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New Principal Murray McDonald addresses Coromandel Area School students and visitors.

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Editor's comments

Thanks to Coromandel Area School for inviting me to a powhiri to welcome their new principal. It was nice to be standing in a hall full of mainly children in complete silence – a quick switch to vibrate for my phone incase it broke the silence – while we waited for the entrance.

If you get this Chronicle in time – go and listen to award winning folk artists on 30 October (see opposite page) and then the Music Society bring you Miho Wada Jazz Orchestra on the 1st (see ad pg 27).

The month finishes with Thunder Beach Run Motorcycle Rally on 29th.

And don't forget to start planning your Santa Parade float for 5 December.

Have a good month.

Debbie

FYI: For upcoming events December on, see the back cover with November Calendar.

Letters

The Editor,
Even with all the restructuring in DOC, the organisation has again lost the plot.

The current contractors servicing stoat lines around Mt Moehau are all happy to roll over their contracts for another term and from my observation are doing a great job.

We have been informed by DOC that the current contractors have been dumped and a Bay of Plenty firm will now get the contracts.

I have lived under Mt Moehau for 18 years and in that time contracts have been let to outsiders three times. Every time the tender system has failed – either they physically have not been able to carry on or have failed the audit. DOC again seems to be heading down the same track with the excuse “we are saving dollars”. It doesn't matter what history shows us.
Ross Gardner, RD 4 Coromandel



The Colville market started in September

Hi all at the newspaper,
I live in France now but was born in England 1945 Gerald John Woollams. My father had New Zealand and Australian ancestors I have been told. My father was Leonard John Woollams born 1910 with sisters Edith, born 1906 and Alice born 1908. I'm just wondering if Frederick Woollams, who arrived in Coromandel and married to Margaret, would be past relatives of mine. I have seen the statue in his honour and Woollams Avenue I am guessing it is to do with his memory of maybe work done and more no doubt?

I would be so interested to know any information available from your side..

Best regards
Mr Gerald John Woollams, France

Editors comment: Thanks to Don Goodall and Don Armitage I managed to get in touch with Bill Woollams. Bill was able to tell me that Frederick Woollams was one of 12 children, he was born in 1827, died 1897 and was resident of Firlawn in Coromandel town. From the family tree that Bill Woollams supplied it appears that Gerald is not a decendent of Frederick or his siblings, though the families could be connected higher up the family tree.

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My Children Are Coming Today!

By Jocelyn Davey

Poetry SPOT

All over fifty, I should say!
They mean well but they worry.
I need a railing in the hallway,
Or a telephone in my bedroom.

They think someone should be there when I shower.
They don't like me living alone.
Help me to be grateful for their concern
And help them to see that I have to do what I can
For as long as I can.

They're right when they say there are risks:
I might fall or leave the stove on.
But there is no challenge,
No real aliveness without risk.

When they were young they climbed trees,
Rode bicycles and went to camp.
I was terrified but I let them go.
Because to hold them would be to harm them!

Now our roles are reversed

Keep me from being stubborn and pernickety,
But don't let them smother me.
The scones are in the oven
For my children are coming today.

Welcome Mr McDonald

"Haere mai, haere mai ..." Ms Hart called our new principal, Mr Murray McDonald, to our school, Coromandel Area School. His whānau and friends were with him.

All of our school students, staff, and a number of visitors, were waiting in the hall to greet our visitors with a waiata.

The students at our school were singing their best because we wanted Mr McDonald



to be proud of us. Rooms One and Two sang very loudly, and behaved very well.

We learned from the speakers that our new principal came from Aberdeen Primary School in Hamilton, where there are 740 students. He also has a Cadillac that has bullet-proof windows. He is not shy because he stood up and sang, he made a speech, and he seemed really happy.

Mr McDonald said that it was very emotional to be welcomed with so much passion. But, Mr McDonald really wanted to tell us how much he wants to be at our school. He said the most important thing is the students at our school.

We think he is going to be a fantastic principal!

Comments from some students about Mr McDonald:

Ezra Astwood said, "I



Murray McDonald with students Stella, Katie, Ezra and Finau

thought the students felt pretty good after the powhiri!"

Finau Franklin said, "It was exciting to have a new principal come into our school and stay."

Stella Barr-McLean said, "I was nervous at first, but I listened to the new principal's speech and got over it. Then I felt proud to be from Coromandel Area School."

Katie Walker said, "I felt like my class did a really good job at the powhiri."



The whole school and visitors welcome Murray McDonald

Dear Debbie,
Our MP Scott Simpson has kindly replied to my letter to him of late September, explaining the long-term benefits of the extended pier out into Coromandel Harbour. He is pleased that the concept is being considered by TCDC and will be guided by its assessment. He also says that he now has a better understanding of the concept and how it might work. While these are typically non-committal statements so often made by politicians at least he is not expressing scepticism or ridiculing the extended pier concept. The whole thing then seems to depend now on the support of TCDC and I know full well that Mayor Glenn Leach feels positive about it. It is therefore the councillors who have to be convinced.

At the last Inner Harbour Users stakeholder meeting it was stated that the pier doesn't address the issues of the recreational fishers but in the longer term, as the pier extends, it will definitely benefit these people. But I agree that in the meanwhile the more favoured Furey's Creek developments being pursued by the Harbour Users Stakeholder Group, is a satisfactory but temporary solution. I don't want to see both projects vying with each other when they should be complementary. Let us see how the Council responds after the 28 October presentation.

Finally, because of my recent health problems I am looking for a local person or group who can energetically help me pursue the pier project to the next stage – widespread understanding and strong community support. To this end, I am preparing a brochure with a new logo.

Barry Brickell, Coromandel

Award Winning Folk Artists in Coromandel Town – 30 October

Gillian Boucher (Canada) and Bob McNeill (Scotland) will be performing a show in Coromandel town on **Friday 30 October** – Hauraki House Theatre, Coromandel. Show time 8pm, \$15 door sales.

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Coromandel Business Association

By Christine Petrie

The weather is getting warmer and we are looking forward to welcoming visitors to our region over the summer period. Members of the Coromandel Business Association have been working on a number of initiatives that will be fun for our residents as well as making our area an attractive place to visit. Here's a snapshot of what is coming up:

Thunder Beach Run 29 November – This Motorcycle Rally is touring the Coromandel and will be in Coromandel town from around 11.20am on **Sunday 29 November**. Let's make them feel welcome by dressing in bright Hawaiian shirts and lining the main street as they ride in.

Christmas Decorations – Plans are underway to decorate the retail precinct on Kapanga and Wharf Roads, however we are always keen to get fresh ideas and volunteers to assist. Email corobusiness@gmail.com if you can help.

Christmas in the Park – Mark your diaries for an evening of carol singing, candles and Christmas cheer in Coromandel town on **23 December**. Look out for further details of this event in early December.

Autumn Fishing/Seafood Festival – We have been working on some ideas to host a festival to celebrate our seafood and great fishing spots. We are currently completing a sponsorship application and hope to be able to host the inaugural event in 2016.

Illume 2016 – This is promising to be better than ever! The TCDC have granted us \$15k funding from their Major Events Sponsorship Fund. We are in the process of approaching other organisations for sponsorship to complete the funding of this event.

We are disappointed that we are unable to host a November Guy Fawkes event as we have been unable to secure funding for the fireworks this year. We are hoping that this will be an isolated issue and have already started working on plans for the 2016 event.

If you would like to be involved in any of the initiatives of the Coromandel Business Association then we would love to hear from you! Happy spring everyone!

NZBCF Pink Ribbon Trek

By Jackie Goudie

Thanks for your support.

As some of you may recall I was selling cupcakes and other home-baked goodies over the summer period at the Coromandel Homegrown Market.

All the funds raised went to the NZ Breast Cancer Foundation.

On September 19th I flew to Beijing, China to meet up with 10 other Kiwi ladies who had also been working towards the same goal.

Over the next five days we hiked different sections of The Great Wall.

These days proved to be challenging and rather steep in sections and a lot of the wall was unrestored.

We had an amazing team spirit and everyone helped everyone out to achieve all the challenges that the Wall threw at us!

I would like to say a massive thank you to all in Coromandel town who supported me in this adventure by making donations or buying my home-baked goods.

China is an amazing place and this was an adventure of a lifetime with some very inspiring ladies.

Thank you for helping make a difference.



Coromandel Walking Group

By Irene Dunn

Have you got a neighbour or friend who would do an hour's walk during the week? Our Group meet each Tuesday and Thursday outside the Lotto dairy at 9am – you are welcome to join us.

Our group enjoyed a walk at Te Kouma last month, then morning tea with Elspeth and a walk around her very interesting and well looked after garden. Afterwards we trotted across the road to Sherryn's garden – another inspiring landscape of flowers, shrubs, trees and veges.

Ruth has another interesting walk lined up for next month so don't miss out!

Come with us as we enjoy the company and fresh air of Coromandel.

Happy walking everyone.

Contact Ruth (07) 866 7246

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Community Gardens

By Louis Kittleson

The Gardens are in good form at the moment. We have completed some long-term goals. The signage is complete. The hot house is up and complete with sprinklers etc. The adobe work has added significant value and interest which attracts visitors. There is also now the beginnings of an outdoor kitchen with a stainless steel sink bench in place. There is a new seat completed as well. All of these items are significant bits of capital improvements. The gazebo is a real asset now that it is covered. The community gardens is well placed for the summer.

Our focus at the moment is on sowing seeds and getting ready for summer. We have beds that are growing cover crops ready to be cut and covered. The Wintec group planted out two beds of lettuce and mixed greens. We have begun a program to minimise the mowing by planting out some of the pathways. Our fruit trees are all looking healthy. The border that faces Hauraki House is finally starting to grow and will provide a bit of a windbreak this summer, which is essential.

The long-term goal is to continue to make the Coromandel Community Gardens a jewel in the crown of the Coromandel township. This could not be possible without the Budget Advisory Service and support and their ability to garner funding from various local and national trust bodies. Summer is coming and will require the usual steady dedication of our volunteers to stay on top of the growth. So come on down every Thursday afternoon from 2pm onwards.

Chronicle Town Information Centre

By Sandra Wilson

We Need You

If you have a few hours to spare once a week or fortnight, enjoy meeting people from all over the world, have great local knowledge, and would even like to learn more about the place we call home, we need you to join our team of volunteers. The hours are either 10am-1pm or 1pm-4pm. Give us a call or stop by the centre to see myself or Natalie. We look forward to hearing from you.

360 Discovery Ferry from Auckland to Coromandel and return now operates as follows: arrival time at Hannaford's is 10.45am Monday, Tuesday, Saturday, Sunday; on Friday it arrives at 8pm; Tuesday and Thursday, 3pm departure from Hannaford's Wharf; Friday, 8.15pm from Hannaford's; Saturday and Sunday, 4.30pm from Hannaford's. These times are until 28 December when a Wednesday sailing at 3.00pm will be added.

Fares include a complimentary bus ride between the wharf and Woollams carpark, arriving 30 minutes after the ferry arrival and 30 minutes before departure. Please be at the carpark 10 minutes before the shuttle leaves. Taking advantage of the shuttle lessens the congestion at Hannaford's Wharf when you are trying to drop off or pick up your friends and family. The timetables are subject to change so check first so as not to be disappointed. Full details may be found in the 360 advert on page 17.

Speaking of friends and family, remember if enjoying any of our walking tracks make sure everyone uses the cleaning stations provided and/or clean the soles of your shoes before going from one track to another. We all need to work together to stop the dreaded Kauri Dieback disease. Statistics show that the vast majority of infected trees are near walking tracks.

Don't forget the Santa Parade and family fun day will be on **Saturday 5 December**, 2.00pm start.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to our volunteers over the past year: Alastair, Asuka, Con, Jane, Lyn, Malcolm, Margaret, Ray, and Susan; and part-time staff Jeanette and Natalie; they all help keep the Information Centre ticking over. Together we have a wealth of knowledge, experience and love of our town.

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By Loes Beaver

September was a month with group classes These were for Microsoft, setting up your computer and recognising icons. Also a group class for Apple, ipad and smartphones. They were very well supported by the members, and now that school holidays are over we hope to be able to set up more group lessons.

Our group has grown over the last few months, and it is really good to see the interest shown.

Our tutors also still do the one-on-one with specific problems, so if you have any questions just let them know.

With technology so advanced today we of senior age need the support, and our tutors really do give us the support we require.

Our monthly meetings are the last Thursday of the month.

For enquiries contact me Loes at (07) 866 8053

Coromandel Patchwork and Quilters

By Sharon Currie

Our last meeting was a two-day affair held over a Sunday and Monday. This was a get-together to finish quilts for our exhibition at the end of the year. It is always good to have time with no interruptions at the sewing machine and when a group of us get together there is a lot of energy generated and it is fun to share something you love to do with like minded people. Certainly a lot was accomplished over the two days.

Margaret and Val travelled up to Colville for the Colville Market Day on 19 September with items to sell. They enjoyed the vibrancy of the market and were happy with the number of items sold. We will also be at the Labour Weekend Market and the one in November. This is an opportunity to start some Christmas shopping, especially for handmade gifts.

If you would like to join us our details are as follows.

Our meetings 1st and 3rd (& 5th) Monday 9.30am-4.00pm, St John rooms, Tiki Rd, Coromandel. President Margaret Sinclair (07) 866 7104, Secretary Mary Hickman (07) 866 8898



Shirleen
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2pm**

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Mahamudra Centre

By Sarah Brooks, Spiritual Programme Coordinator

Colville's Mahamudra Centre is offering an exciting new set of programs this season. Visitors do not need to be Buddhist to visit or attend courses, and will find our offerings offer help with meditation, dealing with life's problems, joyful activity, and understanding the mind in order to live a happy life.

We also guide meditation at the Havalona Pyramid every Thursday morning from 10-11am, followed by social time at a local coffee house. These are offered on a donation basis so it is accessible for everyone to attend.

A Joyous Heart and Open Mind

We're offering a weekly community course – A Joyous Heart and Open Mind – in Coromandel town for six weeks starting on **10 November**, Tuesday afternoons from 2-4pm at the Anglican Church Hall, 170 Tiki Rd. While attending all six weeks is best, drop-ins are welcome and no pre-registration is needed.

We all experience sickness, sadness and suffering. We know others who also face these experiences – it's a fact of life. However, we can mentally transform these experiences into opportunities rather than seeing them as obstacles. Find out how to use difficulty as fuel for the spiritual path and how simple it can be to uncover joy in each moment.

Weekend courses

We also have courses every weekend that offer a wide variety of topics to appeal to everyone. Local residents are welcome to commute, and we'll adjust rates to make it affordable for anyone to come. We never want money to be an obstacle to our community attending our courses! More details are listed below.

Making Problems into No Problem!

6-8 November – Course and meals \$160; plus accommodation.

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your heart even in the most difficult times? This course will explore reasons for discontent, and provide accessible methods for lasting peace using meditation, writing exercises and discussion together with classic Buddhist wisdom.

Parents Book Club

13-15 November – Course and meals \$190; plus accommodation.

Nourishing the caregiver is an important part of keeping a calm mind and resilience for facing problems. Parents are invited to take this weekend away to recharge through reading, meditation, and discussion in the peaceful environment of our retreat centre. Learn about how to help your kid(s) manage stress and become happier, kinder, and more compassionate. A copy of *The Mindful Child* book by Susan Kaiser Greenland is included in the course fee.

Train Your Brain

20-22 November – Course and meals \$160; plus accommodation.

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Mindful Photography

27-29 November – Course and meals \$160; plus accommodation.

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Broad Beans

By Deborah
Hide-Bayne, author of
local cookery
book, Coromandel
Flavour

The first broad beans are ready in the garden, and we are looking forward to a great summer of eating freshly-picked food. It's the perfect time to plant a few tomato plants or a tray of salad greens if you haven't got green fingers, or a whole garden of produce if you have. I am planting lettuce, tomatoes, sweetcorn, eggplant, capsicums, beans, zucchini and cucumbers.

But let's get back to broad beans...

I love the tenderness of the early ones; the skins aren't too thick and they cook in just a few minutes... The first meal was couscous, fresh mint, spring onions and broad beans served warm with some salmon on the side. Delicious!

And the next recipe using broad beans? A bit of research has given me some great ideas:

> Cook pasta and add asparagus, peas and broad beans for the last few minutes of cooking. Stir in some cream, a squeeze of lemon and fresh tarragon.

> Make pesto. Use 330g of cooked broad beans, fry off 2 cloves garlic and 3 anchovy fillets, then blitz up with 25g parmesan and a squeeze of lemon juice.

> Make quesadillas. Put a soft tortilla in a lightly-oiled hot frying pan, and add some grated cheese. Once the cheese has melted, add slivers of cooked steak, cooked broad beans, jalapenos and tomato on half only. Heat through, fold the tortilla in half and flip it over to cook on the other side. Cut into wedges and serve.



Coromandel Lions

By Lyn Lyn

With the fickle winds of spring upon us, temperatures rising, and more sunshine to brighten our days and lift our spirits, it's nice to know what a kind-hearted and generous town we all live in! Our major fundraiser for St John is nearing target, so, a huge thank you to everyone – you never know when you may need them! (Hopefully a final report on that next month). It is now only a month to our town's Santa Parade, culminating at Patukirikiri Reserve, with music, food, lolly scrambles, bouncy castle, presents, and of course Santa himself! Bring the children and make it a great afternoon! Lots of prizes for floats and costumes. Parade entrants to assemble at Top Pub no later than 1.45pm, ready to leave at 2pm sharp on **Saturday 5 December**. All prayers for fine weather please.

Onto club news. Our dinner meeting was an inspiring occasion with the presence of Mr John Gaffikin-Cowan aka "Irish John" to some. Thank you for sharing some of your life history with us; perhaps a book one day? You will have to come back for another chapter! The Lion rock award went to Lion David for "getting stuck in and on with the job," in the absence of fellow Lions Jill and Bruce. We need to clone that man! Also it was great to have Lion Peter and his lovely lady Pam join us for dinner – just to keep us on our toes; great to see you both. Cheers for now and get planning those floats to enter the parade – entry forms available soon.

If any organization would like to have a fundraiser at the reserve, or for any queries at all phone Lion Trish (07) 866 8785. As usual firewood can be ordered on (07) 866 7722, and for Lion ""stuff"" call our secretary Lion Jayne (07) 866 7687

Coromandel Contract Bridge Club

By Judy Bronlund

November has the final night's play for the Championship Pairs and also the last competition for our year, the Kereta Pairs. Please let Lyn know if you have a partner or would like to play and need a partner. We play every Monday evening at the St John rooms; **7 December** is our last night of play this year.

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Heart Beat – St John Ambulance Coromandel/Colville

By Felix O'Carroll – Station Manager
Coromandel

Not long before Xmas and we're starting to see our callouts slowly increasing over this period. Main callouts have been for medical illnesses, making up over 62% of all the call-outs. Total callouts are similar to the same period last year.

Two new Station bedrooms are now operational for use as resting/sleeping quarters for our ambulance volunteer staff. These were put into service on Friday 16 October and appreciated by staff that used these for the first time.

Funding towards these alterations were donated by the Senior Settlement Trust last year; our thanks again to them for their support as we are now seeing the benefits of their use.

Volunteers

Coromandel and Colville ambulance service need people now to join our volunteer ambulance service. We are looking for drivers (people to drive the ambulance) and frontline officers (people willing to do a First Response course); all training is free, all we want is your time, one shift a week (12 hours) plus weekly training 2 hours. We have a great team of dedicated people doing great work



One of the new bedrooms

for your community; we need your help now. If this is for you give us a call or come along to our training nights every Thursday 7pm.

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

Operations

The newly installed ePRF (Electronic Patient Report Form) is now operational and went live on Wednesday 14 October. This new device coupled with our new MDT (Mobile Data Terminal) replaces our paper reports which requires huge amounts of paper, hence not only is the new ePRF more efficient but will save the organisation in tonnes of paper costs including storage of these forms.

These new ePRFs are a first of their kind in the world and interface with Emergency Departments and GPs, the MDT and ePRF has taken us to a new level of integration and clinical recording.

A big thank you to the community of Coromandel town and particular our Lions Club who are our main funders in enabling us to have the ePRF on the ambulance. Special mention to the Four Square supermarket who had a fundraising day and raised in excess of \$1300 that will go towards this new tool. Our sincere thanks to all involved in this process: thank you.

Training and advanced learning:

Station Training is held every Thursday

starting 7.00pm and finishes before 9.00pm. The training incorporates revision of clinical matters plus practical use of equipment we have on our ambulance. These sessions cater for all levels of our staff and we welcome members of the public to come along and also learn new skills that can be lifesaving, at no cost to you. All welcome, come along and learn; who knows you may like it and may consider joining our team.

That's it from us.

Be safe out there, stay well.

Felix

Party invite

Richard Halbert-Chrisp and Tane invite all friends (and hangers on) to a party to celebrate a 75th birthday. 6pm-2am on **Saturday 14 November** at Richard's studio "Faré Tahiti", 360 Pagitt Street, Coromandel. You must be in costume: Transsexual, drag, Mardi Gras, men as women, women as men, cross dress. Please try at least. Restaurant staff excepted. Dogs and children welcome.

Bring a bottle of wine, your own glass, flowers or sausages. Ladies a small plate of finger food please. Tahitian music, tropical garden, bonfire at 9pm. Pray for a fine night!

Contact (07) 866 8477

RSA Women's Section

By Loes Beaver, Women's Section President

Our Women's Section is small but very important to us all.

We had our September meeting in the new clubrooms. This was also our 73rd birthday, and the daughter of a member made a lovely birthday cake. This was very much appreciated.

Our next meeting will be our Xmas gathering at Castle Rock Café on **Wednesday 25 November**.

Will see all our ladies there.

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Provider: Te Wananga o Aotearoa
Date/s: March 2016
Time/s: 3 hours per week
Venue: 90 Tiki Rd, Coromandel

Survey Outcomes

Recently, we surveyed the education and training needs of our community, to enable planning for 2016.

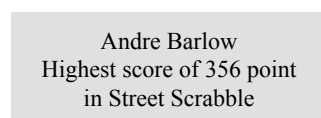
The key needs identified from these surveys was for pre-employment training and digital literacy which included the use of computers, tablets and other electronic devices. A great deal of interest in environment, Maori and art education was also expressed plus additional programmes in health and wellbeing were suggested. Plans to have these courses and training programmes delivered in 2016 are now underway.

Thank you to all who took part in this survey. We found your feedback invaluable.

Adult Learners' Week

From 7-10 September 2015, we celebrated our Adult Learners' Week. Despite the bad weather, the participation of our community was overwhelming. This year saw a total of 241 participants. We delivered many activities that aimed to promote an awareness of adult literacy, numeracy and lifelong learning. We challenged our community with Street Scrabble, Business House Scrabble, Brain Teaser, 10 by 10 Multiplication Grid, Scattergories game and Word builder. All who participated had fun.

Here are some of this year's winners:



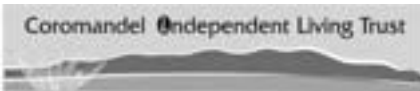
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Coromandel Independent Living Trust (CILT) Resource Centre

Travel assistance to hospital appointments:

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

Weekly Mobility Van to Thames:

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

Heartlands Centre visits (Maori Land Court and IRD):

The final visit for Maori Land Court for the year will be on **25 November** and IRD **18 November**. Call or come into the Resource Centre to book an appointment.

Other great services available at the Resource Centre:

- 2 fast computers FREE for locals to use between 9am and 3pm
- Lots of info on health, disability and community services
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Artists in the Making

By Anne Bowden

I'd like to welcome Paul to ATM and say farewell to Penny. We now have five guys with us, the most we have had. We have 17 people attending but there is still room at ATM if you know anybody who needs a little support on this side of the hill.

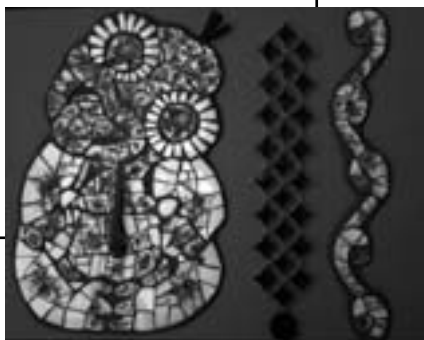
I have been away attending the National Mosaic Exhibition which is in Wellington. Tania and I both had entries. Tania's is called Hei Tiki Atahua, meaning beautiful tiki. It is made of old china and greenstone, representing the two cultures in her family. The exhibition is very inspiring and I get a lot of ideas and techniques to pass on to everyone here.

People have been completing some great projects while I have been away. Claudine has finished another frangipani and is working on a large star made of blue willow china. Pat has finished a large Coromandel scene with a tui and Lorraine's elegant ladies are progressing very nicely

Thought for the day – You are never too old to set another goal or dream a new dream

– C. S. Lewis

Contact Anne Bowden, Arthur Street, Whitianga
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Ann's Good News, Naturally

Real Food, Simple Preventative Medicine,

Prevent the iceberg scenario – it's common sense!

"Healthy real food, via a healthy digestive tract does prevent many of today's weight issues and acute and chronic illnesses."

It is so exciting (and a relief), that there is now much more awareness of the clinical evidence of what I have been sharing and supporting my clients with for nearly 20 years.

At the same time however, in just a few decades, via irresponsible government legislation and naivety, we have come to accept over-processed, sugared, dead foods as the norm, without realizing the profound toxic effects they have on our body's cells, thus overall health and vitality.

Due to this substandard nutrition, our cells become weak and malfunction. This starts an iceberg like effect. Do you suffer from low energy, poor taste or smell, brain fog, mood swings, cravings, piles, bloating, heartburn reflux, constipation, asthma, allergies, eczema, hair loss, aches and pains, weight issues-too much fat, inadequate muscle quality, fungal nails, skin tags, gout, gallstones and more? All are preventable. But too often are treated with drugs or surgery, which mask the symptoms only.

The above illnesses are the iceberg forming secretly under the water, eventually leading to the tip of the iceberg suddenly appearing. That is, the preventable, more chronic illnesses such as diabetes, cancer, blood pressure and other heart related issues, cholesterol imbalances, dementia, Alzheimer's, fibromyalgia, rheumatoid arthritis, diverticulosis, irritable bowel disease, and more.

Many of my clients believe that their diet is healthy, yet when we make just a few tasty yummy changes, wonderful things happen in their life.

Melt away your "Iceberg health diseases", and enjoy your life – to the full.

Food is either your quick medicine or your slow poison, simple as that.

Common Sense Cooking Classes

Saturday 7 November 9am, bookings limited.

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Garden Circle

By Jane Warren

Our October meeting was held at Tuatēawa. The day was a bit cold and grey to start but the beautiful scenery was still able to be enjoyed on our trip over the hill.

With 27 members and guests in attendance our first visit was to Bronwyn Molloy's home for a soup and bread roll lunch. It was perfect weather for such a lunch and the soups all smelt and looked so yummy it was hard to choose which one to eat. I don't think I'm the only one who had more than one helping.

After the meeting formalities we swapped handy hints on gardening, the most useful being about growing climbing beans amongst your corn plants so that the beans have something to climb on.

We were also given advice on garlic growing from Karin Lillis and Eva Carey shared her memories of a public works camp at Tuatēawa during the 1930's depression. The workers were based there to construct the road from Tuatēawa, through Kennedy Bay, to Coromandel town.

After lunch we went up the road to Julie Jensen's home. Julie and Mervyn have done a huge amount of work since our last visit and many of Julie's amazing craft creations were dotted around the garden and in the surrounding bush.

After exploring her garden we voted on the members' flowers and arrangements and enjoyed afternoon tea in the sun looking out towards Great Mercury Island.

Winners were:

Single bloom – Glenise Robertson

Multi bloom – Glenise Robertson

Miniature bloom – Elspeth Campbell, Karin Lillis, and Glenda Robertson shared 1st equal

Arrangement – "Gumboot" Lyn Whitcombe

Special "Lettuce" – Julie Jensen

The November meeting is to be held at Linda Wright's home in Whangapoua Road at 1.00pm. The arrangement theme is "A Time For Roses". The special category is "Perfumed Roses".



Lyn Whitcombe with her arrangement - "Gumboot"

Animal Rescue Thames

Alice and John Parriss and Shandy

Firstly a huge thank mew to everyone who has kindly donated bedding, garage sale items and cat food. We truly appreciate your generosity to the cats. Also to anonymous who put money onto our vet account which is a massive blessing to us, thank you and thank mew.

Our garage sale the first of our major fundraising – huge huge thank mews to everyone who has supported this, again another awesome garage sale with loads of awesome goods to sell.

Homed – great news – we have homed Bella – our mumma cat who was spayed. This darling cat in a blue-grey coat has left to live with a special needs man – they shared a special bonding and the next day we heard that not only had Bella settled in, she was totally at home like she had always been there. This man and Bella sat on the floor the first night and they played games. He was totally and utterly focused on the game he played with her and Bella responded and played like a kitten with him. She is eating, settled and has become that special friend in his life, his furry angel. Animals have such a big impact on people's lives and this cat is changing this man's life for the best.

We also homed Hoody and Tubby (aka Mandy). These sisters came from Coromandel deep in the bush as wee babies. We had a brilliant couple come from a Te Awamutu 18-acre lifestyle home, with horses, chooks and now the two girls. The cats were so at ease with the couple and they too have left camp which yes we shed tears. They were our special babies and we do miss them but know that each new forever home is forever.

We have the four tabbys, two sets of sisters who did not thank us for shifting them out of house units down to the playhouse number 4. The first four days we were totally in the sin bin, in cats' bad books totally. However these dears have settled in, settled down and are enjoying a much bigger area to run, play, sleep in the sun, or chill out the back of the unit. Hopefully they too will be rehomed to their forever homes.

Foff and Nomoreaye and Bizee (aka Milady) are the only younger rescues still in house units. Bizee has been spayed and is doing really well, loves to fetch and carry, something she learnt from Foff so our mornings and nights are spent throwing toys around and pompoms, pipecleaners and whatever else they bring to us. We wear out quicker than the cats do!

Christmas Fundraising Raffles – outside Pak'nSave, Thames – **Monday 23 November to Saturday 28 November.**

One week, one team to raise as much funds as we possibly can to help fund the unit across December until April the following year. Another awesome line up of raffles, Christmas cake, Xmas hamper, scratchie raffle, hundred dollar note, grocery raffles. So when shopping in Thames that week purrlease support our paws. Thank mew.

Wanted – cat and kitten biscuits, tinned, sachets, salmon, tuna, Vitapet pet milk, bedding, homes for our older felines. Garage sale items always accepted, our Xmas garage sale is in December. Meow furr now.

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Progress report on Coromandel Harbour to Regional Council receives positive feedback

Progress on our Coromandel Harbour Project received a favourable response at a presentation to the Waikato Regional Council. "The Regional Council indicated it's interested in working with us to investigate inner-harbour opportunities if it can improve the Harbour," says our Chief Executive David Hammond, who

gave the project update to the Regional Council at its meeting last month.

"The Regional Council appreciated us bringing them into conversation early in the piece and indicated they were prepared to put some resource into investigating options," says Mr Hammond.

"While the project is not yet at a stage where we are being asked to make decisions, we are pleased to have received a general update from TCDC and staff are happy to work together to investigate options," says Regional Council Chief Executive Vaughan Payne.

Parking around the Hannafords Wharf and Sugarloaf

There are several sites that we are investigating as potential "park and ride" parking areas, commitment is needed from the Coromandel Charter Boat Association to finalise this.

Right now we are asking all users to use appropriate and legal safe parking areas, and consider courtesy and safety of traffic and pedestrians, when using either the Sugarloaf or Te Kouma wharf facilities. Council intends to proactively enforce no-parking areas throughout the summer to ensure public safety in these areas.

New signage is also being put in place as part of the amended no-parking areas, which was signed-off during our recent bylaw review.

www.tcdc.govt.nz/coroharbourproject

Port Charles firefighters get new "smoke chaser"

Our volunteer firefighters on the Port Charles Rural Fire Force have a new "smoke chaser" thanks to our Council and the National Rural Fire Authority.

The "smoke chaser" is equipped with fire suppression equipment, emergency lighting, siren and radios.

Read more about fire safety in the Coromandel: www.tcdc.govt.nz/firesafety



Lettecia Williams, Port Charles Rural Fire Force Fire Chief and Del Read Principal Rural Fire Officer, Thames Valley Rural Fire Authority with the new "smoke chaser".

Consultation Underway

MARITIME FACILITIES BYLAW

We will be accepting submissions until 4pm 7 November 2015. To find out more see www.tcdc.govt.nz/maritimebylaw

DOG POLICY AND BYLAW – PROPOSED CHANGES OUT FOR FEEDBACK

The proposal will be out for consultation starting 6 November 2015 and ending 4pm on 7 December 2015.

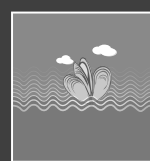
A new policy and bylaw won't come into effect until mid-2016 so until then the current rules apply. www.tcdc.govt.nz/dogsreview

COMING EVENTS:

- Steampunk the Thames – 13-15 November www.steampunkthethames.org
- Women of Empire – 16-26 November www.tcdc.govt.nz/woe
- Thames Festival of Arts – 20 Nov - 11 Dec www.thamesarts.co.nz
- Coromandel Dive Festival – 27-29 November www.divefestival.co.nz

Sugarloaf Grid Bookings

All bookings for the use of the Sugarloaf Grid should be made with Bill McFarlane, Sugarloaf Warden: 027 618 8717. Fees are payable directly to the Warden, or can be invoiced on request providing mailing details when booking the facility. The cost for the use of the Grid as detailed in Council's Annual Plan is **\$65 per berth/per day**. It is important that bookings are made so that there are no clashes of use for all harbour users.



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UPDATE

Re-use Community Centre for upper Coromandel

The Coromandel Community Re-use Centre (CCRC) will be opening at the Hauraki Road refuse transfer station in May 2016. It will intercept recoverable and reusable resources from general waste for repair and then on-sell to the local community.

Coromandel Independent Living Trust has the contract for the site management of the Hauraki Road refuse transfer station in Coromandel Town.

Coromandel Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade

The project is nearing completion, with a few minor things left to do. The Water Services Team would like to thank the Coromandel Community for their patience during the project.

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Museum News

By Raewyn McKinney

Labour Weekend marks the start of a new season at the museum, when the museum will be open on weekends until Boxing Day. In past years, the museum has been open daily from Boxing Day until Easter, but this year the opening hours will depend on the number of volunteers available to help. Unfortunately, the last few years have seen many volunteers unable to continue for various reasons.

If anyone is able to help the community by volunteering in the museum, please contact Sue Wright on (07) 866 8039. It is not necessary to have a lot of knowledge about Coromandel and its history to join our roster, as we have research books available, and we are in the process of preparing a leaflet for visitors, which gives the background to the museum buildings and displays. Full training will be given, but the main requirements for the duty person are a friendly greeting to visitors, a helpful attitude, and the ability to collect and record the entry fees. Ideally, each person would work 2-4 days per month until Easter.

Labour Weekend also marks the anniversary of the discovery of gold in Coromandel, 163 years ago.

This is an extract from the "Hauraki Plains Gazette" of 29 October 1952, describing the centennial celebrations:

"THREE DAYS OF CELEBRATION Coromandel "Goes Gay"

Centennial Programme

Honouring the Pioneers

Charles Ring Finds Gold in 1852

Over 2000 people took part at Labour Day Weekend in the centenary celebrations commemorating the first finding of gold in New Zealand by Charles Ring at Coromandel in 1852. For weeks past preparation had been made for this unique event and on Friday night October 24 the first large influx of

visitors arrived by the Coromel...

The proceedings opened on Saturday morning with a rally of over 300 school children from the six schools; Coromandel, Colville, Koputauaki, Kennedy Bay, Whangapoua and Ahimia who took part in a sports programme.

On Sunday a large crowd gathered at the Post Office grounds where a cairn and sundial with tablet in memory of pioneers was unveiled. Prior to the ceremony a wreath was laid on the memorial to the men of World War I and II....

Later another ceremony took place at Driving Creek, where a tablet was unveiled to commemorate the first finding of gold in New Zealand by Charles Ring. The tablet, which was built into a parapet of a bridge in the area where the gold was found, was unveiled by Mr S Ensor, mayor of Thames.....

On Monday morning an even larger crowd... gathered along each side of the road to the new bridge at Furey's Creek. A grand procession led by the high school band crossed the bridge and paraded through the town."

The museum will re-open at Labour Weekend; from 1pm to 4pm at weekends only

Identify the photo above and give us as much



MUSEUM MONTHLY COMPETITION
"Who What Where When"

information as you can. Bring or post your entry to the Coromandel Town Information Centre with name and contact details by **Friday 27 November 2015**. All correct entries go into a draw for a voucher from Coromandel Four Square.

The September competition was won by Marie Parsloe, who identified the photo as St Colman's Roman Catholic Church. Marie advised the original church was built in 1871 and named by Bishop Croke, of Auckland, after his old parish in Ireland. The present church was completed in 1954. Good work, Marie. Thank you to all who entered the September competition. Good luck for this month.

We thank the Coromandel Four Square for their continued sponsorship of this competition.



Biodynamic Farming and Gardening Workshop

The next meeting will be on **Saturday 7 November** when we will visit Kiri and Ross Johnson's lifestyle block at Peebles Lane, Kuaotunu. It will be an opportunity for people from Whitianga to come as well. We will start at 9.30am with observation and discussion of soil condition, plants species and health and animal health, and how these can be enhanced by biodynamics and mineral balancing. We will finish by lunchtime. Bring your own lunch if you wish to stay for more discussion.

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By John Rabarts

As we prepare ourselves for our next general meeting (details below) we realise that December and the New Year are creeping up on us very quickly. If we haven't already been reminded about it by our families then perhaps the shock of seeing Christmas decorations in shops will.

At our last executive committee meeting we set about planning the Seniors' Christmas Party to be held in December (details below). It's very reassuring to know that committee members who have been involved in organising this day are looking forward to providing yet again an enjoyable and fun day.

Our next general meeting is on **Thursday 12 November** at St John Ambulance Rooms, Tiki Road, Coromandel at 1.30pm.

The guest speaker at the meeting is Ron Agnew from Thames. His topic is driving and the elder. Ron's presentation will also cover use of mobility scooters, rules and regulations for various licenses etc. So please come along and ask your questions and be updated.

Date for Seniors' Christmas Party is **Friday 4 December**. Time: 1pm. Where: The Anglican Church Hall, Tiki Road, Coromandel.

All members and visitors welcome to the meeting. Members a plate please. See you there.



Coromandel Embroiderers' Guild

By Diann Cade

Our exhibition is on at Hauraki House!

Starting **Thursday 12 November**, the exhibition will be open each day from 10am-4pm until Saturday 21st and 10am-2pm on **Sunday 22 October**.

With our usual excitement we display our year's work and are delighted to share it with you. There has been a diverse range of workshops this year which will be evident in the display. The traditional President's challenge 2015 title "round and around" has created some interesting outcomes. The Guild favours both traditional and creative styles of embroidery. The traditional values influence the "quality" of the needlework.

This month, our AGM and Christmas gathering are our last meetings for the year. Guild monthly meetings will resume on the first Wednesday of February, however there will still be informal gatherings of those "desperate" to keep in contact to pursue their stitching over the holiday period. The recently established monthly Introductory Stitch Programme, encouraging the use of, and experimentation with, stitches will also continue through this time.

So if you are interested in stitch, come and see the exhibition and talk with one of us on duty. You too could become equally passionate about being part of the Guild. We have had many new members join this year. Lettecia is seen here sharing the outcome of her recent creative workshop, with Gwen Hedley, that she attended in France.

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



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	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
29 Aug - 20 Sept	-	-	-	-	6.00pm*	8.45am	8.45am
21 Sept - 18 Oct	-	-	-	-	6.00pm	8.45am	8.45am
19 Oct - 25 Oct	-	8.45am	-	8.45am	6.00pm	8.45am	8.45am
26 Oct - 1 Nov	8.45am	8.45am	-	8.45am	6.00pm	8.45am	8.45am
2 Nov - 20 Dec	-	8.45am	-	8.45am	6.00pm	8.45am	8.45am
21 Dec - 27 Dec	-	8.45am	-	8.45am	Xmas Day	8.45am	8.45am

Departs Waiheke (Orapiu) to Coromandel (approximate times)

	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
29 Aug - 20 Sept	-	-	-	-	-	9.50am	9.50am
21 Sept - 18 Oct	-	-	-	-	7.05pm	9.50am	9.50am
19 Oct - 25 Oct	-	9.50am	-	9.50am	7.05pm	9.50am	9.50am
26 Oct - 1 Nov	9.50am	9.50am	-	9.50am	7.05pm	9.50am	9.50am
2 Nov - 20 Dec	-	9.50am	-	9.50am	7.05pm	9.50am	9.50am
21 Dec - 27 Dec	-	9.50am	-	9.50am	Xmas Day	9.50am	9.50am

Departs Coromandel: Hannaford's Wharf

	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
29 Aug - 20 Sept	-	-	-	-	8.15pm*	4.30pm	4.30pm
21 Sept - 18 Oct	-	-	-	-	8.15pm	4.30pm	4.30pm
19 Oct - 25 Oct	-	3.00pm	-	3.00pm	8.15pm	4.30pm	4.30pm
26 Oct - 1 Nov	4.30pm	3.00pm	-	3.00pm	8.15pm	4.30pm	4.30pm
2 Nov - 20 Dec	-	3.00pm	-	3.00pm	8.15pm	4.30pm	4.30pm
21 Dec - 27 Dec	-	3.00pm	-	3.00pm	Xmas Day	4.30pm	4.30pm

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Monday Walkers

By Irene Dunn

Natalie, Libby & Dianne
checking out a cave at
Crayfish Bay, Opito

Come on folks – get those boots on and laces tied and get walking! There are so many tracks and awesome views to see around the Coromandel, it's great to be out in the fresh air walking with like-minded people. We have a varied list of walks to do so don't miss out. Phone the number below for information on walks and dates. We meet each Monday for a morning's walk and aim to be back in Coromandel by 1pm unless we go further afield. We look forward to welcoming any new members or visitors.

Happy walking everyone.

Contact Irene 021 157 8408

Scott Simpson – MP for Coromandel

The start of daylight saving and Labour Weekend are two calendar markers that remind us summer is just around the corner. All indications are that this summer will be a long, hot and potentially very dry one. Long-term weather forecasters are advising farmers to make the most of the spring growth and to prepare as much feed as possible now for what may be a challenging dry spell come February, March and April. I've been pleased to hear from local farmers that they are already making plans to ensure they won't be caught out.



The last few weeks have featured two big announcements, namely agreement on the Trans Pacific Partnership and the announcement that a vast new ocean sanctuary is to be created in the Kermadec region.

New Zealand has one of the largest marine economic zones in the world. The Kermadec region is situated 1,000 kilometres northeast of New Zealand. The new ocean sanctuary will encompass a massive 620,000 square kilometres, about twice the size of New Zealand's land mass. It's one of the most pristine and unique places in the world and is home to many fish and marine species not found anywhere else. It will be one of the largest and most significant fully protected areas on earth. The sanctuary will be a no-take zone – all fishing and mining will be prohibited. I'm confident that in years to come the decision to create it will be remembered as one of the most significant environmental initiatives ever made. I chair Parliament's Local Government and Environment select committee and in that capacity I'm very much looking forward to being actively involved in the legislative process that will be required to establish the sanctuary.

The Trans Pacific Partnership provides terrific new opportunities for our primary producers, manufacturers and exporters. As a small trading nation the agreement gives us something we've been working towards for more than 40 years, a trade agreement with the world's number one and number three trading economies, the USA and Japan. But added in are excellent new arrangements with the other nine TPP partners as well.

This represents roughly 40% of global GDP and one-third of world trade. This is big news in our region. It means huge opportunities have been opened up for our primary producers and manufacturers. Overall the TPP will eliminate tariffs on 93% of New Zealand exports to our TPP partners making it much easier to sell our products into those markets.

All in all it is a modern global trade agreement. There are other gains as well. It explicitly requires countries like Brunei, Malaysia and Vietnam to ban child labour. All partner countries will be forced to crack down on human trafficking or they will be not able to take advantage of other parts of the agreement.

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Driving Creek Doings – No. 176

Our new General Manager John Gurney is now certain that it will not be until sometime after Labour weekend when NZTA will allow children under the age of 5 years to once again be allowed to ride on our trains. He has put a lot of work into this as well as updating our safety procedures as is now required by the more stringent rules under the Health & Safety Act and the Railways Act 2005. The "under fives" restriction has resulted in quite a loss of patronage.

In my early days of the railway's construction I could not afford to buy imported new rails so had to do with worn and partly corroded rails at scrap price from closed Waikato coal mines. Over the years we have gradually been replacing them with new rails as we can afford them and so later this month a 20-tonne load of new rails should be arriving, which has set us back into the "red". Let's hope and trust that a good summer season will change the red to blue and a green signal for the years ahead. By the way, the native trees alongside the line are growing. We should have the "greenest" railway in the country. Everyone is amazed at the growth of the kauri, rimu and tanekaha as seen from the train at close quarters. Although the cold spring has stunted my growth a little, the trees are taking no notice!

Cheers,
Barry

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Library News

By Raewyn McKinney

A reminder to library members, past present and future, that the subscription has now been reduced to \$10 per person per year, with junior subscriptions continuing to be free. With new carpet, heaters and an ongoing supply of new books, the Coromandel Community Library has got to be the best value entertainment available.

Sometimes questions are raised regarding the value of a library in this electronic age. In this context, I found the following article interesting:

"Science Has Great News for People Who Read Actual Books, By Rachel Grate September 22, 2014

It's no secret that reading is good for you. Just six minutes of reading is enough to reduce stress by 68%, and numerous studies have shown that reading keeps your brain functioning effectively as you age. One study even found that elderly individuals who read regularly are 2.5 times less likely to develop Alzheimer's than their peers. But not all forms of reading are created equal.

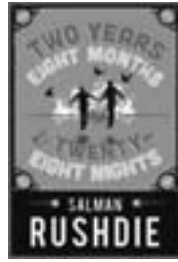
The debate between paper books and e-readers has been vicious since the first Kindle came out in 2007. Most arguments have been about the sentimental versus the practical, between people who prefer how paper pages feel in their hands and people who argue for the practicality of e-readers. But now science has weighed

in, and the studies are on the side of paper books. Reading in print helps with comprehension. A 2014 study found that readers of a short mystery story on a Kindle were significantly worse at remembering the order of events than those who read the same story in paperback...."

Among the many new books introduced into the library in October are the latest works from Karen Robards, M. J. Arledge, Tasmina Perry, Diane Chamberlain, Ann Cleeves, Robert Harris, Peter James and Janet Evanovich.

Other new books this month are:

***Two Years, Eight Months & Twenty-Eight Nights* By Salman Rushdie**

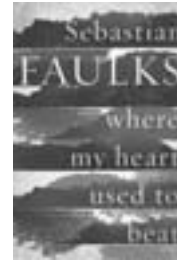


A spellbinding work of fiction that blends history, mythology, and a timeless love story. A lush, richly layered novel in which our world has been plunged into an age of unreason, *Two Years Eight Months and Twenty-Eight Nights* is

a breathtaking achievement and an enduring testament to the power of storytelling.

***Where My Heart Used To Beat* by Sebastian Faulks**

On a small island off the south coast of France, Robert Hendricks, an English doctor who has seen the best and the worst the twentieth century had to offer, is forced to confront the events that made up his life. His



host, and antagonist, is Alexander Pereira, a man whose time is running out, but who seems to know more about his guest than Hendricks himself does. The search for sanity takes us through the war in Italy in 1944, a passionate love that seems to hold out hope, the great days of idealistic work in the 1960s and finally back into the trenches of the Western Front.

***Tennison* by Lynda La Plante**



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Mana Update

By Penelope Carroll

What a wonderful occasion it was last month, with Mana trustees and staff (and some of the “children” who had grown up with the Centre) coming together to celebrate a quarter of a century of Mana Retreat and envision how the Centre might develop in the coming years. Mana has grown and evolved wondrously under the care of different managers through this time, but our vision has remained unchanged: to provide a nurturing space for “the exploration and awakening of consciousness, the unfolding of our creative and healing potential, and the realization of our essential unity”.

People who spend time at Mana – whether on workshops, relaxation weekends, or working bees, on personal retreats or as wwoofers or staff members – talk both of “coming home” and of “coming home to themselves”. The power of the mountain, the beauty of the bush and the caring environment of the Centre all work their magic, along with the teachings offered and the opportunity to take time for reflection.

As Mana’s four trustees, Sol, Shanti, Rainer and myself all spoke of aspects of Mana which sustained and inspired us – as individuals and in our role as kaitiaki of the land, the Centre and the Mana vision. Apart from the vision itself, and the natural beauty surrounding us, it is the strong sense of being held in and by community which continues to inspire and sustain us and Mana.

And here is another delicious recipe from the Mana kitchen to try. This is a simple spring salad with great texture and a gingery flavour.

Jacqui’s Seaweed Sprout Salad

Salad ingredients: you will need equal parts of lentil and/or mung bean sprouts (these are easy to grow yourself); dried seaweed (arame or wakame), soaked for at least an hour; and red or white cabbage, finely shredded. (You can also soak the cabbage – this will make it less crunchy and easier to digest.)

Dressing ingredients: grated ginger, tamari, Chinese vinegar (Chinkiang brand), or substitute cider vinegar or lemon juice; and sesame seed oil.

Tenderise cabbage by adding a generous splash of vinegar (any vinegar is fine) and a couple of teaspoons of salt. Sit for at least one hour in a colander to allow the juices to drain. (Taste the cabbage and rinse it if too salty).

Whisk the dressing ingredients together and combine with the seaweed, sprouts and cabbage. Enjoy!

Te Ahi Kaa Social Services

By Jacquie Hamon

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

Nga mihi nui ki a koutou.

The harbingers of spring the koekoea (longtailed cuckoo) and the pipiwhararua (the shining cuckoo) have been calling now for some weeks. And spring has definitely sprung, bringing its contrary weather conditions, hay fever, asthma, stomach upsets, coughs and colds to bear, and in some cases exacerbating the malingering illnesses of winter. For anyone fortunate enough to escape the bugs rife in the community this season, count your blessings.

Illness in the family is twice as hard for parents of young children, particularly if the whole household is stricken. No rest there when the young ones have to be tended 24/7. It’s a fact of life however, that little children are often the elephant in the room when it comes to bringing home germs. They happily wipe their noses with the back of their hands and smear the results every which way: faces, clothes, over their little pals, and every adult that comes along and hugs and kisses them. As for toileting – well we won’t go there; imagination is sufficient. That said, there can be no sadder sight than an over anxious mum or nana grimly interrupting play to wipe hands, faces and whatever every half hour or so. Or pinning a hankie to their children’s clothes. Not cool for the kid. And what about when they are not at home? It’s a case of what goes on in the school ground (or play groups) stays in the school ground. The old saying that a little bit of dirt each day is good for you certainly applies to kids. Most get their full quota. Nature’s way of toughening them up. Childhood illnesses (I’m talking run of the mill here) are no fun and can in some cases be extremely serious if not treated with common sense. But most kids are tougher than we give them credit for. The human race would be in serious trouble if this were not so.

So much for spring. Roll on summer.

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Coromandel Budget Advisory Service

By John Gaffikin-Cowan

We’re all looking forward to a fine summer and of course the end of the year holiday season will soon be upon us. This brings with it the arrival of tourists coming to share the wonders of the Coromandel. At Budget we’re aware that this can cause stress in even the best run household so we encourage everyone to plan ahead. It’s very important to be clear, if not blunt, and make it known that visitors will be expected to contribute. This means not just supplying food and drink, but actually joining in the chores: cooking, washing, cleaning and so on. As far as meals are concerned, it is helpful to map out a weekly menu plan. This makes the grocery shopping easier and means you don’t come home in the afternoon thinking, what are we going to eat tonight? At the Budget Office we have templates for a monthly menu scheme allowing for long-term planning to include variety as well as build in economic plays using leftovers. Concerning family or friends visiting during the holidays it is very important to establish from the outset how long they intend to stay; no one wants a weekend to turn into a week!

At the Food Bank we hope to continue our tradition of supplying Christmas hampers to families on our client base. The local community has always been generous in supporting us with contributions, both financial and in kind, and we hope this will be so this year too.

Just at the moment we’re looking for people who would like to train as Budget Advisers. It’s a part-time, paid job. Have a look at our advertisement in the Classified for more details.

In the meantime, to know more about the Budget Service or have a bit of friendly, expert and non-judgemental advice, pop in to our office on Rings Road – we’re here to help.

The Budget Service is an incorporated society belonging to the New Zealand Federation of Family Budget Services. If you wish to make an appointment, the Budget phone number is (07) 866 8351 where you can talk to Anna, Caro, John or Leigh. The office at 950 Rings Road is open Monday to Friday 11am-2pm and other times by appointment. The Budget cell phone number is 022 018 0849 – we reply to texts and messages during office hours.



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CELEBRATING OUR CHILDREN

Coromandel Community Preschool

By Debra Attwood



The nice warm weather means we will be having lots of outside play in the sandpit, physical activity and lots of water play.

Our focus this term is based on the disposition of challenge. Children challenge themselves every day in different ways; for some the challenge is physical like learning to crawl, walk, run, balance, climb and many many more. Each child has a different set of challenges, whether physical, emotional, or mental.

We recently went on a trip to Long Bay to explore the rock pools and beach with a walk over the kauri track. The children enjoyed exploring the bush habitats and finding bugs and creatures to investigate.

We are trying to build up our resources for the centre including natural resources – shells, stones, wood, leaves, pine cones, feathers, driftwood, and crystals.

Also resources like old carpentry and engineering equipment, knick-knacks, tea cosies, jugs, pots, placemats, scarves, hand bags, material, suitcases. So if you are having a clean out and feel that anything could be suitable for the preschool please come and see us.

We have tentatively set our children's Christmas party for **Friday 4 December**, as time is approaching fast. Our last day of preschool for the year will be **Wednesday 23 December**.

Since our last report we have celebrated birthdays for Phoebe, Te Rangi and Quinn, and we wish them a very happy birthday.

At present we have spaces available in our under 2's area so if you have a child this age and are looking at preschool options come along for a visit. We are full on the over 2 years side but if you are looking for a quality early childhood centre come along and 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: <http://www.ero.govt.nz/Early-Childhood-School-Reports/Early-Childhood-Reports/Coromandel-Community-Preschool-18-11-2013>

The centre operates Monday to Friday 8.30am-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.

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

By Anna Yates

At the conclusion of term 3 we held our school biennial science fair and it was a wonderful, learning-filled afternoon. Our students were able to confidently talk about their learning journey over the term to their many curious visitors. We recognise that through much of the learning, a little information just gives us a number of new questions to explore or wonder about. It was great for our students to be able to talk discoveries and questions through with our parents and community. Our school has been involved in Science Professional Learning development for the last two years and we focus on the "nature of science" and developing science capabilities that can be used across contexts. Our students are certainly thriving under this approach and can feel really proud of their efforts in this year's science fair.

Our second week of this term is a really exciting one for our year 5-8 students. They are flying to Wellington for their week-long camp filled with new experiences and adventures. In week 4 of this term our year 2-4 students are off on their exciting overnight adventure to Auckland which includes visits to the museum, Jump, the hot pools and an overnight stay in Kelly Tarlton's. Our students relish these opportunities for learning outside the classroom and we enjoy taking them; seeing their eyes widen, their smiles grow and their confidence develop. It is certainly going to be an exciting term!



School Science Fair



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Kiwi Can

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

This term in Kiwi Can our tamariki will be participating in lessons and activities based around this term's theme "Respect" and we will be exploring this theme through our sub-modules of Respect for Ourselves, Respectful Communication and Respect for Others.

We will be learning that if we want others to respect us then we must have respect for ourselves and show respect to others also.

Our catchphrase for the term is "If I respect your strengths and you respect mine, we'll both shine".

At the time of writing this article the Kiwi Can leaders and I are preparing to head to Auckland to watch the Auckland Kiwi Can schools at the Kiwi Can Jam. This is where all the schools in Auckland that have the Kiwi Can programmes come together for an uplifting and heartwarming visual spectacle.

Want to help out Kiwi Can Coromandel?

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

Sign up to Tiny Mighty Power. Nominate FYD Coromandel and they will donate \$50 to FYD Coromandel Kiwi Can for every new connection and \$12 if the connection continues every year.

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

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



Coromandel Playcentre

By Jenna James

Coming up very soon is our annual Playcentre AGM on Thursday 29 October, 7pm at Pepper Tree Restaurant. This is an important meeting where we will discuss the past year and plan for the next one.

Thank you to all those parents who made themselves available in the school holidays to help clean, sanitize and sort our centre. It felt great to have a sort out!

We are focussed on nature and culture this term. If you have preschoolers in your care and would like to join us for a few hours a week to do all kinds of fun activities like waterplay, crafts, playdough, dressups and puzzles, to name a few, then drop in on any one of our sessions.

Playcentre also offers its members a free programme of education for whanau that emphasises parenting and early childhood education.

We look forward to meeting you!

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



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Arts

Coromandel Community Arts Council Hauraki House Gallery

By Chris Stark

Here at the Hauraki House Gallery we are gearing up for another busy summer starting with "He Whare Mahana", an exhibition of works of Mary Foreman. Opening on **25 October through to 8 November**, this is one not to be missed.

Our longstanding Chair, Sue Wright, has resigned after 21 years' service and has been replaced by Wailin Elliott. Sue has done an amazing job of keeping things going for such a long time and we wish her all the best for a quiet retirement.

Bookings are coming in thick and fast for next summer (2016/17) so get in now if you are thinking of holding an event. The rooms are available all year round as we do not close after Easter. It is a lovely space for all sorts of events and is fully equipped.

Several meetings have been held with TCDC who are looking to instigate a Peninsula-wide Arts Strategy; the final report will be presented to Council for the first time shortly. Some very good ideas are surfacing; it will be interesting to see if they can be put in place.

TCDC and MoE are negotiating a land settlement/swap re the land immediately surrounding Hauraki House. This has been ongoing for some time and until it is settled TCDC cannot seal the driveway and carpark even though this work is well overdue. The Arts Council Committee are of the opinion that it is not worth replacing our carpet until this sealing as done as we still get dirt and gravel trampled inside when it rains, however we pride ourselves on keeping the rooms well maintained and equipped. The gallery is a great asset for our town and we do our very best to look after it.

Further upcoming exhibitions for this summer: Embroiderers' Guild – **12-22 November**; Christmas Exhibition – **20 December to 10 January**; Coro Art Group – **21 January to 6 February**; Dee Morehead – **9-16 February**; The Easter Exhibition – **27 March**.

Due to a late cancellation we have a few weeks available in November/December and some time still open early March. Ring Loes (07) 866 8053, if you are interested.

Our AGM is set for **9 November 5pm**, TCDC meeting room.

Don't forget to check out our Facebook site for further information about upcoming bookings and other items that may be of interest to Coromandel artist and art followers. Facebook: Hauraki House Gallery

Awards for local artist

By Ernie Le Heron

Local artist Barbara von Seida has received two awards for the same painting. Her image entitled "Spirit of Coromandel II" was selected as the best acrylic painting at the recent Franklin Arts Festival held in Pukekohe. This competition attracted entries from all over New Zealand and featured nearly 500 entries over all categories.

At the annual Members Exhibition of the Waikato Society of Arts opening held at the Artspost Gallery in Hamilton in mid-October, the same painting was chosen by the curator, Peter Dornauf (artist, writer, art critic and freelance journalist) as the overall winner. Of her painting, he said:

"It drew my eye immediately. I love the skill with which Barbara has worked this piece. It could quite easily have ended up as a mess in someone else's hands, because you have been working at the extreme end of roughness and trying to capture the image of the landscape. There is strong imagery – the brush strokes are pushing and pulling against each other – but you have pulled it off! It's rough, it's vigorous, it's bold, but you have managed to capture the essence, not only of the landscape, the sky and sea as well. Wonderful work."

Barbara's Kowhai Watercolour Studio at 600 Wyuna Bay Road is open to the public most days, and also features watercolour paintings by the late Patrick Greene.



Exhibitions

By Richard Halbert-Chrisp

My paintings of the Opera New Zealand production of Rossini's "La Ceneventola" will be included in an exhibition, with the sculptress Uli Christofferssen (my partner), from Berlin, Germany. Her work is wonderful!

"Spring Fever and the Opera" will be held at Remuera Art Gallery, 360 Remuera Road Auckland [ph (09) 524 7403] with a preview on **Saturday 7 November** (season **8-25 November**). Also included is a portrait of Dame Kiri Te Kanawa, as the countess in "Capriccio", at Royal Opera House Covent Garden. This portrait will be auctioned at 7pm on **Saturday 7 November** at the preview at the gallery above. The auction will be conducted by Mr Peter Webb. 50% of the profit to be donated to the NZ Aids Foundation for services to the gay community.

Please note that my mother, Huia Oriwa Chrisp, was one of the first to recognise Kiri's talent! As well as a well-known pianist, mum used to accompany Kiri for lessons when she was 15 years old. Christine, John and I would flee the music room to play in the garden, while Kiri was rehearsing her music.

Little did we know then that in fact Kiri was soon to become world famous as a singer. Now I cannot afford, as a struggling painter, to attend Kiri's concerts or opera performances. Still, as I paint in my studio "Faré Tahiti", I listen to her marvellous voice.

On another note – my paintings of Paris and France will form an exhibition titled "Vive La France" to be held in February-March 2016 in Wellington, at the Embassy of France during the International Arts Festival.

Coromandel Art group

By Lindsay Nicholls

Nearly the end of October, so I hope you have all been to Success Café to see our group display. This display finishes at the end of October, so there's just a bit of time left to go and see it.

We have just had a wonderful day with Barbara von Seida at the group. Barbara taught us in honour of Patrick Greene, who used to be a member at our group in its earlier years. Everyone

enjoyed the day and we really appreciated Barbara's time and energy. She was so inspiring. A big thank you! We all learned so much from this day and it was so enjoyable. Of course our lunch was yummy too.

From now on, we will start focusing on our exhibition and finalising our group project which we now have all the bits and pieces for. All we need to do now is compile it to create a wonderful piece of art that will be for sale at our annual exhibition in January/February at Hauraki House.



Barbara explaining the way Patrick used to paint

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Mary Foreman – He Whare Mahana

From **25 October to 8 November** a retrospective of the work of Coromandel artist Mary Foreman will be held at Hauraki House, Kapanga Road, Coromandel. Consisting of woodcuts, etchings, paintings and drawings “He Whare Mahana” is a celebration of her life of painting and her life in Coromandel. Part of the exhibition recreates the domestic interior of her home in Rings House where she moved in 1963 and remained for 50 years until her death. Works on display range from early sketches before she became a full time painter to her last serious work, five water colours completed at age 79 after a trip to Turkey in 2008.

A series of woodcuts “Portraits of a friend” is a moving tribute to friendship (she created these while on holiday with her lifelong friend Kare Rapata Leatham), reflecting both the intimacy of that specific bond and through which she explored thematic concerns – her love of nature and the environment, it was the first time she had concentrated for a year on a particular theme.

Mary was an active participant in the Coromandel community, had a great love of people and understanding of humanity. Through an interest in art, music, literature, heritage and the natural environment, she touched the lives of many.

Mary’s early interest in art was encouraged by her mother and further developed in the 1950’s as a member of the Waikato Society of Artists where she began to seriously refine her drawing and painting skills. It wasn’t until the 1990’s she described herself as a full-time artist and continued an undiminished engagement with painting, drawing and printmaking with a spirit and vitality that belied her years.

The exhibition will be open daily from 10am to 5pm. These artworks are from private collection and will not be for sale.

Coromandel - Colville Art Group

By Christine Lunn

We had a display and sales table at the Colville Market on 19 September with very pleasing results. As well as selling several items we were able to promote our group and we were delighted to welcome three new members.

We will be there again on **24 October**. This is an ideal opportunity for both locals and visitors to see our work and maybe purchase some memento of the peninsula. Members will also be exhibiting their work at The Ladybug Gallery just across the road from the market.

We now have the facility to mount and frame members’ work to allow them to present their work professionally.

Presently our meetings are held on Thursdays at Ladybug Gallery in Colville. We carpool from Coromandel town to Colville on meeting days.



Our stand at the Colville market

New members are welcome to join us. Initial contact can be made with President Sue Hughes on 07 211 9774 or mobile 021 142 1124 or Secretary Christine Lunn on (07) 866 7220 or mobile 021 484 118

Concert and Tea Dance

After the highly successful but very demanding Winter Sing concert in July, the Mercury Bay Community Choir decided to have a bit of fun and approached the Mercury Bay Big Band about a collaboration for their next performance. The



Choir meets band for the first time

result? A concert with a tea dance at 5pm, **Saturday 21 November** in the Whitianga Town Hall.

The Mercury Bay Big Band is led by Helen Lee, an inspiring musician who has performed on the Coromandel for many decades. She has brought together a band of about 20 members including some who are students at Mercury Bay Area School.

Helen suggested the idea of a Tea Dance and the choir left at the idea. Tea Dances are making a big comeback in the UK and USA after being fashionable from the 1890’s till the 1950’s.

Tickets at Whitianga Paper Plus, and details at www.creativemercurybay.co.nz/organisations/mercury-bay-community-choir.

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Environmental

WRC Coromandel Catchment Committee Report

By Reihana Robinson

Whenever targeted rates mention Coromandel Catchment it is important to understand that it does not include all TCDC ratepayers. WRC's Coromandel Zone travels down to Whangamata but excludes a swathe around Thames, Thames WRC rates are siphoned into Waihou.

All Regional Catchment Committees are given a list of dates for the coming year for four meetings and one field trip. For reasons not fully explained, Coromandel had just two meetings in 2015. No other catchments have been treated this way but believe it or not, other than your elected councillor and myself, no one else on this committee was concerned.

Are there fewer issues on the Coromandel to consider than elsewhere? Is this committee in existence because it is useful? No substantive change or initiatives of any import have come about from years of this exercise. It appears the function is solely providing a venue for a collegial gathering of government reps and a handful of hand-picked people who get updates from WRC staff, an activity that could be more efficiently and less expensively done through social media. This meeting was refreshing in that staff reports were taken as read apart from one new employee who shared anecdotes. While WRC continue to appoint members (a Forestry bloke), why not representatives from traditional farming, organic farming, tourism and aquaculture?

Of use to all on the Coromandel is a new fund available to us all. WRC have created a fund (of our rates) called the Natural Heritage Partnership Programme whereby individuals and not just groups

can apply for money to buy traps. You can also apply for funds for "plant pest control", so I guess on an organic farm that means wages for someone to pull out the plants. Everyone on the Coromandel can access this fund to purchase traps. Just do it.

Sea Change is costing WRC ratepayers millions and is a non-statutory group. The Hauraki Gulf remains open for business as we watch kai moana go down the gurgler. Trawling in the Colville channel has long been a local issue but is that discussed? WRC's research showed rural effluent to be 94% responsible for Lake Taupo pollution so with the multi-millions still going into that project, land has been retired into less harmful production although we never see the word organic as part of that mix.

A separate suggestion was for WRC to take a leaf out from Bay of Plenty Regional Council (internal mantra: build the love) positive Guide to Regional Plans Farming Activities that is infinitely better than the admonitions Waikato farmers have to read.

A report attempting to show Coromandel ratepayers are not being ripped off by WRC was presented but in this ratepayer's eyes it failed to prove its premise. All Coromandel coastal works should be regionally funded given that many more Waikato people use our beaches and rivers and estuaries than visit Maungatautari or use the velodrome in Cambridge.

Chair John Sanford announced at the beginning of the meeting he would decline my request to show footage from the latest 1080 poison drop on the Coromandel that exposes the concerns of citizens in an area where opposition to indiscriminate and inhumane poisoning is ongoing (<https://youtu.be/QbAeUa5ueRg>).

Moehau Environment Group

By Natalie Collicott

Hooray for more kiwi!

Results of our 2015 kiwi census confirm that the kiwi numbers have grown over the last decade. Listeners heard 36% more kiwi in the MEG Kiwi Sanctuary than in 2005, with 95 individual birds detected at 19 listening sites. This is a remarkable result, given that unprotected brown kiwi were predicted to decline by 26% in the same period. Average call count rates also increased from 1.2 to 2.1 calls/hr.

Unfortunately, it was not all good news. Kiwi had disappeared from three listening sites (in Colville and Tuatawa) where they were heard in 2005. We suspect uncontrolled dogs may be responsible, as stoats cannot kill adult kiwi. However, another three sites where no kiwi were heard in 2005 now have kiwi present. Kiwi seem to be doing better in several "hotspots", with densities increasing faster at these locations. This may be for a number of reasons, including the more intensive predator control at some of these sites and restricted

access by dogs.

A big thanks to all you supportive landowners, our determined trappers and the army of volunteers who braved a chilly winter to obtain these results. If you'd like more info on how kiwi are doing in your patch, email natalie@meg.org.nz.

Come to our AGM

Moehau Environment Group's AGM will be held on **Saturday 21 November** at the Colville Hall. The meeting will start at 11am with a light lunch provided afterwards. The meeting will include the election of officers, and updates from our chair and coordinator. Everyone is welcome. Hope to see you there!

Bottled beer to bring kiwi luck

Coromandel Brewing Company has just bottled their first batch of "Code Red", a new craft beer with a conscience. For every Code Red sold, fifty cents goes to kiwi protection on the Coromandel. The beer has been sold on tap at the Pour House in Hahei since June, but bottled beer will now be available at selected stockists around the Coromandel. MEG are thrilled with the new partnership, which has already generated over \$300 in

sponsorship. The money will help us continue predator control in 9000ha of kiwi habitat north of Coromandel town. Our aim is to provide a safe haven for kiwi on the mainland so they can endure in the wild.

New MEG base at Waikawau Bay

A new partnership agreement with DOC has helped MEG secure a base for volunteers and workshop facilities at Waikawau Bay. We will be leasing "Knox Coastal Cottage", DOC accommodation at the end of Waimanu Rd. The base is ideally situated near our wetland, possum and kiwi projects, and just down the road from our chief trap-builder's home. For those of you who like the look of this holiday spot, you can also rent out the cottage (and help us cover the lease). Just visit www.bookabach.co.nz/baches-and-holiday-homes/view/32714

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

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Balance in nature

By John Veysey

Every month in the Chronicle we hear about people whose environment care consists of checking a stoat-trap once a month and loading bait-stations with poison. This is not my idea of environment enhancement. I also noticed some of your correspondence asking for more balance. My days in the bush do not consist of monthly trap checks and are free from all poisons so here, just for balance, is one of "my days in the bush".

The spring brings tastier food for both carnivores and herbivores in the wild. Plenty to eat for everyone. There is a kind of frenzied activity among the birds. For many of them there are partners to find, court, persuade to marry and have a wedding. They have to select a place to settle, build the house, organise the whole mortgage business and decide what the kids are going to do after they chuck them out. They have to find a steady food source ie get a job and they have to furnish and fill their newly-built home with babies; and all this "by the end of nest month". They're too busy to take much notice of me as I lumber up to the top of the ridge.

What's in the traps up here? Nothing. I can see where a pig's come past and taken away yesterday's possum meat. I'll get him. Two tiny mice in the traps is all today. And a stoat's been over here. I'll get him. In spring there is something new to note every day.

I put some of the meat I catch out for the hawks. When times are hard the hawks come from far and wide to eat my offerings. We can see them from the garden wheeling over a faraway spot where I have placed the meat today. The one on the ground doing the eating lets out a string of screeches to keep away the marauders in the air so it can keep on eating. Occasionally a super-hungry lady-hawk will come down and chase one of the boys off the food but those who are waiting in the sky usually accept the situation, glide off and come back later. There are times of the year when these meat supplies are important to them. As spring moves into summer there is an abundance of appetising hawk food about. For the last three days the hawks have not been down at all for my less attractive

possum meat.

It's good to see the local population of hawks is slowly getting back to the numbers before the 2013 poisoning just over the hill which took a huge toll on them.

The possums have been in the pines and only returned to the native bush in the middle of September.

Stoats have started up again. I never catch any stoats in the cold of winter. I guess they hibernate a bit and we had some really cold snaps this year which may have kept them at home. I tried to control stoats with DOC's kill traps but, more often than not, a rat would get into it first and spoil the chance of catching a stoat. I have had much more success catching stoats in a little cage. The little cage is light and easy to carry and I have given up altogether on the cumbersome wooden boxes you see in some areas alongside tracks cut through the bush.

Many of these lines are walked only once a month and quickly overgrow. If traps are left untended for a month they must be kill-traps. You cannot leave live-capture traps untended for a day let alone for a month. I have found live-capture devices far more reliable and effective than the kill-traps and, even though it isn't always easy, I try to see it as a good thing that I have to get up and check them every day.

A trap checked only 12 times can, at best, only capture a handful of animals in a whole year. Running a line of kill traps once a month is perhaps worthwhile if that line is fitted out with kill traps for all the different species to be controlled. The controlling of a single species may soon produce an unhealthy balance. With all my trapping efforts I try to keep balance in mind. It seems to work.

Here I am only halfway through my morning walk, barely finished at the first trap-site and I have run out of space to write.

Maybe more next time.

Coromandel Kiwi Project

By Jeff Williams

The Coromandel Kiwi Project is a group of volunteers that work to protect kiwi in their natural habitat in the hills above Coromandel township. The same passion for conservation is shared by individuals throughout the region and many areas of the peninsula have their own conservation groups as a result.

Between Coromandel and Thames lie the coastal towns of Waikawau, Te Mata, and Tapu – home to the Thames Coast Kiwi Care group. Here 35 volunteer trappers give over 150 hours each month to protect about 2400 ha of private and public land, primarily through trapping of stoats, weasels, and rats. A typical month will see about 70 rats and a handful of stoats and weasels removed from the bush, protecting and growing the southernmost remnant population of Coromandel brown kiwi.

And the results are impressive. By participating with Operation Nest Egg, TCKC now have 12 healthy kiwi chicks living on Rotoroa Island. These chicks were hatched at Auckland Zoo having previously been harvested as eggs last year. Next year, these chicks will be returned to the Te Mata area to enhance the kiwi population already there. This cycle will continue for another two years, growing both the local Te Mata population and the conservation crèche on Rotoroa Island.

The work of TCKC is also evident in the return of Hochstetter's frogs, native falcon, kaka, and other species to the protected areas, rebuilding the natural biodiversity of the Thames Coast.

Anyone interested in volunteering or contributing to Thames Coast Kiwi Care can contact their chair, Richard Moyle at (07) 868 4561 or moyles09@gmail.com. The Coromandel Kiwi Project is a group of local volunteers giving their time and energy to the community. Please join or support us! Contact coromandelkiwiproject@meg.org.nz

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Environmental continued

Poisons

By Mock Johnstone, Secretary,
Coromandel Pig Hunting Club

DOC poisoned the Blue Mountain area with the poison Cholecalciferol at the end of winter. Some describe this poison as "worse than 1080". Already we have one dog dead and another nearly dead after eating a dead possum which had wandered into their backyard. Members are reminded to not only heed the warning signs in the area but also the 2km-5km zones around the poisoned areas. Another worry is this SLOW disease (not sure of its real name) which is affecting some dogs in our area.

Dogs just slow down to a stage where they can hardly move around. Dogs being fed wild pork that has a toxin build up due to sub-lethal doses of poison the pig has eaten cause this problem, according to a vet. Humans can also get the same symptoms from eating the meat. Many of these pigs are caught a long way from poison operations, however, it would seem that large areas of bush are being turned into toxic zones by people whose properties back on to the bush. These people have a bait station out the back to poison possums with the thought that they are saving the world when, in fact, they are helping to poison a large area around them with toxic possums who are traveling some kms before they die. Unfortunately the poison of choice is Brodifacoum (Talon or Pestoff) which is very persistent in the environment. DOC won't use it on the mainland where food is collected so, if you know any person using these practices, explain the problem to them and try to get them into a trapping program.

Two months ago on Maori TV a very knowledgeable Maori elder appeared on a program about edible and medicinal plants. He made a statement that he believed aerial 1080 took away many of the properties of some plants. One example he gave was that the horopito plant lost its pain-relieving properties in areas that have had 1080 drops. Wonder if he is right and what are the implications if he is right?

CLAIM stands for a mine-free Coromandel

By Lora Mountjoy

Although we haven't seen any prospecting action in the Coromandel area recently, we are aware that Cornerstone Resources still holds a prospecting permit over 27 square kilometres of land from behind Coromandel town to Manaia. If you happen to notice suspicious activity in the form of mineral prospecting on this land, we would appreciate a call to the number at the end of this article. The future of our regenerating forest and the health of Tikapa Moana can only be assured by constant vigilance.

Sea Group Holdings, who thought they could bend the law and get to mine in the Schedule-Four-protected Coromandel Harbour, are still awaiting approval for their application to extend their prospecting permit for McGregor Bay.

Karangahake

The rest of the peninsula has not been so quiet. Our intrepid chairperson Ruby Powell has been actively working with the residents of Karangahake, who are united in their opposition to New Talisman's plans to re-open a goldmine adjacent to the popular bike and walking trails. Some of our members have also travelled to support Karangahake at fundraising, conservation working bees on the mountain and protest events. Check out Project Karangahake Facebook page to learn more about this.

Waihi and Whangamata

Oceana Gold, a large Australian/Canadian company which runs the Macraes open cast gold mine in east Otago, has very recently been given approval to buy the Waihi mines from Newmont Mining Corporation. We are waiting anxiously to see how they will approach the prospecting permits which Newmont hold in addition to the mines in Waihi. Rumour has it that they will be focussed on extending mines to under west Waihi and then up into the Parakiwai Valley behind Whangamata and home to the earth's most endangered frog, Archey's.

You can help

Have a "No Mining" bumper sticker on your vehicle – available at Umu and the Colville Store for \$2 each. The Source has a range of our tee shirts, designed by Daniel Kirsch. Great Christmas presents for friends and family. The No Mining signs erected in Manaia are effective and we are inspired to follow their example. You don't have to make a big statement. Just a "No Mining" sticker or a green spot on a letterbox by the main road is an effective message.

CLAIM is Coromandel's own group opposed to mining in our area. If you want to join or offer help please contact us: claimcoromandel@gmail.com or phone (07) 866 8968. Coromandel Watchdog is the umbrella group which works alongside communities, from Te Moehau to Te Aroha, to protect the area from future toxic gold mining. Watchdog's AGM is on **Sunday 22 November**, 3pm at the Kaueranga Valley Hall and open to all current and future members

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Sport

Coromandel Golf Club

By Peter Gray



The Club held a combined Ladies' and Men's Finals Day for the Club Championships on Sunday 4 October. The elimination rounds were held over the previous month to decide the final pairings.

Mark Burcombe took out the Men's Senior Division – match play over 36 holes – from new member Bruce Wallace 4/3. The Intermediate division was won by Allan Rose 3/2 from Ron Evans. Dave Dudson prevailed in a close tussle with Kevin O'Keefe in the Junior Division with the match going to the last hole, the 27th. In the Junior B, played over 18 holes, another new member David Brisson defeated Bruce Fitzpatrick 3/2.

In the Ladies' competition Bronze One saw Eugene Weimer have a win over Glenise Robertson. Bronze Two had Jenny Coatsworth prevailing over Bronwyn Verner and in the Bronze Three Philippa Medlock defeated Joan Evans.

The September Meat Pack/Laurie Olliff Trophy was taken out by Craig Dudson 44pts from Jim Davis 43, Kevin O'Keefe 40, Malcolm Stone 39, Ed

Buckett and Mark Burcombe 38.

Watch out for the ladies' in the mixed competitions coming up. A group went to a "Secret Location" for a coaching session with former NZ champion and golf professional, Kay Maxwell, at her Golf Retreat at Ramarama.

The weekend of **7-8 November** will see the Course host numerous events and visitors.

The annual Pratt Family Golf Day is to be held on the Saturday morning followed by a group of golfers from Mangere. The Club's Top Dog Rd1 will be held Saturday afternoon.

Sunday has the annual visit by the Auckland Eagles followed by a catered dinner.

Saturday 7 November – Top Dog Rd1, Pratt Family Golf

Sunday 8 November – Auckland Eagles (C) – 11am Tee

Saturday 14 November – Top Dog Rd2

Saturday 21 November – Tom Daniels Shoot Out (11am start)

Wednesday 25 November – Meat Pack/Laurie Olliff Trophy

Saturday 5 December – AGM – Closing Day – Eagles Saver (P)

Saturday 12 December – Coromandel Xmas Tournament – 10.30am start (C)

Coromandel Community Recreational Society (Community Swimming Pool Complex)

By Debra Attwood

The pool is now open to the public for swimming. Our morning swimming is going well and we are open for business most days. Come along and try swimming. It is a great way to wake up and get going in the morning swimming or walking a few laps in the pool. Over the summer holidays it is a great place for the children and adults to spend the day, swimming and enjoying the company at pool complex. The solar heating is warming up the water nicely.

Pool Hours During School Term

Mornings: Monday to Friday 6.30-8am

Afternoons: Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 3-5pm

Saturday and Sunday: 12-5pm

Entry costs: adults \$4, students and seniors

\$3, preschoolers 0-5yrs \$1, spectators \$1.

Concession cards are available as well. Call in to the pool and check out the great deals.

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



Coromandel Senior Settlement Trust

P O Box 138, Coromandel 3543
www.coroseniortrust.org.nz

The Trust has approved the following donations from the available income from the 2014/2015 financial year

Coromandel Art Group	\$550	Colville Music Club	\$500
Coromandel Players Inc.	\$562	Hospice Waikato	\$2700
Auckland & Coromandel Rescue Helicopter	\$15000	Coromandel School of Mines & Historical Soc.	\$300
Coromandel Youth Support Committee	\$2000	Grey Power Coromandel	\$850
Coromandel Embroiderers Guild	\$740	Spirit of Coromandel Trust	\$2500
Colville Social Service Collective Trust	\$1000	Coromandel Independent Living Trust	\$4000
Coromandel Patchwork & Quilters	\$1000	Coromandel Golf Club	\$1200
Coromandel Scouts Group	\$2000	Order of St John Coromandel	\$1770
Coromandel Lions Club - Santa Parade	\$1000	Coromandel Community Organic Garden	\$1000
Coromandel-Colville Art Group	\$500	Coromandel Volunteer Fire Brigade	\$10000
Coromandel Bowling Club	\$1200	Coromandel Business Association - Fireworks	\$1000
Coromandel Hospice Group		\$2700	

About two-thirds of the funding for these donations came from "The Bizarre's" trading income. Help our charity shop by donating goods for it to sell, and help yourself and it by shopping there. And if you have the time and energy consider working in it as a volunteer for a few hours a week.

Sport continued

Coromandel Swimming Club

By Debra Attwood

Swimming Club is well underway for the season. We started mid October, which is a couple of weeks earlier than last season. Registrations are still open to anyone who would like to come along and join in. We have several different groups. Firstly the junior group is for swimmers who can swim one length of freestyle, and need help to develop their other strokes. Last year this group was very popular, with many of them progressing on to join the main club group. These junior swimmers attend two nights per week. The club and competitive swimmers attend three nights per week. We currently have five competitive swimmers who will be attending swim meets throughout the Waikato area.

This year we only had one swimmer who attended the three-day swim camp in Rotorua. The camp was attended by 47 swimmers from the outlying clubs in the Waikato/King Country area and organised by Sport Waikato SportsForce. Over the three days there were four 2-hour pool swim sessions, and at other times Project Energise ran some team-building sessions.

Learn to swim classes

Learn to swim classes will be starting in mid November so get your registrations in. Early bird registration price is \$60.00. If you would like to book your child in contact Debra either at the pool on club nights or by ph: (07) 866 7660 or 027 348 2400 or email debmark62@hotmail.com. We will also be holding classes in February when school starts again for children aged four and over.

We also require learn to swim instructors. If you are interested there is a training day set for **8 November** in Thames; if you are interested contact Debra.

Good fishing on Mussel Farms

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

- Tie up to the farm and never anchor
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- Always discharge any sewage more than 500m away from the farm



Coromandel Recreational Fishing Club

By Allison Brown

I don't know what is happening with the weather. It has been up and down a bit, but have heard that the fishing is really starting to pick up in the Gulf. The charter boats are all getting good catches. A fishing celeb went out on one of the big charter boats, booking for two days, but only took one day as the fishing was so good that they got all the film footage in one day due to the great fishing they encountered.

There was no trevally handed in for weighing in Fish of the Month for September. Fish of the Month for November is John Dory.

As I write this it is one week away from our Labour weekend competition so here's to the weather being kind to us fisho's and we have a good turnout and get some nice (dare I say big) fish.

Have just watched the All Blacks win against France so their semi final will be at 3am Sunday 25th, the day of our competition – go the AB's.

The Club's next event is the Xmas party on **21 November** with prize-giving of trophies, Santa comes for the kids with presents for all and a two-course meal and bar tab free for all members so please get member subs in – will be great to see you all there.

Next competition is on **Anniversary Weekend 2016** and Classy Chicks on **12 March 2016**.

If anyone has a good fishing story we would love to hear about it. Wishing you all tight lines for the season as it is now in full swing.

For more info email coromandelfishingclub@gmail.com

Coromandel Tennis Club

By John Veysey

Our new season has opened and members' subs are now due for the year 2015-16. Adults \$60, family \$80, junior \$10. Please pay Gayle at Coastway Cutters in the main street.

Thanks to our loyal members, visitors and supporters we have been able to keep our heads above water financially for another year.

For their generosity we are indebted to the following businesses: The Bait Shop; Richardson's Real Estate; Coromandel Refrigeration; Gold Diggers; Llandem Consulting; Jacko's; Coromandel Electrical Ltd; Hush; Coastal Small Engines.

Club days: Fridays after work, Sundays 1.00pm, Wednesdays after work.

We look forward to seeing you on the courts.

Coromandel Croquet Club

By Judy Bronlund

With summer approaching we are shedding our jackets to play. The weather has been pretty good and we have been able to play most Tuesday and Saturday mornings as well as on Thursday afternoons. If you would like to join us, please come along. Our lawns are in Woollams Avenue beside the bowling green.

Contact Kaye (07) 866 8968



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See meeting list for class times

Combined Clubs Of Coromandel

THE CLUB

BOWLING CLUB NEWS

What a busy opening few weeks, with Graeme Goss and Vi King taking out the President's Cup, Graeme with Philippa Medlock and Peter Herbert winning the Ecclestone Cup tournament and all credit to Shirley Stol, Dianne Burton and Willem Kalkman for winning the prestigious Coromandel Cup. This trophy was originally presented to mark the 50th jubilee of the opening of the Bowling Club early in the last century, and has been hotly contested each year since then. The first well-known local cup winning team was the 4's team of H. White, C Rae, J Harvey and H Patten.

We have played two sponsorship events, The 4 Square Open Optional Triples and the Richardson's Real Estate Open Optional Triples, and we thank both these companies for their continuing support. November 4 sees the Royal Oak Hotel Tapu sponsored Open Alternate Fours, so get your team together and show the visiting teams what we are made of! The first round of the Thames Valley Women's and Men's Interclub has just been played and our 14 members waved the Club's flag once again, with special credit going to Dianne Burton, Vi King, Philippa Medlock and Raewyn Berghan, the women's 4s team who won all their games played over the 2 day competition.

We are thrilled with the number of new members and the turnout for all our events. The great social news is that Twilight Bowls started again on Tuesday 27 October and will continue until 8 December. This is always one of the annual social highlights, so do hope that your team enjoys great success and has a lot of fun. The other popular evening attraction is the Corner to Corner competition which has just started again every Friday from 5 p.m. One certainly does not need to be a "bowler" to take part in this event, so do come along, bowl a few bowls from one corner of the green to the other, and enjoy a social evening with members and friends.



Left to right
Dianne Burton,
Shirley Stol,
Willem Kalkman

RSA NEWS

We have really settled in to The Club and our Saturday Club nights continue to attract old and new members alike.

We will shortly be ordering RSA Club Cards. These cards offer a range of discounts at national businesses. All financial members will be issued a card and you are encouraged to use them frequently.

Veterans Affairs is now receiving mail only at the Wellington Office. Address is: Veterans Affairs NZ, PO Box 5146, Wellington 6145.

The ANZ RSA Cyril Bassett VC Speech Competition is a partnership aimed at promoting among young people a deeper understanding of those who have served New Zealand in wars and armed conflicts overseas.

The competition is a tribute to Cyril Bassett VC, (1892-1983) who was the only New Zealander at Gallipoli to be awarded the Victoria Cross. This is open to year 12 and 13 secondary school students with a national final to decide the overall winner who earns the opportunity to present his or her speech at Gallipoli in April 2016 along with other prizes. The competition is hotly contested throughout the country and enjoys a high level of prestige

If you are interested and require more information please do not hesitate to contact me.

We will be holding an RSA and Citizens Armistice Day Parade at the War Memorial at 10.40 am on Wednesday 11 November. This service culminates in the National 2 minutes silence at 11am. Refreshments at The Club following the service.

Contacts: Martin Edwards 866 8886 (Bowls) or Ian Franklyn 866 7138 (RSA)

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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COROMANDEL COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL AGM 9 November 5pm TCDC meeting room.

Poetry
SPOT

TWO SPARROWS

By Beryl van Donk

We sat beneath an ancient tree
my brother and I, discussing
problems, family affairs, world events.
momentous things.
as we talked I watched two sparrows
splashing in a pool, oblivious of us,
happy in their bathing, enjoying life.
I cannot recall our earnest conversations,
All I recall over and over was the gay
abandon of those two sparrows splashing
in a pool.

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Coromandel Town weekly and monthly meetings

Every Monday

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

Every Tuesday

Homeschoolers gathering, Julene (07) 866 8005
 Mahamudra Centre, guided meditation in gompas 8.30-9am
 Colville Bay Early Learning Centre, rear Colville School,
 Alex (07) 866 8319 9am-3pm
 Coro Walking Group, Ruth (07) 866 7246 9am
 Swissball Training – Hi-Tech Health & Fitness, Marlene
 (07) 866 8019 9am
 Colville Social Services Collective, Colville Hall,
 (07) 866 6920 9am-3pm
 Kohanga Reo o Kapanga, (07) 866 8417 9am-3pm
 Music and Dance, Elim Church- Preschoolers Dance Group, Dawn
 (07) 866 8150 9.30-11am
 Coro Ladies Golf, Peter (07) 866 7633 tee off 10am
 Yoga, Colville Hall, (07) 866 6612 10am
 Croquet, Woollams Ave, Judy (07) 866 8637 9.45am
 Coromandel Playcentre, Woollams Ave 10.30am-1pm
 Narcotics Anonymous meeting, 021 314 467 12 noon
 500 card session at the Bowling Club, (07) 866 8886 1pm
 Coro Gym – Fitness and Fun, Judy (07) 866 8637 1pm
 Coro Cub Scouts, Scout Hall, Hauraki House,
 Abby Morgan (07) 211 9790 4-6pm
 Beginners Yoga with Becks, Coro Gym, \$7.
 027 407 0079 5.20-6.40pm
 Ambulance training, Felix (07) 866 8279 7-9pm
 Coro Motorcycle Club, Star & Garter,
 John (07) 866 6776 7-9pm
 Swissball Training – Hi-Tech Health & Fitness,
 Marlene (07) 866 8019 7pm
 Badminton, school gymnasium, racquets available,
 Josh 021 0839 7825 or Nadine 022 174 55 24 7pm

Every Wednesday

Dharma Gaia, Meditation, (07) 866 7995 6-7am
 Dharma Gaia, Sitting & Walking Meditation,
 (07) 866 7995 7.30-9pm
 Coro Gym – Step/aerobics, Peg (07) 866 8635 8am
 Mahamudra Centre, guided meditation in gompas 8.30-9am
 Early Learning Centre, rear Colville School,
 Linda or Alex (07) 866 8319 9am-3pm
 Colville Social Services Collective, Colville Hall,
 (07) 866 6920 9am-3pm
 Kohanga Reo o Kapanga, (07) 866 8417 9am-3pm
 Coro Gym – Sit and be fit, Peg (07) 866 8635 9.30am
 Coro Gym – Fitness and Fun, Judy (07) 866 8637 10.30am
 Coromandel Golf Club – mens, Hauraki Rd,
 Peter (07) 866 7633 tee off 12.30pm
 Scrabble Club, Joan for venue on (07) 866 7580 1pm
 Coro Tennis Club – club night, Gayle (07) 866 8063 4pm
 Wing Chun Kung Fu- Hong Kong Style,
 Chi Sau Club 027 283 0773 4.30-8.30pm
 Running Group, meet at rugby club grounds.
 Mark 027 338 6697 or (07) 866 7660 5-6.15pm
 Coro Gym – Pump with Betty, (07) 866 8635 5.30-6.30pm
 Circuit Training – Hi-Tech Health & Fitness,
 Marlene (07) 866 8019 7pm
 Yoga, Events Centre (behind 4 Square) \$8,
 Jessica (07) 866 8405 7-8.30pm
 Discussion night-optional pot luck dinner, Mahamudra Centre,
 (07) 866 6851 dinner 6pm, meeting 7-8.30pm
 Walking & sitting meditation, Dharma Gaia Centre,
 (07) 866 7995 7.30-9pm

Every Thursday

Mahamudra Centre, guided meditation in gompas 8.30-9am
 Coro Walking Group, Ruth (07) 866 7246 9am
 Coro Art Group, St Andrews Church,
 Val (07) 866 8911 9am-12pm
 Colville Bay Early Learning Centre, rear Colville School,
 Linda or Alex (07) 866 8319 9am-3pm
 Kohanga Reo o Kapanga, (07) 866 8417 9am-3pm
 Meditation for Everyone, in Pyramid
 (behind Driving Creek Café) 10-11am
 Tai Ji, Top Floor, Waikato Events Centre,
 Sol (07) 866 8971 10-11am
 Coro Gym – Fitness & Fun, Judy (07) 866 8637 10.30am
 Coro Gym – Ukulele group practice for beginners,
 Peg (07) 866 8635

Bowling Club Housie, Sharan (07) 866 7760 from 1pm
 Coro Community Garden, Glover St,
 Louis (07) 866 8866 2-4pm
 Service of the Word & Holy communion, St Colmans church,
 Jocelyn (07) 866 7126 5pm
 Coro Gym – Kick fit with Christajo, 021 033 9329 5.30-6.30pm
 Swissball Training – Hi-Tech Health & Fitness,
 Marlene (07) 866 8019 7pm

Every Friday

Circuit Training – Hi-Tech Health & Fitness,
 Marlene (07) 866 8019 6am
 Coro Gym – step/aerobics, Peg (07) 866 8635 8-9am
 Colville Bay Early Learning Centre, 3-4 yr olds, rear Colville
 School, Linda (07) 866 8319 9am-3pm
 Mahamudra Centre, guided meditation in gompas 8.30-9am
 Colville Bay Early Learning Centre, rear Colville School,
 Linda or Alex (07) 866 8319 9am-3pm
 Kohanga Reo o Kapanga, (07) 866 8417 9am-3pm
 Yoga for everyone, Anglican Church Hall,
 Katie (07) 866 6612 9-10.30am
 Colville Services Collective,
 Colville Hall, (07) 866 6920 9am-3pm
 Coro Gym – Sit & be fit, Peg (07) 866 8635 9.30-10.30am
 Coromandel Playcentre, Woollams Ave 9.45am-12.15pm
 Coro Gym – Fitness & Fun, Judy (07) 866 8637 1pm
 Coro Tennis, Men's night, Gayle (07) 866 8063 4pm
 Coro Gym – Crazy Horse Productions,
 Natalie 021 048 9772 4.15pm

Every Saturday

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

Every Sunday

Mahamudra Centre, guided meditation-in Gompas,
 (07) 866 6851 10-10.30am
 Elim Church Services, Rings Rd,
 Steve (07) 866 6900 10am-12 noon
 Coro Tennis Club-club play, Gayle (07) 866 8063 2pm
 Swissball Training – Hi-Tech Health & Fitness,
 Marlene (07) 866 8019 2pm
 Circuit Training – Hi-Tech Health & Fitness,
 Marlene (07) 866 8019 4pm
 Prayers for dead and healing,
 Mahamudra Centre, (07) 866 6851 5-6pm

Monthly

1st Mon – Coro Patchwork & Quilters Ambulance rooms,
 Jill (07) 866 7484 9.30am-3.30pm
2nd Mon – Friendship Group, Jocelyn (07) 866 7101
3rd Mon – Coro Patchwork & Quilters Ambulance rooms,
 Jill (07) 866 7484 9.30am-3.30pm
3rd Mon – Alzheimer's Carers' Group, Retirement Village Hall, bring
 plate & koha, (07) 282 0453 10.30am
1st Tue – Coro Motorcycle Club general business
 John (07) 866 6776 7.30pm
2nd Tue – Coromandel/Colville Cmty Board, Council Chambers,
 (07) 866 1001 9am
2nd Tue – RSA, club rooms, Ian Franklyn (07) 866 7138
2nd Tue – Public Trust, Harcourts, 0800 368 620 by apt
1st Wed – Coro Embroiderers' Guild, Ambulance Station, Jill
 Wilson (07) 866 7484 10am-3pm
1st Wed – Lions Dinner Meeting, Ambulance Rooms; Jayne
 Lister (07) 866 7687 6pm
2nd Wed – Garden Circle, ph Julie Jensen for venue,
 (07) 866 7546 1pm
3rd Wed – Lions Business Meeting, Ambulance Rooms;
 Jayne Lister (07) 866 7687 7pm
4th Wed – RSA Women's Section, Club rooms,
 Loes Beaver (07) 866 8053 1.30pm
2nd Thu – Coromandel Writers' Group,
 Barbara (07) 866 8299 10.30am-2.30pm
4th Thu – Coro SeniorNet, school music room,
 Loes (07) 866 8053 1.30pm
3rd Sat – Luncheon Ladies, Lorraine (07) 866 8144 12pm
1st Sun – Coro School of Mines & Historical Sty/Museum,
 (07) 866 8711 4pm
1st Sun – St Andrew's Union church service, Rings Rd,
 (07) 866 8633 10am
2nd Sun – Christ Church service, Tiki Rd,
 Barbara O'Reilly (07) 866 8299 10am
2nd Sun – Young Eagles, Tiki Rd, Lisa (07) 866 2055 9am
3rd Sun – St Andrew's Union church service, Rings Rd,
 Hilda (07) 866 8633 10am
4th Sun – Christ Church service, Tiki Rd,
 Barbara O'Reilly (07) 866 8299 10am
5th Sun – Christ Church/St Andrew's share 10am

Coromandel Town

Chronicle

Calendar of events

Coromandel Town November 2015

MON

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1

Many Foreman exhibition continues (see pg 27)

Miho Wada Jazz Orchestra

2.30pm (see ad pg 27)

High tide 11.31am (3.0m), 11.58pm (2.8m)

Low tide 5.08am (0.1), 5.40pm (0.3m)

► Best bite 4am/pm

2

High tide 12.22pm (2.9m)

Low tide 5.58am (0.2m), 6.53pm (0.4m)

►► Best bite 3am/pm

3

Thames Health & Disability Mobile Showroom in Coromandel town (see ad pg 21)

High tide 12.50am (2.7m), 1.15pm (2.7m)

Low tide 6.49am (0.4m), 7.29pm (0.6m)

►►► Best bite 6am/pm

4

High tide 1.43am (2.5m), 2.09pm (2.6m)

Low tide 7.44am (0.6m), 8.26pm (0.6m)

►►► Best bite 7am/pm

5

Coromandel Community Services Trust AGM (see pg 34)

High tide 2.38am (2.4m), 3.05pm (2.5m)

Low tide 8.42am (0.7m), 9.23pm (0.7m)

►►► Best bite 8am/pm

6

"Making Problems into No Problem!" weekend course starts at Mahamudra Centre (see pg 7)

Mindful Self Compassion starts at Mana (see ad pg 22)

High tide 3.35am (2.4m), 4.01pm (2.4m)

Low tide 9.43am (0.7m), 10.19pm (0.7m)

►► Best bite 8.30am/pm

7

Top Dog Rd1, Pratt Family Golf at Coromandel Golf Club (see pg 31)

Common Sense Cooking Classes (see pg 13)

High tide 4.33am (2.4m), 4.54pm (2.4m)

Low tide 10.41am (0.8m), 11.12pm (0.7m)

►► Best bite 9.30am/pm

8

Auckland Eagles at Coromandel Golf Club (see pg 31)

Mary Foreman exhibition finishes (see pg 27)

High tide 5.28am (2.4m), 5.44pm (2.4m)

Low tide 11.34am (0.7m)

►► Best bite 10am/pm

9

Coromandel Community Arts Council AGM (see pg 34)

High tide 6.19am (2.4m), 6.30pm (2.5m)

Low tide 12am (0.6m), 12.21pm (0.7m)

►► Best bite 10.30am/pm

10

A Joyous Heart and Open Mind community course starts (see pg 7)

High tide 7.05am (2.5m), 7.13pm (2.5m)

Low tide 12.44am (0.5m), 1.03pm (0.6m)

►►►► Best bite 11am/pm

11

RSA and Citizens Armistice Day Parade at the War Memorial (see ad pg 33)

High tide 7.47am (2.6m), 7.55pm (2.6m)

Low tide 1.25am (0.5m), 1.43pm (0.5m)

►►►► Best bite 12am/pm

12

Coromandel Embroiderers' Guild Exhibition starts (see pg 17)

Grey Power meeting (see pg 17)

High tide 8.26am (2.7m), 8.35pm (2.6m)

Low tide 2.05am (0.4m), 2.23pm (0.5m)

►►►► Best bite 1am/pm

13

"Parents Book Club" weekend course starts at Mahamudra Centre (see pg 7)

High tide 9.05am (2.7m), 9.15pm (2.6m)

Low tide 2.43am (0.4m), 3.02pm (0.5m)

►►►► Best bite 1.30am/pm

14

Top Dog Rd2, Pratt Family Golf at Coromandel Golf Club (see pg 31)

High tide 9.43am (2.7m), 9.55pm (2.6m)

Low tide 3.21am (0.4m), 3.42pm (0.5m)

►► Best bite 2am/pm

15

High tide 10.22am (2.8m), 10.37pm (2.6m)

Low tide 4am (0.3m), 4.29pm (0.5m)

►► Best bite 3am/pm

16

Deadline: Coromandel Town Chronicle December issue

Biodynamic Osteopathy Phase 2B starts at Mana (see ad pg 22)

High tide 11.04am (2.7m), 11.20pm (2.6m)

Low tide 4.41am (0.3m), 5.07pm (0.5m)

►► Best bite 4am/pm

17

High tide 11.48am (2.7m)

Low tide 5.23am (0.4m), 5.54pm (0.5m)

►► Best bite 3am/pm

18

Victoria Demo Day & BBQ at Rob's Small Motor Repairs (see ad pg 5)

High tide 12.06am (2.6m), 12.36pm (2.7m)

Low tide 6.08am (0.4m), 6.44pm (0.5m)

►►► Best bite 6am/pm

19

High tide 12.55am (2.6m), 1.29pm (2.7m)

Low tide 6.59am (0.5m), 7.39pm (0.5m)

►►► Best bite 7am/pm

20

Biodynamic Osteopathy Phase 7 starts at Mana (see ad pg 22)

"Train Your Brain" weekend course starts at Mahamudra Centre (see pg 7)

High tide 1.48am (2.5m), 2.25pm (2.7m)

Low tide 7.58am (0.5m), 8.96pm (0.5m)

►►► Best bite 7.30am/pm

21

Moehau Environment Group's AGM (see pg 28)

Tom Daniels Shoot Out at Coromandel Golf Club (see pg 31)

Concert and Tea Dance, Whitianga (see pg 27)

High tide 2.46am (2.5m), 3.24pm (2.7m)

Low tide 8.58am (0.6m), 9.37pm (0.4m)

►► Best bite 8am/pm

22

Coromandel Embroiderers' Guild Exhibition ends (see pg 17)

High tide 3.52am (2.6m), 4.25pm (2.7m)

Low tide 10.05am (0.5m), 10.37pm (0.3m)

►► Best bite 9am/pm

23

High tide 4.58am (2.7m), 5.24pm (2.8m)

Low tide 11.08am (0.4m), 11.36pm (0.2m)

►► Best bite 10am/pm

24

CBA Business Fundamentals Seminar (see ad pg 24)

High tide 5.58am (2.8m), 6.22pm (2.9m)

Low tide 12.07pm (0.3m)

►► Best bite 11am/pm

25

Meat Pack / Laurie Oliff Trophy at Coromandel Golf Club (see pg 31)

High tide 6.56am (2.9m), 7.19pm (3.0m)

Low tide 12.33am (0.1m), 1.02pm (0.2m)

►►►► Best bite 12am/pm

26

High tide 7.51am (3.0m), 8.13pm (3.0m)

Low tide 12.28am (0.0m), 1.56pm (0.2m)

►►►► Best bite 1am/pm

27

"Mindful Photography" starts at Mahamudra Centre (see pg 7)

Museum Monthly competition closes (see pg 16)

Men's Retreat starts at Mana (see ad pg 22)

High tide 8.42am (3.1m), 9.06pm (3.0m)

Low tide 2.20am (0.0m), 2.47pm (0.1m)

►►►► Best bite 1.30am/pm

28

High tide 9.32am (3.1m), 9.57pm (3.0m)

Low tide 3.10am (0.0m), 3.39pm (0.2m)

►► Best bite 2am/pm

29

Thunder Beach Run Motorcycle Rally (see ad pg 7)

Colville Market Day (see ad pg 6)

High tide 10.21am (3.1m), 10.46pm (2.9m)

Low tide 3.58am (0.0m), 4.29pm (0.2m)

►► Best bite 3am/pm

30

High tide 11.08am (3.0m), 11.35pm (2.8m)

Low tide 4.45am (0.1m), 5.18pm (0.3m)

►► Best bite 4am/pm

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New moon

Full moon

Tide times and heights from Land Information NZ for Coromandel Harbour. For Thames times - 15min High and -18min Low. Note: Tide heights are different for Thames. Bite times and good fishing ratings supplied by Ken Ring. www.predicthweather.com

► = Average fishing, ►► = Very good fishing, ►►► = Excellent fishing

COROMANDEL RUBBISH & RECYCLE TRANSFER STATION & E-CYCLE HOURS

Tuesday and Thursday 1.30pm-5.30pm

Saturday 10.30am-5.30pm

Sunday 11.30am-7.30pm

Upcoming events

December

Friday 4 - Seniors' Xmas Party

Saturday 5 - Santa Parade

Sunday 6 - The Waterworks Summer Kick Off

Wednesday 23 - Christmas in the Park

January

Saturday 2 - Kaitic Fair

Sunday 31 - Anniversary Weekend Fishing Competition

March

Saturday 12 - Classy Chicks Fishing Competition