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Cover picture: Coromandel Area School students, staff, the Mazda Foundation and Project Crimson team and local community members all mucked in to help out at the TREEmendous event.

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Editor's comment

This month brings the Seafood Fest and the Coromandel Kauri Run/Walk – both on 4 May. If you fancy a night out, MEG Winter lectures are starting for winter, as are the quiz nights at The Club. Coromandel Area School has had a makeover outside with TREEmendous – see lead article on page 5 and the school are on the hunt for nominations for the board of trustees.

Have a good month and while the temperatures are dropping now, may the sun keep shining as autumn/winter days are still beautiful here on the Coromandel.

Debbie

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Letters

Hamper

Dear Editor,

As a recipient of a Four Square hamper in April, I wish to thank Kerry Whittle very much for his kind words. I also thank Renee and Damien for their great support of the local community.

The donation of the monthly hampers is very generous, and the promotion also gives an opportunity for publicity to local groups and their activities. I note the Four Square also runs special fundraising events in store for worthy causes such as the local St John, and has been very supportive of the school. Coromandel is very fortunate to have these generous young people in the community.

Also, thanks go to the Coromandel Town Chronicle for providing the means to publicise the activities of the town.

Regards

Raewyn McKinney, Coromandel Town

Plastic-free solution

Dear Editor,

I have just heard that the Seafood Festival Committee is unable to support the Plastic-Free Coromandel Town plate station initiative because of hygiene concerns.

As I understand it, the Plastic-Free volunteers were going to supply plates lent to them by The Goldmine and cutlery lent to them by The Bizarre. They were going to put all of the utensils through a dishwasher before bringing them to the festival. They then hoped that festival goers would use the utensils instead of getting food on single-use throw-away containers. They intended to have drop off points where they would collect the dirty dishes and take them to the school hall for hygienic washing. What a great idea! How disappointing and hopefully it will be fully supported at future events.

I hope that the Plastic-Free group still provides washable plates and cutlery. I for one will use them and I know that The Shag Shack is one stallholder that will offer a \$1 discount at the Festival for people who bring their own plates and cutlery.

Andrew Bell, Coromandel Town

Feedback from the Seafood Festival Committee: We have confirmed with the Plastic-Free Committee that they will provide plates. However, once used, they will be collected and taken off the premises for washing, etc. – they will not be re-distributed throughout the day.

St John Supporters Scheme

Dear Editor,

It is time to remind the people of Coromandel that we are about to fall into line with the rest of New Zealand and begin paying for transport by St John Ambulance. From 1 July residents of the Coromandel district who were previously transported free to hospital will have pay \$98 per trip apart from transports for accidents, the cost of which is covered by ACC.

There are a couple of ways to avoid paying the charge. If you join the St John Supporters Scheme you will be transported free by ambulance anywhere in NZ. The cost is \$65 per couple living in the same house per year, \$50 for an individual subscription or \$80 for three or more people living in the same house. You can also be transported free if you become a St John volunteer. If you have been thinking of joining up, this is the time to get serious about contributing to our community in a very useful and meaningful way. Helping to care for others is very rewarding. All of the training is provided and it can lead to a career as a paramedic. Subscription forms can be collected from the ambulance station on Tiki Road. While you are there have a chat to the duty officer about a career with St John.

If you would like further information please call me on 027 242 4090 or Coromandel Station on (07) 866 8279.

Regards,

Pete Sephton, Acting Chairman, Coromandel St John Area Committee

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Letters continued over...

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Rubbish collecting

Hi,

I have been holidaying in the Coromandel area for about eight weeks and in that time have been treated to some beautiful beaches and wonderful weather. Each year I come for a few weeks to enjoy the great hospitality of the Kiwi people and to escape the terrible winters in the UK.

However, there is something rotten in the state of Coro, to borrow from Shakespeare.

Every year I pick up rubbish from the beaches; my way of saying thank you to NZ and taking some care of this gorgeous environment.

Each progressive year the rubbish increases on this western side of the peninsula.

This year, there has either been an explosion of rubbish or the beaches have not lately been cleaned up before I get there. I have been dismayed by the amount of nylon (aka plastic) rope to be found among the driftwood and shells on the tide line. It's all of a similar nature which leads me to suspect it's from a similar source. I leave it to the locals to come to a conclusion about that!

It's terrible to see how it unravels to become a lethal problem for wading birds; fish get tangled up in it as well as the seaweed. It forms a large clump of nylon, fishing line and weed that sits in an unsightly blob on the shore. When we had to cut a struggling oyster catcher free from some of this stuff it renewed my determination to collect as much as I could.

After a while of dumping this collection at the Goldmine, I decided to make a statement about it in the form of "art". A not so gentle nudge to the perpetrators of this "crime" would be in order so it doesn't continue to happen or get any worse. I am guessing most folk will know the perps.

The rubbish in the photos is only a small fraction of the total amount I have collected.

Happy rubbish collecting!

Sal Pearson, UK



Thank you to the community

Dear Editor,

I would like to give a heartfelt thanks to all of the people in our amazing little town who made the fundraiser for Ava such a success. From a small idea it seemed like the whole town in one way or another had my back to ensure it would be a success, so thank you.

- Coromandel Four Square, for allowing us to use your frontage and donating all of the sausages, bread and sauce and the big bunny Easter raffle.
- Gold Ridge Marine Farms and North Island Mussels for donating all of the mussels for the fritters.
- Coromandel Bakery, Wharf Road, Tina's fish and chips and Castle Rock for donating goods to be sold.
- Liquor King, Coromandel Oyster Company, New Image Hair Salon, Tara's Jewellery, Coromandel Liquor, CILT, Kiwi Can, Coromandel BP, Star Gallery, Coastway Cutters, Harbour View Motel, Dooley Street Styling, Jenna James Photography, Wyuna Studios, Nana Pat, James and Turner, Coromandel Pharmacy, Coromandel Meat Keeper, Umu, Pepper Tree, Posie the Label for donating all of the amazing goods for our raffles.
- All of my amazing friends who worked hard preparing for the day and also on the day keeping the laughter going and serving the crowds.
- And all of the other awesome people who donated baked goods, produce, time and came to buy everything we had on offer.

If you would still like to donate to Ava and her family you can do so through their Give a little page: <https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/my-leukaemia?fbclid=IwAR2myflxedVKjaSQaujX4Zw2pWyZoIrZu44ULjpCAGOFQYK0bv3v9DFQvc>

Regards,

Claire Swindlehurst, Coromandel Town

Community wonders

Dear Editor,

For us, there is no better time to live in a small community such as that which we have here in Coromandel Ttown. As many of you know, our daughter Ava is undergoing three years of chemotherapy for leukemia which is an extreme struggle for us all, to say the least. The support shown by so many of you, in so many ways, is a true wonder for which we are infinitely grateful. We know you have all helped because you genuinely want to and there is nothing we can do or say in return to equal the kindnesses shown but to issue this sincere and heartfelt thanks to you all. So from Carolin, Dan, Ava and Ena, "thank you all so, so much". If you feel you would like to, or are able to help further, Ava has her own Give-a-little page called My leukemia.

Regards,

Dan Redfern, Coromandel Town

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TREEmendous at Coromandel Area School

Students at Coromandel Area School are fighting to save New Zealand's declining whitebait population through extensive planting of native and wetland plants.

Thanks to a \$10,000 grant from TREEmendous, a joint initiative between Project Crimson and the Mazda Foundation, the school was able to create a "natural corridor" alongside the spring that runs through the school's grounds, which will protect whitebait eggs, helping to preserve the species.

Previously neglected, the spring had become overrun by exotic and invasive weeds which were making it difficult for the precious native flora to grow.

After local elders explained that inanga, the smallest species of whitebait, used to travel up the spring from the estuary, the school was determined to revitalise the spring to help save the species which is at risk of extinction.

Over a weekend the school staff, local community members, the Mazda Foundation and the Project Crimson team worked together along the border of the spring to help purify the water and allow aquatic animals to thrive once again.

Inanga is the only species of whitebait that can't climb barriers, which means that creating an environment they can survive in is difficult. The "natural corridor" will protect inanga eggs by acting as an umbrella during the day and a blanket at night.

Koren Hopoi, Principal at Coromandel Area School, says inanga hadn't been seen in the stream for several years.

"The declining numbers of inanga means the species is at risk, so the possibility of seeing them return to our spring is really exciting."

The school is actively transitioning into regenerative education with environmental, cultural and social responsibility at the core.

"We are actively weaving these skills and practices throughout our curriculum, as we recognise the importance of the environment to human health and well-being, particularly in young people. The TREEmendous event was a great way to show students first-hand the importance of taking care of our natural environment," she says.



Ruud "The Bugman" Kleinpaste and his insect friends taught the students about how inanga feed on bugs that fall into the stream

As part of the TREEmendous event the students were treated to a visit by marine scientist Riley "The Sharkman" Elliott, who explained the importance of conservation and gave the school some further tips for caring for their aquatic life.

Ruud "The Bugman" Kleinpaste and his insect friends were also in attendance and spoke to the students about how inanga feed on bugs that fall into the stream.

After a hard day's work which resulted in the planting of 500 native trees, the whole crew was treated to a BBQ thanks to the local Four Square who kindly donated 160 sausages.

Everyone knows the best place to go fishing is near a mussel farm. Please follow these guidelines to keep everyone safe.

-  **Keep 30 meters** from working mussel barges at all times
-  **Don't tie-up** to a line being worked on
-  **Never cast your line** towards a mussel barge – farmers have been injured from flying hooks and sinkers
-  **No Anchors.** Tie-on to a longline buoy or use approved mooring hooks
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-  **Never** drive across the lines



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Grey Power Coromandel

By John Rabarts. President

Hello everyone. No useful pest control information has come in this month, but I can vouch for my cat which every two days or so, brings in a healthy rat – still warm – but dead. It's getting cooler, rats are looking for a warm spot for the winter, and Maggie gets them every time.

This month Dolly Welch and I will be joining Mac Welch (National President) at the Grey Power NZ Annual General meeting in Wellington. No doubt we will have fresh and interesting information to bring back for our Coromandel AGM in June. Notice next Chronicle and of course members will get a newsletter.

Here is some information on coping with emergencies. Extracted from a more comprehensive article in the latest NZ Grey Power Magazine, it is aimed at older folk, but it seems to me that everyone should be thinking along these lines. In NZ natural emergencies can happen anytime, anywhere and without warning; floods – we know a lot about those – storms, earthquakes, tsunami (used to call them tidal waves when I was young), volcanoes and other hazards can disrupt lives, damage property and cause serious harm. Emergency services may not be right there to help when something happens. So it's up to us to make sure we know what to do and get through on our own, if necessary. If you have family members living nearby, your house could be an evacuation point if they need to leave their homes. Keep in mind that children and grandchildren, will need somewhere safe to get to. If parents are away for the day your place could be a safe place for children to gather. In most emergencies it's best to stay in your own home – if it is safe to do so. But you may not have power, water or be able to go for supplies for a while, even a day or two. You don't need to stash a box of baked beans and spaghetti in your garage, just make sure you have food in your fridge, freezer and cupboards to last three days or more. Torches and a battery radio (with fresh batteries in hand) are vital if the power goes out, and landline and cellphone systems go down. Plan ahead. Take some time to talk to your family, friends and neighbours about how you will get in touch and where you can meet up if unable to stay in your home. Talk about how you can band together to get through an emergency and provide support for one another. If you live on low land near the sea and feel a long or a strong earthquake, this is a natural warning that a tsunami may arrive. You need a plan to move as quickly as possible to higher ground and have somewhere organised to go to for shelter. In an earthquake the rule is "drop, cover, hold", the old civil defence guidelines that used to be in our phone books. If unable to do this, get as low as possible and move away from windows or items (bookcases are high risk) that can fall on you. If in a wheelchair lock your wheels, and wait until shaking stops before moving.

