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Editor's comment

A few people have been asking for deadline dates for articles and adverts for 2019 issues. So here they are:

January 2019 issue – Monday 10 December	July 2019 issue – Monday 17 June
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April 2019 issue – Monday 18 March	October 2019 issue – Monday 16 September
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Remember, if your copy or advert isn't received by 4pm on the day of deadline, it may not go in – I have to have a cut-off in order to finalise the layout!

Debbie

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Letters

To the Editor,

In 1997 "Keep Coromandel Beautiful" undertook the beautification of James Reserve that had been neglected for many years. Many people may not realise that this was a purely volunteer effort and volunteers from other groups within the community also became involved. As a result an attractive area with seating and gardens became a focal point for enjoyment and relaxation by locals and visitors alike.

A sundial donated by the Coromandel Hospital and an octagonal seat surrounding a shade tree were added and were in keeping with the town's historic integrity and atmosphere.

The original tree and seat needed replacing and both were donated, again by local people, in 2013.

We now find that these features have been removed to make a space suitable for events.

Do we need to reflect the modern commercialisation with its clinical designs that take away the unique quality that people came to enjoy and remember?

Sue Wright, Coromandel Town

To Debbie,

Dynamic Tree Care is pleased to announce the purchase of Peter Novis's tree work business and looks forward to servicing our clientele. People wanting to contact Peter Novis for tree work can now call 027 451 2224 or (07) 866 8177. Check out www.dynamictreecare@gmail.com. A big thanks to all of our existing customers who have supported us so far. We wish Peter all the best in his retirement.

Regards,
Dan Redfern, Coromandel Town

Dear Editor,

Congratulations to Jodie Olson for her excellent letter correcting the misinformation in the Plastic Free Coromandel Town item in the September issue.

Jodie explained the true situation with modern landfills very clearly with words that most thinking people can easily understand.

Coromandel Town waste ends up in the modern and excellently managed landfill site at Tirohia. The methane generated at this landfill is collected by a system of wells and pipework and fed into a gas engine that generates 3MW of electricity 24 hours per day seven days per week. Instrumentation ensures that the methane extraction rate does not affect the biodegradation at work in the landfill.

As the landfill expands, further gas engines will be installed to generate more electricity for the national grid.

New Zealand engineers and scientists involved in design, installation and monitoring operation of New Zealand landfills are a highly skilled and qualified group of individuals dedicated to our environment.

The major increase in plastic packaging (which is a bigger problem than the plastic bags now banned as free at supermarkets but sold on the shelves as rubbish bags) is the result of food and health standards now forcing suppliers to package food.

Education and encouraging people to dispose of all unwanted plastic in an environmentally safe manner is a top priority. Activity in this area rather than selecting one minor item of the problem as the target, would be far more beneficial to the environment.

David Lunn, Coromandel Town.

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Letters continued

Dear Editor,

Congratulations and thanks must go to all connected with the Open Studios Arts Tour. It was a pleasure to visit the studios and the time the artists took to give further insight into their work and techniques was appreciated. Much thought was put into the organisation. Artists' profiles were well set out in brochure, the directions to the studios were easy to follow, the website was simple to negotiate, the grouping of artists at the old hospital was a great idea, the flags did their job and the weather cooperated. Thank you one and all.

Dawn Evans, Coromandel Town

To the Editor,

It is with sadness and disappointment that I see changes have been made to James Reserve. What used to be a lovely little space, created by and for the community has become a bare open area that has lost its character. The lovely gardens that we all enjoyed have been removed to be replaced by a footpath. The archway gardens are also to be modernised. I understand that improvements need to be made and progress is inevitable but change for the sake of change is unnecessary and wastes money.

What possible advantage is there to moving the pedestrian crossing further south, away from the very handy path it now runs from the doctor to the chemist and where it is centrally located in the middle of town? Will this also result in the loss of even more gardens?

However I have a bigger concern than just what has been done so far.

There are other changes for our main street in the pipeline. I attended almost all of the recent Streetscape Planning meetings but it seems to me that many of the things people said they didn't want have still been incorporated into the proposed plan. Things that were removed from the plan or not shown are still being done. I have to ask, what was the use of the public consultation?

The consultants came to town with their ideas to turn our unique space into an "anywhere" place, gardens and furniture that was created and donated by locals to be replaced by a style that can be seen in any town around the country. Despite what many of us said, this seems to be happening.

The changes proposed for Glover Street, to my mind, are horrendous, unnecessary and expensive and will result in the loss of all the trees and commercial parking for very little, if any, benefit.

It is my hope that people will take the time to have a serious look at what is proposed and if they feel as strongly as I do, please make those feelings known.

Regards,

Chris Stark, Coromandel Town

Dear Editor,

I was saddened to see we have lost the seat and sundial from The James Reserve. The albizia growing in middle of seat would have one day made a lovely shade tree. The sundial that came from the old hospital has also been removed. This has all been replaced with cobble stones and creates a large bare area.

It was a lovely restful area where many people used to sit and chat to friends. Visitors would sit and have a coffee, men would wait while the girls visited the art galleries. This seat was installed in memory of the singer Beaver.

Has all this latest work done by the Council really improved the area? I think not.

Ann McNair, Coromandel Town

Remembering the end of World War 1 at the museum

By Raewyn McKinney

This November we will be remembering the end of World War 1 on 11 November 1918. In this regard, Denise has set up a great display of war artefacts to honour those brave souls from Coromandel who went away to fight. Like many small towns in New Zealand, Coromandel responded with the cream of the young men enlisting in the armed

services. Many did not return, and deserve to be honoured for their sacrifice, but those who did return also deserve honour, as many struggled to settle to civilian life after the brutality and suffering they experienced during the war.

We acknowledge the assistance of the Coromandel branch of the RSA in compiling our display.

The "New Zealand Herald" during November 1918 listed the names and sad stories of many who fell during the last days of the war.

From the "New Zealand Herald" of 7 November 1918:

"On Active Service

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The "New Zealand Herald" of 12 November 1918:

"Roll of Honour

CADMAN – On 18 October 1918, died of fever in France.

Andrew, oldest son of Geo. and E. Cadman, of Manaia, and grandson of Mrs A. B. Kelly, of Coromandel; aged 24 years. Deeply mourned.

'Fear not them which kill the body, they are not able to kill the soul' – Matt. X:28"

The "New Zealand Herald" 18 November 1918:

"Roll of Honour

McGUINNESS – killed in action on 24 October 1918, somewhere in France

Private Bernard McGuinness (Thirty-fifth Reinforcements).

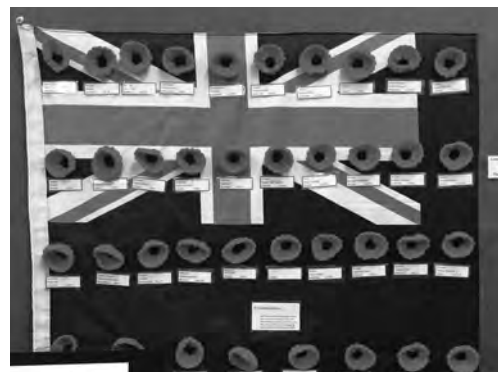
Youngest son of Nora and the late Matthew McGuinness, Coromandel.

Aged 31 years. RIP."

Other Museum News

We had a good response to our decision to open the museum during the weekends of the Coromandel Arts Tour. However, if you missed out, don't despair.

We will be opening for our regular hours during the build-up to summer as from Labour Weekend, so come along between 1pm and 4pm any weekend in November



RSA news

By Pat Williams

Wow, another month gone! Christmas and the masses will soon be here. I am predicting a very hot summer.

Saturday 9 October RSA members were invited to the Museum to view a World War 1 display put together by Denise. Our RSA had loaned some of our memorabilia; well done. Bit disappointing so few of our members were able to attend. Our President had just had a knee op. Marie, Frank Mead and their daughter Lyn (our secretary) were away at a funeral. I hope some of you will take a look.

Our President and Vice President attended The Waikato-King Country-Bay of Plenty District Meeting on 23 September in Tauranga and a comprehensive report from this meeting was given to Committee members at our RSA monthly meeting on 9 October.

We now have three mobility scooters. All three are leased out to members at a nominal monthly fee.

Members who may not be aware, we do have available on Club nights a courtesy van for your safety, but only for local trips, i.e. we do not cover Manaia, Kennedy Bay, etc. RSA Club hours are Saturday 3.30-7pm.

In the latest RSA Review I was shocked to read how many Mt. Maunganui RSA Members had passed away. On reading further I read the membership for the Club is around 5000, therefore the members lost would barely make a dent! My late husband Colin and I were members of this Club years ago.

Another article in the Review is a man from Belgium wanting help in finding the graves of NZ VC recipients. My dad, who was in Belgium in the 1st World War, brought home two postcards he had picked up on the street. I might email this chap, who by the way is coming to NZ shortly, and tell him about the postcards. As sometimes generations live in the same old homes, he may be able to track down descendants and they could receive their long overdue mail. Wouldn't that be amazing.

Quote for the month: You'll never plow a field by turning it over in your mind.

Till next time take care. Cheers.

Coromandel Bowls Club

By Linda Wright

We had great weather and 12 teams played in our open tournament kindly sponsored by Coromandel Four Square. The winners were Lindsay Nicholls, Dolly Welch and Jason Dickison. 2nd were Graeme Goss, Irene Goss and Vi King. 3rd were Colin Gawith, Ernie Groucott and Anne Smith. Well played everyone.

The winners of Club Day President's Cup, which was hotly contended for, were Bruce Gawith and Vi King. It's the first time Bruce has won the cup he donated many years ago; well done.

Coming up we have Open Alternate Fours, on **Wednesday 31 October**, kindly sponsored by Mussel Barge Snapper Safaris.

Twilight Bowls starts on **Tuesday 30 October** and runs for four Tuesdays, kindly sponsored by Star & Garter.

TV InterClub on **Saturday 27/ Sunday 28 October**, women's team, is playing at Thames Coast and two men's teams have one playing at Tui Park, the other at Whangamata. Good bowling, teams.

It is great to see of all our new players coming to coaching on Fridays at 2pm and also to our Thursday club days, where teams are drawn on the day. Names in by 9.30am; come and join us if you would like to try bowls.

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

President Linda Wright (07) 866 8440, 027 651 3477



President cup winners Bruce & Vi



Open triples winners Dolly, Jason and Lindsay



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Lions News

By Lion Lyn



Halfway through spring already, and finally some decent springlike weather! About time, although we're seldom satisfied.

Our beautiful little town is full of colourful gardens and tree blossom at this time. A good time to be out and about, especially early in the day, as it heats up quickly when the sun is shining with little wind. The joys of spring! A good time to get your firewood sorted for next season so not to rush later on.

Coming up to Labour Weekend, and our little club will start to gear up for our busier season with mussel fritters and raffles for firewood being our main fundraisers around town before Keltic Fair on **2 January**. We also have Lions Christmas Cakes on offer again this year. We usually sell out way before Christmas, so order early to not miss out.

At our last business meeting, we were asked for financial support for a cover for the model of the path for the McGregor Bay Wetlands project, which has been an amazing teaching tool for children and adults alike. We thought "what a neat idea" and as a community project – of course we can help. Request approved unanimously.

We are now back to asking for anyone who has some spare time and computer nous to help us out as we need a secretary and treasurer still (again). These are to separate positions but both require computer skills. Many of our members do not have a computer let alone know how to use one!

Our last dinner meeting was awesome as usual, with the Lion Rock being passed from Lion Kerry to Jocelyn Strongman for all of the morning teas, as she is taking a break from the job for now due to ill health. Many, many thanks again. Take things a little quieter and look after you for a change, ok?

As usual we meet 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month, so if Lions assistance is required, call one of us or simply talk to a Lion. We run a raffle every Friday night at the Top Pub just after 5pm; or call the numbers below.

Pres Jean 021 208 7576, firewood and cakes (07) 866 7722

Mahamudra Centre for Universal Unity

By Sarah Brooks

Mindfulness and Creativity

We've created a new series that explores being in flow and harmony with nature and community through the arts. By developing concentration and positive thoughts, fully enjoy the present moment through flow/circus arts, photography, or kete basket flax weaving. We welcome guest local talent Haley Harbottle who joins Sarah Taylor for the flow arts workshop, and there will be a free glow show on **Friday 16 November** at 8.00pm.

I'll be leading the Mindful Photography workshop again, which always proves to be a fun experience, and the students will show their best photos

from the weekend at a free public slideshow on **Sunday 25 November** at 1.30pm. Then talented Colville artist Nici Greulich will help us respect the environment and the Maori art of flax weaving in a one-day workshop on **Saturday 1 December**. We were inspired to put this workshop on by the fantastic efforts of Plastic Free Coromandel.

On **Sunday 11 November** you can drop by and get a great deal on used furniture, household goods, and bric-a-brac at our garage sale. The deals start at 8.30am – you're invited to have a complimentary cuppa while you browse, and why not check out our lovely book and gift shop while you're here.

The free community lunches continue every other Friday at noon. This month they fall on the 2nd, 16th and 30th. It's helpful to call us and let us know you're coming so we definitely make enough food, and everyone is welcome regardless. When you come to the Centre, head up to the main house – lunch is served in the lounge/shop room. You can enjoy a chat with the neighbours and the peaceful environment of our beautiful valley.

We're enjoying the beautiful healing space of the Havalona Pyramid in Coromandel for Thursday morning guided meditation. Anyone is welcome to join in, and no experience is necessary. We meet from 10-11am and then anyone who has time goes out for a social cup of coffee at a local café.

If you are interested in details about any of our events or would like to register to attend a retreat or course, please go to our website or give us a call.

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Our staff member Sarah Taylor, who has some great hoop moves

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Ann's Good News, Naturally

Optimising cellular health to prevent pain and inflammation

Inflammation is your immune system's response to any problematic substance that has entered your body, and into your cells. You can breathe them in, ingest them, or absorb them through your skin. Or, when injured you can make them within your cells.

We tend to think of inflammation as an undesirable phenomenon, and sometimes it is. You will recognise the effects of inflammation as being the red, hot swollen appearance of an injured or worn joint, or of an insect bite. In both cases inflammation is a necessary process the body uses to protect you against further damage. Inflammation walls off the location from the rest of the body and stops the damaging stimulus from travelling further into other parts of the body. When you twist your ankle and it swells and feels painful, that inflammatory response forces you to immobilise yourself so it can repair itself. A component of your immune system, NF-kB (NF Kappa B) then activates your genes which initiates and promotes this inflammatory process. As the repair process takes over, NF-kB production slows down, then stops. Eventually inflammation dies down and you heal, even though it may be a few weeks before full strength has been restored. That's the "good" side of inflammation. However, if you have long-term or chronic inflammation, the inflammatory process doesn't shut down. Something has caused the NF-kB switch to be stuck in the "on" position. Often investigations are not deep or thorough enough to identify those causes. Also, it is very clear that certain food molecules, such as those found in deep-fried fatty foods, don't just "talk" to the NF-kB gene, they shout loudly at it, telling it to keep the inflammation genes "switched on" and churning out large quantities of molecules of inflammatory cytokines (proteins serving



as molecular messengers between cells).

Long-term (chronic) inflammation is a situation which underpins many diseases, e.g., inflammation of the digestive tract – gastritis, diverticulitis; of the joints – arthritis; of the liver – hepatitis; of the skin – dermatitis; of the blood vessels – vasculitis; of the airways – asthma, etc.

Such chronic inflammation causes permanent damage to the associated tissues. Pharmaceutical anti-inflammatory drugs are not suitable for long-term use.

So clearly, we need to know what the cause and/or the triggers are and how to limit their ability to keep NF-kB "switched on". The good news is, I can help.

Prevent the causes, or triggers, of inflammation in the first place. Investigate to identify these causes so your treatment is lasting and without side effects.

I investigate further with lab tests if necessary, and successfully treat using science-based herbal, phyto medicine, and tried and proven homeopathy. Certain foods also are potentially effective medicine, just as other foods cause inflammation. Foods can either be your fast medicine or your slow poison. Be confident that you are feeding your cells intelligently. If in doubt, let me show you new ways to prepare, combine and present to your family yummy meals that prevent illness and heal your cells.

More good news: Stop sugar and processed food cravings. Zinc is necessary to wake up your tongue's taste buds to enjoy the more bitter natural foods. Bitter is an action that stimulates the digestive juices in the gut to speed up digestion and break down foods to optimise absorption. Bland processed foods block digestion and absorption of the essential medicinal nutrients.

How are your zinc levels? How healthy are your cells? Have a free Zinc Tally Taste Test with your Live Blood Analysis.

Poetry book

Beryl van Donk has a book of her poetry available. Her niece published the book with a photo beneath each of Beryl's poems. The book is for sale from Wyuna Studios in Coromandel Town, and Carsons in Thames. Proceeds from the sale of the book will go to The Salvation Army to help the homeless.

Coromandel Contract Bridge Club

By Judy Bronlund

Our programme for the year is nearly finished. November is the championship pairs and this is followed by our last club tournament for the year, the Kereta Pairs.

We play each Monday evening at the St John rooms and invite other players to join us. If you would like to play bridge but don't know how to play, please contact Val and lessons will be given and then you could join in with us next year.

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'Breakaway' Bed & Breakfast - A superb location within minutes' drive from the town centre. This magnificent 5,559 m2 property with park like grounds features a spacious brick and tile home with open plan living, conservatory, 4 bedrooms (master en-suite), office, internal access to garaging, and 4 separate well-appointed studio units that have generated a modest income for the present owners whilst enabling them to maintain their relaxed lifestyle. The sale of the property will include a comprehensive chattels list. **\$1,350,000 + GST (if any)**



New
Listing



Set on a 6,650m2 section, this stunningly private property features an absolutely spectacular array of native and specimen trees in a lush landscaped setting. The home has been designed with brilliant alfresco living in mind. Exposed beams throughout the open-plan lounge/dining/kitchen area creates a great light & airy environment, with the balance of the home offering 3 brms, 2 tiled bathrooms, double garage and office. Separate large storage shed for the boat, propagation houses, and countryside/harbour views. **\$830,000**



New
Listing



Little Bay is a highly desirable location where amazing holiday memories can be created for you and your family. The white sandy beach only minutes away from this lovely home is where you would spend those summer days. Elevated with views of the Pacific Ocean and the morning sun filling the house, this 3 brm home will suit your holiday or living needs. The open plan kitchen/dining/lounge area offers space to entertain or move onto the generous deck for extra room. A separate studio would be suitable for a 'man cave' or 'kids hangout'. **\$825,000**



New
Listing



Situated at the very entrance to the township, this 931m2 property will appeal to many buyers for different reasons. It would make a perfect fishing/holiday base, a family looking for their first or next home, or for a retired couple who wish to be close to town. The brick home features an open-plan kitchen/dining area opening to two great decking areas, a separate lounge with gas fireplace, 3 brms and a large bathroom. The outside buildings could be converted into garage/storage spaces. A glimpse of the harbour is a brilliant bonus. **\$495,000**

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* **Holiday Haven** – A brilliant fishing base. 2 brm cottage set on a 3,172m2 section with trees and good parking. **\$410,000**



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CoroLocalLegend with Coromandel Four Square

Congratulations to Neville Dyer of Coromandel, who is the recipient of a gift hamper from Coromandel Four Square. Neville has been nominated by two locals Jeff Howarth and Jack Little, who write "Every morning Neville walks the streets of Coromandel collecting and taking away all manner of discarded rubbish. He does this in a no fuss fashion, just gets on quietly and does it to keep the place looking good for all." Neville is a good guy doing a great thing for the community. Thanks for your community spirit Neville, you are a true CoroLocalLegend!

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

Drop us a line telling us and they will receive acknowledgement in the Coromandel Town Chronicle as well as receiving a \$50 gift hamper from Coromandel Four Square.

Send your nominations to: Coromandel.foursquare@foodstuffs.co.nz (subject line: CoroLocalLegend) or post to: CoroLocalLegend, PO Box 5, Coromandel 3506. Kindly refrain from nominating family members

Monday Walkers

By Irene Dunn

Let's get walking! Spring is such a lovely time to be enjoying the great outdoors, whether in the bush or on our wonderful beaches. If you are new to Coromandel Town or visiting, feel most welcome to join us each Monday at 9am. We have only six weeks left of organised walks before we take a break for Christmas holidays, so come on, get those boots on and let's get walking!

More information on the number below.

Happy walking everyone

Contact Irene
021 157 8408

Love Song

By Beryl van Donk

I would bring you roses
but they fade and are no more.
If I had riches I would lay
them at your door.
Instead I'll bring you laughter
and gentle caring ways.
Fill your home with sunshine
and love throughout your days.

Poetry SPOT**Hon Scott Simpson
MP For Coromandel****Petrol Prices Keep Going Up**

Labour weekend marks the traditional start to the summer seasonal influx of visitors to Coromandel Town and the Peninsula.

Visitors spend time and money here enjoying all our beautiful region has to offer and local businesses rely on their spending over the summer months to offset lower sales during winter.

But what if they don't come? What if they come in smaller numbers than usual or if they stay for a shorter time or spend less money while they are here?

Well, we know the answer to that. Our local businesses suffer and so does our local economy. There's been a huge increase in the cost of living for most Kiwi families over the last 12 months.

The last time petrol prices got really high was during the global financial crisis back in 2008/9. But even back then the price of petrol didn't get as high as it is now or as high as it's likely still to go.

This time it's a combination of increased government taxes, international oil prices and our significantly weaker New Zealand dollar that are pushing petrol prices to record highs.

Business people have been telling me that back then they did see a negative impact on summertime sales.

The vast majority of people will still come and visit but for some the added cost of living and the super high petrol prices will be the factors that mean this year they don't choose to visit us here on the Coromandel.

Any reduction in people deciding to come here will have a negative impact. If say 5% or 10% of people who would usually holiday here choose a cheaper option this year and decide not to visit, then there will be an obvious and real impact not just for businesses but for our entire community.

The reality is that for some families, the cost of petrol will put them off visiting us this year and even if that's only a few thousand people, there will be a noticeable impact for many businesses here.

When the cost of living goes up people make choices about how they spend their money and on what. One of the first things to go is discretionary spending on things like holidays and unnecessary use of the car when petrol prices go sky high.

For most of us living on the Coromandel, road travel over long distances is just a reality of day to day life. We simply don't have the ability not to use our cars or not to put petrol in the tank when we need to.

Petrol taxes have gone up 4c in New Zealand and 14c in Auckland. There are two more excise taxes planned over the next two years, Councils right around New Zealand are already asking for Auckland's regional fuel tax to be made available nationwide and crude oil prices are expected to continue to rise.

While the government can't control global prices for fuel, it can control its taxes.

And it's already collecting huge amounts of tax on petrol. Every time you put \$1 of fuel into your vehicle, 53 cents of that is going straight from your wallet into the government's back pocket.

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Meeting Rehua

By Debs Hide-Bayne

Last week Jack and I were lucky enough to meet an iconic Coromandel resident, Rehua the kiwi.

We headed up to Port Charles very early one morning in the school holidays to meet two Moehau Environment Group (MEG) people, Nat and Tommy. We were going to watch them do some essential work: checking an egg that Rehua was sitting on and ensuring his transmitter was still firmly attached.

Tommy had his kiwi-trained dog with him that we used to find the kiwi burrow and we quietly followed them both along a ridge and then down a steep incline into the bush.

Using hand signals Tommy got us to sit absolutely still while he very gently felt into the burrow to see if the egg was a viable one (kiwi eggs in the wild have such a low rate of successful hatching that the eggs are now taken down to Rotorua to be hatched and the youngsters are brought back when they are big enough to fight off predators). Unfortunately, the egg wasn't viable – because it was a rock! Apparently this is relatively common; the urge to sit is strong, but we all felt sorry for Rehua who had so patiently been sitting for 60 days on a rock!

Whilst Tommy checked Rehua's transmitter, we were allowed to help by holding him. Kiwi's claws are the most

dangerous bit of them, and we had a good look at his "dinosaur" feet as we held him firmly by his ankles in one hand and supported his back with the other. He was very sleepy and kept nodding off in our arms. His feathers were beautiful and he had whiskers around his long and sensitive beak.

When it was time to say goodbye, we watched him scurry off into the bush to find another burrow (apparently a single kiwi can have many burrows ranged over its territory), and we hope he has better luck with his next mate.

Having this once-in-a-lifetime experience felt a bit like meeting something mythological – a mermaid or a dragon. But we are lucky enough to live in a time when wild kiwi still live on this Peninsula and now they have two more supporters who are keen to ensure that it stays that way.



Jack with Rehua



Kiwi handler Tommy with Rehua and conservation dog Aniani

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Coromandel Embroiderers' Guild

By Jenny Penman

There were some "long time in the making" pieces that finally made it to the Show and Tell table at our October Guild Meeting as well as a few much anticipated completed items from the recent Creative Workshop. Those teabags mentioned months ago finally made their debut in the form of an exquisite money bag. This, along with a crafty wearable glasses case, showed that our members were up to the challenge of letting their individual fabrics and embellishments dictate what direction their pieces were to take rather than any preconceived outcome. Although one participant on completion was heard to cry, "I don't know where my raspberries went!" To further demonstrate the resourcefulness of our stitchers we were told one much admired piece on display was made from an old shirt picked up at the local op shop.

The main buzz around the meeting, however, was our upcoming exhibition that runs at Hauraki House from **8-18 November**, 10am to 4pm each day. Last stitches, snipping of loose threads, construction and pressing all needed to be done in preparation for a looming hand-in day. Is it something to do with this year's President's Challenge being "Time Warp" that this year's date seems to have come around quicker than the last? The Guild Exhibition is a wonderful opportunity to glimpse the wide variety of work that the term embroidery encompasses and the sales table is packed with completed petite projects ideal for Xmas gifts.

One of the pleasures of attending Guild meetings is hearing of projects that would otherwise pass under the radar. One such national project is "Suffrage in Stitches". Vinnies Re Sew, a Wellington based community sewing initiative run by St Vincent de Paul, are creating a large textile piece, celebrating the lives of women who signed the suffrage petition in 1893 and women



in the subsequent 125 years. They are calling for 546 NZ individuals or groups to make a panel each of 55.5cm x 21.5cm. The final work will be 274m long, have 546 panels with 25,521 hand stitches – the same length, number of pages and votes as the original petition. What an inspiring project. Time to get to work researching the family tree to see if there are any personal connections to those forward thinking signatories.

Our next Guild Meeting on **Wednesday 7 November** will be our last for 2018 and will incorporate our AGM, Exhibition opening and awarding of prizes as well as our Xmas Luncheon. We will then take a holiday until **Wednesday 6 February 2019**.

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



Alone At Christmas?

By Damian Langley
and Rita Stephenson

You are invited to share in the lunch that is being provided free of charge for people that would be alone on Christmas Day. It will be held at the Combined Clubs on Christmas Day from midday. If anyone is needing transport to and from the venue, we have got it covered, CILT and the Combined Clubs have kindly offered their vehicles so we can come and pick you up and drop you home again.

Don't stay home alone, come and enjoy great company and delicious food. I heard that Santa is coming to lunch as well. The lunch is open to people of all ages, couples and singles. We look forward to sharing lunch with you.

To help us with catering we need to know how many will be coming to lunch. Please RSVP by **15 December**. Fill in the form below and pop it into Four Square or email Damian directly and let him know. His email is Coromandelchristmaslunch@gmail.com

Once we have received your form or email, we will touch base with you.

☐ Yes, I am coming to Christmas Lunch

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Coro Comment

By Tom Hollings

The Mediterranean fanworm *Sabella spallanzanii* is now widespread in the Hauraki Gulf. It was first found in Timaru (likely from Australia) in 2008, then in Auckland Harbour in 2010. In the eight years since it has become widespread and locally abundant in parts of the Gulf. Check out any marina or dockside in Auckland where it can be seen in abundance.

It consists of a large circular feeding fan which is retractable into its tube/stalk that can be over 40cm long. They like relatively sheltered and shallow but subtidal environments, eg, mussel farms, but any substrates are attractive to them and they can reach very high numbers, thus they can be a major fouling problem on shores, structures and boat hulls. Fanworm is a notifiable organism under the NZ Biosecurity Act. New findings must be reported and it must not knowingly be transported. Soon after 2010, when it got to Auckland, Biosecurity NZ advised that elimination of the pest from NZ would not be attempted and the approach would be for localised containment.

The Coromandel Marine Farmers' Association (CoroMFA), with MPI and Waikato Regional Council, are funding a program to study this pest, with five research aims:

- Comprehensive review of information on its biology especially in NZ conditions. This indicates this pest can breed year-round, which complicates management.
- Determine the seasonality of breeding and settlement, which is important to managing infestation and its spread. Happily work to date indicates that there is seasonality in its breeding.
- Study the free-floating larvae including larval period, which is important as per #2. Results to come.
- Determine growth rates and which is important to ageing. Results to come.
- Determine whether fanworms in the field survive being broken up (they can in the lab, being worms) which is important to managing them.

The study will wrap up later next year so more to come.



Diver Matt Smith (NIWA) in Auckland harbour.
Credit: Crispin Middleton

Coromandel Budget Advisory Service

By Caroline Dunn

Budget Advice

Hi all. We held our AGM on 6 October where we farewelled Lora Mountjoy, who has been a long-standing member of our Governance committee. We wish her well, and would like to thank her for the time and passion she has put into our service.

Coming into the Christmas season we know this can put a lot of pressure on families trying to make money stretch that little bit further. Come see us if you would like some financial advice or tips and tricks to save those dollars.

We offer free, confidential budgeting advice working alongside you to create a plan to get you out of debt. We can talk to creditors on your behalf and help you get control of your financial situation. Make an appointment to see how we can help you.

Foodbank

The Foodbank's Quiz Night fundraiser on 22 September was a great night and everybody who attended the evening appeared to enjoy it. We raised just under \$4,000; awesome effort. A massive thank you to Caro and Maureen who were brave enough at a previous meeting to suggest running this, and then went guns blazing and brought it to life. A huge thanks also to Steve Norris who produced both a stunning smoked fish and a chicken soup, Robin Munch for her lovely soup, Diane and Wharf Road Café for their baking. Also Geoff Kingsmill, Matt Sephton, Coral Clarke, Anna Galvin, Jill Ellis, John GC and Robynne Jones who all helped in their various ways to make the night run so smoothly. Without these fundraisers our Foodbank would struggle to continue providing the necessary service it does to a large number of families in our community.

A massive thank you to our sponsors: Harcourts Coromandel, Four Square Coromandel, Evolution Tattoo Studio, Admirals Arms Hotel, Umu Café, James and Turner, Wharf Road Café, Coromandel Bakehouse, Driving Creek Railway, Pepper Tree Restaurant, The Music Society, Coro Summer Fest, Liz's Kitchen, Te Awa Wines, New Image Hair Salon, Stuff Your Cake Hole, Kay Ogilvie, Lindsay Nicholls, John Gaffikin-Cowan, Barbara Peddie and Jane Panther.

And thanks to those who participated in the auction, run so successfully by Tony White of Harcourts.

If you require a food parcel please make sure Foodbank requests are with us before 12.30pm on Tuesday, otherwise you will have to wait until the following week. Pickup time is 2.30pm on a Wednesday. You will need to book in with a Budget Advisor if you are going to need assistance over a couple of weeks.

Community Garden

The garden is looking fabulous, and we have loads of produce, which is fantastic. Don't forget we have set up a Community Sharing Shelf at the garden. Like our Facebook page and post on there if you are dropping items off so everyone keeps up to date. We restock the shelf on Wednesday mornings with fresh produce.

If you are keen to help, the volunteer's drop-in is on a Wednesday morning between 9am and 11am.

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

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Library News

By Raewyn McKinney

The library committee continues to work behind the scenes to determine the best course for the Coromandel Community Library for the future. If you have a strong opinion on the hours, or method of operation, please let us know. We thank those who have already taken the trouble to let us know what they think. It seems a final decision will now not be made until the beginning of next year, to enable all possible ideas to be considered.

I have just read in the "NZ Listener" of 13-19 October that a recent study "found students who read on digital media don't comprehend as well, don't sequence details as well and don't recall the plot as well as those reading the same material in print." Which all seem like excellent reasons to pick up a paper book every now and then! In general, New Zealanders are keen readers, with a good national total for book sales and library membership.

Join the library for a chance to win



For those in the community who are interested in joining this group of library members, we are starting a new promotion. All people joining the library during November will go into the draw to win a copy of *Nine Perfect Strangers*.

Strangers by Liane Moriarty. This book has been donated by Carson's Bookshop for the library promotion, and we thank them very much for their generosity and support.

New additions to the library this month include the latest from Kate Atkinson, John Boyne, Clive Cussler, Frederick Forsyth, Robert Galbraith, Patrick Gale, Andrew Gross, Faye Kellerman, Karly Lane, Kate Morton, Lynda La Plante, J D Robb, Alexander McCall Smith, and Danielle Steel.

Other new purchases are:

The Cold Summer by Gianrico Carofiglio



The summer of 1992 had been exceptionally cold in southern Italy. But that's not the reason why it is still remembered. On May 23, 1992, a roadside explosion killed the Palermo judge Giovanni Falcone, his wife and three police officers.

A few weeks later judge Paolo Borsellino and five police officers were killed in the center of Palermo. These anti-mafia judges became heroes but the violence spread to the region of Bari in Puglia, where ... Maresciallo Pietro Fenoglio, an officer of the Italian Carabinieri.. recently abandoned by his wife, must simultaneously deal with his personal crisis and the new gang wars raging around Bari. The police are stymied until a gang member, accused of killing a child, decides to collaborate.

The Helpline by Katherine Collette



Germaine Johnson may not be all that good with people but she's great with numbers.

Unfortunately, as she discovers, there are very few openings these days for senior mathematicians.

Then her cousin gets her a job at the council. On the Senior Citizens Helpline.

The Year of the Farmer by Rosalie Ham



In a quiet farming town somewhere in country New South Wales, war is brewing. The last few years have been punishingly dry, especially for the farmers, but otherwise, it's all Neralie Mackintosh's fault. If

she'd never left town then her ex, the hapless but extremely eligible Mitchell Bishop, would never have fallen into the clutches of the truly awful Mandy.. so, now that Neralie has returned to run the local pub, the whole town is determined to reinstate her to her rightful position in the social order.

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Plastic-Free Coromandel Town

By Judy Rooney

How is your waste reduction going? Is your blue rubbish bag getting lighter each week?

We are really noticing the ever-decreasing plastic bags around town. It's so great to see that our Coromandel Town people really care about the environment.

We have been talking to some businesses in town about their commitment to reduce waste and eliminate single-use plastic. Here is a summary of the people we have spoken to so far.

Coromandel Takeaways and Fresh Fish

Since taking over this business, Briar has made many changes to reduce single-use plastic.

Fresh fish is wrapped in greaseproof paper and then newspaper or newsprint. All plastic containers are bio-degradable.

Takeaways are wrapped in paper, placed in a box or paper bags. She has eliminated all polystyrene containers.

All straws have been removed so they are no longer offered with bottled drinks.

Coromandel Liquor

Gary is very keen to become plastic bag-free and is researching alternatives.

Currently he is: Putting wine bottles in paper bags; does not offer plastic bags (he will only provide one if customer requests); offers boxes as alternatives.

Evolution Tattoo

Tiffany is always looking for alternatives to single-use plastic.

Because the nature of the business requires a high level of sterility, this can often be a challenge.

She uses compostable plastic bags to line rubbish bins; and uses plant-based paper cups (non-plastic-lined) to hold the water to wet tattooing tools. After-care product is NZ made, vegan and comes in a tin. Has asked couriers to wrap their products in paper rather than in a plastic courier bag.

Umu

Josie has owned Umu for 18 years. During that time, she has never bought a plastic bag. Being plastic-free and reducing waste has always been part of Josie's philosophy at Umu.

All takeaway containers are paper or cardboard. Styrofoam has never been used; all drinks in the fridge are in glass bottles; they provide paper straws; there are no plastic liners in the coffee grounds



dump; use plant-based take-away coffee cups (no plastic liner); use bamboo-based takeaway cutlery; sell glass takeaway cups; reuse containers in the kitchen; all rubbish is sorted and recycled (cardboard, tin, glass); encourage people to bring back containers, e.g. for salads; provide take-outs on crockery plates for locals.

Source

Source has always aimed to be plastic-free.

There are no plastic bags, all bags are paper; use raffia to tie gift-wrapped packages; use cellophane to enclose cards.

Four Square

Damian Langley has removed produce bags and replaced with paper bags; ask people if they would like a box, instead of offering a plastic bag; all wrapped produce is now in cardboard trays; meat trays are recyclable.

Reusable jute bags are sold at close to cost price. Other bags are only 99 cents. Also sell reusable wine bags.

Provided space in the shop to have fabric bags from Plastic-Free Coromandel Town that people can take and give a koha/donation.

The Home Grown Market are aiming to be plastic-free. Now, no stall holders are giving out plastic bags, so remember to bring your reusable bag. We are helping the stall holders by providing paper bags at a very low cost.

These are not the only businesses that are committed to becoming plastic-free. We know that there are many others. We will get to speak with everyone. If you would like us to interview you, please contact us.

plasticbagfreecoromandel@gmail.com or search for "Plastic-free Coromandel Town" on Facebook

Coromandel Garden Circle

By Trisha Whimp

A small group of 17 ladies and three "grandies" attended October's meeting. Once everyone was welcomed and tables set, we then reconvened to Glenise Robertson's garden. Glenise's garden is only two years old and has been very well set up with a fantastic watering system, greenhouse, veggie patch and edged with natives for privacy. Glenise also gave us a brief run-down of her recent trip to Africa. Thank you Glenise!

The Coromandel Town Information Centre is having a White Elephant Fundraiser and has asked members of the Coromandel Garden Circle if they could supply any plants or seedlings for the sales table. Talk to Sandra at the Info Centre for more information.

We then returned for afternoon tea, competition table of Foraging Edibles and Beachcomber Arrangements, and raffles. An afternoon enjoyed by all who attended.

Next month we will visit the Te Kouma members' gardens as the Mussel Kitchen is closed. Members will be advised of details closer to the time.



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Coromandel Santa Parade

By Daniel Smith

This year's Santa Parade is scheduled for **Saturday 8 December** at 2pm, from Watt Street to Jacks Point. The main street will be closed for 15 minutes while the parade passes through.

Thanks to our terrific sponsors, James Drainage and Coromandel Four Square, for making this happen.

Come on out and join in the fun. This year's theme is Science Fiction Christmas, so put on your favourite costumes and get amongst it.

Jump in your fancy car, or on your tricycle, and join the parade. Turn up on the day at Watt Street by 1.30pm. Or give me a call or email to let me know.

Sponsorship also wanted for prizes. Best Commercial Float and Best Amateur, as well as Best School effort!

Contact Daniel 02041166877 idlepursuits.nz@gmail.com



Obituary – Victor Joseph Pierre Benard (Dominique)

15 November 1938 – 27 September 2018

By Richard McLean

Dominique was born Victor Joseph Pierre Benard on 15 November 1938 in Taillis, Ille-et-Vilaine, Brittany. This was under German occupation in France and troops were stationed not far from their home. The family survived the war by Dominique growing vegetables and his father raising rabbits.



Dominique attended the village school and was a good student. A wealthy women living in the region often contributed a gift of money to his family to help Dominique gain a better education and he was able to get secondary education at College Ste Marie in Flers-de-Lorne. When he graduated he taught there and at the same time studied by correspondence with the Universite Catholique d'Angers. While he was studying he was ineligible for conscription and when he completed his studies he volunteered for the military and was stationed in Algeria in 1961.

In 1966 he completed his degree at the University of Rennes and went on to teach in Papeete, Tahiti where he taught until 1995. He met his wife Nancy nee Reid through a student exchange programme and they married in 1980 and lived in Tahiti until Dominique's retirement when they retired to Te Kouma in 1995. Dominique loved living on the Coromandel – it was his happy place and he loved nothing more than working in the garden.

Dominique was a Chevallier des Palmes Academique, a prestigious award for service to teaching and he was also holder of a Gold Medal for service to Youth in Sports. He has translated books, including one by a New Zealand author, and served as an interpreter. For those who knew him well he was never one to sit still for long, unless it was to write a letter or send an email. Teaching and mentoring was his calling.

Wild things

By Karen Marshall

The kotare, or kingfisher, is a common visitor to the McGregor Bay Wetland, and can often be seen in groups perching on power lines and fences. From such a vantage point they hunt and dive for small crabs and fish, tadpoles, spiders, earthworms, lizards, mice and even small birds such as silvereyes.

Maori rarely ate them because the lizards they eat represent death. This may explain why their beautiful blue-green feathers were not generally used decoratively.

Kotare nest in tunnels dug into rotting trees with their powerful beaks. This charismatic little bird has been chosen by the McGregor Bay Wetland Society as its icon.

Anyone who has a picture of Coromandel wildlife they would like to contribute to this column is welcome to email the McGregor Bay Wetland Society: mcgregorbaywetland@hotmail.com



Coromandel Players presents

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PANTOMIME -ALADDIN

By Roger Hall

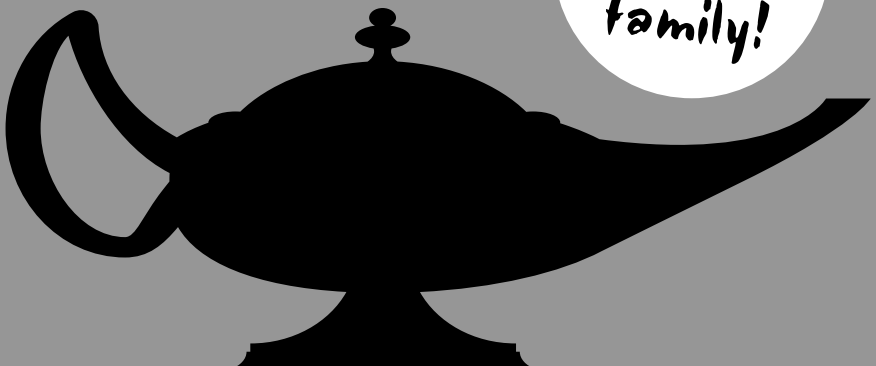
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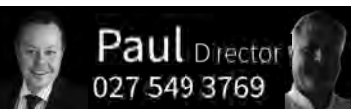
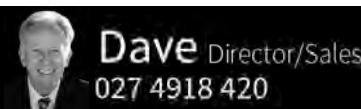
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Heart Beat – St John Ambulance Coromandel/Colville

By Julie Scampton, Station Manager, Coromandel

What is your number?

Is your property clearly identifiable from the road?

The ambulance service on many occasions has difficulty finding a residence or location due to poor or nil numbering identification. This can delay a patient receiving the immediate assistance potentially necessary.

In a rural community letterboxes on roadsides need clear numbering for all of the emergency services. If shared accesses are in place each individual property should have their number again at their own entrance.

Perhaps if a bystander or member of the public is available you could have them stand on the roadside to indicate to the ambulance crew the correct location.

Mr "Google" is not always the best to do this job for us, you are!

A Big Day Out

Coromandel staff had a big day out on 14 October to Auckland as a training/orientation day.

We visited our "Clinical Communications Centre" which accepts 111 calls, assesses priority of these callouts, dispatches ambulances to jobs as required, and arranges inter-hospital transfers. The centre has a staff of over 30 well-trained personnel at any one time on rotating shifts to maintain a 24/7 cover.



Staff having an introduction to CCC by the manager Ethan Howartson

After a break for lunch we were then taken on a guided tour of the Middlemore Hospital ED department which has a total of seven departments that incoming patients can be triaged to. What a massive place which on average has 300 patients passing through each day.

This was a wonderful learning day for the volunteers who usually only get to see Thames Hospital and the Hauraki Coromandel facilities.

Stay safe, keep well.

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

Coromandel Writers

By Jane Powell

The writers' group is developing well; there is a noticeable improvement in our confidence since we started the year. This week we wrote about being hard of hearing in social contexts – ear opening! And our homework had been to write about the second half of life. A quote from Henry Wordsworth Longfellow, "How far the gulf stream of our youth may flow", was apt. Contributions ranged from fantastical fiction to true personal stories. Our younger members have much to look forward to. Book reviews included a robust discussion of Thackeray's *Vanity Fair* with opinions about Becky's role firmly divided, after all it is the year of suffragettes.

In the second half of my life...

By Megan Mackie

If the all wise one could tell me the time frame for the second half of my life I would be eternally grateful. Presumably I am in that period now as I have yet to hear of anyone living to 140.

But when did it begin?

My life now seems to revolve around sitting and discussing sometimes unusual topics of conversation with those who live

near to me. My best friend, I often think, is the modified lazyboy I spent my last cash on before my ill health caught up with me and I entered into "care". A euphemistic term meant to impart warm fuzzies to those who may have to journey down the same path.

Luckily I had chosen a more refined version of the chair as the smaller frame made it look less bulky and I was able to fit it into the cell the shiny pamphlet of the care facility calls an ensuite luxury room.

Anyway the chair makes a good platform for reminiscing and dreaming about the second half of my life. Perhaps the birth of a grandchild in my 50s would be a good place to start even though I am unlikely to live to 110. I think back to the excitement of the new father being settled into marriage and the next stage of his life. A relief to his father and me after getting three males through their teenage years and education. Someone else was now answerable to him and we were no longer "next of kin". What a relief!

Now we could concentrate on doing exciting things for us – a bit of travelling and fulltime work to build up cash supplies for our retirement. Perhaps we could build on the piece of land we had purchased many years ago. The rundown part of town was

all we could afford but fashions change in housing as in clothes and now it would be a good place to live. We would downsize and declutter!

As often happens in life, just as you think the future looks certain something interrupts – unwelcome deaths and major health concerns. All part of a full life and I could not have possibly gotten to the age I am now without encountering some bumps along the way. From the benefit of hindsight these episodes have led me to be the person I am now. Though, as I rock my lazyboy a little more furiously, the sadness wells up in me and I have to concentrate hard on all of the happy times – more grandchildren, travels and adventures with good friends.

If I become bored with television or my fellow inmates I close my eyes and travel mentally to other countries. How strange it is that I can remember the places we stayed on our various adventures but have trouble identifying the day of the week we are in.

My thoughts even travel further back in time and remember my own grandmother and the rocking chair that she used by the open fire. She often dozed in the warmth and I now know that she was reminiscing about the second half of her life as well.



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News from Thames-Coromandel District Council

New look on the way for Coromandel Town's main street

Coromandel Town's main street is in for an upgrade due to start soon after Easter 2019.

After speaking to local business operators and residents, the Coromandel-Colville Community Board approved designs for the upgrade.

The key focus is to reduce the excessive "cross fall" or slope on Kapanga Road, which has made access difficult for cars and has potential for vehicle damage to shop verandas.

The upgrade will also improve traffic flow through the intersection of Tiki Rd, Kapanga Rd, and Wharf Rd. The pedestrian crossing at Kapanga Rd will be moved to a more appropriate location, which is still being investigated.



Work is scheduled to start on 29 April 2019, to allow for Easter and ANZAC Day.

Our council is also working on upcoming infrastructure upgrades to stormwater and the local water supply at the same time.

The timing and extent of any road closures will not be known until a contractor is appointed.

Pottery Lane extension

Separate to the Coromandel Town Centre Upgrade, Pottery Lane will be extended in order to reduce commercial traffic on Kapanga Road.

www.tcdc.govt.nz/coromandel-town-upgrade

West Coast boat ramps calendar OUT NOW

Our popular calendar featuring the boat ramps of the Coromandel's west coast is now available at bait shops, Council offices and boat ramps managed by wardens on the west coast of our district.



events

Thames Steampunk Festival

The festival programme includes steampunk balls, banquets and burlesque, as well as exhibitions and concerts. Many events are family-friendly and free.

www.steampunkthethames.org

Coroglen Tavern

Donavon Frankenreiter will bring his honey-thick vocals, masterful guitar work and newest album "The Heart" to the Coromandel Peninsula for one night only. www.eventfinda.co.nz/2018/donavon-frankenreiter/coroglen

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We need to balance safety in public spaces between dog people, non-dog people and the environment. Everyone should be able to feel safe. That's why dogs must be on lead in most areas unless specified. Our bylaws team will be spending more time stopping and talking to dog owners if dogs aren't on-lead where they should be. They will have information to share on our dog control bylaw and a free dog lead for you to take home. www.tcdc.govt.nz/dogs



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UPDATE

The next meeting of the Coromandel-Colville Community Board is 9am, November 7 at the Coromandel Service Centre 355 Kapanga Road Coromandel

Barry Brickell Performance Stage

Bookings can now be made by individuals or groups wishing to use the Barry Brickell Performance Stage in the Hauraki House Reserve. All enquiries should be directed to our Coromandel office – 866 1001.

Hannafords Wharf – Repairs to the ramp are nearly done and a trial solar light is to be installed.

Te Kouma Road – Seal extension works have been approved and will go out to tender this week.

Sugarloaf Wharf – Repairs are taking place near the wharf and a defibrillator has been installed at the warden shelter.

Samuel James Reserve – New paths are being constructed in the reserve and the memorial seat, tree and sun dial will be relocated. The information centre is still accessible through the reserve while the work takes place.

OUR COROMANDEL 2018-2019 magazine

Our much-loved annual magazine 'Our Coromandel' is now out, bringing you another great read with Council news, information and stories from this special place in the world.

Our Coromandel 2018-2019 explores news on Council services, interesting features and our annual event listings guide.

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Grey Power Association Coromandel

By John Rabarts. President

Next Grey Power meeting is **Thursday 22 November**, at St John Rooms, Tiki Road, Coromandel. We gather from 1pm for our meeting to start at 1.30pm. All members and visitors welcome. Afternoon tea or coffee at the end of the meeting.

Christmas Party

This year's Christmas party for seniors and their caregivers or supporters will be on **Friday 7 December**, at the Anglican Hall, Christ Church, Tiki Road Coromandel, 1pm start. An afternoon of varied entertainment and everyone gets a present. This may be your first Christmas present of the year. No entry charge and afternoon tea or coffee with biscuits, etc., at the end of the show. You do not need to be a Grey Power member to come as this is our contribution to all seniors in the area – or if you have visitors from far away, bring them too.

Handy household tips

Thanks to those who have found that using oats chases out the ants but brings in the mice – which then need a cat to catch them. So oats have a double benefit – if you have a cat. So here are some thoughts on getting a cat to chase the mice if you don't have one. Start young. Kittens who start their life indoors are usually quite content to stay there (where the mice are) rather than face the unknown outside. They need walks though – if you live in a safe neighbourhood, you can train them to walk on a leash. (Yes you can get a cat leash from a pet store or vet.) at home provide some safe space outdoors – in a screened porch or high fence yard. There are plenty of options for letting your cat get a taste of the outdoors – without being too far outdoors disturbing the neighbours. Clean litter boxes frequently. Cats are often



“neat freaks” and you may need to scoop the litter box often. Toys – you should spend some time playing with your cat every day. They should also have access to cat toys they can play with when you are not around. No need to bring in a supply of mice. If there are any in the house they will find them. Good luck.

Garden and paths weedkiller

If you are using “Roundup” or similar to kill weeds there is a safer alternative. Next time you see white vinegar on sale, get a bottle. To use put a little dishwash liquid in your spray bottle then fill with the white vinegar. Spray your weeds in path and edges and you will be surprised how effective this is. The dishwash liquid helps to keep the vinegar on the leaves of the weeds so it can do its weedkilling job. The weeds in the sun die in a day or two, those in the shade take a day or two longer. This lasts for a few months before it needs redoing. Much better for everyone. Thanks Grant and some helpful fellow at a hardware store in Whitianga.

Grey Power Health Insurance

Mac Welch, previous Grey Power President Coromandel, now President Grey Power Federation New Zealand, has negotiated a Medical Health Insurance plan for Grey Power members and associate members (which means that you do not have to be over 50 years to join Grey Power Electricity, Cook Strait Ferry Discounts, Challenge Fuel discounts – 8c a litre – and our medical health insurance). The health insurance guarantees a 35% discount on the full rates charged by our health insurer. Enquire now, or ask for details at our next meeting.

To join Coromandel Grey Power Association phone Membership Secretary Carol Carson (07) 866 7172, or Vice President Irene Dunn, 021 157 8408



New Zealand themed quilt by Bev Mayhead

Coromandel Patchwork and Quilters

By Jenny Till

It is lovely to welcome spring, and with it has come great enthusiasm from our members to attack new projects or complete others before the end of the year.

The patchwork and quilters is a neat group to belong to as there is great camaraderie.

Our members go from novice patchwork and quilters to those who have been doing it for many years and have completed an amazing array of projects. Their creativity both amazes and inspires me.

So especially if you are new to town come along for morning tea and meet our members.

Our group has made the decision to have a small project at most meetings that can be completed that day. This has proved very popular with many of our members, while others choose to work away on a larger project.

Today there were a number of fantastic quilts at “show and tell” as well as completed projects that followed the Christmas theme.

One of the quilts on display was the one that we will have for our annual raffle. Watch out for that; it's a stunner.

A number of members are carpooling to attend a quilt festival in Auckland on 2 November.

Our meetings are held at the St John Hall, Tiki Road on the 1st and 3rd (and 5th) Monday of the month. 9.30am-3.30pm. President Raewyn Penrose (07) 866 8880, Secretary Sharon Currie (07) 866 8762

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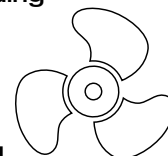


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Coromandel Independent Living Trust

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It was with heavy hearts that we at CILT learned of the passing of Mariana Gordon. Our condolences to her whanau.

Mariana worked for CILT for over 12 years from January 2001 until she retired in May 2013. She worked closely with Mike Noonan and the Trustees being initially employed as "Management Support Worker and Programme Manager". This developed into the sole charge role she held for many years of Tiki House Resource Centre Co-ordinator which included processing many patient travel claims and dealing with a wide variety of clients.

In this role Mariana was the real face of CILT but she was more than the face. Her values and ethics were something we all admired. She had a passionate commitment to Te Reo and the practice of Tikanga Maori and made sure that we were on the right track. She was generous in spirit, especially to the most vulnerable in our community.

In 2012 Mariana won a national award: the NZ Federation of Disability Information Centre Information Consultant of the Year.

Mariana was very well known and respected on the front desk and will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

Mariana,
Haere ki te wa kainga
Haere ki te kainga tuturu
O to tatou Matua i te rangi
Haere, haere, haere.

Coromandel Business Association and CILT come together

The first of a series of social events for all Coromandel business owners, entrepreneurs and people looking to start new businesses in Coromandel was held at the Star and Garter in the second week of October. Supported by CILT, it is part of an effort to get people talking about a new vision for the Business Association.

More than 50 people gathered to hear the guest speaker, Martin Mikaere, Principal of Te Wharekura O Manaia, talk about the history of the school and discuss how businesses could provide valuable work experience and opportunities for students. Martin extended an invitation to interested people to visit the Kura and CILT and the CBA will be arranging visits in the future. The school roll is around 125 young people who make up the future of our area.

The Coromandel Town Information Centre, which was previously under the mantle of the CBA, is now operated by the Thrive Coromandel Charitable Trust, which means the CBA has returned to the same structure it was originally when first formed 22 years ago. It is a challenging time for small businesses worldwide and there is a need for innovative ideas and an energetic organisation to support Coromandel business owners. The CBA AGM will be held on **19 November** at 5.30pm in the Council Chambers when a new vision and strategic direction will be discussed and nominations for the executive committee called for.

Transport Problems

The loss of the daily bus service from Coromandel to Thames and from there on to Hamilton has increased the isolation of living in Coromandel for many people. There is not only no direct bus to Thames, but no bus to Hamilton either. CILT offers a volunteer driver service to hospital appointment at Thames and Waikato Hospital but apart from that there is no public transport available.

CILT will support the Coromandel Community Services Trust to investigate running a daily service to Thames, if there is the demand. The aim is to provide the Regional Council with enough evidence of need to provide a functioning transport service.

Anyone interested in seeing this happen should contact Rochelle at the Tiki House Resource Centre with their ideas.

CILT Resource Centre Co-ordinators: Rochelle Still and Erana Marsters. Hours: 9am-3pm Monday-Thursday. Ph/Fax (07) 866 8358. Email cilt.org.nz, www.cilt.org.nz

**Mana Update**

By Penelope Carroll

Transformation is all around us as the warmer weather and longer days of spring continue to work their magic. The last of this season's puawhanga/clematis wreathes the tree tops, the kowhai is in full bloom and clusters of buds on the pohutukawa trees will soon burst into the crimson flowers which herald summer on the Peninsula. In the Mana vegetable garden seeds are sprouting and seedlings growing amongst mature cauliflower and broccoli ready to harvest, while in our orchards, miniature fruit have formed from the blossoms of early spring.

Above is a picture of Mana staff and trustees in the octagon at our spring gathering last month. At this gathering we reminded ourselves of the personal and communal values – values such as integrity, loving kindness, commitment, joy, gratitude and service – which underpin the day-to-day operations of Mana and allow for the blossoming and transformation of those who come to Mana to work, or as course participants or retreatants.

November starts with one of our home-grown relaxation retreats (**2-4 November**), designed to allow you to unwind and catch your breath in a way that supports your wellbeing, body and soul. The optional daily schedule of meditation and movement classes and massage treatments, the supportive and tranquil surroundings and nourishing vegetarian food, combine to provide an ideal space for transformation.

Here is another of Maria's delicious cauliflower recipes from the Mana kitchen.

Cauliflower, Chia and Chickpea Bliss Balls:

Process together in a blender, 300gm cauliflower florets, 400 gm chickpeas, 1 green shallot, 1 clove garlic, rind of one lemon, $\frac{1}{3}$ cup chopped coriander, 2 tsp ground coriander, 1 tsp cumin, 2 tbsp spelt flour, 1 tsp baking powder, 2 tbsp white chia seeds, pepper and salt. Roll into balls and coat with $\frac{1}{2}$ c of white chia seeds. Spray/brush with oil and bake in moderate oven 20-25 minutes. Serve with a dressing made of $\frac{1}{2}$ c yoghurt, 1 tbsp lemon juice and 1 tbsp tahini.

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Mana Retreat Centre, Coromandel New Zealand		
Book Online - manaretreat.com		
2-4 NOV	November Relax Weekend	
8-11 NOV	Awaken Within: A Meditation and Purposeful Living Retreat w/ Trish du Temple and Lisa Gibson	
16-26 NOV	Osteopathic Studies	
29 - 1 DEC	Repotted Retreat with Lisa O'Neill	
2-5 DEC	Judy Satori Physical Regeneration: Level Two	

Animal Rescue Thames

By Alice and John Parris
and our Tutu

Firstly we say a huge thank mew to everyone who has donated tinned food, cat food/ biscuits to our rescue felines.

This is a huge blessing to us and the cats. Thank mew to Kerepehi WI who donated bedding and cat food to the unit as well as some garage sale treasures. To everyone who donated items for our Labour Weekend garage sale, our volunteers and those who came on the day, thank mew. All these funds will help us to feed and care for the lost souls who are unwanted, abandoned over the festive season and help those still patiently waiting for forever homes. We can only cater for what we have funds for over the festive season so the trilogy of fundraisers we have in October/November/December is divided by five months and that is what the budget is. Has always worked albeit sometimes extremely tightly but we do our very best and run the unit often on wings and prayers as well.

Christmas Raffles

We have an incredible line-up of Christmas Raffles this year – Christmas cakes, groceries, kids toys, Xmas hamper, hundred dollar note and scratchies – so so many awesome items have been donated to the unit so this year's line-up is awesome.

This year only five days so we will be outside Pak 'n Save Thames **Monday 26 November to Friday 30 November** and in five days we have to raise as much as, or more than, what we did in six days, so it's an epic mission this year but we can only do what we can do.

Cattery mews

Our black line-up are ridiculous kittens, Suki has trashed more than one cardboard box through not wanting to go in box in the open side. She chooses to scratch and kick out the back to get in – seems like hard work to do all that when you can simply go around the front and lie in the sun. No, not Suki, she has alternate ideas. Moby, her heavier brother, is still clumsy, still the dozey one of the family and the one with the biggest vocal chords and doesn't chatter quietly. He shouts it out and hunts out humans to lie on laps, checking out that both humans, wherever they are, are okay and that he gets patted. Wiki is the breakfast king – as in humans' Weetbix with hot water and milk is something that is his breakfast and something he enjoys thoroughly, even to extend if humans are not quick enough they miss out and he gets the bowlful! Suki also has breakfast requirements and all love Sunday breakfast and butter is quickly demolished off toast – Moby will even eat the crusts and moans that his furr is still black and straight and not a curl in sight. So much for that old adage!

Tutu is a nutter totally and will hide in boxes and then jump out at any unsuspecting cat passing by and shakes her head and flits round like a butterfly, bless her, so cats keep humans amused and keep themselves busy outdoors in the sunshine, rain and wind.

Wanted – homes for our older felines, tinned/sachet foods to feed them all and clean saleable items for our December garage sale.

Meow furr now.

Any enquiries on anything purrlease contact Animal Rescue Thames, (07) 868 2907 (afternoons best)



Coromandel Town Information Centre

By Sandra Wilson, Manager



By the time you read this article the Samuel

James Reserve will have undergone a mini makeover, with new paths, seating, signage, bike stand and drinking fountain. Come have a look.

Boom, Bust and Beyond tours are going well. Great feedback from all of those who have partaken so far. I would like to say a big thank you to Coromandel Development Ltd who have funded "hi-vis" vests for the tour guides and magazine advertising. You will see a lot more of our guides out wearing the bright yellow Boom, Bust and Beyond branded vests.

We still have sponsorship/partnership opportunities available to help us promote our unique, guided heritage tours. If you see the benefit that our new venture brings to town are interested in helping, I am only a phone call away.

The Information Centre is having a White Elephant/Garage Sale on **Saturday 17 November** from 9am-1pm in Coromandel Area School Hall. So if you are having a spring clean, think of us first for donating your clean, saleable goods. No clothes, electrical items or large items. Donations can be dropped off at the school on **Friday 16 November** from 2.30pm-6.00pm. If that day is inconvenient for you, ring me and we can arrange for drop-off on a different day.

Everyone is out making use of the great weather we are having. Just remember to clean your gear (shoes, walking sticks, dog paws, bike tyres) to help reduce the spread of Kauri Dieback Disease before you go into areas with kauri trees, and when you finish. "Spread the word, not the disease."

We have blank greeting cards depicting some of our iconic buildings in town available at the Centre. They are great for sending overseas for Christmas. And don't forget our Boom, Bust and Beyond tour, which also makes a great gift. Gift vouchers available at the Information Centre.

The InterCity bus comes through town every day at 11.17am via Whitianga, Thames and then connections to Auckland and Tauranga are possible. The 360 Ferry is now operating Tuesday/Thursday departing at 3.00pm, Friday 8.45pm, and Saturday/Sunday/holidays at 4.30pm. Lately the ferry has been full, so please plan ahead to avoid disappointment, with both ferry and bus transport. We can also assist with booking Bluebridge, Cook Strait Ferry, and Hobbiton.

Open 10.00am-5.00pm, Phone: 07 866 8598 or 027 521 5560, Email coroinfo@xtra.co.nz, Website www.coromandeltown.co.nz. Follow us on Facebook: Coromandel Town Information Centre

SeniorNet Coromandel

By Loes Beaver



We live in a world that is very different to just a few decades ago. When SeniorNet federation first started in 1980s its customers were a few seniors owning the primitive, but expensive, PC. But today computers, tablets and smartphones are now a key part of life, and of course internet has come along in the meantime.

The ability to use the internet is now most essential in dealing with government, banking, emails and other facet of life, or just to keep in communication with family and friends.

We here in Coromandel meet at 4pm Mondays at the Coromandel Area School so if you have a problem or just need to catch up with technology, come along and talk to us.

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CELEBRATING OUR CHILDREN

Colville School

By Ra Edelsten



In Term Three Colville School students wrote persuasive speeches on a topic of their choosing. They had to persuade the audience to think as they do. Though we would have liked to have printed each speech fully, here is a small sample from four of them.

Why you shouldn't get a Netflix account: Ezra Hunter

You probably didn't know but a Netflix survey found that 61% of Netflix users watch between 3-4 hours of screen time each sitting. Netflix's CEO has even stated that Netflix's biggest competitor is sleep and that's very scary because I think Netflix is winning. Netflix is the leader in its field with over 65 million people in over 50 countries. Many are addicted and are watching 100 million hours of Netflix movies and TV shows per day. Netflix is a great way to get... UNFIT! Imagine if you were sitting on your couch most of the day just getting up to change the movie or TV show or to eat, you wouldn't get much exercise, would you? What if you went outside to check the mail and were sweating by the time you got to the letterbox? I bet you would be pretty ashamed of yourself. I know I would!

Mushrooms are yuck: Piri Pearsall

Have you ever actually looked closely at

a mushroom? Have you noticed that they look slimy, squishy and brown? And don't even get me started on how they taste. Yuck, nasty, zucchiniish, I could go on forever. I mean come on, they are the nastiest of foods. Seriously, mud or mushrooms? You can't even tell! According to a recent survey only 69 people out of 571 liked mushrooms but after my speech I'm pretty sure they wouldn't. Plus, they are the surprise ruiner of many unlucky pizzas and believe me, I've experienced this first hand. Colville Café should definitely ban mushrooms because I have accidentally eaten them there plenty of times mistaking them for meat. That's right, I said meat, small chopped up bits, and believe me feeling like you're going to be sick all over the table is not a good experience. Mum usually tries to make me eat them. Unfortunately, she doesn't buy it when I say I'm allergic. So most nights for dinner I end up choking them down.

Pig Hunting is a great hobby: Hailey Bolton

Pig hunting is very good exercise. Pigs are very intelligent animals so you need to be fast to get to the pig before it breaks! It is a very challenging sport that requires immense fitness. Exercise boosts self confidence and boosts your energy. It lowers the chance of you getting heart disease. Also, you won't get as sick because your heart is healthy. Once I was with my mum, we were in the gorse by



a tree and the gorse was moving in strange ways. Mum told me to get up the tree and then... out came this little piglet. We both laughed.

Sports are better than screens: Riley Novis

If you're spending time on a screen you don't realise that you're not spending quality time with family. Something big might have happened like a new birth, and you wouldn't know because you're staring at a screen. Your family might even forget about you! What happens if your friends stop caring? What will they do if they need somebody? No one will want to go and see you because all you do is play video games. It would suck, wouldn't it? We need to be having social interactions. I think that playing outside or doing sports is better than a TV screen.

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Rangatahi CELEBRATING OUR CHILDREN

A wee bit of advice for parents

By Coral Clark, youth worker/attendance advisor – CAPS Hauraki

Opening a bank account when you are over 18 can be a real nightmare. There are very strict criteria and requirements for identification that many young people struggle to meet. Please help your children to open a bank account and get an IRD number. This is easy for you to do when they are young, but can be very difficult for them later on. I suggest getting this done before they turn 14. Teaching them to operate a bank account will help them in the future. Also making sure that they have a birth certificate and a photo ID before they leave school would help them a great deal.

Kiwi Can

Kia Ora Koutou

By the time you are reading this issue of the Chronicle we will be well into term Four.

At the end of term three we lost our Thames-based Kiwi Can Leader Emma Hawkins as she has moved onto a full-time position with Te Korowai Hauora o Hauraki in Thames. Although we were sad to see Emma go, I am also pleased that she has landed full-time work, and we wish her all the best in her future.

On a brighter note we now have Brianna Taylor on board with us as our new Kiwi Can Leader. Brianna will be working regularly with Gemma at Thames South School and will also be our Kiwi Can Reliever.

This term our Theme is Integrity. This is all about doing the right thing even when no one is watching.

We will be discovering this Theme through our modules of “Making Good Choices, Being a Role Model and Accountability”.

Our leaders have planned some awesome fun activities to enable us to get these messages across to our tamariki.

Ka kite ano from the Kiwi Can Crew

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



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Coromandel Area School

By Jamie Leckie

We are back at school and ready for Term 4. This term we have lots going on such as Coro's Got Talent on **30 October** in the school hall, Cluster Athletics for Year 0-8 on **6 November** and Grandparent's day on **16 November**. We would love to see you at our events. We also have senior students sitting their exams and we wish them all the best! Stay up to date with what is happening by checking our school calendar on our website and our Facebook page by searching Coromandel Area School.

Sports Update

Geoff says the focus on school sports over the last two years has been one of establishing pathways in sport, from sport development sessions for Year 4 pupils to entry into representative secondary school sport teams and events. While a relatively low participation in sport in Coromandel over recent years, football has proven in 2018 that it is a sport of opportunity for all ages.

Three senior girls joined the Mercury Bay Area school girls football squad and the door was opened to Waikato and New Zealand secondary school competition, Central

COROMANDEL AREA SCHOOL



North Island, New Zealand Area school, Thames Valley and various tournaments this year.

A few achievements over the season:
3rd place 2nd Division Waikato

Secondary Schools; 1st place Thames Valley Secondary Schools Tournament; Semi-finalists in the Waikato Secondary Schools Premier Division Knock Out Cup.

An historic first entry to a New Zealand Secondary School national tournament and nominated Fair Play team out of 24 teams.

The girls played 28 games this season, scoring 94 goals. Emily finished the season with 17 goals and Tatum 3.

Emily and Brooke were named in the North Island Area Schools squad, with Emily going on to make New Zealand Area Schools selection.

Brooke was nominated for selection into the New Zealand Secondary Schools squad to play in the USA in 2019 for her outstanding season in goal. Her performance in Auckland was observed for selection but she did not make the squad. However, being observed for selection was a great achievement in itself. Well done Brooke, you have made us proud and we are sure more opportunities will come your way in the future.

Room 6

At the start of Term 3 we welcomed Whaea Debby to Room 6 as the Year 5 and 6 cohorts were large in numbers. The class have been working on creating a class culture of safety and belonging within their room. As part of this inquiry they have done some cooking together and talked about the importance of preparing and sharing food as a family. They have written their own Mihi and created a piece of art that reflects their personal culture and whanau. Room 6 have also been learning how to create narratives, check out Ryan's "Spooky Story" where he was tasked with using commas and descriptive language to create a spooky atmosphere.

By Ryan

I see the old, rotten cottage as I walk up the mossy, broken tiles then up to the old, rusty metal door.

I take a big breath and knock on the door. Right then I wonder how anyone would still live in here.

It is abandoned, all I can smell is mouldy air, I feel the cold air down the back of my neck, I feel unsafe and insecure, then out of nowhere I hear a laugh, a creepy witchy laugh so... I run.

To be continued...

Coromandel Community Preschool

By Debra Attwood



The final term for the year is well underway and the summer weather is approaching. Let's hope for lots of fine weather. Reminder for everyone to be sun safe, wear a bucket hat and sunscreen.

We have enjoyed some community outings with bike days at the old netball courts being very popular and we took a group of children out to visit at the Hauraki Festival. It was great to see so many of our centre tamariki there with their whanau, it was a fantastic event and we loved all of the performances that we managed to see, especially the one by Manaia where so many of our past students were performing.

We will have lots of water play and outdoor activities this term with physical activity being a main point. As Gill Connell and Cheryl McCarthy say in their book, *A Moving Child is a Learning Child* – "Active play is joyful, fun, and creative. Play is the essence of childhood. And it is also essential to child development."

The more a child moves, the more a child knows. The more a child knows, the more a child wants to know. The more a child wants to know the more a child needs to move.

We have recently celebrated birthdays for Korbin, Hudson, Phoebe, Douglas, and Macy. We wish them a very happy birthday. We said farewell to Lucy and Phoebe who have started school and we welcomed Anthony, Blake and Casey and we look forward to learning all about you.

Our rolls are currently full, but you are welcome to come along if you have a child this age and are looking for a quality early childhood centre. 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/review-reports/coromandel-community-preschool-25-05-2018/>.

The centre operates Monday – Friday 8.00am-4pm. We are situated at 155 Pottery Lane. If you are interested call in for a visit or phone us on (07) 866 7570

Coromandel Youth Group at Hauraki House

Friday Nights at Youth Group – Parents – make sure you know where your children are! Please check in with us from time to time as this helps us to keep track of who should be at Youth Group and not wandering the streets!

School Term Time Hours

Tuesday and Thursday 3pm-5pm.

Friday Afternoon 2pm-4pm.

Friday Night Social 6pm-9pm – for students yrs 7-10.

Sunday 1pm-4pm – drop in social.

Coromandel Youth Group is for all children aged 5-15yrs, just fill out a membership form for each child attending.

Please make a gold coin donation for after-school sessions.

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

For more information call in or phone (07) 866 7061.

Along with the kind donations that we receive, we would like to thank those that make this programme possible: Lottery Waikato, COGS, Trust Waikato, "Bizarre" Charitable Trust, The Tindal Foundation, Star & Garter Give a Little Sundays – \$10 Pizzas and The Warehouse – Thames "Customer Choice" programme



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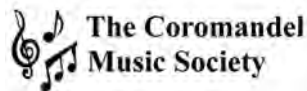
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Arts

Coromandel Music Society

By Maureen Kimber



We have now presented our final concert for 2018 and what a year it has been. We opened in January with our famous Mussel Kitchen concert featuring the dynamic Beat Girls, closely followed in February with Flora and Sean who proved hugely popular.

April saw one of our most successful concerts ever, starring Hopetoun Brown. The band featured four of New Zealand's hugely talented musicians and filled the Anglican Hall with a capacity audience. Indeed we were very privileged to promote this show.

In accordance with our constitution, we also present one classical concert each year, and in May our knowledgeable audience thrilled to beautiful music played by Hammers and Horsehair.

A short break and time for a breather until June, when we were to host the duo "Nordan" from Scandinavia. Unfortunately the violinist was taken ill and could not come to New Zealand, but we agreed to continue with the concert and the audience was treated to a musical journey and slide show of the most northern parts of the hemisphere.

September saw the return to Coromandel of Helen Webby, a supreme harpist who is resident with the Christchurch Symphony Orchestra. Her one woman show was appreciated by lovers of beautiful music.

We arrived at our final concert for the year on 13 October with the very welcome return of the extremely popular Andrew London trio. They are based in Wellington but had an October gig in Auckland so we signed them up straight away, and the packed Club in Woollams Avenue had a great night with much laughter and appreciation of three very talented NZ icons.

The committee have worked hard to try and promote something for every taste in very varied music genres, and thank all the concert goers who have steadfastly supported us over the years. The Club has proved to be the most popular music venue and we thank all of the Bowling Club and RSA members for allowing us to sometimes take over the Club nights. The RSA president even moved his birthday party by one week to accommodate our final 2018 concert. Only in our lovely town of Coromandel could that happen.

We have been very busy putting the 2019 programme together, so book your ticket for our opening concert on **19 January**. A new venue this year sees us move to the Admiral's Arms Garden and the lineup of six musicians will be very exciting. Watch for the official advertisement in the next Chronicle edition. You may feel that a treat to this kind of musical evening would make a wonderful Christmas present for the person whom you never know what to buy for.

Thank you all once again and here's to entertaining you in 2019.

Nashville Comes to Coromandel!

Award-winning Kiwi acoustic duo Tattletale Saints, have been based in the USA for five years, living and working alongside Nashville's best. They are returning to New Zealand for a December tour and we're privileged to be hosting them in Coromandel Town.



Their tour marks a return to the acoustic duo sound that the Saints first introduced to New Zealand audiences in 2012, earning them the NZ Music Award (Tui) for Folk Album of the Year in 2014.

Cy Winstanley (guitar/vocals and APRA Silver Scroll nominee) and Vanessa McGowan (bass/vocals) have each spent the last 18 months touring the USA and further afield with many different artists.

Cy has spent time on the road with Aubrie Sellers and Ashley Campbell, touring through the USA and UK/Europe, opening for Miranda Lambert and performing at Bonnaroo, Folk Alliance, Americanafest and The Grand Ole Opry.

Vanessa has performed throughout the USA, Canada and the UK with multi Grammy nominee Brandy Clark, also opening for Miranda Lambert and performing on the Opry stage. With Brandy she opened for Dwight Yoakam, Tim McGraw, Faith Hill and Willie Nelson, who she was privileged to join on stage in a group vocal. In August Vanessa joined Grammy winning band Sugarland on their US tour, finishing up with them in time to re-join forces with Winstanley and prepare for their homecoming tour.

Audiences can look forward to a mix of old and new songs, along with the band's takes on classic country, pop and American songbook hits.

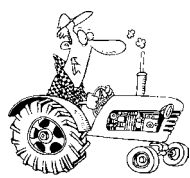
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Pastel Artists Coromandel

By Rosemarie Murphy

Allan and Rosemarie are back from Caloundra after attending the Australian Pastel Expo. They reported back on the many demonstrations and workshops that were on offer and also on the "lolly shop" of pastels and accessories (many not available in New Zealand) that were available for purchase at discount prices.

Our Labour weekend exhibition was on in October. I hope you came to see the work we have been doing over the past year.



We meet every Tuesday in the Aero Club rooms on Tiki Road from 9.00am-12pm. Call in and have a cuppa with us



"OSCA" 2018 Open Studios Coromandel Artstour



Wall to wall people at the Gala opening at Hauraki House created an excited atmosphere to start the 2018 Open Studios event. Mayor Sandra Goudie officially opened the exhibition, and supported by Scott Simpson, expressed respect for the initiative and quality of the displayed works.

The weekends that followed saw equally large numbers exploring the Open Studio venues. The Hub with six artists in their "pop ups" was a major attraction as 100's of visitors filed through.

Thank you to our sponsors: Richardsons Real Estate Ltd, Four Square and Liquor King and to all of the businesses that have displayed artists' works – The Bizarre, Richardsons Real Estate Ltd, James and Turner, Anexa FVC Veterinary Services, Fish and Dive, Coromandel Meatkeeper, Liquor King, Wyuna Studios, Corotime, Weta, Star Gallery, Top Town Takeaways, and Coromandel Family Health Centre. Thank you too for the support of the community. We love you to share this time with us.

Some artists took advantage of Labour Weekend that followed and left up their studio flags, welcoming visitors for an extra weekend.

Same time next year! First two full weekends of October. We will keep in touch until then, sharing articles about our artists.

Coromandel Art Group

By Barbara Peddie

We are now busy painting our large "joint painting" which we do each year for our summer exhibition. This one is again a panorama of Coromandel Harbour, but different to last year's. It is made up of 20 small canvases, with most members of our group contributing a canvas or two. Sharon Whittle took the initial photos.

This exercise is not as easy as it may sound! We all have our own unique painting styles, but somehow these small canvases have to line up to create a cohesive whole. Geographical features such as horizon lines and hilltops must flow seamlessly from one canvas to the next. But we have done this before, and are confident it will all work out. Once finished, the artwork will go to Kerry Whittle as usual for framing.

It will be on sale at the exhibition in January/February, if not sold prior. Our previous joint paintings have all sold, some of the bigger ones being on view in various establishments around town. If you are interested in having a large panorama of Coromandel Harbour on your wall (approx. 150cm x 30cm) get in touch, and we will arrange for you to see it once it is complete.



Art Group members working on their little canvases

Himalaya shop : Colville

During November month the Himalaya shop will be open most days. Opening times will be around 10 a.m. and closing in early season sometime after 3 p.m.

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Environment

Moehau Environment group

Jack's Kiwi Encounter

Jack and his mum Deb came with us one early morning in October to lift the eggs from one of our Operation Nest Egg birds, Rehua. We were hoping Rehua would be sitting on eggs that were to be transported to Rotorua for hatching, but unfortunately he had been incubating a rock! Still, how lucky were Jack and his mum to have this possibly once in a lifetime opportunity of an "up close and personal" encounter with a real life wild Coromandel Brown Kiwi! Read Deb and Jack's personal account on page 11.

Kiwi Avoidance Training – Port Charles

The next local kiwi avoidance training will be at Port Charles on **Saturday 8 December**. Bookings are essential and can be made by phoning the Kauaeranga Valley Visitor Centre on (07) 867 9080. This will be the last training session in our area for 2018.

Working Bee at Knox Cottage

On Saturday 6 October we held a working bee at our accommodation cottage in Waikawau. What a fantastic group of volunteers we have, with many giving up a day of their weekend to spend time sanding, painting, carpeting, weeding and cleaning to get the cottage ship-shape in time for the summer influx of guests! A huge thank you to everyone!

Did you know that Knox Cottage is one of the many ways we fund the work we do? If you have family or friends needing holiday accommodation, get them to check out Knox Cottage on Bookabach.

Weed of the Month – Climbing Asparagus

This month's weed of the month is Climbing Asparagus. Climbing Asparagus is a slender scrambling perennial with tuberous roots and small elongated leaves. It has tough, long-lived tubers that re-sprout easily and smothers the forest floor from understorey to 4m, even in mature forest, preventing the establishment of native seedlings and killing mature trees. How do you get rid of it?

1. Dig out tubers. Dispose of at a refuse transfer station, burn or bury. Other plant material can be left on site to rot down.

2. Spray lightly, avoiding runoff, total coverage not required. Release vine from native plants, then this lowered vegetation can be carefully sprayed. The remaining cut material will die without the need for treatment.

Moehau Environment Group AGM

Our AGM is set for **Saturday 10 November** at 10am Knox Cottage, Waimanu Road, Waikawau, followed by a light lunch. Everyone welcome!

Have a great month everyone.



McGregor Bay Wetland

By Carol Sutherland

Creative minds

Coromandel Area School and Colville school students have submitted entries into the bird hide design competition, with some students making models. We will be announcing the winner in the next Chronicle.

One of the criteria for the bird hide is to engage children and what better way than to have children putting forth their ideas? Also it is part of that journey with the McGregor Bay wetland; students participating in the baseline study learn how to monitor the surrounding environment and collect data (which is the keystone of all good science). The wetland project also calls for the arts, and creative design engages that side.

There were some common themes running through the children's entries. Camouflage featured, either painted on or as living vegetation on the hide itself. All had viewing windows of various shapes, with one suggesting a window into the water. (Don't forget to look below!) There were suggestions of solar panels and couches suggesting small houses comfortable enough for spending time in the hide. Even a chimney and fridge featured. Living in the wetland seemed to appeal. Actually given the changing landscape due to tides and the amount of wildlife found in healthy coastal wetlands, it is easy to see the appeal. For once you understand their importance, their ability to provide for so much wildlife, why wouldn't it be a desirable place to live? Surely a bayou full of life is more fun than a filled in paddock. However, there is enough coastal squeeze going on so some nice long visits without disturbing the local critters is what the hide can provide.

These entries will be on public view at Coromandel Accommodation (thanks Diane) and we are now opening design ideas to the greater public. We encourage people to take their cue from the children's design ideas and incorporate them in some way. We hope you have some imaginative ideas that can envisage a small bird hide that engages children, reflects the artistic heritage of Coromandel and has a low environmental impact while providing a viewing platform that is not intrusive towards the critters that live in our precious coastal wetlands.

As for creative endeavours, we can't forget to mention the Preschool who made a wetland flag featuring a kotare. The spring winds unfortunately dealt a blow to their creation but that won't stop the little mudlarks. There might be mark two in the wings.

mcmgregorbaywetland@hotmail.com

Green Drinks: Environmental Networking

This is a great way of catching up with people you know, making new contacts and talking about environmental issues and collaborations.

Everyone is welcome – tell your friends.

Thursday 8 November
at the Admirals Arms Hotel
Garden Bar. 5.30-7pm. Snacks will be kindly sponsored by Moehau Environment Group.

Forest and Bird

By Kate Donoghue, Chair, Upper Coromandel Forest and Bird

Time To Give Our Harbours The Care They Deserve

Nobody on the Coromandel Peninsula lives very far from the sea, and if the ocean and seas are the lungs of the planet, then our harbours are their vital interface with the land. Few ecosystems are as rich or as vital to life as the wetlands, seagrasses, saltmarsh and mangroves that fringe Coromandel and Manaia Harbours. It is no surprise that aquaculture and recreational fishing, which depend on the health of our coastal waters, are such important components of the local economy.

But a glance around Coromandel Harbour shows that those vital harbour margins are all degraded, reflecting a lack of awareness of the need to nurture the area that marks the transition from land to sea. Add to this the impacts of clear-felling forestry plantations on steep slopes resulting in sediment run-off into the harbour. It is clear that the time is long overdue for a comprehensive reassessment of the future management of Coromandel and Manaia Harbours, utilising the emerging tools of Marine Spatial Planning to provide a sustainable vision for the future.

The Waikato Regional Council is about to embark on the development of a Harbour Catchment Strategy for Coromandel and Manaia Harbours, and will be beginning its public consultation with a hui at Thames Racecourse on **6 November**. Forest and Bird is a strong supporter of this process and will participate positively. We will be promoting an integrated approach to catchment management, involving all stakeholders, that considers the cumulative impacts of harbour use and developments. It would be beneficial to wait until the results of the Catchment study are published before embarking on any major new developments in the Coromandel Harbour.



Forest & Bird
GIVING NATURE A VOICE

Sport

Coromandel Croquet Club

By Kaye Anderson

AGM

We held our AGM on Tuesday 18 September at the Croquet Club. Officers for the coming year were elected as follows: President – Kaye Anderson, Vice President – Raewyn McKinney, Captain – Karen Marshall, Vice Captain – John Bell, Secretary/Treasurer – Judy Bronlund. It was agreed that the club was in good heart, with many new players coming on board during the past year and the bank balance reasonably healthy.

We look forward to a year of challenging games and the possible re-introduction of some competitions for the silver trophies which have been gathering dust in the cupboards over a number of years. A highlight of the meeting, timed to coincide with morning tea, was an array of beautiful chocolates made by member Sheila Key!

New start time

From **Friday 2 November** we will switch to summer time, meeting at 9.15am for a 9.30am start.

If you are keen to try out this great game and need more information, call Kaye on (07) 866 8968. Otherwise just come along on a Friday at 9.15am. The club is situated in Woollams Ave, next to the Bowling Club.



Coromandel Golf Club

By Peter Gray

With the improvement in course conditions brought about by the spring weather there has been a marked increase in numbers at Club meets.

The Golconda Cup, best Net Aggregate 2 out of 3 rounds, was won by Club Captain Peter Richardson, with a combined two-round score of 132 from Ross Mudgway 135, and Darryl O'Keefe 136.

The September Meat Pack/Laurie Olliff Trophy was shared by David Sampson and Ross Mudgway with 37 pts. from Darryl O'Keefe 36.

The Club Champs are underway in both the Men's and Ladies' competitions. The Ladies are also playing a match play format this year rather than a stroke play as per the last few years.

At present in the Men's Champs the Seniors is down to Bruce Wallace v Chris Fielding, Darryl O'Keefe v Peter Richardson to decide the final, Intermediate Allan Rose v Max McLean and Tom Folwell v Ross Mudgway, Junior A final between Dave Dudson v Ron Evans and Ron Brooking v Malcolm Stone, Junior B – Bruce Fitzpatrick v winner between Calvin Wilson v Ed Buckett.

A reminder of a few events over the next couple of months – Auckland Eagles visit on the weekend of **3-4 November** with the traditional BBQ on Saturday night followed by golf and catered dinner on Sunday.

The AGM and Closing Day is to be held on **Saturday 1 December** and the Coromandel Xmas Tournament the following **Saturday 8 December**.

An Aussie claims to have invented a game that closely resembles golf. Little does he know that a few Coromandel Golf Club members have been playing that game for years.

Reminder

Wednesday 31 October – Meat Pack/Laurie Olliff Trophy

Saturday 3 and 10 November – Top Dog – Best pair combined stableford over 2rds.

Sunday 4 November – Auckland Eagles visit

Saturday 17 November – Tom Daniels Shoot Out – 11.00am tee

Wednesday 28 November – Meat Pack/Laurie Olliff Trophy



Coromandel Recreational Fishing Club

By Allison Brown and CRFC Committee

Hi to all,

Before we know it summer will be upon us. Already enjoying daylight saving.

As by all accounts the fishing has been consistent over the last few months so hopefully is a good indicator for the coming summer months. The scallops are really good and fat, nice color and very succulent.

Hopefully we will have been able to have our first competition on Labour Weekend so will let you know the outcome in December's edition. How quickly this year has gone but looking forward to a nice summer with plenty of fishing and dare I say it scalloping.

We are keeping our Subs the same as last year.

Our hard luck story for one of our Club members was when Tim Moreland caught a nice big trevally last month and cut it up for bait before checking our fish of the month (which was trevally) for the biggest and missed out on \$100.

Hears to tight lines as always and do hope you can get out for some good fishing.

If anyone would like to join the Club please contact us on coromandelfishingclub@gmail.com or call into Chris at Wyuna Studios for a Sub Form



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See meeting list for class times

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THE AGM FOR THE COROMANDEL BUSINESS ASSOCIATION will be held on **19 November** at 5.30pm at the Council Chambers. All members are encouraged to attend.

**Poetry
SPOT**
Lucky Dogs!*a dodoitsu**By John Irvine*

Curious, me, as to why
God gave all dogs an odd tongue
which picks up water backwards
then blessed them with fleas.

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Coromandel Town weekly and monthly meetings

Every Monday

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

Every Tuesday

Free Guided Meditation, Mahamudra Centre	8.30-9am
Pastel Artists Coromandel, Coromandel Aero Club Rooms (07) 866 7220.....	9am-midday
Coro Walking Group, Lotto Dairy, Ruth (07) 866 7246	9am
Open Floor Dance at Mana Retreat Centre, (6, 13, 27 November)	9.30-11.30am
Croquet, Woollams Ave, Kaye (07) 866 8968	9.45am
Yoga for everyone, Colville Hall, Kate 022 071 8470	10am
Playcentre, Woollams Ave.....	10.30am-1pm
Beginner Yoga with Becks, at the Anglican Church Hall, 170 Tiki Rd, \$10. Contact 027 407 0079	5.30-6.45pm
Coro Motorcycle Club, Star & Garter, John 027 234 1013	7-9pm

Every Wednesday

Free Guided Meditation, Mahamudra Centre	8.30-9am
Step Aerobics at Coro Gym.....	8am
Coromandel Community Organic Garden volunteers drop in time.....	9-11am
Sit n Be Fit at Coro Gym.....	9.30am

Every Thursday

Free Guided Meditation, Mahamudra Centre	8.30-9am
Coro Walking Group, Lotto Dairy, Ruth (07) 866 7246	9am
Coro Bowls club day.....	9.30am
Coro Art Group, St Andrew's Church Hall, Val (07) 866 8911	9am-12pm
Free Guided Meditation, Havalona Pyramid	10-11am
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Candlelit Yoga, Colville War Memorial Hall. School term only. Contact Vanessa 021 124 7267.	5.30-6.45pm
Open Floor Dance, Anglican Church Hall	7-8.30pm

Every Friday

Step Aerobics at Coro Gym.....	8am
Free Guided Meditation, Mahamudra Centre	8.30-9am
Yoga for everyone, Anglican Hall, Kate 022 071 8470	9am
Playcentre, Woollams Ave.....	9.45am-12.15pm
Coromandel Home-school Group, Julene (07) 866 8333	10am
Coromandel Tennis Club "club day"	4pm

Every Saturday

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

Free Guided Meditation, Mahamudra Centre	8.30-9am
Anglican Church Service	10am
Yoga with Kate Shelley, Mahamudra Centre, ...	10.30am
Coromandel Tennis Club "club day"	1pm

Monthly

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

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

1st Wed – Coro Embroiderers' Guild, St John Rooms,
Margaret Burgess (07) 866 5769 ..... 10am-3pm |

1st Wed – Lions Dinner meeting, Ambulance Rooms.
Contact President Jean Smith 021 208 7576 ..... 6pm |

2nd Wed – Garden Circle. Contact Jane Warren 021 232 2905 ..... 1pm |

3rd Wed – Lions Business Meeting, Ambulance rooms.
Contact President Jean Smith 021 208 7576 ..... 7pm |

1st & 3rd Sun – Church Service at St Andrew's Church
Rings Road..... 10am

If your meeting has been omitted, please email Debbie at corochronicle@gmail.com with the subject "meeting", or txt/ph 021 235 6648, or post details to PO Box 148, Coromandel 3543. Please include contact name and phone number.

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Blue bin bags out



Put recycling out

RN = Rural North

CT = Coromandel Town & Te Kōhanga

TC = Thames Coast & Maniaia

KEY
● New moon
○ Full moon

1

High tide 1.26am (2.6m), 1.56pm (2.7m)
Low tide 7.30am (0.4m), 8.11pm (0.5m)

2

Relaxation retreat at Mana
(see Pg 23)

High tide 2.26am (2.6m), 2.59pm (2.7m)
Low tide 8.33am (0.5m), 9.15pm (0.5m)

3

Top Dog at Coromandel Golf Course (see Pg 31)

High tide 3.30am (2.6m), 4.02pm (2.7m)
Low tide 9.39am (0.5m), 10.16pm (0.5m)

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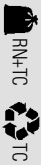
Auckland Eagles visit
Coromandel Golf Course
(see Pg 31)

High tide 4.35am (2.6m), 5.03pm (2.7m)
Low tide 10.45am (0.5m), 11.16pm (0.4m)

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High tide 5.38am (2.7m), 5.59pm (2.8m)
Low tide 11.45am (0.4m)

6



CAS Cluster Athletics (see Pg 27)

High tide 6.35am (2.8m), 6.53pm (2.9m)
Low tide 12.15am (0.3m), 12.39pm (0.3m)

7



Coromandel Embroiderers' Guild AGM (see Pg 13)

High tide 7.28am (2.9m), 7.44pm (2.9m)
Low tide 1.03am (0.3m), 1.30pm (0.3m)

8

Coromandel Embroiderers' Guild exhibition opens (see Pg 13)
Green Drinks: Environmental Networking (see Pg 30)

High tide 8.17am (2.9m), 8.32pm (2.9m)
Low tide 1.56am (0.2m), 2.17pm (0.3m)

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High tide 9.03am (3.0m), 9.18pm (2.8m)
Low tide 2.42am (0.2m), 3.02pm (0.3m)

10

Moehau Environment Group AGM (see Pg 30)
Top Dog at Coromandel Golf Course (see Pg 31)

High tide 9.47am (2.9m), 10.02pm (2.8m)
Low tide 3.26am (0.2m), 3.46pm (0.3m)

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100 years since the end of World War I (see Pg 4)
Coromandel Rugby Football and Sports Club AGM, 3pm at the Clubrooms

Garage sale at Mahamudra Centre (see Pg 6)

High tide 10.29am (2.9m), 10.45pm (2.7m)
Low tide 4.07am (0.3m), 4.29pm (0.4m)

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CHRONICLE DEADLINE
- December issue content - 4pm

High tide 11.11am (2.8m), 11.27pm (2.6m)
Low tide 4.48am (0.4m), 5.13pm (0.5m)

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High tide 11.54am (2.7m)
Low tide 5.28am (0.5m), 5.58pm (0.6m)

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High tide 12.10am (2.5m), 12.28pm (2.6m)
Low tide 6.10am (0.6m), 6.49pm (0.7m)

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High tide 12.53am (2.4m), 1.25pm (2.5m)
Low tide 6.55am (0.7m), 7.35pm (0.8m)

16

Donations for White Elephant Sale to school hall (see Pg 24)
Grandparents Day at CAS (see Pg 27)

Free glow show at Mahamudra Centre (see Pg 6)
High tide 1.40am (2.3m), 2.16pm (2.4m)
Low tide 7.46am (0.8m), 8.27pm (0.8m)

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Coro Info Centre White Elephant Sale (see Pg 24)
Tom Daniels Shoot Out at Coromandel Golf Course (see Pg 31)

High tide 2.31am (2.3m), 3.10pm (2.4m)
Low tide 8.43am (0.9m), 9.21pm (0.8m)

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Coromandel Embroiderers' Guild exhibition finishes (see Pg 13)

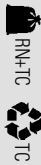
High tide 3.27am (2.3m), 4.03pm (2.4m)
Low tide 9.43am (0.9m), 10.14pm (0.8m)

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Coromandel Business Association AGM (see Pg 32)

High tide 4.23am (2.3m), 4.55pm (2.4m)
Low tide 10.40am (0.9m), 11.06pm (0.7m)

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High tide 5.21am (2.3m), 5.44pm (2.5m)
Low tide 11.32am (0.8m), 11.55pm (0.6m)

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High tide 6.13am (2.5m), 6.31pm (2.6m)
Low tide 12.20pm (0.7m)

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Grey Power meeting (see Pg 22)

High tide 7.02am (2.6m), 7.18pm (2.7m)
Low tide 12.42am (0.5m), 1.05pm (0.5m)

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High tide 7.48am (2.8m), 8.06pm (2.8m)
Low tide 1.29am (0.3m), 1.51pm (0.4m)

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High tide 8.34am (2.9m), 8.54pm (2.9m)
Low tide 2.15am (0.2m), 2.37pm (0.3m)

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Free slideshow of Mahamudra (see ad Pg 6)

High tide 9.20am (3.0m), 9.43pm (2.9m)
Low tide 3.01am (0.1m), 3.25pm (0.3m)

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High tide 10.08am (3.0m), 10.33pm (2.9m)
Low tide 3.48am (0.1m), 4.14pm (0.3m)

27



High tide 10.57am (3.0m), 11.24pm (2.9m)
Low tide 4.36am (0.1m), 5.06pm (0.3m)

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Meat Pack Laurie Oliff Trophy at Coromandel Golf Course (see Pg 31)

High tide 11.49am (3.0m)
Low tide 5.28am (0.1m), 5pm (0.3m)

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High tide 12.17am (2.8m), 12.44pm (2.9m)
Low tide 6.18am (0.2m), 6.57pm (0.4m)

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Coromandel Players present Aladdin (see ad Pg 17)

High tide 1.13am (2.7m), 1.41pm (2.8m)
Low tide 7.15am (0.4m), 7.56pm (0.4m)

DECEMBER

UPCOMING MONTH

Saturday 1 - AGM and Closing Day at Golf Course (see Pg 31);
Flax weaving workshop at Mahamudra Centre (see Pg 6)
Tuesday 4 - Tattletale Saints perform at Hauraki House (see Pg 28)
Friday 7 - Grey Power Christmas party for seniors (see Pg 22)
Saturday 8 - Santa Parade (see Pg 17); Kiwi avoidance training at Port Charles (see Pg 30); Xmas Tournament at Golf Course (see Pg 31)
Sunday 9 - The Waterworks \$5 entry day (see ad Pg 25)

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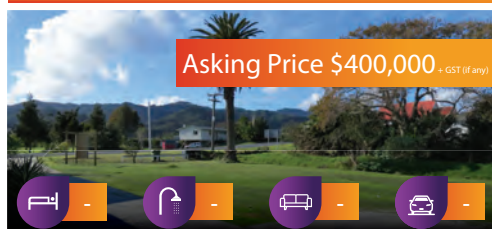
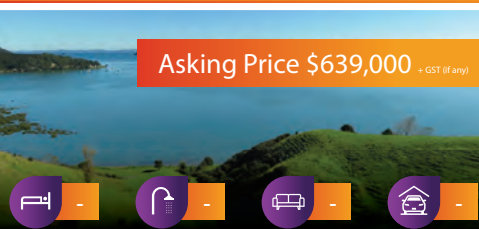
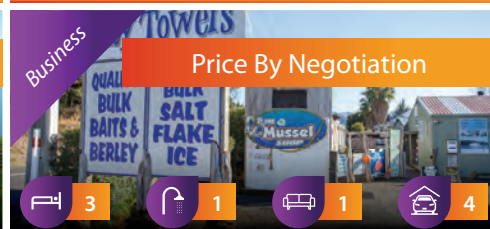
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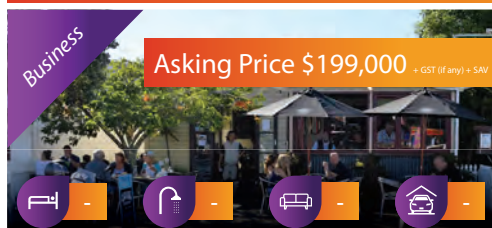
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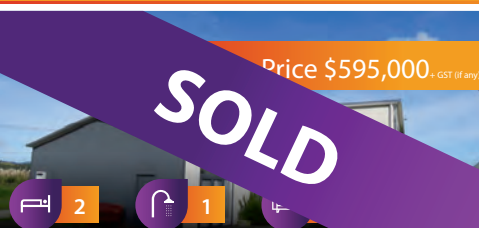
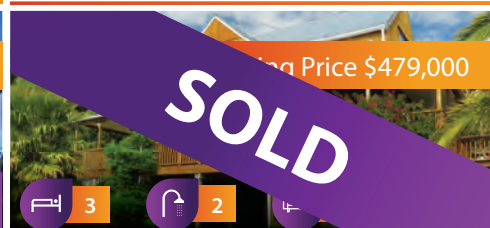
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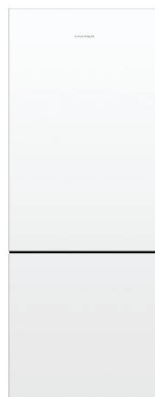
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