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Editor's comment

Wow what a big issue! I haven't done so many pages in one issue since 2010. Is this a sign of positive happenings? I certainly like to think so – and with that in mind I decided to write a piece on the positive state of town at the moment – see my piece on page 4.

As we come into the summer season, there is a lot going on this month – including the market restarting, live bands, the K2 cycle race, Kiwi Spring Festival and Twilight Bowls. Plus, our first public holiday of the season – Labour Day.

Most importantly – don't forget to cast your votes in the local election by 8 October. You should have received your voting paper in the mail by now.

Debbie

Letters

School hall

Letter to the Editor

A couple of clarification points concerning the Coromandel Area School hall. It's around 45 years old and has had a lot of community use in that time, summer and winter. I believe the mention of heating in the last issue of the Chronicle is the first mention of a heat problem in many years.

It has never been possible to heat the hall itself, as it doesn't have any heating. In the past, it was possible to heat the foyer space outside of school hours by manually overriding the coal-fired heating system that runs the whole school. However, this is no longer an option, so heating the foyer is not something we can offer hall users, outside of school hours.

We do try hard though to make the space available to the community and to meet their needs, and are always happy to talk to particular groups about how we can best do this. Following last month's Chronicle, we did follow up with the group concerned to check that any issues they may have had were resolved.

Contact Karen Morrissey on (07) 866 8893 or k_morrissey@coroarea.school.nz for hall bookings.

From The Board of Trustees, Coromandel Area School

Hyperbole

Dear Editor,

Please can we have a break from the boring, same-old-same-old, hyperbole and misinformation (deliberately intended to deceive?) from the likes of John Veysey, Clyde Graf and Reihana Robinson? (If I see a letter undersigned by them now I avoid reading their propaganda.)

They are obviously very obtuse when it comes to the real world, and the most effective way of protecting our environment from invasive pests.

They can't see the wood for the trees?

Thanks to Peter Wood, Dal Minogue and Thomas Everth et al for keeping it real.

Now, a break from the 1080 topic, which has been thrashed for years and polarised the people, would be very welcome.

Please!

Yours sincerely,

Clare Dudley, Tuatēawa

Environment of great importance

Dear Debbie,

In light of the recent dredging of Furey's Creek and subsequent revelation that the mud is high in arsenic and mercury, I would like to urge all those standing for our community board to make sure that they have the health of our environment centremost in their deliberations about what's best for our community.

Responsible environmental practices can sit beside sustainable development. We look to our elected representatives to be aware of the issues that affect the environment, to understand the importance of respecting our natural ecology.

As someone wisely said, "We do not inherit the earth from our Fathers, we borrow it from our children."

Kate Donoghue, Coromandel Town

Send letters to the *Coromandel Town Chronicle*, PO Box 148, Coromandel 3543 or email to corochronicle@gmail.com. Contributions should be kept short, and should not exceed 350 words. They must include name, address and telephone number. The editor reserves the right to reject letters or edit them for clarity and space.

Permitted activity

Dear Editor,

In last month's edition we were "treated" to another one eyed version of reality by John Veysey. Relative to life in the real world, here are the important facts that John failed to mention.

First, the government is about to make the use of 1080 a "permitted activity" right across the country in order to achieve its 50-year pest eradication goal. Resource consents and public notification for the use of 1080 will from that point become redundant and John's fight to stop all use of 1080 will be buried in about 10 feet of concrete. I don't like the use of 1080 and if I were to be elected to the Regional Council when that regime comes into force, I would still do my best to ensure that its use is minimised and restricted to areas of difficult terrain where there is a certain degree of community acceptance of it. That is where the real battle will lie – not with trying to ban it completely.

Second, although John might like to think that Clyde Graf is going to open doors and change people's minds on the use of 1080, I am afraid he is wrong. After all, in the three years he has spent on the Regional Council, the only thing Clyde has achieved is changing two words on signage warning that 1080 is being used in an area. And with the government's "permitted activity" status, all doors for Clyde will be completely shut.

Adding to that that the Regional Council has been dysfunctional and low achieving for many years across a broad spectrum of issues, it is imperative to now have balanced, positive change.

Regards,
Dal Minogue, Whitianga

Predator free

Dear Debbie,

Two items in the September issue of the Coromandel Town Chronicle mentioned the government's aspirational goal of NZ being predator free by 2050. Both did not mention the "elephant in the room". First, Scott Simpson with his BHAG (Big Hairy Audacious Goal) listed the pests as rats, stoats and possums that damage our fauna and flora. His idea of "defendable pest free areas", i.e. fencing of a peninsula is logical. Unfortunately the "elephant in the room" has some selfish locals decrying any efforts to maintain a poison-free area once eradication is implemented.

The second item by Natalie of Moehau Environment Group suggests that the Coromandel Peninsula would be a good place to start restoration because of the present laudable control efforts by true conservationists. She lists stoats, possums and rats but not the "elephant in the room". What is this pest that is missing? It is wild pigs. Anyone tramping in our forest will soon come across extensive pig rooting that devastates the forest floor fauna and flora.

So why isn't this destructive predator listed next to possums, rats and stoats? Is it fear of upsetting the pig-hunting fraternity who farm the public forest for their sport and meat? Hunters with their roaming dogs theoretically limit pigs in the DOC estate but they care little for the forest health otherwise they wouldn't encourage a selection of pigs to survive. Feral pigs must be added to Scott Simpson's BHAG of reaction predators.

Sincerely

Peter H Wood, Thames Coast

Acknowledgement

To The Editor,

A very special thank you for all who attended Wayne's funeral service and celebration of his life on Monday 13 July 2016.

Thank you to the local catering team who made an excellent spread of food, to the bar staff who looked after the refreshments, to the combined Bowling Club/RSA for making their club rooms available and to everyone who sent cards and the many phone calls.

Wayne touched the hearts of many people in this special little Coromandel Township and touched my heart that day with your heartfelt words of sympathy and support. Wayne used to say that any news got around this town "like a drum beat" and it surely did.

I am truly grateful and fortunate to live among such wonderful people.
Maggi Ridgway, Coromandel Town

Daffodil Day Results 2016

Dear Editor,

We had an amazing response to our Daffodil Day appeal this year. The Coromandel Golf Club raised \$1073 at their Annual Daffodil Day Golf Tournament, which boosted our street appeal total to the grand total of \$3934.50, a truly wonderful effort from Coromandel Town.

Thank you to everyone who was involved in supporting this worthwhile cause.

Sincerely,

Marie Mead and Robyn Dudson, on behalf of the Waikato/BOP Cancer Society

Small scale Community Initiatives Fund

Dear Editor,

My wife and I wish to acknowledge and thank the Waikato Regional Council and Dave Byers for approving the grant we received under the Small scale Community Initiatives Fund on our Waitete Bay property. This grant enabled us to purchase traps for control of possums, stoats and rats.

Kind regards,
Steve Garland, Coromandel Town

Local election coverage

Dear Debbie,

As usual, I picked up the September issue of the Chronicle anticipating an informative and enjoyable read. In order to catch up on news of the upcoming local body election I turned first to page 4 to see the list of candidates. True, there was the list, but the main content of the page was both a paid advertisement and an article about mayoral candidate Sandra Goudie. Am I to understand that the business association is promoting Goudie's candidacy? While I generally appreciate the Chronicle policy of printing whatever is submitted, when the topic is an election some editorial discretion needs to be exercised. It is not so much the advertisement which caused my anger, but the fact that a press release praising her record and ability was published with no balancing article about her opponent.

Our democracy relies on an informed electorate, but I cannot see how we can gain that information when our local press is so lacking in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

Lora Mountjoy, Coromandel Town

Response from the editor – Sandra Goudie is a paid advertiser and the only candidate who contacted me to submit an article for that issue. It is not an article I wrote. It is always awkward when it comes to elections as people are free to submit whatever articles they like for the Chronicle – it is written by the people of this town, not by journalists.



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Positive growth for Coromandel

By Debbie Morgan

With so little property on the market, and what there is appearing to sell really fast, it looks like there is a boom in new builds.

Richardsons Real Estate in Coromandel sold 13 sections in July and August leaving only 8 sections remaining for sale at the Greenhills subdivision at the time this issue went to print.

Although not quite to the same degree as the big city increases, the Coromandel market is also very strong with high sales volumes and rises in property values, advises Harcourts principal Ian Kemp.

"The stats confirm what we have been experiencing," says Ian, with the latest for the year September to August 2014/15 and 2015/16 being (via REINZ):

- Median house sale prices up from \$321,000 to \$390,000;
- Average time taken to sell down from 94 days to 58 days;
- Sales volumes for houses from 63 to 81 and for sections, a massive increase from 9 sales to 34!



Builders are out in force in Greenhills subdivision – with 6 houses currently under construction there

"We are short of listings of all varieties, but especially larger sections and lifestyle blocks, so it's a great time to sell for anyone considering a change," says Ian.

TCDC Building Unit Manager Corinne Hamlin says, "Currently the consent application numbers are similar to previous years, however it is noted that the level of complexity and the

project value has increased."

What I was surprised to find out was that building consents are being outsourced to the likes of Christchurch and Wellington. While council claims that it isn't leading to delays in consents being issued, it seems quite a surprising practice to me.

While Corinne hasn't confirmed exactly where current consents are being sent, she did comment, "To ensure the TCDC Building Consent Authority (BCA) attains the statutory timeframes and to achieve customer expectations the BCA has been outsourcing a small percentage of applications (approximately 10%) since November 2015 to an external BCA for processing. The alternative is to allow applications to exceed the statutory timeframes which would be a frustrating and unenjoyable process for all parties concerned..."

Outsourced applications are vetted upon return and we are confident any requests for further information are similar to what we request as we all work to the same legislation and are all registered and accredited BCA's. This process will need to remain in place to ensure we meet current demands and foreseeable demands."

Other positive indicators in town are a few empty shops being filled ready for summer. Town has seemed quite busy for August and September.

TCDC recently reported that in the tourism sector, both international and domestic visitor numbers continue to grow. Statistics up until June 2016 show that for guest night accommodation our district was above the national average with a 6% increase – the national average was 5.8%.

"Overall we heard some really positive trends, which in some cases sees our District ahead of the national average in most areas," says Mayor Glenn Leach.



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The Admirals Arms

By Kelvin Ricketts

Since 1872, The Admirals Arms has been the first choice of local residents and visitors alike, over its entire 160-plus-year history. The Bottom Pub, as it's known by Coromandel locals, has offered a warm welcome to all, including kids accompanied by an adult. The Admirals Arms Hotel is under new management. Taking the licence over on 11



August, The Bottom Pub's new licensee is Kelvin Ricketts. Although new to the licence trade in New Zealand, Kelvin is not unknown to the industry, for a large number of his family including Kelvin himself were, or still are, publicans back in the South of England.

Kelvin, with business partners Chris and Barbara (Chris and Barbara own the building), have a few changes in mind for the pub, not least of which being the re-opening of the outside deck and upstairs restaurant. The Admirals Arms is the only hospitality venue in Coromandel Town with a beautiful sea view! The re-opening of the deck will be a welcome return for many and a great new experience for most.

Under the direction of new chef Mike Nichols (previously at the Wharf Raglan), The Top Deck Restaurant & Café will have two faces, day and night. The daytime face will be that of a café offering a relaxed casual environment; for the evening The Top Deck will be re-dressed and become a restaurant with its own separate menu and ambience where diners will enjoy the best that the Admirals Arms has to offer.

The Goldrush Lounge Bar and gaming area will retain many of the favourites to be found on the well-established menu. Enhancements to the menu in the form of lower priced daily specials, a wider choice of vegetarian meals and a "You catch it, we'll cook it" option are bound to receive huge ticks of approval.

The Port O'Call Sports Bar, under the guidance of 40-year veteran Uncle Hughie, offers two pool tables, two dartboards, a glowing fire during the winter months and a warm welcome all year-round. Activities include Happy Hour 3.00pm – 7.00pm Monday – Friday, free-entry Pub Quiz every Tuesday evening at 7.00pm (kitchen open from 5.00pm), meat raffles and "Chase the Ace" on Thursdays, darts and pool competitions and a regular karaoke night. With so much on offer each week the Port O'Call Sports Bar is the place to enjoy hospitality and fellowship 12 months of the year!

The Golconda Garden Bar offers an enjoyable summer experience for all. The pizza oven will be hot with the smell and palatable eating pleasure of wood fired pizzas; the new barbecue will be running hard with sizzling hot steaks, sausages and the normal expected barbecue delights of the season. How better to spend a summer weekend than with a cold glass and an al fresco meal in the garden? This has to be a winning combination!

Lavazza Italy's favourite coffee is available throughout the pub, as too is a fine range of teas and Belgian hot chocolate, which in the words of one of the regulars "is to die for!"

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Coromandel Town Information Centre

By Sandra Wilson, Manager

Spring is here and summer is not far away. We are gearing up for another great season.

Coming up this month

Artists in Town exhibition – **Friday 7 October to Sunday 16 October**, Hauraki House, 10.00am-4.00pm

Home Grown Market – Starting again : **Friday 14 October** and then every Friday thereafter outside the Pepper Tree Restaurant from 8.30am-1pm

Mainly Pastels exhibition – **Thursday 20 October to Tuesday 25 October**, Hauraki House, 10.00am-4.00pm

The annual Kiwi Spring Festival at Tangiaro Kiwi Retreat. 11.00am till late on **Sunday 23 October**. All day live entertainment for the family.

Remember we are agents for 360 Discovery Ferry bookings and InterCity bus bookings. We have Eftpos available for your convenience, as we do not take cash. A booking fee of \$5 applies when making bookings.

The Auckland to Coromandel and return ferry starts again on Tuesdays and Thursdays from **11 October**. Please note that it departs at 3.00pm so the complimentary shuttle departs from behind the info centre at 2.30pm on those days. The ferry leaves at the normal time of 4.30pm on Saturday and Sundays with the shuttle departing at 4.00pm, on those days.

We are still short of volunteers especially over the summer peak season from December through the end of March 2017. Do you like meeting people from all over the world? Are you passionate about our town? Can you advise people where the walks are? Where the attractions are? What they are all about? Do you have three hours to spare once a week? If you answered yes to all or some of the questions, I would like to hear from you. Pop in and see me or ring the centre (07) 866 8598.

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**Spiced fish recipe**

By Debra Hide-Bayne

Sometimes it is good to have a recipe up your sleeve for something slightly different. This recipe (inspired by dishes from the eastern Mediterranean) is great with kahawai, as the strong flavours can cope with a meaty fish... or you can use snapper if that's what you have caught...

Ingredients

500g kahawai or snapper
handful of parsley
2 garlic cloves
½ the juice of a lemon
½ tsp black peppercorns
1 tsp whole coriander seeds
1½ tsp whole cumin seeds
4 whole cloves
½ tsp ground cardamom
1½ tsp ground turmeric
glug of olive oil

Grind the whole spices, then stir in the pre-ground spices. Cut the fish into bite-sized pieces and thoroughly coat with the spice mix.

