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## Congratulations to our 1st & 2nd Coro Local Legends

Congratulations to Jean Ashby of Coromandel, who is the recipient of a gift hamper from Coromandel Four Square. Jean has been nominated by Linda McKellar and another anonymous person. They wrote "Jean has done an amazing job for many years in looking after and supporting many of our locals" "Jean is everyone's aunty and is always there for anyone that needs a helping hand".

Congratulations also to Debra and Mark Attwood of Coromandel, who are the recipients of a gift hamper from Coromandel Four Square. They have been nominated by Jackie Goudie, who wrote "they give an enormous amount of energy and time into the community pool. Mark and Debra are always there checking in or being lifeguards, helping with swimming club and learn to swim. They work tirelessly to keep the pool running so we can all enjoy it."

Thanks for your community spirit Jean, Mark and Debra, you are true CoroLocalLegends!

### Do you know someone who deserves recognition for their amazing community spirit?

Drop us a line telling us and they will receive acknowledgement in the Coromandel Chronicle as well as receiving a \$50 gift hamper from Coromandel Four Square. Send your nominations to: Coromandel.foursquare@foodstuffs.co.nz (subject line: CoroLocalLegend) or post to: CoroLocalLegend, PO Box 5, Coromandel 3506.

*Kindly refrain from nominating family members.*



Jean Ashby



Mark and Debra Attwood

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## Editor's comment

Mother's Day is this month. There is also the Seafood Fest and the Coromandel Kauri Run/Walk – both on 5 May. If you fancy a night out Coromandel Music Society bring us Hammers & Horsehair and the Coromandel Players (including me on stage again) have their next play Social Climbers starting at the end of the month. MEG Winter lectures are starting for winter, as are the quiz nights and movie nights at The Club.

Have a good month,

*Debbie*

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## Letters

### Garden Thank You

Twice a year up to 15 trays of flower and vegetable seedlings arrive at our school to replenish the gardens. This has been going on for over ten years. That's 15 x 8 punnets each time. Do the math on that!

I have never publicly acknowledged the generosity of Zealandia Nurseries for this kindness.

Right now I am loathe to pull out the purple and red salvia, or the dwarf marigolds that are still flourishing since being planted in early November.

But I will be sending another wish list to Graham Windross and his team at Zealandia, Takanini when I do.

Thank you, Graham, we all love the hardy annuals you send to make our school gardens colourful and cheerful. Students can potter in the gardens, they ask to pick flowers, and seldom torture the plants!

(Graham has ties to Coromandel that go way back, as his mother is a Strongman.)  
Rose Turner,  
Coromandel Area School gardener



Winiata and Kaila helping in the garden

Dear Debbie,  
Thank you to Jura who has worked in Coromandel Stationers and fixed whatever technology we have taken to him with such skill and grace. We will miss you and wish you and your bride much happiness in your new life.

Marni Macdonald,  
Coromandel

To the Editor,

It has been very disappointing to see people are helping themselves to produce and seedlings from the Coromandel Community Garden. We had several pumpkins removed one night, and now all the bananas have been removed from the tree, along with punnets ready to be planted being taken. If you are in need we are happy to share produce, but we would appreciate some volunteer time in return. Please remember that the garden is a community project existing to help those in need by supplying the Coromandel Food-bank. It is run on a shoestring budget and survives only with the help of volunteers and honesty from the community.  
Anna Galvin, Coromandel

Dear Editor,

We at Coromandel Food-bank would like to acknowledge and thank the Christ Church for the many years of monthly sponsorship the Food-bank received. We couldn't have supplied all of those food parcels without you. Times and priorities change and we are sad to lose your support but it opens up opportunities for other groups or individuals to lend their financial support to the Coromandel Food-bank. Demand for food parcels in our community continues to grow. Over the last nine months we put together 163 parcels feeding 276 adults and 417 children. If you are interested in sponsoring the Coromandel Food-bank on a regular basis, whether it be big or small, we would love to hear from you.

Caroline Dunn, Coromandel Budget Advisory Service - (07) 866 8351

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# Coromandel Seafood Fest

By Rob Fort

## Saturday 5 May 9am to 4pm

It's that time again when we celebrate our seafood culture along with the amazing environment that supports it. Now in its third year, the committee have been working hard to keep the event on the calendar. This year has seen some significant changes and they have opened up new potential to develop the Seafood Fest further. The festival promises to be more streamlined, offering continuous demonstrations throughout the day. Other changes have meant coinciding with the Great Kauri Run held by ARC on the top field of the school and the Seafood Fest on the lower field. Entry is just \$2 per person with under 14 years free, making it affordable for families. Proceeds from this go to Coromandel Area School. As always there will be plenty of things to keep you entertained, with live music throughout the day and various other activities like ongoing cooking demonstrations by different chefs featuring local seafood produce. Check out oyster opening and learn how to fillet fish



with live demonstrations. Stall holders offer a variety of wares like photographic art prints, copper wall art, clothing and more. There are fun rides for the kids and educational displays, so once you have worked up an appetite, choose from the many food stalls. Seafood is not the only thing on offer either, with plenty of options available including smoked bacon. Yes, even a piece of fresh battered fish can be found. After satisfying your hunger kick back and enjoy the live music from various local artists. If you are looking for a bit more, then take the challenge and ride the Motion Master Thrill ride.

## 2018 Event Programme

- 9.30am to 12.30pm and 1.30 to 3.30pm – cooking demonstrations
- 10am to 3.30pm – live music from various performers, fish filleting and oyster opening (times TBA).

We will be posting the latest news and updates on a daily basis as we lead up to the event, and will cover what's on offer through our Facebook page. Search for Coromandel Seafood Fest and don't forget to like and follow us for notifications. Look forward to seeing you there.

## Warm & Alive

By Lisa Corston (and Jacqui Chan)

Jacqui and I are feeling very grateful for the glorious heatpump in the sweet little Anglican Church hall. It means our Thursday dance space is deliciously warm and welcoming on these increasingly cooler autumnal days. And up at Mana, for Tuesday morning dance, the fire is lit to ward off any wintry chill in the air... so both dance floors are cosy havens to relax into, unfold into dance, warm up your body and enjoy the simple pleasure of being alive.

The new Thursday afternoon Dancewise (60yrs and above) classes are now in full swing! If you have yet to "dip your toe in", then there are still four more opportunities this month. We extend to you a warm and welcoming invitation to come join us.

Well this month's editorial is very short and sweet! Wishing you all enlivening days and warm cosy evenings... and remember, even the simple act of pausing and enjoying a cup of tea is a form of dance.

Dancewise (60yrs and above) classes: Thursdays **3, 10, 17, 24 May**, Anglican Church Hall, 2-3.15pm, entry \$5-\$10 (choose as you can afford).

Weekly Thursday classes at the Anglican Church Hall, 7\*-8.30pm Thursday's **3, 10, 17, 24 May**.

Tuesday morning classes at Mana Retreat Centre 9.30\*-11.30am **15, 22, 29 May, 5, 12, 19 June**.

(\*Please arrive a few minutes earlier to settle in. Come up to 15mins early to enjoy a longer warm-up. If you are new we invite you to arrive 10-15min early so we can welcome and orient you.)

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## Pregnancy Yoga Workshop

**Saturday 12 May**, 10am to 1pm, \$40 at Anglican Church Hall, 170 Tiki Rd, Coromandel Town.

Yoga during pregnancy is a fantastic way to connect with your baby and prepare yourself physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually for the big changes that come with having a little one. Being pregnant is one of the most phenomenal things a human being can do and it can also be an overwhelming time full of new experiences. This workshop combines yoga postures, breathwork, art, deep relaxation, meditation and gentle dance movements to support women through all stages of pregnancy, birth and the first months of motherhood.

While lovingly connecting with the growing baby within, other mums and sharing plenty of snacks, drinks and helpful tips, we will learn ways to alleviate nausea, lower anxiety, increase energy, relieve cramps, reduce lower back pain and hip aches, ease swollen ankles, safely tone the abdominal and pelvic floor muscles, prepare for birth and life with a newborn afterwards. Handouts will be provided so practices can continue afterwards at home.

This workshop is suitable for women at any stage of pregnancy and health professionals working with pregnant women and their families. No previous experience of yoga is required and all equipment is provided.

Facilitated by: Rebecca Leaker, 500-Hour Qualified Yoga Teacher and proud mother with additional teacher training in supporting women through pregnancy and birth with Embody Birth.

Bookings essential. Cost: \$40 (includes organic snacks, drinks and handouts).

Contact Rebecca on 027 407 0079 or [rebeccaleaker@gmail.com](mailto:rebeccaleaker@gmail.com), [www.rebeccaleaker.com](http://www.rebeccaleaker.com). Spaces are limited so get in quick!

## Coromandel Gymnastics Club

By Anna Galvin

The Coromandel Gymnastics Club are looking for members of the community who are experienced in gymnastics and would be interested in assisting with coaching. We will be holding our AGM **Monday 30 April**, 3.30pm in the Coromandel Area School Library. If your child would like to participate in gymnastics this year or you are interested in helping out in any way, please come along.

Contact Anna at [309work@gmail.com](mailto:309work@gmail.com)

## Outward Bound Community Volunteer Scholarships Applications Open

Are you, or do you know, someone who shows passion and commitment to helping their community, and is 18-26 years old? This could be in the form of volunteering for local organisations, supporting worthy causes or investing time in helping others.

Who's the Finest? Scholarships are now available for Outward Bound's 21-day Classic course in the Marlborough Sounds. Scholarships are available for courses happening during **7-27 May**, **4-24 June**, **30 July-19 August** and **27 August-16 September 2018**.

The scholarship pays up to 75% of the full course fee. In addition the participants just need to cover the cost of a medical appointment and travel to and from Picton.

Call 0800 688 927, email [jwilson@outwardbound.co.nz](mailto:jwilson@outwardbound.co.nz) or head to [www.outwardbound.co.nz/scholarships/whos-the-finest-scholarship/](http://www.outwardbound.co.nz/scholarships/whos-the-finest-scholarship/) for more information and closing dates

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11 Jun - 14 Oct	-	-	-	-	-	4.30 pm	4.30 pm

Auckland - Coromandel

	ADULT	CHILD	FAMILY
ONE WAY	\$60.00	\$40.00	\$160.00
OPEN RETURN	\$95.00	\$60.00	\$250.00

Waiheke Island (Orapiu) - Coromandel

	ADULT	CHILD	FAMILY
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OPEN RETURN	\$60.00	\$35.00	\$155.00

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## Lions News

By Lyn Rose



As we journey through autumn, do any of us take the time to look around at our beautiful little village that we are so lucky to call home? I hope some of you have, as this is what keeps the tourists coming in droves! Thanks to them and everyone else who supported us on Saturday 31 March (Easter) with our mussel fritters, local butcher's sausage sizzle and firewood raffle, all of which sold out! Lucky raffle winner is T. Englander of Coromandel. Congrats and thank you for your support. All funds raised come back to our community.

It is a privilege to report that we had a presentation at our last business meeting for assistance with funds for our junior rugby teams. It took all of two minutes and a unanimous decision of approval to help! We all wish you well. Play hard, play fair; your Lions family will be watching! We have also been gifted a signed painting by our very talented local artist Val Gray to raffle, which will be on display in town with tickets for purchase. Thank you so very much; your paintings are special – just like you.

On to our dinner meeting, where once again we hosted our zone chairman and visitors from out of town. The Lion Rock was passed on to our genial genie president Jean once again for going the extra mile and getting things done! A very enjoyable and interesting evening, a great dinner (as usual) and good company. The only reason we go home is because most of us have to work the next day – sad but true!

Three days later and we are at Matarangi for the festival; once again a sell-out and all proceeds go to the Rescue Helicopter and S.A.R., as that is what it all started for, both of which are crucial to our area.

With the coming of cooler days our orders for firewood have trebled but as I have urged people before, call your usual supplier as it is their living, where as we are a service club, and are all volunteers, not always able to accommodate ASAP. Yes, we do have wood and yes, I will still take your order. Please leave a CLEAR message with name and phone number; I will get back to you.

Enjoy the last days of autumn and let's look out for each other; you never know what is around the corner for you. P.S. Looking forward to our next dinner meeting. It is our wild foods and homegrown dinner. If you want to join us, talk to a Lion. Cheers.

## What's happening to my feijoa?

By Deborah Hide-Bayne



Like many people in Coromandel, I've noticed something wrong with my feijoas this season – small entry (or exit) holes on the outside of the fruit, and little caterpillars inside with most of the fruit spoiled.

These little caterpillars are the early stage of Australian guava moths and they are devastating the feijoa crop in the North Island.

Apparently they've been on our shores since 1997, but I've only noticed significant damage to my fruit this year, and according to my research they bore into the fruit whilst it is still on the tree (or into the kernel in the case of peaches, macadamias and locquats). Once the fruit has fallen to the ground, they leave the fruit to turn into pupae and then eventually moths. They can also affect guavas, plums, nashis, mandarins and lemons.

That's pretty much every species of fruit I grow in my garden so these are the things that I'll be doing to try and control them:

- remove all rotten fruit from under the trees (compost it getting the compost pile up to a good temperature to try and kill the caterpillars or throw some on my next bonfire);
  - mow under the trees regularly;
  - let my chickens scratch around my fruit trees.
- Next Spring, I'll be thinking about two more things:
- cover trees in bug mesh when the fruit is unripe (if you google bug mesh agriculture nz you'll see a range of options); and
  - buy a pheromone trap for guava moth.

I'll report back at some stage about what I've actually done, and whether any of it has worked. Cheers Deb.

## Coromandel Family Health Centre

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

Eat more fruit with vitamin C, steam your vegetables, keep your water intake up, wash your hands regularly and book an appointment for your FLU VAX.

These are free if you're 65+ or are high risk, and \$15 for all other registered patients.

### Have you thought about the shingles vaccination?

One vaccination that people over the age of 50 should consider is Zostavax, or the shingles vaccination. Shingles is a reactivation of the herpes zoster virus that lives dormant in our nerve cells since getting infected with chicken pox as a child.

Patients with shingles often suffer from extreme pain and blisters, occasionally involving eyes, ears and other organs. Sometimes the pain persists for months or even years. The shingles vaccination is very good at preventing all of these things.

The lifetime risk of shingles occurring is 1 in 3 but a vaccination reduces those chances by at least 50%. It also reduces the chances of longterm pain, which is called post-herpetic neuralgia, by 60% in those who get it. The shingles vaccination offers long-term protection of at least five years and probably more.

This vaccine is now free for those over 65.

### New beginnings...

We are excited to be changing computer systems in the coming months. We will have updated technology to help us be more efficient and have easier access to services. Once we are up and running, people who have Manage My Health will receive an e-mail to transfer to our new and improved patient portal. It has been designed to function easily with more options at your fingertips.

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## Coromandel Budget Advisory Service

By Caroline Dunn

### Budget Advice

Hi all, wow the weather has surely taken a dive these last few days, a little reminder of what we might still need to do to prepare for the coming winter. I attended a meeting at WINZ in Thames last week. They were presenting the new Family Package that is rolling out from 1 July. This includes a new Best Start Tax Credit, the Winter Energy Payment and changes to Working for Families. If you are interested to know what the changes are and how they might affect you, then have a look at the Work and Income website.