Coromandel Grey Power members get a newsletter and notice of our regular Grey Power meetings. Enquiries to join please contact Membership Secretary, Carol Carson on (07) 866 7172. Or text John Rabarts on 022 611 5717. My cell phone doesn't receive voice calls where I live and I can't access left messages. But text messages will get through

**Mahamudra Centre News**

By Jan van der Vliet

This is my first newsletter as the director of our wonderful Mahamudra Centre and I feel very privileged and honored to have been given the opportunity to serve the Centre and Lama Zopa Rinpoche.

Our previous director Roy Fraser and Khongor are now well underway with their travels through Europe, attending a five week retreat with Lama Zopa Rinpoche and then onwards to Mongolia. All being well they will be joining our community at the Centre and Colville again towards the end of this year. I would like to express my gratitude for the wonderful work and commitment that they both have given to us all without hesitation or question – you are both exceptional people. Roy will stay on as one of our Trustees albeit from a distance.

I just wanted to introduce myself a little to you all in the community. Currently I am still working for most of my working days with our District Council as the coastal engineer; as I am originally from the Netherlands I guess that passion for coast engineering sits in my DNA! All my other times I will be at the Centre before my permanent move in the first week in June – only a few weeks to go.

My first interest and devotion to Buddhism started nearly 38 years ago when I started my travels through Asia back to Europe. Following my first overseas assignment in Nepal I have always worked outside the Netherlands in many countries mostly on developing programs, humanitarian aid and emergency assistance. The last 12 years my devotion to Buddhism, and in particular the Mahayana tradition, has been more intense and devoted. I have attended several courses at the FPMT affiliated centers in the Netherlands, Nepal, India and New Zealand during that period.

New Zealand is where I live work and have made my home, and now as a citizen, for the last 14 years

Hedwig will be back with another of her Mindfulness weekends, "Meditation for Everyone", **3-5 May**. A great opportunity to investigate the mind with an experienced teacher.

The Free Lunch Friday community lunch continues to be a great social event for the wider community. It is now held at noon on the last Friday of every month.

As we are going through a transitional period, with changes in staff, recruiting a spiritual program coordinator the advertise meditation classes are not necessarily guaranteed on our usual dates and time, so please check it out first. You can always come and enjoy our wonderful grounds and meditation hall of course.

This coming July our Centre will be closed for a well-deserved break for all our staff and volunteers as well as some essential maintenance works and upgrades.

If you have any queries or questions about our Centre or would like to help us out with projects or otherwise we are hear with willing ears. Lastly but not least I would like to thank all our staff and volunteers, past and current for all the fantastic work and dedication that they have given to our Center and the community.

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Library News

By Raewyn McKinney

We trust that by the time this edition of the Chronicle is published, the library catalogue will be up and running for all to use. However, until then, please don't hesitate to ask the duty librarian for assistance if you are searching for a particular book, or needing any other help at all.

Now the clocks have changed, we can look forward to winter; maybe not everyone's favourite time of year, but wet days and long winter nights are perfect for settling down with a good book.

This month we have the latest offerings from popular authors M J Arlidge, Sam Bourne, Clive Cussler, Roddy Doyle, Greg Iles, Erica James, Nicky Pellegrino, Chris Ryan, Alexander McCall Smith, Karen Swan, Danielle Steel and Don Winslow. There is something for everyone there, I would say.

Other new works we have purchased are perhaps less well known, but certainly worth a try.

These include:

Pathway of the Birds by Andrew Crowe



This book tells of one of the most expansive and rapid phases of human migration in prehistory during which Polynesians reached and settled nearly every archipelago scattered across the Pacific Ocean.

Through an engaging narrative and over 400 maps, diagrams, photographs, and illustrations, Crowe conveys some of the skills, innovation, resourcefulness, and courage of the people that drove this extraordinary feat of maritime expansion.



integrates a diversity of research and viewpoints in a format that is both accessible to the lay reader and required reading for any serious scholar of this fascinating region.

Less by Andrew Sean Greer

A struggling novelist travels the world to avoid an awkward wedding in this hilarious Pulitzer Prize-

winning novel ... Who says you can't run away from your problems? You are a failed novelist about to turn fifty. A wedding invitation arrives in the mail: your boyfriend of the past nine years is engaged to someone else. You can't say yes – it would be too awkward – and you can't say no – it would look like defeat. On your desk are a series of invitations to half-baked literary events around the world. Question: How do you arrange to skip town? Answer: You accept them all. What would possibly go wrong?

The French Photographer by Natasha Lester



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Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens



For years, rumours of the "Marsh Girl" have haunted Barkley Cove ... So, when handsome Chase Andrews is found dead, the locals immediately suspect Kya Clark, the so-called Marsh Girl. But Kya is not what they say. Sensitive and intelligent, she has survived for years alone in the marsh that she calls home, finding friends in the gulls and lessons in the sand... When two young men from town become intrigued by her wild beauty, Kya opens herself to a new life – until the unthinkable happens ... at once an exquisite ode to the natural world, a heartbreaking coming-of-age story, and a surprising tale of possible murder.

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By Caroline Dunn

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Foodbank

Food parcel requests need to be in at the Budget Office by 12.30pm on Tuesday. Food parcels must be collected at 2.30pm on Wednesday.

Remember to bring your own bags/boxes if you are collecting a food parcel.

Please keep donating any food items and excess garden produce. All clean, resealable jars and containers and reusable bags are also gratefully accepted by us on our mission to become single-use plastic-free this year.

Community Garden

The garden is looking great. Hungry rabbits have been a bit of an issue eating the seedlings but hopefully the new frost cloth will deter them. You may have noticed we have taken down the gates to make the garden more inviting to visitors. We have moved the sharing shelf and had some new signage made. It is great to see more people using the sharing shelf for sharing their excess produce with others. If you are dropping produce off at the sharing

shelf, don't forget to post it on our Facebook page.

The garden is always in need of plants, seeds, lawn clippings and mulch. If you have any excess of these, you can drop off at the gardens or send us a message via our Facebook page to organise a pickup.

If you would like to help out by joining our volunteers, please come down on a Wednesday morning between 9am-11am and have a chat with Brooke.

Poetry SPOT

Humour, anyone?

By John Irvine

I watched a little TV tonight
while dinner was cooking.
That's unusual.
Not dinner cooking,
but me watching TV.

I persevered through the news
and the weather
and even the sleep-inducing sports
without too much
peripheral contamination.

Sagged almost terminally
into the couch
with my fifth vodka and coke,
I endured an advertisement
which reached culmination
with everybody onscreen
shrieking with laughter.

I gave it a minute or so,
and then shrugged,
wondering whimsically
how I could have missed
the precise moment
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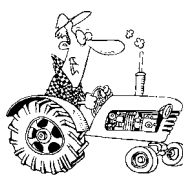
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Patchwork & Quilters

By Bev Mayhead

I joined this group in 2012 and it really is fabulous to be involved. We missed last month's Chronicle edition so there is plenty of news to share!

First up, the very lucky winner of our annual quilt raffle drawn at our AGM was Peter McKenzie from Kennedy Bay. He is now the very proud owner of our stunning Japanese-themed quilt. Lucky you, Peter!

We have recently received some very generous donations of fabrics, books, magazines, patterns and general sewing notions from Christine Lunn, Nicky Johnston and Alison Rowe (all from Coromandel) and also Margaret Burgess (from Whitianga). Our members have been purchasing many of these items to increase our personal stash which in turn has boosted our club funds considerably. Thank you all so much!

The fabrics have been perfect for both our small projects and our Xmas theme, which is well underway.

In March we made pin cushions from assorted empty cans with scraps of fabric, felt and embellishments ... so cute, colourful and practical, not to mention recycling.

Every year we have a "Big Day Out" and this year was a mystery trip. We did not go very far, but what a fabulous day. Three carloads of women went to Whitianga to "tis the Season" shop in Blacksmith Lane. Wow! This shop is full to bursting of all things Christmassy, projects

galore, quilting goods, NZ themes, etc. We each chose an item to make and easily fit into the workshop space. Robyn guided us all individually as required. Most crafts were completed while there. Our Jenny even sewed a fabric



Our Frog wheat bags, our mini project for April

book for a birthday gift. Then we all had a fabulous lunch together at a nearby cafe. It was such an awesome day, I came home full of inspiration and a twinkle in my eye. I never realised that creating Xmas decorations could be such fun.

Our small project for April was a frog shaped wheat bag. Another fun day and the photo says it all. These are not just for the children you know.

We are also deciding on tutors and classes for this year.

Our group meets on the first and third Mondays of each month. New members most welcome.

Coromandel Embroiderers Guild

By Diann Cade

Our Guild has a strong relationship with traditional embroidery. A good understanding of basic embroidery and a degree of competency builds



An example of Schwalm

skills and a repertoire of stitches which are essential to support the exploratory approach that we are being encouraged to take this year.

The most recent workshops have been in traditional techniques. Sardinian Knotted stitch and Schwalm. Schwalm combines several styles of embroidery: drawn thread work, pulled thread work and whitework. Traditionally the stitches are worked with white thread on white linen, however today it is sometimes worked in colour. The embroidery was used to embellish household linens and some of us still do this but mostly as a gift to give a "good" friend!

In June for the Retreat at Miranda the embroidery projects will be stitched on canvas in various coloured threads. It is this variation in techniques and style of embroidery offered in our workshops that helps to enhance our personal stitch library. "Tis fun!"

Our next Guild meeting is **Wednesday 1 May**.

For further information about the Embroiderers Guild and related activities contact Lettecia Williams (07) 866 6626

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Heart Beat – St John Ambulance Coromandel/Colville

By Julie Scampton, Station Manager, Coromandel



St John Annual Appeal Week

On Friday 5 April we had perfect weather and a wonderful turnout for our annual St John Appeal Week. We set up outside Four Square with donation boxes, giveaway goodies and an awesome trolley full of donated goods from Four Square, thanks to Damian and Renee, for raffling.

At times we were swamped with people wanting raffle tickets, to give donations and to have their blood pressure taken. Everyone was having a jolly time and we had lots of fun. Coromandel Area School had a mufti day and collected \$171.20 on our behalf.

A very big thank you to Damian and Renee and the Four Square staff for their input and the donated raffle. Also to Coromandel Area School and all our wonderful locals who, between them, contributed towards us taking nearly \$900 on the day. Fantastic!

I hope you all got a brochure on Joining the St John Supporter Scheme. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call (07) 866 8279. Alternately, application forms are available at the medical centres, Four Square and the ambulance station.

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 at (07) 866 8279 to find out more

Plastic-Free Coromandel Town

By Kate James

This month we want to acknowledge and share the amazing work being done at the Coromandel Community Preschool: they're making a tremendous effort to avoid sending loads of waste to landfill.

The preschool uses the TerraCycle® programme which, in partnership with large companies like Colgate and Fonterra, accepts things for recycling that we can't put in our curbside bins. Our wonderful local preschool collects and recycles things like toothbrushes, toothpaste tubes, floss containers, Glad and other brand snap-lock bags, wrap and food storage containers and more! This is all diverted from landfill. They also save paper which is not recyclable and make their own "fire bricks" for starting fires and keeping families warm through the night. They make their own beeswax wraps and are encouraging families to wrap sandwiches in the wraps rather than using plastic wrap. They separate waste and put the right stuff in their compost, or feed the worms in the worm farm with food waste.