Crush the garlic, chop up the parsley and add them with the lemon juice and oil to the fish mixture. Leave to marinate for half an hour or so.

Add some oil to a hot heavy frying pan and sear the fish for minute or two on each side.

Serve with some toasted pita bread and a fresh salad.

Coromandel Embroiderers' Guild

By Diann Cade

This month we hand in our year's work for our Annual Exhibition to be held at Hauraki House **3-13 November**.

It is with a great sense of achievement that we prepare our work for exhibition.

While workshops have encouraged new techniques they have also produced some interesting outcomes and at all times the quality of work is maintained by the Guild's traditionally high expectations.

The most recent workshop was with Shirley Pygott in a style of embroidery called Casalguidi. A base cloth is prepared with a background stitch on to which a raised form of embroidery is applied.

Only one more workshop to go! Huck embroidery.

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



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Library News

By Raewyn McKinney

As another winter draws to a close, work in the library continues to be busy. We have recently completed a heavy cull of our General Fiction and have also had quite a few books donated, so look out for our 'monster' Labour Weekend Book Sale. This sale provides the ideal opportunity to stock up on some good stories for summer holiday reading.

This month, I want to mention our 'Large Print' section. These books are mainly fiction, and include works by popular authors. This is a great option for anyone who struggles with small print. If there is enough call for it, the committee is fully prepared to enlarge this section of the library to cater for particular requests.

This month's purchases include the latest works by Nicole Alexander, Belinda Alexandra, Janet Evanovich, Philippa Gregory, Susan Lewis, James Patterson, Daniel Silva and Wilbur Smith, among others.

Other new purchases include:

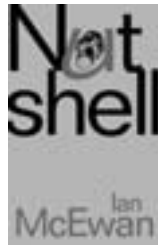
***Lecretia's Choice: A Story of Love, Death and the Law* by Matt Vickers**

A successful young lawyer in Wellington, Lecretia Seales met and fell in love with Matt Vickers in 2003. In *Lecretia's Choice*, Matt



tells the story of their life together, and how it changed when his proud, fiercely independent wife was diagnosed with a brain tumour and forced to confront her own mortality.... . Lecretia wanted to die with dignity, to be able to say goodbye well, and not to suffer unnecessarily - but the law denied her that choice. With her characteristic spirit, she decided to mount a challenge in New Zealand's High Court, but as the battle raged, Lecretia's strength faded.

***Nutshell* by Ian McEwan**



Trudy has betrayed her husband, John. She's still in the marital home - a dilapidated, priceless London townhouse - but not with John. Instead, she's with his brother, the profoundly banal Claude, and the two of them have a plan. But there is a witness

to their plot: the inquisitive, nine-month-old resident of Trudy's womb. Told from a perspective unlike any other, *Nutshell* is a classic tale of murder and deceit from one of the world's master storytellers. ***The Rules of Backyard Cricket* by Jock Serong** It starts in a suburban backyard with Darren Keefe and his older brother, sons of a fierce and gutsy single mother... All the



love and hatred in two small bodies poured into the rules of a made-up game. Darren has two big talents: cricket and trouble. No surprise that he becomes an Australian sporting star of the bad-boy variety: one of those men who's always gotten away with things and just keeps getting. Until the day we meet him, middle aged, in the boot of a car...

***The Black Widow* by Lee-Anne Cartier**



The Black Widow almost got away with murder. But then her sister-in-law became suspicious... The infamous Black Widow case shocked the nation. An average-looking suburban housewife carefully staged her husband's "suicide".

At first it looked like she might get away with murder, but then her sister-in-law, Lee-Anne Cartier, became suspicious and started gathering evidence and presenting it to the police... was pivotal in getting the police to reopen the case. Helen Milner, who became known as the Black Widow, was eventually convicted of murder and is now serving out her sentence in Arohata Prison...

Library Hours are: 10am to 1pm on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday; 10am to 4pm on Wednesday and Friday; and 10am to 12 noon Saturday

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The principal purpose of the Trust is to run "The Bizarre" charity shop & to distribute to the community the proceeds of the shop's trading, after all plant and administration costs have been paid, through an annual donations programme.

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Set approximately 5 minutes' drive north of picturesque Coromandel Township, the immaculately presented 809m2 property is brilliantly suited for either permanent or holiday living. The home offers an abundance of space for visitors ~ 2 lounges, near new kitchen, 4 brms, office, 2 bathrooms and fantastic covered decking. Beautifully landscaped gardens complemented by an adjacent stream boundary, single garage and storage shed. About 130m to the beach. **\$579,000**



The Hauraki Gulf and Islands are spectacularly captured from this superb lifestyle property atop the Waitete Bay valley. Imagine arriving for a weekend and wandering down through walkways that you have created under the native foliage or relaxing on the terrace with a beverage of your choice while watching yet another stunning sunset! The 5ha block is complemented by a very cute cottage featuring 2 brms, lounge/dining, kitchen, bathroom & a large single garage. **\$525,000**



Set approx 10kms south of Coromandel Township, this 2.6ha property may well offer the lifestyle living that you have been hankering for. The undulating contour provides superb privacy and panoramic views of Manaia Harbour. Sheep will happily roam amongst the wonderful stands of Kowhai, Nikau and re-generating bush. 3 brm home (master en-suite), open-plan living (fireplace), double carport and the huge shed will make an amazing storage facility or workshop space. **\$610,000**



It may be time to broaden your horizons! Escape completely to a lifestyle that is poles apart from the hustle/bustle of the city. This exceedingly private 14.69ha block is primarily covered in re-growth native bush, but there are cleared areas to choose the perfect building site. Design a home to arrest the panoramic gulf, island and countryside views while relishing amazing sunsets. A drive down the valley road will have you on wonderful Waitete Bay beach for swimming/boating. **\$515,000**



With Wyuna Bay approximately 70 metres away, this home offers easy access to the beach and is slightly elevated to provide beautiful views of the bay, across the harbour to the wharf and Coromandel Ranges beyond. The upstairs comprises 3 double brms, bathroom/toilet, kitchen and open plan dining/lounge that opens on to the east facing deck. Downstairs is a good sized 2 bedroom unit. This would make an ideal holiday or family home. **\$625,000 (Under offer)**

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This gorgeous 14.4ha block is in an exclusive gated community on top of The 309 Road. Explore the relatively untouched native bush and enjoy the peacefulness this property provides. There is a wooden shed with built in bunk beds and a little space to make the morning coffee or evening cocktail! Approx 20 minutes' drive from Coromandel Town or 25 minutes from Whitianga. **\$275,000**



Leave the rat race of the city behind for the weekend and arrive at your very own secluded bush haven. Set on 2.12ha, this property is within walking distance of the township, yet encapsulates excellent re-growth bush and streams for privacy and the feeling of remoteness. The large 9.0 x 6.6m Skyline garage has 2 'sectional' doors and a fireplace which is ideal for cosy winter days. **\$350,000**



This stylish and modern home is planned for completion in early 2017 and is located on a 511m2 level section in Coromandel Town. Open-plan lounge/kitchen/dining area opening on to an outdoor entertaining area, 3 double bedrooms (master with en-suite and walk-in wardrobe), full bathroom & internal access double garage. Secure this fabulous new home now with a 10% deposit. **\$495,000**



Positioned to meld into the well-established gardens with a delightful stream boundary, the home easily incorporates privacy within the communal living environment which is part of the larger surrounding 'Lindisfarne' property. Spacious living, 1 bedroom, conservatory, decking & carport. Separate cabin/art studio. The property is secured via a Licence to Occupy agreement. **\$300,000**

The Latest News from Mahamudra Centre

By Sarah Brooks

There's lots of good news. Firstly, we have a new centre manager. We've struck the jackpot yet again. Scott (who is a Scot) Rennie is in residence and already doing a great job. You'll like him. He's efficient, friendly, a dharma student and he has a great heart for service and for the centre already. It's clear he brings lots of experience, new skills and fresh ideas which will be oh so helpful in the months and years to come.

The centre is transforming daily. We're revamping the dorms – new paint and the bunks replaced by three single beds. They're sweet rooms and look fresh and welcoming.

Other great news is this year's programme. It's fantastic. We have courses and retreats finalised right through May 2017, with new things being added all the time. Don't miss that we have an internationally renowned Feng Shui expert, Venerable Jampa Ludrup, coming to lead a weekend workshop, **4-6 November**, on the Fundamentals of Feng Shui. This weekend is valuable whether you are a complete beginner or already familiar with ways to arrange your home and property to enhance luck and success. Ven. Jampa will also be available for individual home and business consultations in the Coromandel area for two weeks, so please contact us at (07) 866 6851 for more

information and to book his services. For more about all our courses, go to our website listed below.

Maybe the best news of all is that Venerable Yonten has returned and is teaching here again to the end February. A well-kept secret until recently, Venerable is a wish-fulfilling jewel. Her ability to make dharma accessible, her clarity, kindness, gentleness and humor make her increasingly popular among students. We've adding recordings of teachings at Mahamudra to our website, so you can now get a preview of her teaching style, and more will be added in the future. Over Labour Weekend (**21-24 October**) she'll be leading a course on Renunciation, Bodhichitta, and Wisdom: The Three Principal Aspects of the Buddhist Path. An excellent overview of the three most important aspects of Buddhism, this workshop is helpful both for those who are curious about the philosophy and especially for those looking develop a strong foundation of all levels of Buddhist practice.

Our Thursday morning guided meditations at Havalona Pyramid in Coromandel continue with a great regular group of locals who attend regularly along with new people dropping in every week. Feel free to join us anytime – it runs from 10-11am and then anyone who has time goes together out for coffee and a chat afterward.

We had an excellent one-day workshop on Making Peace with Death and Dying at Havalona in September and thank the community for providing us with the beautiful healing space of the pyramid. We're happy to arrange talks and workshops in the community for those interested in the Buddhist perspective on happiness and well-being, so give us a call if you'd like to invite us or discuss ideas.

www.mahamudra.org.nz, retreat@mahamudra.org.nz, (07) 866 6851

Contentment

By Vivianne Flintoff

Poetry SPOT

I wake, late.
It's overcast and still,
And green.
As I look out the window across the hill
I am caught by Joy,
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The reflection of the Bay.
I turn and see reality.
Breathing resumes
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By John Irvine, Roger Lang and Tony Chad

Wellington publisher, Lang Book publishing, is keen to publish a hard-cover collection of the very best limericks from NZ poets. At this point we have no idea how big this book might be, but it seems everyone gets a laugh from a well-written limerick!

The imagined date of publication would be in the first quarter of 2017, but a close-off date has not yet been set. Colville poet and long-time submitter to Valley Micropress, John Irvine, will be co-coordinating the selection of submitted poems.

So put on your laughing hat and get to work! There is no theme so anything from sewer dragons to pineapples is fair game.

Please send up to 15 limericks on an attached Word document in an email to: John Irvine at cooldragon@vodafone.co.nz by midnight on **30 November**

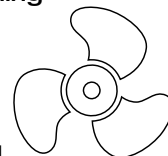


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Our Coromandel

News from Thames-Coromandel District Council



SEPTEMBER, 2016

A message to the Coromandel community – Town drinking water is safe

Concerns that there are extreme levels of arsenic in the town's drinking water are unfounded and there is no risk to the health and safety of residents.

In the past few weeks we've been testing town supply raw water intake for metals, including arsenic, after some stream dredged material was deposited at an authorised clean fill site on The 309 Road. The material deposit area is a safe distance from the Waiau stream and well contained within clay bunds with negligible risk of escape.

- Water results for the first two days of metals sampling came back all lower than the Maximum Accepted Values (MAVs), which are the levels used to determine drinking water safety.
- Our water contractors are also doing weekly arsenic testing until further notice in response to the concerns.

We have been working closely with the Waikato Regional Council and provided all information to the Medical Officer of Health to allay any concerns.

The Medical Officer of Health, Dr Richard Wall, has advised, "there is no current health risk associated with the levels of arsenic in the Waiau Stream based on recent testing results".

There is no cause for alarm for residents of Coromandel Town and has never been any risk to the drinking water supply and public health.

Contact our Customer Services Team for further inquiries.



Coromandel Harbour Facilities Project

THE INNER HARBOUR PROJECT

The Expression of interest (EOI) for potential partners is out in the market place and we have received two requests for additional information. We are actively promoting the EOI process via advertising to see if there are any other interested parties out there. The EOI process will close in October this year after which we will be able to evaluate any proposals and discuss with Council and stakeholders.

Expressions of Interest Close Friday 28 October 2016.

Contact jacqui.thorby@tcdc.govt.nz

FORMER GLORY DREAMS FOR THE COROMANDEL STAMPER BATTERY

Earlier this year our Council was approached by Paul Barlow with an interest in purchasing both the privately owned tourism business and lease that is run from the site and the Council owned assets (the stamper battery and associated shed). A sale and a valuation process was undertaken on the assets and a contract agreed to with Council retaining the land and Mr Barlow purchasing the stamper battery and the associated shed and leasing a part of the reserve.

Mr Barlow is planning to invest in restoring the stamper's unique water-wheel drive and make the old stamper a top-class tourist destination, made all the more lively with his passion for Coromandel's golden history. "The vision is to have tours through the stamper with talks on the history of gold in the Coromandel and how it was discovered and mined," says Paul.



Paul Barlow.

with its water wheel driven stamper is a unique heritage tourism attraction and we are fortunate that Paul is willing to invest into its preservation and promotion whilst also adding value to Coromandel's already attractive tourism offer."

Kerbside - RTS Hours and Labour Weekend Collections

Coromandel Rural North

October

Tue Wed

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Recycling week 2

Coromandel Town & Te Kouma

October

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26* 27

Recycling week 1



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"This is a good news economic development story for Coromandel town," says Thames-Coromandel Area Manager Greg Hampton. "The stamper battery

Scott Simpson – MP for Coromandel

Much of my recent work in Parliament has been focused on the Local Government and Environment select committee I chair. My committee has been grappling with some pretty big and complicated legislation over recent months. But the area that has been taking the most time are reforms to the Resource Management Act. The government wants to make the rules for minor developments such as extending a deck, or building a car garage, easier and less expensive for home owners. We want to make sure the RMA works better for everyone, and judging from the comments I get from Coromandel people these reforms can't come soon enough.

I'm also a member of the Health select committee which is currently working hard on the petition of Hon Maryan Street regarding medically assisted dying. It's an emotional and very topical subject. People have strong views both for and against. The committee has received over 20,000 submissions and we are currently holding meetings around New Zealand to hear from the nearly 2,000 people who want to appear before the committee to express their views.

Plain Packaging for tobacco products

Parliament has just passed new legislation that will mean all cigarette and tobacco packaging is standardised. To call it "plain" packaging is actually an understatement. Soon all tobacco products will be packed in a highly messaged, graphic anti-smoking standardised format. Results from a similar change in Australia a couple of years ago have been spectacular in terms of the reducing cigarette and tobacco consumption. Smoking is still the biggest preventable cause of death in New Zealand. I support the changes and am sure this will be another important step in our goal for a smoke free New Zealand by 2025.

Local government

Local government is a critical building block for our national growth and prosperity. Councils manage more than \$96 billion in fixed assets and providing essential infrastructure. One of the challenges before us in the regions is that the cost of infrastructure is rising much faster than ratepayers' ability to fund. I'm looking forward to working with those people who will lead local government in our region for the next three years to help achieve better service levels and better outcomes for ratepayers.

First Electric vehicle station opens in Coromandel

I was pleased to be the opening of the official opening of another fast charge electric vehicle station in Thames last month. Electric vehicles are cheaper to run than petrol or diesel vehicles, however much more importantly they are powered by our abundant renewable electricity supply, and they'll reduce the amount of emissions that come from the country's vehicle fleet. A "win-win" situation all around.

**Coromandel Independent Living Trust****Coromandel Independent Living Trust**

Exciting progress has been made this month with the issue of a building consent to enable Totalspan to begin construction on the new Coromandel Community Reuse Centre, and with the commencement of the first ever Coromandel Graeme Dingle Foundation Career Navigator course.

Construction of a new carport to house the Coromandel Mobility Van (owned by the Coromandel Community Services Trust) will also begin soon. Thank you to the Coromandel Senior Settlement Trust for assistance with funding for this.

Resource Centre services

- Transport funding and volunteer drivers for holders of Community Services Cards to attend hospital appointments in Thames or Hamilton. We can also organise volunteer drivers for ACC-funded patients.
- The weekly mobility van to Thames every Thursday; call or come in to book a seat before 1pm on Wednesdays. \$12 koha for adults and \$6 for children for a return trip.
- Fast computers free for locals to use between 9am and 3pm
- Lots of info on health, disability and community services.
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Greetings from the market!

By Liz Kershaw on behalf of the Coromandel Community Market

Coromandel market's back now that it's spring. If you want a stall, just give us a ring.

At last winter is over and we are looking forward to seeing you on our first market of the season

Friday 14 October around 8.30am.

This season the market will start just half an hour later than usual, 8.30am instead of 8am, but stay open until 1pm, instead of 12.30 pm.

For those of you who are new to Coromandel and want to know where to find us, we will be in front of Pepper Tree Restaurant, downtown Coromandel every Friday morning, until the end of May.

The only exceptions are Labour weekend and Good Friday when we generally hold the market on a Saturday. We will keep you informed.

New stallholders are welcome!...so if you have homemade or homegrown products you'd like to sell, please contact Michelle, our market manager, on 022 653 0690 or pop down to the market and have a chat.

At the end of autumn we decided to share a bit about our stallholders and thought it fitting to start with Michelle.

Many of you will already have met her and been dazzled by her artistically presented display of delicious pies, cakes, jams, chutneys and other preserves.

She has loved cooking since she was a small child and her pies and cakes are all made from seasonal local produce.

Although she grew up in Auckland, her family had land in Kennedy Bay and consequently she spent a lot of her childhood there. She has lived most of her adult life in and around Coromandel.

As well as being a brilliant cook, she is a self-taught leadlight artist and describes this as her true passion.

See you on Friday the 14th.



Coromandel Budget Advisory Service

John Gaffikin-Cowan

With the first couple of weeks of official spring behind us, it really does seem as if we are heading towards summer. The land is warming and not only does that mean more fresh produce for us all, but it also heralds a new tourist season. The milder weather means lower power bills and it won't be long before we're seeing more exposed flesh – a mixed blessing, I fear.

Even as the change of seasons cheers us all we must not forget that the holiday season is coming and although that can offer much casual employment throughout the community it can still have its unforeseen expenses: the children home all day from school; the friends and whanau hoping for lodging; the thirst-quenching drinks and very important sunscreen.

As at all times, forward planning is the Budget message. No matter what the state of your finances is, you need to know how much you need to live on and whether or not your income will cover this. We have plenty of tools at the Budget office to help you do this yourself, and we have a dedicated team of advisers to assist you if necessary.

And just now we are delighted to welcome Terry Adams into our training process. Most people will recognise Terry from James and Turner where she and Grant have been for some time now, as well as from her work at the area school. She is now following the budget course in preparation to becoming a trainee under supervision. We're sure she'll do splendidly.

So, if you have any financial problems or worries feel free to pop into the Budget Office for a chat. We're here to help.

The Budget Service is an incorporated society belonging to the New Zealand Federation of Family Budget Services. If you wish to make an appointment, the Budget phone number is (07) 866 8351 where you can talk to Anna, Caro, Leigh or John (and soon Terry). The office at 950 Rings Road is open Monday to Friday 11.00am - 2.00 pm and other times by appointment. The Budget cell phone number is 022 018 0849 – we reply to texts and messages during office hours

Biodynamic Gardening Stir 6 October 2016

By Gill Bacchus

On **Thursday 6 October** we will stir a barrel of biodynamic preparation 500 at the Community Gardens as part of the Spring Opening of the gardens, which starts at 3.30pm. Bring a bucket with lid if you would like to take some home for your garden.

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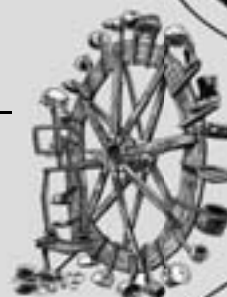
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Museum News

By Raewyn McKinney

As usual, the end of winter and commencement of spring ensures an upsurge in activity at the museum, in preparation for the new season's opening.

With the fine, warm weather we have arranged for the museum to be cleaned, and the windows painted. It is time for our annual "spring cleaning" and we have had pest control contractors in to eliminate any borer. Hopefully, these measures will ensure the museum is in top shape for another busy summer season.

This month, I have a selection of news items to show what was taking place in our community in October over one hundred years ago.

From "Thames Star" 10 October 1899:
"Farewell To Coromandel Boys"
 Coromandel, October 7

The Coromandel volunteers for the New Zealand contingent left here this morning. A large number of ladies and gentlemen were on the wharf, also the Revs. Harrison and Mitchell, to bid them goodbye. Captain Kenrick gave a short address to the men, expressing the hope that they would do their duty and be an honor to their district and colony. Two of the men are natives of Coromandel. Captain Kenrick asked the Rev. Mitchell to sing "Rule Britannia," which was done with spirit, all joining in the chorus. This was followed by "God Save

the Queen," and three, ringing cheers for the volunteers, with one for their sweethearts. From a Coromandel point of view the whole scene and proceedings were unique."

From Thames Advertiser 19 October 1899:

"Auckland, October 18 The Rejected Members"

Eight members of the Auckland contingent for the Transvaal, who were not up to the required standard of horsemanship, returned from Wellington per Takapuna today. They include Sergeant Horne (Coromandel), Privates H. Murray (Hauraki Rifles, Thames), Watham (Te Aroha), three of No. 3 New Zealand Native Corps, and Color-Sergeant Eastgate."

From the Evening Post 3 October 1898:
"The Coromandel Specimen Robbery"
 Auckland, 1st October. The five men who were arrested on a charge of stealing gold specimens from the Kapanga Mine, Coromandel, have been remanded on bail, fixed at £200. Andrews was recently married, and was spending his holiday at Kuaotunu with his wife, who accompanied him back to Coromandel in the pouring rain. The police authorities are very reticent about the whole proceedings. It is understood that a considerable quantity of specimens has been stolen in addition to the amount specified. It is currently reported that the police keeping watch and following the supposed trails in connection with the robbery from the Royal Oak Mine led to the discovery of the present case."



From Thames Star 27 October 1899:

"Escape of a Prisoner Coromandel, October 26"

The prisoner John Heald, who escaped from custody on Tuesday evening, has not yet been captured. He stands committed for trial on a charge of assault on a neighbour, Mr. Muir. Bail was fixed for a moderate amount, but the prisoner was unable to find sureties in Coromandel. It was, therefore, thought that possibly he had cleared off to Cabbage Bay to secure bail. It now transpires that Heald is an ex-Liverpool policeman, and is a remarkably strong and active man. The prisoner was tracked by Constable Fraser to his home in Cabbage Bay, and Mrs. Heald acknowledged he had been home, and stated that she had strongly urged him to give himself up again, which he promised to do on leaving her yesterday, but up to the present he has not turned up. Constables Law and Fraser have been out again all day."

The museum is now closed, and will reopen from 1pm to 4pm daily at Labour Weekend

Good fishing on Mussel Farms

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

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The Coromandel Writers Group

By Claire Benge

The September meeting on Thursday the 8th was well attended at Claire's place at Te Kouma and we welcomed a new member from Coromandel Town.

Spontaneous writing is a good way to start the meeting as within seconds the cheerful chatter is replaced with the scratching of pens and serious, sometimes frowning faces as everyone worked on weaving a story around three objects found in very different parts of the world: a stone with a hole in it found on a Whanganui River bank, a small blue plaque, reputedly from Scandinavia and a Dreamcatcher of feathers and beads made by the local tribe in Phoenix Arizona.

We discussed several books including *Life After Life* by Kate Atkinson, and other books she has written; Harper Lee's late sequel to *To Kill a Mocking Bird* – disappointing; Annie Proulx's – *Barkskin*, very long but worth it; and Tracy Chevalier's historic novel about Ohio in the 1830s – *At the Edge of the Orchard*. Then we had several poems read out including one from Tusiata Avia's *Spirit House* and another by Cilla McQueen, a South Island poet.

How we fitted it all in before lunch I don't know but we did, then after lunch we moved on. We were asked to interview someone known well about an incident in their life then write it in the first person ie, as if it was the person you interviewed writing it. This was an extremely good exercise as it entailed trying to think like someone else – good practice for writing fiction I suspect. A great range of incidents and selection of personalities were covered, all with great success.

The homework is an exercise in writing dialogue ie, write a job interview firstly from the applicant's point of view and then from the interviewer's.

The next meeting is on 13 October. Contact person is Barbara on (07) 866 8299.

Coromandel Business Association

By Christine Petrie



I have seen a few butterflies lately and they are a good reminder that often beautiful new beginnings follow times of preparation where it seems like nothing is happening. I imagine that it feels a bit like that for a lot of business owners who have spent the last few months working on their businesses so that they are ready to deliver a fantastic service over the summer months.

What has the CBA been up to recently?

We have continued to work with the team at the Information Centre to introduce a number of initiatives designed to attract more visitors to our region year-round. If you would like to get on board with what we are doing, give Sandra a call on (07) 866 8598.

We have been investigating options for a security camera system that will cover the town centre and link up with the Police Station.

We have started work planning for decorations that will go up around the centre of town before Christmas and remain on display for the summer season.

With the upcoming local body elections we organised "meet the candidates" meetings for the communities in Colville and in Coromandel Town.

We have started work securing sponsorship for the 2017 editions of Illume and Seafood Fest. We are doing all we can to keep entry fees for these events to a minimum so that all can attend while at the same time staging professional events.

It is great to see new businesses initiatives and/or new business owners in town. If you are one of these and we have not met you yet please get in touch with us at corobusiness@gmail.com as we would love to get to know you and find out how we can support you.

Don't forget to have your say about the future direction of our district in the local body elections. Voting closes midday **8 October**.

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CoroMFA Comment

By Gilbert James, Chair, CoroMFA

Hello all. We wish to talk about Hauraki Bio-Security which sadly in recent years has been more like Bio-Insecurity.

There has been a steady stream of new exotic marine pests being brought into the Gulf on vessels, and in particular into Auckland. The now-most-obvious one is Mediterranean fanworm which is in plague proportions near Auckland and is spreading and threatens both the natural ecology and economic activity in the Hauraki Gulf. Like so many new species, it arrived without its natural suite of co-evolved predators and parasites and so is thriving in the Gulf's benign environment. Before that there was the clubbed tunicate (sea-squirt) but there have been many more; indeed literally hundreds of unwanted and undesirable invaders have been brought into New Zealand waters and many of them into our most precious Hauraki Gulf.

The standard response is then to call on boaties to do more to slow the spread of these pests and we support that. But there is more to it all than that.

Great work in addressing the problem in Hauraki has come from central government via MPI and also from the Waikato Regional Council. Until recently the role of Auckland Council has been much less obvious and somewhat ambivalent in addressing marine biosecurity. Auckland Council is starting to do more but there is much to do. Apparently the recently approved Unitary Plan has rules re biofouling, which is good. An issue they could helpfully address is Auckland marinas and whether and if so how these could be improved, as marine pests can be excessively abundant in these places which makes it very difficult for boaties to keep their vessels clean. Also, it is not clear whether the Spatial Plan review teams have the mandate or resources to fully cover marine biosecurity for the Gulf.

In summary, while a lot of good work is being done, there appear to be some significant gaps re threats (existing and new) and so we suggest there be developed a whole-of-Hauraki Gulf Marine Biosecurity Plan.

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



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Coromandel rail/pier response boxes

By Marni Macdonald

Seven more responses this month. All very positive. In fact, oozing superlatives. "Fabulous; Fantastic; Wonderful; An asset; Just what we need."

Three people added that they were opposed to a Marina being included in the concept. Other comments included the convenience for travellers in having a rail track from the ferry into town, the care of the environment in not disturbing any poisons in the mud, the hopes that cafes and shops would be included, and the expectation that it would be popular with families.

One of the boxes was moved to the CILT reception area. The others are in Umu, the Library and Te Korowai and will remain there for one more month. So before they are taken away, if you want to have your say, please do so soon.

Coromandel Community Gardens

By Louis Kittleson

Plum blossoms are beginning. Soon we will all be complaining about the warm weather instead of the wet weather. The nights are shrinking and the days are growing quite quickly as we approach the equinox. The chickens are back on the lay.

Spring is a good time to feed up your citrus and other orchard trees. If you have mulch, then use it generously around the trees, leaving a gap around the trunk so no rot sets in. Now is a great time to start planting peas and lettuce before the summer heat gets going. Sunflower seeds are a must for bright colours. Keep up with the sowing of tomatoes, beet root, cucumbers, artichokes, courgettes, spinach, and capsicums.

Battle stations people! Summer is around the corner, so get cracking!

We will be celebrating spring and our new gates at 3.30pm on 6 October. Come and join us.

Night and Day

By Beryl van Donk

Said Day to Night,
"I bring God's light.
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"I bring bright hours," said
Day "and flowers,"
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Animal Rescue Thames

By Alice and John Parris

Firstly thank mews to everyone who has donated bedding and garage sale items. Thank mews to all those who have donated tinned cat food, sachets and cat biscuits, which is truly appreciated. Huge thank mews to "anonymous" who donated funds onto the rescue cats' vet account; this is a totally awesome blessing for the unit and we are deeply grateful for this. We also thank Anexa FVC for the donation of biscuits to the unit.

Rehomed – finally we have homed our two darling Coromandel boys. These two lucky fluffballs went to Hahei with a lovely lady and two kids, 7 and 11, who will give them so much love; it's purrfect for the kittens. They craved the attention and love and have been blessed with a home that will give them that and much more. They were such adorable boys and we do miss their furry antics but we know that they will be well spoiled.

Even with two home we still have to get the house kittens down to the outdoor units but with those full we are running on a major standstill. Highly frustrating to have gorgeous felines waiting, growing up in care here and only knowing my husband and I and they are a wee bit shy on strangers. We forgive them for that; it isn't their fault there are few visitors here so they only know and trust us. They will easily adjust given a little time. Cattery mews – our youngest kitten of 18 weeks is booked in for neutering and then he can go up for adoption – Squirt is a delightful boy, rumbustious as he is but soon to be two stone lighter!

Fundraising – Labour Weekend garage sale – Fun Fundraiser! **Saturday 23 October**, 8.30am until noonish. Grahamstown Hall, Pollen Street, Thames. Currently we are short on books, puzzles, craft magazines, craft supplies, things like that, knicknacks and bric-a-brac, so if anyone is dejunking purrlease give us a call, we would love them.



They need to be in good clean saleable condition. We welcome all donations, even clothes/shoes, toys, tools etc etc, any household items. Purrlease just ring us if you unsure.

Flippa – our treasured special boy who came in to rescue nearly eight years from the farm – he was incredibly unique – he was born with an ulnus bone but no radius bone in his right front – he also had limited sight in the right side. He lived a fabulous life, his disability never stood in his way, he never worried about it, played with all the kittens, did pretty much all the things normal cats did. His x-rays as a kitten went to Massey University, it was so rare for that to be seen. Flippa had two sponsors over his 8-year-lifetime. His safety barrier to avoid being caught was to roll, and this he did right through his life. He detested worming/deflea treatments, but we found ways around this. He was truly special in our world and only had been to the vet three times in his lifetime. With his wonky gait right side we noticed he was just lying around a lot, so took him to vets for a check up – then x-rays- which sadly revealed that the deformity had put major pressure on his right hip and knee. Surgery was not an option for him, nothing could be done and we had to face the devastating truth we were having to let Flippa go to kitty heaven. Absolutely heartbreaking for us, he was our favourite boy, we loved him to bits and his pal Nono has missed Flippa and to try to help Nono we put Foff and Nomoraye, the younger boys, in the unit with Nono to ease the pain of a lost mate, which appears to have helped. So yet another of our beautiful special needs babies are gone but in we hold eight years of incredible and beautiful memories of this boy. To those who sponsored Flippa we thank you for everything and his money will go toward Nono, Eyeza and the girls who are our remaining cerebals.

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Coromandel Patchwork and Quilters

By Sharon Currie

September brings us warmer weather so probably less time to spend quilting and more time spent outside in the garden. There are still projects to finish for our Quilt Show at the end of the year and only a few more quilting days at the St John Ambulance Hall where we meet. We have our President's challenge to plan and complete by June next year. This year has been very busy with a class tutored by Shirley Sparks, a fun midwinter Christmas dinner and organising Peninsula Day.



Quilt made by Val Spicer

Our meetings are held on 1st and 3rd (&5th) Monday of the month 9.30am-4.00pm, St Johns Rooms, Tiki Rd, Coromandel. President Margaret Sinclair (07) 866 7104, Secretary Barb Excell Ph (07) 866 7493

Coromandel Walking Group

By Irene Dunn

It's been a great time to be walking around the town with all the spring flowers out and of course walking with such lovely ladies. Lately we have been so lucky avoiding the showers, we just get to the cafe before it rains! Never mind, sunny days ahead!

Tie up those shoe laces and come walking with us – we walk for an hour in a different direction around the town each Tuesday and Thursday.

We meet at the Lotto Dairy at 9am – we'd love to have you join us.

Let's get walking everyone.

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LED bulbs

From America, but relevant here too

Q: LED bulbs use less electricity than incandescent bulbs, so I bought a bunch for my home. But now I have a few boxes of incandescents sitting in my closet. Does it make sense to use them because they've already been manufactured? Or should I recycle or landfill them?

A: Those old bulbs are not worth the electricity they'll use, so dump 'em. Unlike compact fluorescent (CFL) bulbs, they don't contain hazardous materials. The bulb materials are so low in value that recycling doesn't help.

One 60-watt incandescent bulb, in a typical 1,000-hour life span, would be responsible for emitting more than 40 pounds of carbon dioxide in Massachusetts, the EPA says. And one would emit as much as 90 pounds in places that rely more heavily on coal to generate electricity. (If all power for the incandescent's life was generated by coal, that bulb would be guilty of 130 pounds.) An LED producing about the same amount of light emits only a fourth as much CO₂ and would be responsible for just 10 pounds in your town.

Cost-wise, incandescents burn out before you turn 'em on. With Massachusetts's electricity rates averaging almost 18 cents per kWh, the cost of keeping one lit for its lifetime is close to \$11. The LED costs only \$1.79 to operate. With the national average price of electricity now almost 13 cents a kWh, it's a lot wherever you live.

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Ann's Good News, Naturally

By Ann Kerr-Bell

**Cellular Health, Vitality & Beauty**

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These are all signs that you are unwell at a cellular level.

When you look in the mirror each day and focus on the most important thing in your life – you, to cleanse your skin, brush your teeth, comb or style your hair, do you wonder about your health and beauty at a deep cellular level?

When passing your daily bowel motion, do you wonder about the hygiene and integrity of your digestive tract cells and membranes?

When you go to the hairdresser or beauty therapist for a facial or manicure, do you also spend time attending to the health and beauty of the deep cells that enable your skin, nails and hair be as vibrant and healthy as possible for as long as possible?

It's easy focus on superficial beauty, while rarely giving real attention to what makes our external surfaces look the best they can. Internal cellular health reflects external wellbeing.

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Heart Beat – St John Ambulance Coromandel/Colville

By Julie Morris, Station Manager, Coromandel

Hello, I am Julie Morris, acting Station Manager, St John Coromandel. I have had an association with the Coromandel community since 1996 when I worked periodically at the BNZ until 2005. After that I was employed by St John, Thames full-time, with relief and summer roster placement at Coromandel station for the past six years.

I thoroughly enjoy the challenge of working in the rural environment and look forward to an association ongoing in the Coromandel/Colville communities. I intend to visit or contact the medical centres, other health providers, emergency services, businesses and schools, also you the public. Please introduce yourself to me when you see me in the street.

I would like to acknowledge the tremendous effort Felix O'Carroll put into the ambulance service in the Coromandel/Colville community during his six years as station manager. The two of us worked side-by-side during this period and I have witnessed the improvements that were achieved.

We have had a steady August with a total of 33 ambulance callouts to our area. With the summer season approaching these callouts are likely to increase. We have some new recruits in the process of completing their First Responder Qualification before summer, which will enhance our double crewing ability.

Our current service is running below 50% with evenings and weekends often uncovered due to



insufficient volunteers. Thanks to Thames and Whitianga Ambulances who have responded at times to cover us.

If you are interested in helping your community by becoming a volunteer with St John please do call in to the station and I will most willingly introduce you onto our recruitment pathway.

Staff Profile – Julie Morris

Why did you join St John Ambulance Service?

As a mother of four young children and owning a business in Tairua, I decided that I needed to do a First Aid Course!

At the completion of the course the tutor asked if anyone would like to help their community and to become an ambulance officer. I put my hand up and once I completed the induction process (approx. 3 months) I was able to do shifts on the ambulance. It was a real feeling of accomplishing an achievement.

Since then in 1990, I have continued studies and gained further qualifications up to ILS Paramedic which I achieved in 2005.

How long have you been a member of St. John?

Since 1990 – 26 years.

What do you enjoy most about being an ambulance officer?

Every day is different; no two jobs are the same, being able to assist people in their time of need, to improve their wellbeing and outcome at an early onset.

Would you recommend joining St John to others, and why?

Absolutely 100%, it could be you that makes a difference to someone in the community, very rewarding, to accomplish and achieve goals for oneself, community input and recognition, very satisfying career.

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

Coromandel Contract Bridge Club

By Judy Bronlund

2016 is just racing by, and there are not many club competitions left to be played before we close for the summer holidays. Thinking ahead, if you would like to join us next year on a Monday evening, please make contact and free lessons will be arranged for those who have not played bridge before, or if you need a refresher course. We would love to have more pairs entered into our competitions, so we hope to see you there next year.

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Mana Update

By Penelope Carroll

One day in 1990 Micha Wellnitz and Bine Siezen came to visit Mana. They had no idea they would still be here 26 years later...

They had been in New Zealand with six-year-old twin daughters Jola and Nele only a month when friends in Hahei told them about the retreat centre and the Steiner-oriented school on the other side of the peninsula. They drove over, met Sol, and found themselves agreeing to care-take the Centre (now Dharma Gaia) while the manager (then Sol) and trustees were away. Just for three weeks.

They never left. Micha, being a cabinet maker, became part of Rainer's building team, working first on Ponga lodge kitchen, then the Centre building itself, Moana lodge, the sauna, and lastly, the beautiful kauri benches in Tara Sanctuary. Bine started the Mana garden below the Octagon. Jola and Nele joined the school.

As our building programme came to an end, Micha worked as a wood artist for many years and then turned to other creative endeavours, IT – and baking. Together he and Bine bake organic bread for the Centre: Micha the wheat loaves and Bine the gluten-free loaves.

Bine has now established her own extensive organic garden, supplying vegetables and seedlings to Mana. Her garden is more than just a place for growing plants. She says, "I did some healing work when I was 50 and this encouraged me to follow my passion, to create a place where people can learn about gardening, experience the healing of the land and the joy of working together – it is a potent mix."

Bine works one day a week in the Mana kitchen: "This is a real highlight. I get to grow the vegetables, deliver them to the Centre, cook them, serve them, and hear people say, 'oh, this tastes delicious!' – and I get to work with my friends..."

Both Bine and Micha talk of the wonderful sense of community living at Mana has given them, along with the opportunities to follow their passions and creativity. They include "bringing up three very creative girls" in this: Jola and Nele completed circus school and perform all over the country (including Coromandel Town at the Illume Festival) as the Twisty Twinz, while their singer/songwriter sister, Majella (born on the land), is currently studying music in Denmark.



Above: Bine takes bread from the oven

Below: Micha sets off to deliver bread to Mana on his newly-created electric bike powered with 100 recycled computer batteries. His next project is a solar electricity storage back-up for their home 3Kw grid-tie system

**Coromandel Lions Club**

By Lion Lyn



A very quiet month for us so far, no dramas and few requests to concern ourselves with, which will maybe allow some downtime before our summer season starts again! Our September dinner was an intimate occasion with only fifteen or so attending. A great evening none the less, and for those who didn't make it, your loss! The Lion Rock passed to Lion Katrina, a truly caring and compassionate member of the team and indeed the wider community. Thankyou Katrina.

Our firewood store is at an all-time low, so we can only take orders for next winter from now on. Hopefully the weather will play nice for us all to enjoy – after all, isn't that why we live here?

See you at the mussel fritter stall outside Four Square on Labour Weekend, where we will be fundraising for our own community.

Contacts are Pres Nigel (07) 866 8045, Sec David (07) 866 7104, Firewood (07) 866 7722

Monday Walkers

By Irene Dunn

It's been wonderful to feel those first days of spring – such clear blue skies and the sun shining on us – really makes you want to get out there and walk, doesn't it? Come and join us – we meet each Monday at 9am at Woollams Ave car park and walk a different place each week, sometimes the beach, othertimes the bush. We have had several new members recently – lovely to see others joining our friendly group.

Thanks Ruth for stepping in when I have been away.

Looking forward to more interesting walks around our area. Happy walking everyone.

Contact Irene 07 2119 758 or 021 157 8408

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Jean will bring a wealth of local knowledge and a fresh perspective to the board.

Authorised by: Jan Autumn Amodeo Bay and Jean Ashby Manaia

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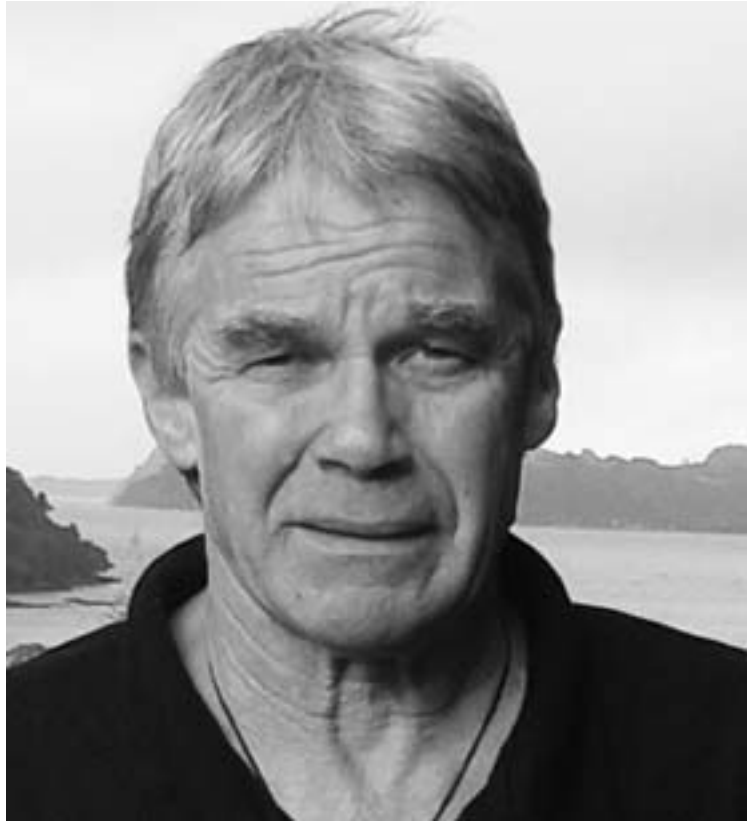
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VOTE DIRK SIELING

We need more jobs in our communities and more fish to catch for everybody. To achieve that we need to have a plan:

- ✓ Improved water quality in our rivers and coastal waters by reducing sedimentation and contaminants.
- ✓ Rejuvenation of our native forests by dealing with pests, restoring birdlife as a bonus.
- ✓ Habitat restoration of the seafloor by transitioning trawling and other benthic disturbance out of the Gulf.
- ✓ Increase suitable aquaculture space availability.



Authorised by Dirk Sieling, 81 Ohuka Farm Drive, Whitianga

The collaboratively formulated SEACHANGE (www.seachange.org.nz) plan, three years in the making, addresses all of those issues and much more, such as dealing equitably with fish stocks for recreational anglers and promoting high value longlining over low value bulk fishing methods. As one of its architects I want make it happen. It needs a firm hand to guide it through its implementation stage. No other candidate is more qualified. That's why I am standing for **Regional Council**.

I have been a resident ratepayer for the last 40 years and have a lot to offer in terms of experience and dealing with bureaucracies. As a previous TCDC Councillor I became a commissioner under the RMA. As a Fonterra Shareholders Councillor for nearly 9 years I led the review of its Cooperative Principles and co-chaired Fonterra's governance and representation review. As successful farmers Kathy and I have established two QEII bush covenants on our farm as well as the first artificial wetland and sediment trap in the district. Working WITH landowners gets better results!

My vision for the Coromandel is one of thriving communities working together for an environment that provides abundance to its inhabitants. ***Your vote will help us get there.***

Email: dirk@sieling.nz
ph 021 154 0123

Chris Stark – why do I want to stand for the Community Board again?

Some people have asked me this and others want to know a bit more about me, what do I have to offer and what do I hope to achieve.

Firstly, I had six years on the Mt Eden Community Board, then nine years as Coromandel-Colville Board Chair, including being on various other Council, Board and residents committees and consultation groups. I was six years as Zone Representative, NZ Community Board Executive Committee.

I'm a trustee of the Coro Services Trust (community van) and Secretary, Coromandel Arts Council (Hauraki House). I am a CILT/WDHB volunteer driver and have done meals on wheels in the past. I've been involved in many community projects over the years.

I retired from the Community Board six years ago as I felt it was time for some fresh ideas but am anxious to get involved again as I see there is much that needs doing.

I can offer: experience – see above; time – I am retired so can attend all meetings with Council and residents; I have enthusiasm – got lots to do; practicality – I try to find a simple and efficient way to do things; I'm budget conscious – I'm fully aware how much things cost and the effect on our rates; I'm thorough, I do my research; determined – I like to get results; and amiable – I like to get on with people and believe that includes Council Staff. Last, but not least, I believe strongly that Board members should be more "out there"; people should know who they are and what they do.

I want to know why things don't seem to be happening as well or as fast as they used to. I want to see things being achieved, small things can make a big difference and needn't cost a lot and big things need a firm and experienced hand to steer them to completion.

I want to see some of the many plans that have been made over the years being actioned. I want to see the town progress at a reasonable pace so that there are jobs for our people but that we stay a good place to live and bring up our families.

Authorised by Chris Stark, 180 Glenfern Place, ph 029 777 0265

Nigel Strongman – standing for Coromandel/Colville Community Board

I am 4th generation Coromandel Town resident. Previous generations of my family were pioneers of this area; Worked in the Moehau granite quarries to supply granite for our parliament building and Auckland Museum; building roads; lighthouse builders; original pioneers in the mussel industry; sustainable mussel harvesters; shipping service freight/ferry to and from Auckland; reticulated and supplied Coromandel Town with electricity before the national grid – among other things.

I grew up in the power station era, gaining knowledge in the electrical and engineering industries. Since then, I have been involved in engineering, truck driving, fishing, baking industry and much later running Strongman Coachlines school and charter bus service in partnership with my wife for 18 years.

Recently own and operating Strongman Diesel Distributors, supplying diesel to Mussel Farm Industry, Contractors, etc.

Community Involvement: Member of the Lions Club of Coromandel for over 30 years and this year I am president for the fourth time. Coromandel/Colville Community Board member mid 1980s at which time we were instrumental in establishing the Coromandel Town sewerage scheme. This successful scheme was brought in well under budget, thanks in part, to my engineering knowledge, saving the Town residents tens of thousands of dollars.

Together with my wife, we were members of St John Ambulance as volunteers for over 14 years.

I will represent the whole ward from Waikawau on the Thames Coast to Cape Colville. I will make myself available to all these constituents. I wish to retain the character of Coromandel Peninsula so that it grows in a sane sustainable way. I will also push for a Coromandel Harbour Development which will benefit all harbour users from fizza boats, charter boats, ferries and include the Aquaculture Industry. This must be a cost effective scheme which considers all harbour users.

Authorised by Nigel Strongman, 316 Tiki Road, Coromandel Town



TICK Kim Brett



FOR Coromandel/Colville Community Board

I am for strong controlled growth,
Wise, careful use of your rate payer money.

I will listen to the minority,
But will vote for the majority.

I will be your voice

Authorized By:

Kim Brett, 1613 Tiki Road, SH 25, Coromandel Town.

Rangatahi

CELEBRATING OUR CHILDREN

Coromandel Area School

Room Three and Choir's Visit to Phoenix House

Coromandel Area School Choir and Room Three visited Phoenix House to perform for the old people. We were a bit nervous. We filed into the lounge. There were old people sitting around. They were surprised at seeing children, and when we sang, they smiled and sang along with us.

The lady with the purple tee shirt was singing along really well. She closed her eyes to remember the song.

We would like to go back because they don't get to see kids that much, or see kids that can sing – Chelsy, Kendyl and Reef, Room Three.

Some comments from Phoenix House:

"Delightful! All the ladies enjoyed the performance, I think the children enjoyed it too! I loved 'Hello Sunshine' and the actions were well done." – Hilda Hart

"They were so tiny, the children! I just thoroughly enjoyed the concert. I hope they come up to Phoenix House more often." – Cherry Turner

"I was trying out my new yellow mobility scooter when the children were here. But I heard that it was excellent and I will attend next time." – Derek Barnsley

"Lovely singing, very well done actions. It was all so worthwhile watching." – Elaine Russell

Room Five Wraps

Room Five made wraps for all the junior school on Thursday 7 September. Wraps are healthy food wrapped in a thin bread-like case. We wanted to show the younger children how to eat interesting and healthy food.

The Year 1-8 students brought avocados, onions, cheese, carrots, lettuce, ham, and other healthy stuff for the fillings.

Starting with the little Room One children, we took them to our "kitchen" in Room Five and produced great wraps that they took back to class to eat.

One girl couldn't make up her mind which filling to use. She wanted cucumber and tomato. We asked, "Is that all you want?" She changed her mind ... it took ages. She finally ended up happy!

When you show little kids, it might help them make good food

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choices in the future. It might stop them getting fat! – Mitchell & Ngaikiha, Room Five

A special thank you to Subway, Whitianga and Countdown, Whitianga for their generosity and support.

Thames Speech Competition

On a special Friday 9 September, four Area School boys entered the Thames Speech Competition.

This was a first for all of us. We were feeling good in the car, but at the Parawai School Hall, it all changed! A loss of confidence! 60 pairs of eyes staring at us.

Griffin, Year Six, chose "Stop Pollution". He hardly used his cue cards, and was proud of that.

Devesh, Year Six, spoke about "Screen Time for Kids". He placed second in the Junior category.

Matthew, Year Seven, spoke about "Modules of Work at School", and Luke, Year Eight, slammed ISIS.

It was entertaining listening to all the speeches. Next year we will know what to expect, what the judges like, and we will know more about how to present.

Coromandel Community Preschool

By Debra Attwood



The weather is improving and I can see summer just around the corner, so now is the time to remember to be sunsafe and slip, slap, slop and wrap; remember those sun hats for term 4 everyone. We have once again been busy with our children out and about in the community visiting a farmlet with calves and lambs. Then out to join the Area School children in their annual cross country. What a fun day out, running around the hills and golf course using up lots of energy as they raced around the course.

As part of our monthly report we are going to include part of our centre philosophy for your information. This is part one:

There are seven key pou that strengthen the foundation of our preschool philosophy; these are Whanaungatanga; Our programme; Playfulness; the Environment; Well-being and Belonging; and Turangawaewae – our standing place.

Whanaungatanga/relationships are the foundation for everything we do here! Relationships and partnerships, based on trust, respect, and open communication, are central to our philosophy. We believe that when genuine and reciprocal relationships are established, Coromandel Community Preschool becomes a safe and secure place to be. A place that inspires children to explore, make decisions, and nurtures their natural abilities to build friendships and the social skills needed as they journey through life.

Since our last report we have celebrated birthdays in September for Cash, Jett, Lucy, Ryan, Puneu and Khymani we wish them all a very happy birthday. We welcomed Amber and we look forward to learning more about you and your whānau.

At present we have spaces available in our under 2's area so if you have a child this age and are looking at preschool options, come along for a visit. We are full on the over-2 years side but if you are looking for a quality early childhood centre, come along and see if this is the right place for you and your child to begin their lifelong journey of learning. You can put your child's name on the waiting list if required. Check out our latest Education review on the website:

<http://www.ero.govt.nz/Early-Childhood-School-Reports/Early-Childhood-Reports/Coromandel-Community-Preschool-18-11-2013>

The centre operates Monday – Friday 8.30am 4.00pm. We are situated at 155 Pottery Lane. If you are interested call in for a visit or phone us on (07) 866 7570



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Coromandel Playcentre

By Jenna James



Coromandel Playcentre will be holding their annual AGM in the coming months. An exact date is to be confirmed in the next Chronicle, but it is likely to be at the end of October.

At Playcentre we encourage our children to learn through play. We use the Ministry of Education's Early Childhood Curriculum, called Te Whariki to help us notice what is happening, recognize what the children are learning and make plans to further their interests. This term we have undertaken a few science experiments with fluids and last week was no exception. The children were presented with a shallow tray of milk, coloured water and some implements for transferring the colours into the tray. We used a scientific process by first asking the children to make predictions about what would happen based on their own knowledge. The children then quickly mastered both the syringes and the droppers to control the amounts of fluids they could squirt into the milk! Some quickly mixed the colours with their tools to make a uniform colour they could name, others preferred to take a more delicate approach by carefully dropping in colours to keep them separate. "The colours are moving into it" was enthusiastically announced as predictions were both

confirmed and disproved around the table! After all the colours were shared around, we introduced some dish washing liquid and the children were sufficiently amazed at the resulting reaction when they dropped it into their creations. The attempt at linking the process of cleaning dishes with our experiment was completely ignored through the excitement, though the fun more than compensated this shortcoming! Any tears over spilt milk were happy ones...!

The experiment was a platform for the children to consult and extend their understanding of fluids. They were primarily learning: fine motor skills; how to efficiently communicate their ideas, predictions and observations to others; to develop their scientific vocabulary; to take turns; the names of colours and colour blends.

The experiment aligns well with "Exploration", an essential area of learning in the Te Whariki curriculum, which incorporates several goals, aptly including "learning strategies for active exploration, thinking,

and reasoning".

We'd like to extend the children's learning by undertaking an experiment that more tangibly affects a fluids texture and consistency. Perhaps we'll try some baking soda and vinegar to play with foaming and curdling... Join us to learn what happens next!

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



Brody and Stella doing an experiment

Coromandel Youth Group

School holidays programme at Hauraki House.

Opening times for both weeks are: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 11.00am-4.00pm. Friday Night Social 6-9pm*. Sunday 1-4pm.

Entry is \$2.00 for Monday to Thursday sessions.

For 5-year-olds and over there will be a variety of activities to choose from, all you need to do is fill in a membership form and send your child along with a packed lunch or money to purchase snacks, pies or hot chips. For holiday programmes or more information call in at the Youth Rooms or telephone us on (07) 866 7061.

* Friday night social is for students 11 to 14 years of age. All students must come inside and sign in upon arrival.

Parents are welcome to browse our fundraising table for Nu 2 U bargains.

This programme is made possible by donations received for our fundraising table, entry fees and grants from: Lottery Waikato, COGS, Trust Waikato, Coromandel Senior Settlement Trust & Coromandel Community Board. Thank You!

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CELEBRATING OUR CHILDREN

Te Rerenga School

Learning, it's what we do...

By Anna Yates

As term 3 comes to an end we can all take a breather to rest, get rid of all these winter bugs and get ready for some sunshine in term 4!

We have completed our ERO review this term and it has been a great opportunity to reflect upon our happy, safe and thriving school. We look forward to the final report which we can expect to be public early next term. It was a really positive, constructive experience for us and it was clear that learning certainly was what all of us do at Te Rerenga School.

Our school celebrated Roald Dahl day on Tuesday 13 September. Our children love any opportunity to dress up and this was a perfect opportunity to celebrate some fabulous ideas, thinking and characters from some much-loved books. Our year 6 students organised the whole day explaining through a newsletter why everyone should dress up and celebrate Roald Dahls 100th birthday. We have a super group of leaders emerging at our school and it is great to see them getting our whole school active and involved in activities.



A school full of characters

Term 4 brings our much anticipated Pet Day and our children look forward to this event enormously. It is on **Saturday 5 November** and is full of fun, a wide range of creatures and there is always lots to do and see in our little school.

Kiwi Can

"Kia Ora Tatou Katoa"

We hope all our Kiwi Can students have had a wonderful holiday..... Over the holidays our Kiwi Can Leaders were super busy preparing our lessons for term four.

Our Theme for term four is Resilience and we all know that resilience means "coping with challenges and bouncing back". We will be discovering this theme through our sub-modules of Goal Setting, Problem Solving and Perseverance.

Save the date: Kiwi Can Community Wonder Games, **Sunday 30 October** at 11am (check out our advert on page 13). Get a team together and come and join in on the fun, fun, fun!

Don't forget if you are shopping at the Thames Warehouse please support our Kiwi Can Programme by placing a token found at the checkout into our Kiwi Can slot at the voting unit.

Nga mihi nui from Marlene, Jamie, Gemma, Emma and Natalie.

Want to help out Kiwi Can Coromandel? Contact Marlene Johnson 027 223 2629 email: kiwican@cilt.org.nz

The Coromandel Kiwi Can programme is managed by the Coromandel Independent Living Trust, officially sponsored by Sanford Ltd and supported by The Lion Foundation, Thames Community Board and Driving Creek Railway Ltd, CSSC (Colville Social Service Collective), DV Bryant Trust



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Arts



Coromandel Artists are Coming to Town!

Hauraki House Gallery and through the town **7-16 October**.

Every autumn for the last ten years Coromandel residents and visitors have enjoyed meeting local artists in their studios for the Coromandel Open Studios Arts Tour. From next year the Arts Tour moves to the spring – the last two weekends of October before Labour Weekend.

This time for a nice change the artists are coming to you!

In the gallery at Hauraki House and in selected places through Coromandel Town you will see new and diverse works from 28 of our local artists.

Meet the artists at the Festive Opening at the gallery – 6pm on **Friday 7 October**. Come back to admire and purchase their work through the following week – the gallery will be open each day until Sunday 16th, from 10am to 4pm.



Pastel Artists Coromandel

By Christine Lunn

Our group continues to grow and because some of our members travel from out of town we have decided to extend our meeting end time from midday to 2pm. This also gives us an opportunity for a “lunch break” where we can talk things art and pastel.

Planning for our upcoming exhibition “Mainly Pastels” at Hauraki House in Coromandel Town over Labour Weekend 2016 is now well advanced, with our members putting final touches to their exhibits. The exhibition will be open to the public from **Thursday 20 October** from midday to 4pm and **Friday 21 October to Monday 24 October** from 10am to 4-00pm and a last chance to view on **Tuesday 25 October** from 10am to midday. This exhibition will show the visitors how versatile pastel painting is. Throughout the exhibition, group members will be in attendance to answer any questions from visitors. Also joining the exhibition will be a display of woodturning.

Current members have considerable experience and still work in other media but they dedicate Tuesday mornings to pastel, pencil and coloured pencil work.

Pastel Artists of Coromandel meet Tuesday mornings 9am-2pm at the Coromandel Aero Club rooms on Tiki Road. Visitors and potential new members are very welcome to call in and meet members of the group. We still have room for a few more people to join our group.

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

A Double Act

By Marni Macdonald

Kaye Anderson’s novel “Beneath The Neem Tree” was launched in Coromandel Town in September in a double debut event with local artist Carolyn Bayliss.

Carolyn Bayliss

Carolyn presented work of great diversity, from a series of flower and vegetable studies in oil, seascapes and portraits, to a collection of drawings taken from a 17th century book on midwifery. This series created considerable interest and Carolyn is now pursuing the possibility of it being curated in a Birthing Unit or an institute of learning where midwifery is studied.

Carolyn was also responsible for the “rent-a-crowd” scarecrows outside the gallery which were much photographed over the weekend.

You can view Carolyn’s work at her studio in Coromandel – give her a call on (07) 866 8137 to make a time. She is also participating in the Coromandel Arts Tour event in October.

Kaye Anderson

“Beneath The Neem Tree” introduces a stark and dreadful family tragedy in the first pages. Despite this, it is a book with a gradual burn. Gentle beginnings in a small Sri Lankan village follow the life of Hashini, a young woman with plans to train as a nurse.

Just when it seems the obstacles that have blocked Hashini’s path may be clearing, the story twists in unexpected ways. The brutality of another way of life assaults both Hashini and the reader. At this point I wanted to do nothing but read, cheering from the comfort of my armchair for the safety and well-being of Hashini. A compelling page turner.

If you find this novel rather slow initially, hold your impatience because I believe when you close this book for the last time, you will be shaken and stirred. The ways culture influences Hashini’s life is the most disturbing. “Beneath The Neem Tree” follows her through three very different cultures, including pakeha New Zealand.

I don’t know if Kaye set out to write a novel that would challenge while it entertained, but it sure did. Like a steel hand inside a velvet glove. I know Hashini is not leaving me anytime soon.

You can purchase “Beneath The Neem Tree” from Weta Design Store in Coromandel, from Carson’s in Thames or directly from Kaye by contacting her at kayeranderson@gmail.com



Coromandel Community Arts Council Hauraki House Gallery

This winter has been one of unusual activity for the Arts Council.

It was good to see the gallery used so much. A group of local artists were in residence for much of the time working on their projects and several other exhibitions and events also took place.

TCDC has finalised their “Arts and Creative Industries Strategy” for the whole peninsula. The intention is to set up a Coromandel Arts and Creative Industries Advisory Board whose purpose will be to “advance the recently adopted strategy, support the priorities from action plans between tangata whenua, arts communities and community boards and help procure funding for these”. The Board will also be involved in the distribution of Creative NZ grants.

The Coromandel Arts Council has been asked to nominate a representative for that Board.

Exhibitions for the coming summer so far are: **6 October** - Open Studio Arts Exhibition; **20-24 October** - Pastel Arts of Coromandel; **3-13 November** - Embroiderers’ Guild, Exhibition of Works; **18-27 November** - Art Exhibition, local artists; **18 December to 7 January** - 28th year of the Christmas Exhibition; **19 January to 5 February** - Coromandel Art Group. Opening dates may vary slightly so keep a lookout for further details.

Don’t forget to check out our Facebook page and pass us on to your friends. As of today we have 100 members and the news of Coromandel’s fabulous artists is being spread far and wide.

Facebook: Hauraki House Gallery

Arts continued

Coromandel Art Group

By Lindsay Nicholls

Yum ... at birthday time we share a morning tea.. Last one we had was waffles with several sauces and sausage rolls.

It's worth coming to Art for. It was good to see ladies trying them for the first time. Yoshiko also popped in that day and joined us. Many, many thanks Yosiko for your generous donation of framing gear. I can tell you, I have already tried framing two paintings with that new system.

We are heading to the last of our group projects to be completed. We are waiting on just three more paintings out of 16 so we are doing great speed. It is always an exciting time when all items are together and we get the big picture of what we have achieved as a group.

We are also looking forward to Barbara von Seida's workshop this year, working with acrylics. The new members who haven't been to a workshop are especially looking forward to it. We have several members returning from big breaks, and our thoughts are with Shirley, who is taking time out for family reasons.

Spring is in the air, colour is all around us with the new growth, the sunsets have started, take a look at the colour in your world and enjoy. We do!



Our tradition of a morning tea shout at birthday time

Klezmer with The Kugels – Coromandel Music Society

By Robin Münch

It's music that makes you want to dance – spirited, wild and haunting. It's klezmer. It's food that complements the music. It's kugel.

Klezmer, traditional Jewish folk music, was originally played at weddings and other celebrations in Eastern and Central Europe. With the arrival of Yiddish speaking immigrants in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, the music gained popularity in America with jazz being assimilated in the mix. For your information a kugel is a traditional Jewish pudding type dish, savory or sweet and packed with goodness and substance.

Four top musicians have joined together to form the band of their dreams – The Kugels. With passion and sensitivity, the Kugels play early pre-jazz klezmer, influenced by both this century's klezmer revivalists and the repertoire brought to the US in the 1980s by Soviet and Israeli immigrants. The programme includes traditional numbers and original works composed by Ross Harris.

Date: **Thursday 20 October** at 7.30pm.

Venue: The Club, Woollams Ave, Coromandel

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Tickets: Coromandel Information Centre ph (07) 866 8598 and door sales. Full price \$25, gold card holders \$20.



The Coromandel Music Society

Fly My Pretties – National Tour

After 12 years of incredible collaborative performances, Kiwi icons Fly My Pretties are hitting the road this summer, with a brand new album, playing in some of New Zealand's most stunning outdoor venues.

Following a recent run of nine intimate sold-out shows to record the new album String Theory, Fly My Pretties will take to the road in January 2017 to perform the new album along with the classics. Marking the first nationwide tour for Fly My Pretties since 2013's Homeland Tour, this run of shows will see a 14-strong cast take to the stage, with a number of special guests.

Visiting six centres, including Coroglen Tavern, throughout January, tickets for the String Theory tour will be available through Ticketmaster for \$72.00. The Coroglen Tavern concert is on **Saturday 7 January** and is R18.



Coromandel Players

By Don Hughes

No news from the Players for two months does not mean idleness but, rather, the gremlins have been at work again.

Caro Reid and Angela Hodgkinson had planned to follow the "Bothered and Bewildered" play with a joint production but Caro being unwell brought that plan to a halt.

With the clock ticking (at what seems an increasingly rapid rate) toward the year end. It was clear that a full-length play was not going to be possible. A well attended Players' meeting therefore gave the thumbs up to the idea of three short, one-act plays with a Christmas theme or connection that could be included in a programme of Christmas songs and carols. The tentative date set is for the second week of December. Hopefully, with lots of time for the casts to learn their lines and rehearse, we can meet the dates proposed and still give a time buffer for coughs, colds and holidays.

Looking further into the crystal ball we will be producing a full length play in very early May 2017, with a locally written play being pencilled in. This play will need five young women ranging in age from 18 to 30 and four young men of similar age. The middle aged and even older characters we can usually be cast but the younger folk present a challenge. This, then, is the first of our appeals to the younger members of our community to take the plunge and take part in a modern, adult comedy centered around a wedding receptionthat's all I'm saying for now!

Next year also marks the 40th year since the Players began, with Ann Zealand being the inspirational force behind two short plays by Chekhov. The following year Ann was even more ambitious with a full-length play by GB Shaw, "The Devil's Disciple". This involved a very large cast, 18th century period costume and dashing military uniforms for about 10 soldiers.

We would like to celebrate our star and the 40 years since by performing extracts from some of the plays we have presented over that time. We have our own favourites but wondered whether people who have followed us over the years have any plays they would like to see a key scene from again. Let Liz or me know if you do.

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Environmental

Information from Forest & Bird



Forest & Bird
GIVING NATURE A VOICE

By Sue Wright,
Chair Upper Coromandel Forest & Bird Society

The TCDC recently moved dredgings to a clean fill site up the 309 Road. This was done with the knowledge that the Waikato Regional Council had asked for tests to be carried out to find out if the dredgings were contaminated for heavy metals.

A few days after the dredgings had been moved, the test results came back showing levels of arsenic of between 23 and 29 mg/kg. The TCDC issued a press release saying that, "the cleanfill waste acceptance criteria for arsenic is 20 mgs/kg. The magnitude of this exceedance is not significant and can be managed on site through mixing with clean soil on site, which will dilute the levels."

Forest & Bird and many residents are not convinced that this will work. It doesn't change the amount of arsenic that may leach into the Waiau River and the amount of soil required to bring the dredgings to a level that meets the safe levels for a cleanfill site may run into hundreds of truck loads.

The TCDC describes the inflated arsenic levels as, "not significant." Depending on which tables are used it is between 50% and three times as much as the allowable limit for a cleanfill site.

Forest & Bird is a member of the stakeholders working group established by the TCDC to discuss harbour development. Forest & Bird has frequently advised against any removal of harbour sediments due to studies conducted over many years that show that the Coromandel harbour sediments contain elevated levels of heavy metals and should not therefore be disturbed.

The TCDC has ignored the warning provided in a report by the consulting group Pattle-Delamore Partners that the Council itself commissioned in 2012, in which they were advised that the concentrations of arsenic and mercury from sediment samples taken in the area of Coromandel Wharf are so high that "the sediments may be considered hazardous under the Waikato Regional Council Coastal Management Plan".

The World Health Organisation is informative on the effects on human health of elevated levels of arsenic. It is cancer causing in humans and is particularly concerning in a water supply where it is both ingested orally and absorbed through the skin.

Forest & Bird along with many others is asking that the pile be moved to a purpose built hazardous waste facility to give our community peace of mind.

CLAIM

By Lora Mountjoy

With the immediate threat of mining in our local area gone, we can relax a little. However our friends over the hill are not so lucky, and a while ago several of us went to Kuaotunu to support members of KAMAG, the local group opposed to gold mining. A well-attended meeting heard about the threat of two exploration permits which have been granted. These cover an area which stretches from east of Te Rerenga, across to Kuaotunu and south past Whenuakite. Under exploration permits companies can drill and bulk sample, quite invasive activities.

CLAIM held its AGM on 11 September. Lora Mountjoy agreed to continue as chairperson and Kaye Anderson took on the dual role of secretary treasurer. As well as the normal business of such a meeting, we discussed the dumping of contaminated dredgings in a clean landfill site upstream from the intake for Coromandel's water supply. While the contamination refers back to historical goldmining, it was felt that this was an issue which concerned us and we have contacted Waikato Regional Council to express our opinion that this fill should be transferred to an appropriate site.

CLAIM is a group of residents who oppose gold mining in the northern Coromandel. Contact: kayeranderson@gmail.com.

Poison industry

By John Veysey

Judging from the letters page in September's Chronicle my articles are being widely read which is very gratifying.

Since first expressing my distrust in the reasons for and the effectiveness of the use of animal poisons on the Coromandel Peninsula, members of MEG have gotten very angry with me. MEG uses animal poisons and my remarks make MEG feel uncomfortable.

Why? If all the pro-poison propaganda were true, or even appeared to be true to them, why would they feel so uncomfortable?

Peter Wood's mention that the present government-driven animal poisoning programme could be a conspiracy may provide the answer.

Despite the fact that the reasons given for animal poisoning have been slim and even fictitious in some cases, the funds have kept coming from central government and these funds have gone right back into government pockets. Hundreds of millions of dollars per year. NZ's 1080 has been used to control the never-seen Coromandel flood-maker possum of the Coromandel Peninsula Project, the non-existent fox in Tasmania and now the equally elusive TB-vector possum. It doesn't seem to matter that the reason for its use has been manufactured, all that seems to matter is to cover more and more acreage with animal poison. It is sad to see MEG, which could be a clean, green, locally-driven enterprise caught up in government's poisoning business. MEG now appears to be singing solely to DOC's tune. Not only have DOC been trialing poisons through MEG but MEG has even lent its name to one of the government's animal poisoning advertisements.

TBFree are as big a spreader of 1080 as DOC and this year they have been asked some leading questions about their spreading 1080 to help eradicate TB. They have been forced to surrender some, though not all, of their hitherto-secret research documents. TBFree has released a lot of research reports but most of them are not about the possum being a TB vector and do not explain why TBFree are so busy chasing possums. Among them is a string of insights into the presence of the ferret.

The researchers kept track of ferret numbers in numerous locations. They learned how to trap them and tested them for TB. And they learned that the ferret was a far more serious TB vector than a possum. They also learned that successive 1080 drops tended to favour the ferrets who did not take in the poison. After two or three 1080 poison drops the ferrets appear to take control. Ferrets are everywhere. This plague of ferrets, 80% of which are TB carriers, appears of little interest to the TBFree researchers.

However a plague of ferrets could be far more serious if you were interested in preserving native wildlife rather than TB.

Tongariro is one of the first places to show the link between 1080 drops and a rise in ferret numbers. Tongariro was also the first location where researchers "found" the rise in rat numbers following 1080 drops and maybe this automatic rise in rat numbers is the reason for a corresponding rise in ferrets. How ready are we to cope with a plague of ferrets?

TBFree are not keen to look. Nor are DOC. The normal answer from both these bodies would be to chuck more 1080 about, and maybe that is what they will do even though they are aware it can only make matters worse for all those ground-bound critters which are to be protected.

Trying to get DOC and WRC to take responsibility for what they are doing with their animal poisoning needs a strong and knowledgeable spokesperson and Clyde Graf is the only candidate for WRC council who understands this issue from all angles.

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Environmental continued

Just a bit of Mud

By Catherine Delahunty, Green MP

There is a local government election going on and I hope everyone is thinking about what we actually need in our political leaders. We definitely need people who grasp the connection between people and the environment, for more than profit. An example of a local government issue is the dredging of Furey's Creek debacle. Furey's Creek in Coromandel harbour is an important issue because it has displayed the level of understanding the District Council has about contaminated site management. It is important because there is a lobby which wishes to dredge more of the harbour to facilitate ferry access close to the town. The problem is that the dredged mud contains heavy metal residues from previous gold mining activity. The toxic tailings were either dumped near the harbour or allowed to wash down the creek, remaining in the sediment to this day. Local residents called for the latest dredgings to be tested before they were moved anywhere. The Regional Council did some tests. Instead of waiting for the results the District Council moved this small mountain of mud to a clean fill site up the 309 Rd near the Waiau River. The tests have shown levels of arsenic which are higher than they are allowed to be for safety, and previous research has identified problematic levels of mercury. Disturbing this sediment risks these heavy metals becoming "bioavailable" in the environment.

Some local residents, the Forest and Bird Society and myself have challenged this dredging "solution" We do not think it's acceptable to dump hazardous waste in a clean fill landfill. Nor is dumping tonnes of clean earth into the mix a description of remediation. The landfill site is 80 metres from the Waiau River and has a bund being built around it. From photos I cannot see a plastic liner under the site to ensure the material cannot leach into soils or the river. The river is the water supply for Coromandel town. A spokesperson for the TCDC said on Radio NZ that it is just a bit of mud from a creek. This is a disingenuous comment. We need Waikato Regional Council to do their job and ensure the TCDC are held accountable for their management of these dredgings and make sure they are removed to a landfill designed for hazardous waste. A consent has been breached. This is not reassuring in the context of the harbour development debate. There is a lot at stake, namely a reputation for top class seafood, the cost of clean up and a beautiful local environment. There is a myth that because we have background levels of arsenic in our soils it's fine to dig up tailings and dump them on the land. This is not a scientific approach or common sense. Let's avoid the mistakes of the past and be far more careful. The marine environment and the land near Coromandel needs to be protected from more heavy metal contamination for every reason.



Moehau Environment Group

By Natalie Collicott

Conservation Week kicked off in Coromandel Town with a night train-ride at Driving Creek Railway. Over 40 passionate locals attended the event which took place on Friday 9 September.

Moehau Environment Group organised the celebration as a networking evening for locals involved or supportive of conservation. Driving Creek Railway offered a fitting venue, and two trains to carry the attendees up the hill to the Eyefull Tower. The trains wound their way up the hill on dusk, arriving at the top just in time to catch the sunset over the harbour.

The attendees have all been actively working in various ways to protect native plants and animals around the Coromandel. The evening was a chance to come together, compare notes, meet new people and reinforce old links. Event organiser Carol Sutherland thought the group deserved a bit of fun. "After a year of scraping dead stoat and rat corpses off traps, clearing tracks, writing funding letters, and spending many a day in the wet bush, we thought a party was overdue."

The evening was something Railway founder Barry Brickell would have loved. Barry passed away in January, but his vision for a town where conservation and creativity intermingle is very much alive. As the trains wound back towards the station late in the evening, glow-worms lit the way and passengers strained their ears listening for the call of the kiwi. A magic end to a magical evening.

Tree Planting With Colville Kids

We gave the children of Colville School an excuse to get dirty last week at our annual tree-planting day at Waikawau Bay. On Wednesday 7 September, 24 local children arrived ready to plant the 200 native trees that had been donated by Regional Council. They made swift work of the planting, with all the trees in the ground before the rain clouds rolled in. This is the tenth year the school has come and planted trees in our Children's Forest. What was a paddock of rank kikuyu has been transformed into a native food forest for the birds and lizards. If you'd like to visit this special place, park at the end of Waimanu Rd (at the north end of Waikawau Bay), and follow the track around the estuary.

Bush Bites

"The work environment is great, the bush, love it. The other day when track-clearing we discovered yet another new view of this place, with views of sand on the Kennedy Bay beach but also the estuary and then to your left Great Mercury Island."

"I saw a kaka pull a grub. And then whilst driving we saw a hawk almost lift off with a live rabbit in its talons! And that's just recently."

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



James Graham and Blake Evans give a big thumbs up at the MEG annual treeplanting day



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Sport

Spirit of Coromandel Trust

By Rita Stephenson

K2 Cycle Event

Saturday 29 October 2016

The Flight Centre K2 is an annual cycling event that takes place on SH25 going anti-clockwise around the Coromandel Peninsula. Each year it is based around one of four Coromandel townships. This year Tairua will be hosting the 15th anniversary of the event.

There are three distances: K2 – 200km – starts and finishes in Tairua; K1 – 100km – starts in Coromandel and finishes in Tairua; Nicholas Browne Challenge – 50km – starts in Thames and finishes in Tairua.

There will be close to 1,500 riders taking part in the above event from all over New Zealand, with a number of riders coming from overseas.

It would be a great help if people would avoid unnecessary travel on the day, or avoid the roads when they are at their busiest with cyclists. The following notes will give you an idea where the main bunches of cyclists will be traveling throughout the day on the peninsula.

The first race off the blocks is the K2 Elite Men. This starts from Tairua at 7.45am on Saturday. It is followed by the main field of 600 riders which start in groups of 60 riders, 4 minutes apart from 8.00am to 8.30am. These riders will be on the road between Tairua and Whitianga for the next two hours with the first riders coming through Whitianga at around 9.00am and the last riders coming through around 10.30am.



They carry on to Coromandel and will be on the Whitianga/Coromandel road from 9.00am till around 1.30pm.

The front runners in the K2 will arrive in Coromandel at around 10.30am and will be heading over the Kereta Hills to Thames. They will be joined by the K1 riders who start from Coromandel in a staggered formation between 11.45am and 12.30pm.

The Coromandel to Thames Road will be busy with cyclists from around 10.30am till around 3.00pm.

The last stage of the race, Thames to Tairua, sees the start of riders in the Nicholas Browne Challenge from 9.30am. Expect to see riders from 9.45am on the Kopu/Hikua road. The first of the K2 riders will arrive on the Kopu/Hikua from around 11.45am with the remaining riders in the field coming through until 5.00pm.

The first riders will start to arrive at the finish line in Tairua from around 11.15am onwards.

If you have any questions regarding the event please check the K2 website at www.arcevents.co.nz. There will be live web coverage on the day. Alternatively ring Rita Stephenson 027 210 3734, Keith Stephenson on 021 671 172 or Andy Reid on 027 492 1348

Coromandel Croquet Club

By Kaye Anderson

Now's the time to take up croquet! The weather's warming up and our winter-travelling members are on their way home. If you want to learn a game which involves gentle physical exercise, challenging mental gymnastics and usually a lot of laughs, come and join us on a Tuesday or Saturday morning - 9.45am for a 10am start - and we'll teach you the ins and outs of this great game. If you're already an expert or a visitor in town, we'll welcome you too.

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Departs Coromandel: Hannafords Wharf

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24 Oct - 30 Oct	4.30 pm	3.00 pm	-	3.00 pm	8.15 pm	4.30 pm	4.30 pm
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Sport continued

Coromandel Golf Club

By Peter Gray



The annual Daffodil Charity Day for the Cancer Society was held on Saturday 20 August. Again it proved to be a successful and popular day for members and visitors, with good numbers making up the field. Calvin Gibson won the day with 42pts with Eugene Weimer leading the ladies home. George Campbell, Les O'Leary and Ron Brooking next best in Men's with Sue Davies and Carol Carson the Ladies. Just under \$1100.00 was raised for the Cancer Society. A big thank you must go to the local businesses and individuals that sponsored the day and also Ed Buckett for his efforts in making the day possible. We were fortunate enough to have the Cancer Society co-ordinator, Robyn Dudson, at the presentation to accept the cheque and thank the club members.

The re-scheduled Golconda Cup (best net aggregate 2 out of 3 rds) is on the way with the first two rounds completed. Kevin O'Keeffe, David Lunn 68, and Ron Brooking 69 lead the way in the 1st round, while Ross Mudgway 63, Darryl O'Keeffe 64, Don Bryant 67, Bruce Fitzpatrick, Ed Buckett and Mark Burcombe 69 had good 2nd round.

The seeding rounds of the Club Champs are also on the way with a combined Ladies' and Men's Finals Day to be held on **Sunday 2 October**. Interesting to see if Mark Burcombe can defend the Senior title, with Darryl O'Keeffe entering the ranks for the first time. Allan Rose holds the Intermediate title, Dave Dudson the Junior and who cannot forget David Brisson, the Junior A. Some new members will be looking to add their names to the Men's shields with Ross Mudgway and Paul Kasper in the Junior Playoffs and Ron Brooking and George Campbell in the Junior A.

Eugene Weimer holds the Ladies' Bronze One and is to continue her "rivalry" with Glenise Robertson, in the Ladies' top division with Jenny Coatsworth the holding Bronze Two and Philippa Medlock currently the Bronze Three.

The August Monthly Meat Pack/Laurie Olliff trophy was won by Paul Kasper 41, from Kevin O'Keeffe 40. David Lunn 39, Ross Mudgway, Kevin Verner and Ron "birthday boy" Brooking 37.

Daffodil Day Tournament

The following businesses generously supported the Coromandel Golf Club Daffodil Day Tournament by donating to the prize table. All the proceeds from the entry fees, raffles and donations from club members have been passed on to the Cancer Society; in all a total of \$1100 was raised.

Coromandel Mussel Kitchen, Pepper Tree Restaurant, Coromandel Garage Ltd (GAS), Bruce Douglas, BP service station, Coromandel Fish and Dive, Mussel Barge Snapper Safaris, James and Turner, Admirals Arms, Coromandel Hotel, Star and Garter, Goldiggers, Coromandel Liquor, Coromandel Four Square, Coromandel Meat Keeper, Coromandel Smokehouse, Coromandel Pharmacy, Coastway Cutters, New Image Hair Salon, Weta Design Store, Wyuna Studio, Coromandel Garden Centre, Coromandel Timber and ITM – Warren Taylor, Mangrove Manor B&B.

The following club members made cash donations: Jenny Coatsworth, Don Bryant, Glenise Robertson, Warren Taylor and Lyn Whitcombe.

October Calendar Reminder

Sunday 2 October – Combined Men's and Ladies' Club Champs Finals (P)

Wednesday 26 October – Meat Pack/Laurie Olliff Trophy

Coromandel Recreational Fishing Club

By Allison Brown & Committee CRFC

In the August newsletter I commented on us fishing on 22-23 August and having quite a good days fishing. Also there were whales and dolphins swimming not far from the boat – this year my Son and friend were out on the same date and position and the whales and dolphins were swimming very close to them. It will be interesting to see if they appear next year at the same time and place. With this cold snap that has arrived as the old saying goes, "Wind to the South the Fish shut their mouths". Having said that the charters have been going along a bit better than last year at this time but I did hear of some good catches around 5lb to 8lb around the outer islands so they should be coming around this month. (Just heard from one of the charter boat operators that he had a charter out and the fishing was very good, so does look like they are starting already to come in.)

September Fish of the Month for financial club members is trevally.

Join the Club and be in to win \$100 if you catch the biggest Fish of the Month. We certainly would welcome new members.

Fish of the Month for August was parore. None were weighed in. Weigh in stations remain the same at: Max and Val Larsen, phone (07) 866 7656 and Fish & Dive, phone (07) 866 8797.

Hope we do get some nice days over the next few months and you can get out fishing as it is getting close to the good fishing months up here although it has been pretty good this year so far.

Here's to tight lines looking forward to our next comp on Labour weekend. All going well we'll get nice, fine weather and we won't need to cancel.

Coromandel Gymnastics Club

By Jess Dziwulski



The end of this term spells the end of gymnastics for 2016. We have had such a great year with many new faces learning gymnastics skills and having plenty of fun. Many of our senior gymnasts have competed throughout the year, with most of them placing and all of them improving their gymnastics skills, confidence and performance ability.

By the time you read this we will have hosted the Coromandel Peninsula Inter-club Competition and are confident all our gymnasts will perform brilliantly. We have five clubs attending and are expecting around 60 gymnasts on the day so it is a big event in our calendar.

New coaches needed! Both Teresa and Jessica are "retiring" and will unfortunately not be returning to coach our kids next year. Both coaches have been with the club from the beginning and have worked tirelessly, alongside a dedicated committee of parents and helpers, to grow the club to its current level of success. We are hoping to attract some new help in the coaching department so if you, or anyone you know, may be interested, please contact us as soon as possible. Without new help our gymnastic club will be forced to close. All training is provided by the club. Please spread the word, our gymnastic club is an important resource for our community and it would be sad to lose it.

A huge thank you goes out to all the parent helpers who have volunteered to help us keep the sessions full of fun and variety. Thank you to Yvette, Ange, Kelly, Laurna, Jo, Anne, Teresa, Jess, Michelle and anyone else who has given time and energy to our club. Every effort has been appreciated.

Please contact Jessica on 021 884 518 or (07) 866 8405 if you would like to offer your help as a coach for 2017



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THE CLUB



BOWLING CLUB NEWS

The 2016/17 season got off to a flying start with Opening Day on Sunday 4 September. Our patron Noel Roberts hoisted our new bowls club flag and patron Eunice Macdonald placed the first jack of the season – straight as a die, and what else would we expect from her? President Linda welcomed everyone, especially so many of our new members, and thanked our sponsors for their continuing and in some cases new support this year.

There is always great rivalry on Opening Day, as this is when Top Town teams play Bottom Town teams for the John Reith Trophy. The demarcation line is the bridge adjacent to the Hauraki House reserve. After the shared lunch, with two games played, the Bottom Town teams were in the lead and continued to be so until the 4th game when the Top Town teams woke up and won the day. Some gripe from Bottom Town? – no way! I lie, as they usually come out the winners, and I hear that there is going to be judicial enquiry held as to the result! Congratulations to Di Burton and her team for organising such a great day – you even turned on the sunshine.

On Wednesday 12 October our sponsor is the Four Square Supermarket for an Open Mixed Triples match, so do make a note of this date, and another very important date is Tuesday 18 October when the Twilight Bowls tournament opens. Make sure your team is booked in, as this is one of the most popular and enjoyable events on the calendar for bowlers and non-bowlers alike. Only one experienced bowler per team plus three other mates – club bowls available, so get cracking! Don't forget Saturday roll-ups and coaching every week from 1pm.

On a sad note, and I make no apology that it is also a personal one, many of you will remember Bob Pettett, with pipe firmly clamped between his teeth, (no smoking allowed now Bob!) quietly offering knowledge and advice to all. Bob was the epitome of a club member and held most positions doing his many years on the Bowls executive committee. He was always a champion of amalgamation between the then Womens' and Mens' Bowling Clubs, and I know he would be very proud of our recent amalgamation with the RSA. Bob passed away on 4 October and will be sadly missed.

See you all at the Club on Fridays or Saturdays for a social hour or two and enjoy another great season.

RSA NEWS

New Zealand's Returned Services Association was formed in 1916 by returning Anzac service men from World War 1, to provide support for themselves, their families and dependents. Since then RSA has grown to a National organisation of 180 clubs which still hold strong to the ideals of the founding members.

On 9 October a parade to commemorate 100 years of RSA will be held at Pukeahu, the National War Memorial in Wellington, and Coromandel will be proudly represented by Kevin Stone, Alan Stewart and myself. Whilst in Wellington we will also be representing you at the RNZSA National Conference on 10 and 11 October.

We thank you for your support over the winter months and hope to see an increase in attendance as the weather improves. It is pleasing to receive new applications for membership – remember that you do not have to have a military connection to join as our Associate membership provides for full participation including voting rights.

Armistice Day 11 November falls on a Friday this year. We will have an RSA and Citizens' service at the War Memorial at 10.45 followed by light refreshments at the Club.

Lest We Forget.

Contacts: Maureen Kimber 866 8282 (Bowls) or Ian Franklyn 866 7138 (RSA)

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WANTED TO BUY

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Coromandel Town weekly and monthly meetings

Every Monday

Coro Gym – Step/aerobics, Peg (07) 866 8635 8am
 Mahamudra Centre, guided meditation in gompas 8.30-9am
 Coromandel Hikers' Group, Hauraki House,
 Colin & Elspeth (07) 866 7137 9am
 Monday Walkers, Irene 021 157 8408 9am
 Colville Social Services Collective,
 Colville Hall, (07) 866 6920 9am-3pm
 Kohanga Reo o Kapanga, (07) 866 8417 9am-3pm
 Coro Gym – Sit and be fit, Peg (07) 866 8635 9.30am
 Coro Gym – Fitness and Fun, Judy (07) 866 8637 10.30am
 Scouts and Cubs, Scout Den, Hauraki House,
 Abby Morgan (07) 211 9790 3.30pm
 Coro Gym – Kick fit with Christajo, 155 Pottery Lane,
 021 033 9329 5.30-6.30pm
 Shrinking Violets, Betsie (07) 866 7076 5.30pm
 Coro Contract Bridge, Coro Ambulance rooms,
 Lyn (07) 866 8858 7pm
 Four-part harmony singing, Sue (07) 866 8833 7.30pm

Every Tuesday

Homeschoolers' gathering, Julene (07) 866 8005
 Mahamudra Centre, guided meditation in gompas 8.30-9am
 Pastel Artists Coromandel,
 Coromandel Aero Club Rooms (07) 866 7220 9am-mid day
 Colville Bay Pre-School, rear Colville School, cr
 (07) 866 8319 9am-3pm
 Coro Walking Group, Ruth (07) 866 7246 9am
 Colville Social Services Collective, Colville Hall,
 (07) 866 6920 9am-3pm
 Kohanga Reo o Kapanga, (07) 866 8417 9am-3pm
 Music and Dance, Elim Church- Preschoolers Dance Group, Dawn
 (07) 866 8150 9.30-11am
 Coro Ladies Golf, Peter (07) 866 7633 tee off 10am
 Yoga, Colville Hall, (07) 866 6612 10am
 Croquet, Woollams Ave, Kaye (07) 866 8968 9.45am
 Coromandel Playcentre, Woollams Ave 10.30am-1pm
 Narcotics Anonymous meeting, 021 314 467 12 noon
 500 card session at the Bowling Club, (07) 866 8886 1pm
 Coro Gym – Fitness and Fun, Judy (07) 866 8637 1pm
 Ambulance training, Felix (07) 866 8279 7-9pm
 Coro Motorcycle Club, Star & Garter,
 John (07) 866 6776 7-9pm
 Badminton, school gymnasium, racquets available bring non-marking
 sports shoes contact Lorraine (07) 866 7606 6.30pm

Every Wednesday

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

Every Thursday

Mahamudra Centre, guided meditation in gompas 8.30-9am
 Coro Walking Group, Ruth (07) 866 7246 9am
 Coro Art Group, St Andrew's Church,
 Val (07) 866 8911 9am-12pm
 Colville Bay Pre-School, rear Colville School,
 (07) 866 8319 9am-3pm
 Kohanga Reo o Kapanga, (07) 866 8417 9am-3pm
 Guided Meditation at Havalona Pyramid 10am
 Tai Ji, Top Floor, Waikato Events Centre,
 Sol (07) 866 8971 10-11am
 Guided meditations at the Havalona Pyramid 10-11am

Coro Gym – Fitness & Fun, Judy (07) 866 8637 10.30am
 Coro Gym – Ukulele group practice for beginners,
 Peg (07) 866 8635
 Croquet, Woollams Ave, Kaye (07) 866 8968 12.30pm
 Bowling Club Housie, Sharan (07) 866 7760 from 1pm
 Coro Community Garden, Glover St,
 Louis (07) 866 8866 2-4pm
 Coro Gym – Kick fit with Christajo, 021 033 9329 5.30-6.30pm

Every Friday

Coro Gym – step/aerobics, Peg (07) 866 8635 8-9am
 Colville Bay Pre-School, rear Colville School,
 (07) 866 8319 9am-3pm
 Mahamudra Centre, guided meditation in gompas 8.30-9am
 Kohanga Reo o Kapanga, (07) 866 8417 9am-3pm
 Yoga for everyone, Anglican Church Hall,
 Katie (07) 866 6612 9-10.30am
 Colville Services Collective,
 Colville Hall, (07) 866 6920 9am-3pm
 Coro Gym – Sit & be fit, Peg (07) 866 8635 9.30-10.30am
 Coromandel Playcentre, Woollams Ave 9.45am-12.15pm
 Coro Gym – Fitness & Fun, Judy (07) 866 8637 1pm
 Coromandel RSA, Woollams Ave, Ian (07) 866 7138 3.30pm
 Coro Tennis, Men's night, Gayle (07) 866 8063 4pm
 Coro Gym – Crazy Horse Productions,
 Natalie 021 048 9772 4.15pm

Every Saturday

Mahamudra Centre, guided meditation in gompas 8.30-9am
 Croquet, Woollams Ave, Kaye (07) 866 8968 9.45am
 Coromandel Golf Club-club play, Hauraki Rd,
 Peter (07) 866 7633 tee off 12.30pm
 Coromandel RSA, Woollams Ave, Ian (07) 866 7138 2pm
 St Colman's Catholic Church-mass,
 Rings Rd, Frieda (07) 866 7872 5pm
 Prayers for dead and healing,
 Mahamudra Centre, (07) 866 6851 5-6pm

Every Sunday

Mahamudra Centre, guided meditation-in Gompas,
 (07) 866 6851 10-10.30am
 Elim Church Services, Rings Rd,
 Steve (07) 866 6900 10am-12 noon
 Coro Tennis Club-club play, Gayle (07) 866 8063 2pm
 Prayers for dead and healing,
 Mahamudra Centre, (07) 866 6851 5-6pm

Monthly

RSA Women's Section Coromandel, Loes (07) 866 8053
1st Mon – Coro Patchwork & Quilters, Ambulance rooms,
 Jill (07) 866 7484 9.30am-3.30pm
2nd Mon – Friendship Group, Jocelyn (07) 866 7101
3rd Mon – Coro Patchwork & Quilters, Ambulance rooms,
 Jill (07) 866 7484 9.30am-3.30pm
3rd Mon – Alzheimer's Carers' Group, Retirement Village Hall, bring
 plate & koha, (07) 282 0453 10.30am
1st Tue – Coro Motorcycle Club general business
 John (07) 866 6776 7.30pm
2nd Tue – Coromandel/Colville Cmty Board, Council Chambers,
 (07) 866 1001 9am
2nd Tue – Public Trust, Harcourts, 0800 368 620 by appt
1st Wed – Coro Embroiderers' Guild, Ambulance Station, Jill
 Wilson (07) 866 7484 10am-3pm
1st Wed – Lions Dinner Meeting, Ambulance Rooms;
 Pres. John Rabarts (07) 866 8068 6pm
2nd Wed – Garden Circle, ph Julie Jensen for venue,
 (07) 866 7546 1pm
3rd Wed – Lions Business Meeting, Ambulance Rooms;
 Pres. John Rabarts (07) 866 8068 7pm
2nd Thu – Coromandel Writers' Group,
 Barbara (07) 866 8299 10.30am-2.30pm
4th Thu – Coro SeniorNet, school music room,
 Loes (07) 866 8053 1.30pm
3rd Sat – Luncheon Ladies, Lorraine (07) 866 8144 12pm
1st Sun – Coro School of Mines & Historical Sty/Museum,
 (07) 866 8711 4pm
1st Sun – St Andrew's Union church service, Rings Rd,
 (07) 866 8633 10am
2nd Sun – Christ Church service, Tiki Rd,
 Barbara O'Reilly (07) 866 8299 10am
2nd Sun – Young Eagles, Tiki Rd, Lisa (07) 866 2055 9am
3rd Sun – St Andrew's Union church service, Rings Rd,
 Hilida (07) 866 8633 10am
4th Sun – Christ Church service, Tiki Rd,
 Barbara O'Reilly (07) 866 8299 10am
5th Sun – Christ Church/St Andrew's share 10am

Calendar of events **Coromandel Town**

**COROMANDEL
RUBBISH & RECYCLE
TRANSFER STATION &
E-CYCLE HOURS**
Tuesday and Thursday
11am-4:30pm
Saturday and Sunday
11am-5:30pm

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Combined Men's & Ladies' Club
Champs Finals at Coromandel
Golf Club (see pg 40)

3

High tide 9.33am (2.8m), 9.45pm (2.7m)
Low tide 3.14am (0.4m), 3.28pm (0.4m)
▶▶▶▶▶ Best bite 2am/pm

4

High tide 10.10am (2.7m), 10.22pm (2.7m)
Low tide 3.51am (0.4m), 4.06pm (0.4m)
▶▶▶▶▶ Best bite 2.30am/pm

5

High tide 10.46am (2.7m), 10.59pm (2.6m)
Low tide 4.27am (0.4m), 4.44pm (0.5m)
▶▶▶▶▶ Best bite 3am/pm

6

Spring Opening of the Community
Gardens (see pg 18)
Biodynamic stir (see pg 14)

7

The Artists are in Town exhibition
starts (see pg 35 & ad p16)

High tide 12.03pm (2.5m)
Low tide 5.42am (0.5m), 5.06pm (0.7m)
▶▶▶▶▶ Best bite 5am/pm

8

Local election closes

High tide 12.08am (2.5m), 12.46pm (2.5m)
Low tide 6.23am (0.6m), 6.52pm (0.7m)
▶▶▶▶▶ Best bite 6am/pm

9

Free entry day at The Waterworks
(see ad pg 15)

High tide 1.01am (2.4m), 1.34pm (2.4m)
Low tide 7.08am (0.7m), 7.44pm (0.8m)
▶▶▶▶▶ Best bite 7am/pm

10

Start school term 4

High tide 1.49am (2.4m), 2.28pm (2.4m)
Low tide 7.59am (0.7m), 8.39pm (0.8m)
▶▶▶▶▶ Best bite 7.30am/pm

11

High tide 2.43am (2.4m), 3.27pm (2.4m)
Low tide 8.58am (0.8m), 9.37pm (0.7m)
▶▶▶▶▶ Best bite 8am/pm

12

Open Mixed Doubles at
Coromandel Bowling Club
(see ad pg 41)

High tide 3.43am (2.4m), 4.26pm (2.5m)
Low tide 10.01am (0.7m), 10.35pm (0.6m)
▶▶▶▶▶ Best bite 9am/pm

13

High tide 4.45am (2.4m), 5.22pm (2.6m)
Low tide 11.02am (0.6m), 11.31pm (0.5m)
▶▶▶▶▶ Best bite 9.30am/pm

14


Coromandel Community Market
starts again for summer (see pg
14)

High tide 5.46am (2.6m), 6.16pm (2.7m)
Low tide 11.59am (0.5m)
▶▶▶▶▶ Best bite 10am/pm

15

High tide 6.43am (2.7m), 7.08pm (2.9m)
Low tide 12.25am (0.3m), 12.52pm (0.3m)
▶▶▶▶▶ Best bite 11am/pm

16



The Artists are in Town exhibition
ends (see pg 35)

High tide 7.36am (2.9m), 8pm (3.0m)
Low tide 1.18am (0.1m), 1.42pm (0.1m)
▶▶▶▶▶ Best bite 12am/pm

17

CHRONICLE DEADLINE
– November issue content – 4pm

High tide 8.28am (3.1m), 8.51pm (3.1m)
Low tide 2.09am (0.0m), 2.33pm (0.0m)
▶▶▶▶▶ Best bite 1am/pm

18

Twilight Bowls starts at
Coromandel Bowling Club
(see ad pg 41)

High tide 9.18am (3.2m), 9.43pm (3.2m)
Low tide 2.59am (0.0m), 3.23pm (0.0m)
▶▶▶▶▶ Best bite 2am/pm

19

High tide 10.09am (3.2m), 10.35pm (3.1m)
Low tide 3.49am (0.0m), 4.14pm (0.0m)
▶▶▶▶▶ Best bite 3am/pm

20

"Mainly Pastels" exhibition starts
(see pg 35)
Coromandel Music Society
present The Kugeis
(see pg 36)

High tide 1.1am (3.2m), 1.28pm (3.0m)
Low tide 4.40am (0.0m), 5.07pm (0.1m)
▶▶▶▶▶ Best bite 4am/pm

21

Renunciation, Bodhichitta
and Wisdom course starts at
Mahamudra Centre (see pg 10)

High tide 1.153am (3.1m)
Low tide 5.31am (0.0m), 6.02pm (0.2m)
▶▶▶▶▶ Best bite 5am/pm

22

Live Band – Bad Habits, at
Admirals Arms
(see ad pg 5)

High tide 12.22am (2.9m), 12.48pm (2.9m)
Low tide 6.24am (0.2m), 7pm (0.4m)
▶▶▶▶▶ Best bite 6am/pm

23

Kiwi Spring Festival
(see ad pg 25)

High tide 1.17am (2.8m), 1.46pm (2.8m)
Low tide 7.20am (0.3m), 8.07pm (0.5m)
▶▶▶▶▶ Best bite 7am/pm

24

Labour Day
Public Holiday

High tide 2.16am (2.6m), 2.46pm (2.7m)
Low tide 8.21am (0.5m), 9.04pm (0.6m)
▶▶▶▶▶ Best bite 7.30am/pm

25

"Mainly Pastels" exhibition ends
(see pg 35)

High tide 3.16am (2.5m), 3.47pm (2.6m)
Low tide am (m), pm (m)
▶▶▶▶▶ Best bite 8am/pm

26

Meat Pack/Laurie Oliff Trophy at
Coromandel Golf Club
(see pg 40)

High tide 4.18am (2.5m), 4.45pm (2.6m)
Low tide 10.28am (0.6m), 11.03pm (0.6m)
▶▶▶▶▶ Best bite 9am/pm

27

High tide 5.17am (2.5m), 5.39pm (2.6m)
Low tide am (m), pm (m)
▶▶▶▶▶ Best bite 10am/pm

28

DJ Tuku at Admirals Arms
(see ad pg 5)
A musical night at Success Café
(see ad pg 17)

High tide 6.12am (2.5m), 6.29pm (2.6m)
Low tide 12.17pm (0.6m),
▶▶▶▶▶ Best bite 10.30am/pm

29

The Flight Centre K2 Road Cycling
Classic (see pg 39)


High tide 7.01am (2.6m), 7.15pm (2.6m)
Low tide 12.43am (0.5m), 1.03pm (0.5m)
▶▶▶▶▶ Best bite 11am/pm

30

Kiwi Can Community Wonder
Games (see ad pg 13 & 34)

High tide 7.46am (2.6m), 7.57pm (2.6m)
Low tide 1.27am (0.5m), 1.45pm (0.5m)
▶▶▶▶▶ Best bite 12am/pm

31



Close of Coromandel Bizarre"
Charitable Trust funding
applications (see ad pg 7)

High tide 8.27am (2.7m), 8.38pm (2.6m)
Low tide 2.07am (0.4m), 2.24pm (0.5m)
▶▶▶▶▶ Best bite 1am/pm

KEY



New moon



Full moon

▶▶ = Average fishing, ▶▶▶▶ = Very good fishing,
▶▶▶▶▶ = Excellent fishing

Bite times and good fishing ratings supplied by Ken Ring of
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UPCOMING MONTHS

NOVEMBER

Wed 2 – Coromandel Music Society present Alpaca Social Club
3-13 – Coromandel Embroiderers' Guild Annual Exhibition
Sat 5 – Te Rerenga School Pet Day (see pg 34)
Sat 5 – Guy Fawkes Fireworks sponsored by Four Square
Fri 11 – Armistice Day (see ad pg 41)