On 12 May we are hoping to be out at the Aero Club day doing fundraising for the Food-bank and the Community Garden. We will have budgeting help booklets onsite also, so feel free to come and pick one up. We will also have a Mothers' Day raffle so please grab yourself a ticket. I will get more details out on flyers and our Facebook pages once we have confirmed them.

Don't forget we offer free, confidential budgeting advice. We will work alongside you to create a plan to get you out of debt. We can talk to creditors on your behalf, and help you get control back of your financial situation. We are here to help, so don't ever be too afraid, or too proud to come in and see how we can assist you.

To make an appointment come and see us at our office in Tiki House, 2nd door on the right from BP entrance or call us on (07) 866 8351.

Don't forget to give our Facebook page a like.

"A budget is telling your money where to go, instead of wondering where it went."

### Food-bank

We have a change of day for our Food-bank. Food parcels will now be available on Wednesday

afternoons starting from 2 May. Please check new times below. Again we would like to thank everyone who has dropped off donations for the Food-bank over the last month. We appreciate it and thank you very much.

Food-bank continue to appreciate donations of small jars and containers (all containers and jars donated need to be CLEAN and with secure fitting lids), egg cartons and any overflow of fruit, vegetables or other produce you may have. Please NO soft plastics or old fruit/vegetable containers. These items can be dropped off at Tiki House Monday – Friday 9.30am-12.30pm or call us on (07) 866 8351 to arrange pick up.

If you require a food parcel please make sure Food-bank requests are with us before 12.30pm on a Tuesday, otherwise you will have to wait until the following week. Pickup time is at 2.30pm on a Wednesday. (Please note the new day and time commencing 2 May.)

### Community Garden

Winter is coming, and with that we are having a change in time for our volunteer drop-in to reflect it being darker earlier. For the winter months we will now hold them on a Wednesday morning between 9am and 11am. This is for anyone who would like to help out in the Community Garden.

We would love to get some volunteers onboard helping Brooke with all the fantastic work she has been doing getting the garden looking great again. The community garden benefits several local families throughout the year by way of food parcels through the Foodbank, and we would like to keep paying it forward to the wider community once we are producing enough produce. In saying that, it has been disappointing of late to see people are over-helping themselves to produce. We had several pumpkins removed one night,

and also noticed that all the bananas have been removed from the tree, along with punnets ready to be planted being taken. We are happy to share produce, but please be mindful of how much you take. You don't have to be receiving a food parcel to share in the produce but we would appreciate some volunteer time.

Pop on over and like our Facebook page to keep up to date with what is happening in the garden.

Our office is at 45 Tiki Road (Tiki House) down the hallway. Office hours – if you need to make an appointment or organise a food parcel the Budget phone number is (07) 866 8351 or 022 018 0849 where you can talk to one of our staff or leave a message. Phone messages are checked and replied to Monday-Friday. Food-bank – Pickup time from 2.30pm – Wednesday; we close at 3pm so don't be late. Please make sure Food-bank requests are with us before 12.30pm on a Tuesday

## Coromandel Contract Bridge Club


By Judy Bronlund

In May we will be hosting a tournament as well as playing the Tokatea Pairs. The Individual Championships start at the end of May and continue in June. We would like to have more members so if you do play bridge or would like to learn, please make contact. We play every Monday evening at the St John rooms; visitors are welcome to join us.

Contacts:

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## Coromandel Bowling Club

By Linda Wright

Our last open tournament of the season was played in chilly wind; so cold after our long hot summer.

It was sponsored by Pepper Tree Restaurant and Bar, and was won by Reg Wright, David Weatherley and Linda Wright; 2nd place, Graeme Goss, Irene Goss and Vi King Coromandel. In 3rd place were Malcolm Burgess, Russell Farrant and Allen Roberts from Mercury Bay. Special thanks to Mike for his sponsorship over the season.

It has been great to have new folk come along to Thursday club day, mix in and play with our members.

The Muriel Boyce Cup, with drawn teams from the members present, was won by Graeme Goss, Di Burton and Jim Dicks. Coming in 2nd were Reg Wright, David Weatherley and Ken Toon, with 3rd place going to Noel Roberts, Irene Goss and Bob Shearer.

St Patrick's Day Rollup was played in windy conditions, and everyone hurried back into the club rooms to enjoyed the great atmosphere there with all the pot luck food and great decorations; thanks Lynn, well done.

It was great to have the Thames Valley Open Men's fours played in Coromandel on 7/8 April, with good bowling to watch. The winners, Kevin Gainfort's team from Thames Coast, beat Coromandel team Graeme Goss, Reg Wright, David Weatherley and Pete Herbert 17/12 in a well contested final.

With our bowling season coming to a close, the greens will be closed for winter renovations.

Our Winter Wednesday Quiz and Movie Nights are starting up again. First night **Wednesday 2 May** is Quiz night. Club Rooms open at 6pm and quiz starts at 7pm. Then **Wednesday 9 May** is the movie at the same times. The heat pump will keep the rooms nice and warm too, so come down and enjoy.

Club Social Friday Nights are open from 3.30pm till 7pm.

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## RSA News

By Pat Williams

By the time you read this Anzac Day and all the preparations for same will be done and dusted for another year.

Note: The Coromandel War Memorial was unveiled in June 1926.

In the Chronicle dated June 2015 our late President Ian Franklyn wrote about our flag, the year the government of the day was trying to change it. "Another indication of the importance that Anzac Day has assumed in our lives is the part our flag plays in commemorating Anzac Day. Who can fail to be moved when the flag is lowered and the Last Post is played?"

2018 marks the last year of the 1st World War 1914/1918 Remembrance Era. That was supposed to be the war to end all wars. World War 2 and all the subsequent battles and unrest in today's world make a mockery of that prediction. Seems man will never learn.

On 18 September 2015 39 totara trees were planted in Hauraki Road Coromandel, one for each local serviceman who lost his life in World War 1. In those days Coromandel would not have been a very large town so the loss of 39 young lives would have made a huge impact.

At this point in time we have 250 New Zealand Service personnel serving overseas from the Middle East to Antarctica. They are all provided at Christmas with a parcel from home. These parcels are made up with helping hands from all sorts of volunteers and sent off by the Royal NZ R&S Assoc. to all points where our boys/girls are doing their bit.

On a lighter note, have just received the latest RSA Review. It tells the story of the oldest survivor of World War 1 still living in NZ – a tortoise. It was wounded and then cared for by its rescuer, a NZ soldier. When he came home he brought it back to NZ. A stowaway, two generations have passed on and it is now cared for by his grandchildren. A children's book has been published about "Torty". Should be a best seller.

### Quote for the Month

The early bird may get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.

Till next time, keep warm.



The players are from left to right, Jim Dicks, Dianne Burton, Graeme Goss



The winning team for our Pepper Tree sponsored tournament (left to right Linda Wright, Reg Wright and David Weatherly)

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## Grey Power Coromandel

By John Rabarts. President



This article is a bit heavy reading, but the gist of it is that our power supply prices are to be increased in the future – with the support of a decision by the Commerce Commission to allow that to happen. Grey Power has made submissions to the Commerce Commission on behalf of everybody, not just the elderly, opposing the unjustified increase, but was ignored, as you will read below. Here is the full story as related by Grey Power Federation President Tim O'Connor.

The decision by the Commerce Commission to approve the application by PowerCo for a Customised Price Path (CPP) is no surprise, but is a slap in the face for the ordinary customer. Despite submissions by Grey Power, the Major Energy Users

Group and industry experts that the draft determination was flawed, the Commerce Commission's final decision has no material changes reflecting the concerns raised. Grey Power's submission acknowledged that the expenditure sought was necessary but queried the practice of increasing costs to consumers to cover this and then using the value of the improved assets to determine the allowed rate of return in future years. In their final decision the Commission acknowledge the impact of this saying: "In the years following the CPP period, we expect the capex investment will place continued upwards pressure on prices as the full value of the investments enters the regulatory asset base. ... We estimate the impact on the average monthly residential consumer's bill to be around \$2.70 within the CPP period" and "an additional average price increase in the order of \$6 in the subsequent regulatory period" Grey Power acknowledges

the Commission's recognition of these concerns and their commitment to look at the issue again when PowerCo transitions from the CPP price path, but note that their justification for the current pricing practice ignores the artificial value placed on

the lines companies' assets when they were appropriated from the public purse or that the CPP itself provides a mechanism for PowerCo to recover its costs from the consumer base. Grey Power considers this practice of charging consumers on the basis of a revalued Regulatory Asset Base, where the increase is a result of consumer funded improvements, iniquitous and we will be raising the matter with The Minister as part of her wider review of the electricity supply industry. Tom O'Connor, President Grey Power Federation (Inc)

The increases mentioned do not affect the Grey Power Electricity price protection (no increase in your electricity charges) enjoyed by all Grey Power Electricity consumers, which is extended to at least 2023. But the price increases will appear on everyone's Power Bill as lines charges, which Grey Power Electricity is unable to control. The Commerce Commission could have controlled the increases but has failed to do so. While you need to be a Grey Power member (Coromandel is \$15 per year or \$28 per year for two-member households), you can join Grey Power Electricity, and enjoy Grey Power Electricity price protection, at any age – not limited to the normal joining age of 50 years for general Grey Power membership.

To join Grey Power Coromandel phone vice president Dolly Welch (07) 866 8852, or president John Rabarts (07) 866 8068

## Hot Spot – Coromandel Volunteer Fire Brigade

By Rob Chappell

In the early 1990's Coromandel Volunteer Fire Brigade was selected as one of the first brigades in NZ to have an in-house Cliff Rescue Response Team trained. Prior to this any high-level cliff rescues could only be carried out by bringing a team over from Auckland, where there was just one team. Coromandel was chosen due to the distance from any other support and the relatively high level of risk both coastal and location of the coast road relative to the foreshore. This team has continued to train and be trained ever since. Fortunately they do not get a lot of work but over the years have carried out a number of rescues which, given the health and safety of the job, only approved trained operators can carry out. Rescues have included persons extricated from vehicles down the bank, on the beach or in-between, people out of mine shafts, animals and the odd bit of outdoor furniture someone forgot to tie down! Recently the team once again up-skilled for the coming year of unknowns.

In May once again we have a team heading to the Sky Tower. You will see these guys out on the Long Bay stairs or walking in the afternoons up Whangapoua Hill dressed in full firefighting kit including Breathing Apparatus in the heat, all in the name of an amazing cause – that of supporting the Leukaemia Foundation. This is a fundraiser – it's all about fire fighters throughout NZ raising money to support this incredible cause. The fire fighters get to raise the money, then – in full kit! – run to the top of Sky Tower – all 51 flights of steps – 1050 of them! – to see who is the fastest or who beats his/her mate from last year. Perhaps it's the heat that causes this?

If you see these guys training please toot or wave – they will see you – and please donate wherever you see a tin. You are very likely to know someone who is affected with leukaemia.

April – that's heading back toward winter – time to think about your chimney and whether it needs a clean.

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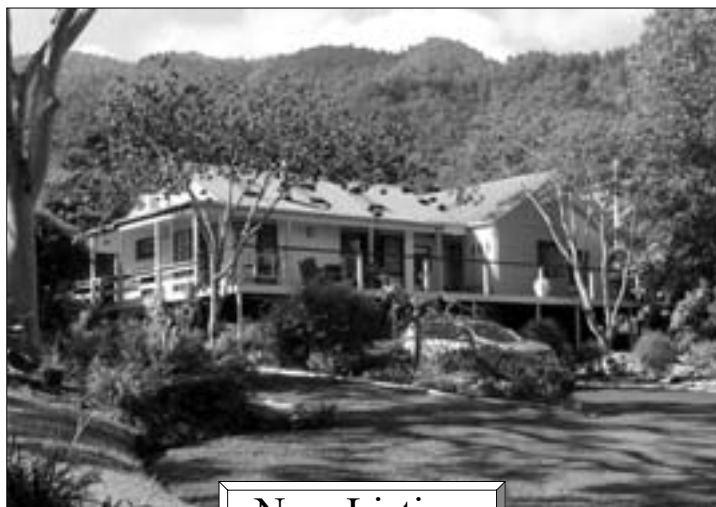


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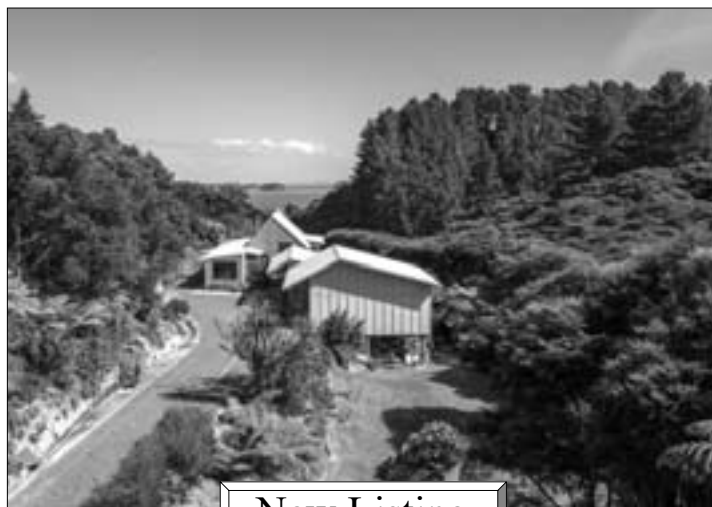
## Meet the team... Kim, Robyn, Melissa & Laurie-Ann



New Listing



A slice of paradise... this stunning private 6,650m<sup>2</sup> property features an absolutely spectacular array of native and specimen trees in a lush landscaped setting, while the home has been designed with brilliant alfresco living in mind. Exposed beams throughout the open-plan lounge (log fire)/dining/kitchen area; 3 bedrooms, 2 tiled bathrooms, and internal access to the double garage & office. Separate storage shed, propagation houses, and panoramic rural, bush and Coromandel harbour views with glimpses of the Hauraki Gulf. **\$795,000**



New Listing



Hidden in a wonderful native bush environment, within a short walk of Waitete Bay; this 4.1613ha property offers fantastic privacy with a glimpse of the Hauraki Gulf. The large 2 bedroom home has a separate studio off the rear deck, and the brilliant 5 car garaging is more than large enough to hold all the toys. The gardens are lovingly cared for, while bird song will echo throughout the surrounding bush. Be it a holiday retreat, retirement home or lifestyle property, this is a rare opportunity to own something special. **\$840,000**



New Listing



The Coromandel Senior Settlement village is a superb location for those over 55, who are looking for a quieter pace of life. This beautifully built brick home is truly in a class of its own. The impeccably finished interior features a spacious open-plan lounge/dining area with bi-fold doors leading out to the brilliantly private north facing decking/gardens. Kitchen offers Gaggenau cooking appliances, 2 spacious double bedrooms (master with bi-folds to the deck), an office, a striking tiled bathroom, and internal access to the garage. Under Offer. **\$550,000**



New Listing



The large 1,447m<sup>2</sup> section has been fully fenced to provide secure surrounds for the children and pets, while the newer landscaping creates privacy and complements the existing grove of stunning native trees including Kauri, Totara & Rimu. The home features a superb open-plan kitchen/dining/family room with fire place (ranch-slider to a wonderful deck to soak up the rural, range and harbour views). Your family will enjoy the additional lounge space, 3 double bedrooms, 2 bathrooms and internal access to the garage/workshop. Under Offer. **\$649,000**

