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Editor's comment

September brings us spring and daylight saving! I am looking forward to some longer evenings.

At the time of writing Coromandel Town is at Alert Level 2. My thoughts are with those enduring Level 3 in Auckland. Let's hope we are all back to Level 1 soon.

I've been reading through the content in this issue and picked up on the lovely description of going camping in the Coromandel nearly 100 years ago in the museum article: "The ride over the Coromandel ranges to Te Rerenga is a pleasure to be remembered. The road is hardly good enough for motoring as the grade is too steep and the path is covered with boulders. In places there is deep mud." I drive this road a lot to school and back so find it is good to imagine it in this state.

Debbie

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Haiga

By Chris Wornall

corona virus
/causes headaches
even from afar



Sculpture
carved by
Chris's
mother

Doing it Live

a quatern by John Irvine

Tonight I read my poems live
in front of peers whom I admire.
Just me and the microphone
yards of snaky cable and wire.
Sixty pairs of gimlet eyes when
tonight I read my poems live
will pin me to my ego bright
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is merciless while all a-smile.
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New welcome to Coromandel Town sign

The new welcome to Coromandel Town sign is now up. This new sign is based on the old one but is now bi-lingual, with the addition of "Welcome", and "Enjoy your stay/visit" in Te Reo.

The project to replace the old sign, which had rotted, with a more permanent one was undertaken by the Coromandel 200 working group. It was designed by Debbie Morgan, produced by Geoff Kingsmill and funded (with thanks) by Trust Waikato, the Coromandel-Colville Community Board and TCDC.



Election 2020 New date - Saturday 17 October

By Debbie Morgan

Because the election dates have changed I now hope to print candidate profiles of those standing for the Coromandel electorate in the October issue.

Patchwork & Quilters

By Bev Mayhead

Hello again.

Our group has been abuzz with activities lately. The Attic Doll workshop has finished and our photo for this month shows some of our fabulous one-off creations. Five dolls are still being completed and some members are even making a second doll.

Early August was the Annual Quilt Show held at Ngatea over three days. We had a carload attend on Friday and two carloads went on Saturday. It is nice to support other patchwork and quilting groups. We always come away with new inspiration, usually a purchase or two from the vendors, meet up with old friends and enjoy a good cuppa with a scone, jam and cream! Such a wonderful day out.

Jill has organised a day for making drawstring bags for "Kids in Need" Waikato. As a group venture we learn new skills and help a charity. A lot of fun is had in the making and sharing of ideas on a project day like this.

Our next small project day in September will be learning to felt with Raewyn.

Feel free to call in and see what we are up to.

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



Fabulous Attic Dolls made in our workshop with Bev

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New Business – Cleverly

The Coromandel community loves seeing new business ventures and local start-ups come to life. One such business is that started by Coromandel local Hattie Crawshaw. Hattie has recently launched a new service offering from her base in Coromandel Town. Cleverly is a Virtual Assistant network that supports small businesses and individuals with a range of helpful and practical services. From marketing support, including Facebook and social media management, to financial and business support, such as bookkeeping, invoicing and wages management, Cleverly offers an easy and efficient way to get things done.



After moving home to New Zealand after several years working overseas Hattie and her husband have chosen the Coromandel to raise their young baby and golden retriever puppy and couldn't be happier with a move to the coast. Hattie has a wealth of experience in business management, communications and finance as well as access to a wider team offering a broad range of administrative, marketing and online services. With an international career expanding across large corporate firms and boutique companies, the Cleverly concept came to life after a move home to New Zealand, completion of an MBA and the arrival of baby Georgia. The Cleverly mission is to provide flexible and efficient support across all areas of business that clients just don't have the time or resources to complete.

Cleverly can assist with: administration and organisation; support and guidance for small businesses; bookkeeping and financial services; social media management; communications and marketing; human resources; presentations, CV creation and interview help; proof reading, editing and writing.

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Coromandel Community supports youth to become Licenced Drivers

Once again Coromandel

Town and its communities have come together to see 13 young people achieve their learner's licence. After the success of three recent learners' courses and many inquiries by locals, Te Ahi Kaa Training and Social Services Centre Inc. decided to apply for funding to host another course in Coromandel Town July this year. Local businesses were approached to support a young person to achieve their learner's licence, by donating the cost of the licence. There was a great response and all of the participants had a sponsor.

These sponsors were: James Drainage, Coromandel ITM, Gulf Mussels, Caro Reid (Harcourts Coromandel), Coromandel Pharmacy, Moana NZ, Kim Raddick (Richardsons Coromandel) Sue Ngamane, and Pamela Grealey. BP Coromandel donated petrol vouchers for transporting the youth to Thames in the Te Ahi Kaa van driven by Lisa May Hale who supported our youths on both test days. Food for the course was donated by Coromandel Four Square, Peppertree, Top Town Takeaways, Coromandel Bakery, and Tracey, Robbie and Gus (Coromandel Community Police). Jean Ashby and ITM supplied and cooked a wonderful barbecue with steak, salad and buns for all of the participants. After two solid days of study, participants were transported to Thames in two groups to take their tests and were all successful in achieving their learner's licence.

We were fortunate that AA driving instructor Gavin Buchanan agreed to once again come to Coromandel Town to tutor the learners' course.

It is hoped that this community initiative will continue and see our town full of legal and safe drivers.

The logistics of achieving a licence in isolated areas are significantly challenging for many. Unfortunately, the closest AA agency and driving tutor is in Thames. The cost of assessments, lessons, transport down and back to Thames, a legal driver with a legal car having held their full licence for two years, are not readily available to all. To possess a licence means greater opportunity for employment, further education, a great sense of achievement, and is also an internationally recognised form of identification.

The significance of this community initiative speaks for itself and big thanks go out to all of you who have been a part of this ongoing journey, especially to Coral Clark for all of her after hours support, mentoring, advising and baking to make it happen.



Photography exhibition

By Wailin Elliott and
Glenys Chadderton

An unique exhibition of photos from the Physical Environment Society of Coromandel taken c.1960s and some others will be shown in the Council Chambers, Kapanga Road, in conjunction with Coro 200 and the Illume Festival from **25-28 September**. All welcome. You may see a photo of the house you now live in as it was over 60 years ago.



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200 years of Coromandel

Coro 200 Illume Festival 2020

In recognition of the 200 years since the *HMS Coromandel* first sailed into Coromandel Harbour, a small working group of passionate community members have joined together to make sure the anniversary of the ship's arrival is acknowledged appropriately, after all, this is the ship which gave it's name to Coromandel Town and the entire Coromandel Peninsula.

Coromandel 200 organisers have joined forces with Illume lighting festival organisers, and the special bi-centennial combined event will be held on Friday 25 – Saturday 26 September.

A dedication for the *HMS Coromandel* will be held at 10.45 am on the Saturday at the Whangarahi Reserve. The art piece to commemorate the *HMS Coromandel* was commissioned by the Coromandel 200 Working Group to acknowledge the 200th anniversary. This will be followed by a commemorative kauri planting of 107 kauri (the amount the *HMS Coromandel* took to England) at the Albert Street Reserve at 2pm.



Snippets of the past 200 years in Coromandel Town

<i>H.M.S Coromandel</i> anchored in our harbour for 11 months	1820	
	1862	The first Court House was in Rings Road it also housed the first branch of Bank of NZ
The present Thames-Coromandel District building was built	1873	
	1874	Census 1,174 people in Coromandel
9th January, 1st meeting of Coromandel County Council	1877	
	1919	Spanish Flu, Coromandel District isolated itself from other communities
Coromandel Museum was opened	1957	
	1960	Connected to power grid and a concert was held to celebrate
Council took over the RSA hall then it became the Citizens Hall	1965	
	1977	The film <i>Sleeping Dogs</i> was released, it was filmed here with locals as extras
Coromandel Hospital closed (built 1898)	1994	
	1996	Coromandel Town Chronicle monthly newspaper began
First K2 cycle race around the peninsula and the new Four Square supermarket opened	2002	
	2020	Town in lockdown from March for four weeks due to COVID-19 pandemic

For more event information visit
tcdc.govt.nz/coro200

Coromandel Budget Advisory Service

By Caroline Dunn.

Welcome to spring. The days are getting longer with hints of summer warmth creeping in. This month town has the Illume Festival on **25 and 26 September**. We hope to see you there and please keep an eye out for us.

With Covid-19 revisiting us again in August, while at Level 2 the Budget Advisory is still open for clients. If we do move to Level 3, we will need to go back to working remotely. We will still be available to support clients via phone appointments. If you live in the Colville area remember we are available to see clients on a Wednesday morning, working out of the Colville Social Services site. This will be by appointment only, so please phone our office on (07) 866 8351 to make an appointment and make sure you let us know that it is for the Colville office.

Our office hours are Tuesday 9.30am-3pm, Wednesday 9.30am-3pm, Thursday 12-3pm.

If you need to speak with a Budgeting Mentor to see how we can assist you, please contact us to make an appointment. We can help you with WINZ applications, Kiwi Saver Hardship Withdrawals, contacting debtors to negotiate repayment amounts and more. If you are receiving a food grant via WINZ and don't have a green card, we have them in our office to save you a trip to Thames.

In August we rolled out the restructure of the Foodbank to model a Food Pantry concept. This has been a so well received by clients accessing the pantry. A big thank you must go to Brooke, our Foodbank coordinator, for all of the work that she has done behind the scenes to bring this restructure to life. The new structure, with individual time slots, means at Level 2 and possibly Level 3, we can keep running as we are currently. Clients will need to provide their own boxes/bags to take their groceries home.

Time slots in the pantry will need to be booked by contacting Budget Services prior to midday Tuesday on (07) 866 8351 or 022 018 0849.

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

Brooke and her small team of volunteers have been busy at the community garden, with loads of fresh produce coming into the food pantry each week. If you want to help and have a couple of hours to spare on a Wednesday morning between 9am and 11am, please come along. The garden is on Glover St down the back of the dairy.

If you use Facebook, please give our pages a like as any upcoming changes will be posted there

CoroLocalLegend with Coromandel Four Square

Congratulations to Mike and Karen Huitema of Coromandel, who are the recipients of a gift hamper from Coromandel Four Square. They have been nominated by Tessa Blyth, who wrote "Mike and Karen continue to contribute to many aspects of our community. Their ongoing support to local groups, sports and events is massive – monthly \$10 pizza donations, countless donated vouchers, fire brigade volunteering and committees – to name a few. Finding time and energy to give so much back whilst running two businesses and raising three young children is exceptional and we thank you very much. I would love them to receive this on behalf of the community they endlessly tautoko, so they can see how appreciated they are!"

Thanks for your community spirit Mike and Karen; you are a true CoroLocalLegends!

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

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

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



Jan Autumn and Sue Swan



Colville First Response Unit. Wendy Newman is their Station Manager – runners up in the Waikato Regional Teams Excellence Award

St John Heartbeat

By Teri & Neil

Congratulations to the following:

- Sue Swan for 30 years of service both front line and area committee
- Jan Autumn for 12 years of service front line
- Colville First Response for coming runner up in Waikato Regional Teams Excellence Award
- James McMillan in securing a full-time EMA position in Waiuku – we wish you all the best for the future, but don't be a stranger.
- Combined Clubs of Coromandel "The Club" for their donation of a flagpole. Keep an eye out for it as it will be placed in the front of the Operational Area.
- Coromandel Ambulance Volunteers' – National Volunteer Week, thank you all for the commitment and dedication that you give to your community. You are much appreciated by all; you are an awesome bunch to work with.

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RSA News

By Pat Williams

I spoke too soon re Covid-19 in the June Chronicle. Here we are back to Level 2, and our older members who are in rest homes are once again in lockdown mode. We are thinking about you all and sending loving thoughts.

For me it has come a bit close to home, as I have a nephew who works at the coolstore at the centre of the latest Auckland cluster.

More news from the Navy Today magazine; what would I do without it? The NZ Navy's biggest ever vessel (Aotearoa) arrived in Auckland's Waitemata Harbour on 26 June. It has been a long journey. July 2016 our government announced intent to build an MSC vessel. She was built in Ulsan, Korea. Ship's schedule: Late 2020 – sea acceptance and readiness checks; 2021 – replenishment at sea exercises, work-up evaluations; 2022 – 1st trip to McMurdo, Antarctica. The write-up was produced with many great pictures of the ship and personnel, dignitaries and crew members.

Saturday Club nights are proving popular and a start has been made on upgrades to the premises. A service is being held this week (18 August) to commemorate the Battle of Long Tan Vietnam. Will report on this in the next issue.

We have roped in a new secretary, Glenise Robertson. Thanks Glenise.

Another verse from my hugs poem. "Hugs are great for Fathers and Mothers, sweet for Sisters, and swell for Brothers, and chances are some favourite Aunts, Love them more than potted plants."

Till next time, no hugs, elbow to elbow! Stay safe.

Combined Clubs Of Coromandel THE CLUB

Bowls

By Cherrie Rokela

Here we are, just a few weeks away from our opening day on **Thursday 3 September**. On this day we play "Top Town v Bottom Town". Will announce the winners of The Bridge Trophy next month.

We are very fortunate in our club, to have wonderful sponsors for our tournaments. For this we are extremely grateful.

Our club renovations have commenced, and we

eagerly await the end results. The Club is currently a building site, but a bit of inconvenience can be tolerated with a good result at the end of the day.

You are most welcome to join us as a playing or social member. Coaching will be available for the newbies when the weather has improved and club days are up and running.

Our club email address is corobowls@yahoo.com for any queries, or Jim Dicks 027 522 2355, or Linda Wright 027 651 3477.

Come and visit us on a Friday night for a drink, chat and a meat pack raffle.

Sailors and Loggers Ball

By Liz Cameron

Do you enjoy live music? Would you enjoy a delicious supper provided by Umu?

Do you want to have some fun? Come to the Sailors and Loggers Ball on **Saturday 26 September**.

Worried about what to wear? I will have costumes for hire in Coromandel from **15-17 September**, time and place to be advised re Facebook. Please give me a call and let me know what you have in mind. I have some orders already, and happy to take more! Not sure of prices yet, but I am sure they will be reasonable. Some people are concerned that they might miss the fireworks. Don't worry, the view from outside the Citizens' Hall will be excellent!

Tickets are selling well, so don't leave it too late! On sale now at the Information Centre.

See you there!

Liz Cameron 027 494 1188

Rethink Rubbish Coromandel Town

By Robin Münch

In keeping with our new direction, we're developing new plans for the future. At the end of August we're meeting with people from Raglan who have successfully implemented waste reduction programmes in their town. In addition to the Rethink Rubbish team, we'll be joined by Community Board representatives, people from the Goldmine and the Transfer Station and other people with similar goals to ours. The Raglan team will help us to formulate our ideas into action plans. We're excited!

One thing we definitely want to focus on is encouraging the community to reuse containers such as cups and takeaway containers rather than buying single use items. How many of you already have a keep cup? Do you remember to take it with you? Do you support businesses that allow you to use your own containers and even give you a discount for bringing your own?

Just start with one little change this month and tell us about it on our Facebook page: Rethink Rubbish Coromandel Town.



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Christmas is getting closer – Santa is coming to town

Santa Parade and Christmas in the Park

Write it on the calendar, put it in your diary: **5 December** is Coromandel Santa parade followed by Christmas in the Park at the Coromandel Area School.

Last year was loads of fun, with decoration/card making, live music and delicious food on offer – we hear that the Santa Run is happening again. How cool was it to see so many dressed as Santa taking part in the run. If you're thinking about having a stall this year email arceventsrita@gmail.com or phone 027 210 3734 to ensure you are booked in – there are no stall fees. Also let us know if you're putting in a float – we had some amazing floats last year. You don't have to drive a vehicle in the parade; you are most welcome to walk as a group. It's all about taking part and including the littlies. Santa will be along to greet the young ones (and not so young).

Christmas Community Lunch 25 December

This will be the third year we have held the Coromandel Community Christmas lunch. In order for this to happen, we rely upon donations from the generous and kind-hearted people in the area. If you are keen to donate please touch base with us – you might like to donate food or money. If so, we look forward to hearing from you. Please email: coromandelchristmaslunch@gmail.com or phone 027 210 3734.

If you would rather donate your time to help with the lunch, we will be asking for help with that later on in the year.



Ann's Good News, Naturally

Power boost your immunity – in days

Has it not occurred to you that in the middle of a “pandemic”, the media does not explain the functioning of our immune system?

And that day after day the instructions on keeping you safe never includes what keeps your immune system strong, throughout your life?

The media, MP's, our Prime Minister and especially our Minister for Health, via radio, television and the social media, have such a strong platform to share all the facts. Yet they constantly fail to do so. Do they not understand these facts?

At what point was it explained to the population that everyone who has not yet reached old age is able to strengthen their immune system in a few days, or in a few weeks? Why not accentuate positives that within our bodies we have a potential defence and healing ability that is infinitely more healing than any drug in the world and can be activated quickly? Why suggest that the only solution to this “pandemic” will come from the outside? A future pharmacological treatment or a vaccine, whose marketing authorisation assessments will certainly be neglected for reasons of an “emergency”. We are constantly invited to seek external protection to save us – buy a mask, wash hands, use hydroalcoholic gels, wait for a vaccine.

There is a deafening silence!

Everyone can strengthen their own immune system. If the media had shared this fact before lockdown, there could have been time since the virus appeared to have been proactive, not reactive and now failing.

Now, in this “Covid” episode of our history, we have time to take an interest in our own functioning, claim our own personal power, and take back our control of our health, and for the health of our future generations.

Let's share the facts

1) About food – Your immune system can only be as strong as the foods you give it. Eating trash food is the first thing that destroys our immune system. Being overweight weakens immunity. Focus on eating vegetables, raw foods (high in essential vitamins, minerals and living enzymes), consistently throughout your life to strengthen your nutrient reserves, necessary for immunity. Let vegetables be the hero of your meals, not meat, or pasta, or bread, or packaged foods. Nature intended fruit to be our treats. Eat an apple, not a lolly or a biscuit. Sugar depletes immunity and your defences. It is a trigger for cancer.

2) About microbiome – The efficiency of your immune system depends on your vaginal birth, breast feeding, and the quality of gut intestinal flora – your good bugs or microbiome, and therefore, the quality of what we eat. 80% of your immune system functions from the digestive tract.

3) About gel v soap – Antibacterial gels eliminate the first natural immune barrier of our body. The more we use these alcohol-based gels, the more permeable and epidermal-sensitive are the viruses. Use classic soap.

4) Holistic cooperation medicine – Educate the masses by dedicating 95% of media time, for a few weeks, to a panel of naturopaths, nutritionists and medical herbalists – with the current media doctors and “immune specialists”. Get the balance right.

5) About herbal medicine – Plants such as echinacea, elderberry, astragalus and more, in their concentrated form, increase immune defences in a few days. Herbal medicine is proven to be potentially antiviral and immune boosting.

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Animal Rescue Thames

By Alice and John Parris and the Tablets

Firstly thank mews to everyone who has donated tinned cat food and sachets for the cats; these are much appreciated and needed right now. Also to those who have donated bedding to help keep them cosy and warm.

Currently we are unable to take in any felines due to financial limitations as we are running drastically low on funds. Fundraising has virtually ground to a standstill and what funds we can get for items on the sale sites on Facebook are small amounts which do add up, but not to help pay vet bills and other bills we have. Our budget has dropped and been cut back to \$75 a week and less if we can do it – the donations of cat food mean we can stretch out a bit, which is a blessing.

Homed – A lady rang wanting a kitten – 18 years ago she had got one of our darlings. This lady and I chatted and Lizzy the tortie was the one who came to mind as the “best one” for her family. Lady arrives and the trio of tabbies see a stranger and go completely ballistic, which for them was totally bizarre but the lady was not someone that they knew. Lizzy was alright until it came to the time that this lady dared to pat her – Lizzy throws a total tortie tantrum and leaps clear of my arms and disappears out of sight. Lady is laughing and says, “well actually I really, really want that one,” and points to Jazz. This was a shock. Jazz just sat quietly – and I fully explained about our blue cream pretty girl – not cuddly, not wanting to be picked up. Well lady was determined and we released Jazz to her so she now has a forever home – a beautiful new life adventure for her.

Also one classic tabby female of the three tabbies or trio of “tablets” as we call them is leaving home as well so that is two less in camp. There are still two classic tabby neutered six-month-old boys, one patchwork tortie and a black tortie all around the same age, all desexed but all will need quiet loving rural kind of homes to go to and we have all of the older longterms who through no fault of their own remain here in care at rescue.

We had an enquiry from a lady who wanted to get a young kitten for her son, right then, right away. As we were in Level 2 lockdown we shut down having people in our home for safety’s sake because of our age and health – just being careful and cautious. This woman just really went off at us for us wanting to be safe. We gave her other places to try. She had the most unrealistic expectations as she wanted a younger kitten than we had – so her dear little son had something to play with if lockdown went into higher grade levels and they all got stuck at home. It really rang alarm bells – yes I understood what she was trying to do, but it all was not right for us, and our kittens were too old for her son.

Wanted – homes for our older teen desexed kittens, wormed, deflead. Any financial blessings would be a massive help to us right now, donations of tinned cat food, sardines, salmon, pet milk all appreciated.

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Grey Power Coromandel

By John Rabarts, President

Next Grey Power meeting

Everyone welcome, **Thursday 3 September**, St John rooms (next to fire station) corner of Tiki and Whangapoua Roads, Coromandel. We meet at 1pm for 1.30pm start. We are inviting political candidates for our area, or those seeking a party vote to speak, share their views and to be available for personal questions during afternoon tea time. Our printed newsletter will be out as usual the week before the meeting. If we are in Covid-19 Alert Level 3 on 3 September then the meeting will be postponed until **1 October** in St John rooms.

Getting rid of weeds

We don't really want to spray all kinds of chemicals into our garden, so these tips are great for us! It turns out that there are tons of natural products you can use to get rid of the unwanted plants in your garden, and you probably already have them in your kitchen cabinet! So say goodbye to those weeds!

Preparation: Plants have a natural layer that protects them from negative outside influences. To break through this protective layer you can prepare the weeds with a mixture of water and soap. Mix together two cups of water and a few drops of dish soap in a spray bottle and spray this on the weeds. If you do this before trying any of the other techniques mentioned below, they'll be much more effective.

1. Dry out. The first method is to simply let the weeds dry out. Take a spray bottle and mix together two cups of water and one tablespoon



of pure alcohol (96%). Spray this on the weeds. This will cause the plants to dry out through and through, which makes them easy to remove.

2. Burn them. Now, don't go and take out the flamethrower right away, but just use the kettle! By pouring boiling water over weeds, they'll burn and the roots will die. Be sure to only use this method in a spot without any other plants, like the driveway or the patio, because the hot water might spread and kill other plants as well. That would be a pity!

3. Use acid. Weeds absolutely detest acid. That's why so many chemical weed-killing products contain acid. You don't need all of the chemicals, though; you can just mix together two tablespoons of lemon juice and one cup of white vinegar to get the same effect. Spray this mixture onto the unwanted plants in order to kill them.

4. Baking soda. Sprinkle about a teaspoon of baking soda onto the plant you want to remove, especially on the root at the bottom. This will prevent any other weeds from growing there in the future. That means this trick is especially useful in places where no plants should grow in the first place, like the driveway.

I contend that for a nation to try to tax itself into prosperity is like a man standing in a bucket and trying to lift himself by the handle. – Winston Churchill

Government's view of the economy could be summed up in a few short phases: If it moves, tax it. If it keeps moving, regulate it. And if it stops moving, subsidise it. – Ronald Reagan (1986)

Coromandel Grey Power membership is \$15 single member, \$28 for two at same address. Phone Carol Carson, (07) 866 7172 to join

Lions news

By Lion Lyn



Not a lot to report for this month as we were just getting back into "doing" and we are now going backwards again. We are very low on firewood, so are not taking orders for wood needed now. Of course, it can be ordered for a lot later on. Last month I also mentioned the passing of Jo Strongman and this time it is of ex-lion Anne, who was very special to us and many others in the community. Another to be sadly missed but always remembered. Rest in peace.

By the time you read this we should have had our first business meeting with new president Sue, as long as alert levels stay the same or lower, then we can still meet and attend to any projects that come our way. If we can help, please get in touch with numbers below or look us up on the website. Keep safe and look after each other.

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Library News

By Robynne Jones

By the time you read this the Library will have hopefully been able to have had the AGM and we will have a new committee for the next year. At the time of writing, we are in Level 2 lockdown. The Library is still able to open under Level 2, with some small changes to help keep everyone safe. We have the NZ Covid Tracer QR code poster available on the front door and on the front desk for you to scan.

If we move to Level 3 at any time, we will have to shut our doors. Once again if that does happen then please keep any books you have out with you at home until the Library is able to open again. If this happens, we won't be fining anyone for late returns.

Due to the slowdown in freight deliveries we will only have a small number of new books this month, but I'm sure everyone will be able to find something they can enjoy. There are many new titles from the well-known authors like Deborah Challinor, Andy Mc Dermot, Steven Leather, Kate Nunn, Karen Robards, Alexander McCall Smith and Karen Slaughter. The new Deborah Challinor book, *The Jacaranda House*, is book 3 in the Restless Years series. We also have a new Joanne Rees book, *The Hidden Wife*, that is the second book in the trilogy A Stitch in Time.

Some of the new authors are Rose Carlyle

– *The Girl in the Mirror*, Jack Carr – *The Terminal List*, Louise Cavendish – *The Other Passenger*, DBC Pierre – *Meanwhile in Dopamine City* and Nicholas Shakespeare – *The Sandpit*.

Another new book we have added to the collection is *The Final Choice: End of Life Suffering: Is Assisted Dying the Answer?* We would like to thank Grey Power for their kind donation of this very topical book given the upcoming referendum on this topic.

Here are a couple of reviews:

***The Girl in the Mirror* – by Rose Carlyle**



This is a debut thriller for Rose Carlyle about greed, lust, secrets, and deadly lies involving identical twin sisters. Twin sisters Iris and Summer are startlingly alike, but beyond what the eye can see lies a darkness that sets them apart. Then Iris joins

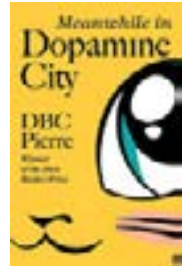
Summer in Thailand to help her sail the family yacht to the Seychelles. Iris nurtures her own secret hopes for what might happen on the journey, but when she unexpectedly finds herself alone in the middle of the Indian Ocean, everything changes.

And just what did happen to Summer on the yacht?

Only Iris knows.

***Meanwhile in Dopamine City* – by DBC Pierre**

Dopamine City is the story of Lonny Cush, sanitation worker and single parent, kind-hearted and red-blooded, who is trying his best to protect his kids from the hysterical hyper-reality of 21st century life. A manual worker, Lonny is out of sync with the changes in his hometown and his century, and doesn't have the means to give his quiet teenage son Egan and his precocious, ultra-demanding nine-year-old daughter Shelby what they need, or say they need. But with his mother-in-law circling for custody, and needing to win back his kids' favour, he succumbs, splashing out on the thing Shelby wants more than anything else: her first smartphone.



Coromandel Contract Bridge Club

By Judy Bronlund

Fingers crossed that we don't go back to lockdown. September is Te Kouma Pairs competition followed by the start of the Moehau Pairs. We play bridge at the St John rooms each Monday evening.

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Mahamudra Centre

By Jan van der Vliet

Kia ora – mihi mahana.

Covid-19 has reared its head again in our communities and we are back in Level 2. For some of us this can mean further stressful periods in personal and work circumstances on our physical and mental health.

Physical health is important because Buddhism regards it to be the means to intellectual enlightenment. Buddhism does not want people to spend a large part of their lives in poor health or else they will not be able to devote themselves to the highest purposes.

Although Buddhism views the mind and the body in interdependence, its teaching gives special attention to the mind and its power. It is stated in the very first verse of the Dhammapada that what we are is the result of our thoughts.

The source of our lives, and hence of our happiness or unhappiness, lies within our power. No one can harm us but ourselves. It is the kind of thought we entertain that improves our physical well-being or weakens it, and also dignifies us or degrades us.

This is the reason why Buddhism designates thought as the cause of both physical and verbal actions with their karmic results and considers mental health of the utmost importance and the training of the mind to attain the highest stage of health as its sole concern.

According to Buddhism, for the mind to

be healthy, first it is necessary to develop a correct view of the world and ourselves, i.e. a realistic acceptance of the three characteristics of existence: impermanence, fragility, and suffering of inadequateness.

The adoption of the wrong views makes us see the transitory as permanent, the painful as happy, the impure as pure, and what is not-self as self. Consequently we crave and struggle for what is not something that does not seem to change, e.g. the illusory permanent and identical self and the permanent object or desire – and we always suffer disappointment.

By accepting things as really nothing more than a name, the mind no longer strives for the satisfaction of self-seeking impulses nor clings to objects. As a result the mind is at rest and thereby “mental” suffering is eliminated leading to improved mental health.

Apart from changing our thoughts by the adoption of this view, our mental health is dependent on our power to rein in our appetites and to restrain and/or eradicate negative emotions such as greed, hatred, anger, and our possessive and aggressive tendencies. All of these unwholesome states can act as the cause of mental and physical illness. Such “control” can be achieved through the practice of ethics and meditation. Every set of Buddhist precepts and every type of meditation are aimed at controlling the senses, impulses,

and instincts, easing the tension and eliminating the unwholesomeness of thoughts that tend to make the mind sick.

Buddhist meditation is also a means to induce positive wholesome mental states: loving kindness, compassion, sympathetic joy, and equanimity. The continual cultivation of these wholesome mental states is an important Buddhist way of making the mind healthy. Actions that spring from this healthy mind are always good and wholesome and thus conducive to our holistic health.

Our Centre is open and operating in line with Covid-19 Level 2 guidelines. Do check our website www.mahamudra.org.nz for our courses, retreats and guided morning meditations or come and stay with us for some rest and peacefulness.

Nga mihi nui from the Mahamudra Team.

11-13 September – Weekend Retreat: The Three Principal Aspects of the Path

19 September – 10am-3pm – Practice Day with lunch

27 September – 10.30am-1pm – Compassion for Covid Community Day includes free lunch, meditation, light offering, and kids’ activities!

Plus every day at 8.30am there is free guided meditation. Just drop in!

Coromandel Embroiderers’ Guild

By Jenny Penman

Our August meeting was held on one of those beautiful clear, calm and warm days that makes us think spring is not too far away. In fact we wondered if our usual group from Whitianga, who had not made the trip over the hill to join us, had absconded to the beach instead. Those that had gathered were held in awe by the work that is ongoing following the Jenny Adin-Christie workshop held in July. The two kits that Jenny provided, tutored by our own Heather as a result of travel restrictions, have challenged our stitchers with their intricacy and fineness – the white work pocket piece being 44 count to the inch. The pieces are looking spectacular though and the feeling was expressed that it felt an honour to work on such beautiful pieces and to learn the stitches and techniques associated with them.

The Show and Tell table had another fine array of embroidered work with Jill’s “lockdown madness” making our jaws drop. Her Xmas Magic Cube features a different embroidery style on each face such as crossstitch, running thread, blackwork, Wessex. The grandchildren will only get to play with this version of the children’s toy with gloves on though! Many of our stitched pieces have a lovely story behind them and Marion’s beautiful sunflower tablecloth was just such a piece. This kitset present from a relative overseas has now been completed and is returning as a thank you gift.

Our national ANZEG biannual exhibition which was changed to a virtual event is now online for viewing. It is freely available to anyone by visiting www.embroiderynz.co.nz and clicking on the link to Focus on Stitch. The three categories of work there showcase the diversity of work that is being done over the country by those with a love of stitching. It is well worth a browse and is sure to surprise with the creativity displayed.

Our next Guild Meeting will be held on **Wednesday 2 September**.

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



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Museum News

By Raewyn McKinney

Wonderful to see spring coming after winter and the lockdown. Summer is now close.

Camping in Coromandel has long been a summer favourite:
New Zealand Herald 29 September 1926

"Charm of Coromandel

Fishing and Camping Wonderful Virgin Bush Pretty Scenes and Walks

For a quiet holiday few healthier or more pleasant resorts than Coromandel can be found in the Auckland Province. Access can be obtained either by road from Thames or by boat from Auckland. The coast road is in excellent order and the trip from Thames, which can be done comfortably by motorcar in two hours, is a delightful one. Pretty scenes of the Hauraki Gulf and of the islands in the vicinity of Coromandel, the delightful camping sites and the sandy beaches are attractions that make a strong claim.

"Silent reminders of the prosperous mining days, when Coromandel was a town of 10,000 people, are to be seen in the scarred hills and quartz tips in the vicinity of the sleepy old township. In Coromandel itself excellent accommodation can be found by those not desiring to camp. There is plenty of fishing to be had in the bays. Rowboats and launches are available and visits to

Off on a
camping
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the islands in the bay provide exercise and enjoyment. With a horse one can reach any of the numerous beautiful beaches to be found at Whangapoua, Kuaotunu, Kennedy Bay, Colville, Port Charles and Amodeo Bay. The ride over the Coromandel ranges to Te Rerenga is a pleasure to be remembered. The road is hardly good enough for motoring as the grade is too steep and the path is covered with boulders. In places there is deep mud, while the road crosses unbridged streams six times. Auckland owner recently drove a car over the range. The car negotiated the track with difficulty, but the owner would not face the return journey. He sent it back to Auckland by boat. Dense virgin bush covers hundreds of acres in the valleys within easy reach of the road. Here the stately kauri may be seen, while the ponga and the nikau appear to clothe the hills as a beautifully designed mat. Clematis grows prolifically throughout the bush and lends a charming hue. Here the tui has been unmolested and throughout the journey its bell-like note, varied occasionally with a shrill whistle, is to be heard. A visitor could not help but be impressed with the mild climate and bracing atmosphere of the hills and beaches, and the wonderful hospitality of the people."

New Zealand Herald 14 September 1929

"Coromandel Interests

Catering for Motorists

Provision for Camping Sites

(By Telegraph – own correspondent)

The scenic beauties of the Coromandel Peninsula and its seaside attractions are expected to result in a larger influx of motor camping parties during the coming summer. To further the interests of both the visiting motorists and the county, the local members of the Auckland Automobile Association have appointed a committee to take in hand the provision of camping grounds. On the application of the Coromandel Chamber of Commerce, the Domain Board has permitted the use of the Buffalo Domain in the upper township as a camping site. The location is very suitable, being just past the hospital. Steps will be taken to make it an ideal camping ground. Another site fixed upon is on the beachfront near the Hauraki Mines, Limited, battery, the old Union Beach. It is secluded, close to the harbour and wharf and adjacent to the town. Water is already laid on to both grounds."

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By Bev Mayhead



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Hon Scott Simpson MP For Coromandel



Delaying the date of the general election until **17 October** was the right thing to do. In reality, given the return of community transmission of Covid-19 in New Zealand, it was the only decision that could have been made.

Auckland is at Alert Level 3 while the rest of the country is at Alert Level 2.

News of community transmission was not what anyone wanted but we always knew that re-emergence of this virus in the community was a real possibility. As a country we collectively sacrificed much during the initial lockdown. It was because of efforts made by all New Zealanders that we've had the recent relative Covid-19 free lifestyle over the last couple of months. We were able to move around New Zealand freely, attend large events and visit friends and family regardless of the size of the gathering.

We can get back to this reality as a country but only if we strictly adhere to the advice we are being given. Please remember to always wash and dry your hands with soap and warm water and most importantly, stay home if you are sick or even just feeling a little unwell. Level 2 rules mean we must now practice physical and social distancing. Gatherings of more than 100 people are not permitted anywhere and when we're out in public please remain two metres away from other people. We are all also advised that when out in public, or in places where physical distancing may be difficult, that we should wear a mask.

From 11.59am on Wednesday 19 August all businesses must display a Covid Tracing App QR code. This code must be displayed at all entrances of a building and must be displayed prominently. To generate a QR code poster for your business, please visit the Covid-19 website and follow the prompts: www.covid19.govt.nz.

The reappearance of Covid-19 in our community is disappointing but we can beat it just as we have done before if we follow the rules set for us by medical advisors. If you or anyone you know needs to get in contact with me, please don't hesitate to email me at mpcoromandel@parliament.govt.nz or call me on 0800 550 330. I'm here to help through this next uncertain period.

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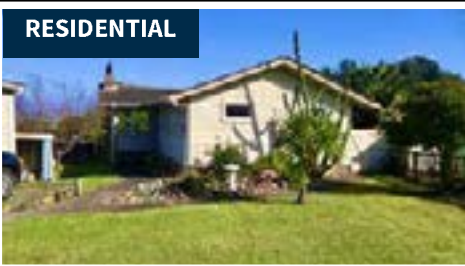
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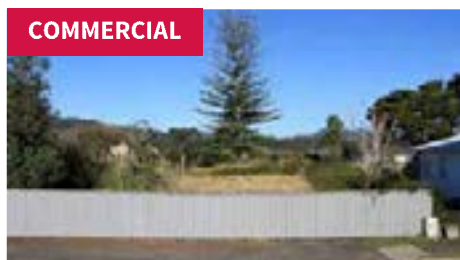
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Mana Update

By Jade Ferrière

What an interesting year it has been, with lots of surprises and unexpected twists and turns along the way. One of the fortunate developments that we are feeling deeply grateful for is the recent introduction of our new chef, Toni Calder.

Toni joined our team at the end of last year and, although it has been an unpredictable time for beginning a new job, she has settled into our kitchen team with steadied ease.

Her varied culinary background brings a diverse cooking style to the Mana kitchen. Toni shared with us that it took a while to find her own unique approach to food and that the dairy, sugar and gluten-laden menus she was taught to cook in the early days of her chef experience were not the soul-nourishing food she longed to create.

She eventually found her flow when she immersed herself in a role at Aroha Wellness Centre in Glenorchy.

"For the first time, I was really able to feel the difference between what makes a meal good or exceptional. Of course, it was love.

For me now, to work in a retreat environment feels like the perfect way to share my gift. Through the food, my hope is that this love radiates and permeates each soul and provides the nourishment they need to stay open-hearted and resilient in our ever-changing world.

I continue to expand and explore ways in which I can offer more love and harmony into my food and into the space in which it is created."

Last week during a week-long workshop Jessica Dziwulska (former owner of Driving Creek Cafe, Coromandel) shared her experience.

"My recent stay at Mana was, as always, deeply nourishing. The beauty of the land, the sweeping views, the warm hospitality and the joy of spending time pausing, reflecting and topping up. An added bonus was the incredible food served by the new chef Toni. Wow! Her food was full of vitality and fueled me perfectly for the week of dancing and art I was there to enjoy. Delicious, nutritious and plant-based, with every day a banquet of delight. So much gratitude!!"

We welcome Toni to our team, and the community and invite you to get to know her by trying out one of her special recipes, below.

Thai Inspired Pumpkin Soup

Heat oil in a medium-sized pot. Add 1 onion, 2 carrots, 3 sticks of celery, chopped into medium-sized chunks and sauté on medium heat until they start to become caramelized and sweet-smelling, around 5 minutes. Finely chop 5 cloves of garlic, a 3-inch piece of ginger, 3 kaffir lime leaves, 1 stick of lemongrass and 1 small green chilli. Add these to the pot and sauté for a further 3 minutes. Add 1 litre of veg stock, ½ large pumpkin, 2 potatoes (cut in chunks), 2 tbsp coriander root, and bring to the boil. Turn down the heat and simmer for half an hour. Blend soup, adding in salt, white pepper and 1 tbsp miso. Add any amount of coconut cream you desire for consistency and creaminess.

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2-4 OCT	Nurture and Vision Quest Retreat w Stella Goetz Yoga
8-12 OCT	Cultivating Spaciousness - Yoga Meditation Retreat with Susan Allen

Rangatahi

CELEBRATING OUR CHILDREN

Coromandel Area School

By Jamie Rose Leckie

Learning at CAS happens through real-world problems and themes integrated through the students' and teachers' passions based on a localised Coromandel context. This is a significant part of the timetable and it is evident in some form across all levels of the school.

This term we have integrated cross-curriculum learning through Years 1-10, every second Thursday for two hours. The learning activities include drama and arts in preparation for our localised production the past, present and future Coromandel, children finding their passions through a curiosity quest, jewellery making, creative construction, designing graphic novels, weaving, EPIC singing, CAS student volunteer army, kapa haka, all things wheels, biking and outdoor adventure. We are excited to continue this.

The Science Roadshow

On 28 July we had the Science Roadshow visit our school, which is an interactive educational science programme. The students and teachers had so much fun; it was EPIC. Below is some writing about the Science Roadshow.

The Science Roadshow by Harleigh

I'm standing in line patiently waiting my turn.

It sounds like an airplane taking off or landing.



Finally it's my turn and Chelsey joins me. We are both excited. We put the safety glasses on and stood against the wall.

Dylan turns the button on and Vroooooom! It starts.

Our hair stood up and it blew all over the place.

The wind was pressing on me and it felt like I was losing my balance.

We were laughing and when it stopped I felt dizzy.

It was fun, I enjoyed The Science Roadshow.

Winning students

By Laraine Heaslip, Humanities Teacher

Term 2 finished on a high note with the Year 9/10 business students successfully winning \$500 for their entry in the TCDC 60 Sec Challenge which promoted our town as a tourist destination. Big thanks to Rhiana, Kara, Angel, Meadow, James, Kaide, Kaelyb and Brenden for their energy and positive attitudes plus Nathan Hartley for his editing skills. We had lots of fun filming and being "tourists" in the many beautiful locations on our doorstep. The winnings will support these students in their Market Day venture which is to be held on the last day of this term. Elsa, Year 2, also won the junior category in the TCDC 60 Sec Challenge with her EPIC video.

Below: The senior students who won the 60-second sell your town video



The children who are creating the new sign for the McGregor Bay Wetland

Another group of young people creating something fabulous under the mentorship of artist Pete Sephton are Tai, Carter, Rain, Mitchell, Marigold (Y9/10) and Tegan (Room 1) who have been invited to design and make a substantial sign for the McGregor Bay Wetland Reserve. These students have started the process and are looking forward to spending time over the next few weeks painting and refining their art. Nga mihi nui for this unique opportunity for our youth.

Communication

We endeavour to communicate as effectively and efficiently as possible in regard to all school matters. Please ensure you read all newsletters, notes home and check the website regularly to keep up to date with any information you may need to know. Please also check our official Facebook page. The name of the page is Coromandel Area School, so please "like" and "follow" us on the page to get instant and up to date information, photographs and updates on school achievements.



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CELEBRATING OUR CHILDREN continued

Te Rerenga School

Congratulations to Lucy James-White aged 9, who has had the following piece of writing accepted for Toitoe magazine. Toitoe celebrates the creative spirit of young New Zealanders and publishes material with an original and authentic voice that other young people can connect to and be inspired by and that reflects the cultures and experiences of life in New Zealand.

Matarangi

By Lucy James-White

In between the two hills of Coromandel and Whitianga there is a little town called Matarangi.

Matarangi has a lot of bach houses because there are lots of outdoor things to do here. Also because of the beautiful environment and long sandy beach.

In the centre of Matarangi by the fire station there is what everyone calls the shops. There are only a few stores; these are: the Four Square, Piper's cafe, Puku and Kerre's liquor store, Beach Reality, and Richardson's Real Estate. Next to Four Square there is also a little gift and hardware store I love to look in.

Matarangi is a sand spit so it has beaches all around it. On one side the beach is a long, sandy surf beach and on the other side is an estuary with a small mangrove forest and a boat ramp.

If you walk around to the tip of the sand spit you will see lots of amazing birds. The birds are protected in this area. There are dotterels, godwits, pied oystercatchers and terns.

If you do not know what a godwit, is it is a very special bird that migrates all the way from Alaska to New Zealand. If you go down to the tip of the sandspit at the right time of the year, (September to March) you might be lucky enough to see a flock of godwits.

Nearer the end of the sand spit area there is a restaurant and golf club called the Dunes. It looks out over the golf course, which is a massive part of Matarangi.

At the other end of Matarangi there is a bush reserve which has some long and short bush walks. Kiwi live in the bush here and in the middle of the bush reserve there is an amazing wetland area that is protected and looked after by people who live nearby. In the wetland area there is a very endangered New Zealand native bird called the fernbird. There is a public walking track to this wetland so lots of people like walking there.

Matarangi is my home. I have lived here for three-and-a-half years. I love Matarangi because it is close to my family farm, I have friends who live here, I like biking and scooting around all the paved areas, fires on the beach in winter, I love the beach, the birds, the bush, the waves, and the shell cave at the end of the beach. I also enjoy how friendly everyone is, like at Four Square everyone is always kind and the people who work there make me really big ice creams. The pizzas at the Dunes are really nice and I like going there for dinner. I also like that when my friends come over there are lots of fun things to do and my Mum is always doing things with me in Matarangi. I'm glad we live here.



Coromandel Community Preschool

By Debra Attwood



Kia ora koutou, at the time of writing this report we are again in Level 2 alert with another spike in Covid-19 cases. For the centre this means children being dropped off and collected in the foyer, stricter hygiene procedures, and contact tracing.

This has also meant that we have curtailed our excursions out and about in the community so we stay within our centre bubble to reduce the risk to all.

As part of our programme we use what is called "loose parts". Loose parts are materials that can be moved, carried, combined, redesigned, lined up, and taken apart and put back together in multiple ways. Loose parts can be used alone or combined with other materials. There is no set of specific directions for materials that are considered loose parts. The child is the direction. So if you have anything that we could use like cable reels, pallets, bricks, blocks, old saucepans, jugs, pipes, ropes, etc., please give us a call or drop in to see us.

These children have recently celebrated birthdays: Max, Jacob, Tai, and Meah; we wish them a very happy birthday. We said farewell to Jace who has moved out of the area and to Max and Jacob who have started school. We welcomed Zephaniah-James, Eddie-Jade, Ariyah-Rose, and Taunaha. We look forward to learning more about you and your whaanau.

Our rolls are currently full but you are welcome to come along if you have a child this age and are looking for a quality early childhood centre and see if this is the right place for you and your child. You can put your child's name on the waiting list if required.

The centre operates Monday to Friday 8.00am-4.00pm. We are situated at 155 Pottery Lane. If you are interested call in for a visit or phone us on (07) 866 7570

Coromandel Youth Group at Hauraki House

I'd just like to remind parents and caregivers to stay in touch with us by giving us a call or dropping in during opening hours. We cannot take responsibility for children who don't sign in or those that leave early.

School term times: Tues, Thurs and Fri 3pm-5pm, Sunday 1-4pm – please make a gold coin donation. We will be open usual hours for the CAS Teacher Only days. Friday Night Social: 6.30pm – 8.30pm for school years 6-10.

September school holiday times - Mon, Tues, Wed and Thurs 11am-4pm, \$2 per child; Sunday and Friday night as above.

Youth Group is for children 5 years and up. Just fill in a membership form and bring your child along with a packed lunch or money for lunch and snacks. For more information call in at the Youth Rooms or telephone us on (07) 866 7061.

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Colville School

By Matua Ra

Tena koutou.

While I write this in mid-August the sun beats down on a warm spring day and I'm reminded of all those months ago when "Lockdown One" first hit. We were stuck in our family bubbles but the weather made the situation so much more pleasant! Hopefully "Lockdown Two" is less severe.

Colville School can celebrate three outstanding achievements. During Term Two Colville School students were given resources and time to compete in two nationwide art competitions, one through Kids Can and the other through Walking Access NZ. Lirina Ella-Taylor picked up a Highly Recommended award and prize of \$500 for Colville School and a \$100 Warehouse voucher for herself. Piri Pearsall achieved first place in the Walking Access NZ art category, winning a swag of outdoor gear and \$300 towards a school trip. Piri won another \$100 for our school from TCDC, receiving a Highly Recommended award for her 60-Second Sell video promoting the Coromandel for domestic tourism.



Piri Pearsall's winning artwork celebrating Little Bay

A stormy day it was raining and I was tiny

By Riley Mackenzie, Year 4

On a stormy day it was raining hard. Tiggy was sleeping. She had brown hair and wore a pink dress. After so much rain, the garden she lived in was flooding. Tiggy ran out of her little cabin before it broke!

She ran to her friend's house but before she got there a black beetle tried to grab her but she ran around the beetle! A chicken tried to eat her. So, she ran behind the chicken. Next, a bee tried to sting her. She got away until... she got stuck in mud, but she got out! She made it to her friend's house but the tree was too slippery. She grabbed some sticks and made it up.

Tiggy ran through the door and soon her friend had a hot drink ready for her. She felt happy!

Outside

By Wyatt Brighthouse, Year 8

Grass covering the dirt below, which carry goal posts fenced by wire. Trees standing on the hill helping us breath, the preschool holding the younger generations. Calves eating grass and Kahu Class working hard on their work, white fluffy clouds float past, making shapes. Cars flying over the road like roaring race cars, some like snails. Birds flying past dropping seeds, the kauri tree waving goodbye to the cars that drive past.

Little Bay is the best!

By Ashlee Neville

The most beautiful place in the world is Little Bay. I love Little Bay because of everything it gives. In the summer I go swimming every day. My feet burning from the hot, melted tar-seal. I walk in the middle of the road not even caring about cars. Hearing the birds singing on a hot summer day. Walking down the road I spot a tree full of feijoas and fill my pockets and towel. I take a bite into a fat juicy feijoa; it tastes so good. I keep walking and a massive kereru flies over my head. I finally get to the car park.

Sand burning my feet as I smell the sunscreen on people's faces. I hear the waves crashing loudly against the beach and see fish jumping through the waves. I put my towel down and run into the water; it's so good. Exhausted, I start walking home. The hills are so steep and my legs burn but I want to keep going. I stop to take a breath and after a few seconds, thud, thud, my feet move again. The sun goes behind a cloud and I start to shiver. I get home to freshly baked scones. Glad that I don't have to bake them and happy with my day at Little Bay.

Kiwi Can

Kia ora koutou.

This term we have been working on Integrity/Pono. We started this term off with making good choices. The tamariki created their own role plays, thinking of a scenario, and showing the class what the good and bad choices of that scenario would be. We also had a discussion about challenges they may be faced with at their age, what the good choice would be, but also how they would honestly react. This was done confidentially so everyone felt safe with their honest opinion, it was a great learning moment as the tamariki could take from it what they needed incognito!

After that, we worked on being a role model. We worked together to identify traits a positive role model has, who our role models are, and why. Ryan from Room 1 said that Reid in Room 2 was a role model for him because he is always doing the right thing, even when no one is watching. That's great Reid, keep it up! And well done Ryan, that is a great trait to point out in Reid!

We would also like to congratulate the Kiwi Can kids at Coromandel Area School and Colville School for their amazing resilience this year, considering the COVID pandemic and lockdown. You have done so well adjusting back to Kiwi Can learning; keep up the good work!

Nga mihi nui from the Kiwi Can Team!



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Arts



Coromandel ArtsTour is nearly here

For the first two weekends of October artists in the northern Coromandel invite you to visit them in their studios, talk to them about their art, and perhaps, buy something that takes your fancy. Share their stories and inspiration and watch the process while enjoying some of the wonderful hidden places of the Coromandel.

With more than 30 participating artists you can have a very art-ful couple of weekends. Here are some ideas:

- Invite your out-of-town friends now. Host them at a "Country Art Weekend".
- If a part-time resident, include the ArtsTour in your pre-Labour Weekend schedule.
- Get your Artist Guide booklet for details of the Tour. It's free from Information Centres, Galleries and Art Shops, and downloadable from www.coromandelartstour.co.nz.
- Come to the Gala Opening of the ArtsTour at Hauraki House Gallery – **Friday 2 October**, 5.30-7.30pm at 230 Kapanga Road, Coromandel Town.
- Enjoy the ArtsTour exhibition, which features a piece of work from each of the participating artists. The exhibition is open daily 10am – 4pm every day through **Sunday 11 October**, and is the best place to plan your itinerary.
- Individual studios are open from 10am to 4pm Saturday and Sunday on **3, 4, 10, 11 October**. Look out for the colourful flags, gate signs, and studio numbers.

The ArtsTour committee have worked hard over the last 4-5 years and have enjoyed working together to ensure the ArtsTour is a success and enjoyable for all involved. As

from the end of this ArtsTour several of the committee members will be stepping down. So now the opportunity is here for new artists, or anyone who loves the arts and would like to be involved in this next committee, to step forward with energy, enthusiasm and exciting ideas for future tours.

Contact any of the committee members listed in the Arts Tour Guide if you would love to join the team going forward.

Deborah Hide-Bayne by *Jan Linklater* "Palimpsest" sums up the concept behind Deb's current paintings: ancient manuscripts where previous inscriptions have been rubbed off and written over.

Starting with one of her own enlarged landscape photos, she then scrapes, paints, adds glue, wax crayon, ink and varnish in no set order. This produces fascinating fluid works marking a new stage in her development.

Watch This Space, the local shared studios initiative, sparked her love of experimentation and from this grew her desire to take her creativity more seriously. Recently Creative Coromandel selected her as one of nine artists

for a mentoring programme, in her case with the sculptor, jeweller and carver Chris Charteris. Deb is working towards a body of work which she hopes to exhibit locally and further afield.

She views painting as a language like poetry: sometimes obscure and open to the viewer's interpretation as well as to the artist's motivation. Using her own self-made materials like shellac, she enjoys the conflict between their limitations and her expectations. While still working as a graphic designer and publishing her own books, she is determined to "whistle to her own tune", painting school hours every day.

Her exciting work will be shown at her studio during the ArtsTour. You can also visit her website at www.coastalfavour.nz.

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Coromandel Players

By Don Hughes

The Players, along with most New Zealanders, had grown used to "life as usual". The shift to Level 2 for us and Level 3 for Auckland, should perhaps have not been a surprise. We had been warned the Covid-19 virus was a crafty creature.

With rehearsals for our next production, "Pass It On" by Renee, going well and the date fixed for our opening night on **2 October**, we have had to adjust our thinking a bit.

However, because of excellent progress to date, we don't intend to change the opening date. Rehearsals will continue with the whole theatre being used, not just the stage, to achieve social distancing. It will require a period of adapting to new positions and so on, but will, hopefully, only be necessary for a few rehearsals. "The play must go on." Who first said or wrote that? No prize for the first correct answer!

Write the date (in pencil?) in your diary and look forward to seeing lots of new faces on stage, as well as a sprinkling of old hands.

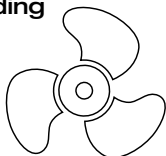
By the way, Renee wrote a hard hitting and revealing play, knitted into the domestic lives of ordinary Kiwis. Clever woman.



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Coromandel Art Group

By Wendy Moore

The art group had a special treat recently. One of our members, Kay Ogilvie, invited us to her spectacularly situated pottery studio for a Clay Day.

It's always special to be able to learn new skills and be creative with different materials, and Kay is such a good teacher.

This year she introduced us to creating models using the pinch pot technique. Some of us, having been before, had specific things that we wanted to make, so by the end of the day there was quite a range of items waiting for Kay to work her magic on with glaze and firing. Thank you, Kay.

As an aside, Kay also runs weekend courses which I highly recommend.

Pastel Artists Coromandel

By Rosemarie Murphy

Pastel Artists Coromandel are holding two more workshops in September and November.

Julie and Michael Freeman, renowned pastel artists from Auckland, are holding a two-day workshop on **19 and 20 September** in the Aero Club, Tiki Road. Both Julie and Michael do photo-realistic art in pastel and have won many awards for their work, both here and overseas.

In November we are offering another workshop with Maxine Thompson from Rotorua. Maxine's two day workshop is on **7 and 8 November**, also in the Aero Club rooms. Maxine is a much sought after tutor, overseas and here in New Zealand. She has also won many prizes for her portraits in pastel.

If you are interested in either or both of these workshops please contact Allan Beaver, ph (07) 866 8953 or Saskia Riemersma, ph 027 296 2670.

Absolute beginners welcome, but suitable for all levels, so if you have ever wondered how the experts get the results they achieve come along and give it a try. You will surprise yourself.

Numbers are limited so don't take too long to decide.

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By Sally
Tennent-Brown



Although it's been a quieter season than usual, I know there's been some interesting and unusual work unearthed, new techniques explored, and great daring taking place.

I am reading Rene Brown's *Daring Greatly* at the moment, and it occurs to me that it might be under-considered that an artist deals with the issue of vulnerability with every piece of work they do – particularly if they are brave enough to share it.

Creativity takes courage because "in every work of art the artist is present" (Morganstern): this, as well as a public that often hollers for more what more is there?

Perhaps next time we view an artwork, it might be possible to reflect on the idea that we are already looking into a person who has laid bare an aspect of themselves – we are looking at a visual communication, and our relational obligation here is to receive it by noting how it makes us feel.

Barack Obama said, "If you try to suppress the arts, then you're suppressing the deepest dreams and aspirations of a people." Perhaps we all have a role in creating an atmosphere where our dreams and aspirations can safely and joyously emerge as an exhibition and be shared to our collective benefit and health. See you at "Process" (see advert below for details).

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By Nat Munns

Work has been progressing on the Mega Rat Attack, an extension to the Rat Attack Project in Port Charles that will see another 200

hectares of native bush under rodent control. When complete there will be 450 hectares of bush protected by approximately 3000 traps that will be checked every month by our field team.

We need to build 1250 more wooden boxes to house the traps for the mega rat attack. Last month the first delivery of 400 metres of wood was delivered to our workshop base in Waikawau Bay. Our legendary trap builder Terry has turned all of that wood into a big pile of individual lengths ready to nail together as boxes. The first boxes will be made with pupils from Colville School as part of a conservation week activity; thanks guys!

Before we can put the trap boxes out in the bush we have to cut access tracks so we can get people in and out of different sections easily. The field team have been out with the chainsaw and scrub bars and have cut around 8 kms of tracks so we can walk in and out easily. These access tracks are also used for stoat trapping and possum control so it's good to use one track for multiple types of pest control.

A key part of the project is pest monitoring. This allows us to see what effect the trapping is having on the target pest and tells us if we need to change our methods or frequency. The monitoring tunnels have been installed and the first round of monitoring will occur this month.

Now that we have some "easy" access to the bush, the team have been out with a GPS and compass to mark the north-south lines that the trap boxes will eventually be placed on. Following behind the person marking the tracks is another person cutting the track; no fancy power tools here, just a pair of loppers for the supplejack and a machete to clear everything else. The team have marked and cut 5800m of track so far; only another 22000m of track to go!

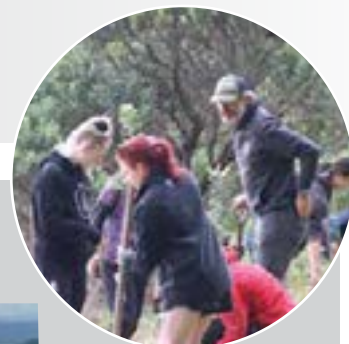
Winter Lecture Series

Covid restrictions dependent, we hope to see you at Pepper Tree at 7pm on **Sunday 13 September** for Sandy Bartle's talk: "The great diversity of seabirds in NZ but a poor effort to protect them – why?"

Sandy has been studying plankton, seabirds and oceanography in NZ and in most of the world's oceans since 1958.

Conservation Week

Conservation Week kept us pretty busy this year. We hosted a volunteer ginger bash, hung out with the kids at CAS, talked about the introduc-



On 14 August Forest & Bird had a wonderful day of planting natives on a vulnerable strip of coastline at Torehina – Waitete Bay. It was a real community initiative – the planning took months and the execution took hours thanks to the energy and enthusiasm of a bunch of fabulous young people from Coromandel Area School. The day inspired us all to do more. There are many neglected areas of our coastline that could do with a similar makeover!

tion of predators and built some monitoring tunnels. We track-cleared on one of our Coromandel Kiwi Project lines and had Steph Parkyn along to talk about the Secretive Life of Koura at our Winter Lecture. We also headed out with Colville School to plant some native trees in the Waikawau Children's Forest and they were also kind enough to help us build some rat boxes while they were there.

Save Kiwi Month...

October is Save Kiwi Month and there are so many ways to get involved, like: become a MEG member, sponsor a stoat trap, sign up as a MEG volunteer, buy a trap for your backyard, buy a MEG tee-shirt, make a donation, or, if you own a business you can become a MEG corporate sponsor – drop us a line.

Have a great month everyone. Hope to see you at our Illume display on **25-26 September**.

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September 2020

Coro 200 Illume Festival to light up Coromandel Town during school holidays

The popular Illume Festival is fast approaching and event organisers are working hard to make this an event people will remember.

This year Illume has joined forces with Coromandel 200 – which is marking the arrival of HMS Coromandel in the area in 1820, the ship after which the township and the peninsula are named.

Here's what's on over the weekend:

Friday 25 September

- DJ at the Barry Brickell Memorial Stage
- Powerco Night Markets
- Coro Gym Disney Kids Zone
- Twisty Twins
- Glo Dancers
- Live Band

Saturday 26 September

- Coro 200 unveiling of art work
- Albert Street Reserve memorial planting
- Powerco Night Markets
- Live music at Samuel James Reserve
- Themed Ball
- Street Parade
- Richardson's reworks display

There will be road closures in place from 6.30pm to 9pm on both nights from 2 Kapanga Road through to 140 Kapanga Road with detours in place.

The Sailors and Loggers Ball is one of the highlights to look forward to over the weekend. Organisers have booked a band (The Celtic Flyers), organised a delicious supper, and hired bar staff to serve drinks during the evening. This is a themed ball, so dress up and get those costumes on.

Liz will be bringing costumes to Coromandel Town to rent out two weeks before the ball for people to try on. If you would like to rent a costume contact Liz on 0274941188 as soon as possible to let her know what size you require.

If you have any urgent festival questions email Daniel Smith at illume.coromandel@gmail.com or visit tcdc.govt.nz/coro200



Unite against COVID-19

Check our Council website for facilities and services that may be affected by COVID-19 restrictions: tcdc.govt.nz



What to do if streetlights are not working

There has been an outage affecting streetlights in Coromandel Town that our contractor Powerco is investigating.

It is important that if a streetlight is not working that you contact us by calling 07 868 0200 as soon as possible. This will assist our contractor to identify the fault as soon as possible.



Coromandel-Colville Community Board
UPDATE

Note from the Coromandel-Colville Community Board Chair Peter Pritchard

– “I know the Illume Festival is coming up and tickets to the ball are flying out the door so buy one at the Coromandel Information Centre before it's too late. Works around town continue, look out for the new BBQ at Hauraki House Reserve and also the new seats around our trees.”



Next Board meeting – 9am, Tuesday 29 September the Coromandel Service Centre, 355 Kapanga Road.

Community Service Awards –

Community Service Awards: In the past, three people every two years have received community service awards, with a panel of Councillors choosing the recipients. Council decided that this year, the Community Boards should each choose two people from their area to receive the award. We're calling for nominations now, so contact us at 355 Kapanga Rd, or email customer.services@tcdc.govt.nz tcdc.govt.nz/csa

New seating in the town centre

– Nine new seats are being installed around the existing pohutukawa trees in the Coromandel Town Centre. The seats have arrived and will be installed ready for the upcoming Coro 200 Illume Festival.



Harriet King Road maintenance –

The concrete for construction is approximately 50 per cent completed. The contractor has completed construction of the main bed portion of the road. Unfortunately we have to wait for fine weather conditions to complete the remaining works.

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Environment continued

McGregor Bay Wetland Society

By Carol Sutherland

Society's AGM, a bird on a mission and wetland art

The Society held its AGM with guest speaker Keith Woodley talking about the epic journeys of godwits and the importance of healthy coastal areas both here and in Asia.

Keith talked about a godwit tagged E7 that did a full circuit from Pukorokoro-Miranda to an area in China near the North Korean border, an area under increased pressure due to coastal development, and then to Alaska to breed before returning to the Firth of Thames. These are amazing journeys of long-haul champions. What will become of them if their fuel stops disappear? Birds need to be in good condition to not only make such journeys but to produce the next lot of chicks. Tidal zones around the world are under pressure and the more we learn of the interlocking relationships and the amazing productivity of the estuarine areas, the more aware we become of the importance to protect them.

His talk was very much appreciated and he kindly donated sales of his book that night to go towards the McGregor Bay Wetland. He also gave a talk to the senior students at the high school the following day. If you are ever over Pukorokoro-Miranda way, especially around high tide, pop in at the Shorebird Centre as it is an important location for international travelers with great migration tales. After Keith's talk there was chat around a shared meal and a pleasant night was had.

The committee was re-elected and the annual reports accepted.

Meanwhile Laraine Heaslip's students are working with Pete Sephton in his studio on a new wetland sign. Carter Hopoi, Tai Fraser, Mitchell Dabb, Tegan Thwaites, Rain Leef-Tito and Marigold-Estella Tibbo are the young artists that are putting their skills to work. Public art in a public area celebrating the local flora and fauna is a great project that we can all enjoy. Communities with public art break the trend of blandness and uniformity, and can reflect not only our surrounds but our sense of place and identity, so it is great to see the students creating such a piece.



Students work on a sign for the wetland

Corolandcare

By John Veysey

This year spring has come early. The cherry trees along the 309 Road have been resounding with tui song. These trees may be noxious weeds but every year they provide food for our native birds. For weeks the tui gather in such vocal masses you would think there were no other birds around. When tuis move on and the cherries ripen the same trees are full of native pigeon and kaka.

More and more often the native birds are seeking food from exotic plants. I remember Arthur Hinds telling us of the hundreds of pigeons feeding off the clover in the paddocks around him. Adapting more and more to man's intrusion into their forests, the natives are fast becoming garden birds.

The cherries are not the only trees flowering early this year. The pines have also flowered early. Possums love the pine flowers and we haven't seen a possum outside the pines for over a month now.

MEG-managed pest control operations in areas alongside pine plantations advertised in the Chronicle at Papa Aroha and Manaia are now poisoning everything except possums.

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Sport

K2 Road Cycle – Change of Date

By Andy, Keith and Rita, Event Organisers

The K2 Road Cycle has been postponed until March.

The K2 is run by a small group of volunteers and any profits generated support charitable projects to encourage and facilitate cycling on the Coromandel and in particular opportunities for young people to take part in outdoor events and the creation of a bike park.

Ongoing uncertainty around the Covid-19 crisis had already halved the number of applications and led to a number of sponsors pulling out. It was looking extremely likely that the K2 would have run at a substantial loss had we gone ahead; we hope by rescheduling to next year we can preserve the event for the future. We will review next March and if the timing is a success it may be permanent.

If you would like to know more about our projects, or indeed become involved, let us know. You can contact us by email arceventsrita@gmail.com or phone 027 210 3734



Golf Club

By Lynne Fenwick, Club Secretary

Welcome to our 12 new members who have joined the Golf Club over the last two months.

If you have ever wanted to play golf, please have a chat to any of our club members. Daylight saving will be here in a few weeks and nine holes of golf after work is a great way to learn the game and grab that bit of exercise at the same time.

We have another new golf cart shed nearly completed, to house all of the members' carts that are buzzing around the course, plus the two club carts that we hire out.

Our course is in wonderful condition, thanks to the team of members who look after everything for us. With all of the storms we have experienced in the last months, we are very grateful for the way our course and greens have withstood this terrible weather.

The basement area of our clubhouse is looking rather grand, after the completion of painting and new carpet. Again, this was achieved through working bees by club members to get the painting done.

Club Days on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Saturdays, have been well attended, with great scores by some. Winter conditions can make the game of golf a challenging one at times, so a drink from the bar and great company after the game helps us all forget those interesting shots we all have.

Recent results: President's Cup won by Ron Evans; Coromandel Mixed Open-Ladies' Winner Peg Mclean 2nd Jenny Coatsworth; Men's Senior Winner: Ron Evans, 2nd Max Mclean. Junior: Peter Tyron, 2nd Gain Zohrab.



Coromandel Tennis Club

By John Veysey

The new season is underway and tennis club subscriptions are now due. Adult membership \$60, Family membership \$80, Junior membership \$20. Please pay Gayle at Coastway Cutters, 100 Kapanga Road.

Club days are Sundays from 1pm and Fridays from 4pm. All welcome.

Our thanks go to all of our supporters: Richardson's Real Estate, Coromandel Refrigeration, Llandem Consulting Engineers, Coromandel Four Square, Liquor King, Driving Creek Railway, Coromandel Electrical, Hush Accommodation and a very generous donation from Tim Turner in memory of Norm Turner's long association with the club. Without you we would not be able to survive.

It is some years since Shannon Paki came from Thames to coach and now we are very pleased to welcome Eythain to the club. Eythain is offering tennis coaching. His number is 022 494 7541. By the time you read this I will have had my first lesson.

Our thanks go to Dave next door for looking after our lawn and to Jan for all of the maintenance you do.

Our AGM will be held in the club rooms on **Sunday 27 September** at 1pm. All welcome.

Our club is open to non-members at \$2 per player. Just remember the court surface is a very thin layer of tarmac. It does not contain the large metal chips which make roading so strong but is a comparatively fragile topping. Please keep skateboards, scooters, etc., off the courts. Thank you. Enjoy your tennis.

Coromandel Croquet Club

Spring is almost here so now's a great time to try something new.

If you think croquet might be your cup of tea come along and find out.

We meet on Tuesdays and Fridays at 9.45am for a 10am start. If you are keen to join us and need more information, call Kaye on (07) 866 8968. Otherwise just come along on a Friday. The club is situated in Woollams Ave next to the Bowling Club.



Coromandel Recreational Fishing Club

By Allison Brown and Committee CRFC

We have now had the AGM for the Club's Financial Year. At the AGM we all agreed to put the Club's Financial Year back one month due to Covid-19, from 1 August to 31 July. A very good meeting was had with lots of renewed interest, new people joining and new ideas to take the club forward, so watch this space.

Subs are due now. These may be obtained from Wyuna Studio, or email us at coromandelfishingclub@gmail.com and we will send you one. If you would like to join, please feel most welcome.

Not much news on the fishing front but as always the Coromandel always fishes well and those lucky enough to get out fishing (by all accounts looking at the boats out there and at the boat ramps) have been getting good catches and mostly up to the limit, but always a good feed to take home.

Yellowtail was fish of the month for July and Charlee-Rose Moore weighed one in at 0.205kg, winning the Club's \$100 for the month.

Here's to tight lines as always.

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Farewell to Anna Yates

By Mary Kedzlie,
Principal, Te Rerenga School

Sadly, we report that Anna Yates, who was the former principal of Te Rerenga School, lost her battle with cancer on 19 August. Anna was inspiring throughout this challenging time and fought her illness with strength, dignity and courage. She passed away at home, peacefully in her sleep with her family by her side.

Anna was the principal of Te Rerenga School from 2012 until her retirement in August 2019. After firstly qualifying as a teacher, Anna went on to specialise in gifted education before moving to the Coromandel in 2006 to join her husband Darrell Adshead, who at that time was teaching at Coromandel Area School. After a period of relieving and fixed term positions at local schools, Anna was appointed to a permanent teaching position at Te Rerenga School in 2007, where she taught in the senior room. She then went on to become deputy principal before being appointed as principal.

Anna will be forever remembered as a wonderful educator and extremely effective leader who was highly regarded within her own professional community. One of the legacies of Anna's tenure as principal was that under her leadership the fortunes of the school significantly and positively changed. The school went through some tough times and a declining school roll. This was turned around with Anna at the helm. A successful ERO review in 2019 said it was the school's strong professional leadership that guided all aspects of school development.

Anna, who was 43, is survived by her husband Darrell, daughters Caitlyn and Sophia, parents Colin and Glenda Yates and her brother Matt.

Our thoughts are with her family and the Te Rerenga community at this sad time.

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

Every Tuesday

Croquet, Woollams Ave, Kaye (07) 866 8968	9.45am
Pastel Artists Coromandel, Coromandel Aero Club Rooms (07) 866 7220 ..	9am-12pm
Coro Walking Group, Lotto Dairy, Ruth (07) 866 7246	9am
Open Floor Community Dance, Citizens' Hall	
(*come 15mins early if you're new or would like a longer warmup) ...	9.30*-11.30am
Yoga for everyone, Colville Hall, Kate 021 125 3152	10am
Playcentre, Woollams Ave	10.30am-1pm
Beginner Yoga with Becks, at the Anglican Church Hall, 170 Tiki Rd, \$10.	
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Coromandel Community Organic Garden volunteers' drop-in time.....	9-11am
Gold Fit at Coro Gym.....	9.30am
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Playcentre, Woollams Ave	9.45am-12.15pm
Coromandel Home-school group, Julene (07) 866 8333	10am
Coromandel Tennis Club "club day"	4pm
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1st Mon – Coro Patchwork & Quilters, St John rooms, Jill (07) 866 7484.....	9.30am-3.30pm
3rd Mon – Coro Patchwork & Quilters, St John rooms, Jill (07) 866 7484	9.30am-3.30pm
1st Wed – Coro Embroiderers' Guild, St John rooms, Win McMinn (07) 866 7508	10am-3pm
1st Wed – Lions Dinner meeting, St John rooms. President Lyn Rose (07) 866 7722	6pm
1st Fri – Gay Social Group, ph Roz 022 308 8975	7pm
2nd Wed – Garden Circle. Jeni Mudgway 021 0227 5341	1pm
2nd Tues – Meditation Discussion Group, ph Roz 022 308 8975	7pm
3rd Wed – Lions Business Meeting, St John rooms. President Lyn Rose (07) 866 7722	7pm
Last Thurs – Green Drinks at Star & Garter	5pm
1st & 3rd Sun – Church Service at St Andrew's Church, Rings Road.....	10am

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

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
COROMANDEL RUBBISH & RECYCLE TRANSFER STATION & E-CYCLE HOURS Tues and Thurs 11am-4:30pm Saturday, Sunday & public holidays 11am-5:30pm						
1	RN+TC RN	2 CT	3	4	5	6
High tide 6.11am (2.6m), 6.39pm (2.8m) Low tide 12.22pm (0.5m)	High tide 7.01am (2.6m), 7.24pm (2.8m) Low tide 12.45am (0.5m), 1.06pm (0.5m)	High tide 7.45am (2.7m), 8.06pm (2.8m) Low tide 1.29am (0.5m), 1.47pm (0.4m)	Bowls opening day (see pg 7) Grey Power meeting (see pg 12)	Colville (mini) Festival - Colville Sings Country (see ad Pg 3)	Colville (mini) Festival - Country Party (see ad Pg 3)	Father's Day St Andrews Union - John Rabarts
High tide 6.11am (2.6m), 6.39pm (2.8m) Low tide 12.22pm (0.5m)	High tide 7.01am (2.6m), 7.24pm (2.8m) Low tide 12.45am (0.5m), 1.06pm (0.5m)	High tide 7.45am (2.7m), 8.06pm (2.8m) Low tide 1.29am (0.5m), 1.47pm (0.4m)	High tide 8.26am (2.7m), 8.46pm (2.8m) Low tide 2.11am (0.5m), 2.26pm (0.4m)	High tide 9.04am (2.7m), 9.24pm (2.7m) Low tide 2.50am (0.5m), 3.03pm (0.5m)	High tide 9.41am (2.7m), 10.01pm (2.7m) Low tide 3.28am (0.5m), 3.39pm (0.5m)	

7	8	9	10	11	12	13
High tide 10.16am (2.6m), 10.39pm (2.6m) Low tide 4.05am (0.5m), 4.17pm (0.6m)	High tide 10.53am (2.5m), 11.17pm (2.5m) Low tide 4.43am (0.6m), 4.56pm (0.7m)	High tide 11.33am (2.5m), 11.58pm (2.4m) Low tide 5.22am (0.6m), 5.39pm (0.8m)	High tide 12.17am (2.4m) Low tide 6.04am (0.7m), 6.28pm (0.8m)	Weekend Retreat: The Three Principal Aspects of the Path at Mahamudra Centre starts (see pg 14)	High tide 1.34am (2.3m), 2.08pm (2.3m) Low tide 7.46am (0.8m), 8.23pm (0.8m)	High tide 2.31am (2.3m), 3.11pm (2.4m) Low tide 8.48am (0.8m), 9.24pm (0.8m)
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
DEADLINE: Coromandel Town Chronicle October issue	RN+TC RN	CT		Gala preview WTS exhibition (see pg 23)	Pastel Artists workshop starts (see pg 23) Practice Day with lunch, Mahamudra (see pg 14)	St Andrews Union – Bernard Young HC
High tide 3.33am (2.3m), 4.11pm (2.5m) Low tide 9.50am (0.7m), 10.22pm (0.7m)	High tide 4.35am (2.5m), 5.08pm (2.6m) Low tide 10.49am (0.5m), 11.18pm (0.6m)	High tide 5.34am (2.6m), 6pm (2.8m) Low tide 11.43am (0.4m)	High tide 6.29am (2.8m), 6.51pm (3.0m) Low tide 12.11am (0.4m), 12.35pm (0.2m)	High tide 7.21am (3.0m), 7.41pm (3.1m) Low tide 1.02am (0.2m), 1.24pm (0.1m)	High tide 8.11am (3.1m), 8.31pm (3.2m) Low tide 1.52am (0.1m), 2.13pm (0.0m)	High tide 9.01am (3.2m), 9.21pm (3.2m) Low tide 2.42am (0.0m), 3.02pm (0.0m)

21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	RN+TC CT			End of Term 3 Illume (see pg 25) Photography exhibition opens at Council Chambers (see pg 4)	Illume (see pg 25) Sailors and Loggers Ball (see pg 7)	Daylight saving – clocks go forward 1hr at 2am Compassion for Covid Community Day at Mahamudra Centre (see pg 14) Coromandel Tennis Club AGM (see pg 27)
High tide 9.50am (3.1m), 10.12pm (3.1m) Low tide 3.32am (0.0m), 3.52pm (0.1m)	High tide 10.41am (3.1m), 11.03pm (3.0m) Low tide 4.21am (0.0m), 4.44pm (0.2m)	High tide 11.34am (2.9m), 11.57pm (2.8m) Low tide 5.12am (0.2m), 5.40pm (0.4m)	High tide 12.30pm (2.8m) Low tide 6.06am (0.3m), 6.39pm (0.5m)	High tide 12.53am (2.7m), 1.31pm (2.6m) Low tide 7.03am (0.5m), 7.42pm (0.6m)	High tide 1.52am (2.5m), 2.35pm (2.6m) Low tide 8.07am (0.6m), 8.47pm (0.7m)	High tide 3.55am (2.4m), 4.37pm (2.5m) Low tide 10.14am (0.7m), 10.48pm (0.7m)

28	29	30
	RN+TC RN	CT
High tide 4.58am (2.4m), 5.35pm (2.6m) Low tide 1.17am (0.7m), 11.45pm (0.7m)	High tide 5.57am (2.4m), 6.27pm (2.6m) Low tide 12.13pm (0.6m)	High tide 6.51am (2.5m), 7.14m (2.7m) Low tide 12.36am (0.6m), 1.01pm (0.6m)

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 (plastic 1&2, tins, paper, cardboard)

RN = Rural North CT = Coromandel Town & Te Kōwhiri
 TC = Thames Coast & Maniaia

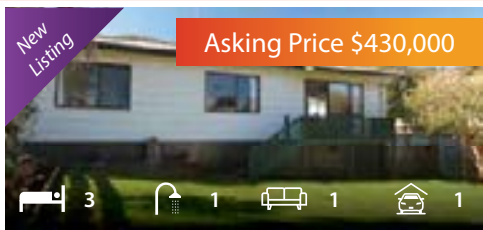
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- October**
- 2, 3, 4, 9, 10 “Pass it On” play (see ad pg 10)
- Sat/Sun 3-4 and 10-11 – Coromandel ArtsTour (see pg 22)
- Sat 17 – Election (see pg 3)
- It is expected that the ferry will restart by Labour Weekend
- December**
- Sat 5 – Coromandel Christmas in the Park (Santa Parade)
- 25 – Christmas Community Lunch (see pg 10)

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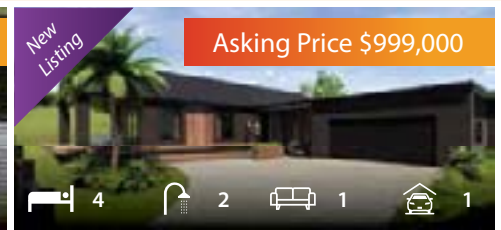
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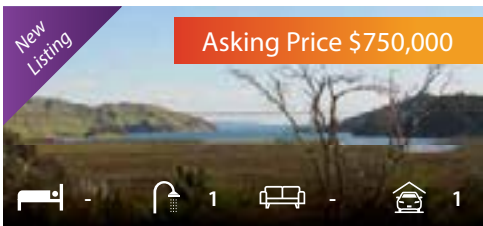
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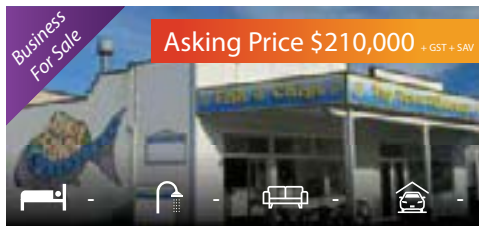
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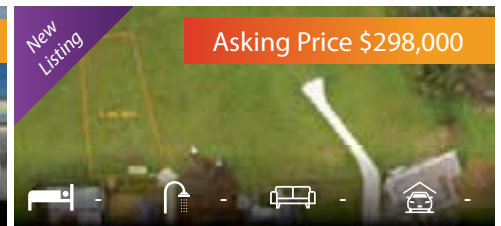
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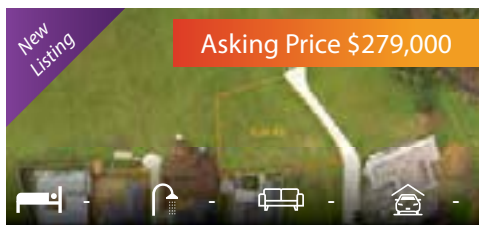
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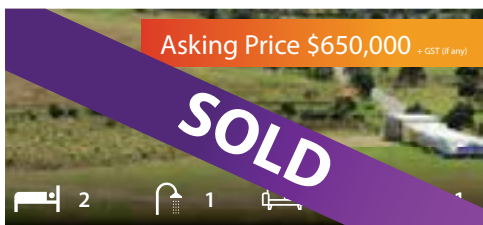
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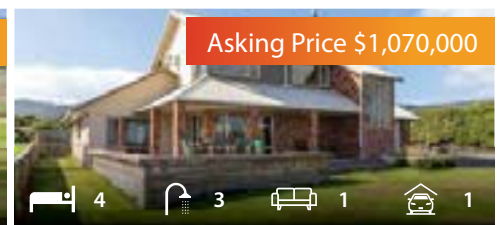
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