All of these activities on top of regular recycling and waste-minimisation practices really help our environment. Go Coromandel Community Preschool! We love your work in so many ways!

Seafood Festival – Come and find our stall on 4 May

We'll be there selling reusable bags, running a great competition, providing information about how you can help the environment and send less to landfill, and for the first time, we'll be providing free, reusable plates and cutlery for those who would prefer not to use single-use takeaway containers. We're working with the community to provide monitors for the recycle stations. If you'd like to volunteer for half an hour or so, please contact us via Facebook. We also really hope that you'll support us by paying attention to the recycle bin labels and making sure that you put your rubbish in the correct bin.



Debra Attwood with firebricks made from recycled paper



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ANZAC Day

Around the Coromandel there are many ANZAC services held. It's not possible for me to attend them all so this year it will be good to be in Coromandel Town to mark this special day. We all have our own way of marking the day and our own connections to the history it represents.

I plan to speak about the bravery of local soldier, Rifleman Leslie Charles Denize, a young man, tragically killed in the trenches during World War One. His parents learned of his fate through a letter sent from a comrade who was with him when he died. He, like others that served, was a hero. We remember them and also those that serve in our Defence Forces overseas this very day. Lest We Forget.

End of Life Choice Bill

Members of Parliament will soon exercise a conscience vote on David Seymour's End of Life Choice Bill.

Euthanasia is a deeply personal issue.

I think it's important I make my position clear to you and the reasons for it.

As Coromandel MP I've had conversations with people from all around the electorate wanting to let me know their thoughts on this important and at times confronting subject. I've had hundreds of emails and letters. Each and every one I've appreciated. I'm pleased we live in a democracy where people feel free to chat with me on the street, at community events or in the supermarket about issues of this sort. Thank you one and all.

I voted in favour of the Bill at first reading so that a nationwide debate could be had.

That debate has been useful even if challenging as people have given thought and voice to their own views on assisted dying.

It's been a valuable exercise and



conducted for the most part with people respecting the opinions of others even if they don't match their own. That's a healthy thing and the exchange of views will continue.

Many have strongly held beliefs that determine their own opinions and I acknowledge and respect that.

For me and for others the primary issue is one of choice.

Exercising that choice is, in my view, a personal matter for individuals and their families.

At the very core of my political principles is an unshakable belief that people should be free to make their own choices. This is not a Party political issue.

I agree with the Prime Minister when she said in reply to a question about how she would vote on the Seymour Bill that she felt it was not for her to determine the decisions of others.

She went on to say "I would like others to have their own choice and that means voting in favour of the Bill".

I've read carefully the report of the Justice Select Committee on the Bill and I'm encouraged by the indication David Seymour has given to make changes that would limit the legislation to only cover those suffering terminal illnesses. Doing so will, I hope, meet the concerns of some within the disability community who were worried about the Bill without a narrowing of it.

For many, myself included, our views are coloured to a greater or lesser degree by the personal experiences we have had of seeing loved ones, family members and friends, die.

So I will vote in support of the Bill when it comes back to Parliament for a second reading.

I respect your right to either share my view or have one contrary to it.

It's a decision not made lightly but one made both as a member of our Parliament and as an individual citizen.

Coromandel Area School Board of Trustees – What's It All About?

By Robin Munch

Most schools in New Zealand have a board of trustees. Boards bring families, communities and schools together to work for a quality education for our children.

The board of trustees is a Crown entity. It is the employer of all school staff and sets the school's overall strategic direction.

Membership of the school board includes elected parent representatives, an elected staff representative, a student representative if the school has students above Year 9, and the school principal. The principal is the board's chief executive and manages the school operations in line with the board's policies. A board can also include co-opted and appointed trustees.

Some areas of responsibilities include:

- Working with the principal and consulting with staff, students and the community
- Setting the educational goals and strategic direction of the school
- Monitoring progress and informing parents on how the school is progressing against its annual targets and on the development of the students
- Deciding how the school's funding will be spent
- Selecting the school's principal and supporting the development of all staff
- Ensuring the school is a physically and emotionally safe place for all students and staff, and is inclusive of and caters for students with differing needs
- Overseeing the management of staff, property, finances, curriculum and administration.

Trustees need to work well in a team and have good communication skills. It helps to have an understanding of the education sector. They may have financial skills and experience in managing people.

Every trustee can access NZSTA online professional development to learn about governance and upskill in areas of interest. There is a set of introductory online courses that provides an overview of school governance for people who've never been trustees.

Board of trustee elections provide an opportunity to nominate and vote for candidates who will make a positive difference to our children's future.

Detailed information is available on the New Zealand School Trustees Association – Te Whakaroputanga Kaitiaki Kura O Aotearoa website www.trustee-election.co.nz/becoming-a-trustee/ or you can contact the current BOT chair or committee members to talk to them about what the role involves.

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Ann's Good News, Naturally

By Ann Kerr-Bell

Boost your family's health and immunity

Your family's wellbeing and longevity depends on foods you grow, buy, prepare, cook and present on the table and in their lunchboxes.

It's a great responsibility. Be mindful about everything you prepare and cook your family. It can potentiate incredible wellness, your investment for the future generation.

Or, conversely, a life of half-health, inflammation, and pain, leading to chronic illnesses, dependency on pharmaceutical drugs, and surgery, which are largely avoidable.

The above I do keep repeating. But there is a massive elephant in the room: a lack of education, or revision of what we all do innately know, but have forgotten. Certain foods (and too many), can slowly kill -prematurely.

Almost daily the media announce new studies, cures or research findings, for diseases, revealing what is already known, what Naturopathically I was taught many years ago, or what we innately already do know, but have overlooked because of a shift in focus of what is important by today's society.

There is never any discussion about the cause of all of these diseases. Why are we not addressing the toxic foods being ingested. It is politically irresponsible, in my opinion.

What is going wrong? On one hand people are living longer, on the other hand, the quality of individual's cellular health is poor.

High blood pressure, eczema, allergies, gout and arthritic conditions, diabetes, obesity, are all caused by processed foods and sugar from diets that are calorie rich and nutrient poor. Over time, these can lead to auto immune diseases such as psoriasis, polymyalgia rheumatica, rheumatoid arthritis, lupus, Crohn's etc. Many of today's diseases are preventable.

Cancer is triggered by sugar, caused by toxins, via an immune system that has been under nourished over time.

Why are these toxic dead foods still available on the supermarket shelves?

Kids' "treats" - what do you give your children for treats? Lollies, commercial muesli bars, chips, cakes and biscuits etc? They are toxins and weaken your immune system.

Think "healthy treats". Strengthen the immune system with fruits, vegetables, healthy proteins, and seeds and nuts. These sustain energy for longer and add vital minerals and vitamins that really do boost the immune system's white blood cells. Enjoy homemade cakes, biscuits, snacks - the real deal.

Pre- and probiotics - Strengthen immunity and prevent allergies. Kid's eczema and behavioural issues are increasing, caused by insufficient good gut bugs and a diet of inadequate essential daily nutrients. So, when exposed to a virus, the body is strong enough to fight and prevent illness. Ask me about how to naturally produce more good gut bacteria.

Zinc - Wake up your family's taste buds with zinc supplementation so they appreciate the more bitter foods that stimulate the digestion, and boost immunity for the Winter. Are you low in Zinc? Take the test.

Love your liver - Shitty livered? Get those detox pathways working better and feel the joy!

Eat to rid that toxic feeling. My Detox programme benefits everyone.

Premature teenaging - Girls are menstruating much younger than ever before because of the toxins in many of the supermarket foods, which are oestrogen mimickers, confusing the whole reproductive system.

Supplementation - with specific immune-boosting nutrients. Be confident with what you supplement with, as we all have different requirements due to hereditary factors, lifestyle and stress levels. Keep it simple. Potent and effective. I can help.



Hot Spot - News from the Coromandel Volunteer Fire Brigade

By Rob Chappell

It's been a long summer, hot and dry, and this has been reflected in the number of callouts the team has attended, with a considerable number being small home burns or vegetation. Fortunately none large or serious so far.

The fire ban is now lifted as you may have noticed in recent weeks. This means we go back to a Restricted Fire Season. So you must have a permit for any fire outside of a BBQ or hangi or confined receptacle. You cannot just go light a fire!

How Do I Get a Fire Permit?

You need to know this - you need a computer! Not everyone has one. You need to go online and seek page checkitsalright.nz - it's a website for the all-new Fire and Emergency NZ. Open the page and follow the instructions to seek a permit, either urban or rural. Fill out the form and wait for a permit number. If you don't have a computer then it gets more technical. You need to phone either TCDC (07) 868 0200 or Environment Waikato 0800 800 801 and seek a permit.

Regardless of how complicated this process is, you still need that permit number before you light.

Here at Coromandel we have started a new core within the Brigade referred to as Fire Support. You will see this team at every incident. They travel via the brigade's Fire Support van and are recognised by blue helmets. Currently this team comprises mature, qualified firemen who have decided to provide a support role rather than full-on active role. They will attend every incident using our Fire Support Van and provide such essential services as traffic control until the appointed contractor arrives on scene. This team is rapidly becoming an essential component of our response to any incident.

Sky Tower Challenge/Leukaemia Foundation Fundraiser

This is the only other charity that we as a brigade (also a charity) fundraise for - the Sky Tower challenge - and once again we have a significant team entered to run the stairs of Sky Tower in full working kit including breathing apparatus, some 20 extra kilos, all in the name of the children who suffer from leukaemia. If you see these firemen over the coming weeks climbing Whangapoua Hill in gear, give them a toot in support.

Fundraising this year will focus on the Coromandel Food Festival where the team will be actively chasing funds while demonstrating the intense physical challenge this climb is. Come and support this amazing charity and your local crew. There will also be activities for the kids and local information available from members on site.

Hey it's still dry out there, so be safe be fire-wise.

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'Climate change ... why is it so hard?'

All welcome.

Animal Rescue Thames

By Alice and John Parris

Firstly thank mews to everyone who has donated cat and kitten food, garage sale items and bedding. This is truly appreciated right now. The two mum cats with their kittens are going through kitten biscuits like it is going out of fashion.

The wee ones have certainly grown up and hard to believe they are almost eight weeks of age. Very cute and adorable. Their grey mum has settled right down now and allowing pats, cuddles and even sits on my lap for a cuddle. The kittens love this time as they try to barge in for more cuddles for them. One black with white blaze up face is the super smooch of the bunch, very outgoing and loves to pat and tap you for more cuddles and then ups and takes off for a run around. His grey brother is never too far behind and trouble is always mobile and going with those two. Their white patch black sister is the shy of the trio but a wee sweetie who gives as good as the two boys give her, and mother often joins in the kittens' rough and tumble games.

Grey mum and the white patch black kitten are due for desexing but we had to wait for the garage sale to fund the operations as well as purchase more tinned, sachet and kitten foods. Huge thanks to everyone who supported the garage sale. We had some truly amazing donations come in – beautiful hand-knitted booties, hats, topsy turvy dolls, bears, all lovingly created by some extremely



talented ladies. The topsy turvy dolls show truly a lot of time, effort and love has gone into those and some lucky girls will cherish them for years to come.