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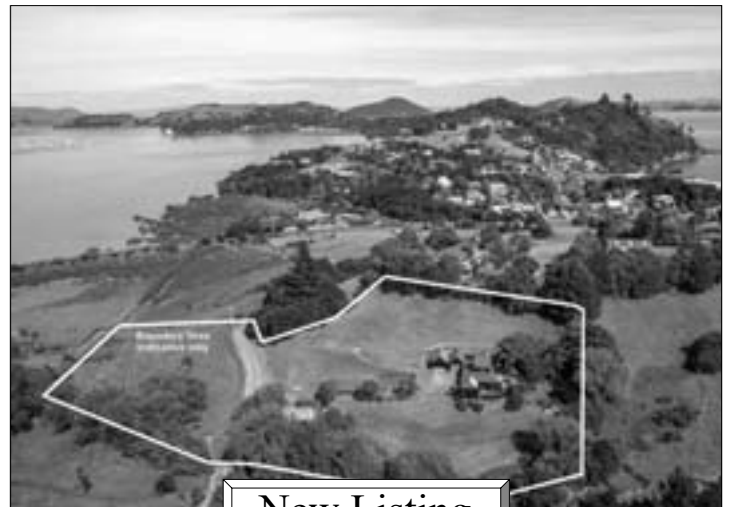
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New Listing



Is a slower pace of life calling? Is it time to sell the large family home and garden? The Coromandel Senior Settlement village is a superb location for those over 55 who are looking for a smaller section on the periphery of the town centre. On offer is this sunny newly redecorated home with an open-plan kitchen/dining/living area, 2 double bedrooms, bathroom (semi en-suite) and a generous-sized laundry/garage. The grounds are beautifully landscaped with a very private courtyard. Enjoy the benefits of village living. **\$399,000**



New Listing



Set within the very sought after Long Bay area, this private 1.1985ha property of will allow you to graze a few animals while watching the activities of the harbour in the background. The home has been designed with indoor/outdoor living in mind, with the spacious lounge/dining/kitchen areas and 3 double brms opening out to extensive paving/decking, 2 bathrooms and internal access to the garage. Attached carport, separate double garage/workshop and a large boat shed. Lush tropical style gardens. Under Offer. **\$1,180,000**

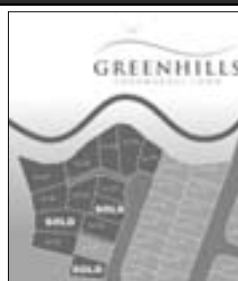


New Listing



This spacious Port Charles holiday home is located a short walk from the shores of Little Sandy Bay. Spread over two levels, the main floor comprises a large open plan kitchen/dining/lounge area that opens onto a sunny deck with views to the harbour and out across to the Pacific Ocean, as well as the surrounding native bush. There are 3 bedrooms and a large family room. Even though neighbours are close by, the surrounding bush offers unexpected privacy. Great family beach bach at an affordable price. **\$385,000**

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## Plastic-Bag-Free Coromandel Town

By Kate James

Come and see us at the Seafood Festival on **5 May**.

We will have some exciting new things to show

off, including some items which make great replacements for single-use plastic products. Visit our stall, tell us what you are doing to ditch single-use plastics, and go in the draw to win some great prizes!

Thanks to everyone who helped make the plastic-bag-free day last month such a great success. We had wonderful support from all of the local businesses who went the whole day without handing out any plastic bags – it can be done! It was brilliant to see so many of you bringing your own bags to the shops. We will definitely be doing



Plastic-bag-free day

more plastic-bag-free days as we work towards being plastic-bag-free every day!

Like and follow us on Facebook to keep up to date with what we are doing and find details about the events and competitions we have organised. [www.facebook.com/plasticbagfreecoromandel](http://www.facebook.com/plasticbagfreecoromandel) or email [plasticbagfreecoromandel@gmail.com](mailto:plasticbagfreecoromandel@gmail.com)

## We have the choice

By Saskia Wagner

I grew up in Germany. In a small village where there was a butchery in the neighbourhood and little else. The same family who ran the butchery owned a plastic bag factory nearby. They were family friends, which meant we had access to all of the plastic bags we “needed” – for free. In our pantry, a large plastic bag was used to store hundreds of other plastic bags which came in a plethora of sizes, shapes and designs. If my mother wanted to stash things or give something away, she would wrap it inside a plastic bag without hesitation – I mean, they were free.

As a kid, I didn’t question this way of thinking and the sound of a rustling plastic bag still reminds me of my childhood.

Long before photographs of deceased marine turtles and other animals went

global via social media, I began to detest everything about plastic bags. The sound, the smell, the look and eventually, the single-use mentality that became the norm.

I purchased my first jute bag with its “Save cows, eat people” label. I felt this was appropriate for buying meat from the local butcher.

In 2016, the European Union agreed on a directive to reduce the consumption of plastic bags. By coincidence, this was the same year I travelled to New Zealand with my pushbike. I spent a few months cycle touring Aotearoa and two aspects of this journey stood out more than any other.

The spectacular and dramatic scenery warmed my heart and still takes my breath away every single day. But my opinion of this beautiful country was tarnished by the shameful amount of plastic rubbish I found littering the countryside. Along the roadside, on beaches and in remotest of backcountry

locations, I found plastic.

As I walked into my first New Zealand supermarket, I heard “that sound” which instantly took me back to my childhood: the rustle of plastic bags.

We still have the choice in New Zealand, unfortunately. How many plastic bags do we actually “need”?

Do we need a plastic bag ban to be enforced before we rethink these ingrained habits?

Or are we willing to be brave and make a change for good because we have the choice?

My former neighbours have now closed their plastic bag factory. They didn’t have a choice.

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## Museum News

By Raewyn KcKinney

This month I thought I would share some information about the kauri gum industry.

Although it was not a big or important industry in early Coromandel, the museum does have a good gum display. I have often been asked about the gum, why it was collected and what it is used for. So, for those who still do not know the answers, Wikipedia advises: "Kauri gum formed when resin from kauri trees leaked out through fractures or cracks in the bark, hardening with the exposure to air. Lumps commonly fell to the ground and became covered with soil and forest litter, eventually fossilising.

Most gum was dug from the ground using gum-spears... Once the gum was retrieved it would need to be scraped and cleaned.

The Maori had many uses for the gum, which they called kapia. Fresh gum was used as a type of chewing gum. Highly flammable, the gum was also used as a fire-starter, or bound in flax to act as a torch. Burnt and mixed with animal fat, it made a dark pigment for moko tattooing. Kauri gum was also crafted into jewellery, keepsakes, and small decorative items. Like amber, kauri gum sometimes includes insects and plant material.

Kauri gum was used commercially in varnish. Kauri gum was found to be particularly good for this, and from the mid-1840s was exported to London and America. Tentative exports had begun a few years earlier, however, for use in marine glue and as fire-kindlers; gum had even made up part of an export cargo to Australia in 1814. Since the kauri gum was found to mix more easily with linseed oil, at lower temperatures, than other resins, by the 1890s, 70 percent of all oil varnishes made in England used kauri gum. It was used to a limited



Gum digger



Kauri gum

extent in paints during the late 19th century, and from 1910 was used extensively in the manufacture of linoleum. From the 1930s, the market for gum dropped as synthetic alternatives were found, but there remained niche uses for the gum in jewellery and specialist high-grade varnish for violins. Kauri gum was Auckland's main export in the second half of the 19th century, sustaining much of the early growth of the city. Between 1850 and 1950, 450,000 tons of gum were exported. The peak in the gum market was 1899, with 11,116 tons exported that year, with a value of £600,000 (\$989,700). The average annual export was over 5,000 tons, with the average price gained £63 (\$103.91) per ton."

Here is an article about a gum pioneer from the New Zealand Herald, 1 May 1925: "Kauri Gum Pioneer.

### Death Of Mr. J. E. Banks.

#### Early Days In Industry.

One of the founders of the New Zealand kauri gum industry, Mr. John Edward Banks, died at a private hospital in Auckland yesterday, at the age of 80. Mr. Banks was one of the first New Zealanders to make direct shipments of kauri gum to London, and for many years was associated with the industry at Coromandel. He arrived in New Zealand 60 years ago and took up his residence at Thames, where he was engaged in goldmining and business. Later he participated in the inauguration of the kauri gum industry on the Coromandel peninsula, working up a large business as a gum merchant. When he retired he came to Auckland. Mr Banks is survived by Mrs. Banks and four sons and four daughters.... The interment will take place at Thames on Saturday afternoon."

The museum is open weekends only during May, from 1pm to 4pm each day

## Poetry SPOT

### Life

By Beryl van Donk

Looking back on life, our days  
were always sunny.  
We played, we skipped, made  
daisy chains and jigsaws.  
We enjoyed lots of sweets  
with honey.  
Making school friends was  
always a joy. Hardly knew there  
was such things as money.

Our parents were so kind and loving,  
how blessed we were. Some of  
our friends were not so lucky.

We learnt to write and read,  
and playtime was a roundabout,  
played lots of games. The Lord  
took care of us and all our worries.

Then came the teens, we knew  
just everything! We wore high  
heels and even nylons. School was  
tough, we chose our future.  
We went dancing, enjoyed dates and  
if we came home late our parents  
were not funny!

As years went by we lived with joy.

We fell in love, then marriage  
brought us happiness. Before  
two years had passed there was I  
changing nappies!

The Lord blessed us with son and daughter,  
Like us came joys and sorrows. That's life.  
God is always there to help with our tomorrows.

As we grew older God made us unafraid,  
if had faith to face all our tomorrows.  
Death is not the end, indeed it is the gateway to life.  
That is the last leap, not into darkness  
but in the hands of everlasting mercy and love.

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**Ann's Good News, Naturally**

By Ann Kerr-Bell

**Allergies and Reactivity**

Coughing, sneezing, sniffing, scratching? Do certain foods leave you bloated and with headaches? Do pollens and grasses leave your skin desperately itchy? Food issues? If you answered yes, then you know that this is a daily reality, food hypersensitivities, allergies, asthma, and eczema.

So why does your body react this way? Essentially your body believes that these otherwise harmless substances (animal hair, foods and grasses) are threatening. When coming in to contact with these substances, known as allergens, your immune system releases large amounts of the chemical histamine. Histamine's job is to muscle an allergen out of the body by any means necessary, either by a runny nose, itchy eyes, itchy bottom, constricted airways, bloating and diarrhoea, manifestations of allergic disease.

Antihistamine medication for allergen management only temporarily centres on reducing histamine.

Why does your body think these substances are harmful in the first place? You should be able to be exposed to these "allergens" (the pine pollen, cat hair or wheat or dairy products) without reacting. Several contributing factors lead your body's immune system to respond this way, including;

1) Inflammation within your digestive tract (where the 80% of your immune system is found).

2) Damage to the lining of the digestive tract commonly known as Leaky Gut, allowing small particles (undigested food, bacteria and/or toxins) to pass through to the blood stream causing inflammation in other areas of the body).

3) Low levels of specific probiotic (good bacteria) and/or an overgrowth of bad bacteria within your intestine that interferes with your body's immune response.

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Lessening and eliminating the allergy symptoms must be addressed. More importantly it is essential to retrain your body's immune system to tolerate "threatening" allergens, to prevent ongoing allergies.

My many years of professional clinical experience in dealing with allergy and reactivity treatment have harvested great results. Dampen the inflammation and deal with the causes.

**1. Diet and Lifestyle**

Foods – They are either:

- Anti-inflammatory (prevent inflammation; are unprocessed or living foods) e.g., still containing potent nutrients within them: vegetables, nuts, seeds, fruit, wholegrains, good fats, proteins and water. These foods reduce and/or prevent allergies and reactivity.

- Pro-inflammatory (cause inflammation; are processed) e.g., foods with no nutritional value left such as white flour, sugar, cereals, margarines, packet and canned foods, flavoured, coloured, preserved. Too much meat also fits into this category. These foods contribute to allergies and/or reactivity.

A Personalised Eating Plan optimises reducing symptoms and building up tolerance to allergens. Avoiding your "trigger" foods allows your body to rest from foods that are creating inflammation and damage within your gut, giving your immune system an opportunity to reset and become more tolerant. Include exercise, relaxation and plenty of water.

**2. Herbs and Nutritional Supplements**

Carefully selected herbs and nutrients are necessary, proven in action to be anti-allergenic, anti-histamine, immune boosting, anti-

spasmodic, anti-inflammatory, restorative and calming to the nervous system, immune, lymphatic and respiratory systems. I use potent antioxidant nutrients that retrain your immune system, minimise, reduce and rid respiratory congestion and mucous production.

Specific probiotics are essential for optimising gut/immunity and hastening cellular metabolism,

Physiological imbalances such as immune dysregulation, gut barrier defects, microbiome alterations and a heightened inflammatory response are all needed to be addressed to diminish reactivity rather than just identifying and avoiding the culprit allergen.

**3. Testing**

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**Coromandel Town Information Centre**

By Natalie Blasco

Please take care when stopping at the car parks to visit the 309 Kauri Grove and Waiau Waterfall, as there have been periodic break-ins of vehicles in those locations. Be sure to take valuables with you.

We're looking forward to this year's Seafood Fest, which is on **Saturday 5 May** on the Coromandel Area School grounds from 9am-4pm, \$2 entry, rain or shine. Something for everyone, with food, music, and vendor stalls. For more information check out [www.coromandelseafoodfest.com](http://www.coromandelseafoodfest.com).

Also on **5 May** is the Kauri Run, a 5km run/walk at Long Bay. Suitable for all ages and fitness levels, including those with scooters, bikes and pushchairs. Register on the day from 10am at the School Bottom Field. Cost: 5 and under free, 6 and over \$5, adults \$10, family of four \$25. A kauri tree will be planted for every competitor over the age of 6.

Other longer walks (13km, 23km, 32km and 76km) are also available on the day. Enter online at [www.arcevents.co.nz](http://www.arcevents.co.nz).

Don't forget to get ready for the Illume Festival of Light on **Friday-Saturday 13-14 July**. Start working on ways to light yourself up! And think of putting some lights into an umbrella if the forecast is for rain. You may also want to stop by Dan's garage at 383 Kapanga Road on Wednesdays at 6pm for the drop-in workshops, where you can help make lanterns or get tips on lighting. You may even have some interesting and creative things at home that you can donate to create various lanterns. More information is at [www.illumefest.co.nz](http://www.illumefest.co.nz).

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## Hoki Mai – The Returning

By Alison Carter, Driving Creek Railway Arts and Conservation Trust

Those of us who were among the 600 people who were at Barry Brickell's memorial service at the school hall just over two years ago will remember the wet clay bowl that many of us pressed our hands into. It was made by Barry's good friend the potter, Mike O'Donnell. This month around 70 people attended the dedication when the bowl and three other clay sculptures were erected near Barry's resting place above Hoki Mai on the Driving Creek Railway line. As well as the memorial bowl there was a sculpture made by Barry's old friend Baye Riddell from the East Coast, one from Carla Ruka and another from Mike O'Donnell.

