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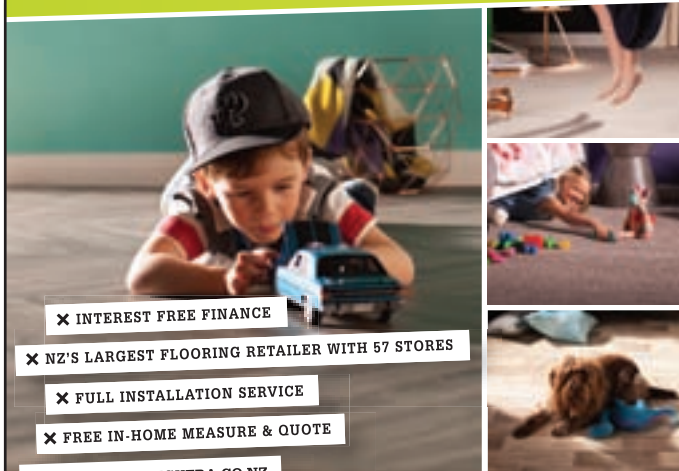


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7-15 October

get the Guide
follow the flags
meet the artists

visit 30 studios

Gala Opening 5pm Friday 6 October

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FRIDAY 27TH & SATURDAY 28TH OCTOBER 2017

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- * Heaviest Snapper **\$500**
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- * 3RD Heaviest Snapper **\$175**
- * Mystery Weight **\$200**
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Kingfish, Gurnard
- * Kids prizes

Purchase entry forms from Star & Garter
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Registration Friday 27th October
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Weigh in by 4pm Saturday 27th.

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on Saturday 27th after
final weigh in.

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Editor's comment

We are heading into summer so the calendar is starting to fill up. Check out page 42 for everything that is on. Get out and about for the Artstour over two weekends, have a great long Labour weekend, and then the final weekend of the month is a fishing competition and the K2 so watch out on the roads as the bikes come through.

Have a great month.

Debbie

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The purpose of the Coromandel Town Chronicle is to showcase the region and its people. The Coromandel Town Chronicle is open for everyone to contribute, however the editor reserves the right to select the articles, advertisements and letters that are published in line with the Coromandel Town Chronicle's publication policy.

Letters

To the Editor,

With considerable sadness, this is to advise the wider community and their guests that 1080 poison baits will be distributed this month in bait stations on several properties in Port Charles off both Carey and Harriet Kings Roads.

The 1080 poisonings are part of an expanded effort by Moehau Environment Group to control possums and rats in the area. Warning signage is to be limited.

Our grave concerns, and those of others in and around Port Charles, are for both safety and the environment.

The Coromandel-Colville Community Board has repeatedly resolved to support pest control only by hunting, trapping, and non-residual poisons (cyanide only). TCDC has resolved the same where alternative controls are possible, which includes on Port Charles residential blocks. Hundreds of locals have petitioned similarly. For MEG's possum and rat project, we as abutters have requested that only the much safer cyanide and traps be used. We have been told the 1080 plan will proceed.

We ask: Why are our local representatives, we as neighbours, and the wider community being rebuffed?

Regards,

Geoffrey Robinson, Port Charles

Dear Debbie,

Thank you for the extracts from "The Economic Contribution of Marine Farming in the Thames-Coromandel District" report which you published in the last Chronicle. It is great for our community to be made aware of what is happening in our marine environment.

I commend the stratagem and success of the people involved in the Coromandel aquaculture industry, the advances they have made and the jobs they have provided. With the push to expand local aquaculture and related marine infrastructure, however, I think a balanced view is necessary.

Aquaculture poses known risks to the water quality, sea bed and marine life. Just recently, there has been an outbreak of the marine pest species *Sabella spallanzanii* (fan worm) in the Coromandel Harbour which is now being spread to our Coromandel beaches and reefs by aquaculture activities. With the expansion it is also likely that we can expect more litter on our beaches in the form of ropes, plastic trays and floats etc. This litter is also in the ocean, being ingested by the fish we eat as well as other marine life.

Consents for new farms are more likely to be granted in areas where industry is established as a baseline activity, causing a creeping effect of aquaculture in our harbour and the firth. Could the harbour become so crowded with farming activities that it is converted into a flatbed of commercial activity? There is no objective review of these decisions to ensure that environmental considerations and the effect on our tourism industry are taken into account. I also question how well the council monitors the farms' promise to follow the best practice guidelines prescribed by the Resource Management Act. Does the community have a say in this?

There will also be a significant increase in traffic on our already congested and battered coastal roads. With this there is likely to be increased noise pollution.

I urge readers to consider if further economic growth in the form of aquaculture expansion is really what we want for our community. When does economic growth just become plain old greed?

Economies depend on ecosystems. I think we need to ensure that our economic growth satisfies the needs of our community but in a manner that sustains natural resources and the environment for future generations.

From Jenna James, Te Kouma

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.

Billboards, Banners and Bunting – Open Studios Time!

Yes, it's artist time again! The banners are up in the main street, bunting at Hauraki House and billboards all around the Coromandel Peninsula.

This year for two weekends, **7-8 and 14-15 October**, more than 30 artists are opening their studios to you and your friends.

- Form a group, invite your friends, start planning.
- Pick up the Artist Guide from Coromandel, Thames or Whitianga i-Site or visit the new Open Studios website www.coromandelartstour.co.nz.
- Come to the Gala Opening and exhibition at Hauraki House. All welcome – 5pm **Friday 6 October**. Then the exhibition is open from 10am to 4pm every day until **Sunday 15 October**. It will include one work from each participating artist to help you plan your itinerary. As a bonus it will also include two working artists' studios. Remember to get a Guide and map update while you're there.
- Follow the flags, visit the artists. From Te Kouma to Colville you will see colourful flags marking the studios – each with a bold Open Studios "X marks the Spot". Wood, glass, steel, textiles, paint – there is something for everything.
- Christmas is coming! Buy all your presents at the Open Studios Artstour!



Vaughan Udall. Painter and Printmaker

The brush moves towards the canvas and stops, waiting for the signal.

It comes and the thick deep paint licks the grainy surface.

Then back to the pallet as my eyes flicker over the colours laid out, ready for selection.

And finally the last stroke will be laid, completing another piece in the jigsaw of my journey into art.



Allan Beaver – Beaver Studio

I have my gallery and studio which I open to visitors mostly over holiday periods, and when I'm working on my art, which is most days. I have through these meetings been commissioned to paint a favourite pet or a specific landscape. This is a challenge that I enjoy.

My preferred media for my art are oils and of late pastels. I enjoy working on local scenes, and animals.

I enjoy being part of the Open Studio Artstour, and look forward to another busy year as in the past.



Plastic Bag-Free Coromandel

A new group has formed in Coromandel. We are Coromandel residents who care about our environment and aim to have a plastic-bag-free town. We are hoping that there are many like-minded people who will support us. Our project is in its infancy and soon we will have a mission statement, a Facebook page, a logo and regular updates.

We are starting out with Boomerang Bags. Many towns in New Zealand have adopted the concept of Boomerang Bags, which people can borrow and return when they go shopping (see the Boomerang Bags Facebook page). Our intention is to introduce this idea in Coromandel Town by organising working bees to sew Boomerang Bags which will be made available to the community. Two businesses have generously offered us space and time slots for sewing working bees:

Driving Creek Cafe – **10 October** and **24 October**, 2-4pm.

Carolyn's Clothing, 18 Kapanga Rd – **19 October** and **2 November**, 1-3pm.

We need the following help to get the Boomerang Bags underway: Sewing machines to borrow for the working bee; people who can either cut fabric, machine sew or hand sew; fabric donations – please drop off to Carolyn's at 18 Kapanga Rd.

If you would like to be involved, please email Judy at info@jacarandalodge.co.nz

Himalaya shop : Colville

Hi Folks, our new shipment of goods for the season is in our shop and currently being unpacked. We'll work away at getting the shop presentable and we hope to be open again for the summer at labour weekend. you may contact us on 07 8666 865 . anette's mobile 021 139 7838 robnnnet@yahoo.com

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Briar takes over from Serge

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Hi all, my name is Briar Sturgeon. My mother-in-law Michelle Sturgeon and I are the new owners of Coromandel Takeaways and Fresh Fish.

My family and I have moved to Coromandel recently with four of my five children attending Coromandel Area school.

As you know I have taken over from Serge and Charmaine. I would like to acknowledge their assistance with taking over the shop. Both Serge and Charmaine have shown me amazing support and patience for which I am truly grateful for, they are awesome people! As well as my staff Net, Paula and Deidre, gosh they are good at what they do.

I am really enjoying the new challenge of being a business owner, learning new skills and love meeting the locals and tourists that come through Coromandel Town. The support and encouragement from other business owners and locals has been great.

Please pop into the shop sometime and say hi, have a look at the new copper sea creatures we have on display in the shop, proudly made locally by Ross and Michelle Sturgeon whom own Copperworkx.

I look forward to seeing you soon.

Want to go to Whitianga on Fridays?

Getting there just got easier with the launching of a trial Mobility Van service to Whitianga.

With the Mobility Van volunteer drivers offering to extend their services, CILT, on behalf of Coromandel Community Services Trust, will trial a Friday run to Whitianga to see if it suits our community.

It departs Coromandel at 10.30am. Return departure from Whitianga is 3.00pm Friday.

Do some shopping, see the dentist, have lunch and/or watch the 1pm movie. Choice is yours.

Every Friday there are two movies. One \$10 movie and one standard priced movie.

Bookings are taken at CILT (07) 866 8358. CILT Hours are Mon-Thur 9am-3pm or email resourcecentre@cilt.org.nz.

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Coromandel Town Information Centre

By Sandra Wilson, Manager



As we have been working on producing a new Historic Brochure, I would like to share some information about our building.

It was donated by Samuel James from the farm owned by the Woollams family. Evidently it was a little cottage sitting on the land. So Samuel James had it moved and opened as a ladies' restroom in 1929. This came about as once a week he and his family came into town and he was aware that there was nowhere for ladies to feed their children, etc. In 1932 the little office we are in was used as the Plunket room. Samuel James also donated the land on which it stands.

In 1985 it was opened as an information centre until they moved to larger premises on Kapanga Road. The Moehau Nga Tangata Whenua Trust were also based here for a while. In 1997 the raised garden beds were added and the path through the park to the car park behind was completed.

It was left unused for quite some time and there was talk of demolishing it. Then CILT stepped in and, with help from the community, it was refurbished as ladies' and men's restrooms, keeping the little office as it was.

Then, nearly thirty years later, the office was rented out to the Moehau Environment Group and Coromandel Town Information Centre in January 2013 and is now the hub of the town, having had 31,000 people pass through our doors last year. Just to note: back in the 1990's they had 14,000 people through the centre and by 2000 there were 52,000 through.

Even though the Centre operates in a smaller space than in 1985, it is still perfectly situated in the centre of town, with easy access to the 360 Discovery Ferry bus, the InterCity bus, and our various tour buses. The setting also provides a welcome stop for those travelers coming into town.

To keep up with what is happening in and around town with your group/organisation/sports team, contact us with details of your events and, where applicable, we will help promote them. I would also appreciate up-to-date contacts for the various groups/organisations. So if this is you, please get in touch. Remember, when you have an AGM or change of president put us on the list of those people to contact with changes.

CILT (Coromandel Independent Living Trust) is still trialling a shuttle to Whitianga on Fridays, departing 10.00am and returning at 3.00pm. Pick up is from your door and you do need to book. So if you have a dentist appt, would like to go the movies, or fancy some shopping, contact CILT.

Are you passionate about our town? Do you enjoy meeting people from all over the world? Then I would like to talk to you about becoming a volunteer at the Centre. So please stop by or give me a call.

Get your business out there to a wider network of people 24/7. Advertise in our A-Z business directory on our website. Talk to me for further details. Other advertising options are available also.

Sending cards overseas? We have four unique designs of Coromandel Town for sale. They are \$5 each and are blank inside.

Heading south this summer? Come in and book your trip on the Bluebridge Cook Strait Ferry.

Coromandel Contract Bridge Club

By Judy Bronlund

We only have three more competitions to play and our year will close. Our October competition is the Moehau Pairs. Have you arranged a partner? Then before the next competition starts we will be having a fun night on the Monday evening of Labour Weekend. Visitors to Coromandel are welcome to join us on a Monday evening, as are new members. We welcome Karen, our newest member, and it is so good to see a new face at the tables. We play each Monday evening at the St John rooms.

Contact Val (07) 866 8730 or Lyn (07) 866 8658

Yoga for Womanhood

Hormonal Balance Workshop with Rebecca Leaker

Join me for a beautiful day filled with nourishing yoga practises, inspiring knowledge and soulful food in the company of other wonderful women as we learn to live in harmony with our hormones through all the stages of womanhood, including menstruation, preconception, pregnancy and menopause.

This workshop offers:

- Simple postures and breathing exercises to balance hormones
- Physiology and psychology of women's hormonal cycles and how to live in harmony with them
- Yoga to alleviate PMS, stomach cramps, lower back pain, mood swings, endometriosis, fatigue, PCOS, hot flushes, night sweats, anxiety and depression
- Additional take home yoga practices tailored to each phase of womanhood, including menstruation, preconception, pregnancy and menopause
- A delicious wholesome lunch, afternoon tea and range of organic teas, coffee and juices
- A soothing guided relaxation
- A nourishing space to connect with other women

No previous experience of yoga is required and all equipment is provided.

Saturday 4 November, 10am-4pm, Anglican Church Hall, 170 Tiki Rd, Coromandel Town.

Early bird \$80 (before **15 October**) includes lunch, afternoon tea and organic drinks. Standard price \$95. Bookings essential, contact Rebecca (Becks) rebeccaleaker@gmail.com, 027 407 0079.

Rebecca is a 500 hour qualified Yoga Teacher.



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The Cancer Society – Daffodil Day

Thanks to the community's generosity, more than \$4,400 was raised in Coromandel Town for the Waikato/Bay of Plenty Cancer Society's 2017 Daffodil Day campaign.

The Cancer Society says that the funds raised during its iconic Daffodil Day fundraiser, which launched nationwide in 1991, will help the one in three New Zealanders affected by cancer.

Catriona Findlay, fundraising manager for the Waikato/Bay of Plenty Cancer Society, says:

"We are incredibly grateful to everyone who supported Daffodil Day this year by making a donation or by offering their time to help organise or collect on behalf of the Cancer Society.

"From funding research and providing free support to people with cancer, to helping Kiwis reduce their risk through education and advocacy, every dollar will remain in the region to make a difference in our local communities."

The Cancer Society does not receive any direct government funding and relies on community support to provide free services and programmes for people affected by cancer.



Daffodil Day

By Robyn Dudson

This year our great little community raised \$4408.50 for the Cancer Society Annual Appeal, our very best effort to date and a really wonderful result. The Coromandel Golf Club raised \$1205.00 of the total from their Annual Daffodil Day Tournament, so big thank you to all involved in making the day such a success. Special thanks once again to the girls at BNZ who counted and collated all the donations as well as providing all the ingredients for the BBQ, along with "loaning" us Jodie to cook it all up during the morning.

My special thanks to my right hand man (woman) Marie Mead and her husband Frank who organised the picking and bunching of the daffy and running the "super" stall in front of the BNZ.

However we could not have raised this grand total without all the folk of Coromandel who contributed in one way or another to make it all such a success

Raffle results: Garden sculpture – green 34 R Penrose, Pastel Pansies – 82 Frank Mead, Scratchies – 31 Nadine Steel, Meat voucher – 33 R Penrose, Cake – 34 Bev Shepard, Octopus – 48 Caroline, B & W Rabbit – 27 Mel Shennen, Yellow teddy – 30 Caroline McRae.

Once again thank you all so much.

P.S. Save the date – **Friday 2 March 2018**
– International Women's Day Charity Cancer Breakfast.

Good fishing on Mussel Farms

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

- Tie up to the farm and never anchor
- Do not run over any farm structures or ropes
- Do not tie up to and move off any line being worked by a farm vessel
- Always discharge any sewage more than 500m away from the farm



KORU
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Your favourite café/restaurant re-opens for the summer from Friday 6th October

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View the veggie garden and garlic beds planted for KORU kitchen.

Enjoy the antics of our multi-coloured ducks.

See the lily pads emerging from the ponds preparing the way for the lilies coming through.

Take a stroll to the cascading waterfall.

Enjoy a 'Dam' good Allpress coffee or an organic herbal tea and home-baked delights.

Or tease your taste buds with one of the Chef's signature dishes.

KORU is open 7 days a week, 9am-4pm, including public holidays, until the end of April.

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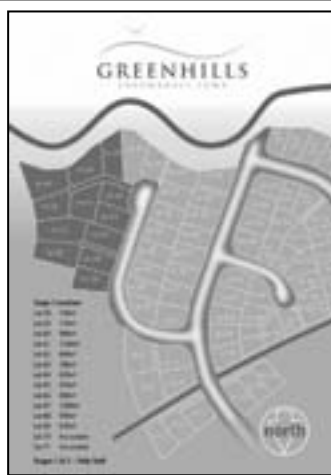


Set in the wonderful enclave of Little Bay, this property would be fantastic for your family. Open-plan living, 3 brms, decking, ocean views, walk to beach. **\$849,000**

New
Listing



Great potential in town centre. The 1,146m2 section features a large commercial-sized shed, separate office and a 'rustic' cottage. Refurbish or redevelop! **\$525,000** + GST (if any)



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Set on a well-established 1,629m2 section, this wonderfully private property features a great orchard, 3 bedroom home, garage and fantastic decking/paving. **\$497,000**

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Spring Fever

By Catherine Delahunty

I am writing this before polling day and have no way of guessing where we will be politically, but I am pretty sure we will be still in the throes of the spring equinox, with westerlies and violent showers and with moments of sudden heat. The election campaign has been a bit like that. A sense that change is welcome and that anything can happen although how different can it really be? For me it will be quite different as I return home after nearly nine years in the Parliament. I feel a sense of liberation as well as a sense of confusion. For so long I have flown to Wellington, engaged vigorously with numerous issues, had the privilege of using my voice with the support of a great team of people. Hauraki/ Coromandel has stayed with me down there in the Parliament, with the Dean Buchanan painting of Te Moehau on the wall and the photos of people from home surrounding me.

I have used the time to stand up for our beautiful place, supporting the Wainuiototo/New Chums campaign, challenging the government mining agenda, working for water regulations that will help protect Tikapa Moana, the Hauraki Gulf, which is impacted by river and city pollution. I have also been a champion for family carers like Cliff Robinson and for all whanau and schools who need more resources to support inclusion for all children. My work has included issues as diverse as trying to get a toxic chemical called Triclosan removed from our soap products to drafting a Members Bill to ban mining underneath people's homes, as in Waihi. I have been a Pakeha advocate for Te Tiriti o Waitangi justice and for disability and women's rights.

I have loved this work and loved working with many people in the area and nationally too. This country is full of amazing flaxroots and grassroots people who give up their lives to environmental protection, quality public education and a future based on justice for all. This experience has only strengthened my resolve that we have to be courageous and face the climate change destabilisation and what it will mean for our region. We have to stand firm that our mountains and forests are too precious to mine. We have to value water in all its forms and we have to stop the mantra of growth on a finite planet. We cannot solve any of these issues without a redistribution of wealth and in terms of Te Tiriti justice it's time to reimagine the world. This is true locally and nationally and I am looking forward to being based at home to keep supporting these kaupapa. I hope to work with all who support progressive change, because it's up to us.

National Gardening Week

Dust off the gloves. Dig out the spade. Get ready to get your hands dirty. National Gardening Week is coming up **6-13 October**.

The week aims to foster a love of gardening with a focus on growing not only plants but friendships, good health, strong communities and closer connections with nature.

This year's National Gardening Week is about getting everyone into the garden, whether experienced, passionate gardeners or just starting out. During the week people are encouraged to help out in their community garden, lend a hand in a neighbour's garden or get stuck in to their own. Not quite sure where to start? Seek out a local knowledgeable gardener and learn.

Kiwis love their gardens – whether it's a quarter acre or a few pots on the deck – everyone can experience the joy of gardening. It's good for the soul!

To celebrate National Gardening Week, Yates is giving away free vegie seeds between **1-13 October**. Just register online during this time to receive your packet of seeds: www.yates.co.nz/nationalgardeningweek.

10 things to do during National Gardening Week:

- Begin a bee friendly garden - blue, purple and yellow-flowering plants are their favourites.
- Brighten up the garden with a hanging basket of flowers – or fill with strawberry plants.
- Plant microgreens for the kitchen window sill.
- Feed your plants to get them ready for the spring growth spurt.
- Start a compost bin or worm bin to convert kitchen scraps into a valuable plant food.
- Volunteer for a local replanting programme.
- Join your local garden club.
- Lend a hand in your community gardens.
- Help a neighbour in need – offer to weed their garden.
- Visit a Botanical Garden or local park and stop and smell the roses.

Monday Walkers

By Irene Dunn

Not such a good record for walking this past month as we have had to cancel some Mondays due to the persistent rain that seems to like Mondays!

Never mind, we are not deterred and have some awesome walks planned ahead. As soon as it dries up a bit we will do bush walks. Do join us. We meet at the north end of Woollams Ave car park each Monday at 9am.

Let's get walking everyone!

Phone Irene 021 157 8408 for more info

**We now have a solicitor in
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COROMANDEL

Museum News

By Raewyn McKinney

In October we remember Charles Ring and his discovery of gold, which set Coromandel on the map. The first rumours of gold in New Zealand came from the Coromandel Peninsula in the 1820s.

Nothing came of the reports for decades. Then in 1852 some Aucklanders offered a reward of £100 for the discovery of a payable goldfield near Auckland.

When the reward was increased to £500, Charles Ring and his brother Frederick went prospecting. On the first day of the third week of October 1852, Charles found golden flakes in his pan at Driving Creek. His find led to only a small patch of alluvial gold – by April 1853 less than £1,200 worth had been won. But even a small strike attracts prospectors, and if the original strike fails they search again. As mentioned in *In Search of the Rainbow* “There is no question that Ring inspired New Zealand’s first gold town in 1852, known variously as Driving Creek, Upper Township, Upper Coromandel, Top Town, Kapanga Stream... and others.”

Prospectors had little success until quartz



Charles Ring

reefs were uncovered in the hills of Coromandel Peninsula in the early 1860s.

Gold mines were established and miners achieved greater success, as shown in the “Daily Southern Cross” of 6 October 1869:

“Coromandel Rich Stone From The Tokatea Claim

A piece of marvelously rich stone from the Tokatea Goldmining Company’s Claim, at Coromandel, was

exhibited yesterday at the offices of Messrs. Mackay, Taipari, and Co, Grey Street, which had been taken out of a nine-inch leader in the above claim, and for richness is seldom excelled on any goldfield. The stone weighed about 20lb., and was estimated to contain between 5lb. and 6lb. of gold of a very rich character. The stone is taken from the Prospecting Claim owned by Mackay, Hogg, Beare, and party, and situated on the summit of the dividing range at Coromandel, about 2,500 feet above the level of the sea. We believe there are some 3cwt. of similar stone to that we now refer on the ground of the claim, and a specimen crushing is shortly to take place. — Advertiser, October 5.”

Also, the “Auckland Star” of 28 October 1897:

“Kapanga £280 From 60 Tons Good Gold At 1,000ft Level

The value of the ore won from the reef at the 1,000ft level in this old Coromandel mine has been demonstrated by the return for the last crushing just to hand. In all 60 tons of ore were treated, a good proportion of the quartz being taken from the 1,000-foot level, where gold continues to be seen from time to time in the stone. The yield from this 60 tons of ore was the most satisfactory obtained for some time past by this company, being 106 ounces of bullion valued at £280. The reef at the 1,000-foot level maintains its size and shows slight improvement.

News was received on 7 October that good gold has been struck in the Kapanga mine, and it is believed that the chances are all in favour of a payable run of ore being met with at the lowest level. This new development is certainly of a highly-important nature. The Kapanga lode has through various levels in the mine proved itself to be a consistent gold producer, and now at the 1,000ft level the fact of the ore from this reef showing strong gold must be regarded as a most favourable omen for future workings in this part of the mine.”

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

COROMANDEL & AUCKLAND FERRY

TIMETABLE EFFECTIVE TO 31 DECEMBER 2017

Departs Auckland: Pier 4, Quay Street

	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
12 Jun - 15 Oct	-	-	-	-	-	8.45 am	8.45 am
16 Oct - 22 Oct	-	8.45am	-	8.45am	6.40pm	8.45am	8.45am
23 Oct - 29 Oct	8.45am	8.45am	-	8.45am	6.40pm	8.45am	8.45am
30 Oct - 24 Dec	-	8.45am	-	8.45am	6.40pm	8.45am	8.45am
25 Dec - 31 Dec	XMAS	8.45am	8.45am	8.45am	8.45am	8.45am	8.45am

Departs Orapiu to Coromandel: (approximate times)

12 Jun - 15 Oct	-	-	-	-	-	9.50am	9.50am
16 Oct - 22 Oct	-	9.50am	-	9.50am	7.45pm	9.50am	9.50am
23 Oct - 29 Oct	9.50am	9.50am	-	9.50am	7.45pm	9.50am	9.50am
30 Oct - 24 Dec	-	9.50am	-	9.50am	7.45pm	9.50am	9.50am
25 Dec - 31 Dec	XMAS	9.50am	9.50am	9.50am	9.50am	9.50am	9.50am

Departs Coromandel: Hannafords Wharf

12 Jun - 15 Oct	-	-	-	-	-	4.30pm	4.30pm
16 Oct - 22 Oct	-	3.00pm	-	3.00pm	8.45pm	4.30pm	4.30pm
23 Oct - 29 Oct	4.30pm	3.00pm	-	3.00pm	8.45pm	4.30pm	4.30pm
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Auckland - Coromandel

	ADULT	CHILD	FAMILY
ONE WAY	\$55.00	\$35.00	\$145.00
OPEN RETURN	\$90.00	\$55.00	\$235.00

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	ADULT	CHILD	FAMILY
ONE WAY	\$35.00	\$22.00	\$92.00
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Library News

By Raewyn McKinney

The library is thrilled with the new Heritage Cabinet, which houses the beginning of the “Deirdre Airey Collection”. This cabinet is a real local project, and is a true work of art, which is admired by all visitors to the library. It was designed and constructed by local artist John Bell, using local kauri, milled by David Stone from a tree which was felled in 1988 during Cyclone Bola. The glass door was provided by Mike Barton from Coromandel Glass. We thank John for his great work, and David and Mike for their contributions. We look forward to the purchase of more heritage books to add to this collection.

Coromandel is fortunate in the numbers of talented people in the community, many of whom, like John, also assist the library. Another such person is Ann McNair, who is known to many in the town because of the lovely paintings she has done for the Cancer Society over the years. Well, some people may not realise that Ann also repairs and covers damaged library books. This is a brilliant service, which greatly prolongs the life of

our books. Ann is also able to assist members of the public with damaged books, or books losing their covers. Anyone needing such services can drop their books to the library, leaving their name and phone number. Ann will then advise them of the cost of repairs. Not only is this a great service for local residents, all money raised by this work goes direct to the library. We thank Ann for supporting the library in this way, as well as for the beautiful flower arrangements she



often brings in to brighten up our counter.

On the subject of flowers, we also greatly appreciate the lovely stocks that have been growing over the winter; they not only look lovely, but smell wonderful, especially on a cold day. We are lucky to have such a wonderful setting for our library.

As usual, this month we have added many new books to our shelves, including the latest by popular authors Ann Cleeves, Tess Gerritsen, Sue Grafton, Chis Ryan, Daniel Silva, Karin Slaughter and Fred Vargas.

Other new additions are: *The Wish Child* by Catherine Chidgey, *The Red-Haired Woman* by Orhan Pamuk, *My Absolute Darling* by Gabriel Tallent and *Daughter of Gloriavale* by Lilia Tarawa, plus:

The Man Who Climbs Trees: A Memoir

by James Aldred



This is the story of a professional British tree climber, cameraman and adventurer, who has made a career out of travelling the world, filming wildlife for the BBC and climbing trees. James's climbs take him around the globe, scaling the most incredible and majestic trees in existence...

blends incredible stories of his adventures in the branches and a fascination with the majesty of trees to show us the joy of rising – literally – above the daily grind, up into the canopy of the forest.

***The Sixteen Trees of the Somme* by Lars Mytting**



Edvard grows up on a remote mountain farmstead in Norway with his taciturn grandfather, Sverre. The death of his parents, when he was three years old, has always been shrouded in mystery.... Edvard's desperate quest to unlock the family's tragic secrets takes him on a long journey – from Norway to the Shetlands, and to the battlefields of France – to the discovery of a very unusual inheritance... a beautifully intricate and moving tale that spans an entire century.

The library is open from 10am to 1pm on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday; 10am to 4pm on Wednesday and Friday; and 10am to 12 noon on Saturday

Castle Rock Café

By Andy, Shelley and Margaret

Castle Rock Café will not be reopening on Labour weekend as previously advertised. The main reason comes from Andy's accident and the fact that he is in a wheelchair and unable to be the chef that was part of the original plan.

After much discussion, from all parties, we have come to the decision together that the café is not a viable option for us, for many reasons.

However, in the past six months the demand for our homemade chutney and vinegar has been enormous, and with our entry to New World now secure, we see this as where our business is headed.

Our shop on the premise will be open from Labour weekend and each weekend. Come on up and grab what you need! Also remember that we have an online store open 24/7 so if you are not near a New World you can still have our delicious products delivered to your door.

We would like to sincerely thank everyone in this community who helped keep the café going over the past three years since Andy's accident, most especially Dyon Ross. We made a lot of new friends and enjoyed the company of old friends, so please call in to say hi anytime.

It was a tricky decision for us, and emotional, but we had to make a good business decision.

Watch out for us – Castle Rock chutney and vinegar is going to be the next big thing!

Into the Light

By John Irvine

When life is derelict of joy, when heart and brain are dormant, he believes “being” might not be enough to provide an easier path to follow into the light and even that the light is merely an absence of darkness.

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See meeting list for class times

Combined Clubs Of Coromandel THE CLUB

RSA News

By Pat Williams

Still trolling through old copies of the Chronicle for inspiration! I find that it is now two years since the Inaugural Meeting of the RSA and Coromandel Bowling Club to form The Combined Clubs of Coromandel. How time flies. On the front cover (October 2015) were Marie Mead, Sec. Women's Section RSA, myself and helper Trish Whimp manning the Daffodil Day table outside the chemist shop. On 30 July 2015 NZ World War One Memorial Forest in Hauraki Road had a big plant up. Deputy mayor of the day, our late and much missed President Ian Franklyn, a large contingent of school pupils, etc., gathered at the site. I remember it was a rain coats and gumboots day. Shortly after that I went to the site with Flanders Field Poppy Seed mixed with seed raising mix, thinking what a sight this will be! Sadly, Keith Stephenson let me know not one poppy came up.

On 20 August seven members travelled to the Whangamata RSA Combined Services Day. A great day was had, good food, music, speakers, etc. Roll on next year.

Recently one of our members suffered bad burns in a freak BBQ accident. We miss you Skine and hope you are well on the way to recovery.

Thought for the day: "Nothing is interesting if you are not interested."

Coromandel Bowling Club

By Linda Wright

We have opened our bowling season at the second attempt; thanks to the weather, we had to postpone. Our two Patrons Eunice and Noel delivered the first Jack and bowl to open our season on Thursday Club day. The conditions were perfect and so were their deliveries!

We proceeded to play the "Battle of the Bridge" and it was a win to the Bottom Town this year.

Thank you Eamonn and his team; the greens are running well.

A Coromandel team, Pete, David, Linda L and Cherie, all enjoyed playing in the opening day of the Thames Valley Centre. They had some close games on the Thames Greens; well done team.

It is with delight we are welcoming Steve, Bob, Jim, Coral and Anne, first year bowlers to our club.

They all attended our coaching session with the Thames Valley coaches, along with other members, and we all learnt something to help us with our game. We encourage anybody else interested in playing bowls to come along and join in too. Our Club day is Thursday 9.30am with the morning session and a redraw for the afternoon session.

By the time this goes to print we will have already played our first open tournament of the season.

Open optional Triples are kindly sponsored by Liquor King Coromandel Region.

The next one is on **Wednesday 11 October**, Open Optional Triples kindly sponsored by Coromandel Four Square.

Then on **Tuesday 31 October**, "Twilight Bowls" starts with a 4-week block finishing **21 November**. A second block runs **30 January to 20 February**. So get your team of four players together and ring me to enter your team for the first session.

Don't forget Friday social roll-ups at the Club from 3.30pm. It is very casual, just turn up and bowl.

See you on the greens and in the club rooms.

Linda Wright {07} 866 8440, 027 651 3477



Coromandel Bowling Club Opening Day with Patrons Noel Roberts and Eunice MacDonald doing the honours

Coromandel Writers

By Kaye Anderson

Our September meeting began with each of us imagining ourselves as a statue, looking down on the passersby, listening to the world around us and reflecting on what we saw or what our role was as an inert chunk of stone. One statue was enthralled to hear a hooker singing opera, another was frustrated by being unable to prevent a hideous crime. One deplored the spring weather, hailstones pelting his stone body and pools of water swirling around his feet, while another observed a mysterious rendezvous.

In the poetry slot, four members read poems they had recently written. The wide variety of subject matter included a short prayer or mantra, a description of our fragile sand dunes, a tribute to poet Ted Rutter and a reflection on a documentary about James Foley (the journalist beheaded by ISIS in Syria in 2014).

Our homework required a response to a painting or a photo. The resulting pieces of writing were combinations of vivid descriptions of the works, lively storytelling and thoughtful reflections. Some members chose personal photos which provoked reminiscence, while others chose favourite paintings, among them two cherubs refusing to enlighten the viewer about the hereafter they gaze at, a Michael Illingworth landscape and a Steve Carson print.

The next meeting is scheduled for **12 October**.

We currently have full membership, but if you are interested and would like to join our waiting list, you can phone Lora Mountjoy on (07) 866 7176

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It is with great sadness that CILT acknowledges the passing of Jo McNeil.

Her passion and dedication to people with a disability for the 15 years she worked at CILT teaching arts and crafts was astounding, encouraging the group that they could do it.

Her good humour, and the echo of her laughter, will be sorely missed by us all.

No reira e Jo anei to whanau e poroporoaki I a koe.

Haere atu ra e kui ki Te putahitanga o Rehua, Ki Te huihuinga o nga Tupuna e tatari ana mou.

Haere haere haere.

Ehara I to toa I Te toa

takitahi he toa takimano.

In August CILT held an Expo at Hauraki House showcasing the work we do. Thanks to the lots of people who came along. One of the main refrains we heard from those attending was that they hadn't realised the range of services that CILT provides. So over the next few Chronicles we thought we'd take the space to remind you of who we are and what we do.

Let's start with transport.

The Community Services Van enables Community Services Card holders to access health care at Thames Hospital and Waikato Hospital. Patients who drive their own vehicles to hospital appointments are given a cheque towards their travel costs. A dedicated team of volunteer drivers are available for patients who are unable to drive. Petrol vouchers are available for those who do not have a photo ID and are therefore unable to cash a cheque at the bank. CILT also provides volunteer drivers to patients entitled to ACC funding.

The Mobility Van takes passengers from Coromandel to Thames for shopping, dental appointments, WINZ and court visits. This fantastic service runs every Thursday, providing there are enough passengers. We are trialing a weekly trip to Whitianga for those who may want to shop, see a movie, or just have a day out.

If you want to use the Mobility Van, contact the Rochelle at the

Resource Centre at 45 Tiki Rd, to make a booking (866 8358).

However transport isn't the only area where CILT relies on volunteers. Over 60 formal and informal volunteers work on various community projects from driving people to providing mentoring and skill-building workshops for "The Goldmine" re-use centre, Artists in the Making and the Work Co-op, to name just a few. Volunteering as well as being worthwhile can be fun. For example, Barbara Meredith has instructed the volunteers at The Goldmine over the last two weeks on valuable metal recovery. Metals can be stripped out of various items to improve recycling levels that lead to more valuable metal recovery returns. Volunteers are now teaming up to work pulling things apart to strip things like copper, lead, brass, etc. The beauty of pulling these things apart is not having to put them back together again. So if you want to pull things apart out of curiosity or sheer glee (as one said "it's all therapeutic") there is a good outcome out of it: recycling metals that benefit the community.

If you are interested in volunteering contact Carol Sutherland -volunteers@cilt.org.nz. Ph (07) 866 8358, mobile 0274 864 043. Carol has put out a call for more volunteer drivers, so if you would like to help give her a ring.

There will be more about CILT's services in the next issue. But just a reminder that the last meeting of the Maori Land Court will be at the Resource Centre at Tiki Road for the last time this year on **23 November**. Ring Rochelle on (07) 866 8358 to book.

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All the sun and rain mixture we have been having has meant seeing some great rainbows



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Coromandel Walking Group

By Irene Dunn

There haven't been many days when we have had to cancel our walks because of the rain – and oh boy has there been plenty of it! We seem to get a quick walk in before the rain showers down again.

Marie Mead was very grateful for the help of our walkers during the Daffodil Day fundraising preparations - after the walk and coffee on Thursday the ladies went to help bunch up all the daffodils for sale on the stall the next day. A nice gesture – everyone feeling as though they have helped in some small way and they all had such a lot of fun. I hear that record funds were raised this year. Well done everyone.

Do come and join us – we walk twice a week for an hour, each Tuesday and Thursday, and meet at the Lotto Dairy at 9am.

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Our Coromandel

News from Thames-Coromandel District Council



OCTOBER, 2017

Our Coromandel magazine out now



"Our Coromandel 2017-18," our Council's annual magazine, which provides news and information on Council projects, along with event listings as well as local profiles and features is out now.

This year is the fifth year we've produced an annual magazine which includes what our local Community Boards have been up to over the past 12 months, there's Council information, updates on projects and event listings. Special to this year's issue are our features on free things to do with kids outside the summer; educational, youth and business opportunities; locally produced food; Coromandel winter weddings; the newly expanded Hauraki Rail Trail, adventure racing, the local arts scene, health retreats, baches and building and planning news.

As in previous years, Our Coromandel 2017-18 is primarily targeted at our absentee ratepayers, (up to 60% who don't live here permanently), to get them to visit more often, and for longer – so they can enjoy more of the lifestyle, events and natural beauty we have access to year-round. But you can also get a copy online www.tcdc.govt.nz/ourcoromag2017-18 or pick up a free copy from our Council offices and District libraries.

Kerbside – Labour Weekend

Kerbside rubbish and recycling collections will be a day later than usual following the 23 October Labour Day public holiday.

It's Week 1 for recycling, which means if there is a "1" next to the day of the week of your usual Kerbside collection, eg "Tue 1", on the sticker near the top of your wheelie bin, put out your recycling.

For a reminder of what can be recycled in the Coromandel, and to see the full Kerbside schedule for your area, go to

www.tcdc.govt.nz/kerbside

You can drop off blue Council rubbish bags and recycling for free at all seven of our Refuse Transfer Stations. They are open their usual hours on the Saturday and Sunday of the Labour Day long weekend. On Labour Day Monday, Sunday hours apply. See

www.tcdc.govt.nz/rts for locations and hours.



events

Americas Cup coming to the Coromandel

Thames – Thames Sailing Club
12.00 – 2.00pm.

Whitianga – Taylors Mistake from 5.00 – 6.00pm for public viewing. Come along, meet some of the Emirates New Zealand Team and see the "Auld Mug."

K2 Cycle challenge

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9-12
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UPDATE

Jack's Point Boat ramp – Safety signage around Jack's Point has been updated to warn recreational fishers that the ramp is generally only usable 2 hours either side of high tide and to watch for uneven surfaces and soft mud.

Mussel Kitchen park and ride

The consent has been approved for the park and ride, which will be situated by the Mussel Kitchen, and when completed will provide approx 50 car parks to cater for charter boat operators.

Hannaford's Wharf – The sealing of the corner beside Hannaford's Wharf will be completed before Christmas. This will allow for a wider turnaround beside the Wharf, which is to be used as a drop-off zone, once the park and ride is done.

Draft Coastal Management Strategy

– We want to hear your views on the future of our coastal environment including coastal hazards, community resilience, maori values, recreation, community assets and infrastructure. Come and talk to us Tuesday 10 October 3-6pm Coromandel Citizen's Hall. www.tcdc.govt.nz/cms



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Taizé

By Simon Stigner

Our trip to Europe this winter included a visit to the French Community, Taizé. C'était merveilleux!

What more could one ask for? Sharing a week with loving friends in Taizé, situated in the Burgundy countryside, singing meditative chants in four part harmonies in majestic, yet simple, surroundings.

The Taizé community, founded by Roger Schutz in 1940, is composed of about a hundred brothers from both Catholic and Protestant traditions who originate from over thirty countries. The cappella Taizé chants, in as many languages, are taught and led by the monks. These are sung at each of the three daily services. The evening singing continues until the early hours or until the last person leaves.

It was a moving experience to witness so many young people, between three or four thousand, from all over the world, working and singing together and living in peaceful harmony. A week staying here is spiritually uplifting, truly good for the soul.

So many highlights, one being the Saturday night service where children hand out over three thousand candles each one lit from another. A festival of warm light and sound invoked by meditative chanting by monks with calm angelic voices providing an atmosphere of spiritual contemplation Just perfect!

A taste of that experience can be found at the Anglican church at 7pm on Mondays where a group of us come together to sing and share some of these magical Taizé chants. Come and join in or just listen in bliss.

For more information phone Sue (07) 866 8833

Ann's Good News, Naturally

By Ann Kerr-Bell

Healthy males

The requirements for healthy men are the same as for healthy women. A healthy diet and lifestyle is the ideal. Unprocessed foods, devoid of any toxins, are essential to prevent Western diseases. The "Western Diet" largely contributes to "Modern Western Male Diseases", typically teenage acne, and later in life, slow urine flow with hesitancy, dribbling, low libido, erectile dysfunction, poor sperm quality/numbers, weight gain, metabolic syndrome and pre-diabetes, cholesterol issues, high blood pressure and other cardiovascular diseases, hormonal imbalances and cancers, neurological issues and degrees of dementia.

Andropause, also known as androgen deficiency of the ageing male, (ADAM) or male menopause is a term that relates to a reduction of the production of the hormones testosterone and dehydroepiandrosterone (DHEA) in middle aged men. The consequences of lowered hormone levels are associated with a decrease in Leydig cells (cells within the testicle that secrete testosterone), generating symptoms such as loss of libido, impotence, nervousness, the inability to concentrate, fatigue, insomnia, hot flushes, and sweating.

Cause: Andropause is generally the result of gradual testosterone reduction and an increase in the Sex Hormone Binding Globulin (SHBG). These changes start around 35 years of age and progress with approximately a 10% decline every decade after the age of 30. Premature andropause can occur in males who experience excessive female hormone stimulation through workplace exposure to oestrogen mimickers. For instance, from glyphosate residue from non-organic foods, aluminium from your deodorant, arsenic from welding fumes, cadmium from cigarettes, men who work in the pharmaceutical industry, plastic factories, and near incinerators. Men who work on farms that use pesticides are at high risk for early andropause, due to these oestrogen mimickers.

Risk factors that can hasten the decline in testosterone and worsen the symptoms experienced include: age; low thyroid hormones; stress; toxicity (pesticides, smoking, alcohol, drugs, heavy metals); diet/centripetal obesity.

Signs and symptoms: decreased libido, impotence/erectile dysfunction, decreased muscle mass and strength, irritability, nervousness and depression, hot flushes and sweating, difficulty maintaining an erection, increased body fat, fatigue, impaired memory, difficulty concentrating.

Your treatment/wellness and healthy ageing plan

Most modern Western diseases are preventable. There is a great deal that can be done to halt the decline of your health. With evidence-based, natural medicine, let me help you. While managing the symptoms associated with increasing xeno (toxic) oestrogens and declining testosterone, the real cause(s) need to be addressed for your quality of life.

- Pathology tests – local and if necessary, offshore labs, help me assess your specific hormone deficiencies and imbalances – adrenals, prostate, thyroid. also, heavy metals, essential nutrients, neuro transmitters, and more.
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- For prostatic enlargement and to reduce risk of prostate cancer.
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Coromandel Embroiderers Guild

By Diann Cade

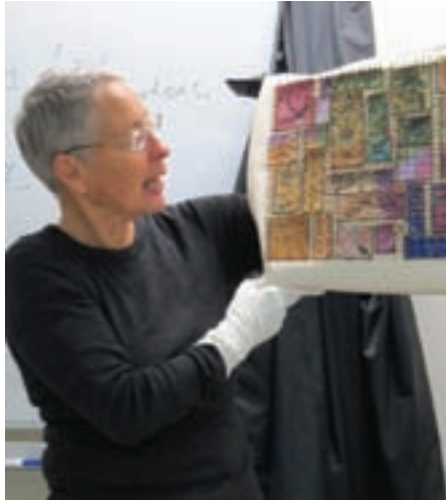
We always share what we do, excited about a new stitch, a new design, the threads and the fabrics...the trials of the stitching, the backstitching (unpicking) and the joy that the article brings.

Embroidery is more than just stitching. It is the process that produces decisions and challenges, then the admiration of achievement, quite good for the soul! Each month we have the show and tell table where members bring along pieces they have completed or are working on. Letecia here is showing a piece that has been completed and made into a bag by Shirleen. A workshop piece, a new technique and an interesting use of materials.

Remember our exhibition **2-12 November** at Hauraki House, 10.00am – 4.00pm each day. We will share all these articles there with you.

We welcome new members.

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



Poetry SPOT

Flowers

(For a special German lady)

By John Irvine

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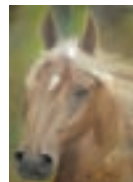
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Coromandel Patchwork and Quilters

By Sharon Currie

Last month several of our members visited the Craft Fair at the Claudelands Event Centre in Hamilton. This event always has an amazing display of quilts as well as lots of merchants to look at and indulge in some retail therapy. There are also demonstrations of new products and mini classes. Definitely an enjoyable day out.

Our patchwork year is coming to end so most of us are finishing quilts for our end of year Quilt

Show which is held at the end December and beginning of January. This has been a busy and productive year. Patchwork is about sharing and helping each other and passing on the knowledge we have so that someone else can enjoy this very rewarding craft. New members are always welcome.

Our meetings are held 1st and 3rd (& 5th) Mondays of the month 9.30am-3.30pm, St John Rooms, Tiki Rd, Coromandel. President Barb Excell Ph (07) 866 7493, Secretary Raewyn Penrose Ph (07) 866 8880



Beautiful Block of the Month Quilt made by Ursula Walsh

SPOTTED

Richard and Donny – two colourful creatives – sitting on the new bench seats outside Four Square

Coromandel Players

By Don Hughes

The Players would like to record their thanks to the people who attended our 40th Birthday celebrations, either to the performances or the exhibition. Your participation made the two days more than just an “in-house” or members only party.

Indeed, the support we have had over the last 40 years from the Coromandel community has made our efforts very much worth while... thank you.

I would also like to express my thanks to all the members (and spouses and friends!) who put so much effort into the performances and the exhibition. Special praise must go to Liz Cameron and Debbie Morgan for their hours of work on the exhibition and an extra pat on the back to Debbie for coming up with the concept of theatre posters to record the plays, the casts, the photos and reviews.

We tried to cover all the plays but in the absence of records, other than the programmes I had kept, it was not possible to incorporate them in the exhibition. A more complete history could be a new project and maybe a start could be made with a collection of theatre-goers memories or comments. If any readers have special recollections they would like to contribute please send them to either Liz (nevcam@icloud.com) or myself (kuchawe@clear.net.nz).

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Grey Power Coromandel

John Rabarts, President.

Happy Anniversary Grey Power Electricity

It's celebration time. Grey Power members have had four years of access to Grey Power Electricity and altogether have realised more than \$2 million in electricity bills savings since introduction. To the credit of certain Grey Power members at the time, their vision and foresight have not only delivered savings to a large part of the membership but they have been able to develop the largest source of Grey Power Federation income (from profit sharing commissions), to the benefit of all members. At the Grey Power Federation AGM in Palmerston North this year, attended by John Rabarts and Dolly Welch of Coromandel Grey Power Association, Pulse Energy CEO Gary Holden said "We are very pleased to have delivered on the original concept of Bob Thompson, Allen Davies and Mac Welch (Coromandel)."

On average it is believed each member household saved at least \$250 per year compared with where they were in 2012. Grey Power members were also promised that even if the energy price went up in the market they would be price protected for an initial five years. Mac Welch has been instrumental in obtaining the Price Protection level for another three years. "We will be pushing Pulse every year to build this brand even stronger and to improve services and offerings available to our membership" says Mac. His work has meant that a Grey Power Electricity customer would have Price Protection for a full seven years if they signed up in 2013. And we have many new ideas to bring your way in the next few years."

Pulse Energy, supporting Grey Power Electricity remains a disruptive and competitive force in the electricity market. It has added gas and LPG in recent times and will soon be launching solar power. "It is our sincere hope that becoming or remaining a customer of Grey Power Electricity will never be a bad decision," said Mr Holden.

Another benefit not yet mentioned is that while you need to be aged 50 years or more to become a full member of a Grey Power Association (such as Coromandel), you can join Grey Power Electricity at any age, by transferring from your present electricity provider or opening a new account through your local Coromandel Association. (Grey Power membership is required but only costs \$15 a year).

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Lions News

By Lion Lyn

Our annual district governors' visit became a real feast, with visitors from near and far all enjoying a good night out with good food, fun and laughter. From Wellsford, DG Frank King-Turner accompanied by his wife Lesley, zone chairman Brian McMillan from Ngatea, and Gordon and Dianna Barnaby from Whitianga, made up the visitors from outside our town.

All exceptional inspirational speakers and a pleasure to have for the evening. Like all good things though, it had to end, but not before the Lion Rock was passed to Lion Graham, who joined us in July, and has been working hard ever since! Good on you and thanks again – we'll see you at the next working bee for splitting firewood maybe?

Looking ahead to Labour Weekend, we will be fundraising outside Four Square on Saturday and Sunday, weather permitting!

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Heart Beat – St John Ambulance Coromandel/Colville

By Julie Morris, Station Manager Coromandel



What is your number?

Is your property clearly identifiable from the road?

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

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

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

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

Congratulations to Kathy Garden who has just attained her National Diploma in Ambulance Practice.

Kathy commenced this course in February

with an allowance of 18 months to complete. After just six months she was ready to challenge the final two-hour interview which she passed on her first attempt – well done Kathy.

This now gives us three qualified volunteer officers who can respond and transport patients when required. All three are an awesome asset to the community.

Stay safe, keep well.

Staff Profile – Kathy Garden Why did you join St John Ambulance service?

I was keen to do something of value in Coromandel, and knew St John was looking for volunteers. I thought I might be tidying cupboards or something, so it was a big step up when I found out I was actually volunteering to be an Ambulance Officer.



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

Almost two years.

What do you enjoy most about being an ambulance officer?

I think what I enjoy most is being ready for anything, dealing with it, and by the end of the day knowing that you have made a difference. I am quite practical, with a background in electrical engineering, I like driving, and I love learning new things. With clinical knowledge and skills from the St John training, and great team members at the Station, being an Ambulance Officer suits me really well.

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

I would definitely recommend it. For semi-retired people like me, with plenty of energy, it is a great new focus with lots of challenges that your past life experiences can contribute to. For younger people, St John can get you onto a great career path towards Paramedic.

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

SeniorNet Coromandel

By Loes Beaver

SeniorNet welcomes all adults that may require assistance with IT, setting up programs, and general information regarding computers.

Last month we had the pleasure of hosting Grant Sidaway from SeniorNet Federation. His presentation covered computing for the future. He was wearing a computer watch, and spoke of many new features and programs such as online banking.

At our age it is hard to comprehend just how much work and social media are now through your computer. If you would like more information just contact me or come along to the CAS Music Room Tuesdays 4pm. We do charge a small joining fee which covers you for a test and a weekly tuition fee.

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Coromandel Community Garden

By Tai Fair

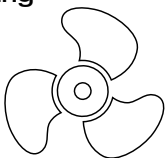
Inclement weather has held up work on the garden, but seedlings are being raised and now coriander, kale and a new crop of leeks are planted out. The work done gathering seaweed, manure and other "ingredients" has paid off in the good supply of rich compost ready for spring planting.

Anyone can come and help in the garden, which is situated behind colourful gates alongside Hauraki House. Just turn up on Wednesday afternoons. There is plenty to be done and even veges to take home for the volunteers.



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Mental Health Awareness Week

By Nalan & Daniel Kirsch

This month, from **9-15 October**, is “Mental Health Awareness Week”. So what exactly is that? Mental means relating to the mind, or involving the process of thinking. Mental health means relating to the state or the health of a person’s mind, (Cambridge and Collins dictionaries). Okay, you might say, how is that? Well, think of the body – when we feel physically unwell, like having a cold or a flu, we generally tend to rest, keep warm, and become quite aware of what we eat and drink. Some of us may also choose to boost the body with “super foods” and an increased intake of vitamin C. Finally if none of that helps, we go to see our doctor, as all we really want is to get better, and now!

On the other hand, when we feel stressed and overwhelmed, or maybe a bit down and depressed, what do we tend to do then? What steps can we take to get better? Well, there are many easy interventions, just like with a cold or the flu. First of all it is good to become mindful of what we feel and think. We can choose to do things that will make us feel rejuvenated like going for a nice walk, or have a silly time with friends. We can even consider making positive adjustments in our life, so

we don’t need to feel stressed or down again in the first place. And if we’re stuck, there is always professional help. These days it’s not such a big deal anymore to get help, and the stigma that used to exist around seeking support is something that belongs in the past.

How do you tackle it in your own life?

One of the key things is that we pay attention to our negative feelings and thoughts as they come up; just notice them. It is perfectly normal to feel sad, stressed, scared, and so on when there is a “situation”. However science tells us that emotions are supposed to have a short life, and in particular after a stressful situation has finished, our life should go to back to normal. If the period of feelings of stress or anger or grief becomes chronic, it will make us sick.

The same with our thinking – just try to notice your thoughts as they pop up. Are they negative, neutral, happy? You can check in with yourself right now by closing your eyes and taking a few deep breaths, simply allowing yourself to notice what’s going on right now in your mind and body. How do I feel? Where are my thoughts lingering on? Do these thoughts support me to reach where I want to be in life? If they don’t, let them go. And remember, you are not your mind, and you can change your mind.

If you found this little article interesting and would like to find out more on how to

support your mental wellbeing you can check out the Mental Health Foundation website www.mentalhealth.org.nz. You can get information from your family doctor, or other professionals, and organisations. There is so much information and support out there. It is your right to have a healthy mind, and body, and a good life.

Poetry SPOT

A Few Thoughts

By Beryl Van Donk

We should put the elderly in prison because they will get three good meals a day. And shower each day. A very comfortable bed.

They will have access to others of the same mind. A gym, television, library, a doctor if needed, no fees of course. Just imagine, no Rates to pay or Rent. No Electricity bills. No gardener when it was needed. Surveillance in cases of trouble.

We should put the criminals in a private care home, where they will be given three meals a day, lights out early. A shower when needed or asked for. They will have a warm room and pay about \$150 per week, to \$240 per DAY. The latter is what my relatives are paying.

Makes you think, doesn’t it?

Mike King helps Moana New Zealand tackle mental wellness head on

Moana New Zealand is putting its people’s mental wellness first, with a roadshow for staff, their whanau and the communities they work in to help deal with the growing issue of mental illness across the country.

Chief Executive Carl Carrington says the focus on mental wellness is a result of alarming national statistics, and a desire to ensure Moana’s people are better equipped and have effective tools to handle stress, depression and mental illness.

Moana New Zealand, the country’s largest Iwi-owned seafood company, has enlisted the help of one of the country’s most iconic and effective depression and suicide spokesmen, Mike King, to deliver the roadshows in six locations.

Mr King will give a one-hour korero about his experiences, then host an hour-long question and answer session. He covers everything from why depression is hard to recognise and what helps, to the triggers and treatments for it.

“For us, it’s about showing manaaki for our kaimahi and their whanau. We want to make a difference for our people and help create more resilient communities by having an open discussion about mental wellness at work, home and in the community,” says Mr Carrington.

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Acupuncture

By Caren Chen

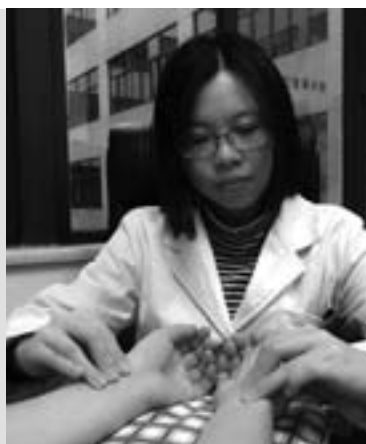
A good acupuncturist considers your constitution and treats your problem holistically, beyond the single symptom that brings you in the door, by seeing the big picture of your problem or disease. Acupuncture treatments help to move qi and activate blood, balance Yin and Yang in your body so that your symptoms or problems would gradually reduce or disappear. The individualization of treatment is one of the strong points of traditional Chinese medicine (TCM) as it is not a one-size-fits-all style of medicine.

If the needles really freak you out, there are other modalities that an acupuncturist can use. Acupuncturists are trained in several healing techniques, and only one of them uses needles. There are acupressure, cupping, Chinese massage, gua sha, moxibustion, ear seeds, qigong, herbs, etc. None of these things involve needles.

So, what is moxibustion? It is a form of heat therapy in which dried plant materials called "moxa" (mugwort/*artemisia argyi*) are burned on or near the surface of the skin. The intention is to warm and invigorate the flow of Qi in the body and dispel certain pathogenic influences, especially good for diarrhea/constipation, dysmenorrhea, soft tissue injury, cough, dizziness, nausea, vomiting, digestive problem, insomnia, weakness, fatigue, aging related problems, depression, osteoarthritis, malposition, urinary incontinence/retention, etc.

As well, the fresh or dried leaves of the mugwort plant can be boiled in water for about 5 to 10 minutes. Then you can enjoy a comfortable warm foot bath at night after the boiling water cools down a bit. This not only could help your body and mind to relax, but also activate the Qi and blood in the channels and collaterals, which is good for restoring your energy and calm your nerves before you go to bed. But tap water should not be directly added into the hot boiling water for foot bath unless it is boiled. In the perspective of Chinese medicine, there is coldness and wind in the unboiled tap water, which may weaken the effect of the foot bath.

Book an appointment on 021 058 1884



Mahamudra Centre

By Sarah Brooks

Mahamudra Centre for Universal Unity welcomes back Venerable Yonten for her third consecutive year as our teacher in residence. She'll be leading a mindfulness silent meditation retreat the first week of October, and a big retreat in November. Check our calendar since we're adding our December and summer programmes now for more opportunities to participate in courses, retreats and special events. If you haven't seen our Community Happiness Programmes, we have a series of lectures and workshops available for community groups, organizations and businesses. Ven. Yonten can come to your group and present topics like happiness, burnout prevention, grief and loss, conflict resolution, meditation for healing, and other similar topics. For details or more information, contact Sarah at the above phone number or spc@mahamudra.org.nz.

On **21-23 October** Sarah Brooks will be leading a Mindful Photography course. Participants will get to spend labour weekend shooting nature photography, learning new techniques, and examining mindfulness as part of the creative process. Spaces are still available but pre-registration is essential by **18 October**. At 1.30pm on Monday we'll have a free reception with a slideshow of photography from the weekend to showcase all the participants' favourite photos – come to the centre and join us if you'd like to see the artwork.

Thursday morning guided meditation continues at the Elizabeth Park community centre on Allman St. from 10-11.00am followed by optional coffee and a chat at a local café. We welcome drop-ins, and no experience is necessary. Daily guided meditation at Mahamudra Centre at 8:30am is back to a regular schedule, only cancelled during courses and retreats. These are all on a donation basis.

More details for our events are on our website, and we welcome all visitors to the centre when we're not in retreat. Drop in, have a cup of tea, browse our shop of books and gifts (and a new line of hand-crafted chocolates!), and have a peaceful time out.

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Coromandel Family Health

Hi Coromandel!

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HPV stands for human papillomavirus, a group of very common viruses that infect about four out of five people at some time in their lives. HPV causes cells to grow abnormally, and over time, these abnormalities can lead to cancer.

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**Scott Simpson
MP Coromandel****General Election**

I'm writing this column only a few days before Election Day so that by the time you read this the voters of New Zealand will have spoken. I hope that Coromandel people took their opportunity to exercise their democratic right to vote and to participate in the final result.

**Our Coromandel Economy**

Our local and national economy is doing well. The Coromandel economy grew by 3.6% over the year to June 2017, topping the national growth rate of 2.8%, according to provisional figures from independent economic analysis firm Infometrics. The figures were released by the Thames Coromandel District Council.

We have experienced positive growth in every quarter except one over the last six years.

Indicators of construction, visitor activity, retail spending, and vehicle sales are particularly strong. Employment conditions also improved during the quarter.

The primary sector is in good shape, says Infometrics, with agriculture, forestry and fishing accounting for 8.5% of total jobs in our district, which should provide a boost to professional services, contractors, logistics and wholesale trade.

For example, the aquaculture industry accounts for 7.2% of our district's GDP, with a value of approximately \$69.6M a year. The industry employs up to 400 people within the district, with more jobs created indirectly from charter boat operations, engineering, retail and hospitality.

Looking after our environment

Kiwis and many of our international visitors love to camp. Tourism is important for our area and as tourist numbers grow, so too do the numbers of people employed, and that's great for our local economy. But some aspects of freedom camping have caused ongoing problems and so I am very supportive of moves to improve and toughen up on freedom camping rules. It's very important that we protect our open spaces and crack down on poor behaviour that degrades our community.

While freedom campers stay longer and spend more on average than other visitors, there are increasing numbers of people freedom camping and a small minority disrespect our roadsides and public spaces. I fully support local councils and the Department of Conservation (DOC) being given greater powers to enforce responsible freedom camping through a fines system that will be consistent nationwide.

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Mana Update

By Penelope Carroll

The signs of spring are bringing colour to the land and after a gentle month of stretching, yoga and dance we are ready to welcome the warmer days ahead.

Awakening to life is the theme of the season, with young lambs finding shelter under the warmth of their mothers, the clematis opening its petals and reaching out like a web over the native trees and the sun transforming the days with its longer light. As the energy stirs we are being called to life and, almost as if with soft hands, we are being supported on our journey by all that surrounds us.

Be it through movement or stillness, sound or silence, time by yourself or with friends, the season welcomes us to stretch into our being and find what feels good. Knowing that there is support along the way can be comforting and whether you are keen to try something new or deepen that which you know, a weekend or week long retreat at Mana may be just what you need to put some spring in your step.

This delicious spring recipe is a great start.

Balsamic Beetroot Salad

3-4 medium sized beetroots, ¾ cup olive oil, ⅓ cup of balsamic vinegar, ½ cup pitted olives, ½ cup walnuts, 1 orange, 2 sprigs of fresh rosemary, salt & pepper to taste.

Cut ends of beets and scrub clean. Chop into chunks and place onto baking tray, sprinkle with ¼ cup olive oil and olives. Bake at 180°C till tender (45-90mins). Toss in a bowl with remaining olive oil, vinegar, walnuts and rosemary and marinate for at least a few hours (the longer the better!) Finish with a good handful of rocket and some chunks of orange.

Face to face on the dance floor

By Jacqui Chan (and Lisa Corston)

Take a moment to check in with how you’re feeling in this moment. Are you feeling a need for some time alone, some solitude? Or are you hungry for company and connection?

Undoubtedly one of the most confronting and awkward things is to find yourself dancing face to face with a stranger. Open Floor of course is not like a night club – there’s no substances to quell our inhibitions and there’s no darkness to hide behind. As a newcomer to Open Floor, it’s one thing to sum up the courage to simply turn up and dance in a group setting, and it’s another thing to be asked to partner. Self-consciousness and unworthiness peak when we feel seen by another.

Our relational needs are foundational to Open Floor practice. As human beings we have ever-changing needs for solitude (time alone), connection (with other individuals), belonging (to a group or tribe), and connection with spirit (that ineffable presence —whatever name you choose for it). In Open Floor we call these the four Relational Hungers. And the dance floor is a place where we can both practice our capacity to be in relationship and to practice responding to our ever-changing needs – Do I need solitude or connection right now?

We are often asked to work with partners in class, and sometimes it’s precisely the last thing we feel like. And in this sense Open Floor mirrors life. How many times have you had to meet with someone when you don’t want to see a soul? How many times have you wanted to shy away from a difficult conversation? How many times have you felt you need to put on a brave face to see someone? Life thrusts relationships upon us all the time. As family members, partners, friends, and co-workers, our whole lives are shaped by relationships. So partnering on the dance floor becomes a precious opportunity to practice showing up just as we are.

What’s vital is to come face to face without losing connection with ourselves. To paraphrase Kathy Altman (key founder of Open Floor), “How can you and me make a we, without me changing myself?” In my experience there is no end to this practice. As I dance with someone I check: Can I show up just as I am? Can I remain aware of my own experience or is my focus on them? Can I stay rooted in my own dance, or am I pulled to copy or fit in with them?

As you can see, these questions are equally relevant in life off the dance floor. In the relational web of life it’s vital we each retain our uniqueness and offer our distinct contribution to life. And because this is easier said than done, we practice (over and over). We come to the open floor to practice the skills we need in the bigger dance of life.

As we become more comfortable with partner-work, these can become the most memorable dances. It might be a tiny delicate finger dance that draws you and another into a space of tender attentiveness. Or it might be a wild energetic dance where the separate bodies seem to dissolved to a “third body” – the space between. Either way it is powerful to connect with others non-verbally. Open Floor gives us permission to be just as we are, to drop the masks we so often wear and to meet in a more humble and authentic way.

In the dance our sphere of connection widens to include those moving around us. A sense of group belonging naturally swells as we witness others moving just as they are. It doesn’t matter who you are, your age, or what you do for a living, on the Open Floor we can “find our tribe” as we collectively muster the courage to show up as our own unique selves.

Come and join us on the Open Floor.

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Garden Circle

By Jenny Penman

The theme for September's meeting arrangement was "Spring has Sprung" and what a great omen it turned out to be. Our first meeting on a fine day, well relatively so, for some time and a beautiful inspiration for our afternoon tea setting.

A good turnout met at a member's house overlooking the stunning waters of Long Bay. A relatively new garden is being created here amongst the existing bush, remediating

the effects of a build on a small platform. It was an opportunity for those accustomed to hill walking to take the guided tour down beautifully created shell paths to where the fairies live and beyond. And to then make it back up!

Isabel Gilbert Palmer was our invited speaker this month and she did not disappoint. She has split her time over the past 30 years living and working in Kuaotunu and Europe, predominantly Belgium. No challenge is too big for Isobel and she has in this time written for a number of international

floral magazines, arranged floral tours to Belgium and begun a floristry school. But in her words her Opus Magnum was the

launch of her work "Formidable Florists" at the November 2015 Frankfurt Book Fair. Her talk and slide show gave us a new appreciation for the art of flower arranging and a look at some interesting American public gardens.

Our very own flower arranger Irene Dunn took out this month's Arrangement first place again and Win McMinn the Special with her selection of Leafy Greens. Next month we are returning to the 1980's with a demonstration of stained glass making – there's something for everyone!

Our programme for the year includes talks, demonstrations and day trips to places of interest and events. We meet the second Wednesday of the month, usually at 1pm. For more information please contact Jane Warren (07) 866 8927 or 021 232 2905



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Goldfields Woman’s Institute roll call saw bags of bedding and tinned food, biscuits given to the cats; huge thanks to all those lovely ladies for their donation.

Homed – yes we have homed two – Chewbie and Tiggles – my beloved tabbies – Chewbie had definitely ideas on all things including when he had to have his pats. If I was knitting he would just lie down across my arms so he was centre of attention. Tiggles loved to bury herself under the blankets with the others trying to dig her out. We googled where they have gone, seeing only a large bare block of land I completely fretted for both of them – a few texts later we found out that the cottage is behind the farmhouse and the two cats were slowly settling in. Tiggles was happy and playing and up for cuddles and Chewbie, whilst shy, is doing very well. We certainly had a few issues here adjusting to life without those two – almost empty nest syndrome, but just

as the cats adjust to their new life adventure, we adjust to them moving on and out of our home to their forever home. It can be very hard emotionally at the best of times but over all the years we have learnt to love them whilst here and hold precious memories in our hearts when they leave.

Nothing new in, which we are grateful for, but that won’t last forever as the next season is pretty much upon us. We still have a lot of older felines who are waiting, all in the 1-3-year age group, shy to strangers initially but beautiful natured and several are pairs of and require quiet loving forever farm homes. City life for some of them just would be too much.

Fundraising – we are now into the major fundraising – the first is Labour Weekend, our garage sale **Saturday 21 October** – Grahamstown Hall, Pollen Street, Thames from 8.30 till noon-ish. Lots of goodies available as well as a kitchen with morning tea. Donations of clean saleable books, puzzles, toys knick knacks, bric-a-brac, linen and tools are some of the items we currently don’t have many of, so if you are having a clean-out purrlease think of us and give us a call. All funds go to the rescue kitties and care for over Christmas/New Year. The funds we raise have to last us to April of next year. If anyone has an hour or two to spare on **Friday 20 October** to help with set up or help us on the day with sales, purrlease



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CELEBRATING OUR CHILDREN

Gateway at Coromandel Area School

By Robin Münch

For over 10 years, the Gateway programme has been an option for senior students at Coromandel Area School. It allows participants to gain practical experience in the workplace while studying for related NCEA credits. Gateway is like a pre-apprenticeship and the units that students achieve count toward qualifications in their chosen field.

This year, with tremendous support from local employers, we have five students undertaking Gateway.

Shanna Harry is working at the Coromandel Community Preschool and “loves how you get to do the practical side of things, being with and playing with the children as well as studying about Early Childhood Education”. She appreciates having Belinda and the other staff available to help her and she’s learning how important it is to “keep children comfortable, emotionally and physically safe and loved”.

Hera Bodger also works at the preschool and she is currently focussing on generic units that will be valuable for her future career. Hera sees her Gateway experience as “really helpful in getting a career” and has “learnt a lot about different behaviours of children, health and safety and what children need to develop and grow”.

Their employer, Belinda is happy to support the local school and give students the opportunity to experience what Early Childhood teaching is all about. She believes that Gateway “provides huge benefits to the community, the students and the preschool because these students can be teachers who carry on our work one day and hopefully keep the centre’s future intact”.

She adds, “The children respond really well to the students’ age group, maybe because they have siblings of a similar age.

Another year 13 student who intends to pursue a career in engineering, is in his second year of a placement at Steelcraft. He is gaining practical experience in, and understanding of, engineering materials and processes.

His employer, Paul, says, “There are limited possibilities for young people in Coromandel and if you give them some sort of prospect, it helps them. It definitely costs the employer in time, but as long as the students are motivated, it’s worth it. The first Gateway student we had has completed an apprenticeship and returned to Coromandel and works for us.”

Our year 13 boys are reluctant to be identified by name. Another “star” has a placement at Umu as Graham’s number one assistant on his Gateway days. He is learning food preparation and washing dishes, like all good chefs do. This student too, appreciates gaining knowledge on the job and not just from books. He likes working with Graham who “shows me new skills like knife handling. I’m learning about long knives and that’s challenging”. He “hopes to get a holiday job at Umu and maybe even an apprenticeship there.”

Manager Josie Fraser enjoys “giving students the opportunity to experience the workplace and see if hospitality is right for them.” She also gets pleasure from “watching the students grow and develop their own personal selves as a part of Gateway and seeing their successes.”

Veronica Tiller-Macdonald is studying automotive engineering. As well as attending Wintec courses on a Friday, she is lucky enough to have had a placement at Coromandel Motors with Bruce Douglas.

Veronica “aims to be a mechanic so that she can fix cars and work on cars. I’ve really appreciated Bruce’s years of knowledge which he’s been willing to share with me,” says Veronica.

For his part, Bruce has generously offered

Gateway placements to a number of students over the years. He too is pleased to “support the community and expose students to the real world of work”.

Coromandel Community Preschool

By Debra Attwood



As part of the Keep New Zealand Beautiful Cleanup day we recently took a trip out to Long Bay for a beach cleanup. The beach looked quite clean until we started looking closer and we were surprised by the amount of rubbish from the marine farms on the beach. There were many different sizes and colours of ropes. The children did a fantastic job ensuring that our beach was clean and that many plastic bags did not make their way into the ocean.

We are continuing our journey out and about into the community with our tamariki, letting them explore and grow an appreciation for our unique piece of paradise, with trips to the Driving Creek Wildlife Sanctuary, Goldridge Marine Farm, Coromandel Top 10 Holiday Park, and the Kauri Grove on the 309 Road, along with many trips over the Kauri Block walk.

Also visiting the Area School for the Science Roadshow, and school musical along with our regular transition to school visits to the new entrant classroom.

Since our last report we have celebrated birthdays in August and September for Taine, Ollie, Elsa, Jett, Lucy, Cash, Ryan, Amber, and Eleanorah. We wish them all a very happy birthday. We said farewell to Taine and Cash who begin their learning journey at school. We welcomed Isobel, Clover, Douglas, Pongarauhinu, Callan, Ena, and Genesis. We look forward to learning more about you and your whanau.

At present we have limited spaces available, so if you have a child and are looking at preschool options come along for a visit to see if this is the right place for you and your child to begin their lifelong journey of learning. You can put your child’s name on the waiting list if required. Check out our latest Education review on the website: <http://www.ero.govt.nz/Early-Childhood-School-Reports/Early-Childhood-Reports/Coromandel-Community-Preschool-18-11-2013>.

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Coromandel Area School

By Jamie Rose
Leckie



Where has this term gone? In fact, where has this year gone?

The tail end of Term

Three has been an exciting one, with a lot happening throughout the school.

What's for Lunch? Food of the Week programme

Rooms 1, 2 and 3 participated in the What's for Lunch? Food of the Week programme this term. So far they have learnt all about spinach, onion, fish, mushroom, oranges and cauliflower. It has provided many learning opportunities for the children.

In Week 7 children were learning about cauliflower. Cauliflower is a good source of vitamin K, which helps keep our blood healthy. When we cut ourselves, vitamin K helps the blood cells stick together (clot) so that we stop bleeding after a bit. These classes all enjoyed the cauliflower cheese that they made.

Science Roadshow

On 17 August all students Years 1-10 attended The Science Roadshow, as well as some students from the preschool and other local schools. The truck has 60 exhibits, most hands-on. We had about 40 out in our visit. They ranged from metal detectors, strength test, pneumatics, electricity, chemistry, fossils and the hovercraft, which was a favourite. The Year 10 students were helpers. They had to unload and load the truck and help during the day with the exhibits. The schools PiP (Parents in Partnership) group covered the cost for our students. We would like to say a big thank you to them. It was a great day enjoyed by all.

Musical Showcase

On 31 August our fabulous music teacher put on a spectacular musical showcase. It featured items from the year 1-8 classes, the choir, the ukulele group and the Year 7 and 8 band. Many community members, parents and whanau attended. The time and effort that was put into the event and the dedication by all students was evident.

Year 11, 12 and 13 Outdoor Education Trip to Whirinaki Forest Park/Lakes Ranch Tough Guy and Gal 2017

During Term 3 some Year 11, 12 and 13 students went on an awesome five-day mountain biking camp as part of their Outdoor Education programme. The objective of this camp was to provide the students with the opportunity to apply their theory learning in an applied setting and to learn about extending comfort zones, co-operating effectively as a team, and appreciation of the environment.

School Holidays

Thank you to all our students and whanau for an enjoyable term. We hope you have a restful break, set to go for Term Four.



Students enjoying the hovercraft at
The Science Roadshow

Coromandel Youth Group – Hauraki House

School Holiday times for both weeks are – Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 11am – 4pm (activity fee is \$2), Sunday 1pm – 4pm. Youth Group is for 5-year-olds and over. There is a variety of activities to choose from, just fill in a membership form and bring your child along with a packed lunch or money for snacks, pies or hot chips.

Friday Night Social* 6pm – 9pm

School Term Times: Sunday 1-4pm, Tuesday and Thursday 3pm-5pm, Friday after school 2-4pm – please make a gold coin donation for after-school sessions. On Friday we can collect your child from school; just phone us before 5pm Thursday.

*Friday Night Social 6pm-9pm is for students aged 11 to 14 years of age. All students must come inside and sign in upon arrival.

For more information call in at the Youth Rooms or telephone us on (07) 866 7061.

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

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Te Rerenga School

Learning, it's what we do...

By Anna Yates

Our school gardens are starting to show the signs of spring and that is making everyone happy! Last week New World, Whitianga donated a leafcutter beehive and bumblebee house to our school. These pollinators are really important to keep our plants thriving so we are looking forward to them hatching out really soon.

All of our classes learned a little more about leafcutter bees and bumblebees and they are fascinating creatures.

"I know that leafcutter bees don't sting and they get nectar. Bumblebees are big, fat, round bees and they have hair all over their bodies. Normal bees collect nectar from the flowers. They mix the nectar with spit then they spit it out to make honey." – Joshua Year 3.

"Leafcutter bees cannot sting and bees collect pollen and when the bees go to another flower they drop the pollen. With its spit and some pollen the bee makes honey." – Angelina Year 2.

"When the sun regains its strength and the blossoms open the bumblebees are in the ground and the bumblebee doesn't freeze because her blood keeps her warm. Finally, when the bumblebee gets dry she climbs out of the nest and she needs to find food for energy. When she eats she needs to find a home and avoid predators. She finds a rat hole and stays by the hole for about 7 minutes. Then she goes in and she is hoping a rat still doesn't live in the home. The bumblebee goes in and sacrifices her life. She goes halfway in and she puts her leg up. That means she is going to fight. Her stinger is ready and she stings the rat. The rat is going to find a new home. Then, the bumblebee stores pollen for when there are bad days. Finally, the bumblebee lays her eggs and doesn't come out of the nest until it reaches about 100 bumblebees." – Lila Year 4.

Room 2 used our school gardens to plant rows and rows of spring bulbs and they are popping up everywhere. Room 1 had a huge surprise last week when they went out to check on their cauliflower and discovered it was all bright purple. They wrote about all of the creative reasons why this may have occurred! Our school orchard has expanded into the school paddocks with the donation of pear trees from the Avis Leeson Fruit Tree Trust. Our feijoa hedging has been extended to offer shelter for all of our precious trees which we look forward to eating from in the coming years. Our chicken area continues to thrive with our laying chickens as well as our four hatched chicks who have their own special area to live in, separated from the layers.

Our school cross country was a huge success this term with many of our runners qualifying for Thames Valley Cross Country. We were really impressed by the training and commitment shown by many of our runners this term. A special congratulations to Ella Simpson (2nd place), Luscha McMiken (9th place) and Jac Forsyth (10th place) who placed in the "first 10" at Thames Valley Cross Country. We were so proud of all of our runners who competed at our school and through at Thames Valley because they gave the races their all! All of that running is great practice for our last two weeks of this term as with a



Our Pohutukawa Whanau team on our school Cross Country day

Touch rugby tournament and sports day at CAS we will be ready to compete!

At the end of this term we will be saying farewell to Whaea Debby who is leaving us after many years as a full-time teacher with our year 4 and 5 learners. We will miss her creativity, knowledge and enthusiasm but look forward to her frequent visits as a day-to-day reliever in our school. We know we will still see lots of her! Ms Tucker will be in Room 3 for the duration of our school year and we will be appointing a teacher to this permanent role next term.

Kiwi Can

"Kia Ora Tatou Katoa"

Term three is over already and what a fun-filled term it was. Our term four lesson plans are done and our leaders are having a well-deserved break. We hope all our tamariki are enjoying their break also.

The Kiwi Can team would like to say thank you to the Star and Garter for the donation of \$300 from their Give a Little Sunday pizza nights. Have you even tried their pizzas yet? They are amazing!

We would also like to say a big huge Kiwi Can thank you to John and Jean Norton for the donations of raffle items, prizes for students and cash for our programme. The generosity of people like John and Jean and the Star and Garter always amazes us, so once again thank you.

Heads up: Due to the huge demand we will be having another Kiwi Can Disco – Halloween Theme! This will be held on **Friday 3 November**. So get your thinking caps on for costume designs. There will be prizes for the best dressed boy and girl.

Don't forget to follow us on Facebook www.facebook.com/kiwicancoromandel/.

Until next month.

Nga mihi nui from the Kiwi Can team Marlene, Gemma, Jasmine, Emma.

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

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Pastel Artists

By Christine Lunn

It's exhibition time for the pastel artist group! After a very industrious year we are all looking forward to exhibiting some of our year's endeavours.

Pastel Artists Coromandel's exhibition is the only art exhibition on the peninsula dedicated to exhibiting pastel art and we are looking forward to welcoming both international and local visitors.

Our exhibition at Hauraki House will run from **19 to 25 October (Labour Weekend)**. As last year, we will be exhibiting mostly pastels with a few other mediums and, new for this year, other crafts produced by our members.

Opening times are 10am-3pm on each day and at least one of our members will be on hand during opening hours to answer any questions you may have.

Some of our members' work is on display in the window of Liquor King on Wharf Road – don't forget to have a look next time you pass.



A sneak preview of one of this year's exhibits

We welcome visitors at our weekly meeting at the Coromandel Aero Club rooms on Tiki Road on Tuesdays between 9.00am and 12 noon (around 10.00am is always a good time, when tea and bikkies generally appear).

There may be a small muster on **Tuesday 17 October** as most members will be setting up the exhibition.

Contact Allan Beaver (07) 866 8053 or Christine Lunn on (07) 866 7220

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– Shared Studios 2017

The Shared Studios initiative at Hauraki House is wrapping up its second season. It's time again to make space for all those wonderful exhibitions that this little town presents in such diversity and abundance over the summer.

The Shared Studios concept has proven itself to be a great working model for increased creativity, discovery and learning – a big thank you to all those who took part with such enthusiasm and goodwill. Plastic bags have never looked so good; "dirt" makes great paint; miracles are ordinary; and possibilities are endless! We love the art room.

Fanfare of trumpets for the exhibition that will be open by the time you read this. Come and see for yourself some of what we've been up to and enjoy the interactive aspect of what we have on offer. Runs 'til **1 October**.

Coromandel Art Group

By Lindsay Nicholls

We had another great workshop last month with Coromandel's very own Vaughn Udall.

I know we all look forward to these workshops and this was no exception. Our subject was trees in acrylics. It's amazing when one looks at all the trees outside within nature, the shapes, colours and the sizes of them all. So



Bev having so much fun working on her tree

it was with our finished paintings, all different shapes, sizes and colours. We started off by creating an interesting composition and then a charcoal sample. Next we created a limited palette of the same picture. A limited palette means just one colour or limited to a select few. We repeated our composition again in colour. It must have been our wonderful shared lunch that helped us all to produce the three items in one workshop. Thanks Vaughn for a fun, interesting day. Our next workshop is penciled in for the end of September.



Finished painting by Lindsay Nicholls



Richard Chrisp Paris Exhibition

Richard Chrisp Haere Mai Paris Season has been extended to **25 October**.

The exhibition is on at Galerie de la Polynésie, 28 Boulevard Saint-Germain Paris.

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Environmental

Wake-up call for Coromandel kauri preservation

Recent publicity about the dire state of kauri in Auckland's Waitakere Ranges Regional Park (WRRP) is a real wake-up call for the Coromandel, says a local volunteer group battling to protect the spread of kauri dieback disease on the Peninsula. The Coromandel Kauri Dieback Forum says talk that kauri could well become extinct in some locations shows just how serious the problem is.

The total kauri area infected with the disease in the Waitakere Ranges has more than doubled in the five years from 2011 to 2016, with over 23 percent confirmed or assessed as possibly infected. There is currently no proven method to prevent the natural movement of the disease once it has been introduced into an area of kauri.

"We are fortunate on the Coromandel in that there is only a small number of infected sites," says Forum spokesperson Vivienne McLean. "Even so, Peninsula kauri are at risk from locals transferring the disease around different forests on the Peninsula, and from the disease being "imported" in soil on footwear, bike tyres, machinery and other equipment coming in from infected areas via visitors to our region."

"The Coromandel has significant stands of kauri, natural and planted, that currently show no signs of infection. As individuals we need to do everything we can to keep things that way. With the link between people and the spread of the infection very clear, how we all choose to behave around kauri will make the difference in whether this iconic species survives or not."

The message is simple, says the Forum: Clean your footwear and any gear that carries soil at home, by scrubbing off all soil with very hot soapy water then spraying with disinfectant – and do this both before and after every visit to a forest where there are kauri.

If there is a cleaning station always use it, going in and coming out, even if you already cleaned your gear at home.

Always use the tracks and stay off kauri roots (even if you have sprayed your footwear) because you can still spread infection and damage fine feeder roots.

DOC is progressively upgrading the most popular tracks on the Peninsula over the next six months to better protect vulnerable kauri. However people using unformed tracks or pig hunting in areas of native bush need to be extra careful to clean their gear and avoid kauri, especially at this time of year when the soil can be very muddy, increasing the risk of soil transfer. People walking dogs or riding mountain bikes in native forests also need to follow some

basic processes to protect kauri. Similarly, wandering pigs and cattle near kauri areas remain a problem, and cannot continue to be left unaddressed.

The good news is that surveys undertaken by the Forum at key Peninsula tracks last summer showed that levels of awareness about kauri dieback were high compared to previous Auckland surveys, and attitudes towards protecting kauri were very positive. Use of cleaning stations was also reasonably encouraging, with 73% of people observed entering and 67% of those observed exiting tracks using the cleaning station correctly (both scrubbing and spraying).

The survey, funded by the Waikato Regional Council's Environmental Initiatives Fund, was done at the Waiau Kauri Grove, the Kauri Trail, Kauaeranga Valley, Whenuakite Block/Lynch Stream, the Long Bay Kauri Walk and the Waiomu kauri track.

For more information and practical advice for different forest users go to the National Kauri Dieback Programme website www.kauridieback.com. For information about the Coromandel Kauri Dieback Forum and how you can help, contact Vivienne McLean (07) 866 5776

Corolandcare

By John Veysey

When the Department of Conservation (DOC) came to make their first drop of 1080 on the Coromandel in 1994, the then-conservator promised the residents of the 309 Road that if they could show that a majority of residents did not want the drop, the drop would not go ahead. When we produced a petition with 26 out of 28 signatures against the drop we thought that would be the end of it but the conservator took no notice and went against her word.

In 2007 DOC staff returned once again to spread aerial 1080 over the 309 Road. This time they approached each individual landowner and told them that all their neighbours had agreed to having 1080 on their properties so you might as well sign up too. This is a very powerful argument even when you know your neighbours well. When they came to our house and told us we were going to be surrounded by 1080 because our neighbours were all going to have 1080 on their lands we almost believed them. Instead we held off signing until we had talked with our neighbours only to discover that none of them had agreed to 1080. We had been lied to.

Similar tactics were used in 2010 and 2012 to get residents to agree to poison on their land.

I am now finding it is happening again in 2017.

This force can be resisted and landowners who have come recently to the district need to be aware of this threat to their property rights. If anyone comes to your door wanting to spread poison on your land, before signing, please get in touch with your local Landcare representative. In this case, me.

There is only so much space for me in the Chronicle so, from now on, as well as this monthly installment, there will be a Landcare file with more detail available in the library.

email: corolandcare@gmail.com

McGregor Bay Wetland Society AGM

The Society would like to call for an Annual General Meeting of members on the **31 October** 7pm at the St John rooms.

Calling for nominations for Committee Members can be sent to the interim secretary before **Thursday 25 October** for Chair, Secretary and Treasurer and general Committee members.

Catherine Delahunty will be there to talk on community conservation projects.

Agenda of the AGM will be sent out to society members a week prior to meeting.

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Moehau Environment Group

By Lettecia Williams, Chair

October is Save The Kiwi Month.

MEG has already lifted the first Operation Nest Eggs of the season.

Eggs have been removed from nests and taken down to the kiwi hatching facility at Rainbow Springs in Rotorua.

These hatchlings will become part of the founding population at Motutapu Island in the Hauraki Gulf.

In time to come, these birds will go on to have chicks that will be returned to the peninsula as part of the push to repopulate the Coromandel with these precious birds.

In the meantime we need to continue to strengthen the efforts to reduce predators and loss of habitat for our local birds.

There have been several new reports of roaming dogs within our kiwi protection area (Port Charles to Coromandel Town) both during the day and also at night. Please help by ensuring dogs are under control at all times.

Kiwi are vulnerable to dogs. Dogs can kill kiwi.

Our annual Kiwi Listening results indicate that there are some areas where numbers are down. At least one of these areas are known to have had dog kiwi kills.

Kiwi Avoidance Training for dogs is a free service that can help protect kiwi. While not a total solution it can help provide a deterrent. It only takes 10 minutes. The October avoidance training will be held in Coromandel Town **Saturday 21 October**. Phone (07) 867 9080 to book.

Pipiharauroa (shining cuckoo) are heard again in the district – a sign of warmer weather, much to the delight of our stoat trappers, volunteers and field team who have slogged their way through the winter months to ensure our 1,100 plus traps are serviced on a monthly basis.

MEG has begun a large landscape possum operation, Te Tangi aronui-o-Kahumatamoe, that will run over several months.

Welcome to Ally Davey who takes up her position as Manager with MEG mid-October.

Our best wishes go to Natalie Collicott who has moved on from her position as Co-ordinator. She made a tremendous contribution to conservation and MEG in her time with us.

Thank you to all who attended the very successful Winter Lecture Series and to Carol Sutherland for the organisation.

MEG encourages anyone who has a desire to become involved, whether it be in a support role or in the field, to contact us.

Our AGM is on **11 November** at Colville Hall.

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 information or to get involved please get in touch: info@meg.org.nz www.meg.org.nz



WWF-New Zealand's on the lookout for the next environmental game changers

Are you an inventor, an innovator, a creator? Could \$25,000 help turn your idea into reality?

WWF-New Zealand is on the search – from research labs to garden sheds and everywhere inbetween – for new ideas that could positively impact the environment.

Open from **25 September to 15 October**, the 2017 WWF Conservation Innovation Awards will reward innovative environmental game-changers.

Prizes will be awarded in three categories: Engaging young people and communities; Predator Free New Zealand 2050; and an Open Category. A prize package of \$25,000 will be awarded to each of the three winners. The 2017 Awards are supported by The Tindall Foundation, Department of Conservation, Callaghan Innovation, Predator Free 2050 and New Zealand's Biological Heritage National Science Challenge.

The Awards are driven by an innovative crowd sourcing application process – where inventors, conservationists and inquiring minds can come together to propose and refine ideas in real time. An independent judging panel will be looking for new ideas that have practical application and are game changers for the environment. Now in its fourth year, the winners will be announced at a ceremony in Wellington on 22 November.

The Coromandel Peninsula has inspired a number of innovative ideas, including a predator sensor. Could the Coromandel be home to the next environmental game-changers?

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Sport

Flight Centre K2 Cycle Event Saturday 28 October

Race Programme - How the day unfolds

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 in one of four Coromandel townships. This year Whitianga will be hosting this iconic event. There are three distances for riders to choose: K2 – 192km – starts and finishes in Whitianga; K1 – 96km – starts in Thames and finishes in Whitianga; Nicholas Browne Challenge – 43km – starts in Tairua and finishes in Whitianga.

There will be close to 1,500 riders taking part in the three distances. They come 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 Whitianga at 7.45am on Saturday. It is followed by the main field of 600 riders which start in groups of 60



riders, from 8.00 to 8.30am. These riders will be on the road between Whitianga and Coromandel for the next two hours, with the first riders coming through Coromandel at around 9.00am and the last riders coming through around 10.30am.

They continue on to Thames and will be on Thames/Coromandel Coast Road from 9.00am till around 1.30pm.

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

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

The last stage of the race, Tairua to Whitianga, sees the start of riders in the Nicholas Browne Challenge (NBC) from 9.30am. There is also an EBIke section in the NBC. The first of the K2 riders will arrive in Tairua from around 11.45am with the remaining riders in the field coming through



The big bikes are out again announcing the Flight Centre K2 Road Cycle event. They are put up well in advance of the day to raise awareness of all road users. If you do need to be out on the peninsula roads on the same day as the cyclists, ensure you have given yourself extra time to arrive at your destination as you may get stuck behind the riders. We ask that you please be patient – be aware they will descend hills a lot faster than a vehicle

until late in the afternoon, around 5.00pm.

The first riders are expected at the finish line in Whitianga from around 11.15am onwards. These will be from the Nicholas Browne Challenge. The first of the K2 riders are expected at around 1pm. The record of 5 hours 2 minutes and 34 seconds, set in 2008 by Jeremy Yates, still stands.

If anyone is interested in helping on the day, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Rita on the phone number below, or email arceventsrita@gmail.com. We are looking for helpers in Coromandel, Thames and Whitianga.

If you have any questions regarding the event please check the K2 website at www.arcevents.co.nz. Alternatively ring Rita on 027 210 3734, Keith on 021 671 172 or Andy on 0274 921 348

Andy Corles – husband, father, chef, quadriplegic – and now cyclist

Rita Stephenson chats with Andy Corles

Three years ago, on 1 July 2014, Andy Corles had a terrible car accident which changed his life in a heartbeat.

His car spun out of control, slammed into the bank and flipped upside down. The emergency services needed to use the “Jaws of Life” to cut him out of vehicle. As he lay there waiting, he knew he was paralysed. Andy is classified as quadriplegic.

After many weeks in hospital Andy stated that he wanted a tattoo of NZ, with the names of his wife and daughter along with the date of the accident. In the next breath he declared that he wanted to do the K2, which was a bit left field, considering he didn’t ride a bike prior to the accident.

The Flight Centre K2 Road Cycle has the reputation of being the toughest one-day cycle event in the Southern Hemisphere, and Andy now a quadriplegic wants to ride it! Quadriplegic and paraplegics taking part in cycle events use a hand bike which is twice as hard as an ordinary bike; they need to put in double the effort. Hand bike riding takes a lot of upper body strength and endurance. For the past few months Andy has been training with John Rich from Thames, who has an extensive history in cycling. He also gets advice from Jonathon, a fellow paraplegic, who has been riding a hand bike for many years. He answers questions that only another hand bike rider can answer. “Jonathon has become my mentor,” Andy says with pride.

“Cycling has completely changed me. I feel low and flat if it’s too wet and I can’t take the bike out. It gives me a huge lift and makes my day so much brighter. At least I have my indoor trainer when the weather is too bad.” Andy is extremely grateful to have been sponsored by Thames Freemasons who have provided him with an indoor trainer, for the days when he can’t take his bike out on the road. “The indoor trainer has been invaluable. I can keep training, which I need to do six out of seven days if I want to be fit enough.”

With a huge grin on his face Andy tells me that some of the family have been motivated by his efforts and are now riding.

Daughter Maddie, aged 7, rides her bike alongside Andy on the flat rides.

Recently Andy took part in a cycle event down in Matamata. He was anxious, doubtful and very nervous about taking part. On that day for some reason his bike was pulling to the left so much that it became a safety issue for him and he had to withdraw from the event. He also told me the traffic was an “eye opener” and he felt “unsafe and threatened”. The motorists had a total disregard for the riders. “They just don’t realise how lethal their vehicles are, the cars around here are great but not down there.” Andy felt that he had let the whole team down and that he hadn’t performed very well. His wife Shelley quickly told him in no uncertain terms that she and everyone else were extremely proud of him. “You were out there and riding Andy, you were doing it.”

I am not sure there would be many that would have the mental strength, courage and determination to pick up and get on with life, and tackle riding a hand bike in the way Andy has. Hats off to you Andy, you have set the bar pretty high.

At one stage in the past few months Andy sank into the dark hole of depression. However, with the incredible love and support from his family, friends and community he has climbed out the other side. “I can’t thank everyone enough for all that they have done.” Andy tells me this several times. While we chat, he also tells me that his wife and mother-in-law also offer the good old Kiwi tough love. “There is not much point in feeling sorry for yourself, you just have to get on with it and do it,” Andy says philosophically.

In this first year of his build-up to the K2 Andy will be taking part in the 43km Nicholas Browne Challenge from Tairua to Whitianga. Next year he will tackle the K1 and in the year after that he will attempt his own Everest, the mighty K2.



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

By Debra Attwood

Pool lifeguards required for season

We are looking for lifeguards for this season so if you are into swimming, being out in the sun and think that being a lifeguard could be your calling give me a call. This involves ensuring the safety of all patrons in the swimming pool complex. Keen observation skills are a must as well as being able to swim, and having a 1st aid certificate. This is a fixed-term, part-time position, and involves weekend work. We operate over the summer months from approximately October through April. Applicants must be 18 or over. Training is available for the suitable applicant: you can complete the National Pool Lifeguard Training or the National Certificate in Aquatics. We like to have a group of lifeguards who can work shifts. If you think this could be you, contact Debra; contact details are listed below.

Opening date for the pool has yet to be confirmed but it will be approximately mid-October, so keep an eye out. Check us out on Facebook for further updates, Coromandel Community Swimming Pool.

Pool hours during school term (mid-October – 13 December)

Mornings – Monday to Friday 6-8am; afternoons – Tuesday, Thursday, Friday – 3-5pm; weekends – 12-5pm.

Entry costs: adults \$4, students and seniors \$3, preschoolers 1-5yrs \$1, spectators \$1.

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

Coromandel Swimming Club

By Debra Attwood

Learn to swim instructors needed

We have lots of registrations for learn to swim lessons rolling in, however we do not have enough instructors. So if you believe that it is important for children and adults to learn the lifesaving skill of swimming and you have a couple of afternoons to spare (Monday and Wednesday), please consider becoming a swimming instructor. We have training available here in Coromandel on **Saturday 11 November**, run by Swimming New Zealand. It is a one-day course, and there is some paperwork involved and a requirement to complete 20 hours of practical teaching. We will even pay for the course if you complete your training hours with the swim club. For more information or you would like to be a part of our programme, contact me (Debra) either by phone, email or via our Facebook page.

Registration Nights

Monday 2 October 3.30pm – 4.30pm

Monday 9 October 3.30pm – 4.30pm

Interested in swimming? Come along and check out the programmes available. Swimming will start around mid-October, after the school holidays, and sessions will be available on Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons.

Learn to swim classes

Learn to swim classes will be held in late November (dependent on instructor availability), so get your registrations in early. These classes will be limited so be quick. Payment must be made before classes start. Registration price is \$60. If you would like to book your child in, contact Debra either by ph (07) 866 7660 or 027 348 2400 or email debmark62@hotmail.com. We will also be holding classes in February when school starts again, for children aged four and over.

Check out our Facebook (Coromandel Swimming Club) page for more details about events and results



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Sport continued

Coromandel Recreational Fishing Club

By Allison Brown & Committee CRFC

Hi to all,

Where did August and September go? I think by the time I realised it was September the days seem to be running into one another, what with all the winter sickness and very terrible weather which has been good in very small doses.

Nothing much has been happening fishing wise as everyone seems to be catching up on maintenance. Reports have not been of any substance as the Fish are very elusive (they don't like it cold either) although with not much wind the sea has been very calm. This will change though when westerlies kick in as they did mid-September.

October is usually the time that the fishing starts to pick up in the Gulf so looking forward to good fishing and weather.

I watched a very good fishing show on TV channel Choice 8.30pm Wednesday called adeptly, Fishy Business. It had Adam Clancey targeting John Dory from boat, wharf, jet ski, and spear fishing. It was very informative and enjoyable, Kiwi style. Hope the following shows are as good as his first one targeting John Dory, which had handy hints and tips.

Our first fishing competition is at Labour weekend on **Sunday 22 October** (weather permitting and numbers entering).

Anyone wishing to join the Club, subs are due now and everyone most welcome. Be in to win our monthly \$100 for the heaviest fish caught by a Club member.

Weigh stations remain the same at Max and Val Larsen's, ph (07) 866 7656, or Fish & Dive, ph (07) 866 8797.

The raffle tickets for a meat pack are selling at the Admirals Arms every Friday night. If any one can spare an hour from 5-6pm to help sell these tickets, this would be appreciated. Contact Chris on (07) 866 8069.

Here's to tight lines as always even though the weather has not been very inviting but we now have good fishing months to look forward to.

Coromandel Area School Sports

By Geoff Horton, Sports Coordinator, Coromandel Area School

Over the last year or so, the drum has been beaten over the importance of representing schools in sport, in a young person's life. It's a one-shot opportunity. Once students graduate, that's it for school sport. While new sports are being continually trialled throughout the Coromandel district, nationally traditional sports are still most relevant to our schools. 30,000 students play school rugby and netball, 24,000 football, 20,000 basketball, 16,000 volleyball, 14,000 touch rugby and badminton 12,000. All of these sports are available to all schools in the north Peninsula region, so the question arises as to why representing Coromandel Area School in sport is lagging well behind many other secondary schools.

It comes down to who influences students to play sport, how they participate and why. Young people are influenced by several factors to play sport, however, parents are the number one influencer on kids to play sport and continue playing sport. Research shows those actively involved in sport between the ages 10 to 15 years, do so through the encouragement of a parent or caregiver. Coromandel Area School plays an important role in providing sporting opportunities for young people. The way the school values, organises and resources sport to encourage and support student participation within the growing number of teams entering external competitions, is an important part of many young people's sporting lives.

Factors that continually challenge participation in school sport and coaching development are: friends dropping out which breaks up teenagers' social circles; too scared to play because of perceived threats; intimidation through the fear of being laughed at for lack of ability or making mistakes; and seeing unfair play or unsporting conduct.

Establishing quality sport experiences at the heart of Coromandel Area School provides more young people with the opportunity to compete and achieve their personal best. Representative school sport often makes clear and meaningful differences to the lives of children and young people when they feel physically and socially safe within a quality sports environment. Most importantly, sport pathways help young people develop and improve in a structured and supportive environment. Schools can provide a way to get fit and healthy, develop skills, establish identity, and balance the demands of academic work.

Coromandel Rugby Club AGM



Another busy and successful season has concluded with the senior and junior prize giving ceremonies held recently.

We thank all volunteers, players and sponsors involved in the past year.

It has been decided to hold the next AGM a little earlier than usual.

Accordingly, all players, friends and supporters of Coromandel Rugby are invited to attend the AGM on **Sunday 5 November** at 5.00pm in the clubrooms.

Expressions of interest for the positions of coach and manager for all grades for the 2018 season are invited, to be submitted before the AGM.

Coromandel Tennis Club

By John Veysey, Secretary

The new season is underway and members' subscriptions are now due.

Adult membership \$40, family membership \$60. Please pay Gayle at Coastway Cutters, 100, Kapanga Road.

Club days are Sundays from 1.00pm and Fridays from 4.00pm. All welcome.

Our thanks go to all our supporters: Top Catch, CES Coromandel Electrical, Coromandel Refrigeration, Llandem Consulting Engineers, Coromandel Four Square, Liquor King, Hush Boutique Accommodation, Jacko's Place, Richardson's Real Estate, Gaia Decorators, Driving Creek Railway, Coastal Services Small Engine. Without you we would not be able to survive.

P.S. The court surface is a very thin layer of tarmacadam. It does not contain any of the chips which make roading so robust. It is not a road but a comparatively fragile topping. Parents, please help keep skateboards, scooters, etc, off the courts. Thank you.

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Coromandel Golf Club

By Peter Gray



The Annual Daffodil Charity Golf Day again proved a popular day with our members. The decision for the late change of day from the Saturday to the Sunday, due to the weather forecast, was validated, although some nervous moments as the sun started to shine on Saturday and the clouds moved in on the Sunday. A good field of 25 teed off with Ross Mudgway winning the Men's Division from Ron Evans while Sue Davies had the first pick of the Sponsors table in the Ladies' from Joan Evans. A big thank you must go out to the local businesses and individuals for their continued generous sponsorship (especially at this time of year) and also to Ed Buckett in his tireless effort in putting the day together.

A donation in excess of \$1200 was presented to the Cancer Society.

The weather has meant the postponement of a number of winter tournaments. However, the Neilson Cup (best 2 of 3 rds. Stableford)

was won by Ron Evans from Ross Mudgway. The Golconda Cup (best net aggregate 2 out of 3 rds) was taken out by Mark Burcombe. The Captain's Trophy was won by Allan Rose from Kevin O'Keefe.

The August Meat Pack/Laurie Olliff Trophy was not played until Wednesday 13 September and was won by Kevin O'Keefe by three shots over his nearest rivals.

The Club Champs elimination rounds are underway with the Finals Day to be held on **Sunday 1 October**.

The Members that clean the pond at the sixth tee will be in for a surprise – usually find wayward golf balls, maybe a club flung in anger, but maybe a "Super Dooper" remote controlled golf cart after a frustrated David Lunn was looking somewhere to park his machine.

Good to see a senior statesman member is proud of his aging years – used his birth year as part of his new email address.

Ron Brooking's acting career with the Coromandel Players was short lived – now doing Freddie Mercury impersonations after attending recent Queen Concert.

Thank yous

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All the proceeds from the entry fees, raffles and donations from club members have been passed on to the Cancer Society.

The following club members made cash donations: Jenny and Dave Coatsworth, Lyn Whitcombe, Philippa Medlock, Warren Taylor.

October Calendar

Sunday 1 October – Final Club Champs (P).

Wednesday 25 October – Meat Pack/Laurie Olliff Trophy.

Cake and Croquet

We held our AGM on Tuesday 5 September with all regular players in attendance and banana muffins to eat with our cup of tea. Our officers remain the same with Glenda Robinson as President, Raewyn McKinney as Vice President, Judy Bronlund as Secretary/Treasurer, and Kaye Anderson as Captain. Karen Marshall is our newly elected Vice Captain.

We agreed that spring is a wonderful time to start something new, so we're inviting you to come and try out the great game of croquet at an open day.

When? **Tuesday 7 November**, 9.45am.

Where? Coromandel Croquet Club, Woollams Ave, next to the Bowling Club.

Croquet is suitable for people of all ages with a moderate level of fitness.

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Coromandel Town weekly and monthly meetings

Every Monday

Mahamudra Centre, Free Guided Meditation8.30-9am
Coromandel Hikers' Group, Hauraki House,
Colin & Elspeth (07) 866 7137.....9am
Monday Walkers, Irene 021 157 8408.....9am
Four-part harmony singing, Sue (07) 866 8833.....7pm

Every Tuesday

Mahamudra Centre, Free Guided Meditation8.30-9am
Pastel Artists Coromandel,
Coromandel Aero Club Rooms (07) 866 7220.....9am-midday
Coro Walking Group, Ruth (07) 866 72469am
Open Floor at Mana Retreat Centre – 3, 31 October,
21 November9.30-11.30am
Croquet, Woollams Ave, Kaye (07) 866 89689.45am
Playcentre, Woollams Ave.....10.30am-1pm
SeniorNet Coromandel contact Loes (07) 866 8053.....4pm
Beginner Yoga with Becks, at the Anglican Church Hall,
170 Tiki Rd, \$10. Contact 027 407 00795.30-6.45pm
Coro Motorcycle Club, Star & Garter,
John 027 234 10137-9pm

Every Wednesday

Mahamudra Centre, Free Guided Meditation8.30-9am

Every Thursday

Mahamudra Centre, Free Guided Meditation8.30-9am
Coro Walking Group, Ruth (07) 866 72469am
Coro Bowls club day.....9.30am
Coro Art Group, St Andrew's Church Hall,
Val (07) 866 89119am-12pm
Guided Meditation,
Elizabeth Park Community Centre.....10-11am
Body Balance & Yoga Classes with Tina 5 Oct - 7 Dec at
Waikato Trust Event Centre (upstairs Swimming Pool)
contact Tina 021 20 19 750.....5.10-6.20pm

Fortnightly Thursday

Open Floor Dance Classes (5, 19 October, 2, 16, 30
November), Anglican Church Hall, \$10. Jacqui 022 392 8588
or Lisa 021 175 4741.....7-8.30pm

Every Friday

Mahamudra Centre, Free Guided Meditation8.30-9am
Playcentre, Woollams Ave.....9.45am-12.15pm

Every Saturday

Croquet, Woollams Ave, Kaye (07) 866 89689.45am

Every Sunday

Mahamudra Centre, Free Guided Meditation8.30-9am

Monthly

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

3rd Mon – Coro Patchwork & Quilters, Ambulance rooms,
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1st Wed – Lions Dinner meeting, Ambulance Rooms.
Contact President Jean Smith 021 208 75766pm

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

3rd Wed – Lions Business Meeting, Ambulance Rooms.
Contact President Jean Smith 021 208 75767pm

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

I have cleared this section (and will do it every winter) to make sure it is kept correct. If your meeting has been missed out, please email Debbie at corochronicle@gmail.com with the subject "meeting", or txt/ph 021 235 6648, or post details to PO Box 148, Coromandel 3543. Please include contact name and phone number.



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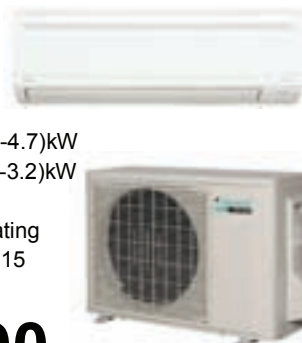
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