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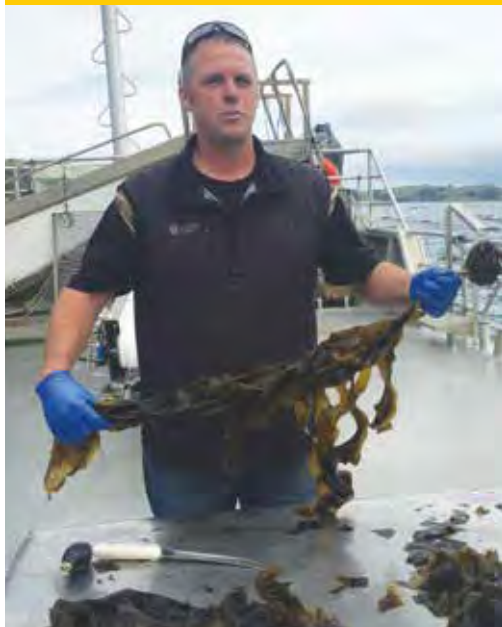
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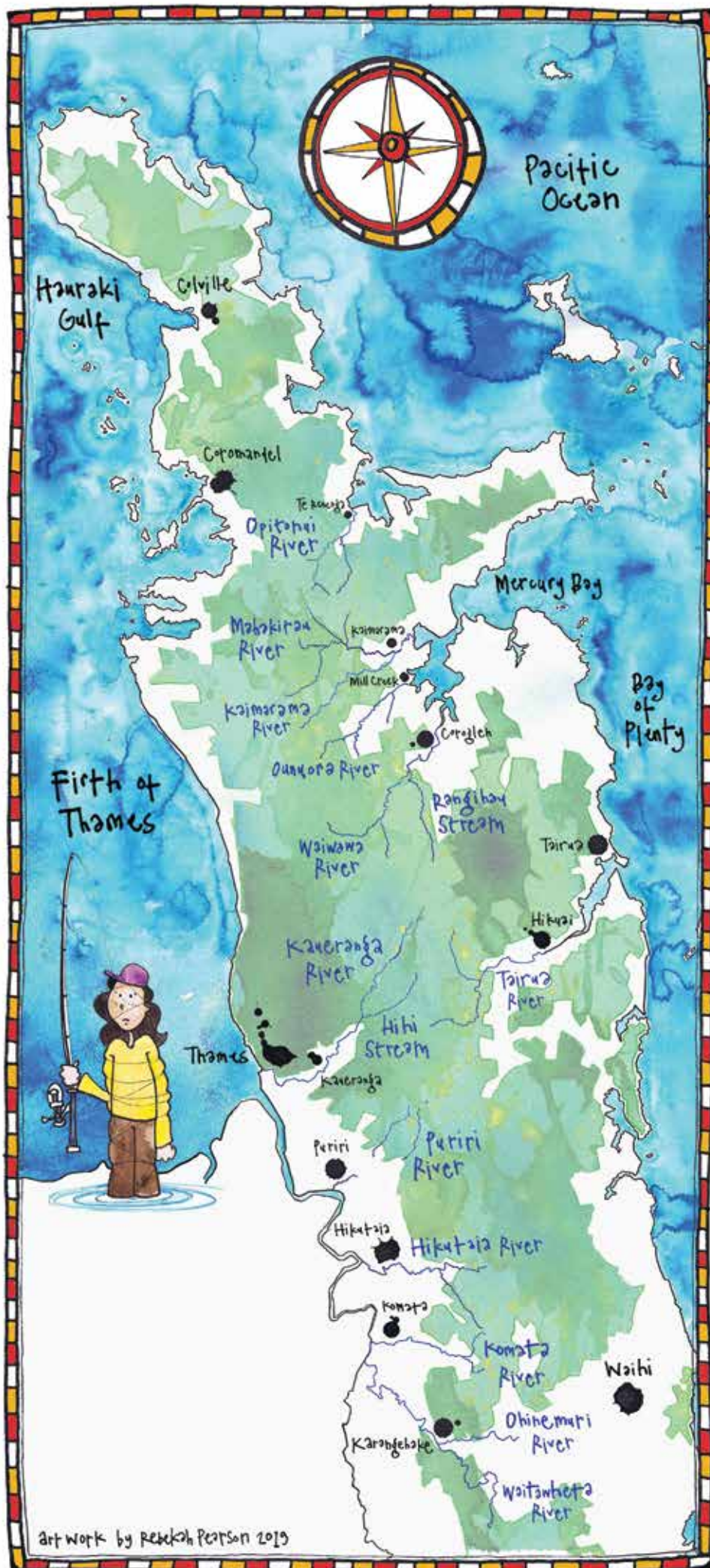
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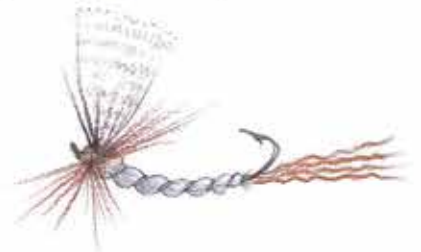
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## Editor's comment

What a huge issue! Thanks to all of the advertisers who supported my colour special this month.

Just as last issue went to print I was invited by Hon Damien O'Connor, Minister of Agriculture to the launch of the first Sustainable Food and Fibre Futures (SFF Futures) project – which involved going out on a mussel barge to see seaweed being harvested. It was a beautiful day to be out on the water. It was strange being surrounded by national media with TV cameras onboard too, and meant I saw a quick glimpse of myself on TV that evening. See my story about the seaweed on page 8.

Voting forms for the local elections should be with you by the time you read this. Make sure you vote before it closes on 12 October. I have some info and adverts from candidates on pages 6-7. All Coromandel-Colville Ward Council candidates and Coromandel-Colville Community Board candidates had an article in the September issue. If you haven't seen a copy of last issue then you can download it off my website [www.coromandeltownchronicle.co.nz/html/issues.html](http://www.coromandeltownchronicle.co.nz/html/issues.html)

*Debbie*

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## Letters

### Slob society?

Dear Debbie,

I have just seen footage of part of the news on TV regarding the World Cup. Although I like rugby, I was amazed at what was behind the reporter. Not a scrap of litter, all people holding their heads high, no slouching, no swagger, not a butt crack in sight. Wow – I remember all that when I was a little tacker. What has happened to our society? We really are a bunch of slobs... What do you reckon?

Regards

Lyn Rose, Coromandel Town

### Rat Poison

Dear Debbie,

On reading back through an old copy (June 2015) of the Chronicle I came across an article "Rattus". Within the letter was the following statement: "Look at your house insurance small print. Damage by pests is not covered. Gnawed plumbing, gnawed wiring and the consequences. No payout. It is indeed scary stuff." When I looked at my policy I found the little section on pests, rodents and vermin and upon reading realized the policy stated that the resultant damage e.g. a fire as a result of rats chewing wiring was indeed covered. I then rang and double checked with my insurance company who assured me that yes, I would be covered in this situation.

I am left wondering if the letter was just a case of scaremongering to promote the use of poison.

Lynley Brown, Coromandel Town

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# Community rallies together

## Cell Tower in Coromandel – the community says no to Spark

By Warwick Mather, Media Community  
Spokesperson for the cell tower protest

### Background

On 24 August it became public knowledge that Spark was in the process of erecting a 20-metre high cell tower in the centre of town. Spark had entered into a lease with the Coromandel Smoking Company to construct the tower on their land.

Neither the TCDC Mayor, Councillors, Community Board members or adjacent land owners were consulted or had any idea that this tower had been approved and signed off by Council staff in April. Many members of the community were similarly angry with the complete absence of any public consultation by Spark. Under the current weakened Resource Management Act, Spark are not legally required to publicly notify the proposal. However, many here in Coromandel find it completely unacceptable that a 20 metre high structure, twice the height of the tallest building in town, can be erected without any public notification.

Under the District Plan, the centre of town is classified as a Heritage Area and subject to stricter controls on building heights than elsewhere. The cell tower is sited within one metre of the boundary of the Heritage Area and thus has exactly the same impact on the town aesthetics as if it were inside the Heritage Area. To site the tower right on the boundary and to erect it to the maximum allowable height under the District Plan has been taken as indication that Spark has no regard for the heritage values that this town has worked so hard over many years to protect.

### Action to stop the tower

Several concerned residents decided to form a peaceful, non-violent direct action at the construction site to stop any further significant



work on the tower until Spark agreed to consult with the community. Over a period of ten days, well over 50 locals spent time at the site, letting people know about the tower and blocking access by concrete trucks that were to pour the foundations. Some members of the group slept at the site to ensure round-the-clock surveillance in case Spark attempted to send in the concrete trucks during the night or early morning.

Throughout the protest, cordial relations were maintained with the Police. The protest group made their position extremely clear to the Police and contractors and on two occasions, residents sat down on the pavement right in front of approaching concrete trucks, forcing them to stop and go away. There was complete resolve to do everything peacefully possible to protect the town from what is seen as a completely unacceptable eyesore and to send Spark that strong message.

As part of the protest action, a petition was widely circulated around town, expressing concerns over the tower and asking Spark to consult with our community. In just a few days, that petition gathered 1,200 signatures – a very powerful indication of strong feeling in town.

### Next steps

After several days of the blockade, Spark agreed to meet with community representatives. At the meeting were three national Spark representatives, the TCDC Deputy Mayor, our electorate MP, two Community Board members and one other community member. The petition was presented to Spark. After several hours of

## 5G and Coromandel Town

By Mats Söderlind

Firstly, if you use a cell phone – and let's face it, how many people don't – you are already using 3G and 4G technology. Or another way of saying it is, you are already living in an area with the technology – the radio-wave frequency – that 5G uses.

WiFi technology is the same technology – it uses the same frequencies.

The "G" stands for generation, another word for version. We are currently using 4th generation, and Spark (as well as Vodafone and all) wants to upgrade to 5th generation.

They want to employ smaller, weaker, and more numerous transmitters. This is what 5G means.

Your cell phone transmits radio signals and receives radio signals, just like your transistor radio and your TV receive transmissions. We have been living with this technology since the 1930s, and even earlier.

This means that it is safe. That it has a track record of being safe.

In my work at Ericsson in Sweden, I personally saw the labs used to test this technology, and read many health and safety reports, and I can promise you it was

extremely careful and scientific and well documented.

After all these years someone would have found a correlation between health issues, like a brain tumour (as in brain cancer), and radio-frequency transmissions, and they haven't been found. And if the radiation was dangerous to live around, birds around the cell tower sites would be falling from the sky and we would be getting really sick from using microwave ovens all these years. And this obviously has not happened.

The fear of 5G is really weird to me, because it is not a magical new technology.

I have personally seen the extremely thorough tests that cell phone creators, the manufacturers, do. They test it to the limit.

Currently there is not enough coverage in Coromandel Town. Cell phone towers today are very congested and can't handle the cell phone traffic we have, especially with more and more people using data on their phone devices.

The cell phone technology provider tries to optimise where it should go in a commercial/industrial zone – by the BP Station and behind The Smoking Company is optimal, as it can cover the main part of the town business centre, including the

Coromandel Town carpark. It seems to me to be an obvious industrial zone, close to businesses, with the least visual impact.

I use the word "tower" as it is a convention, but in actual fact it is more like a long pole – it's perhaps about twice the height of the BP sign that is already there, but it is further back. I don't see it as a potential eyesore, but understand that other people might.

The issue of community consultation is of course an important one. I can understand why local people want to have some say where such a device goes.

Telecom companies, this one specifically being Spark, are not used to consulting communities rather than councils, about where they put their cell towers. This isn't to say they shouldn't, or communities ought not to have a say in that either, it's just that has not been done in the past.

I hope I have addressed your fears as to the safety of cell phone technology and explained why that site was initially chosen.

Mats Söderlind is a telecom expert living locally. He was interviewed by Alison Bell. The full interview can be found on What's Happening Coromandel Facebook page



discussion, Spark agreed to halt construction on the present site and investigate other possible locations for the tower. Spark will then present its options and it will be up to the community to decide.

The focus of the protest was the seriously detrimental impact on the heritage aesthetics of the town that the tower would cause in that location. However, many community members are also concerned about the health impacts of the electromagnetic radiation that cell towers emit. This is especially relevant given the tower's proximity to the school, residential premises and other businesses. In the meantime however, the focus remains firmly on the violation of heritage values that this proposed tower would cause.

It is hoped that Spark will come back to the community with an alternative site that the community is happy to accept.

Watch this space and be prepared to have your say when Spark returns to us.

## Daffodil Day 2019

By Marie Mead  
and Robyn Dudson

Thank you Coromandel for another very successful day. Our final total for the fundraiser was \$4,662.40. A really great result from our small community.

We would also like to say to the low-life who walked into the Coromandel Bakery and took the donation box from off their counter that "what goes around, comes around". That's Karma.

Results of the raffles: Garden Sculpture – Penny c/- Cancer Society head office, red #60; Towel Set – Sarah #8; Scratchies – Robyn Stewart #46; MTA vouchers – Matea Maich #46; Grocery Basket – Ron Brooking #13b; Chocolate Cake – Kim Raddick #42b; Carrot Cake – June Udall #18; Cheese Board – Jane Bartrom #11; Fruit Cake – Jane Hornby #12; Pamper Pack – Shirley Fenwick #20; Rose Bush – Thelma Nummy #14.

This is also the final year that we will organise the Coromandel Daffodil Day event. We have both enjoyed our time doing this but know time has come to hand over the reins.

Thank you to all of the wonderful folk who have supported our cause over so many years.



## SeniorNet

By Loes Beaver

Now that spring is here we are out and about a little more.

Members are still attending tuition days with Tom. We prefer to attend to each members' IT problems on a one-to-one basis, but at times we do have collective meetings.

Our thanks to Lorna and Jodi from the BNZ for a very informative Get Scam Savvy afternoon. We all certainly learnt how to identify scams and how to deal with them.

The Westpac Bank will be doing a similar thing in November. Members will be notified about this when we have made all arrangements.

If you would like to make enquiries regarding SeniorNet and what we do I am always ready to discuss things with you.

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# Local Elections

## What is the role of the Coromandel-Colville Community Board?

The Coromandel-Colville Community Board's main role is to advocate to Council on behalf of the community about local issues. For example:

- The rates you pay and what they are spent on
- Sustainable waste management
- The quality of water from your tap
- Protection of natural flora and fauna
- The play spaces and green spaces for children and families
- The maintenance of your parks and reserves
- Public transport services
- The upgrade of roads and cycleways
- The safety considerations of footpaths and pedestrian accesses
- The appropriate placement of signage
- The development and growth of your Ward's economy
- Arts, sports cultural and recreational programmes and facilities

The person you vote for needs to be able to consult, listen and represent your views on the issues that are important to you.

### Statement of Intent

By David Foreman

Due to a number of previously unforeseen commitments I have decided to not proceed with my candidacy for the Coromandel-Colville Community Board. I would like it known I endorse all of the candidates who are standing and believe they are all quite capable of making good decisions for our community.

### Sandra Goudie

If you don't already know, you probably won't be surprised that Sandra Goudie wants to keep working as Mayor.

She's been deeply involved in community activities since the early 1980's – known for being hands-on, accessible and knowing more than most about the region's needs.

From a young age, she was heavily involved in rural, conservation and farming organisations and is a former runner-up for Thames Valley Dairy Farmer of the Year.

For nine years, she was Coromandel's MP, gaining the 10th highest majority for a NZ Electorate MP following key roles as a TCDC councillor.

Three years ago, she was elected Mayor, promising to get sparring parties working together for the good of the community.

"Council, staff and communities are working better together," she says. "We're listening to each other, achieving more, improving the region's infrastructure, and getting positive feedback."

The key to a successful Mayoralty, Sandra believes, is leadership based on honesty, problem solving, being open-minded and consistently positive.

Like most of us in the region, she's passionate and realistic about life here and it shows in her thinking.

Northern Coromandel is a big part of her life. She and husband Bernard started out in Colville on the family farm, then moved to their own dairy farm on the Hauraki Plains in 1980. They still have a much-loved holiday home on the water's edge north of Colville – something also enjoyed by their family.

Strongly environmentally conscious, planting and growing trees, promoting bird life, and routinely helping clean up beaches are considered the norm. That's when she's not working with communities. Being Mayor is a seven-day job.

"But I love what we're achieving," she says. "And I want to keep things happening. That's why I'm standing again."

### Coromandel/Colville Community Board 2019 Candidate



**Jan Autumn**



My passion is community voice and collaboration.

I will advocate for the people of Coromandel/Colville and support community-led initiatives.

I look forward to continuing my work on the Board and promise to seek out your opinions and find ways for you to present them to the Board and Council.

Authorised by Jan Autumn ~ 0274788930 ~ janautumn1950@gmail.com



## Dal Minogue

### Waikato Regional Council

The average WRC rates increase for the past 3 years is 3.73% when targeted rates associated with flood protection schemes are considered separately. In the previous term, there had been massive underfunding for these that required urgent correction to achieve audit compliance. So only those in a flood scheme 'area of benefit' will pay more and it will only be marginally so, unless impacted by recent property re-valuations which sit outside of governance.



When I was elected 3 years ago, governance at WRC was a shambles. The Council was split, the Chairs casting vote decided important matters and code of conduct complaints were flying about like confetti. I have worked hard to help rectify this, ensuring a 3 year period of stability and cohesion. I seek your support to continue for another term to ensure this pattern of behaviour endures while WRC responds to the many challenges now being put forward by Central Government that will significantly impact our District and Region.

**Give Coromandel another term of  
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Authorised by: Dal Minogue, 21 Panorama Ave, RD1 Whitianga

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This advertisement is authorised by Philip Brljevic, 87 Whangapoua Rd Coromandel.

## Vote for more of what's working!

*Three years ago after decades of community and Government involvement in the region, I was asked to stand for Mayor.*

*Then, everyone seemed to work against each other.*

*Progress was slow. We were not in a happy place. So, you elected me to help put things right.*

*Now we're all on the same page – Councillors, Communities, and Council staff.*

*Surveys tell us you like what we're doing. Better communication. More consultation. Improved amenities and infrastructure. Projects on time, under budget.*

*Have we ever achieved so much in only 3 years?*

*Like to keep things happening? You know what to do.*



## ✓ MAYOR: SANDRA GOUDIE

*One good term deserves another.*

Authorised by Sandra Goudie, 185 Kopu-Hikuai Rd, R D 1 Thames.

## Edible seaweed in Coromandel Harbour

By Debbie Morgan

At the end of August I was invited out on a mussel barge to see the process of obtaining seaweed in Coromandel Harbour for the Japanese market.

The seaweed grows on the mussel farms and is a weed, but this weed is being put to good use by Coromandel company Wakame Fresh (owned by Lance Townsend and Lucas Evans) who are receiving \$75,000 of funding through the government's Sustainable Food & Fibre Futures fund (SFF Futures) to investigate the commercial viability of turning this weed into a high value export industry.

"This is the first project the fund is supporting and it's a perfect example of the type of innovation I created the fund for", Agriculture Minister Damien O'Connor said.

"I established the \$40 million a year fund last year to support this government's move away

from volume to value.

"The food and fibre industries are the backbone of New Zealand's economy, delivering more than \$45 billion in export revenue last year. The Coalition Government wants to help extract more value from what they already do, in a sustainable way that means our natural resources will be there for future generations.

"This fund provides a single gateway for farmers and growers to apply for investment in a greater range of projects that deliver economic, environmental and social benefits that flow through to all Kiwis.

"Undaria, also known as wakame, is often referred to as 'the gorse of the sea'. It's one of the world's most invasive pests. It's also a staple part of the diet in Japan, where quality wakame is in short supply. The Wakame Fresh team are turning gorse into gourmet!

"This project is really exciting. It's pioneering, it's innovative and it has the potential to create new market opportunities. It also supports a government priority to assist thriving and sustainable regions.

"This could be the next big thing for New Zealand. We could be looking at the start of a lucrative edible seaweed export market into Japan and other Asian countries."

Myself and other "media" watched as the seaweed was removed from the mussel ropes, trimmed and then blanched for about 40 seconds in a hot bath that was on the barge for this purpose. It was then plunged into cold water. Any offcuts of seaweed are used for fertiliser.



Lance Townsend trims the seaweed



Lucas Evans blanching the seaweed onboard



Agriculture Minister Damien O'Connor tries seaweed



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## Dare to dance

By Jacqui Chan

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### So what exactly is Open Floor?

Open Floor is a fun movement practice for everyone. It combines creative free-form movement with beautiful, wild music. It's all about dancing your own unique dance, so when you step on the dance floor you're already an expert.

Lisa and I have completed a two-year training to facilitate this rich, inspiring work. The basic principle is that by tuning into our moving bodies, we can learn "resources" that can support us in daily life off the dance floor. Resources such as "ground", "centre" and "release" to name a few. Each class involves a long, juicy warmup, then a focus on a particular body-part and "resource" to play with. For example we might connect with our shoulders and explore how to release the tension they hold, or our feet and how they give us a sense of ground. Then there's plenty of time to delve into our own dance. There are no steps to follow, so no way to get it wrong. You move at your own pace, with your own style. Above all it's a fun, liberating way to get exercise.

But it's easy to think this isn't for me. Many people say to me "Oh I used to love to dance when I was young, but now I'm too old or unfit." Well we've had men and women up to ninety on the dance floor, in all shapes and sizes, with injuries and disabilities (my partner Benjamin for instance loves to dance with only one leg). We cater to different energy levels with chairs in the middle of the dance floor, and even a "nest" area for resting.

Others say "I like to dance at parties but I'm so self-conscious without a drink" – especially as Kiwis, we're a pretty shy bunch. It's perfectly natural to feel self-conscious the first time: we don't move like this every day. I suggest if you feel awkward, let yourself move with it. Do a little awkward dance and before long it'll transform.

Generally it helps to take the word "dance" out of the equation. In our Western culture "dance" has connotations of perfectionist ballet performances or tightly choreographed hip-hop – always in front of an audience. This prompts doubts: "Is my body the right shape? Am I co-ordinated enough? What will they think of me?"

All of this couldn't be further from reality with Open Floor. Open Floor is about exploring how it feels to move our bodies. It doesn't need to look nice – it can look plain weird actually – and there's definitely no audience. Everyone is immersed in their own dance.

While people feel comfortable going to yoga and being instructed how to move, it can feel awkward to move without steps to follow. It requires our minds to get out of the way – and this is part of the magic of Open Floor. Once we lose our inhibitions, we can drop into our body's natural instinct to move.

Of course the music helps. As teachers we spend hours arranging a musical score to support this movement journey. In fact most of the music is plain irresistible to dance to!

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**Coromandel Contract Bridge Club**

By Val MacDonald

Only two more competitions before we take a break through January. If you are thinking about playing bridge, this is the time to learn and be ready to play next year. Lessons are free. Time and venue can be arranged to suit. Our thanks to Susan who has not only done her job as scorer but also set up the tables, collected the table money and arranged partners while a number of members have been absent, the lucky ones on holiday and others for health reasons. Great to have Richard filling when we needed a fourth. Visiting bridge players are most welcome to join us on club nights at the St John rooms. Play commences at 7pm every Monday evening.

Contact Lyn (07) 866 8858 or Val (07) 866 8730

**Coromandel Grey Power**

By John Rabarts – President



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**tui wing haiku**

By Chris Wornall

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brings colour to the darkness  
of a tui's wing

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## Patchwork & Quilters

Block Roll made by  
Judy Russell

By Bev Mayhead

October is a very busy month for our group. This year we are involved in the Open Studios Coromandel ArtsTour for both weekends. Our venue is at the St John Ambulance Hall, Tiki Road (next to the Fire Station) and we will have a display of quilts and workshop projects, a sales table, as well as working demonstrations throughout the day. Look for our flags on your way into town! Stop in; we would love to see you and there is plenty of parking.

Looking ahead we have the NZ National Quilt Symposium for 2019 held in Auckland 1-6 October. Some of us will be attending this for a super and inspiring day out!

The block roll project was well received and a challenge to pay attention to instructions or it became very difficult to complete, but still we laughed at ourselves. The photo shows how fabulous and practical they are.

Our next project is "Angels".

We meet on the 1st & 3rd Mondays of each month; for further information please contact our President Raewyn Penrose (07) 866 8880

## Coromandel Community Christmas Lunch update

Further to last month's article we are pleased to announce that the theme for this year's Community Christmas Lunch is "Winter Wonderland".

If you are facing spending Christmas alone, don't. Come and enjoy Christmas lunch with others – it may help to put a smile on your face. Enjoy some good food, some new and interesting company and share with others the real joy of Christmas! We can even organise transport for you if you need assistance to get to the venue.

We welcome not only people who will be on their own for Christmas Day, but also families who perhaps are not in a position to provide a wonderful experience for their children and individuals or couples who have no close friends or families to share the day with.

Numbers will be limited, so please contact us to express your interest using the form below.

If you want to donate funds, time, food, a present or something else to the day, then we want to talk to you too. Please contact us on coromandelchristmaslunch@gmail.com or fill in the form right.

We will also require all volunteers and people wanting to donate to join us for a meeting, date to be confirmed, but sometime early November.  
*The Coromandel Christmas Fairies xxx*

- ☐ I would like to attend the Christmas Lunch
- Number of People.....
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04 Nov - 22 Dec	-	8:45 am	-	8:45 am	6:40 pm	8:45 am	8:45 am
23 Dec - 29 Dec*	8:45 am	8:45 am	*	8:45 am	8:45 am	8:45 am	8:45 am
30 Dec - 5 Jan	8:45 am	8:45 am	8:45 am	8:45 am	8:45 am	8:45 am	8:45 am
6 Jan - 9 Feb	8:45 am	8:45 am	8:45 am	8:45 am	6:40 pm	8:45 am	8:45 am
10 Feb - 5 Apr	-	8:45 am	-	8:45 am	6:40 pm	8:45 am	8:45 am

### Departs Coromandel: Hannafords Wharf

	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
28 Oct - 03 Nov	4:30 pm	3:00 pm	-	3:00 pm	8:45 pm	4:30 pm	4:30 pm
04 Nov - 22 Dec	-	3:00 pm	-	3:00 pm	8:45 pm	4:30 pm	4:30 pm
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30 Dec - 5 Jan	3:00 pm	3:00 pm	4:30 pm	4:30 pm	3:00 pm	4:30 pm	4:30 pm
6 Jan - 26 Jan	3:00 pm	3:00 pm	3:00 pm	3:00 pm	8:45 pm	4:30 pm	4:30 pm
27 Jan - 2 Feb <sup>1</sup>	4:30 pm <sup>1</sup>	3:00 pm	3:00 pm	3:00 pm	8:45 pm	4:30 pm	4:30 pm
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## Combined Clubs Of Coromandel THE CLUB

### RSA News

By Pat Williams

Last month I mentioned The Avondale Auckland RSA and the Brick Wall Fundraiser which was held way, way back. Yipee, my brick has been found! Also mentioned was a visit to the Howick RSA in Auckland. Owing to unforeseen circumstances this trip did not eventuate.

My brother back in Rarotonga reports he got the Money Board back safely but as yet is not up and running. As I mentioned, our Money Board was made by Ray Stewart. Ray has been in Phoenix House for some time and has now been transferred to the hospital wing. We are thinking of you Ray.

None of us made it to the Whangamata RSA Combined Services Day on 25 August. Sad, as it is always a very pleasant outing.

This below portion of this article was penned by our Vice President. Steve Walters:

Would you like to enjoy the hospitality of the RSA and The Club? Over the last few years the RSA has increased in membership considerably as more people are looking to socialise in comfort while enjoying entertaining and friendly company. Saturday evenings are becoming increasingly popular.

If this sounds like what you could be interested in, give our Membership Co-ordinator a ring – Marie Mead phone (07) 866 7274 or 021 232 3331 and arrange to visit one Saturday evening. If (and we are sure you will) you enjoy it, then Marie will arrange a membership application for you. Membership is just \$30 per annum. Once a member you will be able to visit other RSA clubs, even Australian ones! A courtesy van is available to pick you up and deliver you home safely. Boundary limits apply.

The RSA is situated at "The Club", Woollams Ave. and is open to members and their guests Fridays and Saturdays from 3.30pm.

Funny: Due to a water shortage in Ireland, Dublin Swimming Baths have announced they are closing Lanes 7 and 8.

Quote for the month: "It is better to begin in the evening than not at all."

Cheers.

### Women's Section RSA

By Loes Beaver, Womens Section President

The Women's Section of RSA will celebrate their 75 years of service with an invited luncheon at The Club on **19 October** at 1pm. I would like any photos, names of past members, and info, especially from the early days. Photos that could be copied and or displayed for that day only. Thank you in advance.

Contact Loes (07) 866 8053. The Club will be open at the usual time for members 3.30pm

### Tuia 250

In 2019, Aotearoa New Zealand will acknowledge 250 years since the first onshore encounters between Maori and Pakeha, with a national commemoration called Tuia – Encounters 250 (Tuia 250).

On the morning of **Friday 18 October** the Tuia 250 flotilla of waka and heritage ships is scheduled to sail past Cooks Beach and Whitianga then to Wharekaho where Te Powhiri will take place.

For more info see [www.mercury250.org](http://www.mercury250.org)



Opening day and the winners were Bottom Town

### Coromandel Bowling Club

By Cherrie Rokela

We had a great opening day on 5 September, with thirty players on the day. The weather was good, and the shared lunch delicious.

The first bowls were delivered by our patrons Eunice McDonald and John Fowler, as per photo.

The "Bottom Town" team won the day's competition, beating "Top Town" by a narrow margin. See photo of winning team.

Our first open tournament of the season is on Wednesday 18 September, a triples event sponsored by our local Liquor King store.

Twilight bowls are beginning on **5 November** for four weeks, and again in February 2020. Two sessions per night, 5pm and 6pm. To enter your team please email Linda Wright at [reg.linda@xtra.co.nz](mailto:reg.linda@xtra.co.nz) or phone her 027 651 3477. Get in early to avoid missing a spot in this fun competition.

Join our club as a social member for \$20 per year, and come on down to our Friday social nights for a drink, chat, raffle or a game of pool. With daylight saving approaching and hopefully nice weather, we will have a "corner to corner" competition as well. All good fun!

See you there.



The patrons John Fowler and Eunice Mac Donald delivering the first bowls on opening day for the new season

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### Missy Raines Trio

It's been a long time since we've had a concert in town, let alone one with an award-winning performer from Nashville. And now we can look forward to musician/songwriter Missy Raines who will be performing with Ben Garnett and George Jackson in Coromandel Town at the end of October.

In 1998, Raines became the first woman to win the International Bluegrass Music Association's Bass Player of the Year award and she went on to win the title repeatedly for the next several years – seven times altogether! She has proven herself without doubt, to be an iconic bluegrass instrumentalist.

With a smoky and seductive alto, Missy Raines heads up an all-acoustic ensemble which features Ben Garnett on guitar and expat Kiwi George Jackson on fiddle. The territory the trio covers is broad and the compass is set by Raines, planted right in the centre of the stage directing with her bass every bit as much as she's playing it.

Raines "...launches her well-tended craft off the bluegrass dock into the waters of jazz and folk, holding onto the anchor of bluegrass while pushing steadily at the boundaries of the music that engulfs her." – Country Standard Time.

And for those of you who loved Tattletale Saints when they performed in town last year, here is Vanessa's comment about Missy Raines: "...you'll really love Missy and her trio; she has great songs and is super entertaining. Plus anyone who's just into virtuoso playing will love the whole band – they're all amazing musicians!"

For more on Missy Raines, see [www.missyraines.com](http://www.missyraines.com)

Date: **Thursday 31 October** at 7.30pm

Venue: Hauraki House Theatre, Kapanga Rd, Coromandel Town

Tickets: \$25 from Richardsons Real Estate, 191 Kapanga Rd, Coromandel or email [robinmunch24@gmail.com](mailto:robinmunch24@gmail.com) for online bookings

### Coromandel Bus Matters

By Lora Mountjoy

In August Linda McKellar and Lora Mountjoy met with the Community Board to ask for help in getting a suitable bus service between Coromandel

Town and Thames. We were very pleased at the positive response we got and we understand that the Community Board will take the matter to the Council, but after the upcoming election.

If you care about the bus and you haven't already voted, why not check that the people you elect would support this?

We are heartened by the amount of people and local community groups who have supported us, and we thank CILT, The Information Centre, Colville Social Services and Grey Power for backing the bus.

For more information or to offer help Contact Lora on 021 072 1301, [lora.mountjoy@gmail.com](mailto:lora.mountjoy@gmail.com)



### Christ Church Coromandel

By John Gaffikin-Cowan, Vicars Warden – on behalf of the Vestry

It is with sadness we report that Father Philip Sallis is desperately ill.

Your thoughts and prayers for Philip, Kathy and family are appreciated.

### Coromandel Yesterday, 1950

By Meghan Hawkes

- A Tiger Moth aircraft crash landed and overturned in shallow water off the beach at Port Charles after the engine cut out at 1,500 ft over Cape Colville. The tide was full and there was only a very narrow strip of beach available for a forced landing. As the plane flipped the two passengers undid their safety belts and scrambled clear. Unhurt but unnerved they walked to Mr Carey's homestead. The aircraft, owned by the Auckland Aero Club, was extensively damaged. At low tide it was salvaged and hauled above the high water mark.

- Caught in a cloudburst on top of Mt Moehau, two students from Auckland University spent the night in a make-shift ti-tree shelter. They were part of a party of 25 who were studying geology and botany.

- Even the experts were astonished at the prices reached at the Auckland wool sale. The highest price ever paid in Auckland for one lot of wool was realised in an afternoon for four bales of super Corriedale from a Coromandel station. It was bought by a South Island clothing factory. Farmers who filled the gallery looked on with satisfaction.

- Reserve fire fighting equipment was flown to Coromandel as the forest fire risk had become serious. The reserve plant consisted of 1,000 ft of hose, a portable pump and two collapsible tanks originally designed for fighting fires in the London Blitz.

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## Museum News

By Raewyn McKinney

The museum is now ready for the new season, thanks to the hard work done throughout the winter. We thank Sharon and Kerry Whittle who have kindly given help and shared their expertise.

The Coromandel ArtsTour is on during the first two weekends of October. The museum will be open all day on both weekends.

2020 marks the 200th anniversary of the visit of HMS Coromandel to our harbour.

The museum has published a book, written by local resident and committee member Val Macdonald. It will be on sale for \$10 from the museum.

October 1852 is the date of the discovery of gold in Coromandel. Here is an edited extract from 'New Zealand Herald' 19 October 1895:

**"Old identities. Adventures and reminiscences of Mr. Charles Ring. First discoverer of gold in New Zealand.**

Mr. Chas. Ring arrived in Auckland in the 'Daniel Watson', whaler, on the 23rd September, 1852. Before Mr. Ring's arrival, the notice was published: 'Gold! £100 reward!'

The arrival of the Californian diggers



**GOLD AT COROMANDEL.** The Government conference with the Maoris on Patapata Beach, 1852. From the "Illustrated London News," 1853 'Auckland Star' 10/10/1936

was deemed a good opportunity to ascertain if gold could really be obtained. A public meeting was called, a committee appointed, the following offer made:

'The undersigned committee ... are prepared to pay a reward of £500, and (probably £500 more) to the first person who shall discover and make known to them a valuable goldfield situated in the district of New Zealand between 35°40 and 38° south latitude..'

Mr. Ring and his brother Frederick were so disgusted with the obstacles put in the way of settlement in the country, which they had experienced in Auckland before going to the Californian goldfields, that their intention was to get away to Australia, but no vessel being on the berth, they determined to go prospecting for gold with a view of claiming the outstanding reward. They had an idea that the Coromandel and Thames ranges would be likely places. They started next day for Coromandel, which they reached in two days.

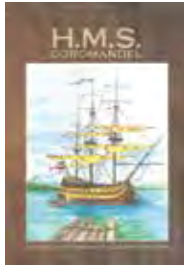
On arriving at the Tiki they found the

great chief Taniwha (old Hooknose) with about 30 men and women. The first thing the native did was to demand Mr. Charles Ring's double-barrelled gun to be given up.. sticking to his gun, Mr. Ring went to talk to the chief. Taniwha then said to his men, "I think these are good men, we will let them go." They wished the natives good-bye, and both sides were the best of friends hence forward.

Mr. Ring then went up the creeks and began prospecting. The third day in the first week of October he got a few specks of gold close to what is now known as Ring's Driving Creek. The second place he found gold was at Preece's Point. Mr. Ring then came to Auckland and reported to the Goldfields Discovery Reward Committee, bringing a small sample of gold to the chairman to be tested, and put in an application for the reward. They doubted his statement at first. As he had just arrived from California, they thought the gold might be Californian...

The Government officers and committee were shown by Mr. Ring the places where he got the gold. The Gold Reward Committee deputation returned to town, and reported that the fact of the existence of gold was satisfactorily ascertained, but that further investigation was necessary before deciding absolutely on the question of its being so abundant as to secure profit."

The museum will be open from 10am-4pm on 5 & 6 October, and 12 & 13 October. From 19 October: 1-4pm weekends only



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## Mahamudra Centre for Universal Unity

By Jaki Chalmers

We are now into the first weeks of a retreat after very busy September spring preparations.

The three-month Vajrasattva Retreat (and Empowerment) with Geshe Thupten Wangchen and Venerable Lozang Yönten started with rainbows amongst the spring showers. We are very pleased to welcome Venerable Lozang Yonten back to Mahamudra and the retreatants who have all travelled a long way to be here.

On **30 September** at 7pm we will be holding a Dorje Khadro Purification ceremony. It is a purification ritual to address our negative habits and interrupt them. It is to help prevent our past mistakes from ripening into future suffering. The ceremony is open to the community – all are welcome. Suggested donation \$5, but there is no set amount. Meet at the Dorje Khadro Hut at 7pm. We ask those coming not to go into the Gomba as it remains a “Retreat Only” zone. Visit our website/Facebook page to check for any changes.

Due to the Vajrasattva retreat, the Centre will be closed to visitors and guided meditations until **Sunday 8 December**.

We are really excited about our programme for this season and making it available to the public and dharma practitioners at all levels. Three renowned FPMT teachers have made themselves available providing a “thought provoking” provisional programme below:

**Ven. Lobsang Namgyel**

• “Green Tara Lam Rim Retreat” – **12 December to 17 December**.

**Ven. Lhundup Jamyang**

• “Transforming problems into happiness” – A weekend retreat – **24 January to 26 January 2020**.

• “The essence of Buddhism” – A ten day retreat – **31 January to Sunday 9 February 2020**.

### Budding Young Gardeners wanted

A national search is on for young kiwi gardeners who have a passion for plants and dig gardening.

The Yates Budding Young Gardener competition is open to children aged 5-15 years, with all levels of capability, who just love spending time in the garden growing things.

The lucky winner will become a Yates ambassador for one year and win an amazing family trip to Hawaii.

All entrants will need to complete the entry form, answer a number of gardening questions and either submit a short video sharing their garden and what they get up to in it or photographs. Entries close **Sunday 6 October**.

To find out how to enter and terms and conditions visit [www.yates.co.nz/budding-young-gardener/](http://www.yates.co.nz/budding-young-gardener/)

• “The 16 guidelines for a happy life” – A weekend workshop – **14 to 16 February 2020**.

**Ven. Thubten Khadro**

• Cultivating Shamatha and Bodhichitta – A six day meditation Retreat – **10-15 January 2020**

• Cultivating Shamatha and Emptiness – A six day meditation retreat – **21-26 February 2020**.

Details and opening of registrations for these events will be on our website as they become available. Any queries email [retreat@mahamudra.org.nz](mailto:retreat@mahamudra.org.nz). In between the retreats we welcome visitors and guests to come enjoy our beautiful retreat centre. You don't need to be Buddhist to stay, but we ask visitors to have an open heart and mind to live by the five lay precepts while here. You, your family or friends can make bookings through our website and [booking.com](http://booking.com).

As mentioned last month, it is our intention to have a Family Day/Open Day at the Centre, always well received over the years. It is provisionally scheduled for February or March 2020. Please send us your expression of interest, ideas, etc. to [retreat@mahamudra.org.nz](mailto:retreat@mahamudra.org.nz) or call us on (07) 866 6851.

**Vacancy – Centre Manager**

After many years of mindful and dedicated service to our Centre Suzi is leaving us from 1 November to pursue new challenges. We can't thank her enough for all that she has done for us and the retreatants. She is such a wonderful person and we wish her well in her new endeavours. If you are interested in this position please contact our director on [director@mahamudra.org.nz](mailto:director@mahamudra.org.nz) for a job description and/or an initial informal chat about the role. Ideally we would like the new centre manager to start before Suzi leaves for a handing over period.

“You, yourself, as much as anybody in the entire universe, deserve your love and affection.” Buddha

Looking forward to seeing you here and to becoming part of the Coromandel community.

### Monday Walkers

By Irene Dunn

The weather has been playing a large part in where we walk of late, but this has led us to different tracks and exploring our wonderful paradise.

We welcomed Betty (who is a house sitter) to our group for three Mondays. It was interesting to hear how she walks with all sorts of walking and tramping groups all over NZ in the course of her house sitting. What a great job for a retiree!

It's time to blow the cobwebs, get those boots out and get walking with a spring in your step. Join us as we walk each Monday. For more info ring number below. Happy walking everyone.

Contact Irene 021 157 8408



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## Library News

By Raewyn McKinney

Unfortunately, the deadline for this month's Chronicle comes before the Library's AGM.

An update on the committee and the AGM will therefore be submitted to next month's Chronicle.

We have the latest publications by many popular authors, including David Baldacci, Kate Furnivall, Stephen Leather, Kerry McGinnis, Jo Nesbo, Tony Park, Lesley Pearce, Nora Roberts, Michael Robotham, Simon Scarrow, Daniel Silva and Paullina Simons.

We have also purchased:

### **The Perfect Wife by JP Delaney**



Abbie awakens in a daze with no memory of who she is or how she landed in this unsettling condition. The man by her side claims to be her husband. He tells Abbie that she is a gifted artist, an avid surfer, a loving mother to their young son, and the perfect wife. He says she had a terrible accident five years ago and that, through a huge technological breakthrough, she has been brought back from the abyss.

She is a miracle of science.

But as Abbie pieces together memories of her marriage, she begins questioning her husband's version of events. Can she

trust him when he says he wants them to be together forever? And what really happened to Abbie half a decade ago?

### **The Shelly Bay Ladies Swimming Circle by Sophie Green**



In a seaside suburb on Australia's golden coast, four women head to the water to swim every day. Housewife Theresa wants to get fit; she also wants a few precious minutes to herself.

From the same beach, the widowed Marie swims.

With her husband gone, it is the one constant in her new life.

Elaine takes to the sea having recently moved from England, while Leanne is twenty-five years old and only has herself to rely on. In the waters of Shelly Bay, these four women find each other. Most of all, they will cherish their newfound friendship, each and every day.

### **Six Minutes by Petronella McGovern**



How can a child disappear from under the care of four playgroup mums?

One Thursday morning, Lexie Parker dashes to the shop, leaving Bella in the safe care of the other mums in the playgroup.

Six minutes later, Bella is gone.

Police and media descend on the tiny village of Merrigang on the edge of Canberra. Locals unite to search the dense bushland. But as the investigation continues, relationships start to fracture, and the community is engulfed by fear.

What happened in those six minutes and where is Bella?

### **Taking Tom Murray Home by Tim Slee**



Bankrupt dairy farmer Tom Murray decides he'd rather sell off his herd and burn down his own house than hand them over to the bank. But something goes tragically wrong, and Tom dies in the blaze. His wife, Dawn, doesn't want him to have died for nothing and

decides to hold a funeral procession for Tom as a protest, driving 350km from Yardley in Victoria to bury him in Melbourne. To make a bigger impact she agrees with some neighbours to put his coffin on a horse and cart and take it slow – real slow. But on the night of their departure, someone burns down the local bank. Dawn has five days to get to Melbourne. A novel about grief, pain, anger and loss, but it's also about hope – and how community, friends and love trump pain and anger.

The library is open from 10am to 1pm from Monday to Friday; and 10am to 12 noon on Saturday



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## NEW LISTING



### Coromandel- Waiting to Embrace its New Owners

Beautiful quality new brick home, situated in the well-established Greenhills subdivision, on a corner section that offers views to the Coromandel ranges and a short stroll from town. Open plan lounge, dining, Kitchen makes this home ideal for entertaining. 3 double bedrooms, ensuite a guest bathroom, double garage (waiting for bricklayer), laundry. You can choose your concrete colour!

**For Sale \$645,000**  
[www.harcourts.co.nz/CO1920](http://www.harcourts.co.nz/CO1920)

## NEW LISTING



### Coromandel—Sweetie Potential

Cute 3 bedroom villa in Coromandel with street appeal, and well-positioned for the sun. It's a big, fenced section at 961m<sup>2</sup>. Inside, the house needs some TLC so if you're looking for a property to tidy up and do a bit of renovation on this is the one for you. Make an offer—Motivated vendor!

**For Sale \$465,000**  
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## PRIVATE



### Coromandel- Two Perfect Hectares

Driveway access plus power and phone line to site, this magical spot has a generous proportion of flat land, grass platforms, beautiful bush surrounding you and an established orchard.

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## BUSH BLOCKS



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**For Sale \$839,000**  
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## BACH



### Port Charles- Kiwi Beach Bach

This quintessential kiwi bach is your perfect family getaway. This 3 bedroom bach is used by the family and is also rented out as holiday accomm - the reviews are awesome. Many of the chattels are included in the price. Just move in!

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## SEA VIEWS



### Coromandel - Front Porch Views

4 min drive to Coro Town. 3 bedroom wood home set on 2.5ha of bush. Outstanding location, views over the lush Coromandel coastline. Private and peaceful, this secluded hideaway is surrounded only by nature.

**For Sale \$695,000**  
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## SECTION



### Wyuna Bay - Views + Over 1/2 Acre

Located in a sought-after road only 3 mins drive from Coromandel Town and a 1 min walk to the beach this 2,384m<sup>2</sup> section has harbour views to die for. Realistically priced to sell quickly. Resource & building consent with house plans available.

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## COMMERCIAL



### Coromandel - Town Centre

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## Wyuna Bay - Wyuna Bay Wonderland

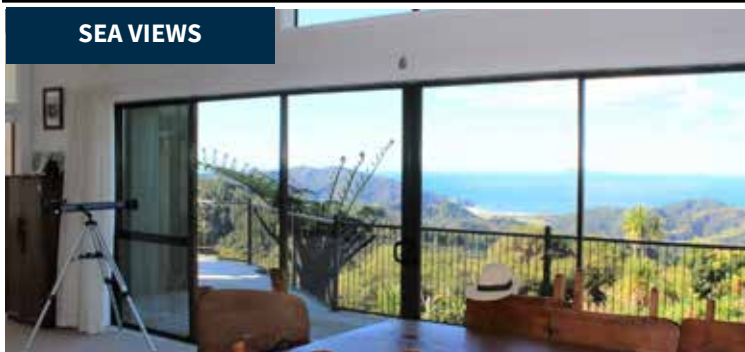
Absolute beachfront! Riparian access to 200m of sandy beach, a concrete high tide boat ramp and a legal mooring. Seeing is believing in the extraordinary reality of this unique Wyuna Bay estate, comprising 2 dwellings- one rented- plus a sleep out/ cabana, pool, 11 acres in manicured and landscaped grass, native plantings as well as some bush

Complete privacy, a wonderful tranquil ambience, at one with nature yet encapsulating luxurious living- this truly exceptional property, a few minutes from Coromandel Town but feeling like a million miles away, awaits the respectful stewardship of its next fortunate custodian.

**For Sale** \$2,600,000

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## SEA VIEWS



## Colville- Off Grid & On Point...

Captivating Colville lifestyle block, 5 mins north of Colville comprises 27.55ha of native bush and pine and a substantial 4 bedroom, 3 bathroom home. There are spectacular views of Waikawau Bay and out to Cuvier Island, wonderful peace, seclusion & privacy.

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## LIFESTYLE



## Manaia - Live The Goodlife!

Live the dream on this 12.5-hectare old world bush clad lifestyle property. 1 dwelling plus 2 additional buildings. Located just 9km from Coromandel township and Te Kouma. This property is a must see, it has a whole lot more to offer, beautiful bush, sea views, and lots of possibilities..

**For Sale** \$799,000

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## HOME/INCOME



## Coromandel- Tuscany on Tiki Road!

Sited on a gorgeous north facing flat 5059 sqm piece of land bordering the mangroves it boasts panoramic water views over the estuary and Coromandel Harbour. Featuring a Mediterranean look, setting the stage for luxurious living or presentable upmarket accommodation. Multi use possibilities with so many extras. Our motivated vendors are on the move !!!!

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## Animal Rescue Thames

By Alice and John Parris and Mumma Grace

Firstly thank mews to everyone who has so kindly donated tinned food and biscuits for our rescue felines. This is a huge blessing to the unit and the cats. We received biscuits, tinned, pillows from Goldfields WI from their roll call – thank you to those generous ladies.

Rehoming updates – we have heard from our Coro boy, Deedee and son, all having settled in and doing extremely well, adjusting to new life adventures and keeping the humans fully amused and very, very happy. Deedee's son has proven to be Mr Smooch and extra playful which in turn has helped his mum to adjust to a new world and humans and cats are all enjoying each other's company. So we are thrilled with the photos and updates on their progress. Nothing else has been rehomed and no enquiries, but perfect homes take time.

Fundraising – our Labour Weekend Garage sale is **26 October**. Grahamstown Hall, Pollen St, Thames, 8.30am until noon ish.

Always an amazing garage sale and people love our huge and wide variety of goods on offer and our yummy kitchen with



morning tea and coffee.

This is quintessential to our unit to raise some seriously good funds to get the unit fed and cared for. We have a great variety of goods available, but we would love jigsaw puzzles, toys, shoes, books, craft items, tools and general household items like pots and pans, cutlery, dinner sets – things like that. If anyone is dejunking purrlease, contact us, we would love them.

Currently our finances are pretty drastic and are down to \$375. We have more weeks ahead of us until this garage sale than funds, as we allocate \$100 a week to feed and care for the cats which just gets us by, so we will be doing some selling on internet in the small hope we can get through to the garage sale. We will also be needing as much help as is possible to help load vehicles on the Thursday afternoon before the garage sale and unloading on the Friday and set up with hall, as well as drop down, as both my husband and I physically are struggling to

cope with this enormous task and all help will be hugely appreciated by both of us (and the cats).

Mumma grey – she is the last of our Auckland kitties, the slowest to turn, to adjust to being sociable. We gave her the grace of coming out of her unit. She had a marvelous time going around the house checking everything out, and playing with the black trio, and we respect this girl. She is dodgy in nature as being somewhat titchy to work with and to try to get her back to unit was crawl under dining room table and gently call her – this falls on deaf ears and we had to get further under table to get her. She was not amused at this trick but was okay so that being her first blat round the house was an 8 out of 10 for her and she will gain both trust and confidence in this new routine.

Wanted homes for our felines 12 months to 4 years, suit quiet rural homes with loads of love. Also tinned cat food, sachets, cat biscuits if shopping in Pak 'n Save Thames – purrlease place in our Animal Rescue bin therein or contact us.

Animal Rescue Thames, 532 Thames Coast Road, RD5 Thames 3575. (07) 868 2907 (afternoons are best)

## Coromandel Town Information Centre

By Natalie Blasco

### White Elephant Sale

Coromandel Town Information Centre will have its second annual White Elephant Sale (garage sale) on **Saturday 26 October** (Labour weekend). This fundraiser to support the operation of the Centre will be held in the Coromandel Area School Hall from 9am-1pm.

In preparation for the event we are accepting donations of goods to sell, such as small furniture, kitchen items, books, jewellery, plants, new electrical goods, china, baked goods, garden tools, etc. Anything you might have in good, saleable condition would be appreciated. We'd be happy to find a new home for it! Please note: no clothing. Any items that aren't sold will be donated to The Bizarre.

Your donations may be dropped off at the school hall after 3pm on **Friday 25 October**. If you're unable to take your donations to the school hall on Friday, ring the Information Centre and we will arrange to collect it sooner. We do have some limited storage available.

We will also have a raffle for a trailer load of firewood. Raffle tickets will be sold at the Information Centre for three weeks in advance of the White Elephant Sale and the winner will be drawn on the day. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

If you'd like to have your own stall at the White Elephant Sale,



we're happy to have you join us. The cost for a stall is \$10.

### Boom, Bust and Beyond

We are also continuing to conduct our Boom, Bust and Beyond Guided Heritage Walks. The tour costs \$20 per person, with a minimum of two people required, and is an easy walk through town that takes about 1 ½ hours. The guides are amazing and extremely knowledgeable on the history of our town, and even locals are bound to learn something new.

Right now the usual tour time is 10.30am every Saturday, but we can arrange for tours at other times and days. So get a little group together and ring or email us to make a booking.

Ph: (07) 866 8598; E: [coroinfo@xtra.co.nz](mailto:coroinfo@xtra.co.nz); Hours: 10am-3pm daily, then resuming our usual 4pm closure effective Labour weekend

### Produce Fair 2020

Exciting news! I'm organising a Produce Fair on **Saturday 15 February 2020** to raise funds for the Coromandel Town Information Centre. This is an early invitation to start growing vegetables and flowers for your entries. There'll be further details in the next Chronicle.

If you're interested in helping with the fair, please contact me on [robinmunch24@gmail.com](mailto:robinmunch24@gmail.com)

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## Ann's Good News, Naturally

### Immunity

Building immunity is not just about focusing on vaccinations, such as recent aggressive instructions to vaccinate against measles. There are other factors that must always be applied.

Let's again have conversations about the following:

- **Preconception health** – Aim for a strong constitution. If the inherited constitution of a child is weak or impaired, it is vital to focus on strengthening. Healthy, well-nourished sperm and eggs from healthy parents are necessary for better babies, a stronger constitution and immune system for life.
- **Perfecting pregnancy** – There are specific nutrients you should be getting from your foods ideally, throughout these nine months, to optimise immune potency.
- **Vaginal birth** – Smothering baby at birth with the specific immune-boosting vaginal probiotics will begin to mature baby's immune system for a world outside, driving for optimum protection through life.
- **Breast feed** – Breast feeding supplies the potent immune-boosting colostrum and Immunoglobulin A to quickly strengthen your baby's immune system. Breast milk is a complete nutrition. It also keeps cells adequately hydrated. Complementing with formula or weaning too early will weaken the immune system, creating allergies and weakening a healthy microbiome. Having trouble getting breast feeding established, or need healthy breast milk alternatives? I can help.
- **Know the foods that nourish** – Starting solids too soon, or with the wrong foods, can challenge and weaken the immune system, causing reflux, allergies and/or hypersensitivities.
- **Avoid the foods that deplete** – Processed foods contain toxins such as preservatives, flavourings, and colourings. All contribute to an ineffective, or confused, over-responsive immunity. Hence a life to old age with preventable diseases.
- **Sugar is a toxin** because it weakens your immune system and feeds bad bacteria.
- **Not been vaccinated?** If you have not been vaccinated and are concerned you may contract an infectious disease, there are options I can help you with. Be prepared.
- **Been vaccinated and are reacting?** Counteract any ill effects of vaccinations. Remove the residual toxins that may linger in the body potentiating health problems later in life. I can help.
- **Food is your medicine.** Do you really eat well? Highly refined foods lack most of the minerals, good fats, vitamins and much of the protein required for proper immunity and bodily functions. Cereals or wholegrains? Cornflakes or corn on the cob? Brown rice or NutriGrain? 80% of B vitamins are lost in processing grains. I can help with healthy options for better breakfasts, or any meals. Know your mineral status [www.activeelements.com](http://www.activeelements.com), username 259077, password 579819.
- **Lectins and eating right** for your blood type to boost immunity – It's not pseudoscience. My clients have had great clinical results for many years working with this. Get it right, I can help.
- **80% of your immunity is via your digestive tract** – The first line of your immune defence is in your digestive tract, mouth to bottom. It's the gateway to your body.

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Evidence shows it takes all of the above to create the most resistant immunity you can. Be proactive to potentially lessen the effects of any viral, bacterial, or other pathogenic challenges on your body, including childhood illnesses.

Let's get back to being more proactive, for a safe, healthy and strong population. If you are unsure, please contact me for a conversation or an appointment.

Contact Ann Kerr-Bell 021 046 1647



### Coromandel Comment

Please see our mussel farm safety requirements below (in colour in this edition, thank you Coromandel Town Chronicle) for vessel and people safety in and around the mussel farms.

While the Coromandel Mussel Farming Industry welcomes people to come and enjoy the good snapper fishing inside the Coromandel mussel farms, we do ask that our safety be at all times the priority for all boaties.

However, some people are ignoring the mussel farm safety requirements and getting too close. All boaties must uphold this code at all times, thank you.

We ask that all mussel farm boaties help with safety, by having a polite word with those disrespecting the requirements. Please play it fair and safe so as to keep clear of the mussel barges at all times.

Best wishes for a safe and fun spring and summer on and along our wonderful Coromandel waterways.

## Everyone knows the best place to go fishing is near a mussel farm.

*Please follow these guidelines to keep everyone safe.*

- ← **Keep 30 metres** from working mussel barges at all times
- ⛔ **Don't tie-up** to a line being worked on
- ⚠️ **Never cast your line** towards a mussel barge – farmers have been injured from flying hooks and sinkers
- ⚠️ **No anchors.** Tie-on to a longline buoy or use approved mooring hooks
- ⚠️ **Minimise your speed and wake**
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## Coromandel Garden Circle

By Jenny Penman

Our September meeting followed on the heels of a good old Coromandel weather bomb. It was a real testament to the resilience of the two town gardens that were visited after the business side of the meeting. Our member Natalie has invited us into her garden on several occasions and it never fails to delight. It is a real credit to Natalie in light of the time she devotes to working at the local Information Centre as well. The second garden was that of the historic James Homestead circa 1890 in Rings Road. This immaculately maintained, well established garden has many fine feature trees including a very old pear tree. A spectacular rhododendron in full bloom made an irresistible backdrop for a group photo. A delicious afternoon tea (a trademark of Garden Circle meetings) followed back in the clubrooms with another of our Joint Convenor's quizzes which are fast becoming a welcome fixture on the programme. Earlier it was time to help a member celebrate her upcoming 90th birthday. And how better to do it than with a lovely bunch of flowers!

Our Competition Arrangement was a harbinger to spring with the theme "Romance is in the Air" and while the Competition Special of "Best Vege Mix" didn't have the same ring to it, the winning entry sparked even more competition when auctioned off following judging. A much better result than The Block!

Our October meeting will have a cooking demonstration given by none other than Rada, the winner of the prize Best Vege Mix – her samosas will be packed with flavour and goodness. Yum.

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 at The Combined Club, Woollams Ave. For more information please contact Jeni Mudgway 021 0227 5341



## Plastic-Free Coromandel Town

By Kate James

Plastic-free Coromandel Town has helped Coromandel people ditch plastic bags. Now we are moving on to help tackle the issue of take-away cups. Why? Because the Packaging Forum estimates that 295 million take-away cups are consumed in New Zealand every year. Consumed means used once and then sent to landfill, clogging our earth with unnecessary waste.

Single-use take-away cups are not recyclable and we do not have the commercial facilities needed to compost the "compostable" ones in Coromandel. It makes no sense to waste resources on something which just gets used once, then binned.

There are so many options for reusable cups: you could even grab an empty jar, just add string or rubber bands around the outside for insulation, and you have a reusable cup of your own. Every little thing we do to reduce our waste is helping our environment. It can also save you money! We know Coromandel Bakehouse and Weta Café offer discounts on takeaway coffee if you take your own cup. It could pay to ask for a discount wherever you go. So why not get into the habit of taking your own cup? There are also lots of schemes out there that cafés can offer too, so if you run a café get in touch if you want our help to ditch those nasty single-use cups – search for Plastic-Free Coromandel Town on Facebook.



## Hon Scott Simpson MP For Coromandel



At next year's general election we know there will be at least one referendum and possibly two others as well.

As part of the government's agreement with the Green Party, voters will be asked if they are in favour or not of legalising the recreational use of marijuana.

The Coromandel has earned a certain reputation over the years as being something of a big marijuana garden. The stories are legendary and so are the characters. People often rib me about our infamous "Coromandel crop" and our "local green economy". Some people are convinced our possums are all permanently "relaxed" because of their unique local diet.

But not withstanding the real or imagined reputation the Coromandel has, all New Zealanders will get to vote next year on whether or not they support recreational use of cannabis being made legal.

There's also a chance we'll be having a referendum on changes to abortion laws and possibly one seeking voter support or not for David Seymour's End of Life Choice legislation. Decisions on these last two referenda will be decided by Parliament in the coming months and at this stage no final decisions have been made.

But it is certain there will be one on legalising marijuana.

The debate is not about the use of medical cannabis. That decision has already been made and supported across Parliament. Recreational use of cannabis/marijuana is a completely different thing.

Last month I hosted MP Paula Bennett, Opposition Spokesperson for drug reform, in Thames for a public meeting to talk about what could happen if legalisation did happen.

Paula highlighted what legalising recreational marijuana could mean for individuals and communities. The meeting was well attended and there was some vigorous discussion.

She gave examples of how other countries have gone about reforming their laws and what the impacts have been. Sadly, in most, the outcomes have not been as benign as those pushing for legalisation would have us believe. Examples of different forms of cannabis being sold over the counter as additives to food, sweets and drinks came as a surprise to many at the meeting.

There were lots of questions and sharing of information.

One thing for sure is we are all going to hear a lot more on this subject in months to come. I encourage feedback and informed debate and look forward to hearing your thoughts.

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# COROMANDEL/MANAIA

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## HEALTHY CATCHMENT HEALTHY HARBOUR

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*Te Kaunihera ā Rohe o Waikato*

### LET'S MAKE A PLAN!

The Coromandel harbour and catchment management team is kicking off information gathering for the Coromandel/Manaia Harbour and Catchment Management Plan.

Harbour and catchment management plans are a way for people to share what they want their natural environment to be like in the next 10-50 years.

We have begun the conversation with partners, agencies and iwi, are reaching out to rural landowners, and want to hear from all residents of, and visitors to, the area.

We're focusing on water quality, the land-sea interface, catchment management, soils and biodiversity, and we want to hear what is important to you, your whanau and friends.

### WHAT IS HARBOUR AND CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT?

It's about the mountain ranges to the sea – identifying issues that relate to our land, water and communities, and developing a grassroots approach to remedy them. Social, cultural, environmental and economic outcomes need to be considered. It's for the community, therefore this work should be owned and driven by the community.

The communities of Wharekawa (Ōpoutere), Whangamatā, Tairua and Whangapoua have already developed plans for their catchments. With their input, willow clearance, riparian and forest fragment protection, wetland restoration, stream and flood management and coastal vegetation control are jobs well underway.

It's time to take a look at what we can do for the Coromandel/Manaia catchment. We know your community wants a high standard of water quality, to reduce the amount of sedimentation entering the harbour, and not leave it to degrade.

### WHY HAVE A PLAN?

Your information will help us and other agencies identify and prioritise specific works for the catchment. It will also help landowners and interest groups identify work they can do to help improve the environmental health of their catchment and harbour.

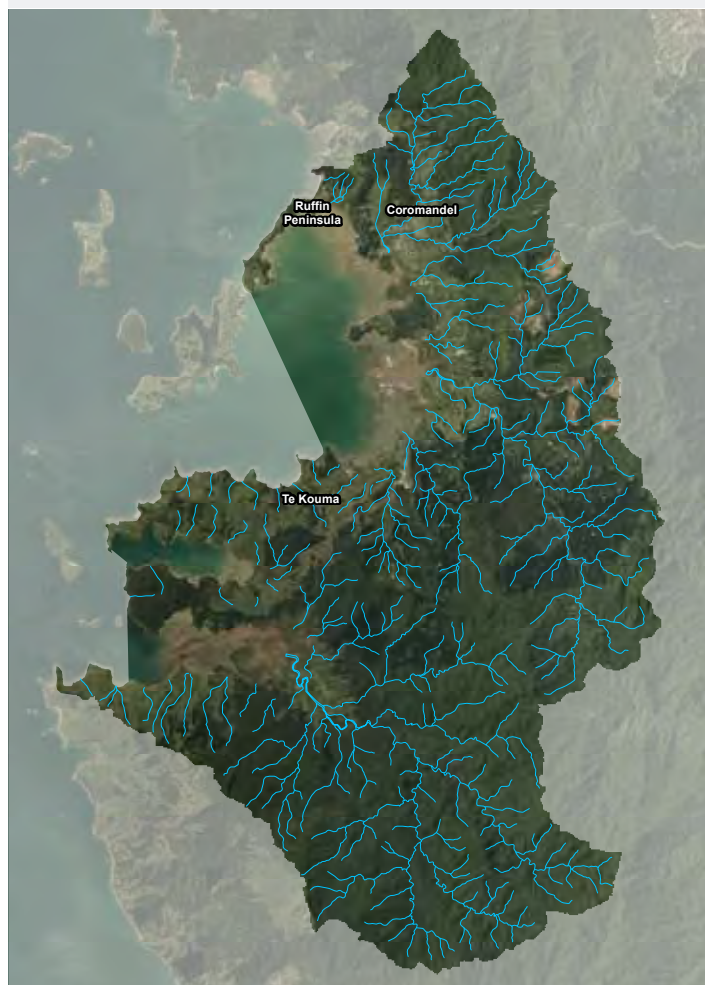
You and your community will determine the focus of this work. Things to look at include water quality, sedimentation, biodiversity, riparian vegetation, pest plants and animals, flood-prone areas and preserving local values.

It's important to note that this is a non-statutory exercise and will not pre-empt the co-governance plan to be produced as a result of the Pare Hauraki Collective Treaty settlement, nor change any existing consents that people hold.



### THE COROMANDEL/MANAIA CATCHMENT

We are looking at an area from Long Bay, in the north, to just past Waitotara Stream at the seaward edge of Manaia in the south, and are keen to understand community concerns and aspirations for this wider catchment.



### DROP-IN SESSION

We need to understand the priorities and challenges in your catchment from your point of view. We are holding a drop-in session in Coromandel on Saturday, 19 October 2019.

This is your chance to drop in and talk to our staff.

PLACE	St John Ambulance Station Corner Tiki Road and Whangapoua Road Coromandel
TIME	10am - midday
DATE	Saturday, 19 October 2019



## Harbour and catchment plan embraces Maori world view

Limiting the impacts of land use on our rivers and coastal environment requires the practice of kaitiakitanga by all, believes Ngaati Whanaunga chair Mike Baker.

Mike has been working with Waikato Regional Council on the development of a harbour and catchment plan for the Coromandel/Manaia catchment, which is a way for people to share what they want their natural environment to be like in the next 10-50 years.

Kaitiakitanga, which means guardianship or management of the environment, is based on Maori world view and includes spiritual, cultural and social aspects. People within the environment are considered, and there is a focus on responsibility rather than ownership.

Mike, who has lived in Manaia for about 30 years, says it's important to balance physical (tinana), emotional (hinengaro), spiritual (wairua) and people's (whanau) needs when it comes to protecting and enhancing the mauri of the environment (kia tino whai mana te mauri).

"These are the values we have all been brought up with. It's the kaupapa of the people of Manaia and what we do.

"They are something that needs to be taken on board in the plan, but it needs to go further, throughout the other catchments."

Waikato Regional Council held a hui with Manaia landowners in August to hear what needs to be done collectively to help restore the Manaia River.

A restoration plan for the Manaia River and information gathered from that hui will become part of the Coromandel/Manaia Harbour and Catchment Plan.

The regional council will be holding workshops with landowners with more than five hectares in the Coromandel and Manaia area and a drop-in day in Coromandel in October to understand the priorities and challenges, as the communities see them, in improving the wellbeing of the wider catchment.

Waikato Regional Council harbour and catchment management advisor Emily O'Donnell says the communities will determine where restoration work should be focused.

"We're talking about reducing sedimentation, improving water quality and biodiversity and looking at flood prone areas," says Emily. "So things we can do include putting in erosion protection at high risk areas on streams, riparian planting, pest plant and animal control.

"To be successful, we need our communities to help develop and action this plan, so we can all enjoy healthy catchments and healthy harbours.

"Mike's right. Kaitiakitanga is a way of caring for the environment based on Maori world view but it is a concept we embrace as a regional council, and we have a lot to learn from Maori and how they manage natural resources."

Waikato Regional Council wants to understand the priorities and challenges in your catchment from your point of view. Please come and talk to staff at a drop-in session in Coromandel on **Saturday, 19 October**, at St John Ambulance Station, corner of Tiki and Whangapoua roads, from 10am to midday.



September Show and Tell Table



Extensions work and blackwork examples

## Coromandel Embroiderers' Guild

By Jenny Penman

The September guild meeting was an opportunity for those who attended Trish Hill's Quaker Pouch workshop to tell how enjoyable the two days were. There weren't too many completed pouches on the Show and Tell table but then this was a very fine and intricate cross stitch project. Hopefully some will make the upcoming October deadline for our November exhibition. Still to come in late September is our Colour Workshop. Our member Linda Sampson will be bringing her artistic skills in working with the colour wheel for effect and movement using needle and thread rather than her other passion involving paint and brush.

The Show and Tell table did have some fine examples of blackwork however. Blackwork has been one of the two embroidery styles that we have been experimenting with this year during our Guild Day stitching time. Our member Jill set herself the task of seeing whether this style of counted work can be done on material without a regular weave such as felt. Jill was able to demonstrate that where there is a will there is a way! Also on the table were some pieces done by our Extensions Group. This group of women get together to further explore where embroidery may take them and their use of rather more unconventional materials certainly makes for some interesting and provocative pieces. They have been working on a collaborative piece made up of individually worked panels that join together for the upcoming "Material Evidence" ANZEG Extensions National Exhibition to be open 11 October to 10 November at the Percy Thomson Gallery in Stratford. This show will be held in conjunction with the Taranaki/Wanganui/Manawatu regions' embroidery exhibition entitled Stitched Treasures. If down that way it sounds well worth dropping in for a look.

Closer to home our neighbouring guild, Thames Valley, are holding their annual exhibition **1-5 October** at Katikati. And for a full day out you can travel on to Tauranga for their exhibition **2-6 October**. Embroiderers have a very busy life!

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

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## Coromandel Budget Advisory Service

By Caroline Dunn

### Budget Advice

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Thought about Budget Advice, but afraid you'll be told to cut down on those bad habits?

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### Foodbank

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

We would like to thank everyone who has dropped off donations for the Foodbank over the last month, it's greatly appreciated.

Remember to bring your own bags/boxes if you are collecting a food parcel.

Please keep donating any food items and excess garden produce. All clean, resealable jars and containers and reusable bags are also gratefully accepted by us on our mission to become single-use plastic-free.

### Community Garden

It's that time of year when everything is going full swing in the garden. The produce is growing rapidly, along with those pesky weeds. We would love to have a few extra pairs of hands to give us a helping hand over this busy season. If you would like to help, the volunteer's drop-in is on a Wednesday

morning between 9am and 11am. This is for anyone who would like to help out in the Community Garden. The community garden benefits numerous local families throughout the year by way of food parcels through the Foodbank, and volunteers are welcome to share in the produce also.

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

Pop on over and like our Facebook page to keep up to date with what is happening in the garden.

Also don't forget the sharing shelf is there if you have spare produce you would like to share with the community.

## Poetry SPOT

### Haiku

By John Irvine

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moth approaches  
seeking enlightenment



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## The Red Barn launches new venture – Taste of Waikato

Recently local food and wine producers joined regional business leaders at a launch event celebrating Waikato's latest foodie experience.

Hosted by Bridgette and Lance O'Sullivan at their hill-top Hinuera Valley venue, The Red Barn, around 60 VIP guests were among the first to sample Taste of Waikato, a six-course degustation meal showcasing some of the finest artisan food and wine from across the region.

The menu celebrates regional pasture-to-plate produce and products, and targeting private and corporate groups and the tourism market. The first dish was Coromandel green-lipped mussels served in their shell with Opito Bay creme and coriander lime hollandaise. It was such a beautiful, fresh

and delicious dish, and started the gastronomic journey for us through the region.

Executive chef Leith Davidson, who designed the menu, says, "From a young child I remember traveling around the Coromandel with my father for his work. He often got

called out to fix the radio towers on the top of Tokatea where we would always stop for lunch and look out over the mussel farms. I always remember the smoked mussel pies from the local bakery. The mussels came straight out of the mussel farms nearby where we also used to fish a lot as kids. We would then head back over the 309 to Whitianga, where we still go today for our Christmas holidays with my kids, and forage for fresh mussels and pipis."

The Red Barn have kindly shared their recipe.

### Coromandel green-lipped mussels with Opito Bay scallop crème

*Developed by executive chef Leith Davidson*

Opito Bay Scallop Crème: 1 tsp butter, 1 tsp oil, 1 small onion (diced), 1 clove garlic (minced), 3 stalks of coriander (no leaves), 6 large scallops or 8-10 scallop roes (orange meat), ½ tsp lemon zest, 50ml white wine, 250ml cream, 1 tsp cornflour, 50ml cold water.

Heat oil and butter in a frying pan and add the onion. Cook the onion until softened but not coloured. Add the garlic, coriander and scallops and cook for 2-3 minutes. Add the wine and lemon zest, and simmer to reduce the volume of liquid by half. Stir in the cream and bring to a simmer once again. Separately, mix the cornflour and water together.

Whisk well, checking for lumps. Add the cornflour mix to the cream mix and bring back to the simmer. Allow to cool slightly, then blend, season with a little salt and pepper to taste. Serve with freshly steamed

Coromandel mussels (see note right on preparation).



### How to prepare and steam mussels

2kg mussels  
250ml white wine  
Zest of one lemon  
Scrub mussel shells and remove their beards. Discard any mussels that are open. Preheat a large deep pot or fry pan until very hot. Add mussels, wine and lemon zest. Cover and cook over high heat until mussels open (2-4 minutes). Discard any that do not open. Strain, then place in a bowl and serve with the scallop creme sauce.

The Red Barn is located on a dairy farm in the Hinuera Valley, between Matamata and Cambridge. To find out more visit [www.redbarnexperiences.nz](http://www.redbarnexperiences.nz) or contact 027 733 2276 for more information. Mussels supplied by Future Cuisine of Coromandel [www.futurecuisine.co.nz](http://www.futurecuisine.co.nz)



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### My Garden

By Beryl van Donk

The glories of the garden have  
always pleased me  
The opening buds of spring,  
a blossom covered lilac tree.  
Sweet fragrances of roses,  
ferns thrusting toward the sky.  
The soft notes of the bellbird,  
such beauty makes you sigh.  
There is no doubt in my mind  
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## Colville Social Service Collective Update

By Larisa Webb

Kia ora Koutou katoa,

We are enjoying spring in Colville with a brief, vibrant display of kowhai and clematis. We are fortunate to have two cafés back open in Colville every day except Monday – Hereford 'n' a Pickle and The Forager's Kitchen (which is also open Friday nights). The Colville Store is also always worth a visit with an increasing array of wonderful Coromandel produce.

There are many more trees in Colville after a busy winter for Colville Harbour Care. More than 13,000 trees have been planted with help from great volunteers. The next working bee is on **19 October**. These are always fun and rewarding events. Everyone is welcome – just contact Beth on 021 258 8037 to confirm attendance for lunch catering.

Colville Social Service Collective is pleased to host Show Me Shorts in Colville for the third year! This year there will be two screenings: The Sampler on **Friday 1 November**, which is a selection of highlights from a range of genres. On **Saturday 2 November** we will show Love and Other Catastrophes. Both screenings are at 7.30pm. Tickets are on sale at the Colville Store, Richardsons Real Estate or online at [cssc@colville.org.nz](mailto:cssc@colville.org.nz). Hope to see you there!



## Wild things

Kotare or sacred kingfisher are starting to be heard around the area. That kek-kek-kek call is a territorial one as the mating season is underway. Nest building starts in October in cliffs, cuttings or in trees by scooping out a tunnel and nesting chamber where they lay about five eggs. Although an aggressive bird they have been known to be evicted by mynas and starlings but if undisturbed both parents will attend to the chicks.

Kotare are seen as flashes of blue and green in flight or perched on an elevated position over estuarine areas patiently waiting to dive on prey. The McGregor Bay wetland is a great spot to see them on overhead wires or along an old fence. The wetland provides food for a good number of them as this photo attests. This photo was submitted by Ann McNair. Her daughter visiting from Auckland loves going out to the wetland to see the kotare sitting on the fence and took this shot.

Coromandel is lucky to still have kotare as a common sight. Protecting and retaining habitat will ensure our children can enjoy the sight and sound of kotare into the future.

McGregor Bay Wetland Society  
welcomes photos of wildlife in our area.  
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## Show Me Shorts Film Festival 2019

New Zealand's largest and most important short film festival is coming to Colville.

The 2019 programme has been chosen from a record 2,040 entries. A selection of 63 of the best and most vibrant short films from New Zealand and around the world will screen in Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch, while a smaller touring programme makes its way across the regions of Aotearoa.

The regional tour will comprise a section of the programme called The Sampler. This collection provides a great way to find out what Show Me Shorts is all about, as it spans a variety of genres, styles and topics.

There are eight short films in The Sampler touring programme:

- *Amerigo and the New World* by Luis Briceno and Laurent Crouzeix – Documentary, 14 mins, France
- *Nefta Football Club* by Yves Piat – Drama, 17 mins, France
- *Walk a Mile* by Judith Cowley – Drama, 16 mins, New Zealand
- *Rū* by Awanui Simich-Pene – Thriller, 16 mins, New Zealand
- *Memory Foam* by Paloma Schneideman – Drama, 15 mins, New Zealand
- *Finn Andrews – One By The Venom* by Alexander Gandar - Music video, 3 mins, New Zealand
- *Korte Kuitsprier* (Short Calf Muscle) by Victoria Warmerdam – Comedy, 13 mins, Netherlands
- *To Plant a Flag* by Bobbie Peers - Comedy, 15 mins, Norway

The films feature a lost donkey, a stolen moon buggy, a history lesson, a hijacked car, and a reluctant gnome. Well-known local actors Alison Bruce, Miriama McDowell and Jeffrey Thomas feature in the films along with singer-songwriter Finn Andrews and Hollywood stars Jason Schwartzman and Jake Johnson.

Show Me Shorts is in Colville Hall on **1-2 November**.

A full list of venues, locations and booking information is available at [www.showmeshorts.co.nz/programme/](http://www.showmeshorts.co.nz/programme/)

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## Mana Update

By Jade Ferrière

One of the hardest lessons to learn in life is to let go of our quest for perfection. Most of us strive to be the best version of ourselves that we can be, and there is nothing wrong with that. But, if we are always seeking to be something different than we are, then it does make it hard to find happiness right now.

Author and happiness researcher Tal Ben-Shahar says the pursuit of “perfect” may actually be the number one obstacle to finding happiness. He believes that it is fear of failure that drives the ideal of perfection and for many, the primary concern is to avoid falling down, deviating or stumbling. Perfection is a benchmark of unrealistic expectations upheld by feelings of not being good enough. It is an illusion – and a source of unhappiness, frustration and disempowerment that we can all do without. We are here to have a human experience, not a robotic one.

A great way to re-think failure is to consider that everything we do in life gives us feedback. Sometimes we get a clear sense that what we are doing is working and it feels good. At other times the feedback is helping us to learn and encouraging us to try a new approach. There is no need to fear feedback, it is what is helping us refine and grow.

Many of us have unrealistic expectations of ourselves and others and it is good to explore whether these are hindering our ability to really know happiness. Here are a few questions we can ask ourselves as a way of checking-in and noticing where there is an invitation for a new perspective:

How different would my connection with others and my relationship with this situation be if I allowed myself to be vulnerable and express my true needs?

What is important to me?

Can I let the rest go?

When something doesn't go as planned, how do I usually respond, and how would I like to respond differently?

“Perfect” – in whose eyes?

Can I say, in all honesty, that I have done my best? And if so, is my best good enough?

We are embracing the Japanese philosophy of “wabi sabi”, the art of finding beauty in imperfection, of revering authenticity above all. Wabi-sabi is a state of mind, a way of being – it is a life journey, not an overnight accomplishment. It's the subtle art of being at peace with yourself and your surroundings – and we invite you to explore this with us.

## Lions News

By Lion Lyn



Hi there from your local Lions family as we again head into spring! I say again as last week's weather was atrocious, with very cold winds, unending rainy days, hail and miserable weather in general. No wonder the firewood orders started up again with a vengeance! However as reported prior, our supply of rain-wet wood has now also run out. Of course we are still taking orders for next season because there is no better place to store wood to dry than yours!

On to club stuff: our raffle at the Top Pub has been waning as at a little after 5pm seems too early some, and our volunteers need to call it off as most of us have worked all day as well (some of us are still working in the evening). Hopefully things will pick up with the warmer weather. Our club dinner was a huge success with a full house and visitors enjoying a great meal. We had a chat with Judy Rooney about Plastic-Free Coromandel and how positively it is all coming together; followed by a very informative account of an upcoming project that will be of benefit to the community, from local community board member Peter Pritchard. This matter will be reported on fully when plans are finalised, so watch this space! After an array of delicious desserts we were treated to a rather animated account about India and all of the quests conquered by our students and the two teachers accompanying them. We listened to individual tales, watched a slide show and video accounts of what they all agreed was an amazing trip. We were rather intrigued by it all and how the students were affected, with most admitting that the trash left in such a beautiful place was an atrocity; the demeaning of women in their society was abhorrent, and the inhumane treatment of the wild animals were three things specific to students; and no-one seems to want to eat curry much anymore. My favourite scene was of students playing in the snow, all wearing shorts and tee shirts! Just like home! Another visitor came from Whitianga to talk to us about the very new hearing aids, but after a full-on evening already we have cordially invited him back for another time. He indicated he would be back for a meal like that at any time! We even dismissed with the twisting of tales, however after the drawing of raffles the Lion Rock was passed once again to Pam along with Peter who put their hands up for tirelessly working for our community. Together they make a great team, and thank you to you both – you can have a rest now as we will take a break until Labour Weekend when things start to pick up, ahead of the silly season.

Weather permitting and members available, will see us outside Four Square on Labour Weekend with BBQ and pinnies on and our Lions smiles, raffles, and most likely rattling the bucket for the helicopter trust. I live along from the Aero Club and I am often home to see the chopper come in. It is nice to know we still have it here, but we need to keep it available to us all, hence the bucket; every bit helps!

Special prayers to a couple of our members who are very unwell; may your health improve and we see you again soon. You know who you are! Take care everybody – you never know what is waiting around the corner. Cheers for now.

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# OUR COROMANDEL



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## Coromandel Town improvement works are in action

**Downers have set up their site at 145 Wharf Road and will be working in sections to minimise the disruption to businesses, traffic and the public, with three crews working simultaneously to improve time and efficiency.**

Our weekly stakeholder meetings are at 9am every Wednesday at a different café every week. To find out the location visit [tcdc.govt.nz/coromandel-town-upgrade](http://tcdc.govt.nz/coromandel-town-upgrade)

"These stakeholder meetings will run for about half an hour and we'll discuss the works that have been completed and the

works coming up for the week ahead," says Matt Kofoed, Customer Liaison for Downers. "There is also an opportunity at the end for the public to raise any questions and iron out any issues."

You can also email [matt.kofoed@infrastructurealliance.co.nz](mailto:matt.kofoed@infrastructurealliance.co.nz) or phone: 027 540 9752 with any queries.

You can also talk to our Council's Community Manager for Coromandel Town, Margaret Harrison – [margaret.harrison@tcdc.govt.nz](mailto:margaret.harrison@tcdc.govt.nz) or 07 868 0200.

### Kerbside

There will be no kerbside rubbish

and recycling collection on Monday 28 October because of the Labour Day public holiday so collections for the rest of the week will be one day late.

Kerbside schedules are on our website at

[tcdc.govt.nz/kerbside](http://tcdc.govt.nz/kerbside)



## Developing resilient coastal communities together

Thanks to everyone who has expressed interest in our Shoreline Management Plan (SMP) project, coming out to the eight general community information meetings across the district in August.

More than 200 people attended the meetings, which provided an introduction to SMPs, why our Council is developing them and how our communities can get involved. Community concerns, ideas and historic knowledge were brought to the table, which will help us as we continue on our SMP journey together.

There is still plenty of time to get involved and we welcome your help to make our SMPs a success by telling us what you know about the coastal environment where you live.

Email us at [ourcoast@tcdc.govt.nz](mailto:ourcoast@tcdc.govt.nz)

View the slides from the presentation and stay up-to-date at [tcdc.govt.nz/coastal](http://tcdc.govt.nz/coastal)

If you have any urgent coastal issues that need immediate attention, please call us on 07 868 0200 so we can address them straight away.

## CORO 200 ILLUME FESTIVAL

**What:** In May 2020, the commemoration of the 200th anniversary of the visit of the Royal Navy Ship "Coromandel," for which the town and our peninsula is named, will combine with the Illume Festival in Coromandel Town.

The dedication for the HMS Coromandel will be 11am Saturday 30 May at the Whangarahi Reserve

**When: May 29 – 31**

**Where:** There will be a fireworks display, art exhibitions, a themed ball, food stalls, live acts and fun activities for the kids throughout the main town and a commemorative planting at the Albert Street Reserve. The dedication for the HMS Coromandel will be 11am Saturday at the Whangarahi Reserve adjacent to Fureys Creek Bridge.

**What's next?** Volunteers are needed. There are roles for a variety of volunteers and all help is appreciated. There will be general preparation and setting up duties on the day, along with pre-planning and innovative ideas that will add flavour to the whole community event. This will also be a great opportunity for stall holders to set up and sell their goods.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer or setting up a stall contact Daniel Smith at [illumine.coromandel@gmail.com](mailto:illumine.coromandel@gmail.com)

## ARE YOU READY TO VOTE?



Voting packs for the local elections have been posted so make sure you get your votes in for Mayor, Councillors, Community Board members and Waikato Regional Council. Don't delay – voting closes at noon on Saturday 12 October and your votes could take several days to arrive by post. Or hand deliver to any of our Council offices.

### Not registered?

Contact our Electoral Office to request special voting papers: Call 0800 922 822 Email [info@electionservices.co.nz](mailto:info@electionservices.co.nz)

### Own a property in the Coromandel but don't live here?

You can vote here too but you must register separately on the Ratepayer Electoral Roll. Download a Ratepayer Electoral Roll enrolment form from our website [tcdc.govt.nz/elections](http://tcdc.govt.nz/elections) or call 0800 922 822.

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## TALK TO US ABOUT COMMERCIAL CONCESSIONS

If you are wanting to run a coffee cart, food truck or any sort of mobile commercial business from one of our parks and reserves this summer – we need to hear from you now.

Applications for commercial concessions need some time to process, so to make sure you don't miss out on getting your application looked at – contact us now.

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## events

### Thames Steampunk Festival

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# Rangatahi

## CELEBRATING OUR CHILDREN

### Coromandel Area School

By Jamie Rose Leckie

#### World Challenge India Trip July 2019

Thank you to everyone who supported the group and made this trip possible. They really appreciate the fundraising opportunities that they were given and the community's huge support.

The trip was a success and an amazing experience for all of them. They all benefitted from the cultural immersion, volunteer work, and the strenuous 6-day trek. They said it was amazing to learn how different life is in a developing country, and also to be able to make a small impact themselves. They helped teach women and children English and Maths during their time at the Sambhali Trust in Jodhpur.

The 6-day trek through the stunning Himalayan mountains was the most astounding experience, taking immense willpower and perseverance from everyone.

### COROMANDEL AREA SCHOOL



The pollution there shocked them all and has given them a newfound appreciation for Coromandel and New Zealand. The trip has been a once-in-a-lifetime experience and has benefitted them all in countless ways.

Once again, they would like to say an immense thank you to everyone who helped support their fundraising for this trip.

#### Writing by the youngest children in our school for you to enjoy

"I like lollies because they are sugary."

– Reid Room 1

"I am going in a spaceship to the moon."

–Zane Room 1

"I like the grass because it is so soft."

– Lucy Room 1

"I like skipping because it is fun."

– Qwyn Room 1

"I like my dog Tank. He has a home"

– Jaycee Room 1

**Room 2 writing**

On Thursdays Room 2 have free choice writing. These two clever boys went over to the class library and did some research, and then

they wrote these amazing explanations on their own! They also went up to their teacher to ask what unique and unusual meant before they wrote so they understood their writing!

They have front legs but not back legs. Each spotted handfish has a unique pattern of spots. Both the spotted and red handfish walk on the ocean floor instead of swimming.

– By Toby McLean

Each spotted handfish has a unique pattern of spots. Both the spotted handfish and red fish are unusual because they walk on the ocean floor instead of swimming.

– By Brody Dudson

Room 2 also watched a short video called "Catch it" – this was part of their writing programme where they respond to visual media.

"Catch it" was about a group of meerkats trying to get their food from a big vulture – it had no sound, just the animation.

The meerkats woke up and then they went to look for food. Then a vulture swooped down and snatched the food out of the meerkats hands! – By Mila Mason

The meerkats are orange and the meerkats tricked the vulture and he crashed into the bank and he looked like a skeleton!

– By Elijah Riri

I saw lots of colours. The colours were pink, orange, red and yellow. I saw lots of meerkats. The vulture crashed into the wall. The meerkats played sky rugby. – By Mika Smith

The meerkats made a chain to get their food because that naughty vulture had the food but the meerkats got the food back.

– By Quinn McLean

That is all for now. We will see you back here for an action-packed epic Term 4. Keep safe and be well.



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### Coromandel Youth Group – Hauraki House

#### School Holiday Times

Times for both weeks are: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 11am-4pm (entry is \$2).

Sunday 1-4pm & Friday Night Social\* winter hours 6.30-8.30pm – please make a gold coin donation.

Youth Group is for 5 years and over. A variety of activities will be on offer, just fill in a membership form and bring your child along with a packed lunch or money for the tuck shop.

#### School Term Times

Please make a gold coin donation for school term sessions.

After school Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 3pm-5pm, Sunday 1-4pm. Friday we can collect your child from school if you phone us before 5pm Thursday.

Friday Night Social 6.30-8.30pm is for students yrs 6-10. Parents must ensure that their children come inside and sign in with a staff member 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.

Thank you!

This programme is made possible by the kind donations received and funding from: Lottery Waikato, COGS, Trust Waikato, Coromandel "Bizarre" Charitable Trust



## Te Rerenga School

By Mary Kedzlie



Anna Yates, the much loved and respected principal of Te Rerenga School, has recently retired due to ill health. Under Anna's leadership the school has gone from strength to strength and is certainly a school that lives up to its motto – "Learning, it's what we do!" A large gathering of past and present families, students and staff, along with colleagues from local schools and the Ministry of Education, attended her recent farewell where the children performed a number of musical items and the tributes flowed. Before the farewell assembly, the school and staff gathered with Anna for a school photo.

### Tuia 250 Mural

A number of students from Room 4 have spent several weeks working on an impressive mural they have been painting. It has been erected in the Whitianga Town Centre as part of the Tuia 250 commemorations. Congratulations to: Ella Edkins, Jack Horne, Tytan Adams, Charlie Tinkler, Tyler Wright, Grace Allen, Ellie Mikkelsen, Julia Robson and Eden White. Look out for it when you're next in Whitianga!



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# Arts



## Coromandel ArtsTour – this October

By Kaye Anderson

The Gala Opening at Hauraki House Gallery is on **Friday 4 October** 5.30pm-7pm. The ArtsTour Exhibition is open 10am-4pm every day **Saturday 5 October until Sunday 13 October**.

Individual studios and The Hub (old Coromandel Hospital) – open from 10am-4pm Saturday and Sunday **5-6 and 12-13 October**. Watch out for the colourful flags, gate signs, and studio numbers

For more information get an Artist Guide, free from information centres, galleries and art shops, and downloadable from [www.coromandelartstour.co.nz](http://www.coromandelartstour.co.nz).

### Jan Panther

By Kaye Anderson

“We moved from sea and harbour views to broad vistas of the hills that surround Coromandel Town, so my subject matter is changing and so is my approach.” Jan is going more abstract, less realistic. “For me the process is hard, frustrating at times. I expect there’ll be a lot more painting-over-the-top-ofs!”

Across the Harbour to Castle Rock (pictured) epitomises what



Jan is currently doing: the play of light on dark, contrasting shades of blue with yellow ochre and burnt sienna in the hills, and surprising the viewer perhaps, with luminescent greens and yellows, away from realism, in the sea. Her subjects are recognisable and she still likes to work from photos. “People often like to know where it is.” But she’s enjoying mixing images around and experimenting with different perspectives. Jan likes working big – the one in the photo is 600 X 1200mm and others in her studio are twice that size.

“Some people think abstract is easy,” Jan comments. “But it’s not. You still have to think about it, plan, establish where the light comes from and stick to that.” The results are spectacular landscapes which capture the expansiveness of our harbour and the hills which embrace both sea and town.

You can see Jan’s work at The Source and by appointment (07) 866 7236 at her Front House Studio in Tiki Road.

### Mike Cogswell

By Jan Linklater

Mike, initially a successful painter, has lived and worked for more than 30 years in his ceramic studio in the bush in Buffalo Road.

The precision and perfection of his ceramic pieces at first glance suggests a lack of experimentation but the complex chemistry behind the layers and glazes and the selection of the effects they produce



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speak of Mike's deep scientific knowledge and experience, coupled with great artistic appreciation and inventiveness.

His unique style of applying precious metal glazes is self-taught. He was unaware of European techniques, but his cellular oil paintings using complex glazing show where he derives his pottery. He is, as we agreed, "self-derivative".

His creative talent and business acumen have allowed him to work at his own pace in a beautiful place. He can afford to explore new avenues: he is currently enthused by his crystalline dishes which involve volcanic-like processes using glazes highly saturated in zinc oxide heated to high temperature and slowly cooled to give magical crystal growths in a pale turquoise glaze on a "black hole" ceramic ground.

He is now toying with the idea of going back to painting. Judging by the early landscapes in his studio this should be a really exciting prospect.

To venture to Mike's studio is a delight in itself and I defy anyone to visit without coming away nursing at least one of his beautiful pots.

Studio open by appointment –  
ph 027 202 0470.



Rob MacLeod's "Retro Paintings" exhibition



## Hauraki House Management Committee

By Kim Brett

We have had a great winter at Hauraki House Gallery with Rob MacLeod's "Retro Paintings" exhibition being our last one.

"Watch This Space" have been working hard in the back room. With having a wide and varied collaboration of art and artists, they have been creating some amazing new works. They finished with an exhibition which ends on **29 September** titled "In Process – Celebrating the Process."



Val Gray explaining Pen and Wash

Then in the first two weeks of October we have the Coromandel Open Studio ArtsTour, with the Gallery as their hub, opening on the **4 October** at the Gallery and open daily until **13 October**.

Then coming up in November we have the Watch This Space – "In Transit" exhibition.

Don't forget the Gallery is available for hire, for exhibitions, workshops and meetings. It has toilets and a kitchen for catering and is a nice, quiet, relaxed venue. Please just give Lois a call on (07) 866 8053 if you need more information or would like to make a booking

## Coromandel Art Group

By Barbara Peddie.

Our "resident" tutor Val Gray is continuing her tutorials for us, the latest being on Pen and Wash.

This may sound a fairly simple technique, but Val started by explaining the various types of pens that can be used – coloured, sepia, black, waterproof or not – and then the types of wash. Watercolour paint is most often used,

but coloured inks and also acrylic paint can be used for various effects. And then there is the choice of paper, for example textured or smooth. All of this before one even starts!

Val went on to show us many examples of her own works, and then set us subjects to sketch and paint ourselves. Two things I took away from this were that speed and looseness are more important than precision, and less can be more when it comes to the wash.

All in all a very informative session, in media that most of us had not used before. Thank you Val.

We welcome new members, so pop down to St Andrews Hall on Rings Road if you want to see what we are about. We meet Thursdays from 9am to 12pm. If you want a cuppa, catch us around 10am! Or ring Ross on (07) 866 8310, or Barbara on (07) 866 7728



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# Environment

## Moehau Environment Group

By Nat Munns



### The MEG-a-boom!

The inaugural “MEG-a-boom”, where we will be conducting a Coromandel Peninsula bittern survey from Manaia to Northern Coromandel, will be kicking off in early October. We will be using both acoustic recorders and people to “listen” at pre-determined sites in October and again in November. If you’d be interested in taking part in a listen, or would be interested in helping decipher the calls on the acoustic recorders, then please get in touch! Also, if you see or hear bittern “booming” during this time, we’d love to hear from you.

### Kiwi Avoidance Training – Coromandel Town

Help save kiwi by getting your dog kiwi avoidance trained! Kiwi have been heard in many locations in Coromandel Town and beyond. If you own a dog and you live or holiday here, please take this opportunity to train your dog to avoid our precious kiwi. All dogs, whether big or small, can kill kiwi. The next training session for our area will be on **Saturday 12 October**. Please contact Kauaeranga Valley Visitor Centre to make an appointment on (07) 867 9080.

### Long Bay Reserve Trap Network

MEG, in conjunction with our volunteers and Forest & Bird Coromandel, have installed a new stoat trap network around the Long Bay Reserve. The network includes 12x DOC200 traps and 4x automatic resetting traps. The traps are getting checked at least fortnightly and in just one short month we’ve caught 25 possums, 3 weasels, 28 rats and 1 hedgehog – I bet the birds and trees are collectively breathing a sigh of relief! If you happen to be out walking the track and notice that a trap has caught something feel free to text the mobile number on the box with the trap number and we’ll head out there to clear it.

### MEG Volunteer Trip

We were lucky enough to enjoy a trip to Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari in the middle of September. Not only did we get to wander through a predator free ancient forest with many hundreds of years old trees, but we also had close encounters with cheeky kaka, tiny North Island robins and the rare hihi or stitchbird. After translocation in 2009 unfortunately the stitchbird hasn’t really flourished in the sanctuary and the numbers have just remained stable instead of growing. The guide assured us that we might get to hear one but definitely wouldn’t see one. Boy, was she surprised when one of our keen volunteers spotted one loitering in the trees just off the track! We’d like to give a huge thanks to Willie and Sarni from Coromandel Adventures for generously supplying our transport for the trip.

Have a great month everyone.

## McGregor Bay Wetland Society Inc

By Pete Sephton



While we were awaiting a TCDC report on options

Neville, Graeme, Raine, Pete and Karen relaxing after installing the traps

for the restoration of the McGregor Bay Wetlands our committee decided that the least we could do would be to start a trapping programme to protect the wetland wildlife.

On 28 August we spent three hours installing 30 rat traps and five stoat traps around the wetland perimeter. We know that banded rails have already produced chicks in the wetland this season so we hope our efforts will help to protect these vulnerable birds and make the breeding season easier for other native species. The main predators are rats, weasels and stoats and our intention is to greatly reduce their numbers before work starts on the next phase of wetland restoration. We are not sure when that will be but the TCDC report on wetland restoration options has now been released. Once the content has been digested it has been proposed that discussions be held with interested parties to find a mutually beneficial outcome.

## Forest & Bird

By Kate Donoghue



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### Restoring Tikapa Moana – The Hauraki Gulf Forum

The Hauraki Gulf/Tikapa Moana is globally unique. Despite the fact that almost half of New Zealand’s population lives within a short distance, its waters are home to a huge range of wildlife, including almost half the world’s known whales and dolphin species, one of the highest diversities of seabirds in the world, and refuges for terrestrial birds, reptiles, invertebrates and plants. Additionally, it is a valuable fishery, providing jobs, food security and recreational opportunities. The need to protect the gulf’s fauna and flora was recognised through the establishment in 2000 of the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park. The Hauraki Gulf Forum brings together all the local, regional and national agencies with a role in its management to ensure the conservation of the diverse range of ecosystems and geographical features within its 1.2 million ha of ocean, 30 major island groups and over 400 discrete islands and rock stacks.

But as we all know, Tikapa Moana has been severely degraded by overfishing, inappropriate coastal development and run-off from industrial and agricultural activities. “Making Waves”, a seminar held at the Auckland Museum on 27 August, brought together managers, iwi, academics and other stakeholders, to discuss the protection and restoration of the Hauraki Gulf. Much of the discussion was focused on two ambitious objectives that have been adopted by the Forum:

- Protection of 20% of the waters of the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park; and
- Establishment of 1000 sq km of shellfish beds

Forest & Bird welcomes and is fully supportive of these initiatives and of the contribution of the TCDC and the WRC as members of the Forum in achieving these goals. A vibrant and healthy Hauraki Gulf is in everyone’s interest. Over the years, we have seen fish stocks decline and wild beds of mussels, pipi and other shellfish lost through dredging and smothering in sediment. It is time to take affirmative action to protect our marine heritage. Creative policies can ensure sustainable fishing, diving, and boating opportunities in Tikapa Moana, at the same time as restoring our vulnerable islands and their fauna and flora.

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## CLAIM

By Kate Donoghue

### AGM and update

Upsetting news was brought to the CLAIM AGM on 17 August by guest speakers Augusta McCassey-Pickard and Catherine Delahunty from Coromandel Watchdog. They told us that while there is currently no threat of mining activity in our own backyard, in May this year Oceana Gold applied for a mining licence in the forested hills inland from Whangamata. This is in addition to large areas of the Peninsula being covered by exploration licences.

When the government said there would be no more mining on Coromandel DOC land, we welcomed the news. But it seems Oceana Gold knew they wouldn't get permission to opencast mine on the fragile ecosystem of Wharekirauponga, so they hope to go underground, accessing the mineral from outside the DOC boundary.

The ability to do this, and other proposed mining activity, depends on having somewhere to dump the volume of toxic tailings every goldmine produces, but the Minister of Lands and Information, Eugenie Sage, recently declined consent for Oceana to purchase agricultural land for this purpose. Oceana is notorious globally for taking community groups and governments through the courts to try to get their way, and have appealed against Minister Sage's decision.

CLAIM is a local Coromandel group but we also believe that gold mining is not an appropriate land use anywhere on the Peninsula. As our speakers told us, there is enough gold already mined to meet the world's needs and the future lies in recycling, mining e-waste and other products. Most gold extracted from the earth today will be formed into bars and stored in vaults.

Augusta and Catherine's presentation was certainly a wake-up call. For those who care about sustainable use of our land, more information is on the Coromandel Watchdog website. One way to act right now is to write to local papers or MPs in support of Eugenie Sage's decision to stop good farmland near Waihi being turned into a toxic dump, or make a donation to Watchdog.

Watchdog's account number is 38-9006-0733863-00

After time for a cup of tea and much conversation, we thanked Augusta and Catherine and settled down to the business of an AGM. Ruby Powell, who has done a great job in the role, resigned as Chair. Matt Sephton accepted this role, with Jane Powell continuing as secretary/treasurer. Ruby Powell, Tah Eynon, Beth Pearsall, Kate Donoghue, Adam Walter and Sue Williams were elected to the committee unopposed.

CLAIM is the Coromandel Lobby Against Indiscriminate Mining. Contact: Matt Sephton 021 043 8689

## Corolandcare update

By John Veysey

The Waiau river area used to be a haven for hawks and morepork. By 2013 tourists were encouraged to drive up the 309 Road and be assured of seeing hawks at any time of the day. They could also come up at any time of night and be sure to hear morepork, often four or five calls at the same time, all night long.

In 2013 poison was aerially dropped behind Manaia and many of the hawks disappeared. The morepork were not so obviously affected. It took a couple of years for some hawks to begin visiting the valley but in 2017 another poison drop behind Manaia saw the end of those birds.

In the absence of hawks we have seen a big increase in the number of magpies.

In 2012 Regional Council and the Department of Conservation stopped managing wild animal control programmes on private lands. Instead council gave the funding, which they had previously used to manage such control operations on private lands, directly to private landowners. People receiving government funding for the first time used this money to buy traps. Later arrivals, unaware of the history of the area, began taking ratepayer funding to spread poisons in bait-stations on their properties. This poisoning has been sneaking into the edges of the 309 Road for some years and I believe raptors have suffered the consequences.

Today I can spend all day staring at the sky and not see a hawk or, if I do, it is way up there only to disappear behind a ridge. Hawks no longer come to the food we put out for them.

At night I can spend an hour or more listening and hear no morepork.

I have let these birds down by allowing poison in their area. The poisoners seem blissfully unaware how far their poison travels. They are given to believe that poison in a bait-station is somehow contained. Birds like morepork and hawks can carry poisoned animals a long way from your back garden. They can also gather from a great distance to feast off some toxic animal left lying around in your garden.

These beautiful birds may remain ignored until they are on the endangered list which, at this rate, won't be far away.

## Can we save this baby Ruru?



...And the many more that will die from the 1080 drop over Whenuakite this Spring.

Research shows that the mother Ruru can die from eating poisoned mice and rats.

Then her young will die of starvation.

Support Poison-Free Coromandel.

Te tiakitanga o nga whenua hei paitini kore.

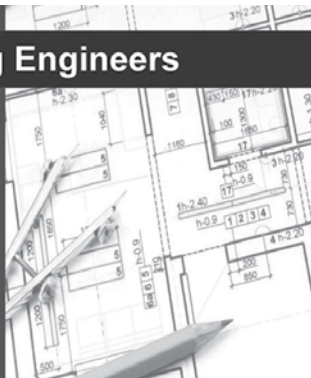
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# Sport

## MitoQ K2 Cycle Event

By Rita Stephenson

### How the day unfolds

This year the K2 will be held on **Saturday 2 November**. This is an annual cycling event that takes place on SH25 & SH25A going anti clockwise around the Coromandel Peninsula. Each year it is based from one of four Coromandel townships. This year Thames will be hosting the eighteenth anniversary of the event. There are three distances to choose from:

- K2 – 192km – Starts and finishes in Thames
- K1 – 96km – Starts in Whitianga and finishes in Thames
- Nicholas Browne Challenge – 53km – Starts in Coromandel and finishes in Thames

There will be close to 1,300 riders taking part. It would be a great help if people would avoid unnecessary travel on the day, or delay travel until later to avoid the roads when they are at their busiest with cyclists.

The first race off the blocks is the K2 Elite Men. This starts from Thames at 7.45am on Saturday morning. It is followed by the main field of 500 riders which start in groups of 40 riders, four minutes apart, from 8.00 to 8.30am. These riders will be on the road between Thames and Tairua for the next two hours, with the first riders coming through Tairua at around 9.20am and the last riders coming through around 10.30am.

They carry on to Whitianga and will be on Tairua/Whitianga Road from 9.30am till around 1.30pm.

The front runners in the K2 will arrive in Whitianga at around 10.30am and will be heading over Kuaotunu and Whangapoua hills to Coromandel. They will be joined by the 500 K1 riders who also start from Whitianga between 11.45am and 12.30pm. The elite women will be the first to start at 11.30am.

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

The last stage of the race, Coromandel to Thames, sees the start of around 130 riders in the Nicholas Browne Challenge from 9.30am. Expect to see riders from 10.00am on the coast road. The first of the K2 riders will arrive on the coast road from around 11.45am with the remaining riders in the field coming through until 5.00pm.

The first riders will start arriving at the finish line in Victoria Park, Thames from around 11.15am onwards. These will be from the Nicholas Browne Challenge.

Prize giving for the elite and Nicholas Brown riders is at 2pm at Victoria Park, Thames. Main prize giving is 5pm. We will be having live music and food stalls; if you happen to be in Thames come and join us.

If you have any questions regarding the event please check the K2 website at [www.arcevents.co.nz](http://www.arcevents.co.nz) or ring Rita Stephenson on 027 210 3734, Keith Stephenson on 021 671 172 or Andy Reid on 027 492 1348



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

By Debra Attwood

Summer is approaching, and we will be getting the pool ready for the season. We have a working bee on **Saturday 28 September** from 9am. If you can come along and lend a hand, it would be appreciated.

### 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 is a must as well as being able to swim, and having a first aid certificate. This is a fixed term part time/casual position, and involves weekend work. We operate over the summer months from approximately October through April. Applicants must be 16 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; look for Coromandel Community Swimming Pool.

### Pool hours during the school term – 14 October to 13 December

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

### Entry Costs

Adults \$4, students & 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](mailto:debmark62@hotmail.com).

## Coromandel Swimming Club

By Debra Attwood

### Learn to swim instructors and coaches needed

It won't be long before our learn to swim registrations start rolling in and we are on the lookout for more Learn to Swim 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 are also looking for people who can help with our Swim Club programme. Swim club operates from 4 to 6.30pm Monday and Wednesday.

If you would still like to help out but do not feel you can be an instructor we are also looking for people who can help out in the office, signing people in, etc. 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.

We are taking registrations for both learn to swim and swim club. Contact Debra for a registration form.

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 begin in mid to late November (dependent on instructor availability and weather) 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 for 8 x 25-minute lessons. If you would like to book your child in, contact Debra for a registration form either by ph (07) 866 7660 or 027 348 2400 or email [debmark62@hotmail.com](mailto: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.

# CORO GYM

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*See meeting list for class times*



**Coromandel Croquet Club**

By Kaye Anderson

Wet weather these last few weeks has kept us away from the greens on a few occasions. However, a working bee earlier in the month saw members utilise rolls of wire to rabbit-proof our fences, tidy the edges of the greens, weed the garden area and spruce up the club rooms. We are now ready for some sunny days and warmer temperatures.

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

**Coromandel Tennis Club AGM**

To be held at the club rooms on **Sunday 13 October** at 1pm.  
All welcome. See you there.

**Coro Gym**

By Princess Thomas-Whittaker

Hi everyone!

My turn! You will be pleased to know that the Lime Green Walls are still shining bright, and they may just hang around a little bit longer until I have the heart to paint them black!

It has been a roller coaster the past couple of months and I am definitely learning the highs and lows of managing a gym. Social media has played a big part in showcasing what we do here at the Coro Gym, and I absolutely love showing off individuals and our group sessions. No secret diets, no extreme fitness regimes, just consistency and hard work is all you need to kick start the love for exercise.

Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 5.30 to 10.30am our main floor is busy with four different group sessions/classes. If you want to know more pop in to see me, or check out our Coro Gym Facebook Page! For our individuals who prefer to come in and do their own workouts, our quiet period is from 10.30am to 3.30pm. Then from 3.30pm to close we have school students and individuals who swarm the floor and machines area. Tuesdays and Thursdays we have no classes so the day is available for you to pop in to do a workout!

The biggest health tip that I have learned since managing the Coro Gym is, "You need to stay active". It seems once you stop, the aches and pains dominate our daily lives.

I could keep writing but for now I hope this info is helpful and maybe I will see you soon!

**Coromandel Recreational Fishing Club**

By Allison Brown and CRFC Committee

Hi to all,

Here we are halfway through spring. The weather has been up and down but I believe the fishing has been getting better. October, November and December are usually very good fishing months out from Coromandel and the surrounding spots in the Gulf as well the mussel farms which always produce some good catches, so here's keeping fingers crossed.

Our next fishing competition is on **Saturday 26 October**; all welcome. Entry forms can be picked up from Wyuna Studios or Fish & Dive or email us at [coromandelfishingclub@gmail.com](mailto:coromandelfishingclub@gmail.com)

The Club "Fish of the Month Competition" for the \$100 prize is only for the July 2019 to June 2020 current members.

Fish of the Month for October is kahawai.

Meat Pack Raffles are held on Friday nights at Admirals Arms, only \$2 a ticket.

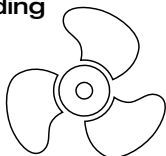
The proceeds go towards Club prizes and general running of the Club.

As always here's to tight lines.

Anyone wishing to join the club email us on [coromandelfishingclub@gmail.com](mailto:coromandelfishingclub@gmail.com)


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## Every Monday

Step Aerobics at Coro Gym	8am
Coromandel Hikers' Group, Hauraki House, Colin & Elspeth (07) 866 7137	9am
Monday Walkers, Woollams Ave car park north end, Irene 021 157 8408	9am
Sit n Be Fit at Coro Gym	9.30am
Steiner Playgroup, St Andrews Church Hall, Rings Road.	
Contact Angee 021 255 0399	9.30am-12.30pm
SeniorNet Coromandel contact Loes (07) 866 8053	4pm
Body Balance & Yoga Classes at Trust Waikato Events Centre (upstairs Swimming Pool) contact Tina 021 201 9750 (Mondays in July)	5.15-6.25pm
Bridge, St John rooms	7pm
Four-part harmony singing, Sue (07) 866 8833	7.30pm

## Every Tuesday

Pastel Artists Coromandel, Coromandel Aero Club Rooms (07) 866 7220	9am-12pm
Coro Walking Group, Lotto Dairy, Ruth (07) 866 7246	9am
Open Floor Dance, Mana Retreat Octagon.	
October dates: 1st, 15th, 22nd, 29th. Price \$15.	9.30-11.30am
Croquet, Woollams Ave, Kaye (07) 866 8968	9.45am
Yoga for everyone, Colville Hall, Kate 021 125 3152	10am
Playcentre, Woollams Ave	10.30am-1pm
Beginner Yoga with Becks, at the Anglican Church Hall, 170 Tiki Rd, \$10.	
Contact 027 407 0079	5.30- 6.45pm
Coro Motorcycle Club, Star & Garter, John 027 234 1013	7-9pm

## Every Wednesday

Step Aerobics at Coro Gym	8am
Coromandel Community Organic Garden volunteers' drop-in time	9-11am
Sit n Be Fit at Coro Gym	9.30am

## Every Thursday

Coro Walking Group, Lotto Dairy, Ruth (07) 866 7246	9am
Coro Bowls club day	9.30am
Coro Art Group, St Andrew's Church Hall, Val (07) 866 8911	9am-12pm
Free Guided Meditation, Havalona Pyramid	10-11am

## Every Friday

Step Aerobics at Coro Gym	8am
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Croquet, Woollams Ave, Kaye (07) 866 8968	9.15am
Playcentre, Woollams Ave	9.45am-12.15pm
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Coromandel Tennis Club "club day"	4pm

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<b>1st Wed</b> – Coro Embroiderers' Guild, St John rooms, Margaret Burgess (07) 866 5769	10am-3pm
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<b>1st Wed</b> – Lions Dinner meeting, St John rooms. President Jean Smith 021 208 7576	6pm
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<b>2nd Wed</b> – Garden Circle. Jeni Mudgway 021 0227 5341	1pm
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<b>3rd Wed</b> – Lions Business Meeting, St John rooms. President Jean Smith 021 208 7576	7pm
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<b>Last Thurs</b> – Green Drinks at Star & Garter	5pm
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<b>1st &amp; 3rd Sun</b> – Church Service at St Andrew's Church Rings Road	10am
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<div>7</div> <div></div> <div>High tide 1.20am (2.4m), 1.59pm (2.5m) Low tide 7.31am (0.7m), 8.11pm (0.8m)</div>		<div>8</div> <div><div>RN+TC</div><div>CT</div></div>		<div>9</div> <div><div>CT</div></div> <div>Believe it or Not Quiz at Star &amp; Garter</div>		<div>10</div> <div></div>		<div>11</div> <div></div> <div>High tide 5.11am (2.4m), 5.36pm (2.5m) Low tide 11.24am (0.7m), 11.43pm (0.7m)</div>		<div>12</div> <div></div> <div>Coromandel ArtsTour – open studios (see Pg 34)</div> <div>Kick-start my Project Workshop – week 1 (see Pg 40)</div> <div>Local election voting closes</div> <div>Kiwi avoidance training (see Pg 36)</div>		<div>13</div> <div></div> <div>Coromandel ArtsTour – open studios (see Pg 34)</div> <div>Tennis Club AGM (see Pg 39)</div>	
<div>14</div> <div></div> <div>CHRONICLE DEADLINE – 4pm– November issue content</div> <div>Start of school Term 4</div>		<div>15</div> <div><div>RN+TC</div><div>RN</div></div>		<div>16</div> <div><div>CT</div></div>		<div>17</div> <div></div>		<div>18</div> <div></div> <div>Tuia 250 (see Pg 8)</div>		<div>19</div> <div></div> <div>Colville Harbour Care working bee (see Pg 29)</div> <div>Healthy Harbour drop-in session (see Pg 25 &amp; 26)</div> <div>Kick-start my Project Workshop – week 2 (see Pg 40)</div>		<div>20</div> <div></div> <div>St Andrews Union – John Rabarts. HC</div>	
<div>21</div> <div></div> <div>High tide 7.21am (2.6m), 7.37pm (2.7m) Low tide 1.04am (0.5m), 1.22pm (0.5m)</div>		<div>22</div> <div><div>RN+TC</div><div>CT</div></div>		<div>23</div> <div><div>CT</div></div>		<div>24</div> <div></div> <div>Pastel exhibition at Hauraki House starts 10am to 3pm daily</div>		<div>25</div> <div></div> <div>High tide 9.50am (2.7m), 10.12pm (2.6m) Low tide 3.35am (0.4m), 3.53pm (0.5m)</div>		<div>26</div> <div></div> <div>White Elephant Sale – raising money for Coromandel Town Information Centre (see Pg 22)</div> <div>Fishing Competition (see Pg 39)</div>		<div>27</div> <div></div> <div>High tide 11.17am (2.6m), 11.43pm (2.5m) Low tide 4.58am (0.4m), 5.25pm (0.6m)</div>	
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<div>Labour Day</div>		<div>Pastel exhibition at Hauraki House finishes</div>		<div>Missy Raines Trio at Hauraki House Theatre (see Pg 16)</div>		<div>Donation drop off for White Elephant Sale(see Pg 22)</div>		<div>White Elephant Sale – raising money for Coromandel Town Information Centre (see Pg 22)</div>		<div>Fishing Competition (see Pg 39)</div>		<div>St Andrews Union – John Rabarts. HC</div>	

KEY



New moon



Full moon

Tide times and heights from Land Information NZ and are for Coromandel Harbour.  
For Thames times -15min High and -18min Low.



Blue bin bags out



Put recycling out

RN = Rural North

CT = Coromandel town & Te Kōhanga

TC = Thames Coast & Mānuka

NOVEMBER

Fri 1 & Sat 2 – Show Me Shorts in Colville (see Pg 29)  
Sat 2 – Mitou K2 Cycle Event (see Pg 38)  
Tue 5 – Twilight bowls starts (see Pg 14)



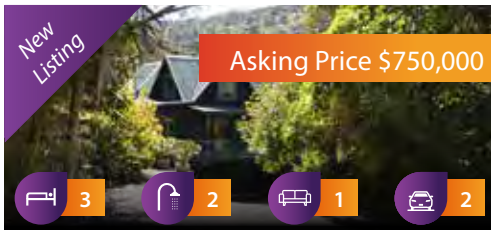


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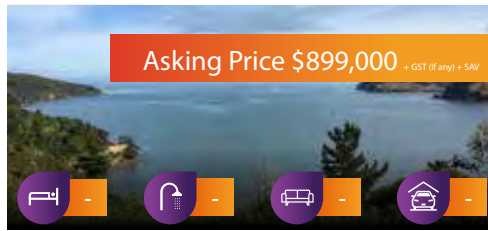


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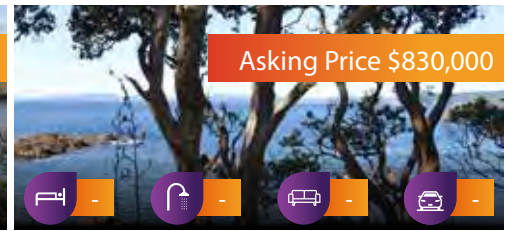
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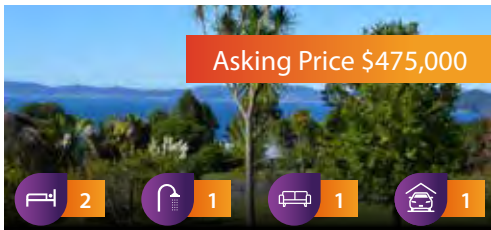
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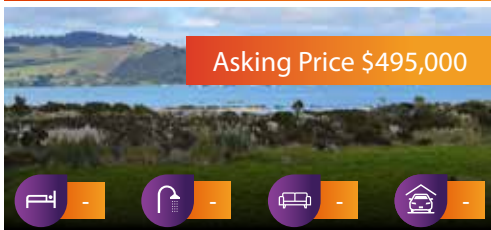
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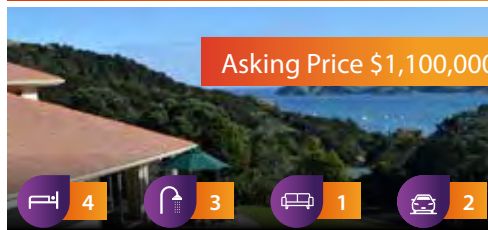
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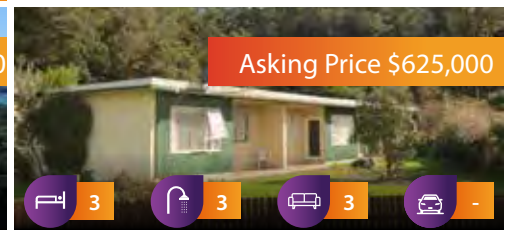
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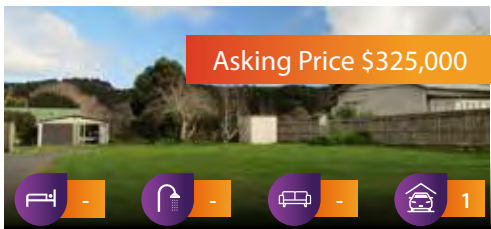
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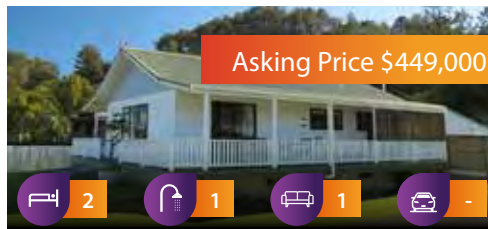
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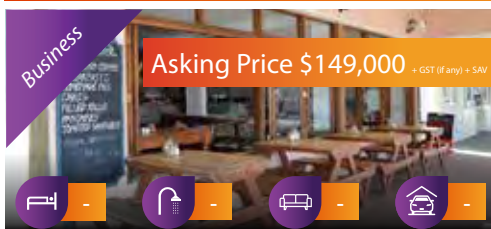
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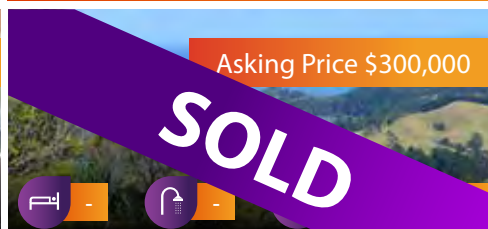
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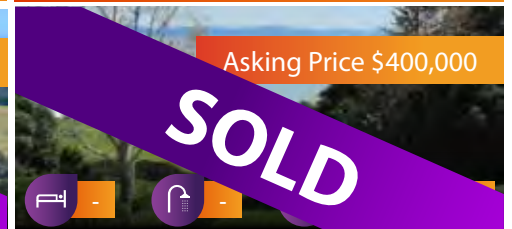
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