Some years before his death Barry had set up a charitable trust, The Driving Creek Railway Arts and Conservation Trust, to take over when he was gone. The Trustees include his trusted friend Wailin Elliott, his brother Gavin Brickell, his lawyer Ross Abernethy, fellow railway lover and ex Coromandel resident Dr David Black, experienced rail tourist operator Neil Oppatt, Alison Carter, and Michael Noonan, who is the Trust's present chairman. The Trust owns the property and the railway but a charitable company, The Driving Creek Railway Company, in turn runs the railway. Any surplus money made by the Company or the Trust goes into arts and conservation projects, two of Barry's greatest passions.

The challenge for both the Company and the Trust has been to retain the authentic nature of Barry's vision while bringing it into line with modern expectations. Barry's was a world where art, engineering and conservation met and Driving Creek Railway's General Manager, John Gurney, says it is this integrated vision that underpins everything they do at the Railway.

The last two years have been intensely busy with the constant upgrading of the track,

the collecting together of all of the pottery that had accumulated over years, some of which has been cleaned and installed along the line for visitors to appreciate, the management of an increased number of trains and the introduction of new technology services. There is ongoing work on the restoration of the potteries with pottery wheels installed and the old brick kilns being brought up to the safety standards required for today.

Work is also well underway to make Driving Creek Gallery a ceramics museum of national importance, a project that will benefit the town of Coromandel in many ways. The curator/archivist Deborah Hide-Bayne has been cataloguing and archiving all of Barry's own work and works he has purchased and storing them in properly temperature-controlled conditions. It's a huge task and it has got bigger as the New Zealand Ceramic Heritage Trust have gifted Driving Creek their complete collection of studio potters going back to the earliest days of New Zealand's ceramics. The Gallery has just joined Museums Aotearoa, the professional body for museums and collections around the country. "We want to make Coromandel the pottery capital of New Zealand," says Deborah, "Driving Creek Railway has a huge impact on Coromandel as it is a year-round attraction. There is great interest in holding the Ceramics Association of New Zealand annual conference here, which would be beneficial for Coromandel's accommodation providers and would also use many of the public venues in town."

It's the idea of bringing people to town and having enough for them to do to keep



them here that is a driving force for the new Zipline that is planned to open next season. "The trip through our bush canopy is an exciting way of telling the story of Barry's restoration of this environment," says John Gurney, "and it will attract a younger visitor to the town."



## Huge Aloe in flower

By Val Gray

This is a picture of an aloe variety growing in my garden. It only flowers about every 20 years. The flower stalk is approx 16ft tall and has hundreds of buds up its stem.

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### Jennian Homes Coromandel takes "gold" with prestigious Supreme Award

Jennian Homes Coromandel has shown New Zealand's 2018 Commonwealth Games athletes the recipe to success after achieving a rare feat in scooping the Supreme Franchisee award.

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To be eligible a franchise must have been a top three finalist five out of the past eight years for Franchisee of the Year.

A golden night was capped off further by being named a finalist in the Franchisee of the Year 2018 award.

"To be recognised as one of the best in our business with such a prestigious award is both extremely humbling and surprising," says Haley Trebilco, who owns and operates the franchise alongside husband Stephen Trebilco.

Franchisees and their families were given the opportunity to attend the opening ceremony of the Commonwealth Games, thanks to Jennian Homes being a proud partner of the New Zealand Commonwealth Games team.

### Coromandel Patchwork and Quilters

By Sharon Currie

We have another busy year of quilting with small projects planned. For April we made cute bunny Easter pouches which were quick, easy and so much fun and filled with Easter eggs, a gift I am sure our grandchildren enjoyed. We have also started a block of the month project involving paper piecing which is great for accurate piecing of blocks which have lots of points. It is a bit slower than normal piecing but very precise.

We are also inviting our members to talk about how they started their journey into patchwork and quilting.

New members are always welcome and our day usually starts with morning tea and notices and then you are free to work on whichever project you have brought to work on. Help is always available and it is a good place to layer a quilt for the quilting as the tables can be pushed together to make a big enough surface to lay out and pin the layers together. And when it is a joint effort it is done very quickly.

Our meetings are held 1st and 3rd (& 5th) Mondays of the month 9.30am-3.30pm, St John Rooms, Tiki Rd, Coromandel. President Raewyn Penrose Ph (07) 866 8880, Secretary Sharon Currie Ph (07) 866 8762



A paper-pieced star block



### Colville Easter Festival

Pictured is Steve Carson's Wall Sculpture made from approx 3500 painted wooden pegs featured in the sculpture garden at the Colville Easter Festival.

The festival organisers would like to thank all of the Coromandel people who travelled north to Colville and helped to make the weekend a great success.

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May 2018

## Winter festival of light 'Illume' returns

**Coromandel Town's winter festival of light 'Illume' returns in July to light up one of our coldest months.**

Our Council is a proud promoter of Illume, which attracts visitors to the region in what are traditionally our quieter months, and provides opportunity for the community to have fun together.

The free event also celebrates the large pool of creative talent across the Coromandel, with local artists designing and installing the lighting displays to decorate the street.

"This is the perfect time to come down to the bach or holiday home with the family over



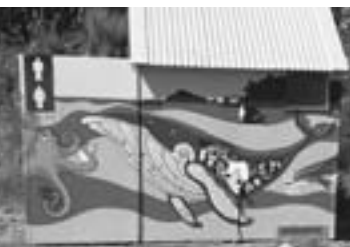
the school holidays, enjoy the festivities and experience the Coromandel in a different season," says Thames-Coromandel Mayor Sandra Goudie.

"There's still plenty of fishing to be done, bush walking and just getting the kids out at the beach for some Coromandel fresh air."

For more information contact Illume's event manager Daniel Smith: 020 411 66877 or [illume.coromandel@gmail.com](mailto:illume.coromandel@gmail.com)

## New-look public toilets

Have you visited the toilets at Little Bay and Tuatua lately? Our Council is proud to



*Little Bay Toilets.*

be adding a bit of flair to brighten-up our public toilets around the ward and those at Little Bay and Tuatua have had a refresh with an environmental flavour. Credit

to our talented local artist Rebekah Pearson for the artwork. Next-in-line for the new look is the toilet block at Herds Bay.

## Kerbside Collections

Our Kerbside rubbish and recycling collections are running a day later than usual this week following the Anzac Day public holiday on 25 April.



To see the full schedule for your area go to:  
**[www.tcdc.govt.nz/kerbside](http://www.tcdc.govt.nz/kerbside)**

The Coromandel Town Refuse Transfer Station is located at 525 Hauraki Rd. For opening hours for this station, and all seven stations across the district go to  
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## events

### Coromandel Seafood Festival

Saturday – 9.00am – 4.00pm  
Coromandel Area School

For more information check out the Coromandel Seafood Festival on Facebook.

5 May

### Salmonella Dub

L.A.B + Soulware will perform at the Coroglen Tavern on Queen's Birthday Weekend.

2 June

### Gold Fever Year

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1 Aug  
– 31 July



Coromandel  
-Colville  
Community Board  
**UPDATE**

### Community Board meetings –

The Coromandel-Colville Community Board held its April meeting in the Colville Hall in Colville. The Board will next meet on May 22 at the Coromandel Service Centre, 355 Kapanga Rd, Coromandel Town.

### Reserve Management Plan Review –

We've started reviewing all the Reserve Management Plans for Coromandel-Colville and have been asking for suggestions from the public about what might need changing. We've had some good feedback on a wide range of reserve issues and these will now be considered as part of reviewing and preparing a draft plan that will be sent out for public consultation in July.

If you are interested in the review, please send an email to us to at [reserveplans@tcdc.govt.nz](mailto:reserveplans@tcdc.govt.nz) and we will let you know when consultation on the draft plan is happening. If you want to have a read of the existing Reserve Management Plans go to [www.tcdc.govt.nz/rmp](http://www.tcdc.govt.nz/rmp)

### Hannafords Wharf update -

It's exciting to announce work has started to upgrade Hannafords Wharf.

The first stage of the project has involved relocating the concrete path closer inland to improve access to the wharf and help mitigate erosion. You can also expect to see new solar-powered lighting, a retaining wall and provision for better stormwater management. In the first week of May, work will start to seal the turnaround area in the carpark to formalise access to the wharf and create space for busses and vehicles to turn safely. This could create minor disruption for ferry passengers and residents in the area, but is expected to be finished within a week.

A new shelter is also on the way to provide a dry waiting area for charter and ferry passengers and to give our visitors a better tourism experience at the wharf.

The improvements follow a successful bid to the Government's Tourism Infrastructure Fund. Our Council has matched the funding to ensure the work is finished by June.

You can read more about this project here:  
[www.tcdc.govt.nz/coroharbourproject](http://www.tcdc.govt.nz/coroharbourproject)

### Coromandel 200 commemorations –

A group of interested community members from both Coromandel and Colville have joined to create a working group to discuss the upcoming Coromandel 200 commemoration of the naming of Coromandel, which will be marked in June 2020. The next meeting for those interested in wishing to be involved is 1pm, Monday, 14 May 2018 in the Coromandel Council meeting room.



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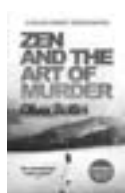
## Library News

By Raewyn McKinney

This month I remind readers that we have a large group of talented people living in the Coromandel community. All are artists; some paint, some are potters, some produce music, and others write books. The Coromandel Community Library has a good collection of books by local authors, including Kaye Anderson, Barry Brickell, Jocelyn Davey, Tom Elliott, Vivianne Flintoff, Jim Rowe, Ted Rutter and Graeme Sturgeon. If you are looking for a local author, and cannot find the book, please do not hesitate to ask the duty librarian for assistance.

Recent new additions to the library include:

***Zen and the Art of Murder* by Oliver Bottini**



Louise Boni, chief inspector with the Black Forest crime squad, is struggling with her demons. Divorced at forty-two, she is haunted by the shadows of the past. Dreading yet another dreary winter weekend alone, she

receives a call from the departmental chief which signals the strangest assignment of her career - to trail a Japanese monk wandering through the snowy wasteland, dressed only in sandals and a cowl. She sets off reluctantly, and by the time she catches up with him, she

discovers that he is injured, and fearfully fleeing some unknown evil. Her investigations uncover a hideous ring of child traffickers, and the repercussions of their crimes will change the course of her own life.

***White Chrysanthemum: Two Sisters, One Soldier, No Escape* by Mary Lynn Bracht**

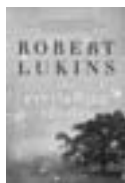


Hana and her little sister Emi are women who make their living from diving deep into the sea off the southernmost tip of Korea.

One day Hana sees a Japanese soldier heading for where Emi is guarding the day's catch on the beach. Terrified for her sister, Hana swims as hard as she can for the shore.

So begins the story of two sisters suddenly and violently separated by war. Switch-backing between Hana in 1943 and Emi as an old woman today... takes us into a dark and devastating corner of history. But pulling us back into the light are two women whose love for one another is strong enough to triumph over the evils of war.

***The Everlasting Sunday* by Robert Lukins**



During the freezing English winter of 1962, seventeen-year-old Radford is sent to Goodwin Manor, a home for boys who have been "found by trouble". Drawn immediately to the charismatic West,

Radford soon discovers that each one of them

has something to hide.

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***The Tattooist of Auschwitz* by Heather Morris**



In 1942, Lale Sokolov arrived in Auschwitz-Birkenau. He was given the job of tattooing the prisoners marked for survival - scratching numbers into his fellow victims' arms in indelible ink to create

what would become one of the most potent symbols of the Holocaust.

Waiting in line to be tattooed, terrified and shaking, was a young girl. For Lale - a dandy, a jack-the-lad, a bit of a chancer - it was love at first sight. And he was determined not only to survive himself, but to ensure this woman, Gita, did, too... one of the most life-affirming, courageous, unforgettable and human stories of the Holocaust: the love story of the tattooist of Auschwitz.

The library is open from 10am to 1pm on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday; 10am to 4pm on Wednesday and Friday; and 10am to 12 noon on Saturday

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## 2018 Illume Festival

By Daniel Smith



Illume is coming soon! **Friday 13 July and Saturday 14 July.**

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Contact Bianca about the parade at [bngamane@gmail.com](mailto:bngamane@gmail.com). There will be \$200 in prizes for best dressed family, best dressed child, best float, and best boat!

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Powerco is also sponsoring a \$200 prize for the best business window lights.

There will be a lot of help needed in the setup and light building in the coming months. If you want to help out, let me know at [illume.coromandel@gmail.com](mailto:illume.coromandel@gmail.com)

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## CILT

### Work Co-op News

Thank you, thank you, thank you!

At the end of March we put on lunch for our volunteers as a thank you for the wonderful work they do in our community. The occasion was enjoyed by all.

Our thanks also to Howie the Mowie who painted our kitchen, making it a lighter, brighter place to work in.

Thanks to Annette, too, who has been coming in and supporting some of the girls with sewing and cooking. The cookies they baked together were yummy!

### Community Van News

Live in Colville? Would like to go to Coromandel or even Whitianga?

CILT has been running a community van to Whitianga on the first Friday of the month and is now planning to extend the service to include Colville. There will be a trial run on **Friday 4 May** to see if it's something the Colville community might find useful and enjoyable, too.

A minimum of four passengers is required to operate the service. Here's the schedule:

<i>Departure times</i>	<i>Arrival times</i>
Coromandel 8.20am	Colville 9:00am
Colville Store 9:00am	Coromandel 9:40am
Coromandel 10:00am	Whitianga 10.50am
Whitianga 1.30pm	Coromandel 2.20pm
Coromandel 2.30pm	Colville Store 3.15pm
Colville Store 3.20pm	Coromandel 4.00pm

Stop off in Coromandel or go through to Whitianga to do some shopping, go to the dentist or have lunch with friends. The choice is yours!

Bookings can be made at the Resource Centre in Tiki House by phone on (07) 866 8358 or email [resourcecentre@cilt.org.nz](mailto:resourcecentre@cilt.org.nz). Our hours are Mon-Thurs 9.00am-3.00pm.



Lunch for our volunteers

The Coromandel Community Services Trust van operates on a koha basis. A suggested koha of \$6 for a Colville-Coromandel return trip (\$4 one way) and \$12 from Coromandel to Whitianga return would be appreciated to cover the running costs of the van.

Volunteer drivers can pick up along the way and the van has wheelchair capacity.

Every Thursday the community van goes from Coromandel to Thames, leaving at 9:00am and departing from Pak'nSave in Thames at 2:00pm.

### Resource Centre News

An IRD representative will be visiting CILT in Tiki House on **Thursday 10 May**. There are a limited number of appointment times so bookings are necessary.

A representative will also come on **Thursday 14 June** and **Thursday 12 July**.

### Community Hub News

Please refer to our advertisement on page 29 regarding the Community Hub Feasibility Study.

CILT Resource Centre, Coordinators: Rochelle Still and Kaye Anderson. Hours are 9am-3pm Monday-Thursday. Ph/Fax: (07) 866 8358, email: [cilt@cilt.org.nz](mailto:cilt@cilt.org.nz) or website: [www.cilt.org.nz](http://www.cilt.org.nz)

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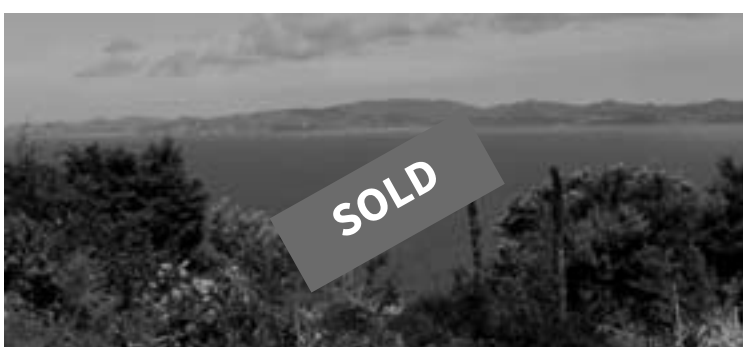
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By Julie Scampton, Station Manager, Coromandel

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The Order of St John Coromandel would like to take this opportunity to thank the people of Coromandel and the surrounding area for their generosity during the Heart of Gold St John Annual Appeal week 1-8 April. In addition we would like to thank the ladies from the Coromandel Garden Circle for their very generous and kind donation. It is truly humbling to have the community rally to the cause to assist us in our annual appeal. Thank you again one and all.

Stay safe, keep well.

You too can be part of Coromandel/Colville Team: For more enquiries call the station and talk to the duty officer or leave a message (07) 866 8279 to find out more



## Coromandel Embroiderers Guild

By Diann Cade

Again we were treated with sharing each others achievements and experiences at last months Guild day. Jill Wilson with the treasures she bought while on her embroidery focused trip to India spoke of her appreciation of the crafts she had seen, so much so she wishes to return to do some workshops! Others shared their latest projects on the show and tell table.

The Petite project for the day attracted much interest. A small lined bag, edged with embroidery and decorated with an initial of your own choice. Others took advantage of the library making reference to yet another traditional technique.

The Beadwork workshop with visiting tutor Julie Clemett was quite a challenge. It was a little more difficult than it seemed to lay the beads and keep them in line and then there was the threading of the fine needle and chasing the beads! As always the tutor made it look so easy and was very generous with her help, sharing her skills and technique.

The next meeting is on **2 May**.

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



## Coromandel Writers

By Marni MacDonald

Coromandel Writers met at Marni's this month. Adhering to our regular format we began with spontaneous writing, which this month called on us to describe a place for the setting of a story, introducing in the last sentence the main character.

Poetry followed with a satisfying diversity as always. Helen Dunmore's poem of a flower, having had its life cut short by a scissor-wielding human, never the less, consciously lived fully to the very end of its existence in a vase; an evocative poem written by Helen when she was terminally ill. Wailin introduced us to a book of poems called *Beauty Even*, filled with tributes to the life of Joanna Margaret Paul, who was the goddaughter of Coromandel's Dr Airey. David Whyte's poem *Everything is Waiting for You* was played to us via You Tube, giving us the rich benefit of David's Irish accent.

Diversity again featured in the books we are currently reading, with stories set in Korean, Japanese and Turkish cultures. As well, stories of the effect of Alzheimer's on relationships and a book written in the 1950's about a sea voyage, which being called *The Last Voyage* is likely not to end well.

Lunchtime frees us to chat, before returning to the format of reading out our home work, which was a continuation of last month's spontaneous writing prompted by listening to Helen Reddy's hit song *I am Woman*.

Our homework for next month is counter to our considerations and reflections on being a woman. We will describe a day in our life being lived as a man (if we had a man in our group he would be asked to live life for a day as a woman).

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## CoroMFA Comment

By Gilbert James, Chair, CoroMFA

The Waikato Regional Council has recently proposed to reallocate a big share of their current environmental monitoring costs onto marine farms, by a 200+% increase that the Council charges to marine farmers. This relates to Council facing the problem of steadily rising costs plus big \$ demands for both new and replacement infrastructure such as for drainage. However we say Council needs instead to both carefully manage its costs and to develop a better system to allocate costs direct to beneficiaries of their services and those creating their costs.

It is interesting to look at marine farming's own spend on state of the environment and related monitoring programs. Our Hauraki mussel and oyster farmers are spending annually (in the Waikato region alone, with more in Auckland) over \$500,000/year on:

- Water quality monitoring of phytoplankton and shellfish flesh, plus by real-time monitoring for rainfall and salinity plus monitoring of water quality at ~ 20 sites for safety re bacteria occurring in flesh and water.
- Environmental monitoring, mainly water column but also some benthic and other.
- Spat survival monitoring, in a joint program with MPI, with additional \$ from them
- Spat Settlement monitoring
- Fan-worm research in a joint program with Waikato Regional Council and MPI
- Beach cleans and associated monitoring, and to remove all marine farm and all other human-made litter from beaches.

Additional to the above, each company pays Waikato RC additional amounts plus to independent consultants, for various environmental monitoring work, as part of their consent conditions.

Additional to the above, companies have various monitoring of their own, part farm-related eg, monitoring and maintaining farms including lights, and in-part, environmentally related, eg, condition indices.

The above programs are almost all done by independent professional researchers eg, NIWA. The costs/investments above per marine farm are, we understand, many times more than what most other Regional activities spend on environmental monitoring, whether privately or via the Council. In summary marine farmers in the Waikato are investing a lot in research, monitoring and understanding of the marine environment, so that's good news for all!

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

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## Potter Ray

By Robert Trettin

I walked to Ray Morley's house, the house he built forever ago, or seemingly yesterday, depending. It's angular and secluded among trees. The gravel driveway crunches beneath my shoes as I walk to his open door.

"Robert! Come in," he says. "Would you like a coffee?"

He gets up and we shake hands. His is rough from garden work and time, mine is soft from washing dishes at Driving Creek Cafe. I sit down and he makes me a coffee. He's tall, barefoot, somewhat stiff in his movements, but I would've guessed 70 before 80. "It's just instant," he says, British accent still intact, "but I find it to be quite good, actually."

Ray is a potter here in Coromandel. On Mondays he works at the information site, recommending to tourists the bush walk to the old kauri tree near Long Bay beach. Maybe from the perspective of a centuries – old tree, Ray hasn't been in Coromandel all that long, but to me, at 25, 40 years looks infinite.

"I never knew what I wanted to do," Ray says after telling me stories about his life before Coromandel: cycling and walking through Spain with his now ex-wife, time spent in Canada, road trips through the U.S., the five-year stretch when he lived on an idyllic Scotland farm. "The only thing I ever really wanted to be was a tramp," he says cheerfully and laughs.

But the roaming ended when he saw the golden view from the top of the Thames Coast road. That settled it. He'd build his house and

plant the hundreds of trees that surround it. He'd build a wood-firing kiln and a pottery wheel. He'd make pots and things and sell them as a livelihood.

I ask to see something he'd made. He grabs a heavy pot off his window sill and sets it on the table. It's black with a cage-like, almost Chinese-looking design. "I don't know why they come out looking this way," Ray says as if he had nothing to do with it, "but I tend to make things like this." I admired it, and I admired the artist who made it; I would have, too, had I not known him. But along with the admiration I felt a kind of sadness, like the onset of grief, a feeling I wouldn't understand until the walk back to town.

Next to Ray I was aware of being young, and knowing that, soon, I wouldn't be. I couldn't relate to taking cover as a child during a German air-raid; or getting married or divorced, having a daughter or a grand-

daughter, mourning my family and friends, being 80 years old. I haven't been there yet. For to be young is to be on the verge, though nothing's promised, and nothing lasts, not even the kauri trees. And that's the sadness I felt studying the pot in Ray's sunny and untidy kitchen. It was grief for the certainty of the pot's breakage, a recognition of its impermanence, of Ray's and my own.

"I feel so lucky to have the life I do," Ray says while we eat honeyed hot cross buns. "I never regret any of the traveling. And you won't either."

While I grieve, and many ignore or deny, Ray is cherishing. Those are the lenses. If the pot is already broken, then every moment with it is precious. And when it is knocked to the ground and it shatters – whatever is inside, whatever part of himself that Ray engendered within it – that which endures is freed.

## Rest, Recharge, and Have Some Fun – Mahamudra Centre

By Sarah Brooks

The centre is welcoming visitors and guests again starting **2 May** and have a number of events lined up to have some social time in the community and offer chances to recharge your batteries – take care of yourself in order to be able to take care of others.

On **Friday 11 May**, we're having a night out at the Colville Café running The Big Curry Night and Live Auction. We'll be cooking a delicious vegetarian feast and holding a fundraiser auction filled with delights like a weekend in one of our cabins, a massage, a meal and drink for two at Driving Creek Café, artwork by local artists, goodies from Colville's Himalaya shop, and more. Doors open at 5:00pm for food (BYO) and the auction preview, with the live auction starting at 6.30pm.

The following weekend, **19-20 May**, we're offering a special weekend package of meditation, Shiatzu massage, and yoga to de-stress and recharge your emotional batteries. Giving yourself time out and practicing tools like meditation provides more resilience when facing difficulties in life, so this is a chance to practice self-compassion.

We also offer lots of opportunities for meditation to help build it into a practice that sustains you longterm. There's daily free guided meditation at Mahamudra Centre from 8.30-9.00am. In Coromandel Town, we're moving our weekly Thursday guided meditation to a better winter location which is warm and has an indoor bathroom, at Elizabeth Park Community Centre on Allman Dr. The community asked that we please be mindful of parking, so park in areas that are marked for visitors and not on the cul-de-sac. A good place to park is on Kapanga Rd. across from the police station, and then walk down Allman Dr. The hall is at the curve just before the end of the cul-de-sac. We're there from 10-11am on Thursdays, no experience necessary, drop in any week, and on a donation basis.

In June we welcome back Venerable Robina Courtin, the dynamic Australian nun who came a couple of years ago, who will lead a teaching retreat on "Riding the Waves of Life's Ups and Downs". There are options to come just for the first weekend or the whole retreat from **15-24 June**. Ven. Robina is funny, no-nonsense, and crystal clear about how to use Buddhist tools to deal with life's difficulties. If you haven't seen the documentary about her, Chasing Buddha, check it out online to get a taste ([chasingbuddhafilm.com](http://chasingbuddhafilm.com)). It's an opportunity not to be missed to have her here – she travels around the world year-round and so can't come very often.

We hope you'll take advantage of these opportunities to slow down, build resilience, and enjoy each other as a community!

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## Idiots and their Mouths

By John Irvine

Don't you love those idiots with mouths bigger than dustbins? Who seldom shut up while they still have teeth and babble on about everything from boobs to bicycles, without purpose or hard facts?

The ones you would love to gift a fresh bunch of fives to, if you were a fighting dude and violent. Those you'd report about nothing to the authorities just to have arrested and off your street.

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## Coromandel Garden Circle

By Jenny Penman

Our AGM held in March showed the strong interest that there is for the Garden Circle, with a membership roll of just under 60. There was some early discussion around what number AGM this year was with a long-time member telling the Circle that she remembered attending in 1945. That would make it our 73rd year! This has sparked some interest to see if we can determine exactly when our group was first formed, especially after we were invited to attend the Thames Garden Circle's 60th anniversary celebrations recently.

One of the special traditions of the AGM is the awarding of cups to the yearly competition winners. These are awarded over five categories along with an overall highest point scorer and runner up. This year the cups went to: Arrangement – Irene Dunn; Single Bloom – Karin Lillis; Multi and Mini Blooms – Natalie Blasco; Special – Glenda Robinson, with the trophy for most points going to Irene Dunn and joint runners up being Natalie Blasco and Karin Lillis.

A newly introduced feature to our Circle meetings is Tip of the Month and March focussed on how to rid our summer and autumn evenings of that pest the mosquito. We were instantly attentive as to how to reduce their breeding habitat when we were told that an adult female mosquito can lay up to 300 eggs in as little as 15 minutes! We will all be much more diligent about clearing away or overturning all those old items laying around that can store water. Those gardeners that rely on pots for colour and variety can make a difference by emptying and cleaning pot plant drip trays and refilling with sand – sand stores the water for plants but it's not suitable for the mosquito. And for those who like a bit of garlic the word is don't wait until the shortest day to get your cloves in the ground. Get a head start and plant now as they need about eight months until harvest.

Our programme for the year includes talks, demonstrations and day trips to places of interest and events. We meet the second Wednesday of the month usually at 1.00pm. For more information please contact Jane Warren (07) 866 8927 or 021 232 2905

## Wild things

By Karen Marshall

This column focusses on local Coromandel wildlife. If you have a photo you would like to contribute, please email the McGregor Bay Wetland Society: mcgregorbaywetland@hotmail.com.



The black shag (kawau pu) is also known as a cormorant. They are commonly found in estuaries or freshwater sources and like trees for perching. They nest on a pile of sticks or seaweed and eat mainly fish, crayfish and shellfish.

The white-faced heron (matuku moana) is common on farmland and the coast. The species originated in Australia but arrived here in the 1940s. They will nest in tall trees and eat a wide range of "critters" including fish, frogs, tadpoles, insects, worms and mice.

On the day this photo was taken alongside Tiki Rd, they appeared completely uninterested in each other...



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## Hon Scott Simpson MP For Coromandel

### Iconic Trees Under Threat

I just can't picture the Coromandel Peninsula without pohutukawa, manuka and kauri.

But thanks to the onslaught of Kauri Dieback and Myrtle Rust there is a very real risk to them all, and others too.

Despite a huge effort by the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI), it now seems only a question of time before Myrtle Rust arrives here and with it the potential loss of not only pohutukawa, manuka and rata but also favourite others like feijoa. It's a serious fungal disease that eventually kills infected trees.

Last month MPI advised the windborne nature of the disease means containment has not been possible and that they have moved to a policy of "management long term" rather than eradication.

There are now well over 500 infected sites across the North Island and the top of the South Island. MPI's focus is now on a science programme designed to lift understanding of the disease, ways to treat it and more knowledge about resistance and susceptibility.

MPI will be working with communities to support regional efforts to combat Myrtle Rust.

If you think you see Myrtle Rust, don't touch it! Take a photo and call MPI on 0800 80 99 66.

### Thames-Coromandel Coast Road

Regular coast road travellers will have noticed the good work being done by contractors is continuing after the severe storm in January that caused so much damage. About three-quarters of the stretch of road between Thames and Manaia requiring protection from falling rocks has been finished.

Increasing the number of teams working on rock walls has helped improve traffic flows along this stretch of SH25. It's a credit to all those working on this important project in all weather.

The road is always going to be challenging in terms of both maintenance and design. I'm impressed with the remedial work being done and am pleased to see that in many places along the coast, substantial work is being done rather than just a patch job.

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## MEG winter lecture series

MEG winter lecture series starts on **Sunday 6 May** with Reptiles of New Zealand and the Coromandel with Doug Ashby, 7pm at Pepper Tree – free. Warm fireplace, warm drinks.

### Reptilian New Zealand

Most New Zealanders are aware of our most famous reptile....the tuatara. But how many of us are aware that we have 50+ species of native geckos and about the same number of skinks? All these reptiles are endemic, in other words they are found nowhere else in the world.

The islands off Coromandel hold safe one of the world's biggest geckos, the duvaucel gecko, which is sadly extinct on the mainland. Coromandel is also home to the endangered Coromandel striped gecko.

Doug Ashby knows them all. Doug is bringing some of his reptilian collection as part of his winter lecture and will educate us all as to the reptiles of NZ and the Coromandel.

### Doug Ashby Herpetologist

Doug Ashby is a founding member of the NZ Herpetological Society and has been involved in surveys and gecko rescues, notably the Whangamata Marina Moko skink rescue. He collects data on, and held for DOC, the striped gecko, and is enthusiastic in sharing his passion for NZ lizards and geckos. Doug and his partner Jane give talks around the region and partake in the MEG summer programme, imparting this knowledge and appreciation to the next generation.

## Monday Walkers

By Irene Dunn

It was great to have the Echo Walking Festival join us for our walk at Opito Bay and Crayfish Bay – but oh so sad to see nine dead Little

Blue Penguins on the sand due to not enough food in the warmer waters. Apparently this happens once or twice a decade. We notified DOC and MAF but it was frustrating we couldn't do more. On a brighter note the walk on such a stunning sunny day was awesome and views as always the best. Natalie couldn't find any seals on the rocks at the northern end of beach this time despite braving the rising tide across the rocks. Our second walk with Echo Walking Festival had to be cancelled due to the heavy rain but we look forward to lots more interesting walks in the bush, on beaches and tracks.

We meet each Monday. You are welcome to join us, so phone the number below for more info.

Happy walking everyone.

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## Home Truths

By Catherine Delahunty

Don't take it personally but our beautiful country is not perfect and not everyone is treated with respect by others or by institutions. Racism is a daily micro or macro aggression if you are not a Pakeha.

This is not because some of us are bad people. It's because we can be extremely unaware of our own history and our own assumptions when we have privilege. "Privilege" is one of those words which can sound confusing to people who have it but when you do not have it quite a few aspects of it are crystal clear. This was revealed to me when my Maori colleague who was a Member of Parliament, described how she was often followed in shops because it was assumed she might be a thief. This has never ever happened to me, even when I was a hippie from the wilds of Coromandel going into a shop looking pretty rough and unusual. This was revealed to me when one of my friends was thrown out of a lounge bar at lunchtime for having a "tattoo", as in a moko kauae on her chin, in her home town where her whakapapa goes back beyond 1000 years. She had to take that one to the Human Rights Commission.

Most of the time institutions are not aware of their racist structures. The gaps in the history we were taught about our country in school is such a huge and obvious gap. Why do I know the names of every wife of Henry the Eighth but left school knowing nothing about Parihaka or Meri Mangakahia, not to mention the siege of Orakau or the life of Te Puea Herangi?

You might think times have changed since my schooling but sadly the research I did of high schools teaching Te Tiriti o Waitangi revealed that it's taught in a patchy manner and often students opt for history that focuses on the Tudors and Stuarts. The elephant herd of ignorance and racism is still trampling around the room. Students tell me that teachers are trying their best to educate them by helping them to be assimilated into Pakeha culture, but that is not working.

At Auckland University a young Pasifika law student was threatened by a group of white supremacists last year who told this A grade student she must move to the back of the class because she was not bright enough to be at the front.

My friend who is of Chinese descent is meant to suck up the racist jokes and the distortions of her name. It goes on and on. And if you do not believe its true its probably because it's not happening to you.

Taika Waititi has created a valuable opportunity for learning and reflection, with the offended commentators at least having to justify themselves rather than make the issue into a joke. The reaction against Taika's comments follows familiar lines which ignore the collective experiences and blame individuals. For us here in the Hauraki this is a chance to have a look at how we are doing in addressing racism. Are we ready to recognise that "Coromandel" was the name of a sailing ship which was imposed upon part of the Hauraki by the colonists? Are we ready to acknowledge that some of the street names in Thames celebrate men who helped to strip the Hauraki people of their land? How do we think that feels to the descendants of the manawhenua of the 1800s and indeed the 1900s? If we think that it's all in the past and nothing to do with us, then we are not ready to embrace the challenge of uncomfortable home truths. Hopefully we will step up to the challenge Taika gave us and through an uncomfortable acknowledgement we can build a bridge past racism into a respect for the tangata whenua and other cultures. If we can do this we will all benefit. I was brought up unaware of the racism in the education system and elsewhere. Now I try to be aware of it so that I do not feed it. Every day opportunities for a better and more respectful way present themselves, because although racism can be every day, so too can respect be practised. Some people are saying that their feelings are hurt by Taika Waititi. Home truths can hurt (although not as much as racist behaviours) but also spark some self reflection and change, if we are open to this possibility.

## Mana Update

By Penelope Carroll

May is a month of great courses at Mana for body, mind and spirit. At the beginning of the month Edna Levy, founder of the Bodylight method – a unique fusion of yoga, pilates, qi gong and mindfulness – will be facilitating her fifteenth annual retreat at Mana for people of all ages and backgrounds who wish to learn about and deepen their understanding of movement patterns and mindfulness (**4-6 May**). Edna's Bodylight retreat is followed by a Mothers' Day Mana Relaxation weekend (**11-13 May**), an Open Floor movement and dance retreat (**18-20 May**) and then another Mana Relaxation weekend (**25-27 May**).

Edna talks about her May retreat: "When I teach mindfulness I teach it through the breath and the body, with the breath and movement synchronised. We are practicing mindful movement.

"I see great value in practicing mindfulness through moving mindfully, especially now most people are sitting more than ever before. When we are practicing mindfulness through movement it is good both for the physical body – the joints, circulation, mobility, elasticity, muscle tone – and for the stillness of the mind."

Edna said she was pregnant with her first son when she presented her first workshop at Mana. "Every year we come as a family – we feel very aligned to the Mana vision. My children call Mana their spiritual home."



Bodylight at Mana

And from the Mana kitchen, here is a simple recipe for a wonderfully warming autumn dish – whole baked pumpkin. The combination of pumpkin and garlic is delicious and a good way to fend off winter chills.

### Whole baked pumpkin

Use a medium buttercup pumpkin or any round green type. Cut a slice off the top and remove the seeds and soft pulp surrounding them. In the pumpkin put butter (1 tbsp), salt and pepper and 3-4 (or more) cloves of garlic, peeled and sliced. Replace the top and bake in a shallow, ovenproof dish in a moderate oven for about 1 hour or until very tender. Present whole at the table and serve sliced like a cake.

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## Coromandel Area School

By Jamie Leckie

### Community Garden

Room 2 and Room 8 have been working over at the Community Gardens on a school bed. They have had to pull out and remove weeds and dig up dirt to get the garden ready for planting. Watch the space for progress on our school garden.

### Seafood Fest

We have been working hard on our special art for the upcoming Seafood Fest on **5 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.

### Touch rugby

Huge congratulations to our Coro Girls touch team who have won the Coromandel open women's touch module for the 2017/2018 season. We are so proud of your achievement and commitment to training and

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playing. Thank you to Boydie for your support and training. Also, a huge thank you to some of our awesome Coromandel Area School mums who made up the numbers for the team so they could play each week.

Fabulous effort and achievement to Renay Thwaites, Alex Sowerby, Shania Teklenburg, Emily James, Kylah Berghan, Katie Walker and Brooke Teklenburg.

### Swimming

Well done to our team of nine students who competed in the Thames Valley Primary School Swimming event in March. The overall results have been received and some notable results for our students are as follows:

Kaila Fenton – 9yr girls – 3rd 25m Breaststroke

Cole Hopoi – 9yr boys – 1st 25m Freestyle

Carter Hopoi – 11yr boys – 1st 25m Freestyle, 3rd 25m Breaststroke

Summer O'Neil – 12yr girls – 1st 25m Breaststroke, 1st 25m Freestyle

Charlotte Kite – 12yr girls – 4th 25m Freestyle

Deveshh Bali – 12yr boys – 5th 25m Freestyle, 6th 50m Freestyle

We are proud of all of our team!

### Triathlon and Wheels Day

On 16 March Rooms 1, 2 and 3 had a Wheels Day and Room 4 and 5 had a Triathlon. The triathlon included a swim, bike and run. All children participated and some children were pushed out of their comfort zones but still gave it a go. It was a really fun day for everyone involved.

Thank you to all of the parents and senior students who turned up to help out on the day; we really appreciate your support. Also, a big thank you to Doug Rouse and our local Police Officer Dylan for doing a safety check of all of the bikes which enabled the children to participate safely. We look forward to another great event next year.

### Writing

Room 4 have been doing some writing about the "road to our place and school". Check it out!

On the road to my place notice the gorgeous kingfishers sitting on my powerline and the ginormous oak trees as brown as barbecue sauce. Some flowers are yellow with a touch of crimson red, although they are dead. My plum tree has 1006 rotten plums around it! I can almost make a plum cave. There are skid marks all over my road. That is the road to my place. – Arryn

When I go to school I see the enormous eel hiding away in the enormous rocks. I see the fat pukekos running across the road. I see birds flying across the road looking for worms big and small and I see the dairy. "I hope I can get an ice cream," I say. We take a turn and we get there. Then I do it all again the next day. – Kaelyn

## Coromandel Youth Group

### Term Two Opening Hours

Coromandel Youth Group is for all children aged 5–15yrs.

Sunday drop in and social – 1pm-4pm,

Tuesday and Thursday – 3pm-5pm,

Friday afternoon – 2pm-4pm.

Friday Night Social – 6pm-9pm (for years 7-10).

Parents please feel free to phone with child's expected time of arrival and departure as we can not take responsibility for children who are not signed in or for those who have signed out early.

To help with running costs please make a gold coin donation for after-school sessions; every little bit helps us to stay open!

For more information call in or telephone us on (07) 866 7061.

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



## Te Rerenga School

### Learning, it's what we do...

By Mary Kedzlie

Kia ora koutou, the first term of learning has zoomed past so quickly!

The children were able to share their learning goals with their parents at the recent Learning Conversations. At Te Rerenga we want our students to be active and committed participants in a classroom that is focussed on learning and where students can describe their role in the learning process. Part of this is when the student is able to lead conversations about their learning with their parents and describe their learning progress. It was great to listen to some of these conversations and hear the children clearly articulate what they have learned and what are their next learning steps.

The Room 4 students have had some wonderful Education Outside the Classroom experiences over the past few weeks, including a trip to the Marine Reserve at Hahei, participating in the Thames Valley Schools' Triathlon at Cook's Beach, and a few also took part in the Cross the River swim, organised by Mercury Bay Area School.

Room 4 students also cooked up a storm for a cook-off day here at school.

All the students chose their own recipes and only had 45 minutes to prepare a meal. They all worked extremely well and every meal was delicious. Room 4 was very fortunate to have Andy Corles as their judge and he also helped each group by giving them valuable advice to help improve their dishes, that they were able to then use to perfect their dishes. The final school results and the dishes cooked were:

1st – Ella, Tytan and Eden – Vietnamese Rice Paper Rolls



2nd – Danyl and Quinn – Sashimi and Mussels  
3rd – Stacey, Ellie and Stina – Cheese Stuffed and Crumbed Portobello Mushrooms with Salad and Potatoes

The winning teams then went on to represent us at the Kid's Cook-Off, part of the A Taste of Matarangi festival on 7 April, where our two teams of Te Rerenga students displayed more wonderful cooking skills, cooking in front of a large crowd! You did us proud Stina, Stacey and Ellie who were the winners on the day; and also Ella, Eden and Tytan!

Sadly, Danyl and Quinn had their first rugby game of the season on the same day as A Taste of Matarangi, so the 3rd place team who were chosen to attend the festival, ended up the overall winners!



Cook-off day at school – Stacey, Stina, Ellie, Tytan, Ella and Eden

## Kiwi Can

Wow! This term one was just so super busy we forgot to get our final newsletter into the schools.

In the last few weeks of the term we were discovering how and when we needed to show perseverance, with our friends, our class and our whole school. We did group activities which were challenging, bringing out some conflict situations which were solved by the students themselves without our leaders giving any input.

Our juniors had to colour in a picture of a sun. But when they started to colour they realised we had only given them one yellow and orange felt. This caused some tears and frustration and some students didn't finish their pictures. Others were happy to colour their sun blue, purple or grey with no fuss, or to happily share the yellow and orange pens.

Our seniors had brain teasers which some found very challenging. Some students showed a lot of patience, encouraging others to solve the problems on their own rather than just giving them the answer. Well done!

May brings us to term two and after the break our tamariki are ready to discover what our new theme and catchphrase for this term is.

Ka kite ano from the Kiwi Can Crew.

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



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# Arts

## A Painting a Day

By Vaughan Udall

I am a local artist living in Coromandel for the past 18 years. I have a studio at Preeces Point.

It's a beautiful spot from which I produce the majority of my work.

I have sold paintings from my studio, galleries and recently online.

Painting to sell isn't my main goal but it's a great feeling when someone wants to buy and hang one of your works on their wall.

I had an idea about showing my work on social media, namely Facebook, doing one painting a day for the month of February and putting it on all the "Buy and Sell" sites around the peninsula. I kept them very affordable at \$60 each and donated \$10 from each sale to Starship Hospital.

I wasn't sure how it would all go and whether I could keep it up.

After a couple of days I started getting a bit of interest and by the end of the first week paintings were selling within minutes of putting them on.

I got many encouraging comments which help keep me on track to complete the whole month.

I must admit sometimes things got a bit hectic trying to complete a painting by the 5pm deadline.

But I made it with most paintings sold and a good donation for Starship.

I have been asked to do another month, which I hope to in July.



## Pastel Artists Coromandel

By Christine Lunn

A quiet month with some members at NZ Pastel Artists conference in Timaru and other members travelling.

Plans are in progress for more workshops after our very successful ones in March.

We were delighted to see that Annette had won the NZ Pastel Artists magazine April edition challenge with her superb portrait of Nathan. That makes three awards for our group in the national competition.

Our members have considerable experience and still work in other media but they dedicate Tuesday mornings to pastel, pencil and coloured pencil work. Some of our members' work is on display in the window of Liquor King on Wharf Road – don't forget to have a look next time you pass.

We welcome visitors at our weekly meeting at the Coromandel Aero Club rooms on Tiki Road on Tuesdays between 9.00am and 12 noon (around 10.00am is always a good time, when we break for morning tea).

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



## WTS Coromandel – Shared Studios

The season has started! The Art Room in Hauraki House is open and in use. Thanks to those of you who have already registered; we look forward to seeing you "in situ". And it's not too late if you're still thinking about it. For more info phone Sally (number below).

Last week saw John in residence working on set design and construction with and for the Coro Players, who have a new production coming up.

Remember, if you have registered and the room is free, you can use it! So it's time to start thinking about dates, and fellow artists you would like to work with.

And on **Saturday 12 May** 10am-4pm there will be a one-day workshop on warm-up techniques and loosening-up exercises. These are a lot of fun, and most materials will be provided. Hope to see you there.

Free to members, \$25 to non-members, space permitting, so please drop us a line or phone Sally on 027 302 4245 to reserve yourself a place



Art Group members enjoying a beautiful autumn morning at Papa Aroha



## Coromandel Art Group

By Barbara Peddie

The cyclones have at last retreated, and we have been venturing out into the great outdoors on balmy autumn days, to sketch and get inspiration for our winter painting masterpieces. The last few weeks have seen our group at Whangapoua, Papa Aroha and the James farm at Te Kouma. Thank you to the James family for the chance to experience this stunning location.

Now a freezing polar blast has hit and today, as I write, most of us sensible Kiwis retreated to the warmth of St Andrews Hall, leaving two hardy (? mad) Englishwomen to sketch outdoors. Once inside, there is no excuse not to start painting, which is what we are here for.

We have secured the services of four established painters to run workshops for us this year, which is exciting.

Our AGM comes in May, and with it the chance to reassess the last year and plan for the future. This will be our 16th year.

## Mercury Bay Art Escape Open Artists' Studios

The 2018 Mercury Bay Art Escape Open Artists' Studios event over the first two weekends of March was a highly successful celebration of arts in Mercury Bay. The 37 participating artists throughout the region welcomed a higher number of visitors from near and far into their creative spaces.

All visitors to the Mercury Bay Art Escape's annual exhibition of artists' work at Hot Waves Café were encouraged to take part in the "People's Choice Award" and vote for their chosen work.

The Art Escape is delighted to announce the winner this year is Whitianga based artist member Pam Mundell with her intricately detailed landscape painting entitled "Catching the Light". Winning this award is a double success story for Pam as at the earlier Gala Opening event Pam was moved to tears when participating artists voted for Pam's work as the winner of the Artists' Choice Award.



Pam Mundell



## Open Studios Feature Artists

### Kay Ogilvie – Potter

Living in paradise on the beautiful Wyuna Bay Road fuels my inspiration as a potter and sculptor. I try to capture the essence of the beauty I see around me.

I love the effects of using lots of different coloured glazes and glass together in my platters and bowls. Colours overlapping and running into each other. Not always successful, but always interesting and often stunningly beautiful. Opening the kiln is very exciting. The way the colours have interacted suggests more ideas.



## Coromandel Players

By Don Hughes

It's not often you get the opportunity to revisit a play 19 years after its first production in Coromandel. But, in the absence of young males willing to take roles in the Alan Ayckbourne play I mentioned a few months ago, we are busily rehearsing the all-women play "Social Climbers" by Roger Hall.

The play delves quite deeply into the lives of five school teachers plus one daughter, who are marooned for three days in a small cabin in the mountains, after a bridge is washed out in a storm. A tramper's nightmare.

The five have been work colleagues for some years, but there are things about each other they don't know. Proximity, booze and boredom and we (and they) learn a lot more. And it's worth knowing. They have all endured or are going through problems of family, work or personal relationships that we can all relate to. But there are lots of laughs along the way. In other words another well-crafted play by Roger Hall.

We are sure this updated version will provide a great night's entertainment for a new generation of play-goers, new residents in Coromandel and, of course, people who remember the original production and can look forward to seeing the new cast. Only Liz Cameron remains from the original cast and she is taking a new role. Other Player regulars are Jan Autumn and Debbie Morgan, with a welcome to newcomers Bronnie Kenchington, Angela McWatt and Katie-Maree Niethe. My personal "thank you", to you all, for stepping in when the guys were nonstarters!

Performance dates are **Friday 25 May** and **Saturday 26 May** at 7.30pm with a matinee on **Sunday 27 May** at 2pm. Then the following weekend **Friday 1 June** and **Saturday 2 June**, both at 7.30pm. Tickets available soon from Harcourts Real Estate in Kapanga Road, Coromandel. There are quite a few adult jokes and references so I guess I have to say, "Don't bring the kids". Just bring your sense of humour and empathy.

Remember 7.30pm starts for evening performances.

Recently I made a set of three large planters with wide indented rims. Then filled the indents with coloured glass. Interesting effect and I'd like to explore that idea further. I'm thinking of a wide shallow bowl, brightly coloured, with a wide glass-filled rim. Can't wait to try that.

My work is displayed at Weta in Coromandel, Mosaic in Whitianga, Zohar in Mt. Maunganui and in my studio which is open for a visit when the sign is out or by ringing first.

I enjoy taking part in the Arts Tour each year and in local exhibitions.

### Linda Sampson - Painter

I have lived on the hill side at Te Kouma for five years and have loved every minute. Great views and a gentle climate has made retirement a happy time in my life. We moved here after 36 years of living in New Plymouth, which we enjoyed, but being born in the Waikato, Coromandel was always our choice for retirement.

My studio has a wonderful view of the harbour and this makes for many peaceful hours of painting.

I paint with acrylic paint and I tend towards bright, sharp colours. I am a self-taught artist and enjoy other crafts like patchwork and embroidery. I started painting once my children left home and I needed something to help fill my days. Other members of my family are very fine artists and so I hoped I would find the skill in myself. I found painting so enjoyable and relaxing I slowly got better and even managed to sell a few paintings in my husband's work place. Fifteen years on and I still find new and interesting subjects to paint.



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# Environmental

## Coromandel Catchment Committee

By Reihana Robinson, Waikato Regional Council appointee to the Coromandel Catchment Committee

### Coromandel Colville Community Board 10 April 2018

First a big thank you to the Coromandel Colville Community Board for trekking to Colville for the April meeting. Not only did the chair Peter Pritchard extend the public forum for more than an hour, he welcomed all attendees to a frank and creative session covering issues ranging from Colville sailboat storage and a proposed local walkway to infrastructure management and coastal erosion. As the appointed WRC catchment committee person, I was asked by three groups to briefly raise their concerns for the information of the CCB. Groups from both Wyuna Bay and Port Charles are facing urgent coastal erosion and we were informed that TCDC has a designated coastal engineer, Jan van der Vliet, who is "swamped" with community investigations but who should be a useful point person for these communities. On behalf of Dr Wendy Pond and the Manu Waiata Society I referenced their excellent poison-free submission to the Reserves Management plan. The Society advocates that all reserves and public spaces in the district bear a sign with a TCDC logo stating: "Rongoa Whenua. Poison-free public space". Manu Waiata also advocates for the appointment or deployment of a Council officer (1.) to advise contractors, Council staff, and public on ways of managing unwanted species using trapping, cover planting, permaculture and biodynamic techniques; and (2.) to run a Trapper's Service Centre to advise the public on maintaining trap lines, selecting traps, and restoring biodiversity balance. Overall the response from the CCB members showed an endeavour to find ways to be supportive of each presenter. Gaining awareness of local body process can sometimes be liberating.

### WRC (next meeting 4 May 2018)

Waikato Regional Council's Long Term Plan submissions closed on 16 April. Coromandel ratepayers may be perturbed to learn that millions of dollars are budgeted for wallaby poisoning. As we all know there are no wallabies on the Coromandel. Your representative continues to express the Coromandel's desire for regional rate support for all coastal work as the Coromandel is touted as the Waikato's coastal playground. Water is the number one issue for all Waikato ratepayers and yet the safe monitoring and signage for our swimmable estuaries and rivers continues to be debated. The Wigmore Stream in Hahei is one case where local ratepayers and TCDC stepped into the empty space to actually monitor the excessively high e.coli and enterococci rates, but the saga of public safety signage continues with multiple agencies including the DHB in the mix. While soil conservation could be a priority for the Waikato we see no mention of permaculture or methods that truly conserve the land and no mention of a GE Free region.

### WRC Rates

Whenever targeted rates mention Coromandel Catchment it is important to understand that it does not include all TCDC ratepayers. WRC's Coromandel Zone travels down to Whangamata but excludes a swathe around Thames. Thames WRC rates are siphoned into Waihou. WRC has just agreed to raise rates by over 12.3% in the next three years for existing ratepayers, with targeted catchment and biosecurity rates to rise a staggering 37.6%.

## NCEA Possum project

Over the past few years I have presented reports and recommendations on behalf of our rural northern community. My Enviroschools/Possum Project recommendation resulted in full committee support, with WRC agreeing to pay \$10,000 for a piece of research. A good first step, however this money could have covered training for at least three years resulting in high school graduates who would now be qualified hunters and trappers. In Northland Regional Council and Taranaki there are regions that already provide NCEA qualifications in sustainability, trapping and enterprise. Now 14 primary schools in Wellington and all secondary schools east of the Mt Victoria ridge are trialling a similar initiative (*Cook Strait News* 25 January 2018).

## Moehau Environment Group

Recent adult kiwi deaths reinforce just how vulnerable kiwi are.

Hundreds of volunteers work thousands of hours throughout the Peninsula for the protection of kiwi every month. MEG trappers alone check 1,132 stoat traps every month.

The work carried out is mostly for the protection of younger kiwi chicks, those under 1 kg in weight. So stoat trapping is about chick protection. Controlling ferrets provides some protection for adult birds, but humans and dogs remain a huge challenge.

The network of stoat and ferret trapping across the Peninsula continues to grow, and Dog Aversion Training is promoted regularly, but these things alone do not stop kiwi deaths.

Recently three adult kiwi were killed in the Port Charles area, with two around Easter. One was hit by a vehicle and two were killed by predators, most likely dogs. The two probably killed by dogs were known and successful breeding birds.

This means the gene pool of these three adult kiwi is lost – forever.

The structure of kiwi means they are very vulnerable to any knock to the chest, as they have no bone structure to protect many internal organs, including the heart.

Anyone who has seen a kiwi up close will tell you how easily you see the heart beating. They are easily damaged. They are easily killed.

Humans, dogs, ferrets, machinery and vehicles are a real threat and all can cause kiwi fatalities.

The challenge is to get this message out and understood... there are nationally significant populations of kiwi on the Coromandel... talk to your friends, visitors, family members to raise their awareness that these vulnerable birds are part of our backyards, in many cases they are literally in our backyards and that they cross roads and live in our recreational areas. Lets keep their hearts beating!

MEG's Annual Kiwi Listening survey will be carried out through May and June.

Training nights will be held **4 and 5 May** (weather dependant). If you are interested in being involved or interested in attending one of the training nights contact us at [info@meg.org.nz](mailto:info@meg.org.nz).

Note: Ally Davey has left her position with MEG due to a change in circumstances. She is sorely missed. A new appointment will be made shortly.



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## McGregor Bay Wetland Society

By Vanessa Edelsten

"What is a wetland?" That was the question we started exploring in Mr Colmar's Room 5 class at Coromandel Area School on Thursday 5 April. As the coordinator for the McGregor Bay Wetland Society, I had the opportunity to visit the school and share with the class some knowledge about wetlands as they begin to investigate the environment around them.

Many students already had a good understanding that wetlands were wet places sometimes referred to as "swamps", but there were definitely a lot of questions too. To find out more, a treasure hunt of wetland facts was played and the students worked in teams of 3 or 4 to find the information hidden around the room.

Understanding some of the fundamental information about wetlands is key to realizing the value of these habitats and sets up a platform to delve deeper into learning and exploration. For instance, now that the students understand that wetlands are situated between the land and the sea, we can start to look into why they might be there and how they function. Once we learn how they function, then we can start to realize some of the tremendous benefits of wetlands in the landscape.

To finish our session, we started to look at a local example – the McGregor Bay wetland – and to acknowledge just how fortunate we were to have a wetland so close to Coromandel Town. For a little perspective we then looked at the wider landscape to see where other wetlands exist on the northern Coromandel Peninsula, including Colville and Waikawau Bay. Our next steps will be to learn more about the function of wetlands and then investigate some of the species that inhabit them.

What astounded me most about this

group of young people was their enthusiasm and drive to learn, and also share their experiences of interactions with wildlife and nature. Almost everyone had a story to share about a time they had helped to save a bird, or observed a really interesting wildlife moment!

I look forward to working with Coromandel Area School as we continue to explore wetlands and our local environment. Instilling a conscious awareness of our local environment in the next generation assists in creating a positive and sustainable future for the area, and I am so grateful to be a part of that. Here's to creating a future we can all continue to enjoy.



Tena koutou Room 5 and Mr Colmar!

## Upper Coromandel Branch of Forest & Bird

by Karen Marshall



As I write this we are experiencing a blast of cold, wet wintry weather, and it is evident that rats are joining humans in taking refuge inside! Rats, along with possums, stoats, ferrets and feral cats, are all considered predators. There are no native rats in this country but three species were introduced by sailors in the 19th century: the kiore or Pacific rat, the common or ship rat and the Norway or brown rat. All exist in the bush but brown rats are more common where there are humans i.e., in urban areas.

All three species are omnivores and will eat fruit, berries, seeds, insects, reptiles, birds and eggs. Some insect species (such as flightless beetles) have become extinct because of rats, and the numbers of giant weta, land snails, frogs, skinks, geckos, tuatara and bats have been significantly reduced because of them. Millions of native birds are killed each year in this country by rats.

Female rats produce a litter of 8-10 juveniles every 3 weeks. They are mature after three or four months and apparently one breeding pair can be responsible for about 2000 descendants each year! Scary thought. Consequently, it is really important for us to try and deal to the rats that are now probably happily bonking away within the walls and warm places they have found in and around our homes. The two easiest methods are: rat traps, which can be purchased at a local hardware store for about \$11.40 each (effective, but you have to dispose of a corpse) and poison, from the same store, which usually leaves no corpse, as they take themselves off to die.

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# Sport

## Coromandel Swimming Club

By Debra Attwood

The Coromandel Swimming Club has been very busy during the first few months of 2018. We started with our swimmers competing at their local school swimming sports, then at Thames Valley Secondary and Primary schools swimming events and the Waikato Secondary and Waikato Primary schools swimming events with some great results.

In late February our Club held the Peninsula Combined Fun Swimming Carnival. This carnival is held here in Coromandel every three years and gives our young swimmers the opportunity to compete against swimmers from other clubs. This year we also had the privilege of having one of our past swimmers returning to showcase swimming for us. Andrew Jeffcoat started his swimming journey here in Coromandel when he joined the learn to swim programme and then the swimming club. Andrew then moved to Taumarunui with family and then on to Hamilton where he joined the Fairfield Swimming Club. Andrew has become an exceptional swimmer and has represented New Zealand at age group competitions in both New Zealand and Australia. I believe that it was great for our swimmers to see what can be achieved if you put in the hard work. We would like to thank all of our sponsors who supported our swim carnival. Without their assistance, either monetary or providing spot prizes and goods, our carnival would not have been the success that it was. Our sponsors included: Liquor King, Coromandel Four Square, Bank of New Zealand, Pak'nSave, Coromandel Area School, Pepper Tree Restaurant and Bar, Coastway Cutters Unisex Salon, Aotea B & B, Coromandel Fishing Charters 2013, Coromandel Court Motel, Countdown, Castle Rock Café, B.E.C Diesel Specialists, Coromandel Pharmacy, Evolution Tattoo Studio NZ, Coromandel Accounting, McDonalds Thames, Umu Café, Star & Garter Hotel, Wyuna Studio, Coromandel Auto Electrical, Coromandel BP Service Station, Te Wharekura o Manaia, Sea Products, Top Town Takeaways, Coromandel Quarry and Contracting, Harbour View Motel, Coromandel Fish & Dive and Coromandel Community Recreational Society. We would also like to thank all of the volunteers who helped out before and on the day.

A week after our swim carnival we held our annual 24-hour swimathon. This year we decided that we would also support another charity with half of all funds raised going to the Auckland Rescue Helicopter Trust. During the event Intensive Care Paramedic Chris Deacon attended and joined in swimming 80 lengths. Overall we had 71 swimmers aged between 3 years and 72 years of age who swam a total of 9604 x 25 metre lengths that is a total distance of 240.1km. Thank you to everyone who sponsored our swimmers. We raised around \$5000 (money still being collected), and we donated \$3000 to the Auckland Rescue Helicopter Trust.

Our prize giving and AGM will be held on **Thursday 24 May** at the Trust Waikato Event Centre (upstairs at swimming pool). AGM at 6.30pm with prize giving following.

Check out our Facebook (Coromandel Swimming Club) page for more details about events and results



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*See meeting list for class times*

## Coromandel Recreational Fishing Club

By Allison Brown & CRFC Committee

Hi to all,

Well it looks like our nice weather is packing up. It's quite a shock to get a cold snap like we are having at the moment, especially when the fishing has been so good.

Fish of the month for March Club members was kahawai and the \$100 was won by Troy Evans.

Fish of the month for May, 2018 is gurnard for Club members. Weigh-in at Fish & Dive.

There have been a few gurnard caught in the Gulf. Looks like they are slowly building numbers up will be great if they are as I think they are better eating than snapper.

The kingi have been a bit evasive lately. We have caught a few but not quite 75. Might be better next season. The scallop season is over (first time we have ever been boarded by Fisheries Officers as we were fishing on the very popular beds on the last day) as the snapper were feeding on the broken up scallops by the drag nets. My grandson was diving and got some very nice ones when we were checking them out we said to him that some of them looked a bit undersize. He said no I have put them all thru my new wrist measurer. I got our measure out to check and sure enough there were some small ones. We took the measurer back and out of a new box they had opened there was only one that was 90mm (Murphy's Law) and he got it.

Here's to tight lines as always and a few more nice autumn days for fishing.

## Coromandel Golf Club

By Ed Buckett



The Div. 4 Men's Pennants squared their round 4 1/2 to 4 1/2 against Walton at Raglan on Sunday 25 March. And on 8 April they lost to Raglan at Taumarunui 2 1/2 to 6 1/2.

The Club's Tollich Cup Team played the semi-final against Waihi at Paeroa on Sunday 15 April and unfortunately lost, however this is the best season that the Prebble Cup/Tollich Trophy team have had for some time.

The Ladies hosted the 1st Rd. of the Thames Valley Match Play at Coromandel Golf Club on Monday 26 March. 24 players from eight clubs took part and all were very impressed with the course presentation. The winner is decided after five rounds with the next round at Mercury Bay on 16 April.

The Ladies, after winning Rd 1 of the team pennants, finished 3rd at Pauanui on Monday 19 March and 2nd in the 3rd Rd. at Hauraki on 9 April to leave the team tied first overall. Unfortunately they lost the playoff to finish equal 2nd. Same result as last year; well done.

The Club Men's Trophies have been contested in earnest with Max McLean taking out the Hekter Cup (Best 2 of 3 Rds. Net) by a narrow margin of one stroke from Paul Kasper.

The India Tyre Trophy (Stableford over 27 holes) was played on Easter Saturday and was won by David Lunn by one point with 56 points, with three other players hard on his heels with 55 points.

The Club Strokeplay Championships have now been rescheduled because of clashes with men's pennant play and will now be held on **Saturday 12 May**.

The March Meat Pack/Laurie Olliff Trophy was won by Ron Evans with 38 points.

### Calendar

**Sunday 13 May** – Goldfields at Mercury Bay

**Saturday 19 May** – Beaver Cup Final

**Saturday 26 May** – Coromandel Mixed Open (C).

**Wednesday 30 May** – Meat Pack/Laurie Olliff Trophy

## Rugby Club

By Elly Smith,  
President



Kia ora everyone.

As I write our latest update we are well underway with the 2018 season with both Senior and Junior teams out playing on Saturdays. The Seniors started off the season with a close fought game at home against Cobras, digging in right to the last to come away with the win! Great to see the positive atmosphere around the Club and both returning and new supporters coming along to watch. With a few more games that have brought some work on's the team has regathered themselves, resulting in playing some good rugby last Saturday against Waihou and will no doubt be amped to play a great game at home this Saturday against Whangamata.

The Juniors have been having some great games both at home and away and it's awesome to see all the smiles and energy coming from the kids who are giving it heaps while having a great time with their mates. Thank you to the coaches, managers and other volunteers who are making it possible for us to field an under 9's, an under 11's, and an under 13's team this season. We still have room for more players and there are kids wanting to play Rippa but at this stage we are still looking for a parent or parents to coach the Rippa kids (previous experience not necessary)! Without parent support these kids will unfortunately miss out.

### Boydie Biddle

It was with shock and great sadness that we farewelled Boydie Biddle recently after he passed suddenly at home. Boydie had a huge presence not only within the club but also throughout the school and wider community. A man who gave so much of his time and energy, he will be greatly missed and remembered fondly. We extend our condolences and thoughts to his whanau at this time.

### Club Constitution

On 8 April we held a special general meeting to vote on our updated constitution which also included our new whanau first policy. A lot of extra hours went into this and I would like to thank our committee members for



their time and efforts. I am pleased to say that this was passed unanimously, and we hope this is another step towards a positive future for our club and rugby whanau, helping us go from strength to strength both on and off the field.

### Support and appreciation

At the huge risk of leaving someone out I would like to thank the following people and organisations for their support:

- Coromandel Lions – for donating \$1,000 to our Junior club to purchase 60 balls and four first aid kits! Our Junior players now have one ball per player and this will make a huge impact on their ability to make the most out of training.
- Coromandel Four Square – have kindly offered sponsorship to our Juniors and I know the junior management committee are busy looking at the best way to invest this money in our children.
- Star and Garter Hotel and Pepper Tree Restaurant – once again Mike and Karen have been very generous with their sponsorship of the Seniors and the club. Mike has also offered to help with our combined Peninsula 4th grade team (school team).
- Tapu Pub – a long time sponsor, I am very pleased to welcome the Tapu Pub back as sponsors of our Senior team. Thank you to the new managers for your continued support.
- Richardson's Real Estate Coromandel – with



their sponsorship coming up for renewal, it's great to hear they will be back for another round.

- Gold Diggers – are also back for another season and we thank them for their continued support.
- Elite Coastal Developments – thank you also for your ongoing support.

Well that about wraps it up for another month. All the best to our teams and thank you to our supporters, old and new for continuing to show up and cheer us on. Keep an eye out on the board and Facebook for what's happening, rug up warm and we'll see you at the game.

Nga mihi maioha.

## Coromandel Croquet Club

By Kaye Anderson

Colder weather is upon us, but croquet players are hardy creatures who wrap up warm against cold winds and don raincoats to beat squally showers.

We meet at 9.15am for a 9.30am start on Tuesdays and Saturdays. However, as the days get shorter we will probably move to a later start.

So if you are keen to join us and try out this great game, call Kaye on (07) 866 8968 all the latest info. The club is situated in Woollams Ave, next to the Bowling Club



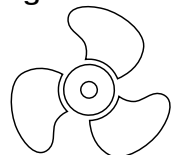
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## Coromandel Town weekly and monthly meetings

### Every Monday

Step Aerobics at Coro Gym ..... 8am  
 Mahamudra Centre, Free Guided Meditation ..... 8.30-9am  
 Coromandel Hikers' Group, Hauraki House, Colin & Elspeth (07) 866 7137 9am  
 Monday Walkers, Irene 021 157 8408 ..... 9am  
 Sit n Be Fit at Coro Gym ..... 9.30am  
 SeniorNet Coromandel contact Loes (07) 866 8053 ..... 4pm  
 Four-part harmony singing, Sue (07) 866 8833 ..... 7.30pm

### Every Tuesday

Mahamudra Centre, Free Guided Meditation ..... 8.30-9am  
 Pastel Artists Coromandel, Coromandel Aero Club Rooms  
 (07) 866 7220 ..... 9am-midday  
 Coro Walking Group, Ruth (07) 866 7246 ..... 9am  
 Open Floor Dance at Mana Retreat Centre,  
 15, 22, 29 May, 5, 12, 19 June ..... 9.30-11.30am  
 Croquet, Woollams Ave, Kaye (07) 866 8968 ..... 9.45am  
 Yoga for everyone, Colville Hall, Kate 022 071 8470 ..... 10am  
 Playcentre, Woollams Ave ..... 10.30am-1pm  
 Beginner Yoga with Becks, at the Anglican Church Hall,  
 170 Tiki Rd, \$10. Contact 027 407 0079 ..... 5.30-6.45pm  
 Coro Motorcycle Club, Star & Garter, John 027 234 1013 ..... 7-9pm

### Every Wednesday

Mahamudra Centre, Free Guided Meditation ..... 8.30-9am  
 Step Aerobics at Coro Gym ..... 8am  
 Sit n Be Fit at Coro Gym ..... 9.30am  
 Coromandel Community Organic Garden volunteers drop in time ..... 3-5pm

### Every Thursday

Mahamudra Centre, Free Guided Meditation ..... 8.30-9am  
 Coro Walking Group, Ruth (07) 866 7246 ..... 9am  
 Coro Bowls club day ..... 9.30am  
 Coro Art Group, St Andrew's Church Hall, Val (07) 866 8911 ..... 9am-12pm  
 Guided Meditation, Elizabeth Park Community Hall ..... 10-11am  
 Open Floor Dance 60yrs and above classes, Anglican Church Hall ..... 2-3.15pm  
 Body Balance & Yoga Classes at Waikato Trust Events Centre  
 (upstairs Swimming Pool) contact Tina 021 201 9750 ..... 5.10-6.20pm  
 Candlelit Yoga, Colville War Memorial Hall. School term only.  
 Contact Vanessa 021 124 7267 ..... 5.30-6.45pm  
 Open Floor Dance, Anglican Church Hall ..... 7-8.30pm

### Every Friday

Step Aerobics at Coro Gym ..... 8am  
 Mahamudra Centre, Free Guided Meditation ..... 8.30-9am  
 Yoga for everyone, Anglican Hall, Kate 022 071 8470 ..... 9am  
 Playcentre, Woollams Ave ..... 9.45am-12.15pm  
 Coromandel Home-school Group, Julene (07) 866 8333 ..... 10am

### Every Saturday

Mahamudra Centre, Free Guided Meditation ..... 8.30-9am  
 Croquet, Woollams Ave, Kaye (07) 866 8968 ..... 9.45am




















### Every Sunday

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 Anglican Church Service ..... 10am

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**1st Wed** – Coro Embroiderers' Guild, St John Rooms,  
 Margaret Burgess (07) 866 5769 ..... 10am-3pm  
**1st Wed** – Lions Dinner meeting, Ambulance rRooms.  
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**2nd Wed** – Garden Circle. Contact Jane Warren 021 232 2905 ..... 1pm  
**3rd Wed** – Lions Business Meeting, Ambulance rooms.  
 Contact President Jean Smith 021 208 7576 ..... 7pm  
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 Rings Road ..... 10am

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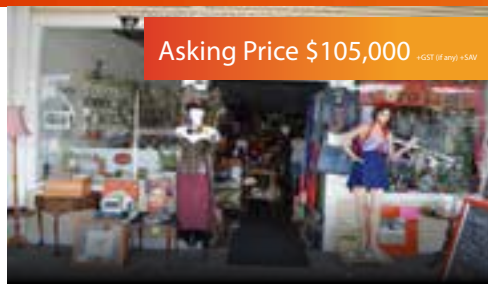


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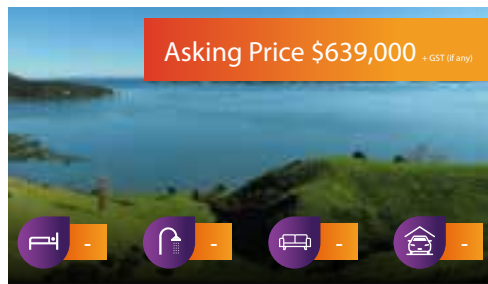
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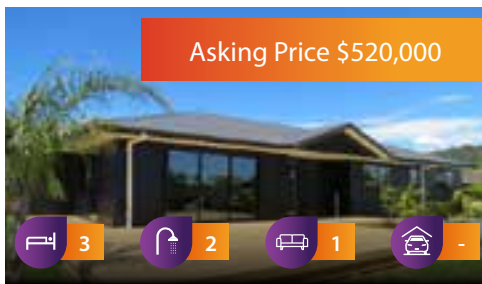
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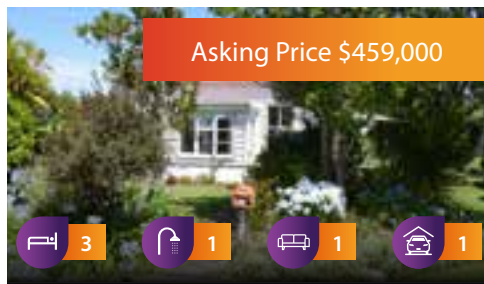
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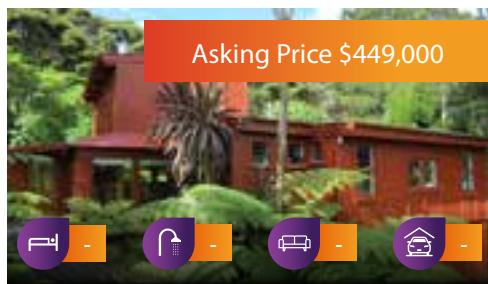
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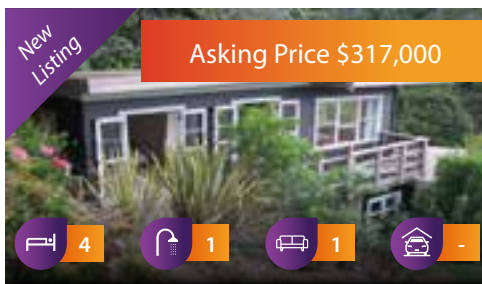
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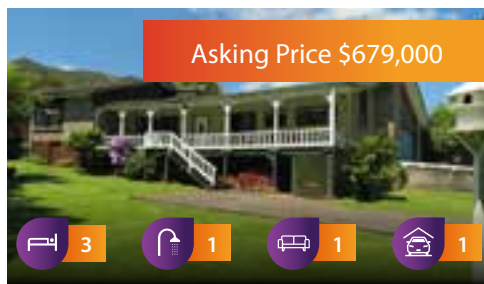


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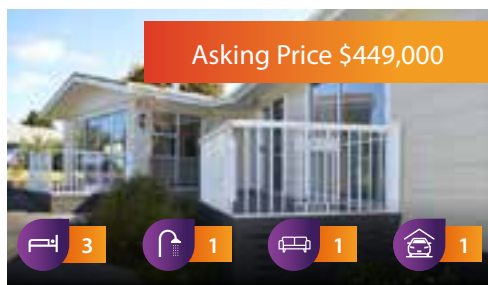
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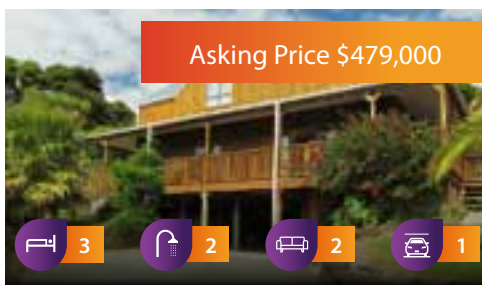
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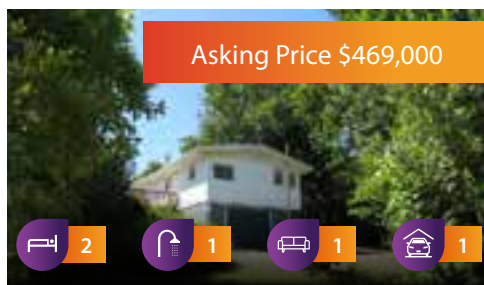
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COP 5.15

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