Rehoming is again slow. With winter we have mouse patrollers ready and waiting for new homes. The two grey brothers are waiting for their new forever home, the dark grey with white feet and bib is a total smooch, his silvery brother is more aloof and skittery, shy to strangers, but they would be an awesome asset and joy to a new quiet home for two. Our older felines continue

to wait patiently. It is incredibly sad as the seasons come and go and they remain in care just waiting. We love them to bits but would ideally love to see them free to roam a new home to call their very own. We have been blessed with lots of fleecy night jacket gowns, so soft and squishy on their feet and they knead on them and love them, so we have continued to grab them when we find them going either super cheap or free. My own older ones have become cat beds and we wash those to ensure everyone can have a soft, warm, comfy bed.

Wanted – donations of cat and kitten biscuits, tinned, sachets, and homes for our older rescue felines. Meow furr now.

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

Coromandel Contract Bridge Club

By Judy Bronlund

May is the start of the Manaia Pairs competition. In May we also hold our annual bridge tournament. This year it will be on **Sunday 19 May**.

We are limited to the number of tables so give your entry to Lyn as soon as you can. As usual we have members going on holiday throughout the year but Val had an unfortunate trip. Hope that your bones have healed.

We would like to have more people join us on a Monday evening. Lessons can be arranged. We play each Monday evening at the St John rooms.

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Lions news

By Lion Lyn



Only a week now to Easter, the school holidays are upon us and our little town is a busy hub for all. Let's hope it stays that way for Easter, and may the true meaning of this weekend shine through. For Lions, we will be found fundraising outside our local Four Square, offering a taste of Coromandel, and a firewood raffle for someone lucky enough to win. I am constantly asked how big is a load of wood, so this is a great opportunity to have a look and support this fundraiser, as all monies raised come back to this community. For instance, we had a very special presentation last month from a small group of students who have been working very hard to reach their target of over \$8,000 each for their "World Challenge" trip to India. Support was requested for vaccinations, and some equipment. As this trip is for three weeks, a lot of planning and preparation has been underway for many months. We had nothing but admiration for these students, as they have had to plan and organise every step of the way. Supporting an event such as this is tantamount to what

Lions are all about, as we fully support you and wish we could come too! A large grant has been given and you know where we are if there is still a short fall. All we ask is that you all have a great experience, stay safe, and tell us all about it when you return. We look forward to that, but for the present it will be business as usual. Also present at that meeting was a our Zone Chairman, Bruce Foster, to award Tim Moss and Nigel Strongman their 35-year membership pins, and Jean Smith and Rick Ward, their 10 year pins; congrats to you all. On a sad note we had no choice but to accept the resignation of Karen Austen. Although only with us a short time we will miss your can do and let's-do approach, even giving the secretary position a try. We will miss you from our meetings, but we will still keep in touch. Thanks again. A huge thanks of appreciation to the James Drainage crew for the delivering of wood to the Lions. We really have our work cut out for us now and no excuses (except for inclement weather)! Thanks guys – your blood's worth bottling!

A Taste of Matarangi went very well with a sellout of fritters and lots of great comments; so nice to have good feedback. The only complaint was that we had run

out! Always next year.

Upcoming events are Easter Saturday – fritters outside Four Square, and Seafood Festival at C.A.S. on **Saturday 4 May**.

As always firewood ongoing and if there is a community event or project we can help with, please call one of the numbers below or simply talk to a Lion, as we can be found on Friday evenings around 5pm, running our weekly raffle at The Coromandel Hotel, aka the Top Pub.

Our dinner meeting for April was the usual sumptuous affair with members and visitors feeling like "why do we eat so much?" The Lion Rock was passed to Lion Rick, as the project manager's position is not an easy one, and you do it so well! Thank you Rick. After some twisting of stories, lots of laughs and the winning of raffles it was time to call it a night, and think about our next dinner meeting being our "wild foods and homegrown foods" annual dinner. Yum – can't wait...

Numbers to ring, Pres Jean (07) 866 6670, Sec Gordon (07) 866 2433, Firewood (07) 866 7722 – will go to answer phone but I will ring you back

SeniorNet

By Loes Beaver



We still meet every Monday 4pm at 18 Kapanga Road. Tom is always happy to help and assist us with our IT problems at this time. We are now into a new financial year so once again subscriptions are due. Our numbers are small but it is a great help to know and learn the technology, especially now that so many things are done electronically.

For further information at any time drop in on a Monday or contact me on (07) 866 8053

The Bizarre

By Christine Te Moananui, Manager

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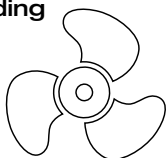
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At the Crossroads

By Catherine Delahunty

I have been reflecting this week about the crossroads we face in this beautiful place. This has been partly inspired by participating in the hearings for the future of Wainuiototo/New Chum beach, which are unfinished, but also participating in the discussions of how to get the TCDC to join the Local Government Declaration on Climate Change and the real world.

I have also been thinking about the challenge of inequality which lurks at the heart of our community. While some of us blithely fill our shopping trolleys with quality food and prepare for winter in warm, insulated houses, others live on the cheapest and worst foods and struggle to find decent rental accommodation. The Peninsula, like the rest of this country, is characterised by super wealthy enclaves, the vast houses and luxurious playgrounds which have established themselves in prime locations, while pockets of equally hard-working and valuable people can barely make ends meet. And then beneath the surface of the tourism brochure images are the vulnerable people who have been squeezed out of the economy altogether due to illness, illiteracy, redundancy, colonisation and disability. What value do their lives have to the rest of us? As the pressure increases from population growth and the housing crisis in Auckland, places like Coromandel Town experience the overflow, and the challenges are growing.

The land itself needs our love and protection. Are we going to value forests and our coast or carve it for more subdivision, gold mining and marinas? Are we capable of creating human scale visitor facilities and real benefits for the longterm? The rhetoric of jobs and the economy is often an excuse for something that benefits the few, not the many, let alone the land and the water. This place is a magnet and a centre of cultural and physical magic. It is also the frontline of the inevitable impacts of climate change. These issues require us to have dialogue, to plan, to read the scientific consensus, to listen to the manawhenua voices. These issues will never be managed by free-market attitudes. We will not have thriving rural communities if we do not take the future seriously in terms of population and climate. This year is the local body election year, so many people locally seem to be unaware of this or content to see local government issues as simply about rates. It would be great if some younger people were supported to contest in the different wards and could raise some of the issues about our future direction. But I do understand that uninspired leadership and poor processes leads to alienation and political indifference. We cannot guilt trip people into voting, we have to offer genuine dialogue and engagement. I reject the myth of apathy. Many people here care deeply for this place and for others, but the current democratic institutions communicate monocultural, old-school messages that do not inspire. The crossroads is not just the place where we need to stop and look both ways, it's the place where we have to decide where we are going. Right now I think we are stalled, waiting for a green light. We might need to make that light change ourselves and hopefully based on justice, shared wealth and reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Otherwise it's going to be a dangerous collision of forces.

CoroLocalLegend with Coromandel Four Square

Congratulations to John Norton of Coromandel, who is the recipient of a gift hamper from Coromandel Four Square. John has been nominated by Debra Dickson who wrote "John is always volunteering his services to assist the community, e.g. driving members of the community to hospital and caring for their families in need. He is a caring, loving and kind family man. He (and his equally caring wife Jean) is always trying to make people feel good and support people who are in need." And to top it off, John gifted his hamper to the Coromandel Foodbank. What a Legend! We still delivered John a bottle of vino while he was laid up after a knee operation.

Thanks for your community spirit John, you are a true CoroLocal-Legend!

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 Town Chronicle as well as receiving a \$50 gift hamper from Coromandel Four Square.

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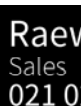
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The Illume Festival

By Daniel Smith and The Illume Team



The Illume Festival will not be taking place this winter. However we do intend to be back in 2020, combined with the 200-year anniversary of the arrival of the HMS Coromandel. This will be held over **Queen's Birthday Weekend: 29, 30, 31 May 2020.**

To make it happen we need volunteers! You can contact the Illume team via the Facebook page www.illumefest.co.nz or illumine.coromandel@gmail.com.

We need help putting up lights and building things, or simply keeping watch at the end of the street during the road closures.

However! We have a box of biodegradable Chinese wishing lanterns in our festival supplies. I was contemplating launching them on a Friday or Saturday night with good weather (a light off-shore breeze from Jack's Point). They would create quite a spectacle for Matariki in June this year.

Of course lighting things on fire and setting them adrift isn't super safe. But they are made of bamboo and paper, and it will be in the midst of winter. The idea is we would pick the weather so that they head out into the firth. I think it would be a good balance of risk/fun. Please let me know what you think at illumine.coromandel@gmail.com.

Wild things

By Graeme Hadfield

Even arachnophobes would have to admit that this spider is an attractive specimen. Maybe it is a type of golden orb web weaver? This Coromandel one measures about 100mm long by 60mm wide overall. The golden orb name comes from the glow and shape of their webs and it is coincidental that this one has a gold-coloured rear abdomen.

**Writers Group**

Story by Larisa Webb

Love at first sight

I have lived much of my life in solitude, wielding my blindness as a protective cloak. You may have seen me, wondered about me – that quiet figure sitting out on the jetty. Sitting, head gently tilted up to absorb the soft glow of spring sunshine, body relaxed and present to the sounds across the lake – the lap of water against the wooden jetty, the splash of a fish breaking the surface and occasionally children chattering as they kayak in the distance.

And so was my life, a life of gentle contemplation, until that day. Some might call it a fateful day. I do not. On that day I had to go into town to meet another – remaining tendrils of friendship guiding me there. Making my way towards my friend, stick in hand tap, tap on the pavement. This way of walking always seemed so undignified to me. In my contemplative life by the lake house I had no need, muscle memory guiding me down the jetty and home again. I had at times considered getting a dog for the beauty of care their guidance offers but I could not out of consideration for them – my quiet existence no life for such a social creature and my need so rare given my gentle days by the lake. So there I was tap, tapping away when suddenly thump and there you were. You had been looking back waving goodbye, not looking where you were going. You like to say, appreciating the ironic phrase, it was love at first sight. I like to say what the \$%#^* happened to my life?

How is it that I find myself here? Here in this suburban yard, surrounded by children, a menagerie, including Bonny our warm hearted lab who, when we have a second from the chaotic life, happily guides. Bonny quietly takes me around the streets of town while I dream of a jetty by a lake and the soft spring sun on my face.

Writing Workshop – Saturday 11 May

On the second Saturday of May, we are holding a writing workshop here in Coromandel which will be open to the general public. Facilitated by Lora Mountjoy, the day will include exercises to stimulate creativity. We will explore aspects of fiction writing such as developing character and setting a scene. The day will be very much hands on and interactive. In Lora's words, "I don't intend to do much talking. The day is all about getting you writing."

Lora, a published author and poet, has a vast experience in running writing workshops. She intends the day to be both stimulating and supportive, helping us tap into our creative aspect within a safe and nurturing environment. Oh, and yes, she says fun is also on the agenda. We hope you can join us.

When: **Saturday 11 May**, 10am-3.30pm

Where: Coromandel Town

Cost: \$20

What to bring: pen, paper, lunch, enthusiasm – morning tea will be provided.

If you would like to learn more, please phone Lora on (07) 866 7176 or for bookings, Sue (07) 866 8833 or mapagilmer@hotmail.com

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Museum News

By Raewyn McKinney

Now that the clocks have changed, we can look forward to winter.

For the museum, winter means a chance to reorganise and regenerate displays.

