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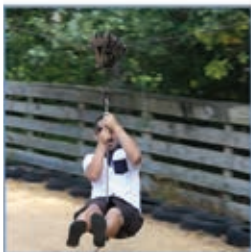


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Cover picture: Coromandel Town lit up for the Illume Festival

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Editor's comment

Thanks for feedback about Te Reo that I mentioned in the last issue. When supplying an article with Maori paragraphs, it would be good if you put the English translation too – or in brackets so we can all learn new phrases. Some contributors have already done this and it reads well.

A person has contacted me interested in finding any early copies of the Coromandel Town Chronicle. I have every issue back to April issue on file, but if anyone possess a collection from before then, 1996-2008, then please let me know.

Have a good month.

Nga mihi na,

Debbie

Letters and opinion

A Taste of Matarangi 2021 Festival Cancelled

Our world is facing extraordinary challenges right now and those opportunities when we gather and connect as a community are very precious. With continued restrictions on gatherings and events and the uncertainty of how long the issues with Covid-19 will last, the committee for the A Taste of Matarangi festival have made the decision to cancel the 2021 festival.

The committee, which is made up of volunteers, take months to plan and prepare for the festival, which is why they are having to make the decision now. They are hugely proud of the event but the very real possibility is that they cannot host this event within the restrictions or potential changes around public events. The committee have found it a difficult decision to make knowing that it will be a huge disappointment to everyone involved.

We are incredibly grateful to all of the sponsors, artists, stall vendors, volunteers and community groups whose support enables us to deliver this very successful event. We also feel for our local business community who will be impacted by this cancellation.

To our loyal and passionate audiences, when we come through the challenges of Covid-19 we will once again be ready to come together as a community to celebrate another festival with you, when the time is right.

We thank you for your support and understanding!
Your Festival Team

Hauraki Herald delivery

Dear Coromandel folk,

As I was unable to find any paid employment, I decided to do the pamphlet and Hauraki Herald delivery for something to do. As I am working on my own, it takes me a whole day plus more to do the whole town. I am working hard to try to finish the whole town by Friday night, but sometimes I don't quite manage this. If this is the case, I will finish it on Saturday morning.

My run has also been altered and if you happen to live outside my area, please note that there are four outlets in town where you can pick up your Hauraki Herald. Hauraki Heralds are held at Coromandel Town Information Centre, BP, Coromandel Stationers and Coromandel Super Saver. So, I am asking, please don't complain if your delivery is a little bit late, I can't go any faster. Thank you for your patience.
Logan Nicholls, Coromandel Town
P.S. I would like a reliever for two to three days a year if you could help me out so I can have a holiday. Thanks.

Guy Fawkes Night

Please people be very careful with fireworks. If you have pets keep them safe inside for Guy Fawkes night. We have had people around us letting off horribly noisy fireworks which has seen our furrbabies dive for cover with the deafening booms. So if you intend to have a display, please take them to the beach, park or away from people's beloved pets. It's so, so stressful for pets; they completely freak out with the racket they make.

Thanks,
Alice Parris, Animal Rescue Thames



Spring is here

Lirina and a wild beetroot from Greg Taylor's organic garden. It grew by itself, he didn't plant it

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corochronicle@gmail.com. Contributions should be kept short, and should not exceed 350 words. The editor reserves the right to reject letters or edit them for clarity and space.

Illume and Coro200

Lit-up streets

The recent Illume Festival had more businesses than usual all lit up and the event was blessed with summer weather, Level 1 freedom, and we even got the fireworks up before the weather front arrived! Peter Pritchard said that he has never seen so many people in the main street, and retailers were reporting sales like New Year's Eve. Many local schools and groups benefitted from the stalls and food they sold to the visitors.

The Illume judging panel voted Richardsons Real Estate as the winner of best Illume-inated business and their prize is a full-page advertorial in the Coromandel Town Chronicle; look out for it in a future addition.



Sailors and Loggers Ball



Bicentennial celebration

There was a good turnout for the bicentennial celebration in Coromandel Town. The navy added a touch of pomp and ceremony hoisting the NZ Flag, the British naval ensign and the NZ naval ensign.

Coro200 Commemorative Sculpture

If you haven't checked out the new commemorative sculpture in Coromandel Town by local artist Rebekah Pearson, pop down to Whangarahi Reserve opposite the Admiral's Arms to check it out. It has been made using a range of different local New Zealand materials including clay, steel, glass and recycled kauri floorboards from the old Coromandel Citizens' Hall and was unveiled at the Illume festival on Saturday 26 September.

Rebekah made several versions of the ship and to raise money to help fight Kauri Dieback and the NZ Coastguards, she is raffling two of the ceramic hulls. The draw is happening on Labour Day 26 October.



Artist Rebekah and architect Rob Johnston from Thames who was involved in the development of the sculpture



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Kia ora koutou.

We hope you are all enjoying this lovely spring! With the move to Covid-19 Level 1 all of our projects are back up and running, including one of our busiest programmes – the Community Transport Service. If you have a community services card, you are likely to be eligible to receive a subsidy to get to and from hospital appointments in Thames or Hamilton, and we also have volunteer drivers if needed. We cater for people that have injuries covered by ACC, so please come and chat with us if you would like to know more.

We operate a community van to Thames on Thursdays, provided there are more than three people booked. The van can fit a wheelchair or mobility scooter. This is available to anyone in our community, so if you need to go to Thames then this is a great way to do it. The cost is \$6 each way; children are half price.

Thank you to our outgoing staff

We have had a few people moving on to new opportunities lately and we would like to acknowledge the wonderful work done by these valued members of our staff:

Gemma Lee – Gemma has been a popular Kiwi Can leader for four years, bringing fun and energy to the sessions and inspiring the kids she worked with. Since last year Gemma's compassion for vulnerable people has helped her in another role – as coordinator for the Work Co-op, our vocational services programme that supports people with disabilities of all types.

Benjamin Rudolph – Benjamin has been the friendly face of The Goldmine – Coromandel Re-Use Centre – since 2017. He has kept the place interesting with his creative displays and knowledge of all the treasures hidden away in the containers there. With Benjamin at the helm, The Goldmine has successfully redirected over 10 tonnes of what would otherwise be waste away from landfill and provide a perfect place to find interesting, obscure and unique items.

Noel Wilkinson – Noel has been a real asset at the Coromandel Refuse Transfer Station. He is a fantastic worker and always had a smile on his face! Alongside the Site Operator Phil Doe, Noel has helped to make the Coromandel RTS officially recognised as the best managed Refuse Transfer Station on the Coromandel Peninsula. Thanks Noel, we really appreciate your work with us.

Lounge Suite Donations

A huge thank you Kim at Richardsons Real Estate, for arranging a large donation of a whole house lot of furniture! Well cared for couches, chairs, lounge suites and a couple of queen-size beds. Some of these items are for sale at The Bizarre, and some have gone directly to people who need them.

Because of CILT's broad range of community projects we are able to provide support between programmes where appropriate. Our social workers are working directly with those who are most vulnerable in our community, so when one of our social workers was helping a family that was in desperate need of baby clothes, they could go to The Bizarre to get just what they needed. This is just one way that The Bizarre supports our community. Another is through the Community Grants programme.

The Bizarre Community Grants Programme

Over the years The Bizarre grants programme has supported many local groups with funds for projects that benefit the community. We are pleased to announce that this will re-open in March 2021. Our trustees have been busy developing the guidelines for how CILT will administer this programme. They are taking a fresh approach to make it more relevant. The purpose is to get money right where it is needed within the community, so it is important that it is done correctly right from the start. Once we have formalised the policy, it will be well advertised!

Nga mihi nui!

Check out our website for more updates on our essential community programmes www.cilt.org.nz

The Informers

A mixed media art exhibition called "The Informers" is on **20-22 November** at Hauraki House Galley, Coromandel Town. This is a major fundraiser for the Coromandel Town Information Centre.

Opening night is 5pm **Friday 20 November**, exhibition is **Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 November** 10am-4pm.

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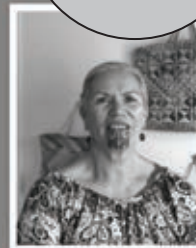
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Hot Spot

News from the Coromandel Volunteer Fire Brigade

By Rob Chappell

For sale – one thirdhand Emergency Response Van 10-seater 1990 Ford – with current WOF. This van was purchased from the neighbouring Whitianga Fire Brigade some years ago and has served the brigade well, however there has come a time to upgrade. We are open to offers.

We do our best to serve our community in all times of emergency, many of which few ever see, such as cutting and removing the tree across the road in the wee small hours or backing the ambulance when it is out of town or picking someone out of some car upside down in a drain or around a lamp post.

In recent conversation with one of our long-time local supporters Tim Turner, the discussion came up of where to from here for the brigade. Tim has spent his life in Coromandel and was wanting to contribute to the brigade's wellbeing and future and as a result Tim has purchased a replacement vehicle, a new Toyota Hiace 12-seater van that will ensure we continue to get our highly qualified crews to any incident. Tim's only criterion was that it be housed out of the weather, hence it will live on-station housed in the Fire Station Museum. Thank you Tim, this is one amazing gesture, and one the brigade will long treasure and put to good use. Tim's donation will not only supply the van but ensure it arrives fitted out for a working life.

These last two days have brought welcome rain and Coromandel needed this. 2019 was the driest in recorded history in our area and unless we get more rain we may well be headed for another drought. If you live out of town now is a good time to look at your water supply and your surrounding vegetation. Trim it back and clear the rubbish to ensure you and your family have an escape route. Talk to your neighbours if you are on a shared driveway. While it is great to live in the bush, a little bit of trimming may make your life so much safer.

Coromandel Garden Circle

In October, 28 members of the Garden Circle met with two guests, one from Kuaotunu Garden Circle and one new member. Our guest speaker was Felicity Taylor who spoke of her travels and life in Brazil. Felicity, at the age of 17, travelled to Brazil as an exchange student, fell in love with Brazilian life and went on to buy 250 acres high in the mountains. These 250 acres are now well transformed into lush native forests, where a number of species of wild animals have returned to, including a rare bird. Hard work in studying the life of the Brazilian native forests has given Felicity a greater understanding of re-forestation, which has led to forests not being destroyed by fire. Felicity is one of the five New Zealanders who has had a short documentary filmed of her property and the lifestyle in Brazil. A very enjoyable speaker!

The ladies that dressed up in lights for the Illume Festival had a great time. Same with the Mystery Trip that Jeni organised and drove – thank you Jeni! Hamilton Gardens was one of the stops, and members request that we return in the summer when in full flower. More Mystery Trips have been called for!

The raffle table had a great collection of plants to win, sales table had interesting plants to buy, and afternoon tea was a wonderful spread from all of the members. There was an interesting collection of flowers/arrangements for the competition table, to vote on.

Next meeting will be starting at one local garden, then continuing to a second "new" garden for the balance of the meeting, starting at 1pm on **11 November**.

Convenor of the Circle is Jeni Mudgway
– 021 0227 5341



Library News

by Robynne Jones

Just recently released is a new book in the series of the True Tales of the Coromandel series – *True Tales of the Coromandel's Western Seaboard*, and we have just purchased a copy for the Library. It is a collection of stories written by Coromandel locals and published by local historians from The Treasury and The Coromandel Heritage Trust. One of the first stories I noticed was an entertaining story on the Coromandel Players, written by Don Hughes and Liz Cameron. Then there's Chris Ogilvie's two-part story on the "Ogilvie's Water Wheel" and a short story on "Who was Ruffin of Ruffins Bay" by Don Goodall. It's a great read for those of us who like to know more about our town's more recent history, and this time the collection of stories includes colour photographs.

We also have many other new books this month, including some old favourite authors: Ann Cleeves – *The Darkest Evening*, Robert Gailbraith – *Troubled Blood* (book no. 5), Donna Leon – *Trace Elements*, Monica Mc Inerney – *The Godmothers*, James Patterson – *1st Case*, J. D Robb – *Shadows in Death* and Danielle Steel – *Royal*.

Just in is the second book by Raynor Winn. If you enjoyed *The Salt Path*, then you may also like the follow-up *Wild Silence*. This book picks up soon after she and her husband have finished walking the 630 mile South West Coast Path together, and now have new challenges to face readjusting to life bound in by four walls.

As usual we have selected some new authors to tempt you like: Trent Dalton – *All Our Shimmering Skies*, Mara Timon – *City of Spies*, Alex Pavesi – *Eight Detectives*, Valerie Perrin – *Fresh Water for Flowers*, Simon Mayo – *Knife Edge* and Ellen Feldman – *Paris Never Leaves You*.

There are even a couple of new non-fiction books: a biography of loss and survival during the second world war, by Leon Silver – *The Miracle Typist*. Also, an entertaining travel experience in Australia, by Anthony Sharwood – *From Snow to Ash*, which has received some good reviews. If you are interested in psychology, you may like the new book by Edith Eger – *The Gift*. It is her true story on how hope can overcome the hellish experience of life in Auschwitz. A cross between a memoir and a self-help book.

Here are a couple of reviews on some new fiction books on the shelves this month:

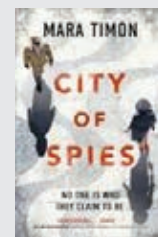
City of Spies– Mara Timon

This political/espionage thriller is the debut novel by Mara Timon. It is set in Lisbon in 1943 just after agent Elisabeth de Mornay finds that her cover is blown. She escapes Paris with new orders to infiltrate high society in neutral Lisbon and find out who is leaking key information to the Germans about British troop movements.

Knife Edge – Simon Mayo

This book is for those who enjoy a fast-paced thriller. There has been a series of coordinated attacks, and

seven men and women across London have been targeted. Journalist Famie Madden watches the horror unfold as she arrives for work on the morning shift. All of the victims have one thing in common: they made up the investigations team at the news wire service where she works. What were they working on that could have prompted such brutal devastation?



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Ann's Good News, Naturally

Chewing the fat on your health

World leaders Donald Trump and Boris Johnson, overweight and with a high toxic load, recognised that their weight, their centripetal obesity, generated chronic inflammation, weakening their body systems, including their immune response. Being fat is toxic, unhealthy and weakens all of your body systems. This is not recent research. It has been known for years but falling on deaf ears. As a naturopath, medical herbalist and bio-nutritional consultant, I have had this natural awareness for many decades. It is a physiological fact, not a judgement.

How long have we been talking about childhood obesity, sugar tax and physical and mental health issues burdening our people? There were three suicides recently in a NZ province, but no conversations on how to nourish your neurotransmitters, acting preventatively for the future.

Why is there no action to ban nutrient depleted, toxic "food items"? Reward with fruit as treats, not lollies.

We are natural biological organisms. We must obtain, maintain and regain good health through natural approaches through foods and lifestyles in keeping with the biological needs that nature genetically built into us. We alone bear the consequences of eating habits and lifestyles out of line with our natural biological requirements. Processed foods, cigarettes, alcohol and vapors are all seen by your body as toxins, responding over time by dumbing down its efficiency, costing the taxpayer, and your quality of retirement.

Detoxification and Healing Programmes

Signs and symptoms of toxicity – Gut issues, nausea, indigestion, headaches, joint pain, cough, sore throat, wheezing, stiff/tight neck, angina, circulatory defects, high blood fats, backaches, itchy nose, frequent colds, irritated eyes, weak immunity, itchy genitals, environmental sensitivity, sinus/allergies, fever, runny nose, nervousness, sleepiness, insomnia, dizziness, mood changes, anxiety, depression, fatigue, rashes, hives, anorexia, bad breathe, constipation. Also, children with fat tummies, thus have adult-like hardened arteries.

Are your addictions poisoning you?

Ask yourself – Is there anything that you do or use every day, that you would miss if not available? If so, this activity or food is a habit or addiction. Sugar, any packet food, various drugs, both pharmaceutical and recreational, caffeine, alcohol and nicotine. Almost everyone needs to detox.

Body systems that support detoxing – respiratory, gastrointestinal, urinary, skin lymphatic – how are yours doing? I can help:

- Can't lose weight? Are you congested, stagnated, toxic?
- Leaky gut and candida? Benefit from a live blood screening.
- Do you know about levels of dietary detoxification?
- Which cleansing herbs best suit you?
- Do you cleanse internally?
- Are you ready for a spring detox?
- Do you adhere to a non-toxic diet?

More good news

- Toxic breast milk – This new "mum to be" had a bad diet. I reminded her that her high toxic load transfers to breast milk, because of its naturally high fat content. She changed her packet foods, favourite sugared cardboard-like cereals Nutragrain and Weetbix for a wholegrain muesli recipe I gave her, and included more vegetables at mealtimes.
- Toxic vaper-itchy skin/wheeze – This 25-year-old man now doesn't have any health issues, or a need for his "cigarette replacement" since he realised what physical damage it was doing to the tiny little filaments lining his lungs – in fact all cells of his body. Feels great now and we addressed the real cause of his addictions.
- Tweeny – Pre-teen boy, teased and bullied at school by peers. Now all good, mainly due to his Active Elements Minerals, a detox and a complete change of diet.

Note – Toxins are hormone mimickers, causing gender identification confusion. Also can cause teenage acne, PMS, endometriosis, infertility and menopausal issues.

Lions News

By Lion Lyn



Almost the end of a very strange year for us all. We hope you are all looking towards a brighter summer, with a happier future and new year, without this dreaded virus. By the time this goes to print the Labour weekend will have been and gone. We hope to fundraise as normal, mainly for the Rescue Helicopter on this day, as to our way of thinking it is an essential service that needs all of the help it can get. We all know of someone who is now still alive because of it!

On to Lions "stuff". As I was not present at the last dinner meeting, I have only heard that it was, as usual, a great evening, with great food, telling of tales and the usual high jinks. I am a little sad as these evenings are rather special, and I missed out!

Ongoing for now is the selling of Xmas cakes, plus the odd raffle for same; ordering of firewood for next year; and we shall be around for the Xmas Parade. If you wish to order cakes, they are still \$20 each or a box of 6 for \$110. As with all other years, we will donate cakes to the Community Dinner. Enjoy!

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New Listing



* Imagine waking to birdsong with a stream running past your 2,301m2 section. 3 bedroom home with open-plan living leading out to fantastic decking. Separate artist's retreat studio, double garage and a cabin for friends to stay. **\$749,000**

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* Build your dream retreat in a private enclave of bush & pines near Colville Township. This 2.3ha block offers a small stream and views of the surrounding ranges. A great lifestyle away from the maddening crowds. A real little gem! **\$398,000**

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* A truly magnificent Puriri tree provides a grand entrance to this 2,943m2 (more or less) section. Let your imagination explore the building options that would capture the dramatic coastline & Pacific Ocean views. (Title to be issued). **\$550,000**

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* A brilliant location at Sandy Bay! Situated on a level 1,012m2 section with a lagoon boundary, the bach features an open-plan kitchen/living area with a bathroom/laundry. Double garage and, plenty of room for the kids, cars & boats. **\$470,000**



1,174m2 section at Long Bay, great harbour views, near town. **\$399,000**



Immaculate 2brm unit with 2 great decks, single garage. **\$450,000**



Rustic beach bach at Port Charles, 2,289m2 section, VIEWS! **\$550,000**



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*Another great month of sales...
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Wonderful 4 brm family home, office, 2 living spaces, decking, 2,692m2 section. **\$915,000**



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AWARD WINNING! This contemporary designed home features 4 brms, a stunning open-plan (gourmet) kitchen/dining/lounge and double garage. An amazing central courtyard area for brilliant alfresco entertaining including a glorious heated in-ground pool. A trophy property for a discerning purchaser. **\$1,350,000**



Ahh... Waitete Bay! Open-plan living, 2 brms, decking, gulf views, Title Pending. **\$700,000**



A great holiday property at 'Kik' Bay, 4 brms, 2 garages, 918m2 section, walk to beach. **\$720,000**

Museum News

By Raewyn McKinney

The museum has been open during the recent Coro 200 and Illume festivals, Arts Tour, and the school holidays, with a very pleasing number of visitors. We thank those volunteers who kept the museum open for this period, and also those who manned our stall during the festival. We are thrilled to report good sales of our *HMS Coromandel* book and posters during this time. If you were unlucky and missed out, there are still copies available in the museum.

We were also very pleased to receive one of the ceramic ships designed by Rebekah Pearson as part of her work on the Coro 200 Memorial. The model is now on display in the museum, along with photos showing the design and manufacturing process. These give a fascinating insight into the amount of work involved in creating such a work of art. Come along to the museum and study the model and the photos, then go into town and admire the finished sculpture.

The roof of the museum's annex had suffered during some of the winter storms, resulting in leaks around the skylights. I am happy to report we now have a new solid roof on the annex and the tool shed area. We thank the Thames Coromandel District Council community grants for the funds to enable this work to be undertaken, and Eli, the Roof King, for his prompt remedial work. It is very encouraging to receive such great support from the community.

As I write this, the country is adjusting to the results of the weekend's election. The Coromandel Electorate has one of the highest percentages of people aged over 60 in the country, with over one-quarter of the population receiving New Zealand superannuation. The New Zealand Herald tells me there are 62,000 eligible voters, of whom 56,854 were enrolled for this year's election, and 41,180 people actually voted. The electorate has had a very turbulent history:

The Coromandel electorate was first created in 1881 for the 8th session of the New Zealand Parliament. It existed for three terms until 1890 and was represented by Sir Alfred Cadman of Coromandel, independent and Liberal MP.

The electorate was recreated in 1972 for the 37th session of the New Zealand Parliament. It existed for two terms until 1978 and was represented by Leo Schultz of the National Party. The Coromandel electorate was then abolished, and the area again covered by the Hauraki electorate.

The electorate was once again recreated in 1987 for the 42nd session of the New Zealand Parliament. It existed for two terms until 1993 and was represented by Graeme Lee of the National Party. The Coromandel Peninsula was afterwards covered by the Hauraki electorate, with its southern portion going into another electorate.

The electorate was again recreated in 1996 for the 45th session, which was the first term under the MMP electoral system.

The new MMP Coromandel electorate was won by Murray McLean of the National Party in 1996. In 1999 Green Party co-leader Jeanette Fitzsimons won the electorate. The electorate returned to National in the 2002 election, with Sandra Goudie the representative. After she retired, Scott Simpson won the electorate for National in 2011, and has held it ever since.



Sir Alfred Cadman

The museum will be open every weekend until Sunday 20 December. The summer season of daily openings will commence from Saturday 26 December

Animal Rescue Thames – Christmas fundraising raffles

We will be outside Pak 'n Save Thames **Monday 23 to Friday 27 November 9am** until 4pm with Christmas hamper, groceries, hundred-dollar note, scratchies, and Christmas cake raffles. Any donations of nonperishable food items for the grocery raffle or new items for the Christmas hamper would be a blessing.

All enquiries to Animal Rescue Thames ph 07 868 2907 (afternoons best time)



Scott Simpson MP

Democracy was the winner.

We're fortunate to live in a country with a functioning democracy. In fact New Zealand is one of only nine countries in the world with an unbroken democratic tradition going back more than 150 years. We can all be proud of that heritage.

I'm reminding myself of that as I write this column on a sunny Coromandel spring Sunday morning the day after the 2020 general election and as I come to terms with the new political landscape that lies ahead of us all.

First, a big "thank you" to Coromandel voters who have given me the honour of being their face and voice in our Parliament once again. Being the Member of Parliament for Coromandel is something I have never taken for granted and never will. It's a role I take seriously and am passionate about.

Secondly, I'd like to thank the other candidates who put themselves forward for election in Coromandel. Doing so is no small thing. It takes guts, is hard work, and it's demanding in terms of effort, energy and emotion. Our democracy relies on people offering themselves for election so that there is a contest of ideas, policy and debate.

Thirdly, to the hundreds of volunteers from all political parties who do so much of the ground work in any election campaign. These are the people who back their party and local candidate through thick and thin. Naturally I'm especially grateful to local National Party volunteers and supporters who did such a great job. Thank you.

But for me and my Party the nationwide result was not as we would have wanted. New Zealanders have spoken and I for one completely accept the decision that's been made. Congratulations to the new government; there is a very big job ahead for you during the next three years.

Results may have been confirmed about the make-up of our Parliament but we're still awaiting results on the two important referendum questions about recreational cannabis use and the End of Life Choice legislation. For reasons that are not clear to me, we're going to have to wait a few more weeks for that.

Thanks again Coromandel. I'm headed back to Wellington this week, humbled by the generous support of local voters and as keen and eager as ever to be a strong voice for our region in Parliament.

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Whale stranding in Colville



Natalie Blasco sent in the photo above and said, "I went to the stranding after work on Saturday, not long after low tide. Was hard to convince myself to walk out to where they were, because of the sadness. The people around the 15 or so stranded whales worked endlessly to keep the whales wet. Whales were all covered with sheets and umbrellas were put up to shield their faces from the sun. A digger was creating a channel so that when the tide started coming in, it would be easier to get the whales back into deeper water."



Bronnie Kennedy sent in the photos above and said, "This whale we named 'Lattice' as she had a patchwork of scratches on her back. So gentle. At this stage the whales that survived were seen heading north. I hope Lattice was one of them."

Rethink Rubbish Coromandel Town

By Robin Münch



We see people everywhere with their Plastic-Free Coromandel Town shopping bags. Our aim is to see just as many people with a Rethink Rubbish Coromandel Town coffee cup that can be washed and used time and again.

Friday 30 October is our first ever BYO Cup Day. We're really excited that all of the cafes in town are supporting our initiative to reduce takeaway cups. They'll be serving takeaway coffee in your own keep cup, in a mug that you can keep or return, or in a jar that we have sterilised and wrapped with a hand-sewn heat protector. If you don't have your own keep cup, this is your chance to buy one of our very own Rethink Rubbish Coromandel Town glass cups at a super reasonable price. Just for **Friday 30 October**, when we're launching our own Keep Cups outside Four Square, we are offering them for \$10 per cup (\$12 each after then). There will be a spot prize for one lucky coffee drinker who supports BYO Cup Day.

Remember, you can also BYO containers to many stores in town. I took my own container into the Coromandel Smoking Company this week (I'm human and I often forget). I felt so much better walking out without any little pieces of plastic wrap being used. The helpful woman behind the counter (Amanda) weighed my container, used the tongs to pick up my selected fish, and popped it straight into my container. Just imagine if we all did that everywhere we went.



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Colville Social Service Collective

By Larisa Webb



Spring update from Colville

In Colville, election thoughts on 17 October were overtaken by the plight of a pod of Upopokue Pilot Whales stranded in the bay. With an amazing community effort – including the local fireforce and the Colville Youth Sailing Academy – most of the pod were successfully helped out to deeper waters before the morning high tide turned. Then a long day followed caring for the whales waiting for the next high tide to guide the remaining ones out. Mana whenua gave karakia for these amazing animals.

With the support of so, so many – mana whenua, DoC, Project Johan, Māori wardens, locals, and many more, including food donated by Coromandel Four Square and the Mahamudra Centre providing their kitchen, Seamus and Lorna for cooking and serving food – all of the remaining whales were helped out to sea on the night high tide. Sadly a number died over night, but those that survived were guided out to deeper waters in the morning. May they continue to swim free.

At Colville Social Service Collective (CSSC) we're preparing for Show Me Shorts, with two screenings again this year. Firstly, Let's Get Physical on **Friday 30 October** at 7.30pm. This is a collection of vibrant films – pulsating with the energy of music, dance and sporting prowess. We are also showing The Sampler on **Friday 6 November** at 7.30pm, which highlights some of the best Show Me Shorts has to offer. Come early and have dinner at one of our wonderful cafes – The Foragers or Hereford 'n' a Pickle. The new butcher in Coromandel has continued his predecessor's wonderful support, and is displaying our poster in their window. Tickets are on sale at the Colville Store and Richardsons Real Estate in Coromandel. Money raised will go towards our Easter Community Festival in 2021.

Colville Harbour Care will host another great working bee in November – for details go to the website or Facebook page, or contact Beth on 021 237 8678.

We're also offering First Aid Training on **11 November** (both full course and refresher). If you're interested in the training, please contact us at CSSC – cssc@colville.org.nz or phone (07) 866 6920.

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Coromandel Town Christmas Community Lunch 25 December

We are looking forward to another enjoyable Coromandel Community Lunch after such a crazy year! There are no criteria to be able to attend the lunch, it's open to all. However to make it happen we are reaching out to our community asking for monetary donations, which can be left at Four Square (addressed: Attention Coromandel Community Lunch). If you want to help with preparing/cooking or donating food, we look forward to hearing from you. Please email: Coromandel-christmaslunch@gmail.com or phone on Rita 027 210 3734. If you would rather donate your time to help with the lunch on Christmas Day, we will be asking for volunteers closer to the day.

In these uncertain times due to Covid-19 our numbers may possibly be quite limited – make sure you register early to avoid possible disappointment.

We look forward to sharing a delicious Christmas lunch with you. From Damian, Lyn and Rita.



☐ I am coming to lunch. Number attending.....

☐ I need transport

Name(s).....

Phone

Address

Because of Covid-19 make sure you write the name of everyone that will be attending on the form.

Drop completed form into Four Square or email to Coromandelchristmaslunch@gmail.com

CoroLocalLegend with Coromandel Four Square

Congratulations to Keitha and Dave Jenkins of Coromandel, who are the recipients of a gift hamper from Coromandel Four Square. Keitha and Dave have been nominated by Claire Stewart, who wrote; "Over the years, I have heard many people mention the Jenkins's in conversation, in terms of their generosity and kindness. Despite being very supportive across several generations of their family, Dave and Keitha somehow manage to find time to visit folk who are housebound for one reason or another, or are at a low point in some way. The visit comes with a meal of fresh fish or meat from a kill or hunting, delivered with friendly concern for the person visited and a friendly chat. I can testify to that! Keitha and Dave, know that your generosity in a number of ways, is deeply appreciated. It is people like you who make Coromandel the special community that it is. Thank you.

Thanks for your community spirit Keitha and Dave, you are true CoroLocalLegends!

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

Drop us a line telling us and they will receive acknowledgement in the Coromandel 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

Coromandel Budget Advisory Service

By Caroline Dunn

November already and summer is fast approaching. It is always an extremely busy time of year for us here as I'm sure it is for everybody as we head into the "silly season".

I would like to say a big thank you for all the support we get from the local community, from people popping in to say hi, dropping off donations for the Foodbank and visiting the community garden. Keeping all three services running on funding money alone can be a challenge at times and the support we receive is very humbling. We often must adjust and tweak our budgets in a similar way that we must keep on top of and adjust our own personal budgets. No person or business is exempt from needing to have a budget, and the more confident you feel at doing it, the better your results will be.

If you would like assistance putting a budget together, don't forget we offer free,

confidential advice. We will also work alongside you to create a plan to help you if you are struggling with debt. We can talk to creditors on your behalf and help you regain control of your financial situation. We are here to help, so don't ever be too afraid, or too proud, to come on in and see how we can assist you.

To make an appointment come and see us at our office in Tiki House, located opposite the BP, or call us on (07) 866 8351. Our office hours are Tuesday 9.30am-3pm, Wednesday 9.30am-3pm, and Thursday 12pm-3pm.

If you are receiving a food parcel via the Foodbank, please remember you will need to provide your own boxes/bags to take your groceries home. Time slots in the pantry will need to be booked by contacting Budget Services prior to midday Tuesday on (07) 866 8351 or 022 018 0849.

You will need to book in with a budgeting mentor if you need assistance over a couple of weeks.

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

Community Garden

The garden is looking fabulous and we have loads of produce, which is fantastic. With spring comes a lot of extra work in the garden. If you have some free time please consider popping in to give us a hand. The volunteer's drop-in is on a Wednesday morning between 9am and 11am.

Don't forget we have the 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.

The community garden appreciates donations of seeds or excess seedlings to keep our plot producing. Any mulching material is also gratefully received. Just drop off to the garden, located next to Hauraki House, or send us a message to organise a pickup.

Keep an eye on our Facebook page to keep up to date with what we are up to.

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.

If you are thinking of coming up to Colville it's probably best to phone/btx first to check if we are open that day. From 1st December we will be open 7 days . PHONE :shop 07 8667 224, home 07 8666 865
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November 2020

Stock up on water ahead of a potentially dry summer

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1. cleaning the car and boat
2. keeping the flowers, vegetables and lawns alive
3. outdoor showers after a swim

The process is simple:

- Find a spot on your property where you would like to place a tank.
- Talk to a tank manufacturing company about colour, size, cost and delivery.
- Discuss your plans and get the right advice on whether or not you need a building or resource consent. (Any tank 35,000lts or under does not need a building consent if it does not get plumbed into a house as drinking water, does not sit higher than 3 metres off the ground and is 1.5m from the boundary).
- We can help with information to make



it easier and save costs – contact our duty planner on 07 868 0200.

Water restrictions will inevitably be in place again this summer so capture that spring rain off your roof and store it for those hot summer days – tcdc.govt.nz/water

Kerbside Collections



Please put your blue Council rubbish bags, wheelie bins and glass recycling crates on the ground by the kerb.

Check the schedule for your area on our website

tcdc.govt.nz/kerbside

If you miss your Kerbside collection day or leave town before it, you can drop off your rubbish in our official blue rubbish bags and recycling free at any of our seven Refuse Transfer Stations. Check for hours and locations on our website

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Shoreline Management Plans (SMP)

Our first co-governance committee for our Shoreline Management Plan (SMP) project was held last month, involving our Council and the Pare Hauraki collective. You can watch the full unedited recording of the meeting at tcdc.govt.nz/meetings

“The project is all about helping our communities and coasts adapt to coastal hazards through site-specific plans for the entire length of our coastline, including our offshore islands,” Mayor Sandra says.

For more information visit tcdc.govt.nz/smp



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Note from the Coromandel-Colville Community Board Chairperson

Peter Pritchard

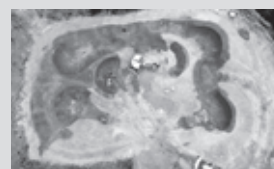


“It’s been an exciting and very satisfying last few weeks with spells of weather that could be like summer. It’s a good time to prepare for some dry weather. Please do seriously consider Council’s recommendations and think about installing that rainwater tank, catch that precious water and use it on the car, to rinse the boat motor in a tub or water the garden with it. I’ve got one, it’s such a simple way to take some pressure off the mains system.”

peter.pritchard@council.tcdc.govt.nz

RIDE Coromandel Bike Park –

After ten years of preparation and fundraising by the Spirit of Coromandel Trust, the construction



on the bike park in Coromandel Town has begun. It will combine cross country trails, downhill tracks, a kids’ skills area and pump track to create a vibrant recreational facility for all to enjoy. The asphalt pump track construction is well underway at the Hauraki Road bike park area with the foundations and compaction being completed. We hope to have the pump track complete by 1st December 2020. For more information check out ridecoromandel.com

Next Coromandel-Colville Community Meeting – 9am, Tuesday 10 November in the Coromandel Board meeting room, 355 Kapanga Road. Members of the public are welcome to attend and can comment in the public forum.



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RSA news

By Pat Williams

Today, 13 October, it's raining. Great, the poor old garden was as dry as. The 200 Celebrations went well. I could not get anyone interested in the Illume Parade this year; sad. RSA have taken part in this Parade most years. We did put on lunch at the RSA for the naval contingent who came to Coromandel and appeared at several of the ceremonies. Thanks Navy.

I sometimes look up back copies of the Chronicle for inspiration. 12 months ago the Zipline opened! Some of the townsfolk rallied together to protest against the sighting of a 2-metre high cell tower. Edible seaweed to be harvested in Coromandel waters.

The book *HMS Coromandel* was written and went on sale (I do hope sales went well over the 200 celebrations. The Museum will benefit if that was the case.)

Saturday nights are proving popular in spite of winter, and plenty of visitors from other Clubs are paying us a visit.

Sometime back I discovered vases which the

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RSA had purchased for returned and servicemen's graves had gone AWOL.

Now, shiny black china (breakable) ones have appeared (two are already smashed) and nobody in the RSA knows where they came from!

Our president, his wife and our patron have been away caravanning; hope they had a great break. Peter, our patron, in his van and Stoney and Maggie in theirs.

Can't find my hugs poem so here's something different. "Even if I knew the world would end tomorrow. I would still plant an apple tree today." – Martin Luther

Till next time, stay safe.

P.S. Photo of me at the Illume Parade. Too old to walk, so sat!

P.P.S. Today is the 14th. I inadvertently deleted my first attempt. The air was blue. The sun is shining at the moment.



Pat Williams at the Illume Parade

Mahamudra Centre

By Jennifer Coyne

The rescue mission of the whales at Colville Bay was an emotional and moving time for the whole community here. At Mahamudra we were very inspired by the altruism and swift action taken by so many volunteers. All of the volunteers tirelessly working to keep the whales alive and the general feeling of compassion and wish to help! We were totally stoked when the local cook offered to come in and cook hot food for the volunteers out on the beach, and again when the local Himalaya Shop donated heaps of groceries to keep the food rolling out. It showed how awesome we can be when we work together!

To celebrate the diversity and general awesomeness of our community we have decided to warmly invite everyone to join us on **Sunday 13 December** at 10.30am for an Interfaith celebration. Everyone is warmly welcome to come and participate, and enjoy a delicious free lunch! And we really encourage anyone who has any faith – spiritual, religious, or other – to come and share a poem, a song, a prayer, or a practice. If you or anyone you know fits this bill, please get in touch by contacting spc@mahamudra.org.nz or by phoning (07) 866 6851. Please help us to spread the word. We look forward to coming together to celebrate harmony, connection, and happiness. Just drop in!

For info about events and course contact spc@mahamudra.org.nz, (07) 866 6851

Bowling

By Cherrie Rokela

This sunny spring weather has given us a fantastic start to the new season. The greens are playing well, thanks to David Weatherley and Eamonn Walsh, our greens staff.

The Four Square sponsored Triples tournament on 8 October became a shortened version due to rain, but was won by Colin Gawith, Dolly Welch and David Weatherley (see photo).

A big thank you to Four Square, and to our many sponsors who continue to enable us to run our popular tournaments.

The club renovations are moving along. We so look forward to the completed building (see other photo).

Come and join us on a Friday night, for a drink, chat and raffles, anytime after 3.30 pm, with a view to joining as a new playing member, or a social member. We have coaching for the newbies from 2pm on a Friday.



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Christmas is coming to Town Santa Parade and Christmas in the Park – 5 December

Christmas in the Park is an extension of the current Santa Parade. Christmas in the Park will include: 3pm Santa Parade (floats be in line by 2.30pm on Watt Street), floats will finish at the bottom school field; from here the fun begins with colouring competition, photo opportunities with

Santa, live music, decoration/ card making/face painting and Santa Fun Run. This is some of what's on offer, but not all. Don't miss out on the fun, come down and help us celebrate with Christmas in the Park.

Local business people, cafes, schools, arts and

crafts people, home baked/made goods, anyone interested in having a stall at this year's Christmas in the Park, we are encouraging families to come and have a fun-filled afternoon followed by an early dinner, enjoying the music provided by locals.

Stalls accepted will be at the discretion of the organising committee – it will a first in, first served basis ... we don't want three sausage sizzles, or more than one coffee vendor. So get your form (below) in quick to avoid disappointment – this is going to be another fantastic day.

Best decorated shop window

We are having a competition for the best decorated shop window in town. Rebekah Pearson is available to paint your windows in festive style. Please consult with her to arrange your Christmas window decorating, and discuss the cost: rbkpearson@gmail.com 021 108 5632 or 07 211 9892.

Showcase Christmas with decorating your windows and doors. Windows need to be completed by **4 December** in order to enter the competition.

Coromandel Community Home Grown Market

Every Friday next to BNZ 8.30am-12.30pm.

We're back for the season offering you: fresh organic veggies and seedlings, baking, home produce, crafts, natural remedies and treatments. Growing every week.

New stall holders welcome please contact Michelle 022 653 0690

Haiga

By Chris Wornall

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☐ **Yes I would like to have a stall at the Christmas in the Park**

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I will be selling

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☐ **Yes I would like to have a float in the parade**

Name/business.....

Please RSVP by midday **1 November**.

Drop form into Coromandel Town Information Centre or Richardsons Real Estate.

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19/10/20 - 25/10/20	-	-	-	-	6.40pm	8.45am	8.45am
26/10/20 - 01/11/20	8.45am	-	-	-	6.40pm	8.45am	8.45am
02/11/20 - 20/12/20	-	-	-	-	6.40pm	8.45am	8.45am
21/12/20 - 27/12/20	8.45am	8.45am	8.45am	8.45am	-	8.45am	8.45am
28/12/20 - 03/01/21	8.45am	8.45am	8.45am	8.45am	8.45am	8.45am	8.45am
04/01/21 - 10/01/21	8.45am	8.45am	8.45am	8.45am	6.40pm	8.45am	8.45am
11/01/21 - 17/01/21	8.45am	8.45am	8.45am	8.45am	6.40pm	8.45am	8.45am

DEPART WAIHEKE ISLAND: Orapiu Wharf

2020	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
19/10/20 - 25/10/20	-	-	-	-	7.45pm	9.50 am	9.50 am
26/10/20 - 01/11/20	9.50 am	-	-	-	7.45pm	9.50 am	9.50 am
02/11/20 - 20/12/20	-	-	-	-	7.45pm	9.50 am	9.50 am
21/12/20 - 27/12/20	9.50 am	9.50 am	9.50 am	9.50 am	-	9.50 am	9.50 am
28/12/20 - 03/01/21	9.50 am	9.50 am	9.50 am	9.50 am	9.50 am	9.50 am	9.50 am
04/01/21 - 10/01/21	9.50 am	9.50 am	9.50 am	9.50 am	7.45pm	9.50 am	9.50 am
11/01/21 - 17/01/21	9.50 am	9.50 am	9.50 am	9.50 am	7.45pm	9.50 am	9.50 am

DEPART COROMANDEL: Hannaford's Wharf

2020	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
19/10/20 - 25/10/20	-	-	-	-	8.45pm	4.30pm	4.30pm
26/10/20 - 01/11/20	4.30pm	-	-	-	8.45pm	4.30pm	4.30pm
02/11/20 - 20/12/20	-	-	-	-	8.45pm	4.30pm	4.30pm
21/12/20 - 27/12/20	3.00pm	3.00pm	3.00pm	3.00pm	-	4.30pm	4.30pm
28/12/20 - 03/01/21	3.00pm	3.00pm	3.00pm	3.00pm	4.30pm	4.30pm	4.30pm
04/01/21 - 10/01/21	4.30 pm	3.00pm	3.00pm	3.00pm	8.45pm	4.30pm	4.30pm
11/01/21 - 17/01/21	3.00pm	3.00pm	3.00pm	3.00pm	8.45pm	4.30pm	4.30pm



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Coromandel Embroiderers' Guild

By Jenny Penman

The year is drawing to a close for our regular Guild meetings, our October meeting on the 7th being the penultimate for the year. The Show and Tell Table on this date had a wide array of completed pieces from the many workshops that have been held over the last few months. Vi's exquisite "Pohutukawa" took centre stage (see photo) and she had certainly pulled out all the stops to get it completed with the workshop only having been held two weeks beforehand. Shirley Pygott was the tutor for this Goldwork Workshop and those attending were able to stitch the pohutukawa in the choice of two sizes as well as a Papyrus option. The red and gold stitching on the black background made a stunning effect and this depiction of NZ's own Xmas tree is very timely. Marie's "Wol" (see photo) brought out smiles and feelings of having seen this sight in the mirror lately!



Many more examples of Helen's Mystery Sampler made it to the table this month as well. The very different colourways chosen by the different stitchers make the pieces quite individual. In August we had Luana Johnston visit us to share her great-great-grandmother's sampler. This very special sampler was done by Matilda Walker in 1883 when she was only eight years old! Luana is gathering advice on how best to conserve this piece so that it can be held and shown in the Coromandel Museum in the near future for all to enjoy. It must be undoubtedly one of the oldest samplers still found on the peninsula, if not NZ.

Our Annual Exhibition is open to all to view the work done by our Guild members again this year – **Thursday 5-Sunday 15 November**, 10am-4pm at Hauraki House. This year we will incorporate pieces that are not completed but are still works in progress. We hope that these projects will perhaps both demystify the art of stitching while also giving an appreciation of the many hours of precision work that goes into an embroidered piece. Please join us during this time. You will have the opportunity to vote for your favourite in the People's Choice Award, to purchase beautifully embroidered gifts in time for Xmas and to meet some of the wonderful women who make up the Coromandel Embroiderers' Guild.

Our next Guild Meeting will be our AGM, Exhibition Opening and Xmas Lunch on **Wednesday 4 November**. Guild meetings will then resume on **3 February 2021**.

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

Monday Walkers

By Irene Dunn

"Those boots were made for walking and that's just what we'll do" as the song goes, so dig them out and let's go!

It's perfect weather to explore all the tracks around the peninsula. The bush tracks are drying out and so after lots of beach walks, we can now venture inland again.

We meet at Woollams Ave, Coromandel Town car park (north end) each Monday at 9am – you are welcome to join us.

Phone number below for further details on each Monday's walk.

Happy walking everyone.

Contact Irene 021 157 8408

Coromandel Town Information Centre

By Sandra Wilson, Manager



Visitor numbers have slowly been increasing, especially during the Illume and ArtsTour weekends, and it's great to see so many people who appreciate our wonderful town.

The year is certainly zooming by and Christmas is just around the corner. But before that happens, the Coromandel Town Information Centre will be having an art exhibition and sale at Hauraki House Gallery. The Informers opening night and auction is **Friday 20 November** at 5pm, followed by the exhibition on **Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 November** from 10am-4pm. This is our major fundraiser for the year so please stop by to check out all of the fabulous art. You might find something you really must have, or that you really want to give to someone for Christmas!

From **1-20 December** we will have a letterbox in the reserve for children to put their letters to Santa. This will be accessible daily during our open hours of 10am-4pm and children who include a physical or email address will receive a reply.

There are a few events coming in December that you'll want to put on your calendar. Firstly is the Santa Parade and Christmas in the Park on **Saturday 5 December**. The parade floats will begin at 3pm from Watt St and finish at the bottom school field. Immediately following the parade is Christmas in the Park, a lovely, family day with colouring competition, photo opportunities with Santa, live music, craft-making, face painting, the ever-popular Santa Fun Run, and more.

On **Friday 25 December** you can join in at the Coromandel Town Christmas Community Lunch. This is open to all and monetary donations to support this event are greatly appreciated and can be left at Four Square. Volunteer help is also needed. Those who would like to attend need to sign up so look for the registration form elsewhere in the Chronicle, plus contact information for those who would like to help with this worthwhile event.

By the time you read this our wonderful new website should be online, with pages both for visitors and the community, so be sure to check it out. Creating it has been a major undertaking but we're very pleased with the results.

We are not just here for visitors, but also to support our local community. If you're putting on an event or would like to get some news out to the wider community, stop by and chat with us about your needs.

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Wild things



By Carol Sutherland

The kotuku or white heron entry in Birds Online mentions this species as: "rarely seen except by those who specifically seek it out". The epithet "te kōtuku rerenga tahi" (the white heron of a single flight) was given to distinguished guests who seldom visited. However, luckily for us the kotuku photographed here is possibly the most photographed in Waikato and appears not in the least bothered by humans sticking to the boardwalk. This kotuku hangs out in the estuarine wetland on the way to the bird hide at Pukorokoro/Miranda bird sanctuary, obviously finding the section next to the boardwalk good fishing for small fish that come in on the tide. Whitebait is a favourite. The NZ population is estimated to be 150-200 birds and numbers remain steady. Outside the breeding colony they are solitary birds. The only breeding site is in Okarito in Westland, which is tidal estuary with wetlands and the river area where they breed is stringently protected. The most common cause of white heron mortality in New Zealand is birds being hit by cars, as many roads pass close to coastal wetlands. This photograph was taken in early October thus this bird has decided to stay in Pukorokoro as the breeding season is in full swing. Its beak hasn't changed to the grey of breeding birds.

McGregor Bay Wetland Society welcomes wildlife photos from our society.
mcgregorbaywetland@hotmail.com

Grey Power Coromandel

By John Rabarts. President



The next Grey Power meeting is **Thursday 5 November**, St John Meeting Room, corner Tiki and Whangapoua Roads. Drive in beside the Fire Station for parking around the back. We meet from 1pm for meeting start at 1.30pm. Afternoon tea 3.00pm. Anyone, any age, is welcome. Information on discounted rates for Grey Power Electricity and Broadband, Cook Strait ferries, Challenge fuels, health insurance, and more available to members and associate members (over or under 50 years). Our printed newsletter will be out as usual the week before the meeting.

Motion sickness

Car sick, sea sick, air sick. Advice for old and young. John Golding, a car sickness expert from the University of Westminster, suggests the following: Take regular short car trips to "habituate," or acclimatize yourself to car sickness by repeated exposure. Practice deep yogic style breaths. "If you can get good control of your breathing, you can start to override feelings of nausea." Take two tablets of powdered ginger 20 minutes before the journey. "There's an active ingredient in ginger called gingerol which probably does tend to calm the gut..." Try pressure bands. These stimulate an acupuncture point to interrupt the "I'm sick" message. "There's a great element of suggestion here – some studies say they work, and others say they don't. The placebo effect is probably quite large," says Prof. Golding.

Glyphosate use in New Zealand

Since 1941 Soil and Health NZ Inc. have been promoting and supporting organic foods and land use practices for the benefit and good health of all New Zealanders old and young. They are promoting awareness of the dangers of the use of glyphosate ("Roundup") in New Zealand and have opened a petition to have its use reviewed. There's clear evidence glyphosate-based herbicides cause cancer, disrupt our hormone systems and are neurotoxic. New evidence now shows damage to the microbiome. They aim to get glyphosate out of public spaces, off homegrown food and out of drains in keeping with European Commission recommendations. When the available science about the health and environmental risks of glyphosate are taken into account, they are confident the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will act to reduce public exposure to glyphosate. In addition, they want the EPA to conduct a formal risk assessment of glyphosate – this has never happened in New Zealand. Councils are often stuck between a rock and a hard place without clear guidance from the EPA. Christchurch City Council recently reaffirmed its commitment to low glyphosate use after strong public feedback. How can Grey Power members, family members and supporters get involved? If you're a social media user please join Non Toxic Neighbourhoods Aotearoa pages on Facebook and Instagram. Download the Soil and Health template and use it to contact our Council to find out more on glyphosate use in our area. Get more information on the Soil and Health website: www.organicnz.org.nz/campaigns – click on "Glyphosate- no public exposure" to find our Council's use of glyphosate listed there. Email Soil and Health: advocacy@organicnz.org.nz. Support the campaign by going to www.organicnz.org.nz/make-a-donation and include "glyphosate" in your bank transfer details. Buy OrganicNZ magazine from Four Square Coromandel or Carsons Bookshop Thames or subscribe for delivery to your mail box, six issues a year. Note 1: the above is adapted from "OrganicNZ" October-November 2020 issue. Their slogan "Oranga nuku, Healthy soil-Oranga kai, Healthy food-Oranga tangata Healthy people". Note 2: Glyphosate is used in a wide variety of settings, including orchards, vineyards, pastures, vegetable patches, roadways, parks, sports grounds and home gardens. It has been used in New Zealand since 1976 and is sold under a large number of different brand names. One of the most common is "Roundup", but there are many others. Commonly used by young and old, with limited attention to warning labels. Read the labels before buying or using.

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St John Heartbeat

By Teri & Neil

Spring has sprung and it won't be long before we are complaining of the heat.

St John Coromandel has a new Area Committee for the next three years: Chairperson – Abby Morgan, Treasurer – Aranee Corcoran, Secretary – Peter Pritchard. Members – Teri Gibson, Neil Robins, Wendy Newman, Maurice Conway, and Peter Sephton.

The Area Committee are volunteers who manage the Community Health Services (CHS) side of St John as well as local fundraising, events and how St John can give back to the community locally. Some CHS projects underway in other areas are: Health Shuttles, Op Shops, Caring Callers, Therapy Pets, Youth, etc. If anyone has ideas on ways we can support people in the community please let us know. Some A.C.'s have a Winter Warmers group that organises warm clothing and blankets to be given out where needed, or a knitters group who make clothes and toys for children – we are open to suggestions.

At our first meeting we have planned to hold a Pop-up Op Shop day at the St John Hall on **Thursday 26 November**. We will have the usual items of clothing and bric-a-brac kindly shared from the Whitianga St John Op Shop for sale.

A major project that we will be working towards is a new ambulance station for Colville. This has been talked about for some time and is definitely overdue for some action. It is good to know that our St John Property and Infrastructure team are getting behind this project now and we will be holding some community discussion/engagement sessions over the coming months.

Any communications for the Area Committee can be sent to: coro.ac@stjohn.org.nz.

Up and coming events:

- **Thursday 26 November** Pop up Op Shop at 355 Tiki Rd, Coromandel
- **Saturday 5 December** Street Stall
- **Saturday 5 December** Santa Parade

Ph: (07) 866 8279 leave a message and we will get back to you. Email: station38@stjohn.org.nz
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Patchwork & Quilters

By Bev Mayhead

Hi everyone. Yes, this really is the November article for the Chronicle. We are almost at the end of this most bizarre year.

Congratulations to our group for a fantastic team effort in the Coromandel 200 quilt. The initial core of four behind this deserve a special mention:

Sharon Currie, Annette Kaye, Fiona Neal and Bev Mayhead. Quilted by Michaela Green. Well done everyone and thank you for your sewing support.

Our Mystery Quilt has continued throughout the year and we are now up to Block 9. It is great to see this Japanese themed quilt coming along and nearing completion. So watch this space!

Our next small project is Aprons and it seems that many of us are really looking forward to this fun and useful venture.

In November our small project will be Free-Standing Letters, and in December we have our Christmas get-together for a special lunch.

Call in and see what we are up to.



Coromandel 200 years Celebration Quilt

Our meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month 9.30-3.30pm at St Johns Room, Tiki Road, Coromandel. President Raewyn Penrose (07) 866 8880, Secretary Sharon Currie (07) 866 8762

Coromandel Contract Bridge Club

By Judy Bronlund

We have two competitions left on our calendar, then we will stop play until February. Our first competition is the Championship Pairs. This will be played over five weeks, then it will be the Kereta Pairs followed by our AGM on **14 December**, which is our last evening. New members are welcome to join us as are visitors to Coromandel. If you would like to learn bridge or need a refresher course, please get in touch.

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27-29 NOV	Nourish Retreat w/ Karla Brodie and Sam Loe
4-6 DEC	Wild Grace w/ Sacha Paddy & Neal Ghoshal

Rangatahi

CELEBRATING OUR CHILDREN

Coromandel Area School

By Jamie Rose Brown

Writing by some of the Year 7 and 8 students. Enjoy!

Billy Year 7

As I leapt into the Great Pacific Ocean I imagined the incredible life forms that could be there. That was cut short as something was watching me. I didn't quite know what it was, but as I looked up there were hundreds of thousands of stingrays gliding above me like a flock of birds.

Varian Year 7

Under the depths of the sea there is a new world. Under the sea there is hidden life. Under the sea there are forbidden creatures. Under the sea there is new meaning. Above the sea boats are looming over every creature.

Above the sea we wonder what is under the sea.

Ian Year 8

This feels like the depths of hell. The teacher is looming over everyone as we are forced to write some crappy story using these words. I am forbidden to socialise, cause the teacher says that's not what school is for. All this is hidden from our parents of course, because the teachers don't want to get done for child cruelty.

Kaila Year 8

The sense of freedom
The intense moonlight deepening my silhouette
The crystal-clear water reflecting my soul
Eerie silence drowning everything
With a flicker of brightness and hope
All is lost. The last flame dies.
All is entitled to me.

Ayla Year 7

As my silhouette shines bright as daylight,
Eerie freedom shivers down my spine
as I look upon the mountains. Intense darkness
arrives as if nothing is there.

Stella Barr-McLean Year 8

The blinding lights blocked all vision as I



stood at the edge of freedom

The eerie breeze brushed against my long silhouette.

I stand still, thoughts rush around my head making me lose focus.

I slowly gain control of my breathing.

Sweat dripped off the point of my nose, as I had just run what felt like miles.

The intense feeling of independence brightens up my face.

As I drown in silence, I turn around to see the luminous cave longing to be explored.

Jade Year 8

My silhouette runs ahead of me. As I come to a stop, I catch a glimpse of the big bright super moon's intensity staring back at me down the eerie alleyway. I take a seat on the park bench and stare into the glistening puddles of water. I whisper under my breath, "freedom".

Kendyl Year 7

In the depths of the forbidden ocean, hidden away out of sight, a diver looms over an underwater city. He wonders how it got to be like that.

The statues stand frozen in time.

Taylor Year 7

Hidden beneath the forbidden depths, I see a looming figure in front of me.

Statues of every shape and size looking into my soul, seeing my deepest fears, my most wondrous desires, as I stare back into their soulless, lifeless eyes.

Layke Year 8

Splash! I dive into the forbidden depths of the ocean. As I move around the coral, I look past the ledge. There I see a hidden city looming over the deep canyon. I slowly move over there, wondering what I will find.

Blake Year 8

He said to "Use your imagination to love your reflection".

A sentence to make my heart bubble and petals fall.

Ryan Year 8

I stare at the pink petals of love holding the bubble that reflects imagination.

Cody Year 7

Imagine blue petals holding up a bubble what when you look at the reflection, love comes out and into your heart.

Te Rerenga School

The Anna Yates Memorial Orchard

The generosity of donations, and of the time given to make the memorial orchard for Anna Yates come to life, has been incredible. The school received well over \$2500 to purchase plants and the orchard space is already looking fantastic, with more to be developed. A working bee was held to plant the trees purchased, with a large number of parents past and present there to help. When the trees have settled in a bit more and we have landscaped it all, we plan to have a picnic in the orchard, as part of celebrating the orchard and Anna's legacy to our school.

Antarctica: Forest and Ice

Late last term several children worked with one of our parents, James Muir, in putting together videos for the Days of Ice: Antarctica through Fresh Eyes Tauria Film Competition with the Antarctic Centre in Christchurch. A huge congratulations to Ophelia Morley-Muir, Ella Adlam and Stella James from Year 3, who won their category and flew to Christchurch earlier in the term to claim their prize and visit the Antarctic Centre. The girls' video is named "Antarctica: Forest and Ice". This is a link to the video clip: <https://youtu.be/xDhtdNaV03M>.

Ophelia had this to say about the experience:

On the holidays I flew down to Christchurch because me, Ella and Stella won a film competition. We had to make a film about Antarctica. We went to the Antarctic Centre to get our prizes. The prizes were a little wooden penguin, a plastic snowflake, a toy penguin and some other things. The next day me and Stella went back to the Antarctic Centre. We rode on a Hagglund. On the Hagglund we went up huge hills and we went around hills on an angle and over tyres and over trenches. We watched the blue penguins get fed and we also went to the storm place. In four minutes a machine started to blow wind and the temperature became minus zero degrees. But it was still fun! We stroked a Husky, it was so soft. We watched 4-D movies and put on 3-D glasses. It looked like the pictures in the movies were coming out. And it sprayed water at us and when the lights had been turned on, my dad looked like he had wet his pants. At the end my dad bought me a soft toy Husky and a watch and some other things. It was so fun.



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Hauraki House Youth Hall Spruce Up

By Mike Mann

It all started with an off-the-cuff comment, "It would be nice if the Coromandel Youth Group could be done up".

And so, a committee was formed, the project was officially underway with three community volunteers, police and youth group coordinator Nadine Smith.

With the idea clear in their minds, the committee had just two weeks to get the funding application to the Coromandel-Colville Community Board. Quotes had to be organised, a painting contractor engaged and volunteers were recruited.

The Coromandel community rallied around. Curtains, wall repairs and financial advice were all sourced locally. Rowan Toms from ITM kindly made a commitment to supply the

paint, and a local benefactor met the costs not covered by official funding.

Finally, the Youth Support Committee and TCDC said yes!

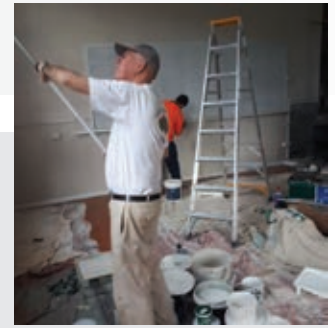
Volunteers lead the charge, with Jim Russell on project management, and Mike Meretto – dab-hands at repair work volunteering their services. Volunteers worked around a total of 300 hours on the project, and were integral to its success. So many people from the community contributed in a range of ways, from giving advice on colours, to providing coffee and sandwiches – thanks Nadine and Tracey! A special mention to Chaun for the hours of hard work.

The project was completed in just two and a half months and was celebrated with a BBQ on Wednesday 11 October. Many community members have already recollected fond memories of their school days

at the hall and it is hoped that today's local youth can create their own fond memories of the space.

Many thanks and much gratitude to the whole community for making this idea a reality.

Local businesses were generous in supporting the project: Coromandel ITM – paint, supplies and use of BBQ trailer; Four Square – 6 scooters; Richardsons Real Estate Coromandel – 6 bike helmets, Tara from the Coromandel Bead Shop – 4 skateboards; Umu cafe – paper cups, plates, for the opening BBQ.



Reno in progress



Painting completed



BBQ celebration!

Coromandel Youth Group at Hauraki House

Whew! The painting of our main room has been completed with many thanks to the help we received in the form of a Coromandel-Colville Community Board grant, paint from ITM and many hours of hard work from volunteers and painter Ron Zeeland. Together, outstanding results were achieved! We have also had our outdoor sports equipment and lounge updated with thanks to Coro Four Square, Scenic Coast Baits, Richardson's Real Estate and Tara's Bead Shop. What an awesome example of community spirit!

School Term Time Hours

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 3pm-5pm; Friday Night Social 6.30-8.30pm for school yrs 6-9; Sunday 1-4pm.

Coromandel Youth Group is for children aged 5-15yrs. We provide a safe, fun environment where kids can hang out with friends, make arts and crafts and play. Parents just fill out a membership form. Please make a gold coin donation. Parents/guardians: we cannot take responsibility for children who don't sign in or for those who sign out early; any concerns please contact us.

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

Along with the kind donations received, we would like to thank those that make this programme possible: Lottery Waikato, Trust Waikato, COGS, D.V. Bryant Trust

Kiwi Can

Kia ora koutou. We hope everyone had a nice break over the school holidays and are ready for the last term for the year! We would like to welcome Danielle to our Kiwi Can whānau. She has already started working at Coromandel Area School and is a great addition to our team!

This term the kaupapa/theme is Respect. We will be exploring this theme in three modules: Respect for our School, Respect for our Community and Respect for our Environment. Which makes our catchphrase even easier to remember: "We respect our school and community too. Caring for our environment is the thing to do."

We also have a Halloween themed disco this Term! **Saturday 31 October** at the Coromandel Area School Hall. Years 1-4 disco is 5.30pm-7pm. preschool ages also welcome accompanied by an adult. Years 5-8 is 7.30pm-9pm. Both require a \$2 entry as we are fundraising for the Kiwi Can programme. Food, drinks and merchandise will also be for sale.

Nga mihi nui from the Kiwi Can Team!

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Arts

Open Studios Coromandel ArtsTour 2020



By Kaye Anderson

A wonderful experience ... such a privilege to be welcomed into artists' creative spaces – these are the words most frequently heard when visitors are asked about their participation in the ArtsTour.

The event began with a gala opening at Hauraki House on Friday 2 October. Michael Moore of Creative Waikato moved the gathering with these beautiful words:

"Tonight, let us speak into the mouth of Tawhirimaatea, so that he might breathe our gratitude into the wind, enriching our connection.

"Tonight, let us all be still lives of introspection, strong like the branches of Tāne Māhuta whose trunk stretches into the heavens bearing the weight of Godly heart ache for us.

"Tonight, our children's dreams will pour



Michael Moore at the opening

outside the galaxy carried like haemoglobin on a silver lining to the hearts of those of us who forget that this world isn't grey yet.

"Colour races like shooting stars collecting window sill imagination for the ignorant and complacent, races like the unsettled minds that have spent too long star gazing, they've over looked that the heart, "Yes the heart, will always supersede the stars for inspiration, for there you will find the brightest of all earthly creation, there is the familiar warming sensation of one's, there cradled inside the fabric of space and time, just like the stars we shine." (Excerpt from Matariki).

"E Rangi, E Papa, E te whānau atua whakatōhia tō koutou manaakitanga me tō arohā ki roto i tenei mahi o mātou.

"Mother Earth, Sky Father, the family of the Gods, may you imbue your power and love within our work."

What inspiring words for artists and visitors alike!

During the second weekend, I interviewed Coromandel gallery owner Kelly Harrison. Here are her words:

"This is my first ArtsTour and Kaye, you are the first person whose home I have come into and been a part of viewing their work – such a personalised tour and I get a sense of who you are because I can identify with your creative energy space. Thank you for that. You've opened my eyes, given me an insight into another artistic form and medium. Thank you for sharing that with me. I'm definitely going to get more involved in the arts community and the next ArtsTour.

"I am so impressed by the high quality of the advertising and marketing, the top-notch brochures, not forgetting the amazing work on show in the exhibition."

Sharon Dollard of Thames had this to say:

"I have made lots of wonderful



Murray Rainey at his pottery wheel

discoveries. It's been good for the soul to meet with lovely, talented people and see the connection between their creative spaces and their work."

Some snippets from other visitors:

"Would you like some Seville oranges to make marmalade?" "Yes please!"

"That plant - may I have a piece?" "Of course!"

"I'll come back for a cutting of that geranium one day!" "You're most welcome."

"Everyone is so friendly and generous in sharing their space, place and work!"

Over a thousand people visited the exhibition during the nine days of the ArtsTour.

We can now look forward to Open Studios 2021.



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Wananga

by Kaye Anderson

"He Toi Whakairo, He Mana Tangata, where there is artistic excellence, there is human dignity." These words spoken by Kelly Harrison's father Doctor Pakaariki Harrison have inspired her to create an educational initiative, a series of workshops being held this year at the Harataunga Marae. She says it's a continuation of honouring legacy, an obligation she feels to ensure intergenerational passing on of knowledge.

Over the weekend of 16-18 October, Kelly hosted her third wananga, with approximately 35 people participating in four different workshops: harakeke for beginners with Ada Raharuhi, kete whakairo for advanced learners tutored by Hazel Grace of Te Wananga o Aotearoa, painting and drawing with Coromandel artist Richard Chrisp and whakairo carving led by master carver Eric Korewha. Many of his group were students from the Mangere campus of Te Wananga o Aotearoa who are currently studying for degrees in carving. For them the experience was "amazing", "awesome", "invaluable".

I spent Saturday on the marae, joining the harakeke for beginners group, but also observing the others. The atmosphere was lively and noisy with the sound of chisels ringing out on wood, and the laughter of our group as we met Ada's challenge to produce 100 putiputi, folding, turning and weaving strands of flax into beautiful flowers.

For information about future wananga, contact Kelly on 028 412 2743.



Harakeke beginners



Eric Korewha

Val and Gill examining the small garden-themed paintings done so far



Coromandel Art Group

by Barbara Peddie

Level 1 and we are all back at art again, long may it last!

We have been working on our small canvases for the garden-themed joint painting which I have mentioned before. Ross, our president, was worried we would end up with 20 paintings of wheelbarrows, but we have been much more imaginative than that! (There is one wheelbarrow - mine). You will see these displayed, and for sale, at our exhibition in January.

Meanwhile there is another exhibition coming up that some of our members have paintings in. It is "The Informers", the Coromandel Info Centre fundraiser on **20 to 22 November**, in Hauraki House Gallery. All are welcome to nibbles and drinks and the auction on **Friday 20 November** at 5pm. The exhibition then runs over the weekend. Come and check us out!

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Arts continued

Pastel Artists Coromandel

By Rosemarie Murphy

By the time you read this our Labour Weekend Exhibition will have been and gone. We had over 60 paintings exhibited this year, an awesome effort for our small club. Our newer members are really improving their artistic skills. I hope you came along to see what can be done with a "piece of chalk".

Two of our planned workshops had to be postponed due to Covid-19 but Maxine Thompson held a weekend workshop early November. More on that in the Chronicle's next edition.

Julie and Michael Freeman's workshop will now be held in February 2021 so if you have ever wondered how to use pastels, now is the time to find out. Please contact one of the people listed if you are interested.

We are a really friendly, encouraging group. We try to hold at least two workshops a year so that we can learn new and different techniques. Our meetings are held on Tuesday mornings 9.00am to 12.00 noon in the Coromandel Aero Club rooms on Tiki Road. Do call in to see what we do and have a cuppa with us.

Contact Saskia Riemersma Ph (07) 866 8829,
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Painting by Chris Tryon



Painting by Saskia Riemersma

War at the Wharfs: A Review of Pass It On

By Dawn Booth

In 2020, as two female leaders vie to be prime minister, and where the team of 5,000,000 has, for the most part, banded together under the mantra of "be kind", it's easy to overlook a time in New Zealand history when people were so vehemently divided, and when women had to shout so loudly, and aggressively, to be heard. The play *Pass It On*, by NZ playwright Renee, presents an intimate portrayal of a somewhat surprising time of social and political unrest in NZ history under the influence of red scare propaganda, and the recent interpretation of the play (produced by Liz Cameron and directed by Anne Zealand and Don Hughes) serves as a timely reminder of the importance of questioning how much control a governing body should have.

The story centres around the New Zealand 1951 waterfront dispute where the Waterside Workers's Union protested against the Waterfront Industry Commission for increased wages and improved working conditions. The strike caused a complete standstill of the nation's wharfs, and led to the government imposing draconian emergency regulations including enforced rigid censorship and the sanctioning of a frightening police state where constabularies were given sweeping powers of search and arrest.

Although the waterfront was an overwhelmingly male world and the male strikers bravely sacrificed much to uphold democratic values, the play focuses on the invaluable role that women played in the strikes as they cared for their families with little resources, created strong community support networks and distributed illegal literature. In particular, it follows the relationship of Jeanie (played by Lisa MacLeod) and her sister-in-law Nell (performed by Heather Long) who, after initial distrust, form a strong alliance against the political forces that threaten their families.

Despite seeing familiar, friendly faces on stage, the Coromandel Players were able to suspend disbelief by creating distinctive, memorable characters that we could quickly relate to, and the chemistry between Nell and her two children (performed by Ariana Wake and Grace Smith) was particularly convincing. Through standout performances, their scenes brought home the impact of the lockout on the entire family, where it was an offence for citizens to assist strikers and where giving food to the children of strikers was outlawed. Our sympathy, especially, lay with the children as they stood by when police aggressively searched their homes and as they shared stories of being cruelly teased at school.

It was a somewhat busy, and at times distracting stage, but other than a rather modern iron, the intimate home settings and offices' were carefully crafted with well-chosen period props all of which contrasted with the cold, steel gates of the wharf. Multiple settings (i.e. where scenes are simultaneously in view) were used to good advantage, clearly emphasizing the worker's homes as key sites of the dispute. As shown in the play, it was in the home that every day working class men and women made crucial decisions about what to do and how to cope.

Although the script could have perhaps more clearly communicated the complex motivations of the government and unionists and included important details leading up to the strikes, an afternoon with the Coromandel Players encouraged me to think about how much control a government should have – a question many countries are now grappling with in these unprecedented times. Call me sentimental, but on a more personal note, sitting with good friends, in a community I have come to deeply respect, I was also reminded of how fortunate we are to come together and enjoy the dedication of passionate people modelling strong community spirit. And in a small town, where opinions differ and tempers may sometimes fly, at the end of the day there's clear evidence to me that when needed (as in the play) we've got each others' backs.



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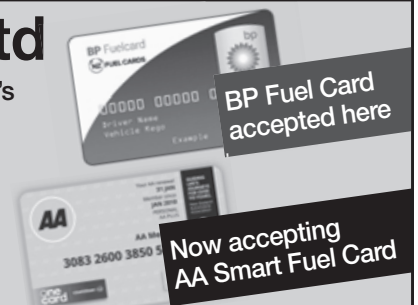
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Environment

Upper Coromandel Landcare Association (UCLA)

By Reihana Robinson

Waikato Regional Council is fueling discord in our community by funding controversial pest control plans of big private groups and by introducing a policy of secrecy regarding increased poison operations on the peninsula.

UCLA has expressed alarm at a four-year \$390,038 WRC grant to Te Ara Hou Kennedy Bay Ltd, whose funding application includes planning for recurring cross-peninsula aerial 1080 toxin operations in what would be a major shift toward privatisation of poison drops. The proposed 1080 operations are opposed by scores of Kennedy Bay locals. The grant was approved in a public-excluded WRC meeting on July 22. Companies Office records indicate Te Ara Hou was formed only two months before the cash handout.

A WRC staff report to councillors on July 10 (obtained under the OIA by UCLA) in support of the grant stated that Te Ara Hou was established “in anticipation of the opportunity to lead and conduct aerial 1080 operations on Maori land in partnership with DOC and Council for the Kennedy Bay to Papa Aroha coast to coast area in Coromandel.”

UCLA has also stated its firm opposition to a cross-peninsula pest fence proposal, planning for which was also included in the group’s grant application and supported in the WRC staff report. The proposed pest-proof fence would span Kennedy Bay to Koputauaki, potentially reigniting a bitter, community-wide conflict that raged over a similar failed proposal in 2006.

The idea that a massively expensive, ineffective, and socially divisive fence is even being considered, let alone funded by targeted Coromandel regional rates, is outrageous.

Our community recalls the proposed Moehau Environment Group fence from Waikawau to Colville that was overwhelmingly opposed by the people who were to be fenced in. Residents objected to inevitable increased 1080 drops, loss of farm and tourism income, human health risks, costs to ratepayers, extermination of traditional kai, bans on pets and working dogs, animal cruelty, and adverse effects on native species. The new Kennedy Bay fence plan is no different – just twice as long and twice as expensive and affecting hundreds more homes and businesses.

No successful fenced area anywhere in New Zealand includes farms, homes, businesses, holiday parks, and campgrounds like we have on the northern Coromandel.

Contact Reihana Robinson, UCLA spokesperson, reihana@reihanarobinson.co.nz, 027 694 0000

Editor’s comment: I have seen the application for funding which Reihana refers to, but WRC say that funding allocated does not cover aerial 1080 drops. Please read WRC’s response (right).



Waikato Regional Council – regarding funding to Te Ara Hou Kennedy Bay

Waikato Regional Council has issued a statement to clarify misinformation in a release issued by the Upper Coromandel Landcare Association (UCLA) this week.

In July the council’s community restoration committee approved funding of \$380,038 to Te Ara Hou Kennedy Bay for its conservation programme on the Coromandel Peninsula.

The council agreed to provide funding of \$380,038 over four years – which is just 17 per cent of the \$2,236,112 cost of the Pukewharariki Ngahere and Wai Landscape Restoration Project.

The Natural Heritage Fund grant will cover the costs of:

- two manager positions – the Te Ara Hou and mātauranga Māori units respectively
- administrative time
- bait stations, bait, and contractor time
- goat control
- willow control
- traps and consumables.

As part of the project Te Ara Hou will investigate with private landowners a pest-proof, coast to coast predator fence linking two small iwi communities – Kennedy Bay and Koputauaki – creating a 31,000 hectare low pest area to the north.

In Te Ara Hou’s application the group talked about its larger conservation aspirations in and around Kennedy Bay comprising other activities such as aerial 1080 control, led by the Department of Conservation, and terrestrial and marine species monitoring. However, this work falls outside of the scope of what the council has agreed to fund through the Natural Heritage Fund.

The project is embedded in mātauranga Māori and will be implemented in parallel with the Hauraki settlement in a way that allows Te Ara Hou to provide leadership in collaboration with agencies for pest control in the area.

The project aims to deliver mātauranga-western-science based education, cadetships and wananga/hui using digital information captured from the maintenance area with the aim of expanding this area, as well as measuring changes in the environment.

Background

The funding to Te Ara Hou Kennedy Bay comes from the council’s Natural Heritage Fund, which was established in 2005 to protect and manage, in perpetuity, special places of ecological significance.

Key priorities for the fund include the preservation of access to waterways and the coast, as well as protection of biodiversity, heritage sites and landscapes of significance to the community. Natural heritage projects have very long term, inter-generational benefits.

In keeping with the significance and size of these projects, the council has recognised that the level of accountability, monitoring and reporting will increase with the size of the grants.

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Environment continued

Forest & Bird

By Mike Donoghue



Vanishing Wetlands

One-fifth of New Zealand's land mass was once covered by wetlands, but in the constant quest to boost agricultural production, over 90% have been destroyed over the last 200 years. Waikato has by far the largest remaining area of wetland in the North Island, but between 2001 and 2016, lost 15% of its 28,000 remaining hectares. The Hauraki Plains, once a huge kahikatea-dominated wetland, was drained for dairy farming and only fragments of the original forest cover remain.

Wetlands are fascinating and critical ecosystems that host a rich diversity of plants and animals. They are a nursery ground for many species of fish and sanctuaries for wading birds. They act like the kidneys of the earth, cleaning the water that flows into them. They are also buffers, protecting coastal land from storm surge, as well as trapping sediment and soils, filtering out nutrients and removing contaminants, thus reducing the impacts of floods. As well as absorbing and storing carbon far more effectively than pasture or pine forests, wetlands also return nitrogen to the atmosphere. They protect people and wildlife from the impacts of climate change.

Wetlands come in many shapes and forms. Miranda is a large and internationally-significant site which is vital in the life cycles of thousands of migratory wader birds. Now is a great time to visit Miranda as godwits, knots, wrybills and curlews return from Alaska and Siberia. However, the Coromandel/Firth of Thames area also contains a multitude of small wetlands, less than 10 hectares in size. Protecting them all is critical.

Forest & Bird is planning a trip to Rotopiko Wetland in South Waikato early next year. We will keep you posted.



Moehau Environment Group

By Nat Munns



Join the MEG Team!

We are looking for someone to join our team of field rangers. The ideal candidate will have experience in the bush cutting tracks and installing trap and bait station infrastructure, ideally will be chainsaw certified and have current first aid training. The work is physically challenging so a good level of fitness and ability to work off track in the bush is required. The position will be 4-5 days per week depending on successful candidate.

If you are keen to get involved and help us support our native species, please apply in writing to info@meg.org.nz.

Weed of the Month – Arum Lily

The Arum Lily, also known as the Death Lily, originates from South Africa. It grows in clumps with dark green (arrow shaped) leathery leaves, has large white flowers with a yellow spike and produces yellow-green berries.

It is long lived and continues to grow under regenerating canopy tolerating most soil types and conditions: wet, wind, salt, hot/cold, and is drought resistant once established.

Avoided by stock due to being poisonous, it will gradually take over grazing land and smothers the ground, preventing native seedling regeneration.

You're likely to find it in swamps, open damp areas with low cover, and regenerating ex-pasture, especially downstream or adjacent to infested areas.

The best way to rid your property of Arum Lily is to cut it down and paste the stumps with an appropriate herbicide. You can dig out smaller plants but small pieces of tuber left behind accidentally will re-sprout.

Check out www.weedbusters.org.nz for more information.

Bird of the Year

Just when you thought the political campaigning was over, voting for this year's Bird of the Year is from **2-15 November**. Use Bird of the Year 2020 to get to know our amazing native birds. Cast your vote and make a donation to give nature a voice. We'll be profiling a couple of our favourite birds including the Matuku (Australasian Bittern) and the North Island Brown Kiwi. You can vote online at www.birdoftheyear.org.nz or keep an eye out for the link on our MEG Facebook page.

Megaphone

Our latest Megaphone is out. Grab a copy from the Coromandel Town Information Centre or any other supporting businesses around town, or view it on our website.

MEG AGM

The MEG AGM will take place in the Colville Hall on **Saturday 28 November**. The meeting will start at 10.30am and be followed by light refreshments.

If you'd like to hear what MEG has achieved in the past year and would maybe like to join the committee, then please come along. Everyone welcome!

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Sport

Coromandel Recreational Fishing Club

By Sharon Toms
& CRFC Committee

We have reports of big snapper (17 to 21 lbs) being caught in the "gutter" and away from the mussel farms at the moment. Our club member, Briar and her son, got two nice snapper recently as well. Find us on Facebook to view their photos. We are also on Instagram now (@coro_recreational_fishing_club).

This year's Christmas Party will be held on the evening of **Saturday 5 December**. Registration forms will be emailed to current members this month.

Our popular Meat Pack raffles are held on Friday nights at the Admirals Arms. Only \$2 per ticket, with proceeds going towards Club prizes and the general running of the Club.

The Club "Fish of the Month Competition" for the \$100 prize is for the August 2020 – July 2021 current members only. Fish of the Month for November is John Dory

Results of our Labour Weekend tournament will be in next month's issue!

Here's to tight lines as always.

L-R: Craig Pattle, Cam Osborne,
Sam Thompson, Nigel Robison,
Keith Stephenson.
Photo courtesy of Velosolutions



RIDE Coromandel Bike Park

By Ally Davey



Exciting news! After ten years of preparation and fundraising by the Spirit of Coromandel Trust, a bike park for Coromandel Town is finally under construction! The bike park is being built on an old landfill site and adjacent "Kauri Block" on Hauraki Rd, thanks to a collaboration with iwi, DOC, TCDC, landowners and funders. It will combine cross-country trails, downhill tracks, a kids' skills area and pump track to create a vibrant recreational facility for all to enjoy.

The first stage has begun with an asphalt pump track built by Velosolutions NZ. A pump track is fun for all ages and abilities, with rolling jumps and turns to practise your skills on wheels, from mountain bikes to BMXs to skateboards. The track will be built to international racing standards so that one day competition events could be brought to town.

We hope to have the pump track complete by **1 December**.

For more information follow RIDE Coromandel on Facebook @RideCoromandel, Instagram @ridecoromandel, or check out our website for more details www.ridecoromandel.com

Coromandel Golf Club

By Marsh Carter



Spring has finally arrived at the Coromandel Golf Club.

The fairways are drying out and our drives are, all of a sudden, going 50 meters further down the fairway. The Greens are not holding a full wedged shot now, so new shots are having to be devised to get the ball close to the pins.

Many members are using the bump and run shots or even their faithful putter to get the ball to the hole from off the green.

Spring also sees the start of our Club Champs, which are well underway. Congratulation to those who are still in the running for major trophies and commiseration to those who have dropped out.

Perhaps next year will be your opportunity to shine.

The Course is in tiptop shape at the moment with the fantastic group of volunteers putting in long hours to keep our course in pristine condition.

Many thanks to you people who work tirelessly to benefit our club.

We have had a flurry of new memberships recently. We welcome you all and hope you have many good golfing years with our club.

So, don't procrastinate all you would-be golfers, get down to the Coromandel Golf Club and remember, keep your eye on the ball.

Coromandel Croquet Club

By Kaye Anderson



We held our AGM on Tuesday 15 September at 11am.

The elected officers for the coming year are: President – Kaye Anderson, Vice President – Raewyn McKinney, Captain – Lyn Robertson, Vice Captain – Geoff Linklater, Secretary – Jan Linklater, Treasurer – John Bell.

While membership is slightly down, the club is in good heart with the standard of play constantly improving, ensuring plenty of challenging and enjoyable games.

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

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Cheese

By John Irvine

"Poets have been mysteriously silent on the subject of cheese"

so says G K Chesterton
and who am I to demur.
If I am guilty of any mysterious silence
it is merely because I believe cheese
has its own unique poetic resonance
its own rhythm and metre
I listen carefully to cheese
all kinds
from
the mouth-watering bite of an aged cheddar
and the sensuous oral caress of a warmed brie
to the brutal honesty of a ripe gorgonzola
the yawn-inducing blandness of edam
or the salty ecstasy of ewe's milk feta
but I hear nothing
nothing

cheese has been mysteriously silent
on the subject of poets...

Something
Funny
:)

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We finish this issue with another picture of the Pilot Whales on the beach at Colville.
Ka pai. Well done to everyone who helped refloating them.



Something
Sad
:(

Coromandel Town weekly and monthly meetings

Every Day

Free meditation at Mahamudra (every day except 7-8 Nov & 21-29 Nov)..8.30-9am

Every Monday

Step Aerobics at Coro Gym 8am
Coromandel Hikers' Group, Hauraki House, Colin & Elspeth (07) 866 7137 ... 9am
Monday Walkers, Woollams Ave car park north end, Irene 021 157 8408..... 9am
Gold Fit at Coro Gym 9.30am
Coromandel Playgroup, St Andrews Church Hall, Rings Road.
Contact Angee 021 255 0399 9.30am-12.30pm
SeniorNet Coromandel contact Loes (07) 866 8053..... 4pm
Bridge, St John rooms..... 7pm
Four-part harmony singing, Sue (07) 866 8833 7.30pm

Every Tuesday

Croquet, Woollams Ave, Kaye (07) 866 8968 9.15am
Pastel Artists Coromandel, Coromandel Aero Club Rooms (07) 866 72209am-12pm
Coro Walking Group, Lotto Dairy, Ruth (07) 866 7246 9am
Open Floor Community Dance, Citizens' Hall
(*come 15mins early if you're new or would like a longer warmup)9.30*-11.30am
Yoga for everyone, Colville Hall, Kate 021 125 3152..... 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

Step Aerobics at Coro Gym 8am
Coromandel Community Organic Garden volunteers' drop-in time 9-11am
Gold Fit at Coro Gym 9.30am
Ballet Class For Adults, Coromandel Citizens' Hall, \$10 per class.
Contact Marilyn 027 336 5263..... 9.50-11.20am
Wing Chun Kung Fu. Internationally recognised Sifu. Waikato Events Centre.. 4pm

Every Thursday

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
Tai Chi, Waikato Events Centre (above the swimming pool) 10am
Free Guided Meditation, Havalona Pyramid 10-11am
Yoga, Move & Relax at Trust Waikato Events Centre (upstairs Swimming Pool) contact Tina 021 201 9750 5.10-6.20pm
Zumba class every Thursday (school term only), Coromandel Area School Hall, Claire 021 653 650 5.30-6.30pm
Sunset Yoga with Vanessa, Colville School Hall, \$10. School Term only.
Contact 021 124 7267 5-6.15pm

Every Friday

Step Aerobics at Coro Gym 8am
Yoga for everyone, Anglican Hall, Kate 021 125 3152..... 9am
Croquet, Woollams Ave, Kaye (07) 866 8968 9.15am
Playcentre, Woollams Ave 9.45am-12.15pm
Coromandel Home-school group, Julene (07) 866 8333 10am
Coromandel Tennis Club "club day" 4pm
Coromandel Flying Club social gathering, all welcome 5.30pm

Every Saturday

RSA Coromandel, RSA Club Rooms Woollams Ave. Courtesy van available.
President Kevin Stone (07) 866 7576..... 3.30-7pm

Every Sunday

Anglican Church Service 10am
Coromandel Tennis Club "club day" 1pm

Monthly

1st Mon – Coro Patchwork & Quilters, St John rooms,
Jill (07) 866 7484..... 9.30am-3.30pm
3rd Mon – Coro Patchwork & Quilters, St John rooms,
Jill (07) 866 7484..... 9.30am-3.30pm
1st Wed – Coro Embroiderers' Guild, St John rooms,
Win McMinn (07) 866 7508 10am-3pm
1st Wed – Lions Dinner meeting, St John rooms.
President Lyn Rose (07) 866 7722 6pm
1st Fri – Gay Social Group, ph Roz 022 308 8975 7pm
2nd Wed – Garden Circle. Jeni Mudgway 021 0227 5341 1pm
2nd Tues – Meditation Discussion Group, ph Roz 022 308 8975 7pm
3rd Wed – Lions Business Meeting, St John rooms.
President Lyn Rose (07) 866 7722 7pm
Last Thurs – Green Drinks at Star & Garter 5pm
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. Please include contact name and phone number.

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Calendar of events

Coromandel Town November 2020

MON

TUE

WED

THU

FRI

SAT

1

St Andrews Union Church.
Congregation choice hymns

High tide 8.32am (2.6m), 8.46pm (2.6m)
Low tide 2.14am (0.5m), 2.32pm (0.6m)

2

Voting for Bird of the Year starts
(see pg 26)

High tide 9.08am (2.7m), 9.24pm (2.6m)
Low tide 2.51am (0.4m), 3.08pm (0.6m)

3



High tide 9.44am (2.7m), 10.01 pm (2.6m)
Low tide 3.27am (0.4m), 3.44pm (0.5m)

4



High tide 10.20am (2.7m), 10.39pm (2.5m)
Low tide 4.03am (0.4m), 4.22pm (0.6m)

5

Community van goes to
Thames (see pg 5)
Coromandel Embroiders' Guild
Annual Exhibition starts
(see pg 16)
Grey Power meeting
(see pg 18)

High tide 10.57am (2.6m), 11.19pm (2.5m)
Low tide 4.41am (0.4m), 5.02pm (0.7m)

6

Coromandel Home grown/made
market 8.30am -12.30pm
(see pg 15)
Show Me Shorts film festival
- The Sampler

High tide 11.37am (2.6m)
Low tide 5.20am (0.5m), 5.45pm (0.7m)

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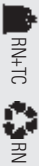
Mahamudra Weekend Retreat -
Online with Venerable Robina
(see pg 14)

High tide 12.01am (2.5m), 12.22pm (2.5m)
Low tide 6.01am (0.5m), 6.33pm (0.7m)

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High tide 12.47am (2.4m), 1.12pm (2.5m)
Low tide 6.48am (0.6m), 7.26pm (0.8m)

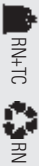
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Guru Puja with Tsog
- 5pm at Mahamudra
(see pg 14)

High tide 1.38am (2.4m), 2.07pm (2.5m)
Low tide 7.42am (0.7m), 8.23pm (0.7m)

10



High tide 2.35am (2.4m), 3.07pm (2.5m)
Low tide 8.44am (0.7m), 9.24pm (0.7m)

11



First Aid Training in Colville
(see pg 11)

High tide 3.38am (2.4m), 4.08pm (2.6m)
Low tide 9.48am (0.6m), 10.25pm (0.6m)

12

Community van goes to
Thames (see pg 5)

High tide 4.43am (2.5m), 5.07pm (2.7m)
Low tide 10.53am (0.5m), 11.24pm (0.4m)

13

Coromandel Home grown/made
market 8.30am -12.30pm
(see pg 15)

High tide 5.45am (2.7m), 6.04pm (2.8m)
Low tide 11.52am (0.4m)

14

Free Movie Night at
Mahamudra - just drop in!
(see pg 14)
Coromandel Contract Bridge Club
AGM (see pg 19)

High tide 6.44am (2.9m), 7pm (3.0m)
Low tide 12.21am (0.3m), 12.47pm (0.3m)

15

Coromandel Embroiders' Guild
Annual Exhibition ends
(see pg 16)
St Andrews Union Church
- John Rabarts

High tide 7.38am (3.0m), 7.54pm (3.0m)
Low tide 1.15am (0.1m), 1.40pm (0.2m)

16

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High tide 8.30am (3.1m), 8.47pm (3.1m)
Low tide 2.08am (0.0m), 2.32pm (0.1m)

17



High tide 9.21am (3.2m), 9.40pm (3.0m)
Low tide 2.59am (0.0m), 3.23pm (0.1m)

18



Death Cafe at The Forager's
Kitchen in association (contact
Mahamudra for info)
(see pg 14)

Charity Quiz Night (see ad pg 7)
High tide 10.11am (3.2m), 10.32pm (3.0m)
Low tide 3.49am (0.0m), 4.15pm (0.3m)

19

Community van goes to
Thames (see pg 5)

High tide 11.02am (3.1m), 11.23pm (2.8m)
Low tide 4.38am (0.1m), 5.07pm (0.3m)

20

Coromandel Home grown/made
market 8.30am -12.30pm
(see pg 15)
"The Informers" art exhibition
Information Centre fundraise 5pm
opens (see pg 5 & 16)

High tide 11.53am (3.0m)
Low tide 5.27am (0.2m), 6.01pm (0.4m)

21

"The Informers" art exhibition
Information Centre fundraiser
(see pg 5 & 16)
Medicine Buddha Retreat with
Geshe Wangchen starts at
Mahamudra (see pg 14)

High tide 12.15am (2.7m), 12.46pm (2.8m)
Low tide 6.18am (0.4m), 6.57pm (0.5m)

22

"The Informers" art exhibition
Information Centre fundraiser
(see pg 5 & 16)

High tide 1.07am (2.6m), 1.41pm (2.7m)
Low tide 7.12am (0.6m), 7.53pm (0.6m)

23

Animal Rescue Thames -
Christmas fundraising raffles at
Pak 'n Save Thames - first day
(see pg 10)

High tide 2.02am (2.4m), 2.37pm (2.6m)
Low tide 8.10am (0.7m), 8.50pm (0.7m)

24



High tide 2.59am (2.3m), 3.33pm (2.5m)
Low tide 9.12am (0.8m), 9.47pm (0.7m)

25



High tide 3.58am (2.3m), 4.27pm (2.5m)
Low tide 10.14am (0.8m), 10.40pm (0.7m)

26

Pop Up Op Shop at St John Hall
(see pg 19)
Community van goes to
Thames (see pg 5)

High tide 4.56am (2.3m), 5.19pm (2.5m)
Low tide 11.10am (0.8m), 11.31pm (0.7m)

27

Coromandel Home
grown/made market
8.30am -12.30pm (see pg 15)
Animal Rescue Thames -
Christmas fundraising raffles at
Pak 'n Save Thames - last day
(see pg 10)

High tide 5.50am (2.4m), 6.07pm (2.5m)
Low tide 11.59am (0.8m)

28

MEG AGM, Colville Hall
(see pg 26)

High tide 6.38am (2.4m), 6.52pm (2.5m)
Low tide 12.18am (0.6m), 12.43pm (0.7m)

29

High tide 7.22am (2.5m), 7.34pm (2.5m)
Low tide 1.02am (0.6m), 1.24pm (0.7m)

30

CLAIM AGM
4pm at Hauraki House

High tide 8.03am (2.6m), 8.16pm (2.5m)
Low tide 1.42am (0.5m), 2.03pm (0.5m)

KEY



New moon Full moon

Tide times and heights from Land Information NZ and are for
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY December

Sat 5 - Christmas in the Park and
Santa Parade (see pg 15)
Sun 13 - Interfaith celebration at
Mahamudra (see pg 14)
Fri 25 - Christmas Community
Lunch (see pg 12)

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