nurse or St John volunteer if the ambulance can't come straight away due to the ambulance being already out on a job.

Volunteers needed

Do you have some time to give St John? All they ask from you is time and commitment. Go in for a chat and have an orientation without having to commit to anything. Early training takes a couple of months to complete followed by being on roster at least once a week for a day or a night; weekly training is on Tuesday nights. There is great team camaraderie. Volunteering can be the start of a great career option for young people as training up to National Diploma level is supplied by St John. It can lead to a full-time job without student debt.

And don't be put off by the thought of blood! Julie Morris, the station manager at Coromandel station, assures me that hardly any call-outs involve blood or heart attacks. Most cases just require someone to talk to and reassure the patient while being transferred to hospital for treatment.

Being a volunteer is a great way to keep the ambulance service available in Coromandel.

St John is a charity and requires donations to keep ambulances running. St John provide on the spot treatment and ambulance transfer to hospital in emergencies



The car boot sale



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See meeting list for class times

Colville Store Goes Solar!

The Colville General Store last year installed 5kW of solar power on its roof, as part of the switch to renewable energy. Colville is a small village in the northern Coromandel, at the place where the tar seal roads run out. It is a cooperative run store, operated and staffed by local people, and has been running for nearly forty years.

The solar power produces a significant part of the store's electricity, but as the system is "grid tied" that is directly connected to the local network, no batteries are used, and the store will not run out of electricity at any time. "We wanted to contribute to the world-wide movement to renewable energy, and our local community is right behind us in this," said Wayne Todd. Many of our customers live with solar power in the surrounding community, where mains power is often unavailable. The Colville Store is also well known for the range of organic foods and local produce available.

Because the electricity demand of the store is seven days per week, and much larger in summer than in winter due to demands of refrigeration, the store is a perfect fit for installing solar power. Electricity costs have gone down by \$175 per annum due to using electricity produced from the solar power, a significant saving across the year for this community run non-profit organisation, as no capital investment was required; annual savings will increase as the price of electricity rises. The store is also doing its bit to help move New Zealand away from the remaining coal and gas power stations to a wholly renewable energy future. The store's customers are supporting that change too when they shop at the Colville Store.

"Community business is not a thing of the past, but a vital part of the future, especially for Colville," said Wayne "and we are living proof of that!" This is something easy to see in a town where even the Post Office is run by community volunteers as a non-profit, as the town refused to have the Post Office shut down some years ago.

Grid-tied solar power is very widespread in other countries, with over a million household systems in Australia today. New Zealand is significantly lagging the rest of the world in this respect.

Watch this space! The Colville Cooperative Society Ltd is currently enquiring into purchasing an Electric Vehicle Charging station unit to be placed at the store.

For more information, please contact Wayne Todd from the Colville Store; or for technical information regarding the solar system, please contact Alice Leney alice@coolcard.co.nz

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MEG Winter Lectures return!

There are TED talks but Coromandel has the MEG winter lecture series!

After 2016's well received winter lecture series MEG is again running a series on Mondays at the beginning of every month in the cooler months. At times it was a tight squeeze due to popularity but a fire, a wine and intimate surroundings add to the evenings.

Moon Salon (at the back of Wharf Road café) will again host the series, with the first one kicking off on May Day.

Monday 1 May 7pm – Free. At Moon (rear of Wharf Rd Cafe), warm fireplace, warm drinks.

Keith Woodley, Pukorokoro Miranda Shorebird Centre Manager, will talk on the subject of "Godwits: Long-haul Champions".

Hear about the miraculous story of the godwits and their migrations. It follows the birds on their intrepid journeys, examining the places they visit, be it an estuary in northern New Zealand, a mudflat on the Chinese-North Korean border, or a tundra nesting site in Alaska.

Woodley, manager of the Miranda Shorebird Centre, will detail the amazing changes these birds undergo before their departure – from moulting into new plumage, to doubling their weight and shrinking non-essential body organs – as well as outline their array of innate skills in weather prediction and global navigation.

**Coromandel Lions**

By Lion Lyn



The weather has played a huge part in club activities over this last month; Matarangi festival day being one of the few fine ones!

Thank goodness for that as we hoped for the same or more as last year. However that was not to be, but things could have been a lot worse. All money made on the day go to The Rescue Helicopter and Search And Rescue. Both are very worthy of everyone's support. The helicopter was used many times while our coast road was impassable as ambulance crews were also affected.

Our April dinner meeting, although small in numbers, we still had an amazing meal. As usual we all ate too much, complained of tight belts, etc, and then indulged with desserts! Will we ever learn? The evening finished with the drawing of the raffle, a little bit of story telling, and the awarding of the lion rock, which went to Jocelyn Strongman, for helping out alot! I would also like to thank you for often providing a much needed "cuppa" and hot scones and or pikelets (or both) when we have firewood working bees. Thanks again Jo. Regarding firewood, we only have a small amount of dry left as we have been delivering over the summer, which is great! We don't fancy getting cold and wet in winter either, so call if needed.

Our next mussel fritter stall will be at C.A.S. for the annual Coromandel Seafood Fest on **6 May**. See you there to support all that Coromandel is world famous for! Till next month – may the weather be fine and the people be kind to us all!

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By Beryl van Donk

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By Sandra Wilson, Manager

As I write this the sun is shining, the roads are open and all is well. Much better than it has been for the past eight weeks. As you could imagine the most popular questions during this time were "is the road open?", followed by "when will it be open?". Thankfully it now is and we have many happy tourists.

The number of tourists through the centre in March of this year was around the same as last year. This year our figures showed an upward trend for January and February. Let's hope this continues.

There is a lot to do in Coromandel Town in May! We have the Seafood Fest on **Saturday 6 May**, 10am-4pm, on the school grounds, with live music, seafood, food, crafts and clothing. Also an art exhibition, wearable arts, and a mystery box cook-off between Umu, Success and Pepper Tree restaurants. Derek the Chef is back once again, showing us delectable delights we can all make. There will be filleting demonstrations and much, much more.

Looking at entering the Wearable Arts? Contact Gail on (07) 866 8797. Create and

wear your design depicting the sea or sea life. Can be made of recycled materials or new. You are only limited by your imagination. Free registration by **Friday 5 May** 12pm (take to Fish & Dive shop on Kapanga Road).

Other events in May:

- "My Name is Moana" will be singing on **Thursday 4 May**, 7.30pm at The Club, Woollams Avenue.
- Community meeting regarding Illume on **Monday 8 May**, 5.30pm, at Thames Coromandel District Council meeting room.
- Loren Barrigar and Mark Mazengarb, guitar virtuosos, will be playing on **Thursday 18 May** at The Club: Woollams Avenue.
- Coromandel Players present the play "Spreading Out" on **12, 13, 18, 19 and 20 May** at Hauraki House.

We have greeting cards depicting some of our iconic buildings in town on sale for \$3.75 each. They're great for sending locally and internationally. Available here and at the Thames Coromandel District Council Office in town.

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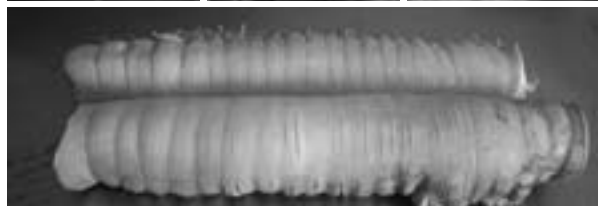
from Coromandel to Hamilton has unfortunately ceased service. The good news is that Coromandel Adventures is now running a weekday service from Coromandel to Thames, Paeroa, Te Aroha, Matamata and Rotorua. This service will operate at similar times as the previous service, so you can connect to buses going to Auckland, Hamilton and Tauranga. For the time being it will only operate on weekdays. Stop by the Centre for more information or to book your seat.

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Resource Management Changes

The Resource Legislation Amendment Bill Parliament has been debating contains 12 key amendments to the RMA Act. Significant change is taking place in the area of consents. Firstly, doing away with the requirement to get consent for a whole range of minor activities. An example of this is that there will no longer be a need to get consent if you are building a veranda that does not interfere with the structural integrity of the house. For what is now called controlled activities, Councils will be required to process these minor consents within ten working days rather than the current 20 days. Rules have been tightened around who needs to be



consulted to ensure only those people with a genuine interest need to be consulted. The issue of getting approval from all affected neighbours for works in areas such as shared driveways has been addressed so that infrastructure, such as telecommunication fibre, can be laid.

The most contentious aspect of the bill, Mana Whakahono a Rohe, covers the question of how iwi and hapū engage with councils. Precedent established by case law has already confirmed that iwi have a right to be involved in consent conditions. Similarly, it has also determined that iwi do not have any right to be involved in the monitoring or enforcement activities. They may provide comment, but there is no requirement for councils to have regard for those comments. What this bill seeks to achieve is clarification the arrangements between the councils and their relative iwi/hapū with regard to the type of consents they will be involved in. The

option of councils entering into a relationship with iwi is on a "best endeavours basis" and is also optional for iwi. There is no requirement for council to sign an agreement with iwi, nor can any dispute between a Council and iwi limit Council's ability to commence, continue or complete any process under the bill while the dispute process is in progress. Māori, as Treaty partners and endorsed by the courts, have been conferred rights to participate in decisions that impact their large tracts of natural resources.

This was condensed from a letter from MP Todd Muller, Bay of Plenty, but of interest to many of us in the northern Coromandel.

For Grey Power Membership, and Grey Power Electricity enquiries contact Dolly Welch, Ph. (07) 866 8852 or email: tehwelch@gmail.com or P.O. Box 91, Coromandel, 3543. Annual subs are now due

Coromandel Community Market

By Lizzie Kershaw

Despite the sometimes extreme rainy mornings(!) – the market has been cruising along happily.....and now it's May already.

The last market for the season will be on **Friday 26 May**, when we will have a break until October. We usually start back in the second or third week in October by which time the weather will hopefully be improving (we will advertise the exact starting date later).

Anyway, we still have four more markets, so pop on down and check out our produce, fresh bread and baking, fudge, vegetables, organic honey, arts and crafts, musical instruments, herbs and spices, etc, all homemade or homegrown.

For newcomers or visitors, the market is held on Friday mornings next to the BNZ bank downtown Coromandel starting at 8am and finishing at 1pm.

If you'd like to have a stall, call Michelle on 022 653 0690 or come down and have a chat. Everyone is welcome to sell their homemade or homegrown products at the market.

Finally, a big thank you to all of our customers for your custom, support and positive feedback.

Cheers and best wishes from Lizzie Kershaw on behalf of the market.

Coromandel Contract Bridge Club

We are on the last night of the Hauraki Pairs competition. This will be followed by the Manaia Pairs in May then we will start playing the Tokatea Pairs, with a fun night on Queens Birthday Monday. Our annual tournament will take place on **Sunday 21 May**.

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Museum News

By Raewyn McKinney

As we come to the end of the summer we are all probably feeling a little storm tossed and battered by the recent spate of bad weather. Luckily, the museum has proved to be a dry haven in the wet weather for travelers, and parents of young children looking for new adventures.

It is, of course, pleasing to have young people visit the museum and to observe what catches their interest. Who knows how many budding historians or archaeologists have had their initial interest in the subject inspired by a trip to their local museum? Mind you, the parents and grandparents always find plenty to interest them as well.

Now that the busy summer season is over, on behalf of the committee I thank the hardy team who have manned the museum since Christmas.

Without these dedicated people, we would not be able to open daily through the summer, and visitors to the town would certainly miss out on one of the highlights of their visit.

If anyone has been thinking about helping in the museum, we have work continuing behind the scenes during the winter, and would welcome new people to our duty roster next season.

Sometimes, when there is period of prolonged bad or wet weather, comparisons are made with previous years, or maybe even previous centuries. Well, I am sure all long-term residents will agree that storms have always occurred, and they can arrive at any time of the year. A glance through old newspapers certainly supports this theory, so this month I have selected a few featuring storms that have occurred in May.

The museum will be open at weekends only, from 1pm to 4pm during May and for Queen's Birthday Weekend



Auckland scow driven ashore in storm. The Waiti, which broke from her moorings at the Coromandel Wharf in 1929. She drifted in the gale across the harbour and finally piled herself up on a reef at Ruffin's Point – from New Zealand Herald, 5 May 1929

From "Auckland Star" 27 May 1878:

Great Flood at Coromandel Narrow Escape of a Miner

By Telegraph, From our own Correspondent. Coromandel, this day.

There is a disastrous flood here with great destruction to property. The mines, batteries, roads, water races, and tramways have all suffered considerably. Bridges have been carried away, roads and tracks blocked up by landslip in every direction. Davis, a miner here, while asleep last night, was awoken by a noise. He escaped with his wife on his back. The house and effects were immediately afterwards carried clean away by a landslip. The total amount of the damage to the district is not yet ascertained. It has been the heaviest storm experienced for the last seven years. North East gale and heavy rain still continues.

From "New Zealand Herald"
19 May 1928:

Motorists' Hard Journey Auckland - Thames Route

Telegraph – Own Correspondent. Thames. Friday.

Heavy rain has been falling throughout the Coromandel Peninsula all the week. The service car drivers report this evening that the road to Auckland is flooded at Mangatawhiri, and one car was unable to proceed. Other Auckland motorists reached Thames via Tahuna, after a long and tiring journey. There was a storm accompanied by heavy thunder and vivid lightning at Thames last evening with indications of its continuance.

From "New Zealand Herald"
14 May 1938:

Dangerous Highway Thames Coromandel Road

The main highway between Thames and Coromandel is in a dangerous condition, and extreme caution is required by drivers, states a report by the Automobile Association (Auckland). The recent storm and high seas caused erosion on the coastal road for a length of approximately 12 miles, and in places the highway surface is reported to be undermined. The Public Works Department advises that repairs are being put in hand immediately, but in the meantime motorists are warned strictly to observe any notices erected for their guidance.

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Mana Update

By Penelope Carroll

Chances are when you come to Mana – or phone us – you’ll be greeted by Hedwig Bakker or Grace Sorensen. They joined the Mana team last spring and share the job of answering inquiries, and meeting, greeting and taking care of visitors to the centre.

Hedwig, who grew up in the Netherlands, first came to Mana in 2000. “I’d been travelling around New Zealand and Wwoofing at Aiwira centre. I came for the Winter Solstice working bee and ended up staying on to wwoof for a month.”

The next eight years were spent in India and Nepal, working as a volunteer on a children’s education project and receiving Buddhist teachings. She returned briefly to New Zealand and Mana in 2008, then flew back to her work in India, expecting to be there indefinitely. However visa issues saw her return to New Zealand and the Coromandel – and working, first as a volunteer and then as the coordinator of Mahamudra’s spiritual programme for five years.

“During these years I would go to Mana every now and then, to walk on the beautiful land, spend time in the sanctuary, lead a meditation... I always felt part of this place and the Mana family.

“It is a beautiful place to work, learn and grow. To me Mana feels warm and very loving and when people come to Mana I want them to feel that too, and to have the best stay possible.”

Grace also talks of the beauty of the land and “finding family, finding community” – and wanting “to be able to extend that to others who come here.”

Growing up on a dairy farm at Matatoki, she trained as a doctor after leaving Thames High School and worked as a GP in Auckland. In 1998 she left for the UK, where she retrained in psychotherapy and mindfulness meditation and facilitated workshops in mindfulness-based cognitive therapy.

“I returned to New Zealand to settle two years ago and gravitated back to the Coromandel. I had heard of Mana and came to find out about it.”

She wwoofed at a number of retreat centres around the country, looking for a place to settle, but kept getting pulled back to Mana. When, on one of her visits she picked the homing albatross as her animal card, Grace said she knew her wandering days were over: “I knew I’d come home. For me at this stage in my life, giving and receiving in a deeply caring community is what revitalizes me.”

We are very blessed to have Hedwig and Grace working at the centre and part of our Mana family. Apart from their great “reception” and hospitality talents, they bring many other skills. Last month on our “Coming Home” Easter retreat, for instance, Hedwig led daily meditations and Grace guided us through a Body and Breath Qi Gong practice. We look forward to them sharing more of their practices in our forthcoming retreats.



Coromandel Patchwork and Quilters

By Sharon Currie

Barb Excell presenting Frank Mead with the cheque for the Museum

At our last meeting we invited Frank Mead, president of the School of Mines Museum, to our meeting to present him with a cheque for \$1000. This was the the money raised from our quilt raffle and was to go towards digitising the photos in the Museum. Every year we raffle a quilt at our annual quilt show with the proceeds going to an organisation in our community.

Our class with Shirley Sparks at the beginning of April was postponed until June owing to adverse weather and road closures. Hopefully the weather will settle down for a while.

If you would like to learn about patchwork and quilting you are welcome to visit on our meeting days which are listed below

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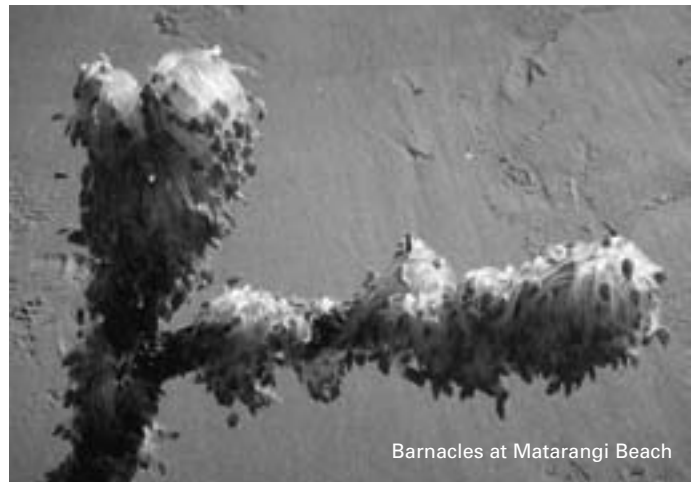
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For further information, call or email Merle Ward merleward@clear.net.nz (07) 866 0240 or 021 0241 9368



Barnacles at Matarangi Beach

Monday Walkers

By Irene Dunn

It's great to be out walking at this time of the year and although we have had to make a few changes due to the weather, generally we have been out and about on the beaches and in the bush. Thanks to Glenice, we also had a guided tour of her farm, with wonderful views of Coromandel Harbour, and a welcome coffee afterwards.

On our Matarangi Beach walk we came across this amazing sight of Pelagic Gooseneck Barnacles – normally found in subtropical/tropical seas worldwide. They were alive and attached to a tree branch that had been washed up – see the photo above. Thanks to Natalie for doing the research; she is such a gem at this!

Lots more interesting walks planned – you are welcome to join us. We walk each Monday (except public holidays) for most of the year and meet at Woollams St car park at 8.30am. Contact the number below for more info.

Happy walking everyone.

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Coromandel Community Services Trust – Community Van

By Chris Stark

The Coromandel Community Services Trust (CCST) has owned and operated a Mobility Van since 1994 as a service to the people of Coromandel.

Trust members have recently been considering the best way forward to

continue to provide that service. Several of our Trustees indicated they wished to retire and there do not seem to be any younger volunteers willing to step forward to take their place.

As a result it has been decided that the Coromandel Independent Living Trust (CILT) will take over ownership and management of the van for the future.

We are currently in the process of organising this takeover to happen and envisage that it should all be completed by the end of May.

Please note: there will be no change to the Thursday trips. Bookings will still, of course, be made through the CILT office, but anyone wanting to use the van for a private trip will need to make a booking through the CILT office and not with the CCST.

The CCST Trustees are extremely grateful to all the drivers for the wonderful way they have volunteered their time over the years to provide this service to Coromandel. It goes without saying that we could not have done this by ourselves.

We are also very appreciative that CILT have agreed to take over this service. It is one we feel is of considerable assistance to Coromandel residents and one we would not have liked to lose. It is good to know that the future of the van and the service will be in such good hands.

Trustees: Sue Wright – Chairperson, Chris Stark – Secretary, Hallie King – Treasurer, Stephen Eldon, Keith Stephenson, Jim Davis, John Burton, John Gaffikin-Cowan, Kurt Muller.

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One Wish

By John Irvine

I'm sure you've been asked this awkward question at sometime in your life: "If you were granted one wish, what would it be?"

As if there was an easy answer, but what would it be?

Let's hypothesize for a moment.

Some answers would be easy to predict, like the zealots and corporate moguls.

But what about you and me? Simple living dudes with a fear of social misfortune...

I guess a lot would wish for world peace or maybe to see their mum or dad again. There would be a cry for honest politicians, cheaper petrol and food, no pesticides, a cure for cancer...

But you know, all I'd want is for my greyhounds to outlive me.

Mahamudra Centre

By Sarah Brooks

May Special Events

Mahamudra Centre's shop will be packing up and popping up in Coromandel Town for the weekend, with a special exhibit of Coromandel photographs by Sarah Brooks and beautiful jewellery designs by Hannah White. Come by to say hello and browse a selection of gifts, books, and delicious homemade baked goods. Open **12-14 May**: 3.00-6.30pm Friday; 10am-5pm Saturday; and 10am-3pm Sunday, Hauraki House.

Our weekly 10am Thursday guided meditations are relocating to the Elizabeth Park Community Centre on Allman Drive for the winter months. It's an easy walk from downtown, and with heating is a better spot than the Pyramid for the upcoming cold weather. Drop-ins are always welcome, with no experience necessary, and whoever has time meets together afterwards at a local café for some time to get to know each other. Donation basis. We also offer guided meditation every morning at 8.30-9.00am at Mahamudra Centre for guests, visitors and the community whenever there isn't a course on.

We'll be finishing our silent meditation retreat and the Centre reopens to visitors around **9 May**. After that visitors and members of the community are welcome to come by and have a cup of tea and take a time-out from busy life with meditation or a walk on our lovely grounds. If you didn't get by during the Colville festival last month to see our new special sculpture by local artist Wayne Todd, be sure to walk around the pond to enjoy it.

Over **19-21 May**, treat yourself or a friend to a special Relax and Recharge weekend taking advantage of our peaceful retreat environment. Arrive in time to be served a homemade meal at 6:00pm on Friday followed by evening guided meditation with our Spiritual Programme Coordinator, Sarah Brooks. Saturday and Sunday include a shiatsu massage by naturopath Ness Mack, yoga with local yoga teacher Kate Shelley, and opportunities for additional guided meditation sessions. Enjoy a leisurely lunch on Sunday followed by an optional final meditation session before you head home with a happier mind and body. There's plenty of time to wander off to visit the nearby beaches, read that book you've been wanting to read for a long time, hike nearby trails, or just do not much of anything! Special package price includes meals and accommodation for the weekend – bookings essential.

We hope you'll join us for one of our special events this month!

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At Coromandel Adventures we were as surprised as the rest of the community to find out the daily bus service to and from Hamilton was to stop on 14 April 2017.

It took us a few days to think about the implications for Coromandel to be cut off from the rest of the world (aside from the 360 Discovery ferry). We decided the loss of a bus service heading to and from the Central North Island was a loss the Coromandel community couldn't afford. We recognized that continuity was important as was coming up with a local solution.

TCDC Mayor, Coromandel's MP, our local Coromandel Community Board, Hauraki Council and Waikato Regional Council have all shown they understand the importance transport is to the community and the opportunity it brings to the region. We have been heartened by their encouragement.

From Tuesday 18 April Coromandel Adventures are running a regular return shuttle service from Coromandel to Rotorua each weekday, which will include stops at Thames, Paeroa, Te Aroha, Matamata, and Tirau. This will mean that visitors staying on The Coromandel will have an increased range of day trips including the Hauraki Rail Trail and Hobbiton, which may encourage some to stay longer in our area.

With Coromandel Adventures's ability to link with other operators, the Coromandel community will have an expanded choice of transport options rather than the isolation that was promised with the loss of the existing bus service.

We are excited by the possibilities of connecting Coromandel to a further major tourism hub and what this could mean for the town.

Coromandel Embroiderers Guild

By Diann Cade

After her Designer Mannequin workshop at the Great Escape in Orewa, Janine Smith of Oamaru came to Coromandel to offer us another of her workshops entitled Postcards. Yes these were embroidered panels the size of post cards, embroidered and embellished in the colours of our choice. What fun. We all delighted in the addition of embellishment techniques incorporating tulle, gold flakes and large bugle beads. Not a large piece of work to be completed, but three panels that can be hung as a group or kept as separate objects....and who knows? Maybe a lucky friend will receive one.

The workshop was attended by 12 members with a wide range of stitch experience.

From Michaela who attended the workshop, "...for me the workshop was most enjoyable, the company was great and the weather was perfect for stitching,...warm and rainy. I didn't find much time to talk and was over the moon with what I achieved."

This month we have a bobbin lace workshop with Catherine Musgrave from the Auckland Embroiderers' and Lace Makers' Guild.

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Everybody's Talking About The Goldmine

By Alison Mackinnon-Carter

Last month saw the opening of the new re-use centre, "The Goldmine", at the Coro Transfer Station in Hauraki Road. It celebrated five years of work by CILT to get it up and running. The twists and turns and escalating costs along the way are too many to itemize but one example is the discovery of a mine shaft right where the building was to be located, not to mention the three hundred tyres that had to be dug out.

However, on Friday 24 March all the

hard work paid off as the building was declared officially open by Deputy Mayor Tony Brljevic. Around 80 members of the community attended. Guests included our MP Scott Simpson, Neville Williams and Dal Minogue from the Waikato Regional Council. Many thanks to our financial controller Jo Scott, the project manager Guy McIndoe and to the local volunteers who gave their time to make it happen. Once again the Work Co-Op came to the fore with their excellent catering.

The aim of the new re-use centre is to reduce the waste of perfectly good items that people no longer want by reselling them so



Tony Brljevic cutting the ribbon with Guy McIndoe



Tony Brljevic addressing the crowd

that they continue to be useful.

The Goldmine's opening times are Tues and Thurs 11am- 4.30pm and 11am-5.30pm at weekends, the same times the transfer station is open.

If you have something to donate, please do. All of our proceeds go back into running the re-use centre. CILT's volunteers are already at work fixing and upcycling goods to give them a second life.

Here is a list of what The Goldmine will take:

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Kids – books, toys, jigsaw puzzles, encyclopedias, kites, bikes, skateboards, scooters, tennis rackets (no soft toys please).

Miscellaneous – all sorts of wonderful odds and ends that you may well be able to find a use for.

All clothing goes to The Bizarre on Kapanga Road.

All electrical goods have been checked and certified safe.

To keep up to date with what is there, check CILT's Facebook page.



SeniorNet

By Loes Beaver

Another year for our Coromandel Branch has passed and we will be holding our AGM in June (date still to be decided).

The Federation of NZ SeniorNet Inc will hold their AGM in Nelson on 9 May. Over the last year Tom has helped many members with their IT problems and setting up new programs. A recent lesson was on maps and setting tour routes. This would have been most useful with the weather that we have had at present. Another very interesting program is Paying Accounts on line. This is used more and more each day. We are small in numbers and hope that past members may remember how much they were assisted within our group and support us for the future. We still meet at the CAS Music Room Tuesdays 2.15-4pm. We very much appreciate their support.

Contact me if you have any enquiries
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Harissa Paste

By Deborah Hide-Bayne

I love chillies and one of my favourite things to make with the last of the capsicums and chillies from my garden is harissa paste.

Harissa is a usual ingredient in North African and Middle Eastern cookery. It's often served on the side or added to cooked dishes, and it is punchy, aromatic and delicious... try using it as a marinade or rubbing it onto meat before you cook it; add a spoonful to a pasta sauce or a salad dressing to add some bite or coat roasted veggies before you cook them.

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



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

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

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

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

Scoop it into a sterilized jar and put a bit of olive oil on top to prevent drying out. The flavours will develop over time, so it may taste better if you leave it a day or two. It will keep in the fridge for a month or more.

Coro Writers' Group

By Kaye Anderson

Despite the threat of Cyclone Cook, six brave souls met in Coromandel Town on Thursday 13 April to share their love of words.

We began with a piece of impromptu writing, the aim being to create "images which are sharp, specific and memorable". Although there were five topics to choose from, four of us wrote about a road-worker in a gang of road-workers. Evocative descriptions of sweat, rain and mud emerged.

Books we've read recently was next and the one to capture our interest was "CY" by Matt Coley, edited and published by his mother, who lives in Coromandel, just a year after his untimely death in Invercargill.

Lora read a poem she had written herself and Kaye read one by Adrienne Jensen about Southeast Asian refugees in New Zealand.

After lunch, we read out our homework, which was about a famous person who takes a new direction in life and the challenges involved. Some very amusing pieces included one about a politician who turned to drugs, a left-wing radical who became the lord of an English manor and a musician who quit the life of a celebrity to discover the pleasures of growing potatoes.

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Cy was launched at Carson's Bookshop on 8 April. Written by Thames born Matt Coley and published posthumously by his mother Laraine Coley, a Coromandel Town resident.

Cy is a brave first novel that weaves a story of intrigue – following people, places, prophecies and possibilities. "Since childhood, Matt had a deep fascination with all things cosmic," said his mother Laraine. "Matt journeyed throughout New Zealand, living simply, connecting with the tangata whenua whose knowledge he greatly respected. In adulthood Matt developed a deep passion for the earth, the environment and the danger humans presented to both." Locals may recognise some of the geography and story lines that inspired Matt's writing, but his mother adds that "Cy is entirely a work of creative expression".

It is tragically a last novel too. Matt was coward punched by a young stranger, on an Invercargill street on 9 April 2016 and died from his injury the following day.

The proceeds from the sale of his book will be donated to several causes related to Matt's death, namely At Risk Youth, Victim Support and the NZ Donor Society.

Cy is available from Carson's Bookshop in Thames and www.cymattcoley.com

**Singing and Taizé**

By Benjamin Rudolph

It has been scientifically proven that to sing in a Taizé group can lower stress, relieve anxiety, and elevate endorphins. Well, maybe not specifically Taizé, but definitely in a singing group. There's a not so mysterious power that moves through a group as it sings together. And it's not just in the feeling good of the emotional sense, but the singing also affects our physical and mental states.

Monday night's group of Taizé singers who gather at the Anglican Hall on Tiki Road are no exception to this truth. The group comprises young and not as young, as well as experienced and not as experienced singers.

Together the group is able to sing in a unified voice of different ranges that when it comes together is something of beauty and awe. As mentioned earlier, not everyone here has sung before and yet this doesn't in any way lessen the quality of the sound created. Here we learn to sing from inside. The mind is not required to learn the songs or the array of discords that some of these songs contain. It's all about feeling the sounds that are needed.

Taizé songs are all about a higher power to which each of us gives its own name. The songs can calm the nerves and lift the soul, connecting all of those who are present. So if you have ever thought about joining a singing group, you're welcome to come along and see if it's for you.

Finally in the immortal words of Ella Fitzgerald, "The only thing better than singing is more singing."

For more information phone Sue (07) 866 8833

COROMANDEL HISTORY

– Charles Ring

By Don Goodall

With his brother Frederick, Charles Ring was in Coromandel from 1842, kauri timber felling, and driving the logs down "Driving Creek" to their mill. He left Coromandel to seek his fortune and gain mining experience as a 49-er in the California gold rush.

He was probably also mining in Australia.

In 1852, back in Coromandel, he was examining the banks at one bend, and noticed sparkles in the eroded bank, where the blunt ends of the logs had gouged out a trench. Sure, it was gold! He immediately claimed the 500-pound reward offered by an association of Auckland businessmen – to the discoverer of "a valuable gold field" in Auckland Province. They jibbed, not wishing to pay out on such a small find, so they claimed they meant it to read a more commercially substantial find.

Eventually and reluctantly they paid out 100 pounds of the 500 pounds. Ring felt he was owed more – it apparently took 10 years to get his full pay-out. Much of this story is shrouded in rumour.

But this is acknowledged as the first gold find in New Zealand. The area became known as Coolahan's Diggings.

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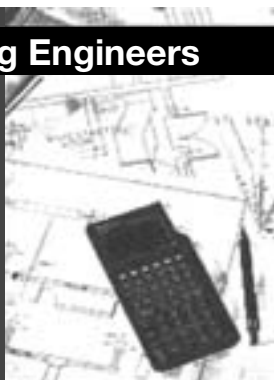
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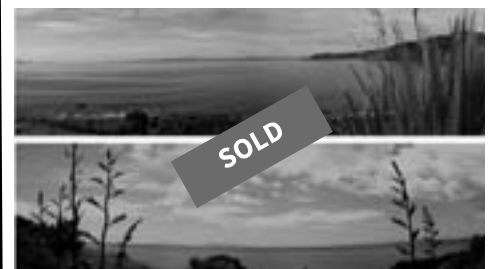
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RSA News

By Pat Williams

Patronage at The Club has been steady and we have had several out of towners visit us. Even some from Aussie!

All hands are on deck for Anzac Day arrangements at this point in time. By the time you read this it will be all over for another year.

Our President's South Island trip seems to be going well. Wonder where he and his family will be on Anzac Day?

I don't know who else is upset, I certainly am, that the Illume Festival is not taking place this year. I am sure the whole town loves it.

Members who have not paid 2017 subs are now officially nonmembers.

A joke to finish with. After 100 years lying on the seabed, Irish divers were amazed to find that the Titanic's swimming pool was still full!

Till next month, cheers.

RSA Women's Section

By Loes Beaver

AGM will be held on **Wednesday 24 May** at 1.30pm at The Club. We are always open to new members so come along.

Any enquiries contact Loes (07) 866 8053

Coromandel Bowling Club

By Linda Wright

Despite the weather we have had some good social bowls played on our greens over the last month.

The Kolendyke Cup was contested by playing a very enjoyable pairs game, with 24 members playing four games.

The overall winners were Irene Goss and Linda Lindsay, and runners up were Miha Matthew and Linda Wright.

We then held for the first time, the "Coromandel Premier League Pairs" and we invited our bowling friends from Mercury Bay to join with us and have drawn teams on the day. It was great to play with them, instead of against them. Plus the enthusiasm put in to playing the power play each set was great to see. So three teams with three wins each, a one-end tie breaker was played and the winners were Reg Wright and Laurie M/Bay with 2nd equal runners up David Weatherly and John M/Bay, Philippa Medlock and Kevin M/Bay.

We are looking forward to the next game 26 April.

Well done to Colin and Jason, runners up in Thames Valley Ch/Ch Pairs.

We are holding the Coromandel Bowling Club AGM on **Saturday 27 May** at 10am in the club rooms, Woollams Ave.

Our winter Wednesday nights have started up again, alternating with quiz and film nights at 7pm at the club on Woollams Ave.

As long as the greens stay open we are having a roll-up from 4pm till 5pm on Fridays; come down and join in with our members.

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Winners of Kolendyke Cup, Irene Goss and Linda Lindsay

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Animal Rescue Thames

By Alice Parris

Firstly thank you to everyone who has donated so generously to our felines – bags of biscuits, tinned, sachets, treats, blankets and garage sale items. We are truly grateful to everyone who has donated food to the rescue felines.

Homed – we homed our 8-month tabby to Thames and our young torbie girl Sugar went to Hamilton – people who had previously adopted from rescue and they chose to adopt again from us. So we are thrilled with the rehoming.

April – again a month of firsts! End of March and into April landed myself in hospital – first time ever in hospital – two days in Waikato and a week in Thames – huge thanks to Thames Hospital. The nurses and staff there are truly awesome and helped me so much. Now into the recovery period (thankfully). Also a massive thanks to John, dear husband who ended up with his work, mine and also the cat unit to run as well as visiting me in hospital. Once home the cats detested the clinical hospital smell and spat at me (nice – not). They quickly got over this and things returned to almost normal. Being off work for a month to recover I set to and got stuck in to catch up with the garage sale for Easter – everything went fully to plan until Cyclone Cook arrived and the Thursday prior road closures and one husband stuck at Tararu for over two hours before they decided to escort people back up the coast. This was the main catalyst that, on the eve of setting up the next day, with the roads in such disrepair and so dodgy, we made the decision to cancel the garage sale. We were completely devastated to have to but safety not just for us but all volunteers and we could not risk having both of us in town and getting stuck as the cats still required feed and clean. To everyone who donated and supported us thank you – we had a huge support level for set up as I am currently banned from lift and carry so we are so



grateful to everyone for their love and support. We needed this funding to cover the unit over the winter and the next Garage Sale. We are rebooked for Queens Birthday Weekend **3 June** – paws are crossed for everything to go to plan this time without these dramas going on.

Cattery mews – we have over 20 beautiful felines, desexed, wormed, deflead, ranging from five months to two years, just waiting for new forever homes to call their own. Food bin – Pak 'n Save – we were very surprised to find that Pak 'n Save have built a special new food bin to cover all three charities – we are the bin on the far right-hand side, has our name on it. Was so sad to not see our gorgeous black 'n white cat food bin there as he was both special and stood out from them all, but we still have our food bin and we thank Pak 'n Save for that.

Kittens – the kittens we had expected in mid March have not come in and we can only believe that the cats hid them so well that no one found them and by now they will be over eight weeks of age and probably gone totally feral, which is a massive shame as the kittens we have from there have such amazing natures. There is nothing we can do until such time as we hear from the people.

Wanted – homes for our rescue felines, blankets, towels, pillows, duvets for the rescue kitties and cat and kitten food, tinned/ sachets.

Any enquiries purrlease contact Animal Rescue Thames, 532 Thames Coast Road, RD5, Thames 3575, ph (07) 868 2907

Poetry SPOT

A Quiet Life

By Vivianne Flintoff

In silence and solitude
I reach to the heavens
Striving to be content with my lot.
Happiness, I know, is not a goal
but a by-product
Of doing that which I love.
Little is needed for a happy life
yet at times I lust for more.
I quest to reduce the clutter
To descend to that inner space
of silence
To climb the rungs of the ladder.
Jacob saw angels descending and ascending,
wrestling all the while
I long to shake off the clamour and distractions.
The bush wraps around me
I still myself
“The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.”

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The Trust can only reach out to potential learners through word of mouth – since those who need its services most cannot read about it. So please, if you know of anyone that needs our help and is too ashamed to ask for it, talk to them. There is no shame in illiteracy and we can make such a difference in their and their family's lives.

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Wendy Wyatt (left) and Jo Poland (right) in our office at Port Waikato

Scott Simpson MP

Here on the Coromandel we take environmental matters seriously and with good cause. Recently we've been impacted by weather that has brought more rain than we need. It's meant we've had slips and road closures around the Peninsula, burst stop-banks on the Hauraki Plains and flooded farmland across much of the region. For some there has been a very real personal risk, but for most the impacts have been largely those of inconvenience caused by not being able to do the things we usually do. Coromandel people were well prepared for Cyclone Cook's threat. I think we dodged a "bullet" and the cyclone passed further east, minimising damage in our region but causing havoc to our Bay of Plenty neighbours. Business operators missed out on extra Easter weekend sales as visitors changed their plans. TCDC were right to declare a state of emergency given the information they had and the old maxim of better being safe than sorry rang true.

Goldmine Re-Use Centre

If you haven't visited the now formally opened Goldmine store up at the refuse transfer station, then I recommend you do. I really enjoyed being there for the official opening. It's a great initiative that helps reduce waste going to landfill. A big part of the funding came from the government's Waste Minimisation Fund and I can't think of a better use of money from that fund. It's often said that one person's trash is another's treasure and that's the basis The Goldmine operates on. Well worth a visit and there's bound to be treasure there if you do.

Predator Free Progress

The partnership between the Predator Free New Zealand Trust and the Holiday Parks Association of New Zealand (HAPNZ) will help in the battle to make New Zealand predator-free by 2050 and contribute mightily to the effort in our region.

This is an important contribution from the tourism sector which I hope will be the catalyst for other partnerships. Our outstanding natural landscapes are the reasons why so many local and overseas visitors holiday in New Zealand and why they choose to come to the Coromandel as well.

I'm a big supporter of the Predator Free New Zealand goal. Given our geography the Coromandel Peninsula is an obvious early starter for the project.



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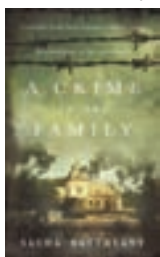
By Raewyn McKInney

The library continues in good heart, with a steady stream of members and visitors coming through the door. It is interesting to note how many visitors to the town wander in for a look around and compliment us on a very tidy and well stocked library.

Thanks go to the daily volunteer librarians, who not only keep the library looking good, but also provide a friendly welcome to all.

New books to the library this month include:

***A Crime in the Family* by Sacha Batthyany.**
Translated by Anthea Bell



One of the most extraordinary untold stories of the Second World War. In the spring of 1945, at Rechnitz on the Austrian-Hungarian border, not far from the front lines of the advancing Red Army, Countess Margit Batthyany gave a party in her mansion. The war was

almost over, and the German aristocrats and SS officers dancing and drinking knew it was lost. Late that night, they walked down to the village, where 180 enslaved Jewish labourers waited, made them strip naked, and shot them all, before returning to the bright lights of the party. It remained a secret for decades, until Sacha Batthyany ... began to ask questions

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***White Tears* by Hari Kunzru**



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Still here!

The American writer Mark Twain is supposed to have quipped: "The reports of my death are greatly exaggerated," when his obituary was mistakenly published in a New York newspaper while he was out of the country. Nothing quite so dramatic has happened here, but in the past few weeks I have frequently been approached by people worried about the future of the Budget Advisory Service. So I am happy to take this opportunity to reassure all concerned locals that the Budget Office is still here and fully intends to continue to offer its service to Coromandel and surroundings. And this applies also to the Foodbank and Community Garden.

It's true that the Federation to which Budget belongs, and from which we derive much support, will soon be transforming itself into a different organisation. At present we are unsure as to what this will be, but we know that the same personnel and the expertise they offer us will continue. A different name, but the same function.

And these will be changes for our Budget service, too. We will most likely have to move our premises in the near future, but wherever we are, we intend to continue our service to the local community. In fact at present we have two new advisers in the training process, soon to join our team.

In many ways we are just living through the sort of situation which our Budget training has taught us to prepare for: a change in circumstances, the unexpected, which we will just take in our stride. For the moment we are still on Rings Road, but wherever our office is, now and in the future, we can always be contacted by phone. We are in the office at set hours, but we are always prepared to try to fit in with our clients' personal needs. Just give us a call!

If you wish to make an appointment, the Budget phone number is (07) 866 8351 where you can talk to Anna, Caro, or John. The office at 950 Rings Road is open Monday to Wednesday 11.00am-2.00pm with Foodbank pick up on Thursday 10.00-11.00am. The Budget cell phone number is 022 018 0849 – we reply to texts and messages during office hours



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Arts

WTS Coromandel

By Sally Tennent-Brown

The 100 verbs had their fun, and so did the artists involved in the March exhibition "Making Conversation"! We really appreciate the enormous interest, enthusiasm and support with which the community greeted this artistic endeavour. There were high numbers of people through, both locals and visitors, and good sales going to both groups. Bravo to you all, and resounding thanks! And to the artists as well, who are all involved in producing new and innovative work.

The Shared Studio concept is poised to launch forth in the Art Room at Hauraki House. By the time you read this there will be artists "in situ" and you are welcome to stroll around to the rear foyer entrance and see what's happening there. So far we have twenty artists keen to use the space, with various techniques and media being employed – applied arts, sound, writing/poetry, and visual arts. It's an experimental time for fun and special projects... watch this space :).

To contact us email to info@wtscoromandel.org. We'd love to hear from you



Coromandel Art Group

By Lindsay Nicholls

We are back in our clubrooms now as the weather was too unpredictable and not very kind this year for us to be able to paint outdoors. I think we managed three times out.

Welcome to our new ladies, who made enquiries during our exhibition expressing interest in joining our group. It's great to see

how each member uses different techniques to create their style which, in turn, adds to the diversity of our group.

We also have an extreme range of books and dvds, which have recently been added to, thanks to the donation of some from Betty's collection. Thanks Miriam.



Shirley and Val happy to be at art again

Coromandel Players

By Don Hughes

Oyez! Oyez! Oyez!....or substitute any other attention seeking phrase or device readers like to use, as long as you do, in fact, read this. For the Players would like to remind you that their next production, "Spreading Out" by Roger Hall, will be at the Little Theatre, Hauraki House, on **Friday 12 May** at 8pm, **Saturday 13 May** at 2pm (note the matinee time) and then 8pm **Thursday 18 May**, **Friday 19 May** and **Saturday 20 May**. Tickets are available at \$15 from Harcourts Real Estate, Kapanga Road, Coromandel (see advert on pg 16).

We would also urge you to book your seats as early as you can. We really wish to avoid the late rush for seats that our last full length play produced, with many disappointed supporters having to be turned away. Later we also had to say, "Sorry, no can do," when asked to put on another performance; further disappointment for us and you great supporters of the Coromandel Players.

Now, as promised last month, the names of the three newcomers to the Hauraki House stage in "Spreading Out". We welcome Barry Ross, Maja Katavic and Peter Heperi and also welcome back, after an absence of five years Jan Autumn. Watch out for them as well as regulars Jim Davis, Debbie Morgan and Barbara O'Reillywatch out too for news of our midwinter revue of 40 years of Players' productions.

Pastel Artists Coromandel

By Christine Lunn

Two of our members attended the Pastel Artists of New Zealand annual convention last month. This was held in Morrinsville and Te Aroha. It was a great opportunity to meet up with like-minded pastel artists from all over New Zealand. During the convention the judges toured the exhibition explaining the reasons for their selection of prize-winning entries. We found this extremely helpful. Following the convention a two-day workshop was held. This was run by Julie and Michael Freeman from Auckland. Both Julie and Michael have won many national and international awards for their pastel paintings. They ran an excellent workshop and spent individual time with all participants to ensure they got the full benefit from attending.

The photograph shows Julie Freeman using one of her pastel pencils during her demonstration.

Plans for our workshop lead by one of New Zealand's leading pastel artists are now at a very advanced stage and we will be able to confirm the tutor and dates in the next Chronicle.

We look forward to welcoming any interested local or visiting artists (or beginners) to our club days. Morning tea and bikkies at 10-00am.

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

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



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Funding boost for Coromandel Citizen Hall foundations

The Coromandel Citizens Hall, formerly the St George's Convent School (1897), has had an additional \$250,000 funding approved in the 2017/18 Annual Plan to renew its foundations.

A repair strategy report, prepared by Andrew Hartley of Quantity Surveying and Construction Ltd outlined areas of the building which need major remedial work, with the foundations being a priority.

Tenders for the foundation works are being gathered. The \$250,000 will top up the \$25,000 received by the Senior Settlement Trust for repairs to the halls ablution block.

"We're delighted that this building is to be restored," says Coromandel-Colville Community Board chairperson Peter Pritchard.

"The Community Hall has played an integral part in our town's history, being the centre of many important meetings, celebrations and remembrances, as well as being a social hub and convenient gathering point," says Mr Pritchard.

"We would also like to acknowledge both the support and generous contribution the Senior Settlement Trust has made towards enabling this restoration project," he says.

See more about the project here on our website www.tcdc.govt.nz/corohallproject

CLEAN WATER FOR COLVILLE



Colville community working bee to lay the new water supply line.

Photo: Roy Fraser, Community Development Worker.

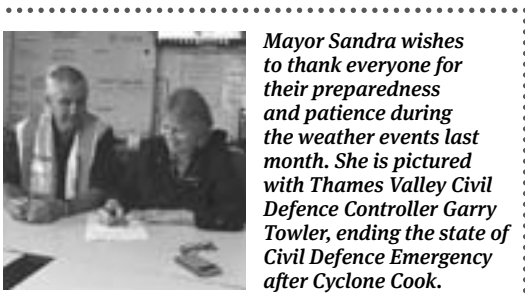
The Colville Water Supply Society has been working to get a consistently safe and drinkable water supply to the Colville village.

The current supply project has been going since November 2015, with the employment of a project manager to keep the project's forward momentum on track. Three water supply options were put to the community in February 2016, with the community choosing to go with the self-cleaning intake and settling tank option. Each of the 14 users contributed \$1000 to the cost of the infrastructure and a further \$1200 to the cost of their individual dwelling filter cost.

All users pay an annual levy for filter cleaning, system inspection and general maintenance. The supply starts at a natural rock pool with a self-cleaning intake, which then heads to two 200 litre settling tanks. The water then moves slightly downhill to the 100 micron filter tank and then onto the 50 micron filter tank. Arriving at each dwelling the water then moves through a 20 micron and then a 1 micron filter, giving residents a beautiful quality of water.

The Coromandel-Colville Community Board has supported the scheme, providing \$5000 towards a survey for an easement through private property to protect the supply in the future.

"This is a great example of what a community can achieve when working together," says Coromandel-Colville Councillor Tony Brljevic.



Mayor Sandra wishes to thank everyone for their preparedness and patience during the weather events last month. She is pictured with Thames Valley Civil Defence Controller Garry Towler, ending the state of Civil Defence Emergency after Cyclone Cook.

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Continuation of bus service –

Fantastic news for Coromandel Town, the Intercity bus daily return service to Thames/Paeroa that finished on the 14th April will now be carried on (and expanded) by Coromandel Adventures. Well done Sarni and Willi of Coromandel Adventures for supporting this initiative.

Coromandel Sportsville –

Tender for the resurfacing work on the two existing school courts is underway and a site visit by tenderers was done mid April. A tender decision for this work is expected by the end of April with works expected to begin late May. Tender for the design and construction of the premier court (with lighting) is expected to be released by the end of April.

Bluff Rd – Council has supported the Community Board's recommendation to continue to temporarily close a section of Bluff Road, between Matarangi and Kuaotunu which has been subject to rock fall. This makes it safe at the minimum possible expenditure, with the potential of re-opening to only cyclists and pedestrians in the future and installing barriers to stop cars at either end of the risky section.



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CELEBRATING OUR CHILDREN

Te Rerenga School

Learning, it's what we do...

By Anna Yates

We have had an exciting few weeks of term 1 with a senior class camp to Totara Springs, a day trip to Opera Point for Room 3 and an overnight trip to Miranda and Kaiaua for our Room 2 class.

Every second year our senior class travel away for a week-long camp and these alternate between Wellington and an adventurous, confidence-building adventure. Totara Springs was certainly a place where our seniors could build their confidence and if they weren't swinging from ceilings, shooting, water-sliding, flying-foxing across a gully, or rock-climbing, then they were trying to fit in eating or sleeping. They had an awesome time and we are so appreciative to Ms Street for taking them along with our fabulous parent volunteers who had a week of unexpected boot camp!

Room 2 had an overnight adventure of their own when they travelled to the Miranda Shorebird Centre to learn more about godwits and their journey. It was like a giant sleepover for the evening where they wore each other out racing around every activity in Miranda before relaxing in the hot pools. Their teacher Darrell could not have been more proud of how well-behaved and sensible the children were and he had a fantastic team of parents accompany him to make the trip safe and enjoyable.

Room 3 spent a day at Opera Point exploring, gathering photos for their botanical studies and having a final snorkel and swim before the water cools down. We are so fortunate to have this treasure such a short drive from school. Room 3 are saving their overnight trip until term 4 when they will travel off the peninsula for a learning-filled adventure.

We look forward to a much drier and school-based term 2 and look forward to seeing everyone back on **Monday 1 May**.



Summer enjoying the flying fox at Miranda



Room 3 enjoying Opera Point

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Kiwi Can

"Kia Ora Tatou Katoa"

By the time you all get to read this we will be heading back to school after a two-week holiday.

Wow, term one went so quickly!

Unfortunately last term, because of the road closures in April, Thames South School missed out on their last two Kiwi Can sessions one of these being Prize Giving and Games day. We will have to make up for that this term.

Congratulations to Linda McKellar, the winner of our Kiwi Can Raffle. We hope you enjoy your box of goodies. Thanks to everyone who purchased tickets to support our Coromandel Kiwi Can Programme. We would also like to thank the Star and Garter Hotel for supporting us through their Give a Little Sundays which raised \$699 for Kiwi Can during the months of December and January.

Hope you all had a great time over the holidays. Our leaders have finished their lesson planning and are excited about heading back into the classroom with our tamariki, to discover what this term's Theme and Catchphrase is.

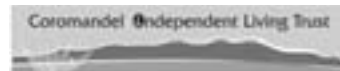
This term we have some awesome lessons planned and I'm sure our kids will have lots of fun taking part in our activities.

Heads up: Kiwi Can Disco **Friday 7 July**.

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

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

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



Coromandel Youth Group Hauraki House - Term Two

By Nadine Smith

Coromandel Youth Group is for children aged 5-15yrs. Just come along and fill out a membership form for each child attending. To help with running costs please make a gold coin donation for after school sessions; every little bit helps us to stay open!

Hours:

Sunday 1-4pm,

Tuesday and Thursday 3-5pm,

Friday afternoon 2-4pm.

Friday Night Social 6pm-9pm – for students 11-14yrs, all students must check in with staff on arrival.

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

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

We would like to thank those that make this programme possible: Lottery Waikato, COGS, Trust Waikato, Coromandel Senior Settlement Trust & Coromandel Community Board

Coromandel Area School

By Emma Blake

The tail end of Term One has been an exciting one, with a lot happening throughout the school.

Community Meetings

Thank you to everyone who attended the community meeting on 15 March. It was great to let you know about the school charter, our targets and the future of the school.

We had another community meeting on 11 April to discuss the possibility of the school going solar! Watch this space for more information.

Netball

We are very excited about the upcoming netball season and our senior girls have been training hard to get ready.

On Wednesday 22 March, a community meeting was held to discuss the upgrade of our netball courts. Simon Stephens, Programme Manager, Thames-Coromandel District Council hosted the meeting of interested bodies.

The town courts are unusable – broken-up, poorly surfaced and completely useless as courts.

The proposal, agreed to by all groups present, is to re-surface the existing two netball courts at Coromandel Area School –

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upgrading to an artificial astro-turf surface and general makeover of the area and then construct the new court connecting the existing ones through a seating area and running it alongside the pool fence area.

Exciting news for Coromandel Town and the evident passion of those most directly involved for the

project was a noteworthy part of the very positive and go-forward meeting. As we know more – so will you.

Orchard planting

We have planted our fruit trees up on the bank in the school field. Thank you to all of those who helped us out for the day. We will keep you updated on how the trees go.

Cross Country

This year's cross country will be held on **19 May** at the Coromandel Golf Club. It will be the same course layout as last year with the categories being: Primary-years 1-6, Years 7-8, 14-16 year old boys and girls and Under 19. Please come along and cheer on the students.

Seafood Fest

We have been working hard on our special art for the upcoming Seafood Fest on **6 May** held at the school grounds. Please come along and enjoy some beautiful seafood while checking out our awesome art work in the school hall. Room one have been



Lily and Savannah with their rock pool creatures – a seahorse and an anemone

busy learning all about rock pools and using different art mediums to express this. We have made rock pool creatures out of playdough in practice for our clay sculptures. See our display at the festival to find out all about our learning journey!

Farewell

It is with mixed emotions that we farewell two of our great teachers. David Phillips and Elaine Newton have both finished up at the end of term two. We will miss them a lot and thank them for their invaluable time spent teaching our tamāriki. We wish you both all the best for your future endeavours and we hope you enjoy relaxing and spending a bit more time with family.

School Holidays

Thank you to all our students and whanau for an enjoyable Term One. We hope you had a restful break, set to go for Term Two.

Kauri Run 5km Fun Run Saturday 13th May



11.30am start

Long Bay Run / Walk: Flat course to suit all, small children can use scooters, bikes, take babies & toddlers in pushchairs or buggies.

A kauri tree is planted for every competitor over the age of 6.



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Environmental

TWO SUCCESS STORIES ABOUT BABY KIWI

Kiwi chick kicks its way into the world

Kicking through the bottom of an egg is a tiring entry into the world for a kiwi and could have cost a Coromandel chick its life.

Luckily the chick from Moehau, at the top of the Coromandel Peninsula, had been dropped off at Kiwi Encounter hatchery at Rainbow Springs in Rotorua, and successfully hatched with a little bit of last minute help.

Assistant Kiwi Husbandry Manager Emma Bean says, "This occasionally happens, that the chick tries to come out the wrong way. Kiwi use their strong legs to push their way out of the egg. Instead of coming out head first through the blunt end of the egg, this chick tried to come out legs first out the pointy end."

In the wild there is a 50% hatch success but at Kiwi Encounter there is a 95% hatch success each season, which is another reason why O.N.E. (Operation Nest Egg) can really help turn kiwi population numbers around from a 2% decrease to a 2% increase.

Kiwi Encounter is the largest hatchery of brown kiwi and crucial in kiwi conservation. In this 2016/17 hatch season, which is drawing to a close, 124 kiwi chicks have hatched from around the North Island.

"It's been a busy season. The last couple of years only 100 chicks have hatched each season at Rainbow Springs and we have attributed this to the long dry summers," Emma says.

"Last winter was a mild one and we've had a soggy summer, which has been great for young kiwi as invertebrates – their food source – are closer to the surface and make for easier pickings."

Once hatched the chicks stay at Kiwi Encounter until they are a healthy "stoat proof" weight of 1kg. They are then released back to their home in the wild – in this chick's case back to Moehau. They have a 65% survival rate, instead of just 5% if they were left to hatch in a non-predator controlled environment in their natural habitat.

The chick weighed 357g when it hatched on 24 March.

To donate or sponsor a kiwi visit www.rainbow-springs.co.nz/donate



Moehau Environment Group

By Natalie Collicott

Growing Kiwi Through Collaboration

We're part of a grand plan to establish Coromandel kiwi on Motutapu Island in the Hauraki Gulf. This summer we began Operation Nest Egg to help kick-start this island population. And in March our first kiwi chick, Mauricio, was released on the island.

Mauricio took us all by surprise. In mid-January, Diane went for a hike to mark the location of a kiwi nest near Port Charles. She suspected Totara, the male kiwi, was incubating his second clutch of eggs. In fact, what she discovered was not eggs, but a chick, already a couple of weeks old! This fluffy bundle was whisked off to Kiwi Encounter in Rotorua, a captive breeding facility. In March, after passing quarantine, Mauricio and two other kiwi from the Coromandel were released onto their new island home on Motutapu, to run wild.

With Coromandel kiwi now being translocated into new protected areas, (like Motutapu and the Hunua ranges), local kiwi care groups are working together with DOC to meet demand for founding kiwi via Operation Nest Egg. Operation Nest Egg is a way of fast-tracking the growth of kiwi populations, without removing the breeding adult pairs. Because it removes eggs, leaving the adult breeding pairs in situ, these kiwi can continue to breed year on year. With kiwi living for up to 40 years, that can mean many new recruits – as long as predators are kept at bay.

It has been a busy summer for our kiwi handlers, Diane and Tommy, and their dogs. They have been up and down steep bush-clad gullies, monitoring kiwi nests, patiently waiting for the right moment to lift the eggs. This season we have lifted five eggs and one chick from three kiwi nests. Unfortunately, all of the eggs have turned out to be either infertile or rotten. This is all too common in kiwi, with only 50% of eggs successfully hatching in the wild. The next batch of eggs will be harvested in September 2017.

Motutapu is earmarked to become a Kohanga – a kiwi crèche, meaning once this predator-free island is overflowing with kiwi, young birds will be relocated back to the Coromandel. Scientists predict kiwi could be "harvested" from Motutapu in 15-20 years from now, providing up to 220 juveniles a year.

Kiwi were once spread along the full length of the Coromandel peninsula, and beyond. But in the last 20 years they have disappeared from about 40% of their range. Coromandel kiwi are now only found north of Thames and Tairua, where predator control is ongoing. This operation is part of a larger vision to see kiwi numbers increase exponentially, and be heard once again in the Southern Coromandel.

Want to help? We're organizing our kiwi listening survey for May and June. If you are confident in the bush at night and would like to be involved, email natalie@meg.org.nz

Moehau Environment Group is a non-profit volunteer organisation dedicated to the protection and enhancement of the natural environment of

the northern Coromandel.

For more info or to get involved please get in touch with Natalie Collicott, MEG Coordinator (07) 866 5337. Email: natalie@meg.org.nz or go to www.meg.org.nz



Mauricio, the first kiwi chick from the MEG project to be released on Motutapu

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Mauricio the kiwi with the Upchurch family and Hazel Speed from DOC, who attended the release on Motutapu

The One Road Home

By Catherine Delahunty, Green MP



Although Cyclone Cook did not hit the Coromandel the damage of the previous storm meant the coast road was closed before and leading into Easter. The slip at Ruamahunga Bay is the biggest one but the whole coast is vulnerable to storm surges and slips. The impact of the cyclone warnings and the actual slips deterred many people from travelling on the Thursday and Good Friday. The economic impact of this on the towns of the Peninsula will be very real for many small businesses which rely on the extra cash generated by long weekends of visitors to get through the winter.

My friends in Edgumbe whose house was in the front line face the awful reality that they can still live in the house once its fixed but will be stuck next to a stopbank which has failed once, unable to escape the risk of serious repeated flooding. Their beautiful gardens are smashed and their house is full of silt and mould but its not bad enough for insurers to buy them a new home in a safer place. If you want a closer-to-home example check out the Piako river whose stopbank also broke: the farms nearby are flooded.

With climate change, flooding like this will happen more often. A Green MP initiated a cross party working party, an international report and a Parliamentary debate on climate change.

If the one road home from Thames to Coromandel, not to mention the survival of our species, is to be mostly viable, the voters and decision makers on the slow train to reality might like to read the latest "New Scientist" article, "A year on thin ice", about the state of the Arctic and what that means for the global climate. This is not the future, this is the present.

Upper Coromandel Landcare Association (UCLA) Winter Warning

By Reihana Robinson

"The inability to prevent the imposition of unwanted pesticides may affect mental if not physical health, certification for organic growers, and the ability of tangata whenua to exercise kaitiakitanga..." – Helen Hughes, Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment (1987-1996)

Very sadly, we have to report that sacred Moehau, and property around its flanks, are to have another aerial 1080 poison drop.

Residents in and abutting the planned 1080 zone received a letter on 24 March from DOC Coromandel warning of the drop – but not saying exactly when it will happen, only that it will happen sometime "between July and October".

It's time all conservation-minded groups and residents (tauwiwi and tangata whenua) in our community get together to support trapping and hunting on our maunga.

Coromandel Catchment meeting

By Reihana Robinson, WRC Coromandel Catchment Committee member

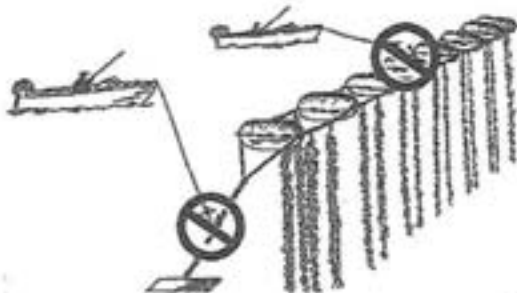
On **15 May** the Waikato Regional Council Coromandel Catchment committee will hold its meeting in Coromandel town. After lobbying for years to encourage WRC to hold such a meeting this is a small but good step forward. The decision was taken by the new Whitianga Zone Manager Dean Allen. Members of the public have three minutes at the start of the meeting to address the committee on issues of public concern. Time to be advised.

For those interested please call Dean at (07) 866 0172 or on his mobile 021 275 2292

Good fishing on Mussel Farms

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

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Sport

Coromandel Golf Club

By Peter Gray



The Men's Senior Pennants team had a successful start to the competition, winning their 1st and 2nd rounds. On 26 March at home, the Coromandel team defeated Walton 6/3 and then defeated Stewart Alexander 7/2. A few of our members followed the fields at home and were very impressed not only with the standard of golf but also the competitiveness and some power hitting.

The next round is against Hauraki at Waikare on Sunday 23 April.

The men are currently playing the qualifying rounds of the Beaver Cup with the Club's new junior member, Josh Sturgeon (65) currently leading Jim Davis (67).

The Coromandel Ladies' Pennant team continued on its winning way, taking out the second round at Thames on 20 March. The weather has thwarted attempts to complete the third and final zone day. Glenise Robertson, ladies' captain, is encouraging members to read and comment on the New Rules of Golf circulated by NZ Golf.

The Club committee would like to extend a thank you to Philippa Medlock for organising a season of Twilight Golf. The evenings were well attended and enabled non-regular and regular golfers to enjoy a "very social" nine-hole round. Philippa would like to thank all those that supported the evenings and also Carol and Wayne Carson for their assistance.

The Club would like to welcome a new Junior member, Joshua Sturgeon who has been participating in the men's competitions.

The men are particularly pleased as when Josh is playing it takes the average playing age from around the 70's to late 30's or mid 40's (depending if Allan Beavers plays).

Word of warning Josh – The men tried to curtail the ladies ("to no avail"), when they started to take "home the bacon" and their prizes!

Reminder: The King Trophy Mixed combine net (P) will be held on **Saturday 29 April**.

Upcoming Dates - May

Sunday 7 May – Championship Pennants @ Walton

Sunday 14 May – Goldfields @ Pauanui

Saturday 20 May – Beaver Cup Semi Finals

Sunday 21 May – Championship Pennants Finals TBA

Saturday 27 May – Coromandel Mixed Open (C)

Wednesday 31 May – Meat Pack/Laurie Olliff Trophy

Spirit of Coromandel Trust

By Rita Stephenson

On **13 May** we will be staging the Kauri Run, which consists of four courses. The first is the 32-kilometre, starting from Waikawau Beach; the next one is the 21-kilometre, starting from White Star Station in Colville; the 13-kilometre starts in town, from the Patukirkiri Reserve. They all finish at the Coromandel Area School bottom field. We will also be staging a 5-kilometre walk/run which is suitable for all ages to take part in. It's a flat, gentle course. Peter and Lesley from Four Square have kindly donated a bike as major spot prizes for the children aged between 6 and 14 years. You must be at prize giving to collect the prize.

Bike Park

The Spirit of Coromandel Trust has applied for and been granted a resource consent to create a bike park on the old landfill area on Hauraki Road. This has been a long drawn out project which the trust is very proud to part of. We have consulted with Jeff Carter who has worked on many bike parks throughout New Zealand, including the Redwoods in Rotorua which he has helped develop. It's exciting to know we are going to have a facility that will benefit not only the bike park users, but the community in general. The first stage of the bike park will be the pump track. We hope to have this up and running by end of summer 2017.

If there is anyone interested in helping us with the project please contact Rita Stephenson by phone 027 210 3734 / (07) 866 8613 or email arceventsrita@gmail.com. We are keen to have some willing helpers on board to further the park. We are also asking for marshals to assist with the three events we run each year. We are a not-for-profit organisation with proceeds going to the Spirit of Coromandel Trust.

If you would like further information regarding the Spirit of Coromandel Trust and what we are about contact Rita who will be happy to provide you with the information

Coromandel Croquet Club

By Kaye Anderson

We are continuing to start croquet at 9.30am since the weather remains warm. The rains haven't affected play too seriously and with our lawnmower now fixed, the greens are looking most inviting!

Playing croquet in winter is a great way to keep fit and defeat cold weather blues. A few hours in the fresh air and sunshine is an excellent tonic. If you would like to join the club, we'll give you plenty of support while you come to grips with the finer points of the game.

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

Coromandel Recreational Fishing Club

By Allison Brown & Committee CRFC

Hi to all,

Hopefully the shocking weather we were having will have settled and we do not get any more slips on the roads or flooding. Having said that the fishing around this side of the Coromandel has been quite good. The sea has been lovely and calm with some very good catches of snapper. One lucky person on the charter boat "Smoking Reels" on his first time out fishing caught a nice large snapper weighing in at over 20lb. He very graciously asked for it to be released after taking a photo. A chap that was out netting in one of the bays, on pulling his net in saw the biggest snapper that he had ever seen (not just your average fisherman's tale). Luckily it was not caught in the net and just rolled out of it and went on his way. So the snapper are still around and good sizes.

We have a special big thank you to Sharmayne and Serge at Coromandel Takeaways and Grant at Coromandel Marine Engineering for their most generous sponsorship and donations of prizes for the Classy Chicks Competition.

Sharmayne donated vouchers for up to six of your fish fillets cooked for free. Their battered fish is really delicious.

March Fish of the Month for club members was kahawai, won by Clay Short, weighing 2.540kg, caught on a 10kg line.

Fish of the Month for April is gurnard.

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Here's to tight lines.



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From Lemonade Stands To Sailing Group

By Michael Brown

The Youth Sailing Academy Colville have what could best be described as a mobile clubhouse – a handful of tarpaulins draped over some big sticks erected on the beach.

Their boats are stored in a nearby farmer's barn and one of their main fundraising projects was selling homemade lemonade down at the local general store.

They might be a little club but they don't want to be limited by their meagre resources. It's why the words 'sailing academy' were incorporated into the name of their club.

As founder Spike Mountjoy says, "I wanted kids to aspire and believe they could compete in the America's Cup one day if they were good enough. I wanted it to be something they took seriously."

The Youth Sailing Academy Colville is New Zealand's newest sailing group. The idea was first raised seven months ago and they held their open day only two months ago.

Already they can't cope with the level of interest. They essentially inherited three P-Class boats from the Thames Yacht Club, who modernised their fleet, and have added a couple more along with a 15-foot dinghy and a mini Hobie. Some are also restoring a historic designed John Welsford classic skiff.

"There's no shortage of interest in what we are doing," says Mountjoy, who is a self-taught sailor who hitch-hiked his way around the world on boats. "But we're limited by a shortage of boats. Our life jackets, we had to beg, borrow and steal. We've struggled to get enough buoyancy aids, pulleys and shackles."

Colville School, which had 31 students at last count, became the focus for the sailing academy. It seemed a natural place to start.

"We are an isolated community so the



The Youth Sailing Academy Colville's launch day two months ago

kids don't have access to a lot of organised sport," Mountjoy says. "It's a beautiful bay but hardly anyone sails here. I grew up here but didn't learn to sail here. I would have loved to. What was missing was a chance for the kids to learn to go sailing."

"It was so easy to set up. I thought it might have been hard because we have to do everything ourselves around here and people are already giving up so much of their time for volunteer projects. But there were others who had the same idea. We have been lucky and had a huge amount of community support."

As many as 35 people are now involved in the sailing group. They have about 10 coaches, including one who not only sailed competitively but also coached in England, who take turns to teach the dozen or so kids who turn up each week. More want to go sailing but a lack of equipment means they are restricted in what they can do.

"Pretty much all the kids at school want to do it, which is more than we can handle. We want to grow the club so we don't have to turn kids away."

Mountjoy says they're trying to be as resourceful as possible but would happily accept any old equipment or financial assistance. They have a small fleet of

P-Classes – they were originally stored in Mountjoy's lounge but that would have led to inevitable divorce so found a home in a farmer's barn – and would love to add some Optimists.

They are also trying to upskill their coaches and last weekend hosted Yachting New Zealand coach development manager Gareth Moore.

"It was unbelievably valuable," Mountjoy says. "We couldn't have hoped for more [out of the course]. Most of us are self-taught so we have disparate knowledge. It would be useful for us all to have the same approach."

It was an equally valuable weekend for Moore – he even jumped on a motorbike to help muster sheep – and he was taken by the community spirit.

"It's a we-will-make-it-work attitude that you find in Colville," says Moore, who had to drive around the tip of the Coromandel to get to Colville following Cyclone Debbie's impact on the main coast road during last week's floods. "People may have heard of 'island time'. Well, 'Colville time' is also a thing. But time doesn't matter as the very enthusiastic bunch of volunteer coaches of all ages who greet you have got the kids sailing at a good level within only a few weeks in New Zealand's iconic P-Class."

"These people go out of their way to help the youth of Colville and each other to make sailing happen, and it was awesome to see a community who have next-to-no resources making it work."

As they have proved, all you need is a couple of tarpaulins, a lemonade stand, a handful of boats and the right attitude.

Anyone wanting to donate equipment or money to the Youth Sailing Academy Colville can contact them through their Facebook page - search "Youth Sailing Academy - Colville". Article kindly supplied by Yachting New Zealand

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 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
 Scouts and Cubs, Scout Den, Hauraki House,
 Abby Morgan (07) 211 9790 3.30pm
 Coro Gym – Kick fit with Christajo, 155 Pottery Lane,
 021 033 9329 5.30-6.30pm
 Shrinking Violets, Betsie (07) 866 7076 5.30pm
 Coro Contract Bridge, Coro Ambulance rooms,
 Lyn (07) 866 8858 7pm
 Four-part harmony singing, Sue (07) 866 8833 7.30pm

Every Tuesday

Homeschoolers' gathering, Julene (07) 866 8005
 Mahamudra Centre, guided meditation in gomp 8.30-9am
 Pastel Artists Coromandel,
 Coromandel Aero Club Rooms (07) 866 7220 9am-mid day
 Colville Bay Pre-School, rear Colville School, cr
 (07) 866 8319 9am-3pm
 Coro Walking Group, Ruth (07) 866 7246 9am
 Colville Social Services Collective, Colville Hall,
 (07) 866 6920 9am-3pm
 Kohanga Reo o Kapanga, (07) 866 8417 9am-3pm
 Music and Dance, Elim Church- Preschoolers Dance Group, Dawn
 (07) 866 8150 9.30-11am
 Coro Ladies Golf, Peter (07) 866 7633 tee off 10am
 Yoga, Colville Hall, (07) 866 6612 10am
 Croquet, Woollams Ave, Kaye (07) 866 8968 9.45am
 Coromandel Playcentre, Woollams Ave 10.30am-1pm
 Narcotics Anonymous meeting, 021 314 467 12 noon
 500 card session at Elizabeth Park Village, (07) 866 8886 1pm
 Coro Gym – Fitness and Fun, Judy (07) 866 8637 1pm
 Beginner Yoga with Becks, at the Anglican Church Hall,
 170 Tiki Rd, \$10. Contact 027 407 0079 5.30-6.45pm
 Badminton, school gymnasium. \$2. Racquets available, wear
 non marking sports shoes. Lorraine (07) 866 7606 6.30pm
 Ambulance training, Felix (07) 866 8279 7-9pm
 Coro Motorcycle Club, Star & Garter,
 John (07) 866 6776 7-9pm

Every Wednesday

Dharma Gaia, Meditation, (07) 866 7995 6-7am
 Dharma Gaia, Sitting & Walking Meditation,
 (07) 866 7995 7.30-9pm
 Coro Gym – Step/aerobics, Peg (07) 866 8635 8am
 Mahamudra Centre, guided meditation in gomp 8.30-9am
 Yoga with Tina at Waikato Events Centre 8.40-9.50am
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 (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
 Coromandel Golf Club – men's, Hauraki Rd,
 Peter (07) 866 7633 tee off 12.30pm
 Scrabble Club, Joan for venue on (07) 866 7580 1pm
 Coro Tennis Club – club night, Gayle (07) 866 8063 4pm
 Wing Chun Kung Fu- Hong Kong Style,
 Chi Sau Club 027 283 0773 4.30-8.30pm
 Running Group, meet at rugby club grounds.
 Mark 027 338 6697 or (07) 866 7660 5-6.15pm
 Coro Gym – Pump with Betty, (07) 866 8635 5.30-6.30pm
 Discussion night-optional pot luck dinner, Mahamudra Centre,
 (07) 866 6851 dinner 6pm, meeting 7-8.30pm
 Walking & sitting meditation, Dharma Gaia Centre,
 (07) 866 7995 7.30-9pm

Every Thursday

Mahamudra Centre, guided meditation in 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
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 Kohanga Reo o Kapanga, (07) 866 8417 9am-3pm
 Tai Ji, Top Floor, Waikato Events Centre,
 Sol (07) 866 8971 10-11am
 Guided meditations *New venue: Elizabeth Park
 Community Centre 10-11am
 Coro Gym – Ukulele group practice for beginners,
 Peg (07) 866 8635

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

Every Friday

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 (07) 866 8319 9am-3pm
 Mahamudra Centre, guided meditation in gomp 8.30-9am
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 Yoga for everyone, Anglican Church Hall,
 Katie (07) 866 6612 9-10.30am
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 Coro Gym – Fitness & Fun, Judy (07) 866 8637 1pm
 The Club, Woollams Avenue, ph (07) 866 8813open from 3.30pm
 Coro Tennis, Men's night, Gayle (07) 866 8063 4pm
 Coro Bowling Club Roll Up 4-5pm
 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, Kaye (07) 866 8968 9.45am
 Coromandel Golf Club-club play, Hauraki Rd,
 Peter (07) 866 7633 tee off 12.30pm
 Coromandel RSA, Woollams Ave, ph The Club (07) 866 8813 2pm
 St Colman's Catholic Church-mass,
 Rings Rd, Frieda (07) 866 7872 5pm
 Prayers for dead and healing,
 Mahamudra Centre, (07) 866 6851 5-6pm
Every Sunday
 Mahamudra Centre, guided meditation-in Gomp
 (07) 866 6851 8.30-9am
 Christ Church, 180 Tiki Road, Holy Eucharist,
 Fr Philip Sallis 021347794 10am
 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


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

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Calendar of events

Coromandel Town **May 2017**

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8	ILLUME 2018 community meeting (see ad pg 19)	9		10		11		12	Pop up shop and art show at Hauraki House (see pg 14) Coromandel Players play "Spreading Out" 8pm (see pg 28 & ad pg 16)	13	Family Fun Run and Kauri Run (see pg 34 & ad pg 31) Pop up shop and art show at Hauraki House (see pg 14) Coromandel Players play "Spreading Out" 2pm (see pg 28 & ad pg 16)	14	Pop up shop and art show at Hauraki House (see pg 14)
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29		30		31	Meat Pack/Laurie Olliff Trophy at at Coromandel Golf Club (see pg 34)	Make sure your event gets listed To get your event listed, email the details, your name and contact phone number to Debbie at corochronicle@gmail.com with the subject "event". Or post to Jude Publishing, PO Box 148, Coromandel. There is limited space available and will be published subject to space availability, with preference to not-for- profit groups.							
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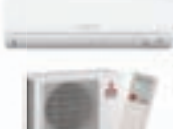
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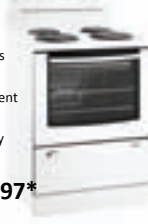
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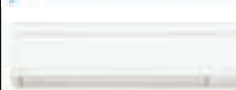
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