We are looking forward to adding some new donations to our displays: a fine painting of the church at Manaia, by Val Stokes, and a great selection of gramophone records. We thank the donors very much.

For the Coromandel School of Mines & Historical Society, Inc., winter means it is time for the AGM.

This year the AGM will be held at 2.00 pm on **Sunday 12 May** in the Elizabeth Park Village Hall.

We are not looking for any new members for the committee, so don't be afraid to come along and join us.

The formal business will not take long, and then there will be afternoon tea, and a chance to socialise with the committee.

We are always happy to welcome keen members to join the Society. Anyone with an interest in history, or the local community, or who enjoys creating displays would be most welcome. Also, those who would like to learn more about the museum and perhaps help man the museum next summer.

Mention of meetings brought to mind the following articles, which suggest a thriving Scottish presence in the town in the early days, and a lively interest in the performing arts.

Certainly, these meetings would have been much livelier and more musical than those held by the Coromandel School of Mines & Historical Society, even with the fine new gramophone records!

From "Thames Star" 30 May 1898:

"Coromandel, 27 May

The ordinary social of the Coromandel Burns Club and Literary Society was held in St. George's Hall last evening, Mr A King presiding. The rapid growth of the Club necessitated migration from the Council Chambers' social room to

the more commodious St George's Hall, where a large number assembled last evening. The following programme was submitted: – Piano solo, Miss Hand; song "Bonnie Dundee", Mr H L Kerr; reading "the Gas Account", Mr L McMillan; duet "I shan't play in your back yard", Misses Hand; recitation "Christmas Day in the Workhouse", Mr Thomas; song "Autumn Leaves", Miss McQuirk; recitation "The Inventor's Wife", Mrs Kelso; reading "Peter Pirnie's Wooing", Mr Pitkethley; song "Robin Tamson's Smidy", Mr A Jamieson; song "Massacre of Ta McPhersons", Mr Lawrence; song "Come under Ma Plaidie", Mr McLean; song "Whistle and I'll come tae ye; ma lad", Mr Gemmel."

From "Thames Star" 16 May 1900:

"Coromandel devotees of Burns are on the warpath

At the annual meeting of the Coromandel Burns Club and Debating Society, Mr A. King presiding, the balance sheet for last year, showing a credit balance of £6 17s 3d, was read and adopted.

The following officers were elected, for the ensuing term: President, Mr A King; Vice-Presidents, Messrs A Kelso and A N Jamieson; Secretary and Treasurer, Mr W McMillan; Committee, Mesdames Campbell, Kelso and Grant, Messrs Robertson and W Pitkethley.

Mr A King, in thanking the members present for appointing him president, gave a short address on the benefits of the club, and the beauties of Scotch poetry and song as embodied in the works of Scotland's National 1 Bard, and promised the members enjoyable and profitable evenings in the coming winter.

A vote of thanks to the secretary for past services having been accorded, the meeting terminated with 'Auld Lang Syne'."

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Coromandel Comment

By Tom Hollings



The Coromandel Marine Farm Industry has recently funded a seabed ecological survey by the Cawthron Institute and Pisces Consulting Ltd., of 35 smaller inshore mussel farms in the Coromandel. A collective of 35 farms are included in a monitoring plan that requires all farms to be mapped and a subset to be surveyed to assess the environmental effects of mussel farming on the seabed (yes indeed, yet again).

The environmental survey assessed sediment characteristics, including grain size and measures of enrichment including species and abundances. The environmental health of seabed communities in the farmed areas was assessed from both images and sediment samples. The communities inshore of the farms were also observed to ensure that sensitive inshore habitats were not affected by farming activity. Finally, the extent of shell drop from mussel lines was measured in the field and mapped. Where feasible, findings were compared with data from the previous survey, which was undertaken in 2011.

The results of the 2018 environmental survey were generally consistent with those of the 2011 survey and neither identified environmental effects of concern. Some effects were positive. Key findings are that:

- Sediments under mussel farms compared to control sites, showed evidence of mild organic enrichment, as:
 - Sediments were darker
 - The apparent redox potential discontinuity layer was shallower
- Organic matter was similar at farmed and control sites. Total nitrogen (TN) and total organic carbon (TOC) were variable but tended to be elevated under farms.
- Mussel shell drop and presence of natural shell hash has resulted in sediments under mussel farms to be coarser than at most stations. This created more diverse habitats.
- Communities under mussel farms were more abundant and diverse than those at control sites.
- Sediment characteristics and community metrics were combined into an Enrichment Stage score, which indicated a marginally healthier seabed under mussel farms than at control sites.

Mussel shell drop was recorded up to 100m from the edge of the mussel lines; however, dense shell drop was only apparent within or immediately adjacent to farmed areas. Shell drop was patchy even within farmed areas.

In conclusion, seabed communities under the mussel farms were more abundant and diverse than those at control (non-farmed) sites and the overall assessment is that there is a marginally better seabed under mussel farms than at control sites = all good.

Wishing you all a fun and delicious Coromandel Seafood Festival on **Saturday 4 May**.

For more info on Coromandel marine farming, please check our website out at www.coromfa.co.nz

Coromandel Independent Living Trust

Our wonderful CILT volunteers don't always get to meet each other as they work at different times and in different programmes. So at the end of March CILT facilitated a fishing trip to take some of our wonderful volunteers out for a day on the water. The trip was sponsored by scientist Dr Chris Lalas – who was wanting to collect parore fish

specimens in order to study marine mammal diets. Dr Lalas had some willing helpers catching parore and the volunteers in turn got to take whatever else they caught home with them.

We would have loved to take all of the CILT volunteers but as we have nearly 60 people supporting our activities we would have needed a much bigger boat! Parore – being mostly vegetarian – proved quite hard to catch, and a number of times they fell off the hooks. Snapper is much easier to catch – as most people know – one snapper was even caught on a pea! Dr Lalas hoped for 20 parore, but ended up with only seven, so although the quota was not fulfilled everyone had a great day out, and they all took some fish home for dinner. CILT is always grateful for the contributions of our volunteers and it was great to facilitate an outing for them. We hope to do this more often.

IRD will be visiting Tiki House on **Thursday 16 May** – tax returns are due soon, so this is a great chance to talk to an expert for some impartial advice, especially if you have questions around your personal tax, such as Working for Families tax credits or self-employed income. Bookings are essential and can be made at the Resource Centre.

Also on **Thursday 16 May**, Vanessa Foster from Progress to Health is at CILT, offering free advocacy, advice and peer support to anyone in the community that needs some extra help. This can be related to anything, such as WINZ, IRD, ACC, or even a communication issue, a difficult phone call that needs to be made or problems with neighbours or work issues. Her support is confidential and non-judgemental.

Remember we continue to run a weekly community van to Thames every Thursday. This is available for anybody in the community to use. It needs a minimum of three people to run so make sure you book in by 1pm Wednesday afternoon.

The monthly Coromandel Community Services Trust van outing for April went to the Kuaotunu bird hospital where Annemieke Kregting showed passengers the work done with injured birds. In the hospital receiving treatment was a kahu (harrier hawk) and a Cook's petrel. If you have an injured bird, this is the place; call Annemieke on 027 600 6959. The van then went over to Otama and the beaches there. Everyone enjoyed the day out and CILT welcomes any ideas on where the van can go in the future.

For the **4 May** trip (9am-1.30pm) Thames Saturday market will be the destination. This market is popular in the area so the van can take passengers there. For this trip we kindly ask for a contribution of \$12 to cover some of the expenses. For bookings ring CILT reception (07) 866 8358.

Coromandel Independent Living Trust



Left to Right: Chris Sheffield, John Hawkin, Dr Chris Lalas, Wayne Carson, Nolan Goudie, Wayne Robinson, Glenise Robinson, Gary Stroobant, Annette Clark, Pamela Grearley, Bob Drummond. Front: Sid Waara, Carol Sutherland



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"We're being proactive about what we need to do to keep improving the quality of our drinking water

supplies and we have budgeted \$15.83 million in the 2018-2028 Long Term Plan for the upgrade programme, which will take three years through to June 2021," says our Mayor Sandra Goudie.

"This is a significant investment to become compliant and so our communities benefit from

improved quality of drinking water and public health," Mayor Sandra says.

The drinking water treatment plant at Thames was upgraded more recently than the other plants, and is not due for an upgrade as part of this project.

The upgrade schedule will continue to the water treatment facilities at Tairua and Pauanui over the next year. Whangamata and Onemana will be completed in year two, followed by Matarangi, Coromandel Town and Hahei.

You can stay updated on our progress on our project page www.tcdc.govt.nz/dws

Track and Trails Guide

Our communications team have updated our Local Walks Guide, changing the name to *Your Coromandel Tracks & Trails Guide* to reflect the traditional Kiwi love of walking and tramping as well as the growing popularity of mountain biking.

The guide is available to pick up for free at our Council offices, libraries and Visitor Information Centres around the Coromandel. You can also download it from our website at www.tcdc.govt.nz/localwalks



New playground at Long Bay, Coromandel Town

Feedback tells us the community is thrilled about the new playground at Long Bay Reserve, with a great sand base and new and interactive play equipment. Further works are planned to fence the playground entirely, including a repaint.



Coromandel
-Colville
Community Board
UPDATE

Next Meeting – The Coromandel-Colville Community Board will next meet at 9am on 11 June in the Coromandel Service Centre, 355 Kapanga Rd, Coromandel.

The Coromandel Citizens Hall update –

The Coromandel Citizens Hall is well on track. The old floor and piles have been removed. The new piles are completed,

bearers and joists are to go in next. To stay up to date with the restoration, and for more information go to www.tcdc.govt.nz/corohallproject



Techweek 2019 20-26 May

Techweek began in 2012, created by technology industry association NZTech to build enthusiasm around new technologies being developed in New Zealand.

New Zealand's technology and innovation sectors are growing rapidly. Techweek fosters that growth by providing a week-long opportunity for connection using an independent platform to amplify New Zealand's unique and inspiring innovation stories to the world.

Coromandel Town is celebrating Tech Week on May 22 at 12pm, the venue is yet to be confirmed. For more information visit techweek.co.nz/whats-on



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What's important to your community? Every election matters and the choices you make at voting time make a difference. Election day is 12 October. Make a difference by making sure you:

- Are registered to vote. Own a property in the Coromandel but usually live elsewhere? You can vote here too.
- Think about running as a candidate for mayor, councillor or community board.
- Vote.

All the information you need is on our website at www.tcdc.govt.nz/elections

Find out more about how our Council works at one of our information sessions, covering how budgets and rates are set and how activities are funded. This is essential information for anyone considering standing as a candidate. All sessions begin at 5:15pm and last about two hours.

- **21 May – Whitianga**, TCDC service centre, 10 Monk St.
- **29 May – Whangamata**, TCDC service centre, 620 Port Rd.
- **4 June – Thames**, Thames War Memorial Civic Centre, 200 Mary St.

OUR MAYOR STEPS OUT FOR GUMBOOT FRIDAY

Our Mayor Sandra Goudie pulled out the gummies for the inaugural Gumboot Friday on April 5, an initiative that supports providing young Kiwis with free mental health care.

"Mental health issues affect so many New Zealanders, but talking about it helps remove the stigma many people feel," Mayor Sandra Goudie says.



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Mana

Written by Jade Ferrière and Donna Idol

As many of you know, our dear friend Cyril Wormald passed away in late March, and just as he would have liked it, his passing was an invitation to bring his many friends together to celebrate his life, to pay tribute to all that generously gave, and to remember the many laughs and adventures.

If you didn't know, Cyril loved counting things. How many avocados had set, how many crates of sheep shit he had gathered, how many crates of peaches had been harvested, how many rabbits he'd seen and where, how many tobacco plants he'd pulled out by the roots, how many runs the NZ cricket team had at close of play, how many cockles had been gathered, how many tree holes dug, how many apples thinned off which tree, how many jars of pears had been bottled... and so on.

He'd kept a diary since a boy. In it he would enter the numbers of this and that, what fruit was ripe, et cetera. Then he would describe the day as either: "a good day" or "a very good day".

Occasionally, like after the immense satisfaction of felling a technically challenging tree, or taking a van of wwoofs (Mana volunteers) to swim at New Chums or for a picnic at Fantail Bay, he would say that he was going to pen in his diary ... a very, very good day.

He was often a man of understatement and at other times of passionate vehemence. He had an adoration for the land and his vision was to plant and grow trees that could feed the people that came to Mana.

With the help of wwoofs and a few of the local boys, Cyril began this project in 2006 planting 26 fruit trees, in 2007 18 trees, in 2011 16 trees, in 2012 16 trees, in 2013 30 trees. Cyril knew he was running out of time and energy and over the next couple of years he planted a further 18 fruit trees. More than 120 fruit bearing trees planted and tended with such care, especially in their infancy.

Cyril shared his amazement at the beauty of this earth with so many in countless different ways, embracing the world of Mana... we are all richly blessed now and into the future by Cyril's generosity.

McKinley, one of the many wwoofs fortunate to work alongside Cyril, wrote this poem seven years ago and we feel it is a great summary of our dear friend Cyril Wormald:

Crazy Kiwi who always seems to surprise me by how
Youthful he can act and very
Rarely does he not have a smart comeback to
Interrupt you with, but despite all this, he is....
Lovely.

Waiting for the day when we will hike up another mountain
Or simply help him home after he's had too much
Rum. I'll have to hide it so no
More will P-Pig have to worry about
An old man and his adventurous life where while
Laughing all I can say is...
Don't ya just miss him?



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3-5 MAY	Moving From Within: A Yoga and Mindful Movement Retreat for Women w/ Jessica Devi and Rani Michelle
5-10 MAY	Silent Meditation w/ Catherine Ingham
10-12 MAY	Mother's Day Relax w/ The Mana Team
17-19 MAY	Soul Food: Dancing Our Wild Hungers w/ Geordie Jahner Ph.d
23 MAY	Gitbox Rebellion Concert w/ 10 piece guitar ensemble
24-26 MAY	Bodylight: Pilates, Yoga, and QiGong w/ Edna Levy

Combined Clubs Of Coromandel

THE CLUB

RSA News

By Pat Williams

Our Poppy collection days on 12 and 13 April went well. I always enjoy the day as you get to meet many folk from near and far. The total collected will not be known until all collection boxes have been collected and money counted. Will let you know next month. New this year for sale were poppy earrings and proved to be very popular (three different styles) still available. If you are interested contact a member of the Club or we are open 3.30pm till 7pm on a Saturday. Also still available are World War 1 Commemorative Badges. They are also on display at The Club. In time I am sure they could become collector's items!

We were very disappointed that our advertised Army Vintage Vehicle Club was sadly very depleted as the South Island members put off travelling north by the Christchurch tragedy. Only three vehicles made it to Coromandel and we really appreciated that fact. In total we had 11 or 12 folk arrive with the group. They enjoyed our BBQ and our Club. Many of our members, I think, came on the night enticed by the fact that there would be old vehicles on display. Never mind, bad things happen and those of us attending had a good time.

Anna Rauch, who for many years has arranged our Anzac Day Honour Guard, has informed us there will only be one young man available for the job this year and next year no one. Her boys have grown up

Coromandel Yesterday

By Meghan Hawkes

News from 1870

A lady visitor to Coromandel was met by mudflats and had to walk across the slush alone carrying her carpet bag while every now and then sticking fast. Several gentlemen were too much occupied with their own selves to offer to extricate her. At a deep slough the men turned their trousers up and prepared to wade; one finally took pity on her and pulled her through as best he could but she emerged with her boots covered in mud. A room at a hotel was given over to her by a servant - a very small attic piled to the ceiling with lumber, the floor covered with dirt and grease. This "black hole" was literally dark with fleas. She volunteered to peel potatoes to pass away the time till 11pm (the sniffy servant having left the proprietor in the lurch) then flung herself on the bed where she passed a night of bodily torture.

A cook called Frenchy was handed over to police when caught with his hand in the till of the Commercial Hotel. He was sentenced to two months' hard labour.

Mr Stovin was thrown over his horse's head into the mud, but sustained no worse damage than getting well bespattered with dirt.

The harbour of Coromandel presented a busy appearance on Saturday, there being no less than six cutters engaged in discharging cargo for mining companies and goods for the township.

A theatre is to be built at Coromandel, adjoining Jones's Albion Hotel.

and are going off into the big wide world. All the very best to you both. We really appreciate your presence over all these years.

Till next time take care.

Quote for the month: "Opportunities always look bigger going than coming."



Table all set for Poppy Day

Women's Section RSA

By Loes Beaver,
President of Women's Section RSA

We would like to thank all those people who gave donations on our Poppy days. Thanks to Coromandel Four Square and Coromandel Pharmacy for allowing us to have our table for Poppy Day. We also thank the local businesses who have poppy boxes on display. Our ladies' section are proud to have been able to assist with the sales of poppies and with the assistance of other RSA ladies were able to man our sales tables.

Coromandel Bowling Club

By Linda Wright

We have come to the end of the bowls season with the last tournament having been played – "Open Optional Triples" sponsored by Pepper Tree Restaurant & Bar. We had 14 teams entered.

The winners were Ray Yearbury, Malcolm Burgess and Alan Roberts from Mercury Bay; 2nd was Margret, Brian and Jill from Thames; 3rd was Belinda, Missy and Margaret Reid from Thames Coast; 4th was Reg, Linda Wright and David from Coromandel and the special prize went to Barb, Linda Peters and Elaine.

Congratulations to Colin and Jason for winning the Thames Valley Open Pairs.

The Muriel Boyce Cup, played for with drawn teams on club day, was won by Irene, Dianne and Surinder.

The club held a pot luck dinner to farewell our Patron Noel Robert, who has now moved to Taranaki. Good bowling down there Noel, we will miss you at the club.

Quiz Nights are starting up again **Wednesday 1 May**, 7pm at the Club, entry fee \$5.00. They will be held fortnightly throughout winter, run by John and Maureen.

It has been decided to discontinue running the Film Nights, as numbers dropped away last season.

Thanks again John and Maureen for the great job you have both done over the last three years.

Note: the greens will be closed for the winter from **3 May**.

Club Social Friday and Saturday nights are open from 3.30pm till 7pm.

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The winners of the Pepper Tree Open Triples: Alan Roberts, Malcolm Burgess and Ray Yearbury, from Mercury Bay



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CELEBRATING OUR CHILDREN

Coromandel Community Preschool

By Debra Attwood

We are now well into autumn but the weather has still seen us outside with lots of water play and physical play.

We are still venturing out on our weekly community walks. Children have visited Long Bay, our local bush walks, and thoroughly enjoyed a morning at the Waterworks exploring all the interesting things to do there. We also take a group of four-year-old children for a weekly visit to the new entrant classroom at Coromandel Area School. The children really like the new play-based learning system that is being implemented by Jamie-Rose. It allows them to transition into the formal schooling system in a more familiar way.

We had a visit from Taylor with her pony Apples. They were a great hit with the children who got to have a ride around the playground. Thank you Taylor and Apples for allowing our children to experience a close-up encounter with a pony.

Since visiting with the bug man Ruud Kleinpaste our children have taken a keen interest in searching for bugs, and have found around the centre some praying mantises, weta, slugs, snails, worms, spiders, and we are looking to create a bug habitat, to learn more about bugs.

Our garden project is well underway and we look forward to planting some more vegetables very shortly.

Reminder to everyone that the Preschool is part of the Terracycle Recycling Programme and we collect items such as gladwrap, gladware containers, snaplock plastic bags, toothpaste containers, toothbrushes, The Collective range of products like yoghurt containers, suckie yoghurt containers and many more items. You can



drop these items off at the centre (they must be clean and dry). To learn more you can visit the Terracycle NZ website www.terracycle.com/en-NZ.

This month we said farewell to Rome, who is off to Kura. We have welcomed Lizzie and we look forward to getting to know her and developing a strong relationship with her whaanau. Birthdays celebrated with Anaru and Lucy; we wish them both a happy birthday.

Our rolls are currently full, but you are welcome to come along if you have a child this age, are looking for a quality early childhood centre and want to see if this is the right place for you and your child to begin their lifelong journey of learning. You can put your child's name on the waiting list if required. Check out our latest Education review on the website: www.ero.govt.nz/review-reports/coromandel-community-preschool-25-05-2018/.

The centre operates Monday – Friday 8.00am 4.00pm. We are situated at 155 Pottery Lane. If you are interested call in for a visit or phone us on (07) 866 7570



George riding Apples with Taylor standing beside

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

By Anna Yates

The first term was another busy one at Te Rerenga. All of our classroom programmes are engaging our enthusiastic children and every break-time is filled with laughter and excitement as our children build huts, play in our new playground boat and experiment on our new half-pipe. We had an amazing turnout of families for our recent school working



bee and part of this day was installing our school half-pipe. Scooters and skateboards are now flying down it every break-time as our older children model new skills and encourage our juniors to take a few risks. It has been a highly popular addition to our school environment.

Our senior class have enjoyed lots of sporting opportunities both in Coromandel and Whitianga, thriving on the competition and fun in each opportunity! We love our weekly sports sessions with Geoff and feel so grateful that our children have so many

opportunities at a little country school to participate in such a range of sports.

Our school has had a visit from Japanese students who spent the day with us. They practised their English and we all learned much more about Japan and their culture through quizzes, performances, games and sharing.

Our Room 4 children competed in a school cookoff to win places in the "Taste of Matarangi" cookoff. Two groups cooked on the day creating delicious meals inspired by their collaboration as a group, lots of practice and their sophisticated tastebuds.

We are excited about the term ahead with lots of learning about Tuia Matauranga as we look ahead to commemorating this event in Wharekaho later this year. We are also looking forward to welcoming ERO in week 2 of term where we can share all that happens in our school. All of our production rehearsals will culminate in an end-of-term production in Whitianga on 30 June, which we are all eagerly anticipating too!



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Coromandel Area School

By Jamie Leckie

Term one has come and gone. As we head into the busy Term two timetable let's take a look back at what we got up to at the end of Term one.

TREEmendous

On Saturday 23 March we had many volunteers, whanau, teachers, students and community members and the TREEmendous team along with their shovels, buckets and wheelbarrows helping us plant 600 trees in our new outdoor learning space.

Thank you to Wharf Road and Success Café for donating the morning tea to feed our busy helpers and our local Four Square for providing the sausage sizzle lunch ingredients and more. We would also like to say a huge thank you to Project Crimson Trust and Mazda, Moehau Environment Group, Richard Webster, DOC, McGregor Bay Wetland Society, Tim from Broad Spectrum for the earthworks, Beth Pearsall at Colville Harbour Care, Environment Waikato and James Webster and Hinemoa Jones for the opening ceremony. What a wonderful community we have; we really appreciate the support we get from you all.

We were also lucky enough to have a visit from Bug Man and Shark Man on Friday 22 March, which was so much fun! The best part by far was Dorothy the weta and looking at all of the other interesting bugs. The children had lots of questions and were so engaged. Thank you Ruud (Bug Man) and Riley (Shark Man).

Climate Change by Elleson

On Friday 15 March, a group of CAS students along with students from Manaia and local residents participated in a protest for climate change which was held near the information centre in Coromandel. This was part of a global day of protest regarding this urgent issue. We marched down the main street and back again and a few speeches were given on how climate change is affecting us and our concerns about our future. It was good to see a lot of younger people getting into it and adults coming along to watch and protest as well.

We stand with Christchurch

On 22 March the whole school gathered to plant a kowhai tree and sing a waiata for the victims of the Christchurch shootings. It was a special moment and it was organised by the students. These words were spoken by one of our senior students Nakita: "We are here today to commemorate the victims of the terror attack. 50 people lost their lives and many more were injured. Through this tragedy we have seen the country and different races unite in a way I've never seen before. Gun laws were modified banning military-style, semi-automatic guns, whilst over 7 million dollars has been raised for the victims and their families. It's amazing to see the country overcome racial barriers and unite together in such a horrific moment in history. I say on behalf of everyone here my deepest condolences for the victims and their families."

Writing

Athletics Day by Layke

I get ready for the 200m sprint. "On your marks, get set", bang! We were off! I was in last place, then I started to sprint! I was catching up; I was in third! About 100m left I couldn't feel my legs! Then I passed the line! Second place in 33 seconds. Finally, my next race was up. By that time the rain had been really bad. It was the 100m sprint. "Bang" we were off again; I was still tired from the last race but I could do it! I did it, I finished and got second again.

That was the best athletics EVER!

We hope you are all set to go and ready for Term two.

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FESTINA LENTE



TREEmendous day



Climate change protest

Kiwi Can

As we head into term two, I cannot believe it is May already!

This year is certainly scooting along. Over the next week or so our Kiwi Can students will be finding out what our Theme and Catchphrase is for term two. Check out the next issue of the Chronicle to find out what it is.

I know our Kiwi Can team have some awesome lessons planned for our tamariki this term. This term we are going to be inviting parents to an Open Day, where parents will be able to come into the Kiwi Can room and sit in or even join in on your child's Kiwi Can lesson. Please keep an eye out on our Facebook page for dates and updates etc, and we will also be sending out a notice with the tamariki.

Check out Kiwi Can – Coromandel or go to www.facebook.com/kiwicancoromandel/.

Nga mihi nui from the KC team.



Kauri Run



Saturday 4th May

11.30am Start

Long Bay 5K Run/Walk:

Flat course to suit all, small children can use scooters, bikes, take babies & toddlers in pushchairs or buggies.

Registration: On the day from 10am,
School Bottom Field.

Cost: 5 & under free, 6 & over \$5.00, Adults \$10.00

Family (2 Adults, 2 Children) \$25.00



Coromandel Four Square (thanks Renee & Damian) has kindly donated a **SPOT PRIZE**, a bike for young ones aged between 6-14yrs taking part in the 5k, they must be at prize giving (4pm) to collect.



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

Other events on day include:

- The Kauri Loop 12km: Long bay & Harray Track run.
- The Kauri Half - Marathon 23km: White Star to Coromandel.
- Kauri Classic 32km: Waikawau to Coromandel.

For these events enter online at
www.arcevents.co.nz/kaurirun/



Arts



Pastel Artists Coromandel

Work done at Jackie Ellis Workshop

By Rosemarie Murphy

Karol Oakley from Australia has been touring New Zealand holding workshops in Pastel Art throughout the country. Three of our members were able to attend the one held in Morrinsville and learnt all about the various strokes and methods which can be used for different effects. There was also a lesson on deciding which colours and mood to follow when starting a work and lessons on doing thumbnail sketches. This was quite a back-to-basics workshop as well as a workout for the more experienced.

Two of our members have just returned from the Pastel Artists of New Zealand (PANZ) Convention which was held in Stratford, Taranaki this year. Annette Bishop had three of her paintings accepted into the National Exhibition and Rosemarie Murphy had one. The standard of paintings in the Exhibition was very high. PANZ have an annual Scholarship for \$500 worth of tuition. This has to be applied for by sending in six photos of recent work and writing a letter describing the applicant's experience, aspirations and any other relevant facts. The winner of this year's scholarship was announced at the Convention and it was won by Rosemarie Murphy, Coromandel. I have chosen Maxine Thompson, Rotorua as my tutor so hope to improve my portraits.

Tony Allain from Cornwall, England held a workshop in Stratford which Annette Bishop and Rosemarie Murphy were lucky enough to attend. Tony's work is loose and colourful and we were out of our comfort zone but I feel that we will be able to use some of the things he showed us in our future work.

Last Thursday and Friday we held a workshop in the Aero Club Rooms for our members with Jackie Ellis, Waihi as our tutor. This workshop was partly sponsored by the Thames Coromandel District Council who donated \$250. We had a lot of fun and with Jackie's help produced these amazing paintings.

We hold weekly meetings in the Aero Club Rooms every Tuesday from 9.00am to 12.00 noon. Everyone is most welcome to come along to have a look and join us for a cuppa.

Phone Allan Beaver (07) 866 8053 or Rosemarie Murphy 027 833 1237

Coromandel Arts Council - Hauraki House

By Pete Sephton

Hauraki House is such an important and integral part of the arts scene in Coromandel that it is hard to believe that it was nearly lost forever forty-two years ago. It was opened as a school in 1877 and when it closed after 100 years in 1977 The Education Department had to decide what to do with the redundant building. It appears that a leading member of the Coromandel Community Council was in private negotiations with The Education Board to purchase the land and buildings when other members of the Council got wind of his plan. John Rabarts, who I understand was the deputy chair of the Council, called an emergency while the potential buyer was away from town and the committee decided to persuade the Education Department to sell the old school to the TCDC. When the chairman arrived back he was apparently livid but it was too late; Hauraki House was in public ownership.

Initially the newly acquired building was used by the Coromandel Spinners and Weavers Group. Gradually over the next ten years the old school was converted into a 65-seat theatre, a large room for a youth group, and an art gallery. One of the first exhibitions held in the art gallery was The Easter Exhibition in 1988 – the 30th edition of this exhibition has just been held!

Hauraki House is now used almost every day of the year. We all owe a huge debt of gratitude to John Rabarts and the rest of the Community Council for saving the old school for the people of Coromandel.

Coromandel Art Group

By Ross Dixon

While the summer holds we are continuing to paint out each Thursday. As well as visiting favourite locations, on 21 March we car-pooled and ventured to Kennedy Bay on the east coast for the first time.

The first stop was at the Tokatea lookout. Most of us walked up to the summit, with panoramic views looking back to Coromandel and east to Kennedy Bay. We then passed several small bridges, meandering rocky streams and bush.

One of our members, Bev, met us at the entrance to Kennedy Bay beach, then showed us places of interest including the wharf, groups of cabbage trees and other paintable scenes. Bev put on a delicious morning tea, to supplement the packed lunches members brought, as we knew we would be out longer than usual! Thank you, Bev.

Another member, Tricia, took most of us to Tuataewa and showed us the breathtaking views from her property.

But at about 1pm there was one thing missing ... Paintings! Only one member managed a small one and another did a couple of sketches. We were too busy taking photos and enjoying the different views. A great day out.

We welcome new members. Call and check us out on a Thursday at 9am at St Andrews Church Hall in Rings Road. For the next few weeks we may still paint out if the weather permits, but we all meet at 9am at the hall first

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Coromandel ArtsTour

By Kaye Anderson

Three artists, three different media, but with an occasional connection: the mighty pohutukawa. Kevin Brett treasures its driftwood form, John Eaglen creates its silhouette in wood or steel, while Donna Scatchard regards it as a symbol of where she lives.

Kevin Brett

Christmas Art Exhibition Opening 2012:

Kevin Brett: That's a nice seat you're sitting on.

Barry Brickell: Yes, I've just bought it.

Kevin: I've just made it.

Barry: And I'm going to take it up to my new abode and sit on it on long summer evenings in the nude with a glass of red wine.

KNK Woodart's first exhibition was a huge success. When Kevin had offered Lindsay Garmson "some wood" for it, because his daughter was too busy to put in a painting, they both laughed. But as Kevin tells it, "When we arrived at the opening, half an hour late, I saw people walking out with my stuff."

Kauri logs from the islands around the Coromandel Harbour, recycled timber from historic buildings and hardware found in old farm sheds up the Peninsula are Kevin's materials. He shapes them into objects of visual and tactile beauty, furniture and other objects, uniquely his. Kim provides the finishing touch, oiling them to perfection.

Kevin loves the nautical. A chopping board has a metal prow piece at one end and part of a propeller at the other. The story is written on the back, "for authenticity".

Photo of surfboard with caption: Perfect for any bach, you can see this and many other works, at the studio on Tiki Road, next to The Coromandel Oyster Company or visit the website www.knkwoodartcoromandel.co.nz.

Donna Scatchard

There's no mistaking a Donna Scatchard painting. Her use of particular symbols to tell her stories, her restricted palette



dominated by shades of blue-gray-green, and the technique she's developed to make her chosen objects appear old and worn result in distinctive and compelling images.

Her symbols include mannequins in translucent gowns representing people, vintage books suggesting history, chandeliers and tea-light candles for hope and happiness. Then there's the key, powerful because it can open doors and lock doors, it can lead to new places and experiences, and close off others. Fantails bring nice things, like kindness.

During her time as an art teacher, Donna often designed and painted stage sets. Her early paintings reflect this influence with backgrounds of arches and chandeliers, and mannequins like actors on a stage. The sense of perspective is strong. "There's always an escape route," Donna explains. "You can travel through the painting."

You can make your own story about the painting in the photograph, but here's Donna's.

"I wanted to paint a piano, but I didn't have one. So my friend and I went to a music shop in Hamilton. She spun a story about me being a talented musician wanting to buy a piano and we came away with brochures containing wonderful photos of grand pianos." The painting is titled *Imposters* in a Music Shop.

To see Donna's work you can make an appointment to visit her studio by phoning 027 694 7547.

John Eaglen

John Eaglen's profile-cut sculptures are theatrical. The strongly etched outlines of his trees and birds are dramatic, their shadows soft and mysterious.

This is not surprising given that John has a background in designing opera stage sets and using computer software in architecture. He also spent four years studying painting.

"We're all connected," John says. "We may have taken different routes and had different adventures, but we started out about the same time from Africa, and this belief underlies what I do."

He works with dreams and folk tales, with steel, plywood and aluminium. The process sometimes begins with a sketch but mostly it happens on the computer, where he draws the outlines, the solid shapes and the spaces in between. In a workshop in Hamilton the computer program he has created guides a powerful water-jet cutter through his chosen material. Back home the work is completed with varnish, gold, silver and copper leaf, and coloured acrylic glazes. The results are spectacular.

John is also a key figure in the organisation of the Arts Tour and Watch This Space, as well as being the Coromandel-Colville representative on Creative Coromandel.

To see John's sculptures and paintings you can make an appointment to visit his studio by phoning 021 930 470 or emailing him at john@johnaglen.co.nz.



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Environment

Forest & Bird

By Kate Donoghue

Protecting Coromandel's Critical Habitats

The welcome announcement by the Minister of Conservation on 8 April that the Natural Heritage Fund has approved the purchase of a 130-hectare block at Papa Aroha to protect the world's most globally-endangered amphibians, Archey's and Hochstetter's frogs, is a timely reminder of the importance of preserving the critical habitats of our unique plant and animal species.

As numerous reports have highlighted in recent years, the planet's biodiversity is plummeting, with more extinctions happening now than at any time in the past 50 million years. Our own country's unique indigenous biodiversity is under particular pressure, and many Coromandel residents are leading the way in community-based conservation efforts, and this support from government is a welcome announcement.

Protecting critical habitat is not only good for wildlife – it works for people too. We take ecosystems like mangroves, saltmarsh and seagrass for granted, but these much-underestimated habitats not only shelter and nurture marine species and birdlife, they also provide ecosystem services such as trapping sediment, filtering run-off and removing carbon from the atmosphere. We need to celebrate these special places and make them a cornerstone of Coromandel's sustainable development.

We mentioned in the last Chronicle that Camden Howitt from Sustainable Coastlines will be running a workshop in Coromandel, focussing on volunteers collecting marine debris at different locations along our coastlines to feed into a national database. This is happening mid-June. To register interest, please email Kate James: katejamesscientist@gmail.com.

Forest and Bird welcomes new members to assist in protecting our Coromandel environment – please contact Kate Donoghue 027 692 6494.

Stop press

Upper Coromandel Forest & Bird is delighted to have Jeanette Fitzsimons as the guest speaker at our AGM on **Sunday 2 June** at 1pm at the St John rooms. The title of her talk will be: "Climate Change: Why is it so hard?"

Save the date!

McGregor Bay Wetland Society

By Kate Donoghue

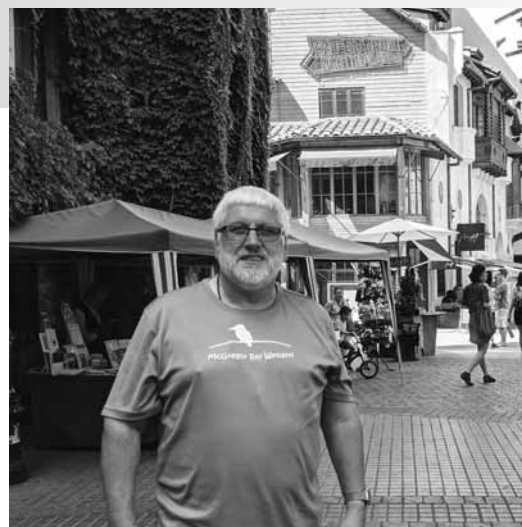
TCDC reserves review places special emphasis on McGregor Bay

Thanks to all who made submissions to the TCDC's Reserves Policy Review, seeking an increased effort on the part of Council to assist in the restoration of the McGregor Bay Wetland. Interestingly, the Council decided to separate out the McGregor Bay Reserve from its other reserves as a special case that needs particular attention. The Society recognises that this is potentially a promising way forward, and looks forward to the development of a plan that will promote restoration of this neglected wetland.

One-fifth of New Zealand's landmass was once covered in wetlands, but 90% of them have been destroyed. While many of our larger wetlands are of national and international significance, the protection of smaller wetlands, less than 10 ha in size, is also vital. If many of our native bird and fish species that rely on wetlands are going to have a chance of surviving the impacts of climate change, we need to protect every single wetland that we still have.

But wetlands are not only critical for native fauna and flora; healthy wetlands help to protect people from the impacts of climate change. They act as coastal buffers, sheltering communities from storm surge. They reduce the impacts of floods and absorb and store carbon, often more effectively than forests.

Coromandel is fortunate to have a wetland reserve within walking distance of town. Around the Peninsula, there are many other examples of thriving wetlands, supporting wildlife and native plants, and delivering vital ecosystem functions such as water filtration, carbon sequestration and sediment trapping. It is time for Council to step up to the mark and promote a complete restoration of the critical habitat of the McGregor Bay Wetland.



Philip Sallis modelling a McGregor Bay Wetland T-shirt in a street market in Santiago...a heritage part of the city preserving the Chilean cultural blend of the indigenous Mapuche People and descendants of the Spanish settlers. It's the museum and cultural centre of the city

Moehau Environment Group

By Nat Munns

Another kiwi death

We are sad to report that our operations manager came across another kiwi carcass in Port Charles while working out in the field in early April. The remains have been sent away for DNA testing to determine possible cause of death and at the time of writing we are still waiting on the results.

MEG Winter Lecture Series kicks off in May

Challenges of Climate Change for Coromandel Communities is our first lecture for the season. It will be a panel discussion on appropriate response to climate change with Dennis Tegg (lawyer and researcher), Thomas Everth (science teacher) and John Leenmar (electric vehicle advocate). Join us at Pepper Tree Restaurant at 7pm on **Sunday 5 May**.

Kiwi Listening Volunteers

We will be holding a training session in May (date TBC) for anyone interested in helping out with our kiwi listening survey. The listening surveys runs through May, June and July and helps us get a picture of kiwi numbers in the area. This survey will be vital in helping us assess remaining numbers after the deaths in the last few months. Volunteers will be positioned in selected listening spots in northern Coromandel and around Coromandel township and will record calls from male and female kiwi over five nights. Sound like fun? Get in touch!

Support Our Work

Did you know we have a range of whimsical gift cards designed exclusively for MEG by talented artist Miriam Silvester for sale? They feature some of the native creatures we are trying to protect – the kiwi, weta, skink and robin. They are blank, with no message inside, making them perfect for any occasion! \$5 each or a set of 4 for \$16; email us to order. You can check them out on our website, <http://meg.org.nz/support-us/shop/>, or on our FB page. Have a great month everyone.



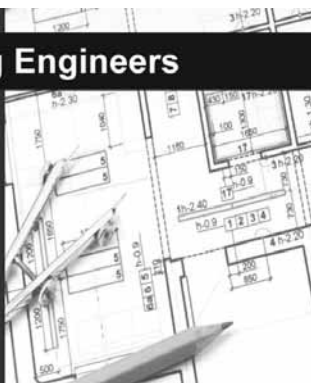
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Sport



The Great Kauri Run – the run with a difference

By Rita Stephenson

The Kauri Run will be held on **Saturday 4 May**.

The great Kauri Run is a run with a “difference”. For 15 years organisers and volunteers have planted a tree each year for every competitor that has taken part. To date there have been close to 4,000 trees planted.

Again this year we are combining with the Coromandel Seafood Festival. Competitors get to finish amidst music playing and the wonderful aromas of various delicious foods on offer. Last year was a wonderful success and we are looking forward to another great day this year.

The Great Kauri Run comprises a series of off road trail runs or walks which take place on the stunningly beautiful northern Coromandel Peninsula.

The 32K starts from Waikawau beach. Competitors run the length of the beach, cross over into the pump paddock, then climb up to the ridge line where they run all the way to Coromandel. The 23K starts from White Star Station. They run along river flats then climb to the ridge line following the same course as the 32K.

Both the 12K and 5K are based in Coromandel Town starting from Patukirikiri Reserve (down by the netball courts). The 12K competitors run over the Kauri Block, out to Long Bay, around Tucks Bay track, then over the Harray Track and back through town.

The 5k is very family-friendly, with a flat course out along the causeway, turning at Glenfern Drive before heading back to town, crossing over the pedestrian crossing and continuing up to Woollams Avenue, where they will be directed up through the rugby

grounds and out onto Pound Street. They then finish in the school grounds. Young ones aged between 6-14 years of age are eligible to win a bike, kindly donated by Renee and Damian Langley from Coromandel Four Square. You must be at prize giving at 4pm Saturday 4 May in order to win.

Competitors taking part in the 32, 23 and 12Ks, will be asked at several junctions to go through the foot washing stations to ensure they are not spreading any soil-carried diseases harmful to kauri. Competitors will have to clean their shoes prior to the start of the above distances.

Registration for the 12K is available from 3pm Friday at the school hall. 5K registers on Saturday 10am on the school field (close to the new courts). We look forward to seeing you on **Saturday 4 May**. Additional information regarding the event plus the Spirit of Coromandel Trust is on our web page www.arcevents.co.nz or you can contact Rita Stephenson on arceventsrita@gmail.com, or 027 210 3734.

Coromandel Croquet Club

By Kaye Anderson

Croquet: six hoops, four balls, two mallets and a patch of grass. Sounds easy enough.

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From the home page of the Croquet Association UK, to watch a short video about the game you can visit their website: www.croquet.org.uk.

We meet at 9.15am to begin play at 9.30am, both Tuesdays and Fridays. If you are keen to join us and need more information, call Kaye on (07) 866 8968. Otherwise just come along on a Friday. The club is situated in Woollams Ave next to the Bowling Club



Coromandel Community Recreational Society Trust Waikato Events Centre (Community Swimming Pool Complex)

By Debra Attwood

The Coromandel Community Swimming Pool has now closed for the season. We would like to thank everyone who used the pool throughout the season, from our early morning swimmers, schools, recreational swimmers and the swimming club and anyone else who has used the pool. We especially would like to thank the many volunteers who have helped out with lifeguarding and general maintenance of the pool. Another thank you must go to the funders who have assisted us financially: Thames Coromandel District Council, Trust Waikato, Internal Affairs Community Organisation Grant Scheme (COGS). Without this support we would find it difficult to remain fully functional.

We have had a very good year with our numbers up on last year thanks to the great weather and a fantastic team of workers. We will reopen in October 2019, with a working bee in September to get the pool ready for the new season.

Remember if you are looking for a venue to hire for a day, night, afternoon our hall is available. Contact Debra at (07) 866 7660, mobile 027 348 2400 or email debmark62@hotmail.com

Coromandel Recreational Fishing Club

By Allison Brown

Hi to all,

We are now into autumn. It only seems like yesterday that we were enjoying summer. On the fishing front the gulf and harbour have still been fishing quite well. We are very fortunate in Coromandel right thru the year as the water temps stay very consistent. The winter months are a bit more hard work to find good spots but there is always something around and some winter days on the water are superb. Having said that, we have not had our “Take Kid Fishing” Comp yet as I write this, which is on 20 April, so will let you know how it all goes in the June edition.

In the April edition we missed out thanking KNK Glass Art, Harbour View Motel, Coro Liquor and Coromandel Excavators for their prize donation to the “Classy Chicks” completion and we apologise and greatly appreciate their contributions to the prizes.

The Club's Fish of the Month for March was won by one of our Juniors members, Layke McNeil, with a kahawai weighing 2.635kg. He won \$100.

Fish of the Month for May is snapper.

Hope you have had a good Easter and here's to tight lines as always.

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 Coromandel Hikers' Group, Hauraki House, Colin & Elspeth (07) 866 71379am
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 Sit n Be Fit at Coro Gym.....9.30am
 SeniorNet Coromandel contact Loes (07) 866 8053.....4pm
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 Coro Walking Group, Lotto Dairy, Ruth (07) 866 72469am
 Croquet, Woollams Ave, Kaye (07) 866 89689.15am
 Yoga for everyone, Colville Hall, Kate 021 125 315210am
 Playcentre, Woollams Ave.....10.30am-1pm
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











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9.0 kW_{max}

Heating 5.0 (0.6-9.0)kW
Cooling 3.5 (0.6-5.3)kW
5.5 Star Energy Rating
Input 0.68kW
COP 5.15

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9.4 kW_{max}

Heating 6.3 (0.6-9.4)kW
Cooling 5.0 (0.6-5.8